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NSU Goes to 5 Digit Dialing
Starting June 7, 2008
NSU will go to 5 digit extensions for internal dialing. Just add a “2” to the front of your current 4 digit extension.

Visit www.nova.edu/5digit for more information.
NSU's SharkCard: Students' Primary Means of Navigating Through Campus

Tanya Parsons
NSU News Editor

Your ISO number is a randomly assigned number used for a variety of services offered with the SharkCard.

Your library number is used to check out books at the library.

Dígítalized picture used for identification.

SmartChip used for small $8 purchases such as vending and/or copies.

Means of Navigating Through Campus

The Office of One-Acts, at the close of the season, is also an annual production that features the talents of students and faculty as directors and actors. For the appreciation of art and artifacts, the Alvin Sherman Library has exhibits on cultural events and art collections that tantalize the artistic sense and edify the mind. Previous exhibits have included an annual African Presence Art Exhibition entitled "A Continent of Cultural Treasures." This exhibit is showcased throughout the month of February and is its fifth year. It features over 100 items, including African masks, baskets, musical instruments, prints and paintings. Another exhibit from last year was the "Hidden Adventure" Uruguayan Art Exhibition, which featured photographs that focused on the eccentricity of the country. The exhibit showed the country through a tourist eye that students could easily and readily appreciate.

Where there is art, there will be discussions about art and the Lifelong Learning Institute hosts regular lecture series that define the beauty of Hopkins in terms of art and culture, from European and American which hunts to French literature and even Japanese culture. These lecture series find the individual connoisseur in students by introducing and discussing a wide array of topics and interests.

All students who live in the Leo Goodwin Sr. residence hall and The Commons residence hall are required to enroll in NSU's Declining Balance Meal Plan, which is a $1,200 declining balance that is added on to their SharkCards at the beginning of the semester to be used for food. Any leftover money at the end of the fall semester rolls over to the winter term. However, any leftover money at the end of the winter term will be forfeited. Therefore students have until May 15 to use the meal plan money on their SharkCards.

Students are not required to enroll in these meal plans over the summer terms but they are not prohibited from adding money to their SharkCards if they wish to do so. Any money that is not used during the summer will continue to roll over to other terms because that money is part of the optional meal plan which has no end date. Students also do not get any refund for the unused money returned to them after the summer term is complete if they choose to do so. They must request to have this money reversed. As long as they do not have any outstanding bills or dues they will be issued a check directly from the university for the full refund amount. If however, they owe money for tuition or other purposes, NSU will use the excess funds to pay off the student's balances, before issuing the full refund check.

Students who are not required to enroll in the meal plan as well as those who wish to add more money to their SharkCards can do so at any time. Money can be added in increments of $100. Since it is optional, these funds continue to roll over from one semester to the next and the student is required to pay any fees for unused money paid. Students can access the Web Revalue option from the NSU Website and use the Web Revalue option, which allows them to use their credit cards to add money directly onto their SharkCards, or they can go into the card office to add money on to their cards. Students can either fill out a form or access the same online Web Revalue option from the card office as well, if they prefer to charge the balance to their credit cards, instead of having it billed to their student accounts. In both cases however, the card office must swipe the card in order for the funds to properly transfer. Therefore students must stop by the card office after the money has been added through the Web Revalue option in order to ensure that the correct balance shows up on their SharkCards.

Students can also put cash onto their SharkCards which can be used for several other purposes such as photocopying, vending machine purchases, and other food purchases throughout campus. This money can be added to the SharkCard at any time through special machines located in various locations across campus. This money is considered cash on the card and takes twelve hours to show up on the SharkCard. If the student has excess funds on the card and wishes to receive a refund he or she must tell the card office. The office will put in the request and it

SharkCard Continued on pg. 5
Academic integrity. Many students may cringe at these two words and ask "what is that?" The American Heritage Dictionary defines integrity as the "steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code." However, we should also discuss the opposite of academic integrity: academic dishonesty. A student is academically dishonest when they cheat. Academic cheating (including plagiarism) in college is not a new phenomenon. However, the prevalence and acceptance of this behavior has been on the rise. Students have been doing this for years and may not even know it (at least that is one excuse that professors hear quite often). If a student cheats, they are not being fair to themselves, the peer in the next seat, the professor who graded their assignment, other students enrolled in the same class. This also means that you must have their trust as a student or try to get hints. The only things that you should have cited all ideas or quotes. Remember, if you get an idea from a source, you still have to cite it even if it is in your own words.

Finally, during exams, don't look or talk to another student or try to get hints. The only things that you should be prepared to do on exam day are concentrating and remembering everything that you’ve studied.

Why should you care?

The rationale for the "wrongness" of cheating can vary from student to student; the arguments usually fall somewhere in the spectrum from "it is immoral and therefore intolerable" to "it is wrong because (If I get a bad grade)". There appears to be a very clear distinction between these two arguments. A report on academic dishonesty from Boise State University found that "students who reported that their personal morality would deter cheating also reported less actual cheating. However, students who indicated that the possibility of getting caught would deter their cheating reported more cheating incidents." In other words, not cheating for moral reasons (as opposed to fear of sanctions) makes it more likely one will in fact not cheat. As Assistant Professor, Ellen Kraff, says, "I think student cheat because they believe that it is a victimless crime. Little do they know that they themselves become the victim by cheating themselves of the education that they paid for." At some point, everyone questions how to earn their morality - independent of administrative consequences - and those that seek morality will ultimately be rewarded. In fact, maintaining a high moral standard does more than help you sleep better at night. A study found that students who have strong "academic ethics" were not only less likely to cheat, but also achieved greater academic success (higher GPAs) compared to students who cheated. At NSU, violations of academic standards are taken very seriously and are handled by the Office of the Dean.

Academic Integrity and NSYou!

The Undergraduate Student Catalog provides additional informal Development. Student conduct, academic dishonesty. The purpose of the NSU Code of Student Conduct is to "promote high standards of behavior and academic integrity by setting forth the responsibilities of students as members of the university community." As a college, we strive to maintain academic integrity and although deterrents are in place to dissuade cheating, integrity needs to be a personal commitment we all individually uphold. When the temptation to cheat is there, you need to keep in mind your actual motivation for being in school: is it to get an "A" in Biology or is it to learn? Having a nicely framed piece of paper on your wall stating that you are educated does not make it so. Unless the actual knowledge is truly earned and learned, how can you show that it is genuine? Strive for the "A", and in the process, strive for integrity! As American engineer and architect Buckminster Fuller said, "[Integrity is the essence of everything successful." Go out there and be a success. Your integrity will not only define you as a college student, but will also define you as a person.

Endnotes


NSU Goes Paperless

NSU eBill to replace paper billing statements as of July 2008

To better serve the NSU community, the Bursar’s Office is introducing electronic billing (eBill). As of July 2008, NSU eBill will be the official means of delivering billing statements to all NSU students. Paper billing statements will no longer be sent to the eBill account.

Each time a billing statement is made available, a courtesy email will be sent to the student’s NSU eMail account notifying them that the statement is ready to be viewed. The student may also provide personal email addresses to which notification messages are sent. In addition, students can designate authorized users, such as parents or a spouse, who will receive the notification.

NSU eBill offers many benefits: online access to billing statements is easily accessible from a secure site and can be viewed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students can view the history of their accounts, make online payments, using a credit card or electronic check and obtain up-to-date account information. To stop receiving paper statements, and to authorize the environment by allowing both students and the university to reduce paper usage. Students are encouraged to request access to verify their email addresses in order to receive set up instructions for their NSU eMail account. Students can obtain their account information by using a credit card or electronic check and obtain up-to-date account information.
Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Message from the Dean

Dear New Students,

Welcome to Nova Southeastern University and the beginning of your undergraduate career. I am confident that the years between enrollment and graduation will define your future, your talents, skills and your convictions and interests. Discover as much as you can about yourself during this time and you will grow and develop in ways you cannot yet imagine. Take advantage of the many programs and choices that we offer. Take reasonable academic risks and you will become a stronger person in your world, a more confident critical thinker with well-balanced abilities in your areas of specialty and hold a broader understanding of life.

