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Florida Government Considers Cutting FRAG from Budget

Tanya Parnes NSU News Editor

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CommunityFest is Back at NSU

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

NSU's fifth annual CommunityFest will take place on Gold Circle Lake on Feb. 23 from 12-4 p.m. CommunityFest, is a festival designed to unite NSU students, staff, local community businesses and organizations. Since its inception, there have been over 3500 people in attendance each year.

The event involves the collaborative group efforts of NSU students, staff, local community businesses and organizations. During the festival, different departments and student organizations host a variety of activity booths where attendees can play games to win prizes. Some of the departments and organizations that will be featured include the Caribbean Student Association (CSA), Nova International Student Association (NISA), Phi Alpha Delta – NSU’s pre-law fraternity – the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, the Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, NSU’s Alumni Association, Student Counseling, and NSU Athletics. Live entertainment, games, free food and drinks will also be provided throughout the event.

There will be several live performances during the course of the day including the NSU Cheerleaders, the Vocal ensemble, Chicks on Point, and the Sharkettes – NSU’s very own step and dance team. The event also features a live band performance by Libibo, a local band that also performed at last year’s festival. Libibo is one of South Florida’s up and coming professional commercial cover bands, that plays a wide range of music to satisfy all age groups.

Attendees will also have the chance to take part in a number of large scale games, such as Sumo Suits, a rock climbing wall, Extreme Air bungee and a 75 foot long laser tag dome. Expected vendors include Azteca Mexican restaurant, Davie Subs, Quarterdeck, Sonny’s BBQ, Cantina Laredo and Maggie Moo’s. There will also be a raffle to win prizes, including swimming with the Dolphins at the Seaquarium, $100 Barnes & Nobles gift cards, a 3 day 2 night stay in the Marriott Hotel, Flamingo Golden Passes, Contour Day spa packages, and much more. For more information please contact the Office of Public Affairs at pubaffa@nsu.nova.edu.
NSU Students Demand More Diversity in their Coursework

Tanya Parmes, NSU News Editor

NSU is the largest independent university in the southeast and the seventh largest in the country, with a total student population of roughly 26,000 students. The university offers 36 undergraduate majors through the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, the College of Allied Health and Nursing and the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, not to mention the 51 minors offered as well in various subject areas.

Don Rosenblum, Ph.D., Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said that NSU adds almost 100 courses each year. “If I’m always very happy when students say they want more distinctive and creative classes,” said Rosenblum. “They shouldn’t be looking at the minimum required to meet the degree but to craft a curriculum that celebrates discovery, exploration and challenge.” Rosenblum said that the faculty has been doing a great job adding more variety and diversity to their core curriculums and providing students with more choices. “Faculty are offering study travel opportunities and many are now working individually with their students outside of the core curriculum courses,” said Rosenblum. These unique courses are known as independent studies and they provide students with the opportunity to pursue their professors with whatever topic they like and essentially create their own class with their own coursework for the semester, which can fulfill anywhere from one to six credits.

“As much as I celebrate that there are good options, I agree that we need more diverse courses,” said Rosenblum. “What’s sort of disturbing to me is that you have these great professors, the benefits of small class sizes and very little diversity in the courses themselves.”

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“I think the offerings are good and they’re beginning to get better,” said Rosenblum. “When you have more students, you have more faculty and they want more diversity.”

Cherelle Henry, a sophomore and pre-criminal justice major, said that she has taken about twenty required courses for her major and six electives, only three of which are required. “They don’t offer any fan courses or classes that I’m interested in,” she said. “NSU focuses on the medical and business majors and disregards the other programs, so the courses I’m interested in can’t take until graduate school.” Henry feels as though the options for the other majors are much greater and more diverse than her program. Henry is also unhappy with the times at which she has to take her classes. “I have two classes from 6 to 10 p.m. because there simply aren’t any openings in the day,” she said. “I don’t think they treat the other majors fairly. Henry would like to see more course offerings in forensic science, art, music and physical education.

