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NSU Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams Race at Disney Cross Country Classic

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Oct. 7 the Men's and Women's Cross Country team competed at the Disney Cross Country Classic at the Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. Head Coach Bruce McCrea said, “We only ran with half of the women's team. A few of our women are a little banged up and a few have been sick, so we rested them so they can be ready for the SSC Championships in two weeks. We are the hosts for the first time ever.”

The women's team finished 23rd out of 36 teams. The men's team finished 15th out of 30 teams.

“Disney is a huge race with schools from all over the country, so we weren't really concerned for our placing, especially the girls,” commented McCrea. On Saturday Oct. 21 the NSU Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams will be hosting the SSC Championships. Come out and support the teams. The race is at Markham Park in Sunrise. The men's race starts at 7:45 a.m. and the women start at 8:30 a.m.

Stefi Cevallos (L) turns the corner at a race. Photo by NSU Sports Information

Second Lunch and Learn Deals out Networking Tips

Michael Bergbauer
Current Affairs Editor

On Oct. 5, Career Services held the second of its three-part Lunch and Learn series, Networking, which took place in room 1047 of the Carl DeSantis building. In addition to the free food and drinks, guest speaker and Regional Recruiting Supervisor for Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Kelly Kamenar gave a presentation on networking.

Kamenar began her presentation with the reason networking is so important: 85 percent of all jobs are found through networking. “College is a great place to network,” said Kamenar, “because of so many professors with connections to interesting fields and student services, like Career Services.”

Before attending a networking function, Kamenar advised that individuals should know as much about the people in a network as possible and also to have a list of questions to ask them. This shows an interest in offered positions and is great for conversation. Questions could be about background, advice, advancement, rewards, lifestyle, and even salary. After contacts are made, it is important to hold onto them because they may be vital in the future.

Near the end of the presentation, Kamenar went over the “Do's and Don'ts” of networking. Do's includes planning ahead, maintaining good eye contact, listening actively, and having a firm hand shake. Some Don't included dressing inappropriately, going into great detail, sitting with familiar people, or arguing. Afterwards, Kamenar talked to students and addressed questions. The most important advice Kamenar offered was “practice the things that you want to say or ask. It's really important to have it down so you're not put on the spot.”

“I thought it was nice that [Career Services] got someone with so much practical experience,” said student William Jackman. “The lecture was very informative. I think more people should have come, this is important info,” commented MBA student Lalchan Cheenibas.

Career Services' next Lunch and Learn will be about applying for internships and will take place on Nov. 14 in room 1047 of the Carl DeSantis building. For more information about the Lunch and Learn Series or Career Services, call 954-262-7201 or email career@nova.edu.

American Idol and Hollywood Squares Come to NSU

Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On Oct. 19 and 20, The Division of Student Affairs will be hosting two fun-filled events, NSU Idol and Hollywood Squares, for the NSU Community.

NSU Idol is similar to the television show American Idol, allowing students to perform songs in front of judges and an audience. While in the earlier
Please join us as our deans, program directors, and admissions personnel meet with prospective candidates and discuss our programs. Tours for Group One Information Sessions will be held at noon and 12:30 p.m. Tours for Group Two follow the Information Sessions running from 2:45-4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call (954) 262-1101 or 800-356-0026, ext. 1101, for directions or more information.
A montage of nearby planets created by the Big Bang as photographed by the Voyager spacecraft.

Nobel Prize Recipients Nearly Prove Big Bang

By Greg Kyriakakis
Nation & World Editor

Focusing their work on the Big Bang theory, two scientists, John Mather of NASA and George Smoot of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, were awarded the 2006 Nobel Prize for Physics. The two carried out "very detailed observations" that have helped to solidify the theory, though it is still not proven.

The project started in 1992 when Smoot’s satellite, the Cosmic Background Explorer, or COBE, found what the New York Times called "the astrophysical equivalent of the fingerprints of God." By analyzing the background radiation detected by the satellite with the aid of Mather, the two scientists would create a picture of the beginning of the universe.

"It is one of the greatest discoveries of the century. I would call it the greatest. It increases our knowledge of our place in the universe," said Per Clarson, the chairman of the Nobel committee for physics in a Financial Times report. "It is one of the greatest discoveries of the century. I would call it the greatest. It increases our knowledge of our place in the universe," said Per Clarson, the chairman of the Nobel committee for physics in a Financial Times report.

Through their efforts, the pair has "really helped us to find the missing link in cosmology," added Per Carlson. "Effectively, these are baby pictures of the universe," physicist Max Tegmark of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said. Though the work does not confirm the theory of the big bang—-that the universe originated from a singular, dense and hot state 13.7 billion years ago—it provides the most evidence by predicting "the kind of cosmic microwave background radiation measured by COBE," explained the chair.

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School Shootings Cause Rethinking of Preventative Measures

By Tanya Parres
Staff Writer

America still remembers the morning of April 20, 1999 when two male students, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, entered Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, and went on a merciless shooting spree which resulted in thirteen deaths and twenty-four injuries. The killers then took their own lives, marking the event as the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

Unfortunately, history appears to be repeating as a number of deadly school shootings, perpetrated by both students and adults whose ages range from thirteen to fifty-three, have occurred during the last few months throughout the country. Numerous students and faculty have been injured or killed and the threat of school violence has become a great concern across the nation.