General education requirements and the electives that round out your studies are designed to complement your major, minors and certificate programs in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. The college enhances these offerings with the diverse support of faculty, academic advisors and staff, who help you fulfill your academic, professional, and personal goals. These people are available to assist you to find out more about the array of options available to you as a member of the college community. They can also help you define ways to develop your academic capabilities further or design the strongest preparations for professional or graduate school.

There are ways to make your undergraduate career more inspiring as it fulfills your personal and career goals. Be curious and adventurous. Take the initiative to ask questions of anyone who can be helpful to you, inside and outside the classroom. You will make new friends, gain members, and learn more about yourself.

Venture into classes and events that open you to subjects and fields you have not previously considered. Give yourself a wider academic base by making broad use of your electives. Take advantage of cultural experiences that are new to you. Attend lectures, panel discussions and other events, you can benefit from the expertise of faculty members you would not otherwise meet. A travel study program, student organization or internship could open a door into an interest that will last you the rest of your life.

Our Distinguished Speaker Series offers lectures by outstanding leaders in many different fields, including Nobel Laureates, world leaders and others. The college’s annual academic theme also gives rise to special events and presentations of many kinds. The academic theme for 2008-2009 is “Life and Death,” so expect many Faculty Lecture Series presenters, Distinguished Speakers, and others to explore this fascinating, multi-faceted topic with insightful and detailed examination.

During your undergraduate years, you will find opportunities for immediate enjoyment and long-term rewards. Reach a little farther than you think you can, and use the college resources to support your efforts.

I look forward to meeting you and greeting about the ways you make your career at NSU more fulfilling to your needs, goals, and interests.

Sincerely,
Den Rosenblum, Ph.D.
Dean, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences

Do You Have Health Insurance?

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

Full-time students in the Health Professions Division, Professional and Liberal Studies Program, international students and residential housing students are required to provide proof of current health insurance coverage. All other NSU students (including online students) are not required to provide proof of coverage.

NSU’s health insurance provider is Blue Cross Blue Shield and has emergency room coverage, hospitalization benefits, prescription benefits, surgical benefits and pregnancy benefits. NSU’s health insurance plan does have its restrictions, such as a $150 deductible per policy year, which means that you are responsible for the first $150 in billed charges for the policy year. This deductible is waived if care is received by a NSU physician located at one of the NSU medical facilities. In addition, injuries that occur during intercollegiate athletics are not covered by the NSU health insurance plan.

Students who already have health insurance are required to complete a Proof of Health Insurance waiver form. Students will be required to provide personal information and current insurance information (company name, policy name, policy number, address and phone number of the company). The insurance policy must have maximum plan coverage of at least $200,000 per incident, and be accepted in Florida or the NSU Health Clinic. Students who do not complete the waiver form will be emailed in the NSU endorsed student health insurance program and the fees for coverage will be charged on their NSU student account. Students will also receive a health insurance card and other information from the current insurance carrier about the coverage.

Students who wish to enroll on a voluntary basis can do so after June 1, 2008, once they have registered for the fall semester. Students also have the option to email online by logging on to www.collegiaterisk.com. You will be required to pay the enrollment form by credit card. The deadline for voluntary enrollment is September 15, 2008. Continuing students who do not enroll by the September 15 deadline will be eligible for coverage the following academic year.

For more information about the health insurance policy, visit the NSU health insurance website at http://www.nova.edu/smc.

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of more than 2,500 students and offers over 900,000 square feet of space for facilities located in HPD, including a food court area by the main entrance.

Certificate Programs with concentrations in Computer and Information Sciences, Law Library & Technology Center, which houses the Shepard Broad Law Center (J.D.), a Critical Skills Program (CSP), also several study rooms available for law students. (ASA) is home to NSU's Athletics departments on both the second and third floors. The first floor includes the offices of the Dean of Student Affairs, NSU Office of Student Engagement and The Current newspaper office.

Horvitz Administration Building (Horvitz) is the central administrative building on NSU's campus. The One Stop Shop is located on the first floor and students can go there to meet with the registrar, the bursar, financial aid specialists and take care of all financial obligations including tuition fees, parking issues and other concerns. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. Horvitz also houses the executive and administrative offices of NSU, which are located throughout the building.

The Current (HPD) is located on the first floor of the building that is also home to the student newspaper office.

Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is the largest library building in the state of Florida and is located in the North Wing of NSU's campus. This five story facility offers over 22,000 square foot facilities, 2,000 user seats. There is a cafe located on the first floor of the library as well as several computer labs. Students can rent out laptops for use within the library. The reference desk, located on the second floor of the library, assists students in finding research materials or with other library related questions. There are several conference rooms located throughout the library as well as a gallery that features various artistic displays. You can view exhibits at different times throughout the semester. The reference desk, located on the second floor of the library, assists students in finding research materials or with other library related questions. There are several conference rooms located throughout the building.

Maltz Psychology Building (Maltz) is the home of the Center for Psychological Studies, which includes various Master's and Doctoral programs. The building is equipped with a number of classrooms, conference rooms and a computer lab located on the second floor. Professors' offices are located throughout the building and the faculty directory can be found on the first floor.

Parker Building (Parker) is the main educational building for the undergraduate students at NSU. There is a computer lab and parking available for student's use on the first floor and a $70 million complex that houses six offices located throughout the building.

Carl DeSantis Building (DeSantis) is home to the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. This state of the art facility includes general classrooms, video/teleconferencing classrooms, a lecture theatre, computer labs, several multipurpose conference rooms, a business/services copy center and a café on the first floor. There are also several administrative offices located throughout the building.

NSU Bookstore is located in University Plaza, which is just south of the main entrance to NSU and University Drive. The bookstore sells textbooks as well as NSU apparel and gifts all year long. The bookstore is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

University Center (UC) is the newest addition to NSU's campus. This 366,000 square foot facility has become a critical part of NSU's campus. It contains the RecPlex Fitness Center, a brand new state of the art recreational facility containing 182 pieces of workout equipment, two multipurpose gyms for basketball, volleyball, etc., three multipurpose studios for exercise classes and other activities, three indoor racquetball courts, a convertible Squash Court, an outdoor swimming pool that is heated during the winter months, a 2,268 seat multipurpose wall, personal training and massage therapy, and men's and women's locker rooms fully equipped with showers.

The University Arena is the new home for NSU's basketball and volleyball teams. The arena seats 4,500 people and is fully equipped to serve as a concert venue, convocation center and as a venue for campus-wide events. The building is equipped with locker rooms, equipment rooms, a team lounge, and a press box. The Center for Civic Engagement and the Office of Public Service Learning are located in the North Wing and the University Center is located in the North Wing.

The center includes a 300 seat performance theater with full stage capacity for various concerts, plays, movies and lectures. The USP also offers a Black Box theater that offers various staging options, a professional Scene Shop, a gallery displaying students' art and collections all located on the first floor. The theater is fully equipped with choral and instrumental rehearsal rooms, six practice studios and audio-visual equipment.

Maitland Foundation is the home of the Center for Psychological Studies, which includes various Master's and Doctoral programs. The building is equipped with a number of classrooms, conference rooms and a computer lab located on the second floor. Professors' offices are located throughout the building and the faculty directory can be found on the first floor.

Welcome to NSU

Getting to Know NSU

Tanya Parrens

NSU News Editor

X. The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and the Office of Public Affairs is located on the second floor, along with the Spiritual Life Lounge - a safe space that was created for students and faculty of all spiritual backgrounds in which to sit and reflect about whatever issues they would like to discuss.

