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.

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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 main campus events, such as this year's CommunityFest and future homecomings. Though fifty remote students attended the first CommunityFest, 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 saiz@nova.edu or at 800-541-6682, ext. 7254.

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**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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the mural is that it kind of builds awareness of the Guy Harvey Research Institute that is here on campus," she said. This is the largest mural that Harvey has created and she is pleased that it is featured here at NSU. "I think it's important for universities to offer art in public places," she said. "Not only are the sharks our mascots, but we promote the conservation of them as well through our research." Dave Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations, is also excited about the new painting. "To me, it takes an incredibly interesting building and adds personality to it," he said. He had been discussing several new ideas for the shark mascot with Michael Mominey, the Director of Athletics. Dawson added that Harvey was a world renowned scientist and marine biologist who had personal ties to NSU, and decided to invite him to be a part of NSU's new logo design. "There is a tie between science and oceanography, and our mascot," Mominey had initially planned to commission an original piece of artwork from Harvey. However, the idea quickly developed into something greater. After discussing the various possibilities they decided to create this large mural that would hang in the UC. "This makes this building ours," said Dawson. "It makes it so distinctive and there is nothing else like it. This is arguably his signature piece." The mural took about a week and a half to create and then placed on the wall. Jordan Morgan, Project Manager of Construction, said that the process went very smoothly without any bumps along the way. The painting was drawn on one kind of material and then attached to another material called 3M fabric. The large piece of fabric was hung on the wall and Harvey added his final touches after that. "It's a wonderful addition to such a perfectly thought out building," said Morgan.

The university is still continuing to build and expand upon the UC. Tom Vitrucci, Director of Campus Recreation, said that NSU has completed Phase One for the UC, which was to open the RecPlex and the Arena to all of the university students. He said that not all of their plans to design the interior of the building have been finished. "People need to understand that when we're talking about the University Center, the concept was not to have everything open and ready on the first day," he said. "We wish us trying to change to the sharks, as well as having a good relationship with Guy Harvey, this mural was just a value added thing that they thought would be good." Several students have stopped to admire this new artwork as well. Annontine Chisholm, a Masters student, said that she enjoyed looking at the mural. "It's almost life-like. The fact that it's done on such an expansive kind of draws you into it." Katy Beth Twist-Harty, a junior student, also liked the piece. "It seems to glow and encompass the theme of the NSU shark mascot." Jameika Harvey said that he appreciated this artwork. "It reminds me of home because I'm from the Turks and Caicos Islands of the Caribbean." Not all of NSU's students were pleased with this mural however. Shurelle Burton, a sophomore student, said "I think it's different, but I also think that it could have more sharks in it." Zia Ansari, a freshman student said that this painting was not up to standards at all. "I'm disappointed because up there all you see is sharks. You don't see the coral on the bottom because they cut it off," he said. He feels that it looks like wallpaper was attached to the wall. He does not think that it looks like an official Guy Harvey painting.

The new mural is generally a welcome addition to NSU's main campus and has given the administration, faculty and students some hope for what lies ahead for NSU's future.
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 crawling, incredible defense along with tacking on 14 points to the Shark's score. Senior Donovan Redden contributed to the outstanding Sharks defense 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 program that means them a lot," Head Coach Ron Williams said.

Upcoming Games

Women's Basketball

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

Saturday January 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- Home game against Nova Southeastern

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 & Women’s Basketball Break Wrap Up

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

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.

The men’s team (7-5, 2-1 SSe) were involved in six games, taking the split with three wins and losses. Amongst the wins were victories against The University of West Florida, 91-69, McMaster Canada University on New Year’s Day, 74-59, and conference rivals of Florida Southern College, 76-72.

In what was an extremely close match against Florida Southern, sophomore Josh Wood made an incredible three-point shot to put that shut out a victory for the Moccasins.

