NSU Theatre’s Midsummer Night’s Dream: A Complete Success

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

NSU Theatre’s presentation of William Shakespeare’s romantic comedy, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, which tells the story about several sets of lovers who go through a series of hilarious events and eventually return to each other, was a great achievement for the theatre and its members. The play was done perfectly in every aspect.

The first thing that I noticed was the set, and I thought that it looked like a rich and magical forest. The dark colors and the dim lights looked very good together and gave the appearance of a fantasy world. The trees were also realistic, and they made the setting very believable.

As for the acting, the best performances came from Helena (Lauren Butler), Bottom (Colin Morgan), and Puck (Marsha Garcia). Bjiler managed to really portray someone who is desperate in love and sad that the only man she loves is engaged to someone else. Puck, the lovable fairy who gets everything wrong, gave a great performance and was very funny. Bottom, the aspiring actor who Puck turns into a donkey, kept me laughing throughout the whole play. The other actors were also good, including Quince (Natalie Solomon), Snout (Elizabeth and Trina Gist), and the scared lion (Naida Alcime).

The NSU theatre did a great job and the entire production was enjoyable. The set and the acting were excellent, and it kept me entertained. I can’t wait to see what else the members of the NSU Theatre decide to put on and how well they do it.

Diwali
ISA invited all to celebrate Festival of Lights

By Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

Diwali, also known as the “Festival of Lights” was celebrated on the night of Nov. 3 in the Hull Auditorium of the HFD Building. The Indian Student Association gathered to put on this event. Diwali was an organized event on campus for celebrating the beginning of the Hindu year and the symbolism of the “row of lights” in Hindu religion.

To start the event off, the Indian National anthem was sung by Alfroza Khan, and followed by the American National Anthem by Nikita Maniar. Once the introduction concluded, several dancers emerged in groups of two or three, synchronized in different Indian dances. Among many, the dances were performed by Jigna Shah, in unison with Poonam Sejpal when they performed “Rang De Mani.” Some students preferred a bit of FOB-ness (fresh off the boat) in All of Us, which was a sketch performance of a high school scene, where the Indians essentially poked fun at themselves and foreign students in general. The actors portrayed stereotypes with think heavy accents.

“I really enjoyed the skit, it was really funny,” said Kailas. Families and students alike got the opportunity to relate on some level to this type of comedy and enjoy fashion and food in the celebration.

Divya Sachwani performing to the song ‘Pyaar Ayaa’
Photo by Jany Cabezas

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Crist Wins Florida Governorship, National Political Landscape Shifts in Favor of Democrats

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

National Political Favor of Democrats

Crist won 52.6 percent of the vote, compared to Davis’s 44.7 percent.

Saddam Sentenced to Death

By Greg Krykakakis
Staff Writer

After a lengthy and trying hearing, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has been sentenced to death by public hanging for the torture and murder of 148 Dujail residents.

The Marion Chronicle Tribune reported that Hussein ordered the killings after some Dujail villagers attempted to kill the leader as his motorcade passed through in 1982.

Forty-eight hours after the verdict, Hussein urged reconciliation, reported The Guardian. "I call on all Iraqis, Arabs and Kurds, to forgive, reconcile and take hands," the former leader said, adding that the prophet Mohammed and Jesus had forgiven their enemies.

The conditions of the political economy are particularly important if we are to deal with the problems of the climate change caused by greenhouse gases. Many hope that the Kyoto Protocol and the new environmental treaty that about 190 countries have signed, will help reduce crime, and to improve public education.

In a race for the U.S. House, Republican incumbent Clay Shaw, who was in line to be the next Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, lost his seat to newcomer Democrat Ron Klein.

Saddam Hussein will be punished for his crimes," Rice said. As to whether the verdict will incite further violence in Iraq, the secretary noted that Hussein "didn't do this to Shiia, he didn't just do it to Kurds. There were an awful lot of Arabs and Sunnis who also suffered at his hand." President Bush hailed the verdict as "a milestone in the Iraqi people's effort to replace the rule of a tyrant with the rule of law," reported The Age. Republicans were hopeful the decision would bolster support in the midterms elections, but Democrats dominated by capturing both the House and the Senate.

Appeal judges now hold Hussein's fate and if they hold that he be hanged, it will be carried out within 30 days after the final verdict is delivered in January.

U.S. Stand On Global Warming Draws Criticism

By Shenita McLean
Staff Writer

Those who have attended Quad Thursday recently know that some students have been rallying to inform others at NSU about global warming, the potential dangers it presents, and how the output of greenhouse gases can be decreased.

It is the opinion of some that the industrial U.S. is one of the leaders in producing the gases that are continually damaging the ozone layer. According to Forbes.com, the U.S. has decreased its greenhouse gas output compared to other countries and is restraining the growth of global warming.

The U.S. is improving but will not change its stand against mandatory controls. According to Environmentaldefense.org, the U.S. is still the world's leading producer of greenhouse gases. Many believe that the country's views on global warming and the Kyoto Protocol will not change during the Bush Administration.

Currently, the U.S. rejects the Kyoto Protocol and obligatory reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases that scientists blame for global warming. According to Forbes.com, the chief American Delegate defended the position of the United States as an industrial country at the recent U.N. climate conference.

The Kyoto Protocol is a global warming treaty that about 180 countries have signed or are considering signing. According to Environmentaldefense.org, Russia recently held a substantial conference in which they discussed adhering to the protocol and how it would help increase the environmental friendly technologies while decreasing greenhouse gases. Many hope that the U.S. will reconsider the Kyoto Protocol and give its provisions more thought.

Environmentaldefense.org stated that the U.S. is "dramming the door" on debating this topic and that the condition of the economy is the initial priority of the industrial U.S. even at the expense of the environment. Other countries have opened their doors to the Kyoto Protocol but the U.S. remains steadfast on its position.
**Scientists Say: Flippin Can Walk**

A dolphin adorned with the remnants of hind legs was recently discovered by fishermen in Japan's Wakayama province. According to the Daily Mail, experts have long believed that the dolphin was an ancestor of “a dog-like creature” that, millions of years ago, roamed about the earth. Possibly a “freak mutation” caused by ocean pollution has once again allowed for the display of the dolphin’s legs, which are approximately the size of human hands. Heralded as an “unprecedented discovery” by the Institute of Cetacean Research in Tokyo, the nine-foot-long dolphin will undergo DNA and x-ray testing.