President Bush held a school safety summit at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland on Oct. 10. According to a report by the Associated Press, he told the group that "rather than be upset, it's best for all of us who are responsible for helping folks not only cope, but to prevent school violence."

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This summit included three panel discussions, led by Education Secretary Margaret Spellings and Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, which provided information on ways to help communities heal after experiencing traumatic events such as school shootings. The White House distributed a list of federal and nationwide emergency plan resources, law enforcement contacts, mentoring programs, and other information.

School officials and lawmakers have made suggestions for helping
Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kryjakakis

Newest Burger King - Pot Burger

While pranks can be fun, they can also lead to being arrested if pulled on police officers. Especially when marijuana is involved. KOBTY.com reported that while eating their delicious meals at a Los Lunas, New Mexico Burger King, two police officers realized that their food tasted “like it has marijuana in it” and removed the bun to discover the plant’s leaves sprinkled upon the meat. Coincidentally, the officers had a drug field test kit which detected the opiums. Three employees were arrested and charged with “possession of marijuana and aggravated battery on an officer, which is a felony.” After the incident, “the officers began acting odd” and were taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Marine Sells Name to the Highest Bidder

A 29-year-old Marine hoping to raise money for “his family and an orphanage” has put his name up for auction. Cody Baker, who was recently stationed in Japan, will legally change his name to what the highest bidder picks, reported the Associated Press. “I’ve always thought about different cool inventions and neat ideas like this,” said Baker. “Most of them are off the wall like this. They just sound ridiculous.” Currently, the highest bid is CupOJoesOnline.com, which put up $26,333.31 for the name “Freshest Fastest.” Other entries included “Oprah Winfrey” and “Mr. My Fat Robot.com.”

Grieving Elephants Rampages Indian Village

Recently in India, thousands of residents fled their village as crazed elephants wreaked havoc while searching for a missing herd member. Little did the elephants know, the one for which they looked was dead. According to Reuters, a 17-year-old female elephant fell into a ditch, drowned, and was buried by residents. Homes and crops have been destroyed by the animals while those who remain in their homes light bonfires in attempts to keep the elephants away. “We have now formed a team of thirty people armed with crackers to try and chase away the elephants as they are out to avenge the death of their mate,” said a local forest official.

Jeb Bush Hides in a Closet, Eventually Comes Out

Florida Governor Jeb Bush decided to give his buddy Senator Rick Santorum some help in the polls by appearing at a fundraiser in Philadelphia. Unfortunately for Bush, some were unhappy with his presence and began to protest outside of the club where the event was being held. The Post-Gazette reported that Bush tried to avoid the crowd, which refused to disperse despite police warnings, by heading into a subway station and eventually into a “T-station supply closet” where he remained for about five minutes until the crowd left. Following the “very tense situation,” the governor attended his dinner.

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George Smoot’s satellite discovers ‘the astrophysical equivalent of the fingerprints of God’

Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Other notable Nobel Prize winners include literature recipient Orhan Pamuk, a Turkish author, for his writings about culture; medicine honorees Andrew Fire and Craig Mello of the U.S. for their work with gene silencing; chemistry winner Roger Kornberg of the U.S. for his work with eukaryotic transcription; and economics victor Edmund Phelps of the U.S. for analyzing macroeconomics.

The Peace Prize was awarded to Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh and the Grameen Bank he founded to help the poor overcome poverty.

“Every single individual on earth has both the potential and the right to live a decent life. Across cultures and civilizations, Yunus and Grameen Bank have shown that even the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development,” the committee said in a press release.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

New York plane crash questions security measures

According to a Reuters report, “the death of a Yankee player whose small plane crashed into a high-rise Manhattan building has renewed concerns about New York’s aviation security in an era still jittery after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.” Politicians have called and called for “an overhaul of the safety rules” concerning any private aircraft flying near Manhattan’s East and Hudson River. Though several aircraft accidents have occurred along the rivers over the last few decades, worries rise drastically after Cory Little, a pitcher for the New York Yankees, and his flight instructor were killed in the “apparent accident.”

Lawmakers seek to change the current rule that allows small aircraft flying under 3,100 feet on the two low-altitude routes over the East and Hudson Rivers to operate without filing a flight plan and air traffic control contact. “The idea that a plane or helicopter can fly 100 or 200 feet over a building in Manhattan took many New Yorkers by surprise,” said U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., who supports change of the law. As of Oct. 13, the Federal Aviation Administration said it would review its flight rules with federal and local authorities.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

Eurasia

Chechen Prime Minister denies murder plot

In a Reuters report on Oct. 11, Chechyna’s Prime Minister Ramzan Kadyrov told reporters that “he did not order the murder of Anna Politkovskaya, the Russian journalist who wrote articles alleging he was behind brutal rights abuses.” Defending himself and his countrymen, Kadyrov said in an NTV television broadcast that “Chechens do not go in for violently settling scores, certainly not with women.” He went on to say that “the people who ordered her killing did it once again to blight [his name].” He also denied the style of Politkovskaya’s death on the staircase of her Moscow apartment “drew international condemnation” and had police saying the killing “was probably linked to her work.” Although Politkovskaya also highly criticized Russian President Vladimir Putin’s handling of the anti-separatist war in Chechnya, he vowed to find the killers and bring them to justice. The Novaya Gazeta, the newspaper that featured Politkovskaya’s work, said that “her murder was linked Kadyrov: either an attempt to silence his most vocal critic or a ploy by his rivals to discredit him.”