The women’s basketball team (3-10, 2-1 SSe) was involved in games of their own, unfortunately coming out with a single, yet important win against Florida Southern College, 68-57. Regardless of the losses, senior Jennifer Havens played outstanding game. Scoring in the double digits in six of the seven games played, Havens had a total of 86 collective points over the break.

“On the court we are all equal, and when you are spending about seven hours a day together, plus long road trips, you become a big family,” said junior Tia Evenson. “That’s what we are.”

Professional Sports Bites

Miami’s Basketball

January

3 L vs. LA Clippers 95-110
5 L at Phoenix 80-108
7 W at Portland 93-90
10 at Seattle 16:00 PM
12 at Golden State 10:30 PM
13 at Utah 9:00 PM
15 at LA Lakers 10:00 PM
18 vs. Indiana 7:00 PM
19 at Philadelphia 7:00 PM
21 vs. Dallas 1:00 PM
22 vs. New York 7:30 PM
24 at Indiana 7:00 PM
26 at New York 7:30 PM
27 at Chicago 8:30 PM
30 vs. Milwaukee 7:30 PM

February

1 vs. Cleveland 8:00 PM
3 at Milwaukee 8:30 PM
5 at Charlotte 7:30 PM
7 at Boston 7:30 PM
9 at Cleveland 8:00 PM
11 vs. San Antonio 1:00 PM
13 vs. Portland 7:30 PM
21 at Houston 9:00 PM
22 at Dallas 9:30 PM
25 vs. Cleveland 3:30 PM
26 at New York 7:30 PM
28 at Washington 7:00 PM

Miami Dolphins

On January 5 2006, Jason Taylor, Miami Dolphins defensive end was selected as the NFL’s top defensive player. The Associated Press voted on this issue. Taylor has been with the Dolphins for ten years and has earned Pro Bowl honors for the fifth time in his time with the team. Miami’s defense is fourth-ranked overall. On CBS4.com, they said, “Taylor received 22 votes from the media panel to outdistance Denver cornerback Champ Bailey, who received 16 votes. San Diego linebacker Shawne Merriman, who missed four games for violating the league’s steroids policy, garnered six votes to finish third in the balloting.” Dick Anderson and Doug Betters for the Miami Dolphins received the top fensive honors in 1973 and 1983 respectively.

Professional Baseball- MLB

On January 10 2007, Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn were elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Ripken has already been two-time Most Valuable Player and Gwynn is an eight-time batting champion. From CBS.com, “Eligible candidates needed to be named on 75 percent of the record 545 ballots submitted by members of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. Ripken received 98.5 percent of the vote, while Gwynn was selected on 97.6 percent of the ballots, two of which were blank.” On July 29, Ripken and Gwynn will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.
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Dreadful Look at the Future or Just a Warning?

By Stefani Rubinio

For most movies about the future, Children of Men seems slightly typical. The world is falling apart, authorities are on the brink of apocalypse. 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 hasn't yet depleted all of its fossil fuel. 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 is a brilliant directorial activist who, after his son dies and wife leaves him in 2007, just commits and melts into society like the rest of the people in his miserable world. However, what Theo doesn't know is that his life is about to take a drastic turn. After the death of the world's youngest person, everybody is even more torn than they were before and Theo is forcefully summoned by his ex-wife (Julianne Moore) and her "Fisher" (the radical political group of the film) to help her accomplish an impossible task—get a pregnant young girl (named Kelly) past everyone and onto a boat with the Human Project (who are "the world's greatest minds working toward a better tomorrow").

Although this is the only film I've seen with Owen in it, I have to say he really did a magnificent job portraying Theo. We watch him go from a bored, ready-and-waiting-to-die business man to hero whose life actually becomes something worth-while and Owen was more than capable of playing this role. He is sarcastic, witty, and cynical but at the same time he's so caring, understanding, and, in many ways sad. How can anyone not love a man who is so passionate about acting in the film that I hope to see him in a dozen other ones in the future.

