NSU Student Assaulted in The Commons

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**Sharma soon after the assault.**

Sharma said that Sokhi was kneeling on the floor of his dorm room putting the last few things up while he was leaving to go to class. Sharma began putting his things up while Sokhi was putting the last few things in his suitcase when Sokhi allegedly got up from his chair, walked over to the door and locked it. "I thought that it was a little bit strange, but I just kept packing my things, since Hai was waiting for me," said Sharma. "Jatin walked back over to the chair to sit down, with his back towards me, but he began turning around in his chair periodically to watch me pack. Then, suddenly, he jumped out of the chair and started punching me in the face. He held me down with his leg and just attacked me." Sharma said that he kept asking Sokhi what was wrong or if he had offended him in some way. Sharma was pleading with him to stop but Sokhi did not answer him or respond in any way. Sokhi simply kept hitting and punching Sharma, who began bleeding from both his nose and the back of his head. "Somehow, I managed to get up and I ran as fast as I could out of the room towards the elevator to go downstairs," said Sharma.

Sharma saw his friend, Zain Khalid, in the hallway as he ran towards the elevator and enlisted his help with the situation. "He was leaving to go to New York and I was leaving to go to Orlando that day," said Khalid. "I was making my last trip to my dorm room when I saw Varun running around the corner towards the elevator looking very messed up." Khalid immediately realized something was wrong and asked Sharma what had happened. "I just could not believe it," said Khalid. "I was going to run down to the room to ask Jatin what had happened, but then I thought better of it."

Khalid ran down to the RA's room to alert him of the situation, but the RA was not there. Khalid then took Sharma downstairs to the front desk to let them know what had happened and to try to get some help. "I immediately asked them to call Public Safety," said Khalid. Khalid said that the Davie police were there within five minutes and Public Safety about fifteen minutes later. "The thing that shocked me was that the front desk had no First Aid kit available. The person had to run down to the office next door to get it. Then, everyone started pestering Varun with questions after question, when he was clearly in shock and not up to answering them."

Khalid said that he escorted Public Safety to alert them of the situation and to get the injured person medical attention.

Sokhi (left) and Sharma (right) before the assault.

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**SGA Presidential Hopefuls Share Thoughts and Visions for the Future at the First-Ever SGA Presidential Debates**

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The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted the first-ever presidential election debates on Thursday, March 27, at Quad Thursday. Each of the candidates had five minutes in which to present a brief overview of their platforms and positions on various issues, followed by a question and answer session. The members of the Organizational Standards Board (OSB) had prepared four questions for each of the candidates to answer, and then the floor was opened up to those NSU students who wished to ask further questions.

Phillip Ortiz, presidential candidate for SHARKS UNITED, began the debates with a short outline of his party's issues. Ortiz pointed out the four main issues that he is most concerned with, including affordable textbooks for students, increased food options and hours in the cafeteria, working with off campus merchants before so that people will know what is happening on campus. Ortiz acknowledged that his biggest downfall is the fact that he is a perfectionist, as well as a workaholic, but said that he plans to work on both of those aspects of his personality if elected. Ortiz said that school spirit and school involvement are very important issues that he would like to improve upon if elected President. Ortiz believes that the creation of a student-run television station will help to improve these two areas throughout NSU. "I feel that my television program would increase school spirit by televising events such as athletic games that happen on campus," said Ortiz.

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Benedict Choi, Presidential candidate for LEAD STRONG, followed Ortiz with an overview of his party's main issues and concerns. Choi is interested in creating a student run panel, more parties on NSU's campus, improving the food options in the cafeteria, working with off campus restaurants to try to create a deal in which the Shark Card can be used outside of the university, increasing collaboration with other students and administrators who will help him to accomplish my goals."