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

North America

Chrysler’s Graham, 27, a Northwestern Pennsylvania woman, was arrested on Oct. 9 for allegedly throwing her four-week-old son, Jarron Troop, at her boyfriend during a domestic dispute. A report by the Associated Press stated that Graham told police “she had been drinking when an argument with the child’s father turned violent,” according to an arrest affidavit. Graham explained that she “snapped” and began to grab and throw nearby objects at Deangelo Troop, “not realizing she had picked up her four-week-old son.” Graham continued to explain to police, saying she held her son by the leg and swung him at Troop though police suspect she held the child by the midsection. Jarron suffered severe injuries including a fractured skull and bleeding of the brain. Despite the incident, Deangelo defended Graham when he told reporters “People are trying to make a big deal about it, but she did not do it on purpose... it was just a mistake.” As of Oct. 13, the child has been put under the temporary custody of the maternal grandparents and Graham has been held in an Erie County Jail on $75,000 bond.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

North America

Google buys YouTube.com, takes on lawsuits

After acquiring the popular Internet video entertainment site YouTube Inc. for $1.65 billion, Google Inc., found itself facing a string of lawsuits, according to Reuters. Google Inc., which plans to use the website as a “major foothold in the emerging market for video advertising,” may be sued by various “independent film makers, garage bands, television studios and others’ that claim that YouTube seeks upload copyrighted material to the site without permission. Legal and industry experts also predict that those seeking lawsuits will push for payment now that “new deep-pocket backer,” Google, owns the company. Kristin Ackerhoff, attorney at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, said “For some of the bigger players in the industry, and given the amount of publicity that this deal has brought, it may be a perfect staging area for them to bring a lawsuit against Google. The deal has also sparked concern from auto-insurer GEICO, news agency Agence France Press, the U.S. government, and book publishers in the past.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.
North Korea Executes Nuclear Bomb Test

By Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

By OCTOBER 16, 2006.

when the nation allegedly conducted a nuclear test in September, and has “no intention of attacking” our friends in the region.”

condemned the test as “unacceptable,” said Kim Ji-Hye, a student in South Korea.

Some even believe that North Korea’s actions represent a “fit” so the country can once again gain access to funds.

“I believe the heart of this matter is to do with the fear that many countries have stopped providing financial support to North Korea,” said Kim Jeon, 24, a nurse from Seoul.

The U.S. is concerned about an arms race increasing in the area and these weapons of mass destruction being even the more available to terrorists.

“North Korea’s threat as an exporter of weapons technology to terrorists or so-called rogue states would increase with a test,” U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said.

“North Korea is a known proliferator of weapons technologies,” Rumsfeld said on Oct. 5 at the Pentagon according to a Defense Department transcript. “They’ve announced they have nuclear weapons. People have to be concerned that a proliferating nation might proliferate weapons of that type.”

The U.S. believes that if North Korea is not stopped then other countries will begin developing nuclear programs.

Last October, the U.S. imposed sanctions over money laundering and counterfeiting by North Korean companies. The U.S. Treasury Department said Aug. 25 that it will treat all financial transactions involving North Korea as suspect and subject to sanctions while the nation develops nuclear weapons.

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without exception, that nothing will happen to our schools,” Bill Modzeleski, associate assistant deputy secretary for the Department of Education, told the AP. He claimed that schools have to change their culture and build trust amongst students and adults in order to prevent violence.

James Alan Fox, a professor of criminal justice at Northwestern University, agreed with him and said that the money should be spent on teachers and counselors who can detect the warning signs in students that have the potential to carry out these violent acts.

Bomb threats in several states have compounded the problem. The most recent threat occurring on Oct. 5 in Calpepper, Virginia forced the entire district to shut down while police searched area schools. Other districts in affected states were also closed while authorities gathered information. None of these bomb plots have been carried out successfully.

Experts believe that the school shootings were well planned and as such students should be encouraged to speak up when they hear about a planned attack, whether they believe that the student is capable of carrying out the attack or not.

SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENTS SINCE APRIL 2006

04/24/06 (Riverton, Kansas) Five male students were arrested after their plot to go on a shooting rampage at Riverton High School was uncovered.

05/05/06 (Miramar, Florida) A nineteen year old was charged after the shooting of the DJ Devon sutton at Parkway Academy Charter High School.

08/24/06 (Essex, Vermont) Christopher Williams went to Essex Elementary School in search of his ex-girlfriend and opened fire on two teachers, killing one and wounding the other.

09/13/06 (Montreal, Canada) Kimber Gill fired at students in the cafeteria of Dawson College killing one and injuring over a dozen before killing himself.

09/27/06 (Bailey, Colorado) Duane Morrison took six female students hostage at Platte Canyon High School, sexually assaulted them and then shot and killed one student, Emily Keyes, before committing suicide.

09/29/06 (Cazenovia, Wisconsin) Fifteen year old Eric Hainstock was charged with first degree intentional homicide after walking into Weston High School and shooting school Principal John Klang to death.