**Fire Safety Donkey**

Translating important safety warnings into other languages can be risky, especially when they instruct residents to escape house fires on their donkeys. Sky News reported that a leaflet allowed for the display of the dolphin’s leg, which are approximately the size of human hands. Heralded as an “unprecedented discovery” by the Institute of Cetacean Research in Tokyo, the nine-foot-long dolphin will undergo DNA and x-ray testing.

**Salesman Denied Sale, Steals Car**

All Giovanni Martinez from Kirby Vacuums wanted was to sell a family a carpet cleaning service. When the owners of a Freeport, NY, home declined, Martinez was devastated. But not all was lost, according to the Associated Press, because Martinez is a resourceful guy, he left the home with a brand new car courtesy of the family. Nassau County police said that the family left the keys near the door, enabling the stealthy salesman to swipe them and leave with the car, which was not discovered missing by the family for three hours. Martinez drove about until arrested and was then charged with burglary and grand larceny.

**Sorcerer Fails to Make Robber Invisible**

An Iranian man who paid considerable money to a sorcerer for the power of invisibility was startled when he attempted to rob a bank and customers could see him. Martinez drove about until arrested and was then charged with burglary and grand larceny.

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“No group is above another. Each Floridian will have a voice in all that we do...”

the Everglades.

Kerry vigorously criticized Bush’s policies on the war in Iraq throughout his campaign while Bush quietly stood by the commander in chief in support of his handling of the war, which likely cost him the election. “I’m too old to cry and it hurts too much to laugh,” Shaw told his Republican supporters.

Democrats had much to celebrate as they regained power over one of the most Democratic counties in the United States—Broward County.

“I think this is the most successful election cycle in Broward Democratic Party history. We ousted three Republican incumbents, two who were extremely strong,” Broward Democratic Party Chairman Mitch Ceasar said in a Miami Herald report.

Ken Kecht won the Broward County Commissioner position from incumbent Jim Scott. “People of Broward County are tired of being overtaxed, tired of losing their green space and beaches, and they wanted a commissioner that will represent them fully, not someone that will use their office for political gain,” Kecht told supporters following his election.

Martin David Karr ousted Suana Goldman for a Florida House seat. Goldman was elected in 2004, but was greatly criticized this election cycle for running negative campaign ads. According to the Sun-Sentinel, the voters of Broward grew tired of the ads, which was evident in the election results.

Though Republicans were victorious in Florida this election cycle, they incurred tremendous losses on the national scale. The Senate and Houses of Representatives now have Democratic majorities. The House will soon appoint Nancy Pelosi of California as Speaker and the Senate will be led by Harry Reid of Nevada as Majority leader.

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car has been on the road for a while, but then drops when the tires cool back down. It is best to check tire pressure before leaving out on the road to avoid inaccurate readings.

As part of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation Act of 2000, Congress has mandated that automakers install on-board, pressure-monitoring systems on all new cars, pickups and SUVs beginning in 2008. To comply with the regulation, automakers will be required to attach tiny sensors to each wheel that will signal if a tire falls 25 percent below its recommended PSI rating. Car makers will likely spend as much as $70 per vehicle to install these sensors, a cost that will no doubt be passed along to consumers. However, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, some 120 lives a year will be saved once all new vehicles are equipped with such systems.


**News from Around the World Compiled by Paul Saneaux**

**Europe**

Neo-Nazis interrupt Jewish Memorial

According to Reuters, a group of “German neo-Nazis, some shouting ‘Heil!’”, rampaged in the eastern city of Frankfurt on Oder and destroyed wreaths placed to mark the anniversary of the 1938 Nazi pogrom against the Jews. A police spokeswoman told reporters that the group stormed the memorial site soon after Jewish leaders held a service for a destroyed synagogue. Police reported that the neo-Nazis trampled floral wreaths placed at the memorial stone to the synagogue on the polish border that was destroyed 68 years ago in the Nazi’s Kristallnacht, or “Night of the Broken Glass.” Several witnesses said they also saw three of the neo-Nazis urinating on the memorial stone. “I’m horrified,” said premier of Brandenburg Matthias Platzeck. “Anyone who attacks flowers and candles for the millions of Holocaust victims hasn’t learned a thing about the greatest disaster in German history.” The state prosecutor’s office has issued arrest warrants for the nine suspects.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

**Caribbean**

Castro expected to return to health, power

An Associated Press report stated that the “ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro is recovering and expected to return to power, but he may not be well enough to attend his 80th birthday celebration on Dec. 2.” Ricardo Alfonso, head of Cuba’s National Assembly, said, “I know he’s doing well, that he continues to recover, fulfilling his rehabilitation program with discipline.” Intestinal complications forced Castro to put his brother, Raul, in charge after he was put in a hospital for excessive surgery. Castro “has been out of power and public view except for photos and videos since intestinal surgery for an undisclosed illness 3-1/2 months ago.” The National Assembly predicted that Castro will make his first public appearance at the Dec. 2 event, but Alfonso, addressing other Cuban officials, believe he may not be well enough to attend. For more information, visit www.worldnews.com.

**Middle East**

Al-Qaeda reportedly mobilizes 12,000 fighters

In a recently released tape by al-Qaida leaders in Iraq, the terrorist group claimed “to be winning the war faster than expected” and that it had “mobilized 12,000 fighters” ready to attack U.S. troops, according to Reuters. The tape does not bode well in the wake of reports that three soldiers and a Marine were killed during combat in Iraq; these deaths have brought the number of casualties to 2,845, according to an Associated Press count. As of yet, November has seen the deaths of 25 Americans troops. The audio tape, featured on militant web sites, welcomed the Republican electoral defeat that lead to the departure of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Abu Hamza al-Muhajir is heard on the unverified tape, saying “The al-Qaeda army has 12,000 fighters in Iraq, and they have vowed to die for God’s sake.” Al-Muhajir also said that the “jihadi” will not end until they “blow up the filthiest house known as the White House.” Around the release of the tape on Nov. 10, the Iraqi army reportedly captured the Egyptian leader of an al-Qaeda cell in Iraq. For more information, visit www.cm.com.
NSU has introduced a brand new co-ed fraternity to its campus this year called Delta Epsilon Iota. This fraternity is designed to connect students with career planning by giving students the chance to develop their goals for the future by bringing in different employers from the area, introducing them to many different careers, and helping them plan for their lives after graduating college.