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Safety up to the dorm room when they arrived and then returned downstairs to go with Sharma to the hospital. "I just realized that it happened. I really do think that Jatin is psychotic," said Khalid. "All he would do is smoke cigarettes and go out a lot. From what I heard, he didn't care much about school. I think that what really made him snap was the fact that he had missed his flight home the day before." Khalid was also frustrated with The Commons' reaction to the situation. "I would think that since this happened in The Commons, all of the residential advisors would have known about it, but they do not." Khalid also stated that "I have no one who knows about what happened, and that the university is trying to keep it under wraps." Sharma said that Lax Hancock, Director of Residential Life, and Meagan Elsberry, Area Coordinator for The Commons, also arrived shortly after the incident was reported to Public Safety. "They asked me if I wanted to call someone from my family to let them know what had happened," said Sharma. "They also asked me if I needed clean up to clean me up and to take care of me. The police showed up about ten minutes after the incident occurred. They went upstairs to my dorm to arrest Jatin and he was taken to jail that same day." NSU took action on the issue immediately after it was discovered. Student officials, however, cannot legally comment on the particulars of their investigation or the incident itself in Gay Holliday, Ed. D., Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "Due to the university policies related to the privacy of student records, I am unable to make any specific comments related to the incident. Holliday went on to say that the incident has already been addressed by the administration. Sharma was satisfied with the university's actions regarding the incident.
However, Sharma is still very shaken up by the incident. "I really would have expected my own roommate to do something like this to me," said Sharma. "Sometimes you just keep at it and the incident pops into my mind, keeping me up all night. I keep replaying the incident in my mind and it's hard for me to concentrate or focus on my studies." Sharma has been very affected by the attack and worries about possible future implications of its aftermath. "The incident really freaked me out," said Sharma. "I really feel scared on campus now because I feel like he may come back to hurt me again. He got expelled from the university and I'm scared that he may come back for revenge." Sharma knows that he has friends in the area and he worries about his safety as well as the safety of others on campus. Sharma and Sokhi have roommates since the Fall 2007 semester. Sharma said that they had been pretty friendly with one another throughout the fall semester but that things had changed in the winter. "We had all noticed that Jatin was very quiet this semester. He has stayed in his room a lot watching YouTube and listening to a lot of R&B music," said Sharma. "He noticed Sokhi spending a lot of time on the computer, reading all kinds of random pieces of information. Sometimes it was about football and he visited Wikipedia a lot as well," said Sharma. "When I asked him what he was reading about, he told me that he was looking at random things. I also asked him why he was so quiet this semester but he told me that everything was alright." Sharma said that Sokhi stopped hanging out with them during this semester. "Every time we went out, we would invite Jatin to come with us but he always refused to come along. Then one day he started pulling away, we figured out with them during this semester. "Every time we went out, we would invite Jatin to come with us but he always refused to come along. Then one day he started pulling away, we figured out what was going on and we figured out for a resolution to this incident. By Wednesday of that week they had come back from Spring Break on Sunday, Sharma said that Sokhi was really never going to do something like this. "I had to go discuss the issue with Public Safety," said Sharma. "I was very satisfied with the university's actions when they did so." One thing that bothered Sharma, however, was the fact that the university did not publicize the incident. "When I came back from Spring Break on Sunday, March 19th, I only saw one picture of Jatin hanging in the dorms, alerting the students about his expulsion from campus," said Sharma. "They had told me over the phone that they had put his picture all over campus, but that simply was not the case. By Wednesday of that week they had already taken the picture down, and when I asked Dr. Holliday why, she told me that I had to go discuss the issue with Public Safety." Sharma was very frustrated with this because he feels that the students should have been aware of the situation. "All of the residential advisors, Varun's older brother, who flew in from New York to help him settle back down into the dorms, was also very upset about the situation. "Varun needs treatment and is really scared about everything," said Sharma. "He has constant nightmares about this incident." Sharma said that he is concerned about the safety of his brother as well as the other students throughout the campus. "If my brother had not gotten free, he might have been killed," said Sharma. "I just want all of the NSU students to be aware of this incident so they can remain safe on campus." Vijay Shenai, a senior and biology student who is one of Sharma and Sokhi's suite mates, was also very shocked to hear about the incident. "When I got the call about what had happened, I really did not believe it," said Shenai. "It was just really confusing, because we were all friends with him. We would have never expected something like this to happen." Shenai noted that they all used to go out together, especially to go fishing, and that they had always gotten along really well with one another. "In the beginning of the semester he went out with us, but then he suddenly stopped," said Shenai. "I think that right about the time that this incident occurred, our friendship was very limited. We'd ask him about school and he would give very short answers." Shenai said that Sokhi stopped going out and was constantly hanging out in his dorm room reading things on the computer. "When he started pulling away, we figured he was stressed out and just wanted to keep to himself," said Shenai. "We kind of knew that he was stressed and that something was wrong. We would wake up almost every hour to give him a smoke. I think that we all just felt bad for him and were trying to figure out ways to talk to him." Shenai said that he feels really confused about the whole situation because he used to be friends with Sokhi. Shenai simply could not understand how his friend could do something like this. "I hope that he gets help to fix whatever it is that is with him," said Shenai. "As a friend, I don't want to see anything happen that day to make him stop, but I am worried about the safety of others on this campus if he were ever to return." SGA Continued from pg. 1 the administration, advertising the athletic games on the SharkTube network and creating a free zone on campus for students to voice their concerns. "While I may only have been a part of SGA for one year, I have gained a lot of experience during that time period," said Chai. "I want you, the students, to be a part of your student government association." Chai's biggest concern is also his biggest concern for NSU's campus, and he would like to see more coverage of different campus happenings such as the athletic games. "I would like to see a bigger SharkTube, as it already is in place, to increase involvement on campus," said Chai. Chai noted that he likes big events, but that he is working diligently to keep it in check. "Past presidents have not had as much collaboration with the administration as I would like to see," said Chai. "I would like to see an improvement in that area." Chai said that he is hardworking, precise, accurate, a very good listener and cares very much about this university.
There was also a surprise announcement made by Shane Johnson, a junior and business administration major, who announced his intention to run for SGA president as well. Although Johnson will not be listed officially on the ballot, students can select him nonetheless as a write-in candidate. Johnson's party is called True Change. The Only Option. His executive ticket includes Lesly-Loardnar Mathurin for Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Ujash Patel for Vice President of Judicial Affairs and Christina Chubb for Executive Secretary. Johnson has a very compact platform comprised of several issues. These include tightening up safety and security on campus, improving the transportation system at NSU by increasing the number of off-campus destinations such as stops at the Broward Mall, encouraging more school spirit through the creation of Fantastic Fridays, which will be large block parties held the first Friday of every month to try to bring together the entire NSU community, and lastly, Johnson wants to bring about much needed improvements throughout the campus at large, such as increased food options, rearranging the placement of SharkTube.
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across campus, a larger amount of laundry facilities in the FVY residential halls and an exclusive atmosphere in the Flight Deck by in-stalling tinted windows. "We are running for true change. We want to provide the campus with a fresh outlook and true change for our students," said Johnson. "We came up with a platform that is original, realistic and attainable. We are all from different walks of life and therefore we have a very diverse executive board. We touch different groups of people throughout the campus life and I think that is really important. We are representing the whole campus of NSU."