10/02/06 (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) Charles Carl Roberts IV entered a classroom at West Nickel Mines Amish School, held ten female students hostage, then tied them up and shot them, killing five, wounding the rest and then committing suicide.

10/10/06 (Joplin, Missouri) A thirteen year old was charged as a juvenile after he opened fire in Joplin Memorial Middle School and was arrested by authorities; he did not hurt anyone because his gun jammed after the first shot.
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Congratulations Winners!
The Life Questions Contest Committee wishes to congratulate the winners of the Life Questions Contest! 64 thought-provoking questions about life’s “big issues” such as meaning and purpose were submitted last spring. The winning questions and their creators are:

Is peace found within us or created by us? – Liz Harbaugh
Where is your journey taking you? – Amy Harvey
What will you do with today? – Cortney Palmacci
What matters? – Irene Toto
What gives you hope? – Winner requests anonymity

Join us at noon on Wed., Oct. 18th, in the Alvin Sherman Library, Room 4009, to honor the winners with gift prizes. Last Lecture Series follows with a 30-minute presentation by Dr. George Wallace-Barnhill.

Lunch provided!

Buy your t-shirt and hat with your favorite Life Question at events throughout this week, which is National Character Counts! Week.
The Leadership Development Program: Leaders at NSU are Born

Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

The Leadership Development program is known for strengthening students’ overall skill by bringing out their full potential. Marcie Washington, Graduate Assistant for the Leadership Development program explained “this program is here to help students increase their personal and professional skills through self-management.”

Anyone can join, undergraduates, graduates, even faculty and staff. Washington encourages students to become active members in the community, and provides motivation through this program. Students are challenged in order to reach their full leadership potential; first through self-empowerment and secondly through being pragmatic about what they are involved.

There are three tiers in the program: Emerging Leaders, Academy of Service Leaders, and Consultant Leaders. “In the first tier, students attend workshops to learn the skills for the following tier in which they actively have their own workshops,” said Washington. Each tier lasts two semesters, with each tier meeting once a month.

The program allows students to expand themselves through development of various skills. Students strive for the ability to effectively mobilize themselves and others,” Washington. The key is to have a proactive mindset where leadership is seen not only through communication skills, but the action of the words. Self-questioning of one’s impact on the community is included in this process. Questions such as “what have you done for your students, professors, and family?” comes to mind. Core values are therefore enhanced, as students gain a “human dimension; empathy, respect, and acknowledgement of needs and wants,” said Washington.

This evolution of self is achieved through not only attendance at the workshops, but engagement and acting upon what is learned. “The benefits of this program are that you learn how to manage your time along with tons of networking. It helped me be mature and stabilize my life. I’ve got all positive experiences, nothing negative out of it,” says Emerging Leader Andre Dennis.

Robert Keever recommends the program without hesitation. “I highly recommend it. I learned problem solving skills at a completely different level with each workshop.”

The workshops each last one hour and students that are in the program are invited to attend. Additionally, there is a monthly meeting and a few volunteer hours to be done. These volunteer hours are usually done with a community project such as “adopt a floor” at Jackson Memorial Hospital. “We engage in projects that students are passionate about, like ‘adopt a floor’ that express generosity for others,” said Washington. Luncheons are also held at the UC and in Rosenthal. These luncheons provide the time for students to meet professionals representing different fields from medicine to business, among other areas.

The Leadership Development program is completely free. “What’s great is that it won’t cost a penny. If you were to go anywhere else they’d charge you for this,” said Washington.

By the third tier, one can be most involved and most beneficial, so others (those surrounded by the leaders) get some kind of benefit. Within this the entire community is slowly but surely affected in a passive manner, beginning with student organizations on campus such as SUB and SGA. “We want others to get inspired by having our leaders be an example in society. This will not only help the students in their college life, but will change their lives. They take these lessons with them wherever they go beyond NSU,” Dennis, Keever and Washington unanimously agreed.

For any questions, or general interest in the program contact Marcie Washington at leadership@nova.edu or at Mwashing@nova.edu.

Career Services to Hold Fall Career Fair

Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On Oct. 18, the Office of Career Services will hold their fall career fair, which will provide employment opportunities and help NSU students to find part time, full time jobs, and internships.

The Fall Career Fair will begin at 1:00 pm in the Carl DeSantis Building. Employers attending the event will include the U.S. Army, BellSouth, Carnival Cruise Lines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Target, MetLife and others.

The Career Fair is not only for employment, but can also help students with networking, professional development, finding out what their career paths should be and meeting with potential employers, regardless if they are incoming freshman or seniors about to graduate. The career fair is also to help students become aware that they need more than just a college degree in order to get a job and that finding a job or a career is an ongoing process.

Before the career fair, the office of Career Services advises students to determine which companies they are interested in and also prepare a short introduction to use with employers including the student’s name, interests, and major. Students can sign up and register online for the career fair on www.nova.edu/career. Students attending are also required to dress professionally and bringing copies of their resume is recommended.

Individuals Needed for Ethics Bowl Committee

This year’s NSU’s Ethics Bowl will take place on Oct. 21 in the Malott Psychology Building. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; full breakfast buffet will be served at 9 a.m.