Gillie Stedding, a career consultant in the Career Services department of NSU, is very involved with the new fraternity. She feels that this organization is a great place for students to obtain the professional development that they would not ordinarily receive anywhere else during their college careers.

"Undergraduate students don't always see the advantage of career services until their senior year," said Stedding. "We find that students are often looking for the opportunity to develop themselves in college." She added that this new organization is a great way to help students organize their career goals and gain a clearer perspective on what they would like to accomplish in their futures.

Students who have maintained a minimum 3.3 GPA and have completed at least thirty credit hours at the university will be invited to join this group. The invitations will be sent out during the summer and there will be an information session at the beginning of the semester for all interested students. Students must submit their membership enrollment form along with a $65 lifetime membership fee in order to become a part of this fraternity. The initiation will take place shortly afterwards, and parents, as well as local employers in the area, will be invited to attend the catered event.

In order to remain an active member of the organization each student will be required to earn fifteen points during the course of the semester. There are various ways to earn these points including attending meetings, participating in events, helping to organize the career fair, and getting involved in career development, mentoring and performing some community service. Stedding is hoping that fifty to seventy students will accept their invitations to join this organization in the spring during the first ever initiation ceremony at NSU.

Despite DEI’s presentation of itself as an “honor society,” the Association of College Honor Societies, an organization that recognizes both national and international honor societies, does not recognize DEI as an honor society. Students who have further questions or concerns please contact Gillie Stedding at stedding@nova.edu.

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

Flight Deck Follies is Back at NSU

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On Nov. 16, The Student Union Board will be hosting Flight Deck Follies, an annual male beauty pageant at NSU.

At the event, male contestants dress up as women to win a grand prize of ten Miami Heat game tickets. The participants will compete in different categories, including formal wear and talent. Judges will include last year’s winner, Rico Hernan, and Graduate Assistant for Student Involvement at NSU, Tricia Realbuto.

While the judges will be there to give feedback to the contestants, the audience members will ultimately get to decide who should win the contest.

“Students should attend Flight deck follies because it is hilarious,” said Program Coordinator for SUB, Maria Mingus. "It is entertaining and students can vote for their friends and enjoy free food and drinks. It is also a great way to bring the NSU community together."

All male students who are interested in participating in the event can sign up at the SUB office located on the first floor of the University Center.

The event will be held in the Flight Deck at 9 p.m., Nov. 16. It is free to all members of the NSU community. There will be free food and raffles during the event.

PASA To Hold Annual Poetry Slam

By Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

The Pan African Student Association will be hosting its annual "Poetry Night" on Nov. 17 in the Old Flight Deck at 7 p.m.

Poets who would like to participate can contact President of PASA Susie Gilot before Wednesday, Nov. 27. There will be an Open Mic segment of the show where all poets are invited on a first come, first serve basis.

Special guest Devin T. Robinson X, from the one man show "God Did Not Give Me HIV" will make an appearance. Robinson is a motivational speaker who is also the president and founder of the internationally known AIDS Awareness Poets. There will be free refreshments and plenty of inspiration.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and even participate. For more information, contact Gilot at gilot@nova.edu or John Ogundale at ogundale@nova.edu.

Got a Question for Student Counseling?

Q: Back in high school, most of my friends couldn’t stand to be around their mothers, but I had a good relationship with mine—almost like we were best friends. But our phone conversations get pretty tense these days, and when I went back home last week for a cousin’s wedding, she was constantly picking fights with me about everything. I don’t know how to talk to her about it without just starting another fight.

A: Most students find that when they leave home, relationships with family and old friends can get a little weird. As parents struggle with saying goodbye and dealing with their college-aged kids being gone, they can get clingy or distant—or both! Who initiates the phone conversations you have with your mom? Do you ever make the call, or are you too caught up with school and new friends to remember? Given that you two were so close, she’s probably trying to figure out how to handle the loss of her best friend, particularly if she isn’t as busy as you are, meeting new people and negotiating new challenges.

The two of you are also in the midst of negotiating new expectations, new ways of relating, new ways of managing privacy. What aren’t you telling her? What advice of hers are you now unwilling to follow? How does she handle your silence and the choices you’re making?

You said the phone conversations have been tense. When you ask her about how things are going, does she ever talk about missing you, or does she put a positive spin on everything? The tension may have something to do with the fact that you’re not there? The tension may have something to do with the effort she’s making not to burden you with her loneliness. Do you ever mention missing her, or are you avoiding the topic so as not to make her feel worse?

Would it be possible for you to talk with your mom about what you miss in your relationship and the hard time you’re having on the outs with her? Could you book some in-person talk time with her in advance of your next trip home? If yes, let her know that you want to spend some time figuring stuff out with her, that in itself could set the tone for getting your relationship back on track.

Have a question you’d like answered in this space? Fire away! Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentcounseling@nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).
The Return of Lunch and Learn
Land an Internship or Co-op with Help from Career Services

By Michael Berghauser
Current Affairs Editor

Career Services will hold the final installment in their Lunch and Learn series for the fall semester on Nov. 17. This upcoming Lunch and Learn will deal with the ins-and-outs of internships and co-ops and will feature guest speaker Brian Mora.

Speaker Mora is the Field Vice President of the Ft. Lauderdale office of Ameriprise Financial. Mora started with the company in 2001 as a Financial Advisor in Southern New Jersey, then after building a successful financial planning practice, was promoted to District Manager. In 2004 he was promoted to Field Vice President in the Ft. Lauderdale office.

Mora will be speaking about internships and co-ops at Ameriprise in addition to how students can best market themselves to other employers.

"Students will learn how to search for internships that fit their career development needs, along with involvement and resources on how to gain the most valuable internship experience," said Coordinator for Campus Relations, April Eldemire.

The Lunch and Learn will take place in the Carl DeSantis Building, room 1048. Free food and refreshments will be available. To RSVP or for more information, contact Career Services at 954-564-7201 or career@nova.edu.

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100 Gates to Open at Miniaci Center
Capstone project crosses cultural bounds, raises money for charity

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

When Michelle Rosenfarb traveled to Israel in 1999, she had plans to study. What she took away from the trip was much more than a month of education, and would turn into 100 Gates, the play being presented in a dramatic reading at the Miniaci Center on Nov. 18.

