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New Student Affairs Coordinators
Aim to Connect Students

By Greg Kyriakakis
NSU News Editor

As NSU continues to expand its satellite campuses, new Student Affairs Coordinators have been hired at the West Palm Beach, Kendall and Las Vegas Student Educational Centers to establish a sense of community. These new employees, in addition to current coordinators, will help foster student relationships in environments far from the main campus that have traditionally focused solely on education.

"At the centers, the students had been served only academically. They need other services also," said Lisa Satz, Assistant Director for Student Activities and Leadership Development. She explained that graduate assistant positions had been established to get students involved and were approved in July for full time positions.

In West Palm Beach, new Student Affairs Coordinator Carola Wangeci hopes to continue to outreach by hosting "blood drives, student appreciation days, and communicating with the main campus so students can connect."

Chip Turner, Coordinator for Orlando Student Affairs, said that he hopes to get students involved by creating events on campus. "It's a real challenge to get them to feel connected," he said. Since a class may meet only once a week, Turner explained that having special events such as cookouts and family days during the week helps students to remain connected.

Creating student governments in the remote locations was part of the process of getting students active. All of the locations, except for Las Vegas, have Student Government.

NSU’s Identity
and Mascot
Come to Life

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

The most recent edition to NSU’s University Center is the new Guy Harvey mural running the length of wall adjacent to the Flight Deck. Guy Harvey, a scientist and artist, who has traveled the world studying different kinds of marine wildlife and Habitats, has lent some of his talent to NSU. The wall is covered with a variety of sharks and sea life swimming through an ocean.

Harvey has been affiliated with NSU for many years. In 1999 he teamed up with the Oceanographic Center in order to create a non-profit Marine Research center which became known as the Guy Harvey Research Institute. This Institute specializes in the research and conservation of sharks and offers several Master’s courses for NSU’s graduate students.

Gabriela Vignolo, Director of Marketing Communications, said that NSU asked Guy Harvey to be involved in the design of its new mascot, the shark, because of his longstanding relationship with the university. "The great thing about

Former NSU Golfer Amanda Brown Named
Women’s Golf Team Assistant Coach

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Jan. 9, Amanda Brown was named the new Assistant women’s golf coach. Brown was a former golfer on the NSU women’s golf team. For the past two years she has worked hard and became a Master Instructor at the Jim McLean Golf Academy in Weston, Florida. Brown comes to the NSU golf team with professional knowledge in the game and can help all the players shape up their game.

During her time at NSU, she was one of the top golfers. Brown was named an All-American Scholar-Athlete by the National Golf Coaches Academy in 2003 and 2004. Freshman year she was named an NAIA All-American. At the Stuey’s her senior year she was named "Female Athlete of the Year". Other honors also include individual titles to her name during her four years. One win was at the NSU Spring Classic at Chateau Elan Golf Resort in Braselton, Georgia. Her second win was at the Lady Falcon Invitational in Daytona Beach.
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Associations already in place.

Though the Bahamas and Jamaica locations do not yet have student affairs divisions, Satz said that they are "on our radar." She feels "in the years to come there will be more focus on these sites."

Part of the involvement process includes finding ways for remote students to attend major campus events, such as this year's Community Fest and future homecomings. Though fifty remote students attended the first Community Fest, the number had dwindled to thirty-five last year. According to Satz, "we hope to have more this year."

While plans are being made to have students come to the main campus, Satz said that the prospect of having Davie students visit other locations "hasn't really been explored."

Of the sites, those in Kendall, West Palm Beach, Orlando, and Las Vegas have been staffed with a Student Affairs Coordinator. The Tampa and Jacksonville coordinator positions remain unfilled.

Those with questions about becoming involved at their campus can contact Satz through e-mail at satz@nova.edu or at 800-541-6682, ext. 7254.