I guess the more surprising performance came from newcomer Claire-Hope Ashitey who played the pregnant, young girl Kee. This is only her second role in a film and only her first in a film as widely distributed as this. Here she looks like she definitely help bring the character alive. She plays a character who grew up in a world without children and who doesn't even know anything about having children. She's never seen somebody play naivety so well before.

I can't forget about the other two very amazing but unsurprising performances of the film, those of Michael Caine and Julianne Moore. Caine definitely brought a somewhat comedic edge to the film. He was sarcastic but without all the cynicism, which made him hysterical. Julianne Moore is amazing at portraying "women on a mission" and this film proves no differently. Although she's only in it for a short amount of time, her performance leaves a lasting impact on the whole movie.

As for the scenery, well, it is of a pre-apocalyptic Great Britain. Buildings are being torn apart, there's graffiti everywhere, the streets are dirt paths, and there are cops, video cameras, and television screens everywhere. Like I said before, the sky always looks like it's about to rain or fall down and the people are constantly in a panic. There are bombs exploding here, there, and everywhere. It looks and feels real, as if you're there. It's almost scary how much this movie sucks you into.

All-in-all I have to say that this was my favorite movie of the last half of 2006. It was brilliantly done, the script was incredible, and it really made you think afterwards. Although it was somewhat depressing, I really hope that more movies come along like this.

Volver

More Than Just a Melodrama

By Stefani Rubinio

Spanish-born director Pedro Almodovar (Bad Education) is an unstoppable, incredible force, like a storm bursting right through the movie world. In his newest release, Volver (which means To Return), he explores the lives of three generations of Spanish women over the past twenty years. He explores their superstitions, devotion to the Church, their devotion to each other, and their terrible luck with men that they so intuitively blame on fate.

The story centers around one family, mainly four women: Raimunda, Sole, Paula, and Raimunda and Sole's mother, Irene. Raimundas and Irene believe to have lost their parents in a terrible fire at their childhood home four years ago, but what they don't know is that their mother survived and is now trying to set things right away with her children. Penelope Cruz (Vanilla Sky, Head in the Clouds) plays Raimunda, a young mother whose life in the big city of Madrid proves too busy for her family back in La Mancha. Cruz definitely shines in this role and this is with his most incredible role of her acting career so far. She is caring, passionate, and completely cold-hearted when she has to be. Also, the most surprising thing about her is how funny she could be. I didn't expect her to be so witty.

Although the film is mostly centered around Raimundas's struggles, some "surprising performances came from other Spanish-born actresses who are not so well known here in the states. Carmen Maura (Irene), Lola Dueñas (Sole), and Yohana Cobo (Paula) give incredibly heartfelt performances and even though I've never seen any of their films, I'm sure they're just as great. I really hope to see more of them in films that will be released in the U.S. in the future.

The real story here is that of Almodovar. He wrote and directed this film and although it may lack the suspense of some of his other movies, it's still an incredible accomplishment for him. The film was perfectly written with just the right amount of despair, wit, humor and the direction is flawless, each character is perfectly on cue. Besides Bad Education, this is my favorite film from him, and I can't wait to see what's up his sleeves.

This is a movie for everyone; it has heart, pain, humor, and everything else anybody could ever want in a good melodrama. And even though I'm not a huge fan of the melodrama genre, this movie kept me entertained and left me wanting more. Anyone who runs out to see this will love it just as much as I did.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

Africa

Sudanese Government, Darfur rebels agree to sponsored cease-fire

According to Reuters, Sudanese government officials and Darfur rebels have "agreed to a 60-day and a peace summit sponsored by the African Union and the United Nations as steps toward stopping the violence in west Sudan."

Sudanese officials have also decided to lift a two-month ban on visits by foreign journalists and to eliminate visa requirements for relief workers. Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir agreed to the ceasefire and the peace summit to be "held no later than March 15."