The story revolves around Malka, a young Hasidic girl living in an Ultra Orthodox region of Mea Shearim, Israel. Betrothed to a Talmudic scholar by her father, Malka pursues a forbidden relationship with an ex-Haredi soldier. What unfolds is a story of family and cultural identity that the audience is certain to identify with on some level.

"I grew up identifying myself as a Jew, but I didn't know what that meant for me," said Rosenfarb. "In exploring identity, I started looking at religion a bit more ... I started becoming fascinated with Ultra Orthodox traditions at this point."

"The themes are not so much religious even though we're looking at a Jewish population. It's a matter of culture."

Still described by Rosenfarb as "very much a work in progress," 100 Gates was started as her capstone for the Interdisciplinary Arts program.

"It's not just a capstone for me anymore," she said. "I'm going to use this production as a springboard ... I've found that this is obviously what I want to be doing my whole life, and that passion is what's been keeping me going right now and what's been keeping me up nights."

100 Gates will begin at 8 p.m. on Nov. 18 in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, and $5 for students. DVD and VHS recordings of the show will also be available for $10 and $6, respectively. A portion of the proceeds from the production will go to the Daniel Cantor Wultz Foundation, which started after a Weston teen was killed during a trip to Israel. The foundation exists to fight terrorism through education, sports initiatives and service. For more information, visit www.dcwfoundation.org.

Rosenfarb and the Spiritual Life Council will be at Quad Thursday on Nov. 16 to talk about the production and give out free passes to NSU students.

"I think that [the production] is a product of NSU and a Nova education," said Rosenfarb. "I would really be honored to have Nova's support."

For more information on the production, visit www.myspace.com/100Gates.

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Take a Bite Out of This...

**MONDAY**

- **13**
  - Food Drive (ALL WEEK) 12-1pm @ Parker Bldg
  - 10th Annual Lecture Series 6pm @ Shepard Broad Law Center
  - Monday Night Football 8:30pm @ Flight Deck

**TUESDAY**

- **14**
  - Lunch & Learn Series 12-1pm @ DeSantis Bldg room 1047
  - Psychology Professor Explores "Detecting Deception" 12-1pm @ Parker 208
  - Tallega Night: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby 8pm @ Rosenthal theatre (rm 205)

**THURSDAY**

- **15**
  - Turkey-Trot at Quad Thursday 11:30-1pm @ Library Quad
  - Stress Management Workshop 4pm @ Rosenthal 205
  - Flight Deck Follies 9pm @ Flight Deck

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**FRIDAY**

- **16**
  - CSA Patty Sale 12-2pm @ Parker Bldg
  - PASA Poetry Night 7-10pm @ Flight Deck

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**WEDNESDAY**

- **15**
  - Classic Film Representing Icons of the American Psyche 5pm @ Mailman (rm 308)
  - Catholic Circle 7-9pm @ Library MR3018

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY**

- **17/18**
  - Little Buddies Carnival Saturday, 11am-2pm @ Library Quad
  - Wax Carving Workshop Sunday, 8am – 1pm @ Parker Annex
  - NFL Sunday Ticket 1pm @ Flight Deck
Movie Review

Borat Offends Kazakhstan, But Entertains America

By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

As a long time fan of "Da Ali G Show" I never thought in a million years that Sacha Baron Cohen would take one of his characters to the big screen. Obviously I was wrong, and last week end Cohen's film Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan was released in the states.

Filmed in diaparument style, like the show, Borat embarks on a "tour" of the American south with hopes to get to California to meet his "dream girl" Pamela Anderson. For those who are not familiar with the concept of Cohen, Cohen films himself as Borat interviewing and talking to people who have no idea that he's an actor and truly believe that he is from Kazakhstan. So Borat gets himself into many unfortunate situations on the way there.

The best part of the film is obviously the dialogue: the things that Cohen says to people and the overwhelming amount of "ews" and "ahs" during those particular scenes. But, I guess in the long run, they were somehow beneficial to the whole film.

Another great thing about the film is that everything Cohen does (except for the scheduled interviews) is completely improvised. Every piece of dialogue, every action, and every moment he is on camera is all improvisation. But the film is completely flawless, and the laughs never stop coming. I swear, there is not a dull moment throughout the whole movie and honestly, I can't say that about a lot of comedies.

There were a lot of scenes that were pretty surprising and pretty courageous of Cohen, including a fully nude romp through a hotel lobby and mortgage brokers meeting in the hotel ballroom. Not to mention the nude pictures of his favorite son Hooyewis that he showed to an etiquette coach in Birmingham, Alabama. I'm pretty sure everybody in the audience was giving an "oh my god" every time he is on camera.

Cohen does such a great job of playing a foreigner that seems to know absolutely nothing about American culture that you would think he came from underneath a rock somewhere in Antarctica.

Apartheid was an unfair, unjust, and intolerable set of laws placed on them by white Europeans trying to control the land. Although I was never involved in it, although I was never a big fan of Robbins' (besides Shawshank Redemption), I definitely grew to like his style in this movie. He played such a heartless character, and that unrelenting seriousness he has proved to be the perfect fit. He was cold, selfish, and occasionally caring, when it came to his family. He portrayed the attitudes of almost every white man living in South Africa at the time and he portrayed it better than I ever suspected.

The most amazing thing to me about the situation during the period of apartheid, is the amount of spirit South Africans had during the whole time. According to the documentary Amandla!, they never stopped singing and they never gave up hope. Catch a fire is a comic genius and a wonderful addition to American comedy. I can't wait to see what else he has up his sleeves and see how many more people he can fool.

Catch a Fire is a Perfect 'Catch'

By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

For native South Africans during most of the 1980's, apartheid was an unfair, unjust, and intolerable set of laws placed on them by white Europeans trying to control the land and its people. The laws were made out of sheer hate for the people of South Africa, and they knew it. When talking about this subject, there is usually mention of Nelson Mandela and other famous freedom fighters, but I'm sure nobody knows who Patrick Chamusso is.

Catch a Fire brings us the story of this man, a little known hero from Mozambique, South Africa. The film begins on a very light note in the summer of 1980 as the Chamusso family attends a wedding, but soon the tale becomes very grim. Chamusso (played by Derek Luke) is a caring husband and father, forseen at a coal mine, and coach of a boys' soccer team, until he gets thrown into a desperate search for "terrorists" who blew up part of the mine. Chamusso decides that if he, an innocent man, is going to get charged for nothing, it's time to make it something.