Ken Raza, a sophomore and pre-pharmacy major, also wants more exciting and entertaining courses on campus. “In the honors program they keep changing the options that are open,” Raza said. “They should bring back the chick flics as well as courses involving film. I feel like I’m taking way too many science classes.” Raza wants to see more diversity in his coursework because he feels as though his college experience has been fairly uninteresting so far. “College is supposed to be the time where you not only study for your major but where you discover your interests and really find yourself,” said Raza. “My experience in college hasn’t been lessened or diminished in some way but it has been much more boring than I thought it would be.” Raza said that he signed up for French and Spanish this semester in order to diversify his course load, but really wonders why the university hasn’t expanded its course offerings. Raza hopes to see more courses in literature, art, film, horticulture and gay and lesbian studies. “I really like the classes size here,” said Raza. “The average class size at NSU is about 21 students and most do not go beyond 30. “What’s sort of disturbing to me is that you have these great professors, the benefits of small class sizes and very little diversity in the courses themselves,” said Raza.

“When students ask for more, I realize they want more diversity, more time offerings and more seats or availability in classes,” said Rosenblum. “We’re adding as many faculty as we can every year and they always come in saying they want more courses and must be allowed to bring in some creative ones as well.”

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### Monday

**French Literature:** Members of the NSU Community are invited to join Arnold Ages, Ph.D., as he discusses the works of French Litterateur Pascal in a lecture entitled "Pascal and Religious Genius in 17th Century France." The lecture will take place at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

### Tuesday

**Faculty Lecture Series:** Stacking the Deck: Come join Edward Keith, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at NSU, as he explores the reasons behind the efforts to legitimize whaling. The lecture will take place at 5 p.m. in room 240 of the Parker Building. For more information, contact Jim Doan at doan@nova.edu.

### Wednesday

**The Plastic Brain:** The Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences will present a symposium on the research of Eric Kandel, M.D., recipient of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology and a professor at Columbia University. The symposium will feature three guest speakers who are conducting research associated with Kandel’s findings. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the University Center. For more information, contact Jaime Tartar at 954-262-8192.

### Thursday

**Panel Discussion with Iraq War Veterans:** The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will host a discussion exploring the process of life-writing in relation to Nobel Prize winner Eric Kandel’s book, In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind on Feb. 19 from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 1053/1054 of the Carl DeSantis Building. The lecture will be led by graduate writing students Nichole Coombs, Lyndsay Dusan and Courtney Palmace, with comments by professors Kate Waites, Ph.D., and Allison Binnmher, Ph.D., from the Division of Humanities.

**Anything that Floats Raft Race:** Come out to cheer for your favorite raft at this year's raft race for homecoming week. Watch to see which rafts will sink and which will sail. The race will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Gold Circle Lake. For more information, contact Kathryn Blanco at kblanco@nova.edu.

### Friday

**NSU Homecoming Dance:** Come dance the night away with your Student Government Association and find out who will be chosen for NSU’s Homecoming Court! The dance will begin at 9 p.m. at the Revolutions night club in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, contact Kathryn Blanco at kblanco@nova.edu.

### Saturday

**NSU Community Fest:** Join the NSU community for their annual celebration in a day filled with fun, games and entertainment. The festival will take place at 12:00 p.m. at the Golden Circle Lake. For more information, contact Kathryn Blanco at kblanco@nova.edu.

### Some classes students may be interested in are:

**Women in the Arts; Myth and Art; Visual Effects & Animation; Shakespearean and Modern Comedy; Molecular Biology of Memory; Storage and the Biological Basis of Individuality.** Tickets will be available Mon. Feb. 4 in the Office of the Dean on the second floor of the Muhammad-Hollywood Building. For more information, contact the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences at (954) 262-8236.

**Spring Fling:** Come dance away your pre-final exam stress with the Department of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement! The dance will take place at 8 p.m. at the Flight Deck in the University Center. For more information, contact Jennifer Joseph at josephj@nova.edu.