"I really liked the debates a lot," said Nicole Martinez, a sophomore and nursing student. "I thought that Philip Ortiz was very prepared and I liked both candidates' future plans for the university." Martinez pointed out that she especially liked the idea of a television broadcasting station. "I really do hope that they follow through with what they're promising," said Martinez.

Joanne Vera Cruz, a junior and nursing student, said that she really liked the debates as well. "They were very informative and they focused more on serving the students, as well as catering to the students more than anything else," said Cruz. "I like the idea of a free speech zone, because it kind of helps to make SNSU feel like a much larger university rather than such a small campus." Cruz said that was something that was confident with both parties' platforms and is very interested to see which one will emerge victorious.

Catherine Johnson, a freshman and athletic training major, attended the debate to support the LEAD STRONG party, which is her first choice for this year’s new SGA. "I really liked the debates, although at times I thought the candidates were focused on each other rather than on the issues themselves," said Johnson. "I did think that in the end both parties got their points across." Johnson said that she is a strong supporter of Choi because she has had the chance to get to know him personally throughout the course of the year, as well as become familiar with his work ethic. "I know that when Ben puts his mind to something, he'll do it and he'll do it well," said Johnson. "I think that whichever party is chosen, it will turn out alright. I do think that Philip Ortiz's ideas are a bit more right for this school. I think that Benedict Choi and I feel that he will be able to conduct himself in a professional manner at every meeting," said Ligden. "Vote LEAD STRONG, the party of the young constituents and for the constituents of NSU." Max Hyman, a freshman and legal studies major, was not quite as satisfied with these debates as some of the other students. "I thought that they showed the true intentions of both sides and what each candidate wants to achieve," said Hyman. "I don’t think that people had enough time to ask questions and I think that it is very important for the NSU student population to be able to ask critical questions of their potential candidates." NSU students can vote for next year’s SGA beginning March 31 through April 3. On March 31, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the Parker Building, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Commons residence hall, and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin residence hall. On April 1, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the center of the University Center and in front of the Parker Building. On April 2, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Parker Building. On the last day of voting, April 3, students can vote from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the University Center. Students will also have the opportunity to vote online. An email will be sent out to all students containing a link they can follow to cast their vote.