Shepard Broad Law Center offers a wide variety of program options to students including the International Juris Doctorate (J.D.), a Critical Skills Program (CSP), International Programs, Clinical Programs, Certificate Programs with concentrations in Health Law and International Law, non law degree programs and Joint Degree programs including the J.M.B.A., J.D.M.S. in Computer and Information Sciences, J.D. M.S. or Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and the J.D./M.U.R.P. with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. The law school also houses the Law Library & Technology Center, which offers a wireless network that allows students access to all the various resources and resources within the law center. The Law Library contains over 350,000 volumes and volume equivalents of both primary and secondary sources of U.S. law. There are also several study rooms available for law students.

Athletic and Student Affairs Building (ASA) is home to NSU's Athletics departments on both the second and third floors. The first floor includes the offices of the Dean of Student Affairs, NSU Office of Student Engagement and The Current newspaper office.

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Farquhar, Founders and Vettal (FFV) are the residence halls available to undergraduate upperclassmen who have earned at least 60 college credits. There are single, double and triple options available to students on a first come first serve basis. Each of these halls houses 55 students, comes fully furnished and has a kitchen with a refrigerator and a stove.

Cultural Living Center (CLC) is one of the graduate housing options available to all students enrolled in graduate and doctoral programs at the university. The residence hall houses a total of 125 students in both single and double rooms that are available on a first come first serve basis. These apartment style rooms come fully furnished and equipped with bathrooms, a full kitchen and living room.

The Commons is the newest residence hall on NSU’s campus available to undergraduate students who have obtained at least 30 college credits. The Commons houses 501 students, comes fully furnished and offers a community style living options with an average of five people per suite. There are several classroom and meeting spaces, sixteen community living room areas, and sixteen study rooms. There are themed housing options available to students as well throughout The Commons.

Leo Goodwin Senior Residence Hall (Goodwin) is the primary freshman living facility that houses 320 students who have between zero and 30 college credits. The building is equipped with single, double and triple rooms that are available on a first come first serve basis. There is a large classroom located on the first floor of the building, a TV lounge and a common kitchen area. There are study lounges on every floor of the building and a computer lab on the fourth floor.

Rolling Hills Graduate Apartments (Rolling Hills) is another graduate housing option available to all students enrolled in graduate and doctoral programs at the university. These apartments house approximately 373 students in both single and quad sized apartments. The rooms come fully furnished and equipped with bathrooms, kitchens as well as living rooms.

Miami Dolphins Training Facility is the practice area for the Miami Dolphins. The facility has an outdoor football field which is reserved solely for the Dolphins for their practices. "The Bubble" is a 96,600 square foot, indoor training facility attached to the west side of the building which is also utilized solely by the Miami Dolphins for practice and is nicknamed for its bubble like appearance.
The Inside Scoop on Student Counseling

Courtesty of Student Counseling

The first thing you'll notice when you walk through the door of the NSU Student Counseling office (Osceola 150 in the Parker Building) is the friendly atmosphere — it feels more like a living room than a waiting room — and the warm greeting you will receive from Mimi Gonzalez, the office manager. She realizes that many students are skeptical about counseling and this may be a first visit to a counseling office. This attitude of warmth and confidence is shared throughout the office.

During your initial visit, a counselor will explore what brought you in and what you hope to achieve. We take confidentiality very seriously; we will not disclose any information to anyone unless you request that we do so (in writing) or unless your confidentiality is in imminent danger of being harmed.

College can be an exciting and wonderful experience, but it can also be incredibly stressful. Whatever you're struggling with, we are here to listen and offer suggestions for discovering possibilities and initiating changes. You can come alone or bring a partner or friend. Counseling is an excellent way to deal with a whole variety of challenges, from anxiety, panic, or a problematic body image, to bereavement, depression or sexual assault.

Student Counseling's psychiatrists are available to help with students who have a psychological challenge. Some of the counselors use hypnosis to help students with their drug addictions and food addictions. As well as assisting with getting and staying "in the zone," they also share their areas of expertise, and we all bring our experience and respect into each session.

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Are You Hungry Yet?

Dining on campus

NSU Shark Dining has more than just ordinary cafeteria food to offer its growing community. The food court offers a variety of foods ranging from sushi to pizza. If you're not in the mood for a whole meal, stop for a quick snack at Outtakes, your local mini-mart with a variety of snack items.

Subway, Hot Roasted Chicken, and Starbucks. Celebrating its first year since opening its doors in the summer of 2007, the food court offers its SharkCard. Students who do not live in residence halls or the Goodwin Residence Hall and The Commons Center will automatically have a mandatory declining balance of $1,200 per semester on their SharkCards at the Campus Card Center (UC). Students who finish their declining balance plans before the end of summer of 2007, the food court offers suggestions for discovering possibilities and initiating changes. You can come alone or bring a partner or friend. Counseling is an excellent way to deal with a whole variety of challenges, from anxiety, panic, or a problematic body image, to bereavement, depression or sexual assault.

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- Reference assistance and library instruction
- Books, articles and other materials from the NSU Libraries' collections, in both print and electronic formats, many of which are accessible from outside the library
- Library instructional materials and online help.

Did you also know these facts?

- Students can make an appointment to meet one-on-one with a reference librarian for research assistance.
- Reference librarians are available to answer students' questions seven days a week, in person, or via phone, email, or chat.
- Groups of two or more students may check-out a group study room.
- CDs, DVDs, video tapes, video games and popular bestsellers are available in the Alvin Sherman Library.
- Laptops may be checked out for use inside the Alvin Sherman Library.
- Coffee and light snacks are available in the library's Connections Cafe.

The library is often home to unique exhibits and events year-round, including a brand new genealogy collection.

SHARKCARDS

NSU students, faculty and staff should use their NSU identification card (SharkCard) to check out books and to reserve materials at the Alvin Sherman Library. NSU Cards can be obtained in person at the NSU Card Office in the University Center on the main campus. For more information, visit the NSU Card Office Web page at http://www.nova.edu/isscard.

DOCUMENT DELIVERY/INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The Document Delivery Department helps NSU distance students, faculty and staff obtain materials owned by NSU or cooperative libraries. All NSU local students, faculty and staff may obtain books and articles that are not available in the NSU Libraries from the Interlibrary Loan Department.

What kinds of items can be requested from Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan?

Journal articles and books are the most frequently requested items. Other items, such as book chapters and audiovisual materials, may also be available upon request.

How long does the order take to arrive?

Materials may take five to 15 business days to arrive. Local students pick up materials at the Circulation Desk on the first floor of the Sherman Library. Items are mailed or emailed to distance students.

How many items can be requested?

Up to 25 items per student per week may be ordered.

How can I request items?

Use our online order forms:

Local Students: http://www.nova.edu/library/serv/docdel/local.html
Distance Students: http://www.nova.edu/library/serv/docdel/distance.html

ACCESS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

NSU students, faculty and staff are eligible for guest privileges with libraries that are members of the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN). A special SEFLIN library card may be obtained in person at the Alvin Sherman Library circulation desk. For more details about SEFLIN visit http://www.seflin.org/asp.

The Special Library allows the holder to borrow materials from the following institutions:

- Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale
- Barry University
- Broward Community College—University College Library and North and South Regional campuses
- Carlos Albizu University
- Florida Atlantic University—Boca Raton, Port St. Lucie, and Jupiter campuses
- Florida International University—Biscayne Bay and University Park campuses
- Florida Metropolitan University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Keiser College
- Lynn University
- Miami-Dade College
- Northwood University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Palm Beach Community College—Central, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade campuses
- St. Thomas University—Main campus

www.nsucurrent.com
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A. My Fin, all clubs and organizations are the "best" depending on where your interests lie. NSU offers a variety of organizations on campus, such as religious, social, and cultural, service, and pre-professional organizations. You could look into joining them depending on your passions, goals and things you want to accomplish. Some organizations are more active and well-known than others, but I have seen this change every year depending on the club's leadership and membership for that year. I would suggest visiting the following Web site: http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/clubs/undergrad.html. There, you will find a full list of clubs at NSU. Make a note of some of them that you would like to be a member of and attend their first two meetings or events. Depending on your experience, decide whether to join the club or not.