**Current Affairs Calendar**

**Monday:**
University Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday:**
Unity Week Event: Take Back the Night, 7pm @ Goodwin

**Wednesday:**
Unity Week Event: Hunger Banquet, 7pm @ Goodwin
Post-Basketball Game Party, 9pm-12am @ Flight Deck

**Thursday:**
Quad Thursday/Cultural Taste of NSU 10:30am – 1pm @ Flight Deck Patio
Unity Week Event: Interfaith Dialogues 7pm @ Rosenthal Student Lounge

**Friday:**
Patty Sale, 12pm-2pm @ Parker Bldg.
Unity Week Event: Wall of Hate, 12pm-1pm @ Library Quad

**Saturday/Sunday:**
Performing Arts Grant Auditions Begin, Saturday
Unity Week Event: NSU Diversity Summit Saturday, 10am-3:30pm @ Business School Atrium

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NSU’s Unity Week
Exploring Diversity and Uniting the Campus

By Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

Beginning on Monday, Jan. 15, NSU will host its Unity Week where several activities and events will take place with a focus in three specialized themes: Peace, Tolerance and Diversity. The Pan African Student Association (PASA) will be hosting a parade at 8 a.m. on Monday that will honor Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All interested and planning to attend will meet up in the front of the University Center.

Tuesday, the Fifth Annual “Take Back the Night” will begin at 7 p.m. This event will focus on awareness, acknowledgement, and prevention of sexual and domestic violence against women. A lecture, along with several activities, will take place during this night. Wednesday will see a Hunger Banquet taking place at 7 p.m. behind the Goodwin Residence Hall. All participants will receive a card that will assign them as a member of any three world classes. According to the card, first, second, or third world designations will determine what type of meal and level of comfort the participants will experience.

Thursday, diversity will be the theme as represented by The Cultural Taste of NSU. This will take place at Quad Thursday from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the University Center Flight Deck. Food from various cultures will be served and ethnic music will establish the atmosphere of appreciation for diversity. Thursday evening, the Interfaith Dialogues will occur at 7 p.m. in the Rosenhall Student Lounge. During this event many religions will be explored in an open forum style and represented by multiple representatives of their respective cultures.

On Friday, Jan. 19, “The Wall of Hate” located near the front of the Alvin Sherman Library will be torn down at 12 p.m. This popular event will consist of a ceremony and the symbolic destruction of the Wall of Hate - a loathsome cinderblock behemoth that represents the shameful discrimination and intolerance of various ethnicities. The event is meant to show how discrimination and the existence of hate can be overcome through each person everywhere. Finally, on Saturday, the Second Annual Diversity Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the DeSantis Building atrium. The Diversity Summit features various speakers and activities happening all day in which diversity issues will be recognized and discussed.

Crime Scenes
at NSU: The Forensic Science Symposium

By Michael Bergbauer
Current Affairs Editor

On Jan. 19 and 20, NSU will host the annual Forensics Science Symposium at the HPD Steele Auditorium which will feature several presentations, workshops and keynote speaker Dayle Hinman.

Hinman is a renowned criminal profiler and homicide investigator whose career spanned over 26 years as a law enforcement officer in the Florida. Although retired from law enforcement, she is currently host of Court TV’s “Body of Evidence: From the Case Files of Dayle Hinman,” which is in its seventh season.

In addition to the keynote speaker, there will be several presentations, including An Overview of Forensic Dentistry, Basic Fire Scene Investigation, a Detector Dog Demonstration and more. Attendees will also be able to take part in workshops such as Basic Blood Stain Pattern Recognition, Introduction to the Field of Forensic Document Examinations and Basics of a Forensic DNA Analysis.

To attend the conference on Jan. 20, attendees must register. Cost is $150.00 for non-students. However, a $10 discount will be issued for those who register before Jan. 15. NSU students who register with Dr. Vic Shanbhag need only pay $10 to participate in the conference. A $20 registration fee is also required to attend the workshops.

Registration forms and instructions can be found at http://www.nova.edu/chemist/forensic07/index.htm. Shanbhag can be contacted by phone at 954-262-8331 or via e-mail at shanbhag@nova.nova.edu. No charge will be issued for attending the keynote speech and additional events on the 19th.

For the full list and scheduling of events, directions or other general questions, visit http://www.nova.edu/chemist/forensics07/index.html for more information.
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Upcoming Games

Women's Basketball

Wednesday January 17 at 5:30 p.m.
- Home game against Lynn University

Saturday January 20 at 5:30 p.m.
- Home game against Florida Tech

Men's Basketball

Wednesday January 17 at 7:30 p.m.
- Home game against Lynn University

Saturday January 20 at 7:30 p.m.
- Home game against Florida Tech

Men's & Women's Basketball Take on Barry University

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

This past week was important for NSU basketball as both the men's and women's teams took on conference rival Barry University. With the hopes of generating a large crowd, the NSU Student Government Association and Greek Life got together to promote a fun and eventful tailgating party prior to the games. On the evening of Jan. 10 the Shark Tank was crawling with Finatics.