Luke (Glory Road, Friday Night Lights) is powerful as Chamusso; he's intense, emotional, and his accent was on the spot. He portrayed Chamusso so well, I'm not sure they could have cast anyone better for this role. Chamusso was just a South African man trying to keep himself and his family alive, and Luke played it perfectly. Everything was just very real about him, you could feel the emotion when he was crying or screaming or hugging his children. I really hope this performance opens doors for Luke, as he is extremely capable of playing roles like this and I wish to see him more in the future.

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Game Review

Splinter Cell: Double Agent

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

Since the release of Metal Gear Solid for the Playstation One in 1998, stealth-based action in video games has been a hot button among gamers. Many developers have tried to imitate the successful formula. MGS have tried to imitate the successful formula and many others have tried to incorporate stealth features in other games to no avail. The only real competition arrived at the party in 2002 with Tom Clancy’s Splinter Cell.

Only four years later, and four installments later, Splinter Cell: Double Agent made its debut as one of the stealth action games around. A little run-down of the story as of yet will help set the basis: in the other three games of the series, the player takes the role of Sam Fisher, an NSA covert operative working for a division called the Third Echelon. Basically, each game has the player infiltrating terrorist hide-outs to find information regarding attacks they are planning. What really sets for the player takes the role of Fisher volunteers to infiltrate a terrorist organization, John Brown’s Army, that is actually hiding in New York City.

Before I explain the actual gameplay, I should discuss the new trust feature. Since Fisher is essentially working for two organizations, the good guys and the bad guys, the NSA and the JBA, the player is forced to make decisions that will gain or lose the trust of each company. This is really the first game that I have ever played that has made me actually consider the consequences of my decisions. It’s only a game but there were some decisions that almost had me pacing the room, repeating “Umm... what should I do?” For example: once Fisher gains some trust from the JBA, he has to prove himself to the leader, Emile Dufraisne. The player is put in a torture room with another JBA member and is given a decision: either kill an innocent hostage with a bullet to the head or don’t and risk blowing Fisher’s cover. While there are ways to escape every situation with trust relatively unscathed, finding out how to do that is the challenge. Losing all trust from either organization results in game over. The ultimate question is how far will the player go to gain trust?

Now the gameplay: Double Agent has not changed the Splinter Cell franchise drastically in terms of how Fisher is controlled, but that’s not bad at all. Fisher can still interact with almost anything in his environment with a press of the A button: he can switch lights off to hide in the shadows, grab enemies, interrogate, access panels and computers, rappel walls, and cut through glass and curtains. His arsenal of moves is still available too: Fisher can do a jump-split to hide near the ceilings of narrow corridors and perform inverted neck snaps while hanging from pipes or ropes. He can basically do anything to keep himself hidden while eliminating threats. Also, a few new interactions have been introduced in certain situations. During a mission in Siberia, the player can hide underwater beneath the ice shelf, and when an enemy wanders near, the A button will allow Fisher to punch through the ice, pulling the unsuspecting terrorist into the freezing water to drown him. Very cool move.

In terms of graphics, Double Agent looks beautiful. The game exhibits some of the best visuals available on the 360 (besides Gears of War). Locales range from ordinary military bases to Shanghai to Kinshasa, Congo. All of them are realized in gorgeous high definition. The only problem is that some textures are repeated here and there, but I only noticed that when I was really looking for something wrong. That can be ignored. Fisher and the other characters look incredible. Small details can be seen everywhere: beads of sweat, blood droplets, cuts and scrapes, wrinkles in clothing, and even stubble on Fisher’s shaved head.

While the single player campaign is relatively short (taking my time, it took about 14 hours to complete), the real meat of the game that lends it huge amounts of replay value is the multiplayer mode. Online, players can choose to play as either the Third Echelon Spies or the Upsilon Mercenaries. The spies must infiltrate the map and hack consoles to steal computer files while the mercenaries attempt to stop the spies. Co-op online forces everyone to be spies and work together and versus mode pits the spies against the mercenaries. The challenge as a spy is that there are no weapons. Players must rely on stealth, cunning, and gadgets to outwit the mercenaries armed with grenades, high-powered rifles, and search drones. Both teams are equipped with gadgets that provide vision modes: spies get thermal and night vision and mercenaries get motion-sensing, night and thermal vision all accessible by pressing a direction on the d-pad. Online games are exhilarating as a member of either team. While I prefer to infiltrate through air ducts and creep in the shadows as a spy ready to snap necks, it is also fun to run around looking for spies to introduce the rifle to.

In terms of innovation, Double Agent is a big leap forward for the stealth-action genre. It is a great game with an equally great story full of twists and the multiplayer feature provides endless hours of entertainment.

Platform: Xbox 360
Genre: Stealth action
Rated: Mature 17+
Release: Oct. 18
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Thanks to these local pizza vendors: Angelo's, Aramark, Ciro's, Domino's, Peace-A-Pizza, Pizza Loft, Rossines & Tommy's for participating!

"I was never really a big fan of Robbins'..., but he played such a heartless character and that unrelenting seriousness he has proved to be the perfect fit.

Fire shows this side of them amazingly well. You really feel for the characters and want to sing along with them and dance with them. The singing helped make the movie even more entertaining than it already was and definitely added a bit of emotion. Instead of crying, they would sing, they would sing until they got too tired to sing anymore, and I think that's an incredible thing.

I love it when films about a certain place are shot on location, and Catch a Fire was. I don't think the movie would have been as great if it didn't have South Africa in the background. The scenery just made everything much more believable, and helped the true story of Chamusso and his family unfold so much easier. I was really pleased that they even used some of the town's people as extras in the film.

The ending was great, even giving the audience a glimpse into the life of the real Patrick Chamusso, who is now re-married, has three more children, and has built a house for the 80 other children he and his new wife have taken in. The movie was really a delight to watch and though it was very sad at times, it ended just like it started. Chamusso's story, like the story of many South African men and women, is amazing and although they called him a terrorist, I think he's a hero.

"What did you think about the most recent elections?"