A keynote speaker will give a short talk during breakfast. The Davey mayor is declaring the week of the Ethics Bowl “Character Counts Week” and will be speaking about character ethics at breakfast if his schedule permits.

Details on this year’s ethics cases, which allow teams to prepare for the Ethics Bowl, can be found at http://www.sald.nova.edu/ethics/index.html. Teams call also register online now at http://www.sald.nova.edu/ethics/register.html. A faculty and staff are invited to become judges for the Ethics Bowl.

Currently, judges include: Leslie Yaffa, Marvin Sepperson, Darren Hibbs, Chetachi Egwu, Frank Cavico, Randi Simis, Vicki Toscano, Ben Mulvey, Demi Martinez (morning) and Gary Gerahm (afternoon).

Monitors/moderators consisting of graduate students, faculty and staff are also needed. Students are encouraged to form teams of three to five people and to register.

This week, there will be a table at Quad Thursday, where teams can register in person and learn more about the Ethics Bowl event. SIFE will be helping with publicity and volunteering on the day of the Bowl.

For more information, please contact Robin Cooper at robincooper@nova.edu.
Got a Question for Student Counseling?

Fire Away.

Q: I'm a graduate student and I need my sleep! But I keep having these recurring nightmares that someone is trying to kill me. I wake up in the middle of the night with my heart pounding, and I'm so freaked out, I have to turn the lights on and read or watch TV. I'm afraid that if I go back to sleep too soon, I'll end up in the same dream, so I stay awake as long as possible. Needless to say, my morning classes are suffering, and so am I. What can I do to stop this?

A: A bad dream is bad enough, but it's much worse, as you've discovered, when you keep having the same one. Nightmares are common in people dealing with trauma or loss. If that sounds like you, then taking care of yourself is important. You can also try some techniques to help:

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- Try to get enough sleep each night. This can help reduce the frequency of nightmares.
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- Revisit the dream and try to uncover what might be triggering it. Sometimes, nightmares can be a way of coping with stress or anxiety.
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- Talk to a therapist or counselor about your experiences. They can provide additional strategies and support.
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- If nightmares are interfering with your daily life, consider seeking professional help from a doctor or psychologist.

Have a question you'd like answered in this space? Fire away! Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentcounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).

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years, NSU Idol also had dance and lip-syncing categories, it was changed in order to make it more like American Idol. The first place winner will receive $2,000, second place will receive $1,000 and third place will receive $500. This money will go towards the winner's club, organization, athletic team or residential hall floor.

Hollywood squares, which is played the same way as the television show of the same name, is an event where NSU faculty and staff members will be filling up the actual squares of a giant tic-tac-toe board. Contestants will then compete for a chance to win prizes which include round-trip airfare and accommodations for two to Las Vegas, and a Carnival cruise for two valued at $1,000.

Both events will be held on the ASA patio. NSU Idol will be on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. and Hollywood Squares will be held on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

Terry Wrech, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development said, "These events are guaranteed fun, lots of laughs and free food. What else could you ask for?"
Meet the New Faces of Indie-Folk

Stefani Rubino
A & E Editor

Man Man's Obscure Musical Stylings Will Leave You Wanting More

Stack between the obscure and the surreal, Man Man's new album, Six Demon Bag, is like watching the circus and listening to Tom Waits, Frank Zappa, and Captain Beefheart all at once or, better yet, through the same speaker. As the follow-up to their 2004 album, The Man in a Blue Turban with a Face, Six Demon Bag is smoother, melodically pleasing, and everything a good indie-prog-rock album should have. They've cleaned up their acts and made something that could be valued as music instead of just noise.

Man Man's weird taste in musical styling and their and abstract, and ambiguous lyrics definitely are definitely testing the boundaries of what is music and what is just very organized noise. For instance, the second track on the album, "Engrish Bluedd," opens with a bit of crazy rambling and then turns into this 1920's-style Cabaret-club song with Man Man's take on the traditional "Jack and the Beanstalk" story.

Most people would hear their bizarre instrumental and lead singer Honus Honus' deep howls on these tracks and laugh, but it's their Salvador Dali-like surrealism and their incredible diversity that draws me to this album the most. On the third track, "Ice Dogs," the last track on the album, combines all these great instruments, Honus' voice, great lyrics, and some very bouncy piano playing to create a track that sounds as if Zappa and the Temptations hooked up and had a baby. And as insane as that all sounds, it just works so well and makes this one of the best tracks on the album.

My favorite track, "Van Helsing Boombox," is probably the most "fluffy" and emotional tracks on the album. It starts out with some very classical piano playing and whistling and then descends onto Honus' bellowing vocals. With lyrics like "I wanna sleep at her feet like a dog for weeks/ Although I know it won't work out in the long run," this shows Honus' versatility as a songwriter because while most of the other tracks on the album are kind of apathetic and entertaining, this track is emotional and has feelings. Also, I think this is where they sound the most like Tom Waits, with their ability to sound completely empathetic but be so incredibly detached.

All in all, the greatest thing about this album has to be its incredible diversity and wonderfully catchy compositions. There has not been a single record made in the last five years that is any where near as daring as Six Demon Bag. Listening to it was like a breath of fresh air and it was certainly a good investment. I would recommend this to anyone looking for a change from the typical stuff that's around these days.