"The Shark Tank was swarming tonight!" said sophomore Finatic, Drew Sarkisian.

Unfortunately for the Lady Sharks (3-11, 2-2 SSC), they were not able to prevail against the Buccaneers, 55-43. Despite the disappointing loss, senior Jennifer Havens recorded a double-double, 10 points, 10 rebounds and eight steals while junior Amber Bishko added 11 points of her own. The women are now tied for fifth place in the SSC polls.

The men's basketball team (8-5, 3-1 SSC) were able to redeem themselves by defeating the Bucs on Wednesday, 69-63, after Barry University beat NSU last 05-06 season and kicked the Sharks out of the conference tournament. This win bumped the Sharks back into the second place slot in the SSC polls. Senior Diego Aguiar displayed incredible defense along with tacking on 14 points to the Shark's score.

Senior Donovan Redden contributed to the outstanding Sharks offense with 12 points of his own, while sophomore Tim Coenraad registered 17 points including a clutch three-pointer with less than half a second left to put the game out of reach for the Buccaneers.

"It was an amazing win for the team because Barry is a great, hard working defensive team. Beating them shows that we work even harder," said Coenraad. "We are really moving forward as a team."

The Finatics were back in action for this exciting game.

"We were cheering and screaming at the top of our lungs," said Sarkisian. "I definitely think we had a lot to do with keeping our teams pumped up."

Junior women's soccer player and fellow Finatic, Jahmila Williams, said "there was an incredible amount of people in the stands. I really hope this is a sign of the support to come for the rest of NSU's athletic teams in the future."

"The crowd was amazing," said Coenraad in appreciation of the Finatics' enthusiasm. "They gave us a boost and made us want to play harder... we never want to disappoint them."
By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

Men & Women's Basketball Break Wrap Up

While students were home for the holiday break, the NSU men and women's basketball teams were still on campus working hard to be the best they can be this 2006-2007 season in hopes of reaching the post season.

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**Dreadful Look at the Future or Just a Warning?**

By Stefani Rubinov

For most movies about the future, Children of Men seems slightly typical. The world is falling apart, authorities are one step away from becoming completely fascist (if they aren’t already), and the sky constantly looks like it is on the brink of an apocalyptic meltdown. What makes Children of Men so unique is the reason why all of this is happening. No, there have been no nuclear wars and no, the world hadn’t yet depleted all of its fossil fuels. What has happened is that women have become infertile and after 18 years of a world without the laughter of children, it has fallen apart.

It is twenty years into the future (making it 2027) where we meet Theo. Theo (Clive Owen) is a has-been political activist who, after his son dies and wife ‘eaves him in 2007, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and leaves him in 2027, just conforms and 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The annual Consumer Electronics Show, held last week in Las Vegas, featured new products announcements from high-tech corporations, most notably the unveiling of the long-rumored Apple iPhone. Other major announcements highlight the industry shift toward delivering high-definition content to consumers through a variety of means.

The technology blog Engadget reported that Apple's new device, which runs on the company's OS X operating system, will feature a widescreen touch display, a video-enabled camera, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and either four or eight gigabytes of storage. The phone's battery is expected to last for five hours while talking or watching video and 16 hours for music playback. Of course, these features come with a steep price as the Circular-exclusive phone will retail for either $499 or $599 with a two-year contract when it ships this June.

Apple has come under fire for use of the iPhone name, reported the Associated Press. After failing to reach a deal with Cisco Systems, which already owns the iPhone trademark, Apple used the moniker and is now being sued in federal court. Cisco recently released its iPhone, which enables users to place calls over the internet. An Apple spokesperson responded by calling the lawsuit "silly.

Microsoft had some notable announcements of their own, including the unveiling of an IPTV service for the Xbox 360 that allows for high-definition content, on-demand video, and time shifting capabilities. According to PC Magazine, the service will be available near the end of 2007 though specific dates have not been announced.