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### Classes Continued from pg. 2

Well, "Rosenblum said that all courses at NSU are taught by faculty members instead of TAs or graduate students as in other universities throughout the country, and the classes are always kept small for the benefit of the students. However, he always welcomes feedback and recommendations from the student population at large about things that can be done to increase the diversity of coursework offered at the university. "Students should let someone know about the courses that interest them and if we can't create the course immediately we can try to do so in the near future," said Rosenblum. "Faculty members love teaching creative classes so students should talk to their professors."
**NSU Students Share Leadership Experience**

Kristine Belizaire, Current Affairs Editor

The Pursuit of Leadership is an interactive event that brings students together to share community leaders, faculty members, and administrators as they share their experiences about their paths towards leadership. For the first time ever, two NSU students, Alina Tawil and Shane Johnson, have been chosen to speak out about their leadership experiences on campus at this year's event.

“They were chosen because of the passion that they had with them,” said Marcie Washington, Graduate Assistant for Leadership Development. Tawil is a junior and the current president of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and the program assistant for NSU’s Student Union Board (SUB). Johnson, also a junior, is a resident advisor in The Commons residence hall, founder of NSU’s Step it Up initiative, and president of the Caribbean Student Association (CSA).

Tawil began her leadership path at NSU during her freshman year. When Tawil initially attended NSU’s club and organization fair, she was disappointed with the small number of clubs and organizations available to the student body at large. Tawil felt as though student life was greatly lacking on NSU’s scattered campus, and immediately decided to become more involved with the university. Tawil worked her way up to the leadership roles that she now holds. Tawil joined Delta Phi Epsilon and met many people who have had a great impact upon her life, such as Brad Williams, Ed.D., Dean of Student Affairs. Tawil believes that she has helped to make things bigger and better than ever on campus. Tawil’s mother has also provided her with a constant source of support and backup, especially when she had to make some tough choices such as her decision not to attend law school. “Make your presence known,” said Tawil. “No leader is born. I challenge you to do more than just the average.”

Johnson’s journey towards leadership has followed a much different route. In high school, Johnson learned how to lead on the field as the captain of both his football team and his varsity baseball team. Upon arriving at NSU, Johnson further built upon his personal understanding of the qualities that make a great leader. Johnson did not anticipate becoming the founder of an important organization on campus, however after he had proposed the idea of the Step it Up initiative and it was considered by several administrators, his suggestion for improving campus awareness about the various aspects of the political process quickly came to fruition. Johnson also believes that his mother has played a key role in his path towards leadership because she pushed him from the very beginning to get more involved in various activities during high school, despite his protests. Johnson feels that there are certain key qualities, like faith, passion, compassion, patience, determination and ambition, that help to make you become a better leader.

The Pursuit of Leadership is sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, and co-sponsored by the Office of Career Development. For more information please contact Marcie Washington at 954-262-7256 or online at mwashing@nova.edu.

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**NSU Homecoming Week Attempts to Unite NSU Community**

Bibin Mannattuparampil Staff Writer

Homecoming 2008 is focused on bringing the members of the NSU community together for a weekend filled with exciting and interesting activities. There are a number of events taking place on campus beginning with the inaugural Homecoming Concert on Thursday, Feb. 21 featuring Helsigodly and other local bands. Tickets are selling for $10 general admission and $12.50 floor seating, and are available to all NSU students as well as the community at large. They can be purchased in the ASA building or online at ticketmaster.com using the promotion code “homecoming” to access the NSU discounted tickets.

Friday is NSU’s annual school spirit day. Students are encouraged to dress up in their NSU gear and show off their Shark pride. There will also be a series of campus tours available to students throughout the day in order to fill them in on the many improvements and changes that have already taken place as well as the future developments to come on NSU’s rapidly growing campus. Students will have the opportunity to show off their golf skills at the second annual Dennis Dannacher Golf Outing between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., for a fee of $60. Once the tournament is over, students will have the chance to relax for the evening with a pair of denim jeans, boots, music, and champagne at the third annual Blues and Bubble Alumni event.