Movie Review

The Departed: A perfect mix of gangster and drama

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

The Departed, a movie that brings the audience into a world of the good cop, bad cop scenario, is an awesome movie, with just the right amount of drama and violence to have you wanting to see it over and over again.

The plot of the movie is centered on actors Matt Damon and Leonardo DiCaprio, who both play the roles of cops with double lives who are involved with an Irish gang boss (Jack Nicholson). Damon plays the role of the inside cop who is helping the Irish mob, while DiCaprio is the undercover detective pretending to be an Irish gangster in order to expose the Irish mob. Damon and DiCaprio also have so many funny lines in the movie that I did not stop laughing. I think that Cook did a pretty good job portraying the life of a "boxboy" working at a huge retail outlet, which pretty much meant that he was the lowest wage earner working day in and day out for a national retail giant.

I thought that the set was also very good for the film. The "Super Club" was similar to Costco, and members had to have a special card in order to enter the store. The items were lined up in boxes on the shelves and were sold in bulk, just as they would be in a real wholesale store. The employees
Album Review

Listeners Will be Begging for a Reprieve from DiFranco’s New Album

Boring vocals and strange noises make this an experience to pass up

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

The first thing I have to say about Ani DiFranco’s *Reprieve* is that less than one minute into it, I was already begging for it to be over.

It’s hard to determine a highlight – or even a lowlight, for that matter – for this album, considering that the whole thing sounds pretty much the same. Excepting a few tracks in which DiFranco sounds slightly angrier than in the others or a time or two when strange sound effects or a spoken-word track made me pause what I was doing to turn and stare at the stereo, there is very little variation in ... well ... pretty much anything prior to track nine. There’s a little more variety after that, but I’m not going to say that that is a good thing.

Most of the songs on the album are either personal relationship based, political based, or some strange amalgam of both. It is easy to tell what she thinks of the current government ... if you read the lyrics. Trying to listen to them is so mind-numbing that you probably will not be able to decipher what DiFranco is saying half the time.

The title track happens to be the unfortunate source of the spoken-word portion of the album, and if anyone reading this can visualize the protest scene from Rent, they can probably visualize this track. The only difference is that “Reprieve” lacks Maureen’s novel antics and cow lyrics, making it considerably less entertaining.

Oh. Wait. “Reprieve” wasn’t entertaining at all.

The press release that came with the CD touts DiFranco and bassist Todd Sickafoose “trying to use uncool sounds in cool ways,” but those uncool sounds failed to deliver anything that could be remotely described as ‘cool.’ I listened to the album for the first time with a friend, and as track four started, our conversation went something like: “I think those are ducks.” “Right. Okay. Is that a bicycle pump?”

This auditory mess follows a song where lyrics include lines such as: “You sang that song in my ear/and it tickled those little hairs.” These are perhaps the most interesting lyrics on the album, but they only manage to claim that distinction by being just enough out of place in the song to be noticed. There are plenty of other strange lyrics on the album, but they are so buried in the coma-inducing monotony that you have to look them up to realize that they are there.

“A Spade” is the only track on the album that may be worth listening to, and that is if you really have nothing better to do with your time. The background music almost manages ‘haunting,’ and the vocals are somewhat more interesting than in other tracks, but DiFranco tries too hard more quickly between the high notes and the lows. The lyrics, while trying to say something, are just as cookie-cutter as in the rest of the album, except for a few inane lines that stand out merely because DiFranco tries to hit her high notes while singing them.

All in all, *Reprieve* is pretty much more of what everyone has come to expect from DiFranco, so if you are already a fan and do not mind listening to the same thing all over again, go ahead and pick this album up. Frankly, I found it beyond boring and hope to never be forced to listen to it again; the disk is more useful as a drink coaster than as an album.

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all wore uniforms, clocked in and out, and were required to wear name tags. The managers even gave their ten minute motivational speeches to the staff in order to encourage them to work towards becoming the employees of the month through their dedication towards their jobs.

I did think that the management was not a fair reflection of true retail managers however. These managers were very soft spoken and easily ruffled whereas the ones that I have known are not such pushovers when it comes to business. In my past experiences in the retail world, the managers usually spent the staff meetings criticizing employees and commenting on the areas that needed improvement instead of praising and encouraging their employees' excellent efforts. I also think that the prizes being offered to the person who won the title of "employee of the month" were a little extravagant and would never be given to staff members in the real world, but then again it is just a movie.

I feel that there were some great scenes throughout the film. It was overall a thoroughly enjoyable comedy, although it will not be receiving any top awards at the Oscars any time soon.

Employee of the Month held my interest the whole time and I would definitely recommend the movie to anyone who is in the mood for a good laugh.

DEPARTED

portrayed an almost satanic gang boss, and the performances of Mark Wahlberg, Alec Baldwin and Martin Sheen, who play the part of Special Unit officers trying to capture Nicholson's band of gangsters.

If you are looking for action, this is your movie. The effects are awesome and realistic enough to show hands being cut off, people being thrown off buildings, and bottles smashed over people's heads. The set was also good, as the movie took place in Southern Boston, referred to as Southie, and it seemed as if the director knew the area like the back of his hand.

The movie was not perfect however. The slight turn off was a bit of racial slurring that was offensive to some viewers.