Tenacious D Pick of Destiny Written: Jack Black, Kyle Gass Directed: Liam Lynch Starring: Jack Black, Kyle Gass, Tim Robbins Although this film is absolutely hilarious, I would have to say that it is more of a matter of preference. I, like many fans of certain actors, people either like Jack Black or hate his guts. In my case, I like him, so I am incessantly predisposed to like anything that has to do with Tenacious D. This film caters to the Duo's fans: it is the history of the brand and their "rise to power."

Apocalypsec Written: Mel Gibson, Farhad Safinia Directed: Mel Gibson Starring: Rudy Youngblood, Movshad Yelowhead Apocolypse is a true spectacle. That is as best as I could sum it up. This is what I consider the best film of 2006. Although much controversy has swirled around Mel Gibson recently because of some comments he made about Jewish people, that man can sure as hell make a great movie. Everything about this film is done to near perfection. The acting is emotional, intense, and enthralling; the scenery is wonderful, brutal, and inspiring; and the excellent cinematography all come together to create a film nothing short of epic. Some have complained about the "gratuitous violence" in Apocolypse, but, hey, the Mayans (like many people anywhere and at any time) were sometimes gratuitously violent. The violence has no ways takes away from the film but helps to emphasize the theme of moral decay that led to the downfall of the Mayan civilization.

I saw this one twice in theaters. It was just that great.
Dear NSU Community,

Our Editor in Chief was out of town last week, so it was up to me, the Managing Editor, to provide the readers with some insights. Since I usually reveal the twisted inner workings of my mind in The Fly on the Wall, I try to keep them out of here in the only Editor's Note featuring me. Instead, what I want to concentrate on is the direction of The Current. We are changing.

While I believe our paper has become increasingly better over the last few years, it was expressed that The Current can become even better. So in that vein we have received new advisors with experience that will help direct us towards that goal—to provide members of the NSU community with more NSU related news and hard-hitting news. In that course, we also hope to become more professional.

Changes are usually gradual, however. What the readers will notice initially is a change in the layout and graphic design of the paper. Basically all of the news that is NSU related will be found in the sections near the front page. The new Variety section features all news that is not NSU related and will include stories that were originally found in News and World and Arts and Entertainment. Current Affairs will remain as usual and the NSU News section features the harder-hitting issues.

That is what will be apparent at first. During the course of the semester I hope that our readers will notice some increase in the overall quality, coverage, and range of articles.

With all that in mind, I would like our readership to give us some input. Has the paper become better or am I senile? Is it worth it to gain professionalism at the possible expense of a casual atmosphere that many have enjoyed? What type of stories should we be covering? Is change necessary? I guess the introduction of changes somewhat shocked me and so I welcome any input.

The first week was hectic and this issue is slim. For that, I apologize. Change is seldom easy. However, that is why I see the paper being better than in previous semesters: we are understaffed, under-equipped and not realistically capable of covering an entire university for those reasons. Nevertheless, we have persevered—and that, in my eyes, justifies my belief that we are in league with other great college papers that have a staff and budget three times that of ours.

The Current is not changing because it was lacking journalistically. It has the potential to become better.

Humbly,

Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

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A Fly on the Wall:
Routinely Speaking

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

So welcome back and blah, blah, blah and all that good stuff. I hope everyone had a relaxing break, but its now time to get back to the daily grind. For that I am somewhat grateful. Winter break became boring after all the gifts were opened and I got tired of waking up at the crack of noon. My back could not tolerate the torture of 14 hours of sleep any longer.

It is a new year and the winter semester has several annual events that students generally look forward to. Like Homecoming, for instance. It Homecoming, yes, there is one right. One has really heard much news about that illustrious event, but it is definitely on the horizon. The most news I have received about it was at the last senate meeting that no student, other than Steven Reddy, bothered to attend. There was a meeting even though it received no PRI either. The tailgate for the men's and women's basketball games on Jan.

10 didn't really receive publicity. And so, without further ado, I present last week's theme: communication. Again. Yes, it's sad people. I am fully aware.

SGA Advisor Gary Gershman made it clear during the delightfully short meeting last week that one of the key issues was communication, or what I would say is the lack thereof. Gershman said he felt communication broke down over the winter break and I agree. He added that there needs to be more publicity about the meetings and events of the SGA and that he has only heard rumors and no solid details about Homecoming and again I agree. That explains the general non-appearance of students at the tailgate and the meeting.