NSU’s homecoming dance will take place later that evening at 9 p.m. at Revolutions Nightclub in Riverfront, which is located in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Students are required to “dress to impress,” because the dance is a red carpet affair. Tickets are available to all NSU students and can be purchased from any of the SGA senators for $25.

The greatest number of events is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 23. Students will have the chance to enjoy eating breakfast with the Dean of Student Affairs, Brad Williams, Ed.D., from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Carl DeSoto Building Atrium. Immediately following breakfast, there will be a number of different courses and seminars available to students in the same building including Re-energize Your Career, Estate Planning 101, Pharmacology Update, Effective Negotiating-Controlling Information in the Bargaining Process, and many more.

On the same day, students can head over to the Gold Circle Lake at 12 p.m. for NSU’s CommunityFest, an annual celebration that seeks to unite the NSU community for a day filled with food, fun, games, activities and live entertainment. At 4 p.m., a special Time Capsule Unveiling event will take place at the north end of the University Center. 2008 will mark the beginning of the 50 year countdown. Later that evening, both the women’s and men’s basketball teams will be playing against their rivals from Lynn University. The women’s game starts at 5:30 p.m. and the men’s begins at 7:30 p.m. NSU students should go out and support their basketball teams to help them ensure victories on homegrowing night. After the games, the NSU community is invited to attend a comedy show that will take place in the Flight Deck. Appetizers and drinks will be served, and they will be accompanied by a night filled with entertainment from the hilarious comedic lineup.

For more information about Homecoming 2008, students should contact Kathryn Bianco at kbianco@nova.edu.

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Shark Softball Sweeps Northwood
Tranell Mesa Sports Editor

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Men's Basketball Drops 4th Game in a Row

Tranell Mesa, Sports Editor

NSU’s men’s basketball team (9-13, 4-7 SSC) had an unfortunate week as they dropped two regional games, one to Christian Brothers University by a score of 81-48 and the other to Eckerd College with a score of 81-63, which resulted in the Sharks being dropped down to a 7th place ranking in the SSC.

Despite these losses, two Shark athletes managed to stand out apart from the rest. Senior Kevin Chester and junior Josh Wood worked really hard to pick up the team’s slack, giving two of their best individual appearances thus far during the 2007-08 season.

Chester grabbed 14 points against Eckerd’s Tritons and tallied up an impressive 21 points and two blocks while playing the Christian Brother’s Buccaneers.

Wood not only executed with excellent defense during both games, but also racked in a whopping 20 points against the Tritons and 15 points against the Bucs.

Women’s Basketball is Back in the Game

Tim Coenraad, Staff Writer

NSU’s #6 regionally ranked women’s basketball team (16-6, 9-2 SSC) got back into their winning ways upon defeating Eckerd College’s Tritons on Feb. 9 with a comfortable score of 70-56, maintaining their tie for the first place SSC slot with the University of Tampa.

Sophomore Stephanie Sarosi led the Shark’s, scoring once again with 26 points, evenly distributed in each half, while grabbing down nine rebounds.

Senior Amber Bishko had a commanding impact with 10 points and seven rebounds as well, while sophomore LaShawnna Edwards remained offensively reliable, sinking 12 points of her own.

NSU Golf Opens 2008 Season

Tim Coenraad, Staff Writer

NSU’s #2 nationally ranked women’s golf team kicked off the 2008 season with a slam as they took home a solid 2nd place finish in the Tuscumc/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate Tournament. The men’s Gold Team didn’t do too badly either, placing 5th at the Mattice Collegiate Classic.

Defending her title as NCAA Div. II Women’s Golfer of the Year, sophomore Maria Garcia Aunst, gave an outstanding performance of the day, finishing first going 3-over par shooting 73 and 74 in the first and second rounds, respectively. The Sharks finished 2nd amongst the 18 competing teams for the tournament, shooting 295 in round one and 310 in round two, falling right behind 2007’s national champions, Florida Southern, who shot 294 and 305.