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"I thought that the people on LEAD STRONG challenged his proposal by pointing out that it was taking away from the diversity on NSU's campus." Anthony Ferrara, a senior and legal studies major, really enjoyed watching the debate. "I thought that it was a much larger and better outlet that I have never seen SGA take on the debates," said Ferrara. "I think that they showed the true intentions of both sides and what each candidate wants to achieve," said Hyman. "I don’t think that people had enough time to ask questions and I think that it is very important for the NSU student population to be able to ask critical questions of their potential candidates." NSU students can vote for next year’s SGA beginning March 31 through April 3. On March 31, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the Parker Building, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Commons residence hall, and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin residence hall. On April 1, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the center of the University Center and in front of the Parker Building. On April 2, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Parker Building. On the last day of voting, April 3, students can vote from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the University Center. Students will also have the opportunity to vote online. An email will be sent out to all students containing a link they can follow to cast their vote.

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March 24 marked a very special occasion as the date for NSU’s very first Annual Faculty Symposium. NSU professors from a variety of disciplines gave presentations on an even wider variety of topics.

NSU professors from the departments of Math, Science and Technology, Humanities, and Social and Behavioral Sciences gave 20 minute presentations based on scholarship they had researched or were in the process of researching. Topics ranged from "New Compounds with a Potential for use as Hydrogen Storage Media," to "Adventures in Parameter Space," to "Why I Hate the Yankees: The History of Sports Rivalries and Social and Cultural Conflict in American Society."

The opportunity to learn from such wide fields of research was well received by students. "I didn’t come to see any one professor. A lot of these topics are very interesting," said senior David Cevallos. "Dr. Keith’s lecture was interesting; it had useful and easy to understand information."

"But I was initially interested because I’m a baseball fan, and saw Dr. Gershman’s "Why I Hate the Yankees" on the list of presentations," said senior Ryan Frabizio. "But then I also saw Dr. Casale’s work on "D. Ehrhart, a Vietnam vet, and because I’m a history student and also familiar with a handful of Ehrhart’s poems, I went for that one as well. He probably turned out to be the most interesting for me, since I can absorb it and might have the chance to look at some of it in my own work as a student later on. I thought it was a good concept, to let the faculty present some of their research right here on campus. The variety was fun: Vietnam and baseball, and then another presentation on the U.S. electoral system, back-to-back-to-back. [There was] pretty broad range there."

The faculty was also pleased with the creation of a forum to not only share their findings with the NSU community, but as steps to further their presented research. "The symposium has been an opportunity for the faculty to share their research with the students," said Dr. W.D. Ehrhart, a Vietnam vet. "I hope to present a paper on the same topic at the Florida Philosophical Association conference in November of this year."

On March 19, NSU’s Pan-African Student Association (PASA) held its Outstanding South Floridian Awards ceremony in the Knight Auditorium in the Carl DeSantis Business Building. Each year, PASA holds this event to give the award to African Americans who have proven to be dedicated to community involvement and growth. In the past, PASA had presented the Outstanding Floridian Award to Samuel Morrison, retired director of Broward County Libraries. This year, the honorees are Marcie Washington, NSU graduate assistant for leadership development, and Bobby Palmer, event coordinator, who involves the community in various programs.

"The Outstanding Floridian Award is given annually to community leaders who have proven to be exceptional role models," said Natalie Champagne, secretary of PASA. According to Champagne, the community services of Washington and Palmer are living reminders that show that people who try to accomplish things can achieve greatness in society and their communities. "We would like to honor you for reminding us that the person who says something cannot be done is often interrupted by someone doing it, and that would be the community service performed by Marcie Washington and Bobby Palmer," Champagne said. "For presenting the award PASA was founded at NSU in 1986. PASA’s mission is to develop unity and cultural awareness among all students at NSU. This group strives to academically advance, politically enlighten, and socially motivate members, as well as all students at NSU. "As an active executive board member, all of us have been engaged in numerous activities in order to see the continuation of PASA’s success," said Champagne. "We have hosted activities and events, implementing the PACE plan which consists of political, academic, cultural and economic endeavors."