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**Ashley Johnson**
Marine Biology
Junior
Brooklyn, NY

Democratic all the way! But, I didn't know the arguments of either party so I felt, it wasn't my place to vote.

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**Hank Feeney**
Business Admin./CIS
Sophomore
Davie, FL

There was too much mudslinging. I didn't see a candidate worth voting for.

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**Diedra Been**
Accounting
Sophomore
Turks & Caicos Islands

It doesn't matter to me. I'm not a US citizen so I didn't vote.

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**Radhi Muhammad**
Athletic Training
Senior
Stephens City, VA

It doesn't matter if they are Democratic or Republican, we as a country should just try and find a way to get along with every person, race, gender, and country.

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**Lauren McElhenny**
Education
Sophomore
Egg Harbor, NJ

I didn't pay too much attention to the election because I was out of state and couldn't vote.

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**Matthew Mercil**
Business Admin.
Freshman
Staten Island, NY

I am not registered to vote in the state of Florida but all the candidates seemed to be qualified.

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**Miranda Cooper**
Optometry School
2nd year Grad
West Palm Beach, FL

No matter what I think, or which party I want to win, I think we should support our leaders.
Cross Country Team Competes in the Last Race of the Season

By Alida Winslett
Sports Editor

InMemphis,Tenn.,onNov.9theNSUmen'sandwomen'scrosscountry teamscompetedinthe2006NCAADivisionIICrossCountryRegionals.The race was hosted byChristianBrothersUniversity. On the day of the race, the weather was ideal; sunshine, low wind, and about 50 degrees Fahrenheit, as the head Coach Bruce McCrea described.

"TheSouthRegionalwasthefirst raceof the season but we had kind of mixed results," said McCrea. "Our team goal for the season was to finish in the top ten so that we could finish the season in the regional rankings." In this race, Harding University took top honors in both the men's and women's races as they placed five men and four women in the top ten in their respective races.

The women's team came in 11th place out of 22 teams that ran in the DII South Regional. The women ran tough, but unfortunately they just missed their goal and finished 11th by only 2 points (2004-18th, 2005-12th). There were 22 finishing teams. Bethany Brenkus finished first in a personal best 25:29, Stefi Cevallos came in 78th, and Courtney Clearwaters finished in 99th place with a time of 34:39 for the top ten. In the longest race of the season, 10k, Robert Maughan finished in the top 50 (44th) in 34:39 for the 10k, a new school record. Both Robert and Brandon Peterson broke the old school record. Junior Brandon Peterson finished with a time of 35:53, also under the old record and a personal best run. Chad Turnipseed also ran a personal best, finishing with a time of 37:45 and in 103rd place.

Finally, Christian Moore finished in 118th place with a time of 39:43.

Department of Athletics Announces the Establishment of Athletics Hall of Fame

By Alida Winslett
Sports Editor

Michael Mominey announced on Nov. 1 the establishment of the NSU Athletics Hall of Fame. This hall of fame is designed to recognize athletic alumni, former coaches, friends of the athletic department and program pioneers to be honored for their outstanding athletic achievement and contribution to the NSU Athletic program.

TheNSUathleticswebsitestates that a Hall of Fame Selection Committee, consisting of the director of athletics, an NSU athletic administrator, a Faculty athletic representative, four University administrators, two varsity coaches (one male, one female), a booster club member, and three community leaders has been formed. The FSC will "oversee and guide the process of inducting," its first Athletics Hall of Fame class.

During Homecoming week, January 29-28, 2007, the class of 2007 will be announced. The induction ceremony will take place at a banquet in spring of 2007. This year, the committee is now accepting nominations for the inaugural class. The nominations will take place through December 15.

To nominate someone, students can click on the NSU Athletics Hall of Fame icon in the upper left-hand corner of the NSU Athletics homepage or visit [http://nsuathletics.nova.edu/halloffame](http://nsuathletics.nova.edu/halloffame).nomination.cfm.

2007 NSU Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Michael Mominey, Director of Athletics
Bob Prior, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information/Video Relations
Mark Cavanaugh, Faculty Athletic Representative
Gary Tuell, Head Coach, Men's Basketball
C.A. Tolchinsky, Head Coach, Cheerleading
Dennis Dannacher, Director of Recruitment and Admissions, H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Tom Dieters, Executive Director of Development
Lynne Cawley, Director, Alumni Affairs, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Gay Holliday, Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Joe Pineda, Assistant Dean of External Affairs, H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Tony Segreto, NBC6 News Anchor
Nancy Olson, Executive Director, Florida Marlins Community Foundation
Anthony Bruno, Owner, Anthony's Runway 84
Healthy Eating Along with a Healthy Heart

Tips for Good Food Choices and Physical Activity

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Fruits and vegetables are great sources of many vitamins, minerals and other natural substances that may help protect you from chronic diseases. Some of these nutrients may also be found in other healthy foods. Eating a balanced diet and making other lifestyle changes are key to defending your body’s good health.

Fiber

Diets rich in dietary fiber have been shown to have a number of benefits, including decreased risk of coronary heart disease. Excellent fruit and vegetable sources: navy beans, kidney beans, black beans, pinto beans, chickpeas, black eyed peas, lentils and artichokes.

Folate

Healthy diets with adequate folate may reduce a woman’s risk of having a child with a brain or spinal cord defect. Excellent fruit and vegetable sources: black-eyed peas, cooked spinach, great northern beans and asparagus.

Potassium

Diet rich in potassium may help to maintain a healthy blood pressure. Good fruit and vegetable sources: Sweet potatoes, tomato paste, tomato puree, beet greens, white potatoes, white beans, lima beans, cooked greens, carrot juice and prune juice.

Vitamin A

Vitamin A keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps to protect against infections. Excellent fruit and vegetable sources: sweet potatoes, pumpkin, carrots, spinach, turnip greens, mustard greens, kale, collard greens, winter squash, cantaloupe, red peppers and Chinese cabbage.

Vitamin C

Vitamin C helps heal cuts and wounds and keeps teeth and gums healthy. Excellent fruit and vegetable sources: red and green peppers, kiwi, strawberries, sweet potatoes, kale, cantaloupe, broccoli, pineapple, Brussels sprouts, oranges, mangoes, tomato juice and cauliflower.