Junior Constantin Schiessl led the Sharks on the course with a 2nd place finish overall, shooting an astounding 74 in the first round and 70 in the second.

Senior, Greg Mahoney

Women’s Golf Team

Junior, Josh Wood stays low as he looks for an open.
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Wilding in the West features Will Oldham’s “Loudest” tracks
Stefani Rubinbo Staff Writer

Will Oldham, better known under the moniker Bonnie “Prince” Billy, is renowned for his interesting and enthusiastic stage shows. Oldham released his first live album, *Summer in the Southeast*, in 2005 and now, two years later, has just released his second one entitled *Wilding in the West*.

Unlike *Summer in the Southeast*, which was clearly recorded in places like Florida, the Carolinas, and other similar locations, *Wilding in the West* is described as having been recorded in central coastal California. After learning that fact, it is fairly easy to see what Oldham is trying to do. For most folk-artists, like Oldham, intimate live-shows in personal settings are the preferred venue of choice. With that comes a personal experience for every member in the audience, and by not revealing where the album was recorded, Oldham is offering the at-home listeners a chance to get to “in on the action.”

It comes as no surprise that most of the tracks are from his most recent and critically acclaimed album, 2006’s *The Letting Go*, and from 2003’s *Master & Everyone*. However, these tracks are not the originally recorded versions. Dawn McCarthy, Oldham’s recording partner and backup singer on *The Letting Go*, showed up to assist him with these songs, but instead of the intricate string arrangement that were in the original recordings, they use a bold electric piano arrangements and an electric guitar.

The best of these newer live versions of *The Letting Go* material would be “I Called You Back” and “Then the Letting Go.”

The live versions for both of these songs are so different and so unique that it’s hard not to love them. The piano arrangement works incredibly well with both of these songs and at some points, it’s hard to notice that the original string arrangements are actually missing. It is almost as if the original recording featured this boasting, intrepid electric piano. The electric guitar is a great addition as well, as it breaks free from that traditional folk dreadfulness that it typically expected and turns it into something a little more fun and entertaining. The material from *Master & Everyone* received an even bigger and more drastic remixing. The band’s teetering through the title track, “Master & Everyone,” is by far the biggest disappointment on the entire album. The band played with seemingly no care or concern and in some ways, it seems as though the only reason the song was included on the album at all because it is one of Oldham’s most well-known songs. However, “Three Questions” proves that the material has not been completely taken for granted. That track is paired up with “O Let It Be” and the two have been re-mastered and remixed so well that they work perfectly together back to back. In fact, they would probably even work well if they were combined as one song.

All-in-all, *Wilding in the West*, much like *Summer in the Southeast*, falls a little short. Both albums, especially *Summer in the Southeast*, feel as though they are seriously missing something. For hardcore fans of the album, it is very interesting to listen to and mostly satisfying throughout.

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**Strength in Black Families: Film Festival**

Racquel Fagon Variety Editor

It is Black History Month and a cache of longevity, perseverance and strength, analogies, stories and films are traveling through the channels of communication, invigorating the meaning of the month. This significant month is not only honored by African-Americans but by all individuals who believe in the importance of civil liberties in the United States and, by extension, throughout the world.

Debra Nixon, Ph.D., from Family Planning at NSU, is hosting a series entitled: The Strength in Black Families Film Festival. The first showing for the festival took place on Friday, Feb. 15. The movie *Akeelah and the Bee*, starring Angela Bassett (How Stella Got Her Groove Back), Laurence Fishbourne, (Matrix Trilogy) and Keke Palmer (Jump In- Disney Channel) was the push off film for the series. The film tells the story of an 11-year-old girl from southern Los Angeles who tries to make it to the top in the National Spelling Bee. The movie also explores the issue of education within the black community and suggests that perseverance and strength to work hard, knowing that all men are created equal and that they have the power to do anything. This same weakness can be altered and with the right encouragement, forever change for the better. Nixon hopes to engender this change through the ongoing film festival.

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