Champagne also added that PASA will be holding their executive board elections on April 12. Anyone interested in joining PASA should contact Natalie Champagne at nchampag@nova.edu.
NSU Sports

March 31, 2006

Exciting Games in Shark Softball

Tranell Mesa
“Sports Editor”

The NSU softball team (30-11; 2-1 SSC) began their conference play on March 20 with a series win over the University of Tampa Spartans and by splitting their double-header with the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish.

Sophomore Dani Caron was the difference in the first game against the Spartans, pitching all 14 innings in an awesome display, giving up only two runs on 10 hits and not walking a single batter.

Tampa struck first in the fourth inning with one run off of an RBI single. The Sharks tied up the game in the sixth, when senior Ashley Baker singled up the middle for an RBI, scoring freshman Rachel Horan hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning off a two RBI double by Tampa’s Samantha Becker, which NSU would not recover from.

On the next at-bat, sophomore Noemi Luciani hit the game winning RBI when she singled through the left side, allowing Pepper to score the winning run.

Baker’s fine performance in the first game carried over to the second game on both offense and defense as she went the distance on the mound, giving up only two runs off of five hits.

Both teams scored a single run in the opening inning, but the Sharks broke open the game in the bottom of the third when Luciani scored off a throwing error, followed by Donachie hitting a two RBI double to centerfield, making the score 4-1.

NSU gave one run back to Tampa in the fourth off a throwing error, but the Sharks amplified the pressure in the bottom of the fifth, when Baker was able to steal home and NSU loaded the bases, forcing in a run when sophomore Dana Bergner was hit by a pitch and Caron scored on a passed ball.

The three run fifth inning gave NSU a 7-2 lead which they held onto for the victory. Baker’s offensive performance was once again stellar, going 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI, while Donachie went 2-for-4 with two RBI’s and a run.

Against Palm Beach Atlantic, the visitors wasted no time scoring their first run in the top of the first off an RBI single, but the Sharks immediately responded, taking the lead in the bottom of the first courtesy of freshman Brooke Mitchell’s two RBI singles.

Play remained quiet until the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Sharks ended up running off three straight RBI’s.

First, senior Kelly Brookins smashed an RBI, double scoring Baker, then Caron followed with another RBI, double scoring Brookins, and finally Bergner scored Caron, bringing home another RBI double and making the score 5-1.

PBA responded in the top of the fifth with a two-run inning, but NSU stretched the lead to 6-3 in the sixth when Pepper scored off a throwing error.

Caron closed out the seventh and final inning, retiring three straight batters and taking her 12th win of the season.

The Sailfish were determined not to let NSU sweep the day and took the second game of the double-header 4-1. The Sharks outhit the PBA 5-4 but were unable to capitalize with a victory.

Sophomore Brittany Lamb was the only player with more than one hit, going 2-for-3 in her at-bats.

Shark Tennis Falls to Rollins, 3-6

Tranell Mesa
“Sports Editor”

Following the cancellation of the Sharks (11-4) versus the U.S. Military Academy on March 21, NSU’s eight match winning streak was brought to an abrupt ending on March 22 as the No. nationally-ranked Rollins College, 3-6.

While competing in a series of six singles matches, NSU took the split as junior Ulla Talalenko and seniors Tippy Waterman and Aliza Koroakevich were victorious in their respective matches.

In contrast to their previous two victories on the court, sadly the Sharks were not able to clinch a single win in doubles competition, and all three duos were defeated by the Tars.

Sophomore Mary Coder
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VARSITY 8+ CONQUERS ROLLINS COLLEGE

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU men's baseball team (18-11; 3-1 SSC) was scheduled to play Lynn University in a three-game series but the Sharks' win on March 21 proved to be the only contest, as the double header the next day was cancelled due to rain. The Sharks did, however, face Merrimack College on March 26, resulting in NSU's 18th win of the season.

In the Sharks' conference match-up against the Lynn University Fighting Knights, NSU was able to take a 4-0 lead after six innings of play, courtesy of some fine pitching by senior Rudy Garcia.

Garcia pitched 5.1 innings, allowing only three hits and no runs. Senior Bryan Cook drew first blood for the Sharks in the second inning, smashing a solo homerun and giving NSU a 1-0 lead.

Freshman J.D. Martinez scored off a passed ball in the fourth inning, then Robinson collected a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning giving Merrimack some hope going into the ninth inning, courtesy of a comeback and two more runs in the eighth inning.