The AU has attempted to mediate the conflict in the region but has been unsuccessful. Sudan's Khartoum "rejects a U.N. Security Council resolution authorizing 22,500 U.N. peacekeepers to take over the Darfur mission."

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North America

Democrats in Congress challenge Bush Iraq plan

The Bush administration attempted on Jan. 11 to convince the Democratic Congress that sending an additional 21,500 troops will solve the problems in Iraq. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates "insisted to reporters that Bush's new plan will put more pressure on Iraqis to takeover their own security." Democrats, wanting a "phased withdrawal" in four to six months" disapproved. Delaware Democratic Sen. Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee headed the opposition. "I believe the president's strategy is not a solution," said Biden. Gates said that the deployment of additional troops would be gradual and not all of troops may be sent.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

Europe

U.S. Embassy in Athens attacked by "leftists"

According to CNN.com, "seven senior U.S. State Department officials say the initial assessment of Friday's attack on the U.S. Embassy in Athens is that it was launched by 'locally grown leftists', not al-Qaida or another foreign element."

The rocket hit the third floor of the building around 6 a.m. on Jan 12 and a group called the Revolutionary Struggle claimed responsibility for the attack. No one was killed or injured and "the only visible damage was a shattered window."

The only suspect is an unidentified person who called the embassy to connect the RS with the attack. The connection has not been confirmed. The RS has called themselves "an heir of November 17," after the terrorist group named after a student uprising that took place in 1973.

For more information, visit www.cnn.com.
Winter Movie Wrap Up

By Stefan Rubin
Variety Editor

The History Boys
Written: Allan Bennett
Directed: Nicholas Hytner
Starring: Richard Griffiths and Frances De La Tour

Adapted from the stage, this story is based around an unconventional teacher (Richard Griffiths) and his fellow coworkers’ focus on a group of teenage boys at an early 1980’s British grammar school applying for acceptance into the region’s best schools, Oxford and Cambridge. The teachers try to prepare the boys for the grueling entrance exams in the near future while the boys focus on improving their sex lives and having fun.

This is an extremely fun and entertaining film for anybody to watch. The acting is impeccable and the film still has as much heart as the Broadway version. It’s great for anybody looking to fall in love with Ben Whishaw, and laugh with the characters.

Perfume: The Story of a Murderer
Written: Andrew Birkin and Bernd Eichinger
Directed: Tom Tykwer
Starring: Ben Whishaw and Dustin Hoffman

From the book of the same name, the story centers around a young man, Jean-Baptiste Grenouille (Ben Whishaw), born into unfortunate circumstances in 18th Century France. He has an incredible sense of smell. With it, he becomes an apprentice to a once famous but fading perfume maker, Guiseppe Baldini (Dustin Hoffman), who’s in desperate need of a product makeover. He knows the smells of almost every object until one day he gets a whiff of something he’s never smelt before, that of a young virgin girl.

Obsessed with capturing the scent, Grenouille starts out on his journey which takes him to Italy and back to France again in a desperate attempt to create the perfect scent. Although the film is well done and story is incredibly interesting, the drama is a bit overdone and the massive orgy scene at the end doesn’t help very much either.

The Good Shepherd
Written: Eric Roth
Directed: Robert De Niro
Starring: Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie

This story about the birth of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), centers around an extremely ethical Yale graduate and member of the Office of Strategic Services (the thing that came before the CIA) named Edward Wilson (Matt Damon). As Wilson gets more and more involved with the group, his ideals and ethics slowly start to change and his paranoia begins to get the best of him. As he begins to suspect even his closest family members like his wife (Angelina Jolie), his life starts to slowly take a turn for the worse.

Honestly, the movie kept me on my seat the entire time and I absolutely loved it. It’s very similar to the suspense of A Beautiful Mind and just as pleasing at the end.