Also, you have the power to make a difference here at NSU. If you passionately believe in a club or organization, even though it might not be as you expect, you have the opportunity to make it what you want it to be. Also, if you don't find a club of your interest, you can start your own.

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College of Osteopathic Medicine
Message from the Dean

As dean of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM), it is both my pleasure and privilege to welcome the class of 2012 to our college. In today’s world, where scientific and technological advances seem to occur at warp speed, NSU-COM has worked diligently to place itself on the leading edge of medical education innovation and prepare you for a medical landscape overflowing with challenges and change. To keep pace with this wave of perpetual transformation, we consistently evaluate and revise our curriculum to ensure you receive a multifaceted education that will allow you to maximize your potential and provide you with the tools to become first-rate physicians.

Our outstanding and experienced faculty has taken a leadership role in ensuring that we offer our students a comprehensive and stimulating course of study in osteopathic medicine. Through our various collaborative efforts, we are providing future generations of osteopathic physicians an opportunity to gain a significant amount of scientific information and medical knowledge while also imparting the equality of thought and open discussion of critical issues. As our college has continued to grow in both size and stature, it has become known as an institution that appeals to academically successful students who have the potential to embody certain traits such as compassion without weakness, confidence without arrogance and a high predilection for the medically underserved. Why do these traits predominate by the time our students graduate? It occurs because our faculty, staff, and administration embody and project these noble traits, which in turn encourage and guide our students on how to emulate and replicate those qualities.

There is a culture that exists at this institution that exudes these very positive feelings. We’re not here just as an employee of the college or university, whether we be faculty, staff or administration. We’re here because we share a passion for what we do, which is ultimately to produce high-quality physicians who are committed to caring and compassionate patient advocates, wherever and whatever they may practice.


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Fort Lauderdale Beach

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Alternative Activities:

Kabana Awa Cafe Bar
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www.kabanaus.com

One of the only Kava bars in South Florida, Kabana’s atmosphere will make you feel relaxed even before you get to the Kava.

Kan Zaman Cafe and Hookah Lounge
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The place really gets busy. To try not to go on Friday or Saturday, that is when the place really gets busy.

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The mission of the OC is to carry out innovative, basic, and applied research and to provide high-quality graduate and undergraduate education in a broad range of marine science and related disciplines. The Center serves as a community resource for information, research and education on oceanographic and marine environmental issues.

In addition to our traditional on-site programs, we welcome students from around the world with flexible distance learning courses. These courses are available for general interest, undergraduate or graduate credit, or as components of our two four-course Graduate Certificates: Marine and Coastal Climate Change and Coastal Studies. An online MS degree in Coastal Zone Management is also available. A joint degree program with the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences undergraduate center on NSU's main campus in Davie offers BS/MS programs in marine biology and environmental science.

NSU OC graduates typically go on to find rewarding careers helping the environment in research, government agencies, education, non-profit and private companies.

The OC is home to more than 200 in-house and online students with 14 full time faculty and a similar number of dedicated staff. Research activities involve biological, geological, chemical, and physical oceanography. Areas of interest include marine biology, coral reef studies, benthic ecology, marine biodiversity, marine geology, calcification of invertebrates, marine fisheries, marine microbiology, molecular ecology and evolution, wetlands ecology, coastal dynamics, and ocean-atmosphere coupling.

Integral components of the Oceanographic Center include the National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) and the Guy Harvey Research Institute (GHRI). The National Coral Reef Institute was established by Congressional mandate in 1998. NCRI's primary objective is the assessment, monitoring, and restoration of coral reefs through basic and applied research and through training and education. The Guy Harvey Research Institute conducts scientific research needed for effective conservation, restoration, and understanding of the world's wild fishes.

To find out more about our research and graduate programs at NSU OC, please visit our website at www.nova.edu/ocean or email us at imcs@nsu.nova.edu.
As you can see, there are many businesses surrounding NSU’s campus. Because of that, the Office of Student Engagement has teamed up with some of these businesses to make student life a little easier. They have developed a discount card for students that will be given out during NSU’s Exploration Week, August 25 to 29. Some places, however, will give you a discount by showing your NSU SharkCard. Here is a list of places that will be giving discounts with the new NSU student card.

**Restaurants:**

- **Tommy’s Pizza**
  - 4770 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33328
  - 10% off Monday through Sunday
- **Pizza Machine**
  - 8935 Taft Street
  - Pembroke Pines, FL 33324
  - 10% off Monday through Sunday
- **Sub Center**
  - 7711 Nova Drive
  - Davie, FL 33324
  - 10% off Monday through Thursday
- **Tower Deli**
  - 2315 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33324
  - 10% off Monday through Sunday
- **Char Hut**
  - 9000 West State Road 84
  - Davie, FL 33324
  - 10% off, Monday through Sunday, Dine-in Only
- **Crazy Pollo II**
  - 3660 SW 64th Avenue
  - Davie, FL 33314
  - 10% off, Monday through Sunday, Dine-in Only
- **Zona Fresca**
  - 1095 South University Drive
  - Plantation, FL 33324
  - 10% off Monday through Sunday

**Services:**

- **Frat Smoother**
  - 2571 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33324
  - 10% off Monday through Sunday
- **Services:**
  - **Classic Cuts**
    - 5925 South University Drive
    - Davie, FL 33328
    - 10% off Tuesday through Thursday
- **Massage Envy**
  - 1936 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33324
  - 10% off on Membership Packages only
- **Field of Flowers**
  - 5101 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL
  - (954) 680-6888
  - 10% off Monday through Sunday

**Specialty:**

- **Sips and Dips**
  - 3325 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33328
  - 20% off Monday through Sunday
- **Flower Bug**
  - 58 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33328
  - 20% off Monday through Sunday

**Coffee, etc:**

- **The Roasted Bean**
  - 3325 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33328
  - 100% off Monday through Sunday

**Sips and Dips:**

- **Pizza Loft**
  - 58 South University Drive
  - Davie, FL 33328
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- **Della Ventura Pizza**
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  - Cooper City, FL 33328
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NSU has created a new Web option for students, faculty and staff alike known as SharkLink. SharkLink will now serve as the central point of access to all NSU Web based applications, including email, personal and shared Web calendars, online groups, WebSTAR and WebCT. This information portal, will allow access to all of these different applications with just a single login to the system. Access to this new site will be automatically granted to the NSU community to communicate and share ideas among themselves. The invisible lines of communication can be customized by moving different parts of the profile page around. Facebook, on the other hand, comes with a preloaded style that allows users to post pictures, chat with friends, and announce upcoming events, birthdays, parties, school club meetings, and just about any news you want to share with your friends. You can also search for old high school friends, and be invited to make new friends. For your privacy, no one outside of your network of friends is able to view your profile.

The invisible lines of communication have connected the world through Facebook.com. Many clubs and organizations have created networks that interested NSU students can become a part of. If you are interested in signing up your organization to participate in Quad Thursday or would like information about this event, please contact Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at 954-262-7105.
At NSU there are many ways to gain honor as a student. Among these, you can apply to one of the Honors Programs or be invited to join an Honors Society. Either way can help you gain much more for graduate school. "Being a part of the Honors Program was a life-altering experience. My Honors seminars challenged me to think in different ways and prepared me for graduate school."