The Sharks scored their first run of the match in the seventh inning, but NSU was given what proved to be the winning run in the eighth, when sophomore Eric McCans was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, making the score 5-1.

The Varsity 8+ boats fell to #3 Dowling crew team underwent a rough week of competition as both the Varsity 8+ and Varsity 4+ Conquers Knights and Warriors later taking second over SSC rivals of NSU's #4 ranked women's crew team underwent a rough week of competition as both the Varsity 8+ and Varsity 4+ boats fell to #3 Dowling College in a dual meet on March 20 in their respective 2014-meet races.

The Sharks would make a comeback while contending in the Governor's Cup Regatta at Florida Tech's home course, commonly known as "The Ditch."

The V8+ took first with an impressive time of 7:11.3 in their first race of the day, later taking second over SSC rivals of Rolls College by a 2-second difference in what was commented on as being one of the most exciting races of day. The V4+ came in a close third just behind the prestigious Columbus University, behind Dowling as well once again.

NSU will be back in action on April 11 for the FIRA Championships, in which the Sharks will face off with a number of their SSC foes.

KNIGHTS AND WARRIORS DEVORED BY SHARKS

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The V8+ took first with an impressive 2000-meter "The Ditch."

The Sharks overcame a Lynn comeback in the ninth inning to take the victory, 5-4. Garcia picked up his fifth win and senior pitcher Nick Carris collected his sixth save of the year.

After the double-header against Lynn was cancelled, the Sharks faced the Merrimack College Warriors in a game in which the Sharks never trailed. After a three up, three down first inning for the visitors, NSU poured on three runs in the bottom of the first, when senior Matt Minnich scored on a fielding error, and Robinson collected two RBI's, scoring Cook and junior Dale Alberito.

The Sharks scored three more runs in the third and fourth innings.

J. Martinez scored Minnich after grounding out to the Warriors' shortstop, and in the fourth inning, senior Ryan Walding hit an RBI single and senior Jimmy Sposa scored off a wild pitch, giving the Sharks a 6-0 lead.

Three RBI's by the Warriors in the fifth inning gave Merrimack some hope of a comeback and two more runs in the eighth inning closed the gap to one run. NSU received a two run cushion going into the ninth inning, courtesy of a clutch RBI single from Sposa to left field. Freshman Sean Albury recorded his first save of the year, closing out the ninth inning with no runs and no hits and giving NSU the victory.

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Tyler Perry nudges the interests of his devoted in his comedy-drama "Meet the Browns," using his highest-grossing material and becoming quite intimate with his audience. The playwright, actor, and director has perfected his movie art to franchise a plot that only he can deliver... and he does in "Meet the Browns." While I am not a big Tyler Perry fan, I can respect the man's genius at consistently delivering what his audience has become addicted to: his mix of raucous humor, syrupy sentiment and spiritual enlightenment. Despite being marketed predominantly to the black community, there is little effect on ticket sales and his staying power in the theaters. The Browns, a resilient single mother whose dressing would scare every fashion designer into quitting the business, the queen of sass, Vera (Jennifer Lewis), and the sensible, witty L.B. (Frankie Faison). Coincidentally, Brenda also meets once upon a time love-interest Harry (Rick Fox).

My particular problem with Perry's movies is the idea that he introduces so many sub-plots. These sub-plots make his movies a road with many paths and cause the audience to ponder which one to follow. He gives various real-life hardships a light, surreal depiction that his characters conquer in one fell swoop. Also, the assumptions he allows his characters to make are quite elementary and one dimensional. For example, when Vera finds out that Brenda as a single mom has had children with all different men, she changes her behavior towards her and treats her with disapproval and disdain. But by the end of the movie, she goes back to respecting Brenda as a conquering woman.

Knowing what his audience wants, Perry never lacks in giving it. "Meet the Browns" is another excellent marketing venture for the self-selling playwright. 

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**A Night With Kimya Dawson**

Stefani Rubino
Staff Writer

"My Mom," and "Underground" are the best songs from "Remember That I Love You," and it was exciting to hear her play them live. Both songs are more depressing than the ones I think most people in the audience expected to hear, but the lyrics are so smart and so easy to connect with that the entire time she was playing it felt as if she was talking to each person in the audience individually. "My Heroes" stood out so much because it came with a hilarious disclaimer. Right before she played the song she told everyone in the audience that she wrote "My Heroes" for Pee-Wee Herman and Michael Jackson, and then went on to say "Maybe not so much for Michael Jackson anymore."