Night at the Museum
Written: Ben Garant, Thomas Lennon
Directed: Shawn Levy
Starring: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Robin Williams

I have had some blow movies that are both entertaining and educational, but Night at the Museum is definitely counted among them. The premise of this film is basic: Larry Daley (Stiller) is a dad that has some trouble finding a steady job until he falls upon that seems boring: the night guard at the Museum of Natural History. The kicker is that all of the exhibits come to life at night and he must prevent them from escaping. The downbeat dad thing has been done to death but once the wax statues and miniatures come to life the film takes a surprising and funny turn.

While this movie features some well-known actors, Stiller, Wilson, and Williams really take up most of screen-time with amusing dialogue and slapstick. Stiller does not stray far from his usual roles and his performance is comparable to that found in Meet the Parents. Wilson remains the same also, but it is with the addition of Williams’ wit that the combination differs. The comedy may fresh throughout and it is a good, but not great, comedy.

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. Like many fans of certain actors, people either like Jack Black or hate his guts. In my case, I like him, so I am necessarily 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 band and their “rise to power.”

The nitty gritty of the movie revolves around the band’s quest for the Pick of Destiny, a guitar pick that endows its owner with the power to rock so hard it can literally blow someone’s brains out. Yes, that’s right. And that is a fine example of the type of humor found in POD. It is nonsensical, absurd, and completely Tenacious D. Tim Robbins and Ben Stiller also make memorable cameos. I am looking forward to this one on DVD.

Apocalypto
Written: Mel Gibson, Farhad Safinia
Directed: Mel Gibson
Starring: Rudy Youngblood, Morris Birdyellowhead

Apocalypto 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 surrounded 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 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 Apocalypto, but, hey, the Mayans (like many people anywhere and at any time) were sometimes gratuitously violent. The violence in no ways taken 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.

CES Brings Surprises to Consumer Electronics

By Greg Kyriakakis
NSU News Editor

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 to consumers through a variety of means.

The technology blog Engadget.com reported that Apple’s new device, which runs on the company’s OS X operating system, will feature a widescreen touch display, two megapixel camera, WiFi, 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 Cingular-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 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 their iPhone, which enables users to call places over the internet. An Apple spokesman 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 specifics have not been announced yet.

The prospect of using the Xbox 360 as a video recorder has also sparked rumors that a new version of the console, complete with HD DVD and Blu-ray formats. This next generation high definition video player capable of accepting both the HD DVD and Blu-ray formats. This player may appeal to those unwilling to purchase a high definition player since one format will likely prevail over the other. Techspot.com stated that having the luxury of both formats in one box will run consumers $1199.

Wanting to do more than just show off new products, Michael Dell of Dell computers announced the “Plant a Tree for Me” initiative. The UK news Web site Unibet reported that $2 of a laptop purchase and $6 from a desktop purchase will fund the program that aims to offset carbon emissions generated by electricity use. Dell said that the program, beginning in February, will “empower our customers to participate with us in making a difference.”
A Fly on the Wall:
Routinely Speaking

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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 example. Homecoming! Yes, there is one right. No 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 PR 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 weeks theme communication. Again. Yes, its sad people. I am fully aware.

SGA Advisor Gary Gershmam 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. Gershmam 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 has only heard rumors and no solid details about Homecoming and again I agree. That explains the general no-show 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 $20 and the location is the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. The price and the location is the same as last year but it 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 Burke 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.

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 hopefulnes of beginning times. It is a quotation by Ming Dao-Deng from his book “The Way – 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 alone must make something of ourselves, transforming ourselves into the instruments for experiencing the deepest spiritual essence of life.”

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Business Administration
Junior
Davie, FL

"So which shark are we?"

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Criminal Justice
Senior
Hialeah, FL

"It brings a great element to the UC. It shows school pride in a great way."

Jim Sinkewich
Marine Biology
Freshman
Pittsburgh, PA

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Hank Feeney
Business Administration
Sophomore
Davie, FL

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Freshman
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