The Honors Program

You can apply to the Honors Program anytime, ideally, before school starts. Acceptance invites you to a new level of academic achievement. NSU is known for small classes, but Honors classes are even more selective. There are additional benefits as well. Biology student Maria Farrell used the undergraduate honors program’s emphasis on independent, mentored research in her junior and senior years “to focus on longer exploration of topics that intrigued [her].” Direct interaction with faculty members includes you in a more comprehensive, interactive learning process. You can explore interesting ideas, ask creative questions and even conduct research with a faculty mentor.

Honors courses are also noted on your transcript so graduate schools and prospective employers can see that you have a research background. Psi Chi, the U.S. national honor society in psychology, promotes excellence in scholarship and advances the science of psychology. Contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

Lambda Chi Alpha is a national academic honor society, offers eligibility to compete for national scholarships and offers a variety of opportunities. These organizations and programs can elevate your education and peer interactions to greater heights in different ways. This means that you can feel confident in your ability to meet the demands of new offerings. It is a great time to be a student or fan of the arts at NSU.

The theatre major, which has made optimal use of the new resources available at the Performing and Visual Arts Wing in the University Center, is being joined by four new majors in art, arts administration, dance and music. The combination of thorough coursework and new facilities makes these areas of study compelling to students pursuing interests in the arts.

Through a challenging curriculum and the excitement of live performance, students of music at NSU develop a solid musical foundation and grow as performing artists. Whether or not you are a music major, if you play music and like to entertain, your talents have an outlet on campus. NSU’s pep band, the Sharkestra, adds excitement at many campus events, from fun to formal. The orchestra also provides expansive opportunities for musicians.

Abundant Opportunities for Artists

If you think that publishing academic research is an accomplishment only available to faculty members and graduate students, think again. At NSU, undergraduate students have a chance to produce academic research and present their results to an informed and attentive audience. Numerous programs particularly support such efforts, yet any interested student can explore many opportunities. Developing the skills for such scholarship will prove to be a strong asset to your graduate studies and any further explorations in your field of specialization after college.

Biological major Christina Rubio, who is studying protein mutations in genes, says, "You have a research outline to follow, but most things in science happen by accident. When you’re researching, you have a goal for discovery, but extrapolations can lead to things we didn’t know to look for. I get excited about arriving at something new.”

The Farquhar Student Journal, a peer-reviewed, online publication devoted to research and scholarly explorations by undergraduate students at NSU, is published twice a year. This publication is open to a variety of original scholarly works, including quantitative and/or qualitative research studies, critical commentaries, critiques, editorials, and debates on issues and topics in fields of academic study.

Michael Reiter, Ph.D., assistant director for the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, acts as the Editor-in-Chief of the Farquhar Student Journal. With support from associate editors Allison Brimmer, Ph.D., in the Division of Humanities and Emily Schmitz, Ph.D., in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, the journal provides a forum for student research and commentary.

Another research venue is the Undergraduate Student Symposium, held every April in the Alvin Sherman Library. The symposium offers student projects and demonstrations to the public through poster displays, oral presentations, paper submissions and performances. Along with honors and awards bestowed on students by a panel of judges, this event allows academic faculty, and other members of the campus community to observe the scope of academic inquiry that undergraduate students pursue.

Students interested in participating in research opportunities should contact their academic dean or college for more information and seek a faculty sponsor for their project or publication.
Travel to Learn

Just because NSU has a spectacular campus, does not mean you have to limit your learning to the classroom. You have opportunities to earn credits toward your degree in classes that take you abroad or to exceptional environments within the U.S. While technology can bring much of the world to you, sometimes you have to physically explore the world to round out your education. You might document wildlife in the Amazon’s cloud forests or study migration patterns of wolves in Alaska. You could find yourself studying the origins of sports medicine in the Roman Colosseum or delve into literary history in Stratford-on-Avon. Maybe you’ll dive in a marine habitat off Baja California, or visit historic battlefields in Kosovo. You might even come up with an independent journey of your own that fits your unique academic and personal goals. As student Ryan Frabizio mentioned before, you’ll want to bring your camera.

Do you have what it takes to be an intern at one of the most exciting, fast-growing, non-commercial radio stations in South Florida? Every month, hopeful applicants intern at WNSU Radio X, located on the first floor of the Rosenthal Building. As an intern, you will see how a radio station operates behind the scenes, make phone calls to lucky winners of tickets for musical and sports venues throughout South Florida, sit in on live shows and live interviews with DJs, record public service announcements to be broadcast on-air, give away movie passes, receive promotional items for the surrounding communities, particularly the Garden and several other music festivals. Programming aimed at our young adult music bug. Both a communications entity and an educational tool, NSU’s Radio X is establishing itself as a voice for NSU and its youth and young adult audience on behalf of its youth and young adult audience. For more information, please contact Carmen Sosa, assistant director, Office of Academic Services, at (954) 262-8222 or sosac@nsu.nova.edu.

The Sharkestrafine tunes their jazz sound.

Sharkestra

Tim Coenraad.
Staff Writer

A new addition to NSU’s Shark family has been made in recent weeks, coming to us from the quickly rising performing arts segment of the school: the Sharkestra. The Sharkestra is lead by Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D. and has already demonstrated its talent at men’s and women’s basketball games a number of times thus far in the season and is fast becoming a part of the NSU school experience.

The Sharkestra was created in an attempt to bring about a “real collegiate atmosphere” to the gymnasium for both the fans and athletes of the NSU sports teams during games. “The Sharkestra’s membership is open to all full time NSU students who play and, in most cases, own an instrument,” says Cavanaugh, “... the group comes out of the Humanities Division in the Farquhar College but all NSU students are invited to audition and potentially become future members.”

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Radio X

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Set in a fast-paced and high-energy environment, NSU’s Radio X is a unique non-commercial student-managed radio station that broadcasts live from 7 p.m. to 900 by a group of ambitious students, Radio X has been the voice of NSU and a major supporter of local bands and the South Florida music scene. The Local

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NSU is no different from any other American college campus when it comes to student-oriented activities. However, on this campus, not only the students but the NSU community at large gets excited and American college campus when it comes to a party thrown at the beginning of the NSU community. Food and entertainment commemorates the memory of Jennifer organizations on campus and start creating donations. The Love Jen Festival keeps and has raised over a million dollars in annual fundraising. It has been an event that students and other events are used to provide goods and services to be missed.

Another event hosted by NSU is the annual Love Jen Festival – a fundraising event for the Love Jen Fund at the Joe D'Maggio’s Children Hospital. The event commemorates the memory of Jennifer Mass, a 14-year-old girl who passed away from cancer. All funds from these events are used to provide goods and services for families whose children suffer from cancer. NSU has held the event since 1991 and has raised more than a million dollars in donations. The Love Jen Festival keeps patrons coming out annually, not only to compete for the auctions, but to enjoy the fun and entertainment: from face painting to pie throwing, table loads of food, a peep parking lot and games and prizes for all ages.

Greek week is that time when all of NSU’s Greek organizations and sororities come together and host a variety of events like parties and socials, movie viewings and games. New members are needed to keep the organizations alive and vibrant, so Rush Week – a week to recruit new members for Greek organizations – is an important time for the Greek life family. For activities, the two most popular events are NSU Idol (modeled after the popular singing contest American Idol) and Hollywood Squares receive cash prizes of $1,000, $500 and $250, respectively. The Student Life Achievement Awards (AKA the STUDYES) is NSU’s equivalent of the Academy Awards, both in style and presentation. This event honors and celebrates those in the NSU community who have made a positive, lasting impression on the campus. Each year, faculty and even students are honored and awarded for their efforts and dedication to the NSU community. This is an event not to be missed.