Physical inactivity is one of several major heart disease risk factors you can do something about. A new NIH publication called Your Guide to Physical Activity and Your Heart has easy-to-understand information on the power of physical activity to keep you healthy. Experts recommend that all adults should be moderately active for at least 30 minutes per day on most days of the week. They recommend at least 60 minutes per day to help manage body weight and prevent unhealthy weight gain. Children and adolescents also need to be active for at least 60 minutes per day. So pry the kids off the couch and help yourself stay fit by doing enjoyable activities together!

Below are a few simple ways you can incorporate physical activity into your everyday life:

- Use the stairs instead of the elevator. Start with one flight and gradually build up to more.
- Park a few blocks from the office or store and walk the rest of the way. If you take public transportation, get off a stop or two early and walk a few blocks.
- While working, take frequent activity breaks. Get up and stretch. Walk around. Give your muscles and mind a change of pace.
- Instead of eating that extra snack, take a brisk stroll around the neighborhood or your office building.
- Do housework, gardening or yard work at a more vigorous pace.
- When you travel, walk around the train station, bus station, or airport rather than sitting and waiting.

Download this and other easy-to-read, science-based guides to improving your health for free at http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net! You can also order them by calling 301-592-8573, 240-629-3255.

SPINdig: A Big Success at University Center

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Nov. 8, the University Center RexPlex held their first ever SPINdig. During weeks before the SPINdig, groups signed up to be a part of a 25-minute ride with one of the spinning instructors at the University Center. Usually, the spinning classes are held on the first floor in one of the designated rooms, but the SPINdig was held on the second floor on the basketball courts.

“The SPINdig was a great success. We had a full ride for all four rides,” said Elise Milnes, Assistant Director for Marketing and Membership. “We also had a few standby riders and were able to create some buzz.” When everyone got on their bikes, there was a DJ there to put on the best music for a great ride.

The SPINdig started at 5:30 p.m. and lasted until 7 p.m. For each of the four rides, a different spinning instructor stepped up and led the class. When the spinning classes are taught during the week, they are hour-long classes. and the SPINdig was really created to give people a taste of what spinning is really about. For many participants this was their first time spinning and it many enjoyed the activity. Each of the instructors were very verbal with their group, making everyone laugh and feel relaxed.

After each of the riding sessions, America Minc, Assistant Director for Fitness and Wellness raffled off prizes such as spinning visors, t-shirts, spinning water bottles, hats, and towels. Food and drinks were also provided for each participant after the rides. The spinning program hoped to draw attention and get people to incorporate spinning in their fitness routine.

Women’s Soccer Falls to Tampa 3-0

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU’s women’s soccer team (11-4-2 SSC) fell to the number one ranked Buccaneers while in Tampa, 3-0 in round one of the SSC tournament. This was the Sharks first appearance in the NCCA post season competition.

Regardless of the three goals allowed by Sharks’ freshman goalkeeper, Megan Kim, she played a superb game. Kim had nine key saves to keep the game close, one of which was an impressive headfirst diving save.

“Tampa is a good team and I think it was a closer game than what the score says,” says Kim. “They had three good chances and they finished them.”

NSU finished third in the regular season SSC polls despite their predicted fourth place finish, allowing the Sharks to exit the season with their hearts held high in pride. NSU is excited to announce that they will not be losing any players going into the 2007 season. seeing as the Sharks do not have any seniors in Fall 2006.

The team was ranked fourth in the Sunshine State Conference preseason poll and finished third behind ranked foes Tampa and Saint Leo.

“I’m proud of the way everybody played this season,” says Kim with prideful grin. “We proved everyone wrong.”

NCAA has unanimously named forward Shurell Burron to the 2006 All-SSC Women’s Soccer Team, voting in Midfielder Stephanie Quinones as well. NSU is proud to announce Lauren Huffman along with teammates Hayley Olgane as Honorable Mentions as well.
By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

The NSU volleyball team (11-20, 3-13 SSC) took on SSC rivals, Barry University, on the Sharks' home court in the University Center for Senior Night to complete their 2006 season.

After upsetting the SSC's number five ranked Buccaneers in the first two games of the match, both with ending scores of 30-26, the Sharks fell in the following two games, allowing the Bucs to push a season with ending scores of 15-13.

NSU will graduate three incredibly key players, right-side Karla Ortiz, setter Megan Johansen and libero Inza Miranda. The Sharks worked hard and as a result, were able to say goodbye to their beloved graduating seniors in a prideful note. Finishing with a total of 11 wins and in eighth place for the Sunshine State Conference, NSU closed the 2006 fall season with more wins than the previous two volleyball seasons combined.

"I'm impressed with the crowds we drew this year," states sophomore Andrea Irazarazu. "I'm glad to hear we were fun and entertaining to watch."

Karla Ortiz is spiking the ball to the defenders. Photo courtesy NSU Sports Information

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### 2006 SSC Men's Soccer
Nova Southeastern Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 5, 2006)

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### Shark Bites
By Alicia Winsett
Sport Editor

### Men's Basketball
On Nov. 7, the men's basketball team took on Florida State University Seminoles for a pre-season exhibition game. The men were defeated 96-66 at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee, FL. Guard Donovan Redden led the Sharks team with 12 points, five assists, three rebounds, and two steals. Center Kevin Chester had 11 points in the game and Diego Aguiar put up 10 points and grabbed four rebounds.

FU All-American candidate Al Thornton led the team with a game-high 17 points and four rebounds. The Seminoles also had four other players that scored in the double digits.

At the half, FSU led the Sharks 47-30, and the Sharks just could not catch up in the end. The Seminoles also out-shot the Sharks 55 to 48 percent overall.

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### NSU's Sports Stats of the Week

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Dear NSU Community,

I live at a reasonably large intersection, and about once a week, I see a man standing on the median on one side holding a sign that says "Stuck please help." The first time I saw him there, a semi truck with its hazard lights on was stopped next to the opposite median. Since I didn't have any cash on me and certainly know nothing of semi trucks (and also doubted my sympathy would prove particularly useful), I didn't stop.

But about a week later, there he was again. This time, there was no such stopped truck (which may have been just a convenient prop the first day), and that the one from the week before was probably not his at all. I wondered where he was stuck, and what, if anything, was actually stuck.

I didn't see him there several times, I have begun to doubt the sincerity of that little cardboard sign. Then again, that's happened before.