Aside from that, The Departed is probably the best movie of the year. It is witty, full of drama and the ending will blow your mind.

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NSU On The Scene:

“What did you think of Reading Week?”

Brandy Shafer
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Reading week is an excellent idea. This event has helped me catch up with my studies and finish up some assignments.

Carlos Zamora
Computer Science
Freshman
Ft. Lauderdale

I think it is a good relaxing week to study. The only advice I have is for the profs to e-mail you times of exams.

Crystal Conway
Marie Biology
Senior
New Jersey

I thought it was confusing.

Mickelle Mentz
Biology
Freshman

I think it’s a good idea. I used it for extra study time.

Owen Nunez
Business Administration
Freshman
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

I think it’s a bad idea because I lost track of all my classes and it confused me.

Mechelle Jones
Business and Finance
Senior
Rockledge, Fl

I was done with exams by Wednesday. Best idea ever!

Todd Riethmiller
Computer Information Systems
Sophomore
Cincinnati, Ohio

I knew about it, but I didn’t read. I don’t need to.

Dara Castillo
Biology
Freshman
Pembroke Pines

I liked it. It was an opportunity for everyone to study prior to their midterms.
Women's Volleyball Team Defeats Rollins College and Florida Tech

By Nelly Mesa

The Sharks Volleyball team (8-14, 2-7 SSC) overcame their ten game losing streak to defeat both Florida Tech in three straight games, along with Rollins College in a four-game match. These wins put the Sharks two wins ahead of Florida Tech, now placing NSU eighth in the Sunshine State Conference standings.

Sophomore Melinda Gorman stepped up her game tremendously. With a total of 5 blocks, 20 kills and 32 digs for the weekend, Gorman played a major role in leading her team to the two major conference victories.

With a massive smile on her face, senior Megan Johanson said "I feel like our attitudes were better and our desire to win were present this weekend. On the court, we served tough and played very good defense along with great passing."

The Sharks showed incredible fire after they lost the first game of their match against Rollins College, as they kept their spirits high and came out even hungrier for the next three.

Showing superb leadership as a freshman, Karlin McNeal got it going for the Sharks in game two. McNeal broke out and registered 8 kills and 3 blocks for her team. "We now have the confidence we were lacking before. Now that we are going into the second half of conference season, we are ready to prove to people who we are and what we're about," said Johansen. "The mind set we need is to continue with our confidence, great attitudes and just have fun!"

Men's Soccer Team Defeated by Rollins 3-1, Win Against University of Tampa 2-1

By Nelly Mesa

The NSU men's soccer team (7-4-1, 3-1-1 SSC) came home with a split for the weekend, coming up short with a final score of 3-1 while playing Rollins College and defeating the University of Tampa in overtime, 2-1.

The one goal registered for the Sharks against the Tars of Rollins College was scored by senior Greg Kagan, with an assist from freshman Anton Siedlitzki.

Kagan made the goal in the 89th minute of the game, proving although the Sharks were down, they never gave up. "Coach has told us to fight until the end no matter what, so we just pressed on and finally got the goal," said Kagan.

While in Tampa, senior Lorcan Cronin tacked another goal onto his tally for the season, putting the Sharks in the lead 1-0 in the first half. It wasn't until late in the second half that the Spartans registered the goal to tie the game up, and with a scoreless 13 minutes of play, both teams headed into overtime. Within the fourth minute of the first overtime, a penalty was called on Tampa. Freshman Romain Ostenente, stepped up and took the game winning shot.

The Sharks are placed third in the Sunshine State polls, and with a major game this next week versus Lynn University, NSU could see the Sharks moved up in ranking to a possible tie in first with Rollins College.

"We're playing them on our home field, so hopefully that will be added pressure for them," said Siedlitzki with confidence.

Sophomore Edouard Mason kicks the soccer ball in the air. All photos courtesy NSU Sports Information.

Sophomore Melinda Gorman spikes the ball.
### Intramural Sports Calendar

**2006-2007 Intramural Sport Seasons**

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All dates, times and locations for our Intramural Sports and Special Events are subject to change.

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**Shark Bites**

*By Alicia Winslett*  
*Sports Editor*

**Women's Golf**

On Oct. 10, the women's golf team took home a first place trophy at the Myrtle Beach Women's Golf Intercollegiate. The team played on River Hills Golf Course in Little River, S.C. Freshman Maria Garcia Austt won the individual title, shooting a tournament low of 146. Junior Lina Bjorklund came in second place, three shots behind Austt with a score of 149. Somophmore Andrea Maldonado came in tied for 15th place. Elizabeth Bond

**Women's Soccer**

By Sophomore Andrea Maldonado came in tied for 15th place, and senior Sophie Fris was tied for 15th place. Elizabeth Bond rounded out the Sharks team, coming in 40th place.

The Sharks finished 18 shots ahead of second place finisher Pfeiffer University and 21 strokes ahead of third place Newberry College. The Sharks shot a 699 in the two-day tournament in which they played 36 holes.