If you are interested in hearing celebrities talk about their lives and their paths to success, then Life 101 is the event for you. This is not an actual course but an interactive 60 minute interview, hosted by NSU faculty member Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D., the celebrity guests are people who have inspired many others and show great dedication and perseverance through their achievements. Some guests interviewed are James Earl Jones, Vanessa Williams, Donny “The Rock” Johnson and Alyssa Milano.

The Digressions launch is an annual event that writers and artists look forward to. Digressions is a student run literary magazine that features short stories, poems, photography and other forms of artistic expression from the NSU student body. The launch allows students, who have been published in Digressions magazine the opportunity to read and present their literary works and visual designs. For the first time, in 2008, there was a competition between the submitted works where the winners received gold sealed certificates of merit. International students make up a large number of the student population at NSU. Naturally, there are events and activities that are geared towards introducing new international students to college life in the United States and also making them feel as comfortable as possible. Nova International Student Association (NISA) organizes events with the international student in mind. The Annual International Student Thanksgiving Dinner, an event that NSU students from all over the world come together to celebrate an American holiday. Throughout the dinner, there are performances from various people. For Thanksgiving 2007, student Giuliana Seagliotti, belly danced to the rhythmic tones of Arabic music, along with songs from around the world performed by students Sumit Bajracharya, Sammy Garcia, Lesta Philips and others. Another annual event for NSU students is AsiaFest, an event that NSU students from various countries sponsor the fashion show each year.

NSU Opportunities

Upcoming Events

NSU hosts events that should not be missed

Racquel Fagan

Variety Editor

Digressions Literary Magazine

Ryan Frabizio

Digressions, Editor in Chief 2007-2008

Chrisopher Bergbauer

Digressions is the literary magazine for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, sponsored by the Division of Humanities. The magazine was first published in the winter semester of 2004 and has recently published its fifth edition. Its purpose is to provide a forum for selected works of poetry and prose. Though primarily geared toward literary art, it also showcases photography and other visual art.

Publication occurs annually during the winter semester with a release date usually in late March or early April. The magazine officially opens staff for submissions near the end of February, and the contest and reviewing and editing carries on through February and part of March before the final cuts are made and arranged. The staff of Digressions are volunteers and are not only students in the humanities, nor are they required to submit works to the magazine. Students who have worked for the magazine, or have submitted, have ranged from English majors to legal studies, psychology and biology majors. There is also no limitation on the number of staff, and new blood is always welcome.

The work is divided among editors. Submissions usually go to the Managing Editor, who is in charge of keeping all submissions recorded. He or she is also responsible for erase the submitters’ names from each work before they are distributed to the reviewing editors. The names are erased as a safety against editorial bias, but are re-inserted once a work has been accepted for publication.

After a work has been reviewed, the Managing Editor or other members of the editorial board will review the editors’ thoughts and comments on the work, and also the work itself. There is also an editor, or team of editors who focus primarily on the layout of the magazine. Digressions is a good way to become familiar with basic elements of publication, if a student is interested in it as a profession.

Work is judged on several levels, from spelling and grammar to structure and substance. Typos and other minor errors that seem accidental are corrected. However, any corrections or small alterations are done without changing the work’s essence; the editors are not censors on language or content. Explicit language or imagery is not grounds for rejection, though it is analyzed in the context of the work as an artistic whole. The staff’s job is to evaluate the artistic merits in every poem, story or visual artwork submitted, and to publish accordingly.

Shortly after publication, Digressions hosts its launch party in late March or early April. The event is fully distributed and published contributors read their work publicly. The launch is entirely open, free and an excellent chance to meet the artists personally.

The Digressions staff usually begins meeting toward the end of fall, and it hopes it will see more new staff and contributors next year. For more information, contact the magazine’s adviser, Suzanne Ferriss, Ph.D., at ferriss@nova.edu or 954-262-8219.

Unity Week is a celebration of freedom that attempts to destroy hatred and prejudice among ethnicities, nationalities and the gay and lesbian community. Throughout the week, students are given the opportunity, through various events, to educate themselves about the existing problem of discrimination and the need to eradicate it. Unity Week features events such as, “Take Back the Night,” a rally to support victimized and abused women; and “Bringing Down the Wall of Hate,” an event where students paint slurs and hurtful names on cement blocks, use them to construct a wall, and then pull them down with ropes, symbolizing the destruction of hateful thoughts and actions.

Setting the feeling for Homecoming week, CommunityFest draws the entire NSU community to a day of fun and games with clubs and organizations on campus. With free food provided by local vendors, rock climbing, laser tag, karaoke and tons of other entertainment, CommunityFest is always a fun event. From CommunityFest, the fun goes straight into Homecoming Week. For this week, students participate in out-of-the-norm activities such as, Flight Deck Folies, a beauty pageant where guys show off their looks in drag and compete in three categories for first place. Another event is the Annual Raft Race that takes place at the Gold Circle Lake. Teams from different clubs and organizations create rafts out of a variety of unconventional materials to create flotable boats to win the race. There are concerts, comedic acts and other festivities that lead up to the grand formal event - the Homecoming Dance. This is an enormous formal dance party that the NSU community thoroughly enjoys.

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9. Research shows that students who live on-campus are more likely to graduate.
8. You’re still sleeping while everyone else is stuck in traffic.
7. Free food at RA programs.
6. Studies show that students who live on campus get better grades.
5. You can run back to your room between classes for a nap or a quick bite to eat.
4. Free laundry, cable, phone, utilities, and internet connections are included in your rent.
3. Friends and classmates are just a door away.
2. Residence Life staff is available 24 hours a day...try calling your landlord at 4:00 a.m.
1. You get the complete college experience and you have the rest of your life to live off campus.

Community Living in "The Commons"

The Commons is the newest residence hall which opened in August of 2007. This state-of-the-art living facility includes 501 student beds, classroom and study rooms, community living rooms, study room, and recreational facilities, community living rooms, study room, and recreation room. The Commons is unique and dynamic in its inclusion of incorporating communities within the residential living experience. There are seven theme communities to choose from: The World Community, Leadership Community, Quiet Community, Business and Entrepreneurship Community, Greek Village, and Wellness.

The community living rooms will have comfort and amenities that will create unique spaces for students to conduct study sessions, group meetings or hang out with friends.

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Freshman Living in “Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall”

This residence hall houses up to 320 students with 0-30 credits. Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall is the primary freshman residence hall. Each room is built for double or triple occupancy and features a bathroom, large closet space, and high ceilings. Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall has limited availability for single rooms and residents are placed on a first-come-first-serve basis. Each room is furnished with beds, desks, desk chairs, dressers, and a built-in storage/counter facility. Rooms are not furnished with refrigerators and microwaves and students are expected to bring their own. This hall houses a classroom, computer lab, study lounges on each floor, FREE laundry facilities, a common kitchen on the 1st Floor, large TV lounge, and administrative office for the Office of Residential Life and Housing staff.
A Reflection of You

Theme Housing

At Nova Southeastern University, we offer a variety of housing options for undergraduate students. An exciting component of residential living is the opportunity to live in one of the theme housing communities. These communities allow students to live and interact with students with similar interests. Staff members hired for the theme floors have expertise in the theme, and social and educational programming are offered around the theme. Theme housing for first-year students includes a Sisterhood Community, the LEAD 1 Community, and a Quiet Community. General or theme housing information and applications can be found on our website at www.nova.edu/life/oncampus/theme. Take your living and learning experience to the next level: GO THEME!

The Quiet Corridors

This community brings together students who prefer a quiet, studious environment. These students set their own community standards in regards to quiet hours and use of the study lounge. These students create a community of engaged, academically focused students. The Quiet Corridor is offered in both Goodwin Hall and the Commons Residence Hall. The members of the community in The Commons will assist with mentorship of the members of the community in Goodwin Hall

Women's Empowerment Theme Communities

The Sisterhood

For female students of any major who wish to live in an all-female environment and explore women’s issues, awareness, and celebrate the spirit of women. We seek to empower women from a variety of cultures and communities while continuing to create safe and inclusive spaces for all. The Sisterhood is offered in both Goodwin Hall and the Commons Residence Hall. The women of the community in The Commons will assist with mentorship of the women in Goodwin Hall.