She ended the set with the brilliant and sad "Hold My Hand," an anthem that calls for better treatment of children everywhere.

This was the most honest performance of the entire night and Dawson played it with such feeling and heart that it will be hard to forget that performance.

"Hold My Hand" was a perfect ending to a truly great night. All three performers did an amazing job, disregarding the size of the audience they are not used to playing to, and it was great seeing them all together in Miami for the first time in a long time. Hopefully, they'll be back again sometime soon.
**Drillbit Taylor is a Major Disappointment**

**Stefani Rubin**
Staff Writer

Let’s face it. Knocked Up and SuperBad were two of last year’s funniest screwball comedies. The same guys (Judd Apatow, Seth Rogen) who produced those hilarious films have just released their newest film, Drillbit Taylor. Except this time, the result is not that great.

Drillbit Taylor focuses on two nerdy kids (Wade and Ryan) who are being tortured and pushed around by the two biggest bullies in school (Ronnie and Filkins). When the boys get fed up with the constant bullying, they decide to hire Drillbit, who decides he will disguise himself as the most popular kids in school, etc. etc. It’s all very predictable and expected.

Just as I was beginning to warm up to Owen Wilson (The Darjeeling Limited, Night at the Museum) because of his incredible performance in The Darjeeling Limited, he has to go and star in this horrible film. Wilson’s sarcasm and one-liners are laughable at times, but for most of the film he looks like one of those people who isn’t funny but is trying extremely hard to be. Wilson has talent, and he’s shown it in other films, but he takes on these screwball roles from some reason I will never understand. Wilson does not give himself enough credit for his abilities and it shows in the films he chooses to be in.

The characters of Ryan (Troy Gentile) and Wade (Nate Hartley) seemed almost recycled from Rogen and Apatow’s previous film SuperBad. Ryan and Wade are basically younger and more pathetic versions of Seth and Evan. Ryan and Wade even look like Seth and Evan did. That is probably one of the major problems of this film. The characters throughout the entire thing seem like differently stylized versions of characters from Apatow’s other films.

The young actors who played the bullies, however, give a little hope to the audience throughout the entire film. Ronnie (of the Drake & Josh series) as Ronnie and Alex Frost (Elephant) as Filkins fit perfectly as the sadistic bullies. Peck, especially, shows that the switch from TV to film is not that hard and pulls off Ronnie better than most of the other characters in the film. Frost, whose previous film roles did not feature too much talking on his part, proves that he is capable of being more than just an extra or silent side-character.

The fighting, punching, and antics that go on throughout the whole film are so repetitive that by the time it’s over, you’ll never want to see another fight again. The jokes are somewhat funny in the beginning and then fade out as the film starts to drag on and on. Their major mistake here was in assuming that the audience would enjoy punches that keep on coming and silly jokes that only 13-year-olds should be laughing at. I cannot remember hearing more than two collective laughs from the audience throughout the entire film.

Drillbit Taylor, overall, is a sad and wasted attempt at teenage-bully films by Apatow and crew. They should have not been so quick to release a film so fast, and should have put some more thought into what they were doing. Hopefully, their next release will be much funnier and more enjoyable.

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**Are You Going to the Ball?**

**Raequel Fagon**
Variety Editor

NSU Theater is back in the production seat with the renowned production Cinderella by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, but craftily re-versioned into a "modern and hip re-telling." NSU Theater, a part of the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, is putting on its first production for the year and also its first musical.

With the introduction of the option to acquire a degree in theater here at NSU, the theater is in full swing with regular productions for students to attain the practical knowledge and skill that the art requires, with no disadvantages to us, as we get to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The production is under the direction of Jeff Canary. The musical has been given a PG-13 rating, due to the adolescent content this updated version consequently requires. This re-telling is, of course, without the diva power of Brandy (TV’s Moesha and R&B artist) and super diva Whitney Houston, but our own song birds will showcase their talent in the Black Box Theater for our musical and theatrical pleasure. Some of the singers in the play gave their impressions of the chance to wear such a grand and lovable classic.

Robyn Shapello, who plays Joy, Cinderella’s spindled, punk rock step-sister, said that she was quite excited to introduce and portray her character in NSU’s first musical production.

A senior who is majoring in theater, Shapello spoke about how the modern references in the play are aimed towards a college audience, particularly the radical appeal of the characters.