**Women's Soccer**

The Sharks (8-2-0; 2-2-SSC) were not successful in getting back into their winning rhythm as they were beaten by conference rivals, University of Tampa, 2-0. Both Spartan goals were made in the first half of the game. With just one shot on goal by sophomore Lauren Hoffman for the Sharks, NSU's offense did not create much pressure for Tampa's defense. The

**Volleyball**

On Oct. 10, the NSU volleyball team took down Palm Beach Atlantic in four games with scores of 30-15, 26-30, 30-27, and 30-26. This was the third consecutive win for the Sharks volleyball team, and NSU is now 9-14 in the season. Kaitlyn McNeill had 10 kills in 13 attempts for a .692 attack percentage. She also had six blocks, three of which were solo blocks. Andrea Irazabal led the Sharks with 16 kills and three assists. Stephanie Quinones scored a goal in the fourth minute. In the 23rd minute, Burton forced a goal, banking a pass into the net off of a Lynn defender for a Fighting Knights own goal. In the 31st minute, Shurell scored her 13th goal of the season. In the end, NSU won 6-2 over the Fighting Knights. Nicole Paquette had seven saves for the Sharks.

**Upcoming Games**

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Saturday, October 21 at 7:45 a.m. - SSC Championships at Markham Park in Sunrise, FL

Women's Golf

Sunday, October 22 - Flagler Fall Slam in St. Augustine, FL

Women's Soccer

Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. - Game against Rollins College in Winter Park, FL

Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m. - Home game against Florida Tech

Volleyball

Thursday, October 10 at 7 p.m. - Home game against the University of Puerto Rico-Piedras

Saturday, October 21 at 4 p.m. - Game against Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL

Men's Soccer

Tuesday, October 17 at 7 p.m. - Home game against Northwood University

Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. - Home game against Florida Tech

Intramural Sports

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Dear NSU Community,

I was privileged enough to attend the PANSGA meeting last week, and it was interesting to watch how the members of the different SGA's interacted. Parking was the hot topic of the day, and there was a great deal of discussion between the students present and officials in attendance.

I was able to note early on how different it was from a meeting of the Undergraduate SGA. The PANSGA is comparatively free-flowing without much organization (which is not a bad thing), and they lack a constitution (another hindrance than anything else; I don't like them). However, this relatively loose way of doing things is a far cry from the undergraduate use of Robert's Rules of Order.

A few words on Robert's Rules: I don't like them. While the Rules may work in some political settings where everyone involved has been through law school or something and therefore learned the Rules well, in a setting such as the Undergraduate SGA, they're more of a hindrance than anything else. So as to actually have a point, let me say that the way the PANSGA does things looks like a good one. I can see the desire of some of them to form a constitution, particularly if they ever get around to finding a source for a PANSGA budget, but the concerns that a few people expressed during the meeting about rules disrupting the way they do things are certainly valid. I think that organizing and making a constitution may ultimately be a help, but organizing to much and imposing too many regulations (like using Robert's Rules) would be much more of an obstruction.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose
We hold these truths to be self-evident

By Jany Cabezás
Staff Writer

NSU prides itself in its academia; the class sizes, the programs available, the ranging activities on campus, the new facilities, etc. etc. On a scale of one to ten, the school is definitely passing. However, is this all we strive to achieve?

We come to college to learn. To get degrees. To make something of ourselves. To find what this year's theme is...identity. We come to NSU because we believe it holds the keys to success, a well-rounded education, and eventually a lucrative job. But is this all there is to college life? Seems to be we are so focused on the academics of our fields that we forget to relax. And don't tell me you relax by partying your freshman soul out. That's just the obvious, and not the 'relax' I intend to mean.

I'm talking about being open-minded. Students often get so focused, so wrapped up in their major, they forget to explore. Let your eyes wander a bit. Can't hurt to learn something new, or see if a hobby is worth further pursuing. There are currently five students in my Composition 2020 course. Count that. Five. This isn't about keeping the sizes small anymore. Rather, students aren't engaging in other fields outside of the swarming Biology, Pre-pharmacy and business majors. Why not pick up an extra literature course? What's the harm in exploring the works of outstanding authors? Maybe you'll find one that talks directly through you.

I wonder sometimes. And I realize, if students don't show interest, things won't change. If students don't take action for themselves, nothing will be accomplished. Gone on Course Wizard lately? The Biology courses take up about half the entire scroll. The rest are the required courses, fundamentals, higher level sciences...but ever stopped to look through the arts? You probably didn't even realize we had an arts section. That's because we practically don't. Go. I dare you. Look up the arts. You won't find much. Theatre, maybe. But that's where it all stops.

Why can't nova students produce artwork? The artwork displayed in the Alvin Sherman Library could be that of our very own students, so why not demonstrate a wider range of interests this way? Sure, NSU is a relatively small, new school that still has much developing to do in such areas, but a little student involvement and show of interest in non-major related areas can go a long way.

Most importantly, this would be a mutual act, as it will help the school evolve as well as the students. We can focus and gain expertise all we want in one area. But experts are knowledgeable in one area, and ignorance becomes dominant in all the others. Expertise is ignorance this way. Don't be ignorant, be diverse.

NSU says that the learning goes 'beyond the classroom', so let's at least see an art club, for God's sake.

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All I hope for is that this sense of security and organization in the SGA lasts and is not a fluke. A government of any sort is difficult to run (look at the Federal government), but the SGA looks to be shaping up nicely.

Additional (quick) Notes

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