Leadership Theme Communities

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These communities bring together leaders from areas such as the executive board of clubs and organizations, Student Government, Leadership Roundtable Scholars, the LEAD 1000 program, and members of the leadership certificate program to learn more about themselves as leaders and to serve the campus community with their leadership skills. These communities will support the mission of the Leadership Development Program, developing leaders who can effectively lead themselves, their peers, and their organizations as students, professionals, and citizens.
The Current is NSU's student newspaper. Our goal is to increase the awareness of issues that concern our readers through informative, balanced and unbiased news coverage. Every week, The Current serves its readers by printing the latest student-relevant news, including the most recent developments of the university, as well as coverage of popular lectures and social events on campus.

In addition, students can keep up with their favorite teams in the NSU Sports section, enjoy reviews of the latest in arts and entertainment in Variety, and speak their mind in The Current's popular Opinion section. The Current is the voice of the students and enhances their connection to the rest of the university. Letters to the editor are welcomed via email at nsunews@nova.edu.

Meet Some of Our Staff

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

I am a recent addition to The Current as Staff Writer. I am going on my junior year, pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing. I have had the experience of growing up in two different cultures. I lived in Florida until I was ten and then moved to Honduras where I graduated high school. I originally wanted to study journalism, but because NSU did not offer it, I decided on marketing. Because I'm studying marketing, The Current fulfills my passion to write. I hope that in the future, I can incorporate writing as well as fashion in my career with marketing.

Hey! I'm Alex and I am the layout designer for The Current. I am a biology major in my senior year and I will be pursuing a career in naturopathic medicine, which is all about herbs and other natural treatments. Aside from designing the newspaper, I am also the secretary for Sigma Delta Tau sorority, researcher at NSU's Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research, a purple belt in karate, and member of the Honors Program. If you have any comments on my design work or just want to say hi, feel free to stop me on campus.

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

Hi! My name is Kristine Belizaire. I am a senior at NSU and double majoring in Communication Studies and Legal Studies with a minor in History. I am the Current Affairs Editor for The Current. I love writing about NSU current affairs because it gives me a chance to connect the students with events that matter to them. Look for my stories throughout the year! I love to hear from the NSU community, so let me know what you think about the events on campus!

Akshat Bhargava
Business Manager

I have been working as a Business Manager for the newspaper since fall 2006. My primary responsibility is to generate revenue for the newspaper and manage the non-editorial aspect of it. I have also actively served in many capacities in various clubs, organizations, committees and programs at NSU. For example: Student Government Association, Nova International Student Association, PANSIG, Presidential Ambassador, Diversity Ambassador, Academic Integrity Committee, Commencement Committee, NSU Community Fest Marketing Committee, and NSU Ethics Bowl Debate Team. Also, I have been inducted into various honor societies both academic and leadership such as Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society.

Tranrell Mesa
Sports Editor

My name is Tranrell Hope Mesa, but my friends call me Nelly. I am a 21-year-old senior from Miami, Fla. I\'m majoring in psychology while working on a double minor in both sociology and family therapy with the hopes of one day joining a firm and becoming a child psychologist. I was a part of NSU\'s women\'s softball team as a freshman and sophomore from 2005-2007. As a junior, I joined the women\'s rowing team and helped claim a Sunshine State Conference Championship. Upon joining The Current in 2005 as a sports reporter, I moved forward and now hold the position as The Current\'s Sports Editor. I also work with NSU\'s Residential Life where I serve on the Summer Crew staff. I enjoy getting involved in nearly any type of sport, shopping, working out and fun-filled days at the beach.

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

I\'m Tim Coenraad and I joined The Current staff in Sept. of 2007 as a staff writer, focusing on the sports section. I have a passion for writing sports as I\'m a member of the men\'s basketball team. During the 2007-08 season, I led the Sharks in multiple categories including scoring and assists.

I\'m entering my senior year as a student-athlete majoring in Sports and Recreational Management with dreams of one day playing professional basketball either in Europe or in my home country of Australia.

Tanya Parnes
NSU News Editor

My name is Tanya Parnes and I am the NSU News Editor for The Current. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Florida and I am currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution. I have always had a very strong interest in government and politics. I believe that it is very important to keep up with the news and to remain well informed about local, national and international events. There are so many occurrences that take place on a daily basis that directly impact our lives. Therefore, it is extremely important to pay attention to the news. I was immediately drawn to the news section of The Current when I came to NSU because I really feel as though it is necessary to keep students informed about what is going on, both within the university itself, as well as in the outside communities. Students should not only be aware of these campus happenings, but also be asking questions constantly. I love to know, "Why?" I feel that it is my job as the news editor to ask the tough questions and get the answers that students rightfully deserve. I have worked with the newspaper over the last two years and have watched it grow tremendously in that time. I have had the chance to meet with several different individuals in various departments throughout the university which has helped me learn a lot about NSU and its history. I have really seen a lot of changes throughout the university during the last few years that have been really beneficial to the students and I hope to see even more of them in the future.

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Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) is a non-partisan organization that brings the world home through programming on more than 1,000 U.S. university campuses and in more than 10 countries. AID fulfills its mission by coordinating town hall meetings on America’s role in the world, hosting leadership retreats and publishing opinion pieces and reports on issues of global importance. Through these efforts, AID seeks to build a new generation of globally conscious leaders who can shape an American foreign policy appropriate for our increasingly interdependent world.

AID is currently supporting four program areas: Global Development, Global Health, Global Environment and Global Peace & Security. Activities related to these areas throughout the nation have raised awareness and generated advocacy for labor rights and fair trade, poverty, environmental consciousness and the need to reduce carbon emissions, the shortage of medicines and prevention of diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis, and issues on peacekeeping and democratization — so name a few. Members sometimes meet in summits hosted by its various chapters across the nation and network with the speakers or representatives of the groups. AID’s leaders are former student activists who are committed to guiding and working with students in finding the best ways to support local and national initiatives. AID’s chapter at NSU has been active for almost two years. Our members have been mainly from the Conflict Analysis and Resolution Dept. (DCAR), but the organization’s membership is open to any graduate student that is interested in forwarding the goals and initiatives of the group. Members of NSU AID have focused on the Global Peace and Security and Global Development program areas by leading discussions about the Iraq war, the human rights violations at Abu Ghraib, the nature of war (including its legality and psychological consequences) and modern day slavery and human trafficking. At these events, we have worked with faculty members from DCAR, the Center for Psychological Studies, and the Shepard Broad Law Center, as well as with the Fort Lauderdale Veteran Center, The Emancipation Network, Free the Slaves, the Miami Movement Against Human Trafficking and NSU student groups Catholic Life and the SHSS Student Association. Because Florida is among the top four states in human trafficking in the U.S., AID will try to establish various training and programs locally that raise awareness about it and increase the likelihood of this crime being reported.

If you are interested in learning more about AID, feel free to visit www.aidenocracy.org. For more information about NSU’s chapter contact Aniuska Luna at aniuska@nova.edu.

**Caribbean Students Association**

The Caribbean Students Association (CSA) was founded at NSU by three homesick freshmen in October 2000. It originally consisted of only eight members, including the e-board. Despite its small beginnings, CSA has always sought to appreciate, promote and maintain the culture and tradition of the Caribbean. We strive to create a home environment where Caribbean students can unite and feel free to voice their concerns and opinions on matters of interest and provide advisory assistance wherever possible.