Collin Morgan, who plays the other step-sister Portia (yes, there will be drag), also spoke of his excitement of being a part of the first musical here at Nova. His character Portia, Cinderella’s other disproportionately less than bright step-sister, struts around in heels this 1/2 inch high and does whatever she be needs to in order to get the prince. The fairy tale princess Cinderella is played by Lauren Butler, a sophomore majoring in theater and psychology here at NSU. Butler said that depicting her character was simply a wonderful experience, especially having such a strong and wonderful cast to work with.

Cinderella will be shown at the Black Box Theater in the Performing and Visual Arts Wing of the University Center. The show will be on March 28-29 at 7:30 p.m., March 30 at 2 p.m., April 3-5 at 7:30 p.m., and April 6 at 2 p.m. Make certain that you are a part of this groundbreaking event.
A Captain's Dilemma
Marlon Oakley

Razor ER? Get the chum to distract him, so we can rescue the lad
and be quick mate!

Captain's Overboard
Even worse, look! It's the terror of the seven seas,
Razor the Shark!

The Promise of Tomorrow
by Wordsmith

As the shimmering globe drops silently
behind the violet clouds
and the daylight murmurs to a close,
the whistling of the feathered bushes to an end
and the whisper of the breezes
gently leases
as it pleases
singing sweetly songs
then ceases,
as the sun drops ever lower
to leave dusk's sky tinged satin rose.

Lingerin' in the silence
somewhere in the horizon
lies the promise of tomorrow,
the forgiveness of today,
and far over the mountains
tinged red-gold with autumn
there lays the one forgotten
watching every sinking ray.

Blinded by the streetlights
by the single-minded people
somewhere in the city
I have lost my soul.
Stricken by the horror
and the darkness
and the sorrow
caught up in a tomorrow
that cannot exist today.

Then the wind laughs softly to me
and turns my gaze out on the view
and there I find the strength to start anew,
in the knowledge that no matter what
the dusk brings to my door,
the sun will rise and set forevermore.
Editor’s Note

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NSU community, please bear
with me as the Editor’s Note ventures
into the uncharted waters of politics.
Last Tuesday, I attended a viewing of
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On The Scene

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

Will you be voting in the SGA
elections?

“I am voting because SGA influences us as students and they are trying to better the NSU community.”
Nicole Martinez, Sophomore, Pre-nursing

“Yes, it shows activism and it shows that we care.”
Joanne Vera Cruz, Junior, Nursing

“Yes, I will because it’s my responsibility.”
Khayel Koppar, Senior, Biology

“Yes, because it’s important for us as students to choose our organizational leadership.”
Vivian Martinez Del Campo, Senior, Legal Studies

“Yes, I will because there are a lot of flaws with our SGA and I want to vote for the right person.”
Jim S. Sophomore, Biology

Corrections

In issue 14 of The Current, a story was run titled, “NSU Construction on Mary McKay Hill Drive” which detailed construction efforts of “Mary McKay Hill Drive.” The actual name of the street is Mary McGill Drive.

In issue 21 of The Current, a story titled “Tim Coenraad and Stephanie Saroni Receive South Region Honors,” it was reported that despite their stellar performances during the 2007-08 season, neither Saroni nor Coenraad are eligible to receive All-American consideration. Since press time, both sophomore Stephanie Saroni and junior Tim Coenraad are now eligible to receive All-American consideration.

Public Safety Special

Akhvat Bharagava
Undergraduate Student Government Association President

Q. Mr. Shark, I am a resident student and enrolled in one evening class. My class ends at 10 p.m., and by the time I get out, sometimes it’s too dark and there is not enough lighting between the Parker Building and my dorm, which makes me scared. I was wondering if the university provides any kind of security.

A. My Fin, the NSU Public Safety office offers safety escorts. A safety escort is a Public Safety officer who will walk with you to your destination on NSU property limits and provide protection. The service is provided to anyone upon request 24 hours a day. You can call (954) 262-4699 and request a safety escort from the on-duty dispatcher.

Q. Mr. Shark, I was on my way to class and I saw these blue pillars with “EMERGENCY” written on them. I was wondering what these pillars are.

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Q. Mr. Shark, I am a commuter student and my car recently broke. As a result, I am now using a rental car for my day-to-day work, including commuting to college. Since it’s a rental car, I do not want to get a parking decal. But without a parking decal, I can’t park in the Parker parking garage and I may get a ticket. What should I do?

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