With that said, a hefty chunk of details about the entire Homecoming week were revealed by VPI, Herman Rico. Although publicity for Homecoming should have begun well before Winter Break, students should begin seeing flyers and whatnot sometime this week. Red Carpet Affair Dance tickets will cost $50 and the location is the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. The price and the location is the same as last year but is just in a different ballroom. It sounds like it will be better also...mainly because there will be actual food and not just desserts. There will also be a DJ from Power 96 that Rico said will play a variety of music, not just hip hop and rap. Yay! It is looking good so far.

A senate meeting cannot be complete without some form of controversy however, right? That came when Commuter Senator Sara Gama said during open forum that she felt the SGA was misinformed about the spending of funds from the Senate Reserve Funds for bottled water labeled "NSUSGA." Apparently PR Director Sean Burque was able to get money for this without informing the senators nor the executive board. The amount was not revealed either and Rico said that issue was currently being resolved.

Oh yes, and Happy New Year.

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Space for Reflection
A Time of Beginning

A new year. A new term. You may be starting new classes; you may be beginning a new job; you may be setting out with the sincere intention to keep your New Year's resolutions. It is a time of beginning.

Beginning times can be a little scary. We don't know all of what's to come in the year ahead and sometimes not knowing is more difficult and unsettling than being aware of an imminent challenge.

But beginning times are also full of promise and possibility. Each opportunity we have to begin again is a wonderfully hopeful time. We hope for success, for happiness, for progress—whatever progress means for us individually. A friend from NSU shared with me this week a message about the hopefulness of beginning times. It is a quotation by Ming Dao-Deng from his book "365 Tao – Daily Meditations." When he sent the message, my friend said "I believe this message can be well applied to many religious or spiritual traditions." I pass it along in the hopes that you'll find it inspiring.

In the words of Ming Dao-Deng: "This is the moment of embarking. All auspicious signs are in place. In the beginning, all things are hopeful. We prepare ourselves to start anew. Though we may be intent on the magnificent journey ahead, all things are contained in this first moment: our optimism, our faith, our resolution, our innocence."

"In order to start, we must make a decision. This decision is a commitment to daily self-cultivation. We must make a strong connection to our inner selves. Outside matters are superfluous. Alone and naked, we negotiate all of life's travails. Therefore, we must make something of ourselves, transforming ourselves into the instruments for experiencing the deepest spiritual essence of life."

"Once we make our decision, all things will come to us. Auspicious signs are not a superstition, but a confirmation, They are a response. It is said that if one chooses to pray to a rock with enough devotion, even that rock will come alive. In the same way, once we choose to commit ourselves to spiritual practice, even the mountains and valleys will reverberate to the sound of our purpose."

Whatever our faith tradition or spiritual perspective, making the decision to commit to daily cultivation and to connecting with our inner selves is sure to lead to positive transformation. In the year ahead, in the term ahead, I encourage you to watch for auspicious signs. Those wonderful and surprising moments of the coming-together of things are the confirmation that you are on the right track in fulfilling your unique purpose.

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"What do you think of the new Guy Harvey mural in the University Center?"

Joann Liria  
Legal Studies  
Freshman  
Sunrise, FL  
"I think it is cool and adds a certain touch to the UC!"

Alexander Caceres  
Business Administration  
Junior  
Davie, FL  
"So which shark are we?"

Michelle Rodriguez  
Criminal Justice  
Senior  
Hialeah, FL  
"It brings a great element to the UC. It shows school pride in a great way."

Hank Feeney  
Business Administration  
Sophomore  
Davie, FL  
"What about the fish without a head?"

Vanessa Perez  
Biology  
Freshman  
Miami, FL  
"I think it's a great mood setter for the Shark Tank."

Rob Keever  
Psychology  
Senior  
New Jersey  
"I like it. It is really big and really pretty."

Jim Sinkewich  
Marine Biology  
Freshman  
Pittsburgh, PA  
"I like it but I wish he would have painted the wall instead of the wallpaper."

Vanessa Mezquia  
Business Administration  
Senior  
Miami, FL  
"It makes the UC look like the Seaquarium!"

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