A professor (sorry, whoever it was I don't remember) once pointed out in class that while Americans can be very generous, they like to be generous in an organized fashion. People will happily give to an established charity, but will often shy away from giving money to a homeless person they meet on the street. In some other cultures, they may have few organized charities, but people are happy to give to the needy when they run across the opportunity.

I've noticed this, even with my limited travels, and I wonder why. Why do we insist on things being so organized and institutionalized when it comes to giving?

Is it the tax credit? Unlikely. Unless the person is donating thousands. Do we think it works better? Probably not; charities have overhead costs, after all. Distort of the cardboard signs? Maybe.

Or maybe with everything in our culture made so fluffly and clean for us, we don't want to associate with anything, however briefly, with anything that may remind us that things could be different.

I don't know what it is, but it's certainly something to think about.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHouse

Editor-in-Chief

A Fly on the Wall:

So, Technically...

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

So... the end of the SGA season is soon coming to a close with their last day of business approaching on Dec. 6. Quite a bit has happened so far in terms of what the SGA has accomplished, is planning, and has yet finish or complete. The oncoming end of business days most likely explains why business is so slow, but it also foreshadows an onrush of legislation not too long from now.

While the last meeting was relatively slow in terms of the amount of legislation handled, a few important issue of note were mentioned and discussed. Oh, and of course the usual (and sometimes unavoidable period of mass confusion) took place over what should have been a simple bill.

The first issue discussed was one that was brought up a week prior: whether or not senators can vote by proxy. VPJ Lexmi Lalwani said that voting by proxy is "technically available" as long as the absent senator receives the legislation in question 24 hours in advance of the meeting. By saying, "technically available," Lalwani apparently confused some people in the room. Advisor Gary Gershman asked if Lalwani meant voting by proxy or absentee vote, which are different. Voting by proxy is when, as Gershman explained, another senator votes for the absent senator and voting absentee is, well...just what it means: a senator votes remotely. Don't kill me if I get this wrong, but I think the consensus was that voting by proxy "exists in theory" but is really an absenture vote. I'm still confused about it.

Treasure Alex Mitranzi updated the financial status of the SGA with his report: as of the beginning of the last meeting, $35,580.58 was allocated (not including what was allocated soon after). He also mentioned that the sweep date for clubs and organizations is Dec. 15. The sweep date is when a big monster ravages the clubs and organizations accounts and kidnaps all unspent monies and hands it back to the SGA. So, if your club has extra money lying around (which I highly doubt, because most clubs are broke poor), find a way to spend it or it will be re-assimilated into the SGA. Mitranzi's last piece of news is that the SGA will soon be writing a bill to allocate $3,500 to Student Engagement for Sharkapalooza. That money will cover shirts, cotton candy and other machines, and the scaffolding that made the clubs' booths. Finally, that issue is close to being resolved.

Now, the near mandatory moment of mass confusion. That happened over the Pre-Pharm bill for t-shirts. The guidelines for t-shirt bills is as follows... I think: the SGA funds $100 for 20 shirts at $5 a piece. However, the guideline has also been interpreted to mean that a club can receive $100 to spend on shirts in whatever way they see fit, as long as the total does not exceed $100. The club's bill asked for $200 for 40 shirts. The problem was that Pre-Pharm was also contributing $200 in membership dues. Huh? Lalwani then said "[the SGA] is not a bank account; if they have the money, why are we giving it to them?" Good question. The bill was written incorrectly and needed to be amended. The bill was apparently asking for $100 for shirts that other members may buy. Then again, I was confused most of the time, so I may have misheard the whole issue. Mitranzi said that the bill was written wrong, so the bill technically could not be passed. Commuter Finley then made a good point: "If 40 members have agreed to pay for their shirts, it makes no sense that we pay for the other ones." Nevertheless, the amount of shirts was amended and the bill passed unanimously. I don't understand exactly what happened, and I really don't care, but the point is that clubs are still not writing clear bills that make sense.

So, technically if clubs and organizations wrote clear bills, confusion could be averted. Technically speaking.

Dinosaurs at the Alvin Sherman Library

By Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

It seems that the "checked-out" Dell Laptops in the Alvin Sherman Library are a procrastinator's worst nightmare. Not to say that any of us angelically timely NSU students would be procrastinators...ahem, that's not really the point of discussion here. The intended point is the key word I want to emphasize: nightmare.

It's one thing to have the decaying dinosaur next to the medicinal garden to represent the "Mesozoic Era." It's a complete different note to have decaying computer corpses to represent this time period in the library? Okay, fine. But maybe "prehistoric" laptops shouldn't be such a problem, right? I mean, recently I checked out The Awakening for class at the Sherman library and the pages were yellow with age (published in 1976, yay!). Yet the content in this relatively old book was still authentic and useful. Kate Chopin's novel was still usable despite the publishing date and feit smell of attic; accurate and reliable. Let's look at that word... reliable. Reliable: adjective. Suitable or fit to be relied on. Thank you Merriam-Webster.

So, according to our dictionary friend here, reliability essentially relates back to trustworthiness, and dependability. Isn't this a word we should be able to associate with technology? Say, the main library's laptops? Maybe! Just a little! Okay, maybe not. It wouldn't be so bad if it were some version of wine (aka "better with age") but unfortunately it isn't. Actually, I wouldn't even care if the laptops pulled a The Awakening on me; so what if the computers smelled funny and turned yellow? Who cares as long as the Dell wouldn't die the second you pressed the power button. Or worse-half way through your unsaved research paper.

Okay, So let's look at the problem and check for solutions. Let's be mature about this. It's not only age that negatively impacts the effective nature of computers. If wanting to replace the laptops was the decision, it would be quite pricey and would definitely hand NSU a nice big price tag to worry about. But the laptops don't necessarily have to be replaced. Since age is only one of two factors in the "relable" outlook of our problem. The other? The laptops low battery duration. Maybe these computers could last a bit longer before being replaced. How? Charging the battery might help.

My friends, group-mates, and classmates have, on multiple occasions, checked out three laptops before getting a functional one. The techies tell you that they are charged and give you a time approximation of two hours before the laptops go dormant. Then why do the Dells only last a maximum of five minutes before going into "hibernate"? If they aren't charged, don't hand them out, dear computer guru? Why not just hand a few plugs? If anything, I'll keep the laptops charged or will charge them for you. Not to mention this solution is a bit less costly than buying new sets of Dells, don't you agree?
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