CSA received two awards during the 2005-06 academic year: Organization of the Month and Service Project of the year. We received both of these awards for our prompt response to the destruction of hurricane Katrina. We are now well publicized on the Internet hence, improving the participation of our members.

CSA is also well known for hosting some of the best events on campus, such as the All White Party, the Red & White Valentine’s Party and the Annual AIDS Lock-In. NSU’s CSA also attends a bi-annual conference, which is hosted by Florida Caribbean Student Association (FCSA). This conference is where various members of CSA from surrounding college campuses come together to talk about topics relating to the Caribbean experience in a fun environment. The conference is filled with workshops and social events.

CSA is not limited to just Caribbean students, but is open to all who wish to learn more about and experience the Caribbean way of life. Our organization is continuing to grow tremendously, due to this factor. General meetings are hosted once a week, bi-weekly. These meeting are open to all NSU students. Members are those students who actively involved in group’s events, pay membership dues, attend general meetings, and follow the mission of the CSA.

In the future CSA plans to continue its expansion in the area of service commitments and social events. We hope to work with other organizations so that we can spread our knowledge of the Caribbean. Come and be apart of one the best organizations here at NSU.

"Beautiful by Diversity" is our motto and we plan to live up to it in everything we do.

**Chicks on Point**

The Chicks on Point Step Team (C.O.P.) was founded at NSU in 2002 and became chartered in the Fall of 2003. Since then, we have been growing every year. We are currently 15 members strong and we perform at many NSU events and at various events off campus. Events include Nithe Ball, basketball games, Shark-a-Palooza, NSU’s Annual Community Fest, Homecoming festivities and many other events sponsored by other organizations on campus. C.O.P. is not just about performing; we are also involved in various community service projects such as Little Buddies Carnival, Street Clean Up and the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. For more information, contact Aniuska Luna at aniuska@nova.edu. If you want to be a part of a close knit organization, have an interest in stepping or just want more information, e-mail Marquise or Iris at liris@nova.edu, or Vmarquis@nova.edu. Look for our sidewalk art in front of the library and our booth at the Undergraduate Orientations.

**Gay–Straight Student Alliance at the Center for Psychological Studies**

The Gay Straight Student Association (GSSA) is committed to promote a welcoming atmosphere for sexual-minority students (i.e., Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender) and non-sexual-minority students who are interested in working together to achieve a better understanding of the GLBT population. It strives to enhance training and research in GLBT counseling and psychotherapy. As part of its mission, the GSSA seeks to:

- Provide outreach volunteer services in order to assist the local GLBT population.

Consistent with its mission, the GSSA has also become active in various community service venues. For example, GSSA was a co-sponsor of and members served as volunteers at the SunServe Social Services Center. This organization holds an annual GLBT family conference that is open to the public. Currently, our members have also volunteered their time at the Poverello Center (a local HIV/AIDS community based food bank and thrift store) and at the Fort Lauderdale Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLGCC).
The purpose of the International Muslim Association at NSU (IMAN) is to unite all Muslims on campus and provide a better understanding of the Islamic faith throughout the NSU community. Through social and religious events, we strive to enhance the understanding of the Islamic faith. The International Muslim Association was founded by group of students in 1998 and has many involved members. Although IMAN is a religious organization, it is not limited to religion alone and one does not have to be Muslim to join. IMAN has hosted many successful events in the past. A well recognized event in the NSU community is the annual Fas-A-Thon. This event takes place during Ramadan, a month in the Islamic calendar which is spent fasting during the daylight hours from dawn to dusk. During the Fas-A-Thon, we ask non-Muslims to pledge to fast with us for one day by refraining from anything that is important to them. For every person that fasts, we ask businesses to donate. All the proceeds go to local charities. During Ramadan, IMAN also takes into consideration those students who are on campus during iftaar, (breaking of the fast) and provides weekly iftaars. We also host Eid Dinners. Eid is a Muslim holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. IMAN also holds Islamic Awareness Week, to educate people about the Islamic religion. During an entire week, informative flyers, pamphlet and representatives of IMAN who take questions are available. On Fridays, Jummah prayers are also held on campus. Along with doing religious events, we also try to incorporate social activities in all these events. In the previous year, IMAN also took part in virshah show which included all the religious organizations on campus. Although these events are religious, they initiate members to interact in a social climate. We also welcome feedback from members, such as suggestions on prospective events and activities.

IMAN is a very active club and is striving to be known throughout the NSU community. All the effort put forth by the members has resulted in numerous successful events. Last semester, IMAN was honored with the Spiritual Life Event of the Year award for the event "Islamophobia." In the past, IMAN has also been awarded and nominated many times for the Student Lifetime Achievement awards, also known as the STUEYS.

The IMAN e-board would like to welcome you to NSU and hope that you take an interest in IMAN. General meetings take place once a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. If you are interested in joining IMAN or would just like some more insight on Islam, please be sure to attend the meetings. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at ihina@nova.edu or the co-president, Shaika Noor, at shayika@nova.edu. We hope you all can be a part of making IMAN a successful organization on campus.

Our meetings are held bi-weekly, in the Parker Building on Tuesday's from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The NSU Conservatives hold many events throughout the year, from going to play paintball to taking our annual trip to Washington D.C. for the Conservative Political Action Conference. This is a great club for NSU students that are looking to get involved on campus! If you are interested in joining, please email Anthony Campenni, club President, at campenni@ nova.edu. Also, check out our facebook.com group, NSU Conservatives, for more information.

NSU is a place where every student can find opportunities to belong to the campus community, impact others positively through their talents and skills, and experience personal growth and development - Belong, Impact and Grow. B.I.G. is a new leadership and civic engagement program at Nova Southeastern University.

Your student experience will be much more fun and meaningful if you get involved. Our campus activities project 9-11 Never Forget. If you have any questions, please email nsucurrent@gmail.com. We are looking to get involved on campus and developing your ability to lead and impact others effectively. The office includes the areas of Leadership Development, Civic Engagement, Student Life, Multicultural Affairs, and International Students. We are located on the second floor of the Rosenstiel Student Center.

Our campus activism project 9-11 Never Forget.
On behalf of NSU Pakistani Student Association (PSA), we would like to welcome all freshmen to NSU. The main goal of PSA is to bring the Pakistani community closer together and to promote the Pakistani culture as well as ethics. We are students who are actively pursuing our education, yet at the same time, striving to promote our Pakistani heritage and culture. This organization is very young, but in the past, PSA has done a number of dinners, cultural shows, get-togethers and much more. Some major events hosted by NSU PSA last year were The PSA Eid Dinner at Hong Kong Buffet, Antakshari Night, Cultural Night and the Bhangra Jam. The current PSA executives are very enthusiastic and optimistic about the upcoming year and with your suggestions and encouragement, we aim to make this year a memorable one. PSA members receive priority and discounts on all of our events. A member has the right to vote to elect the executive council and also to run for the executive council. The membership fee is annual and is a nominal amount which is determined by the executive council each year. To become a member, please feel free to send us an email or see us at the organizational fair at your orientation. You can contact Ayesha Mohammed at mayesha@nova.edu for more information.

PSA e-Board (L-R) Hina, Myra, Anam, Aisha, Ayesha, Kanwal and Samia.
Pan African Student Association

The Pan-African Student Association (P.A.S.A.) is a student organization that was founded at NSU in 1986. The organization was founded as a vehicle for developing unity and cultural awareness among all students at NSU so that we may jointly address the problems unique to minorities in higher education. Our mission is to develop unity and cultural awareness among all students at NSU. We strive to academically advance, politically enlighten and socially motivate all NSU students, so that we may become more aware of the various cultures that surround us.

Meetings are conducted every other Friday and consist of event discussion (past and present), future plans and discussion questions regarding sex, race, fraternity and sorority, political, relationships, school issues, family, etc. P.A.S.A. is proud of its culture and would love to share information with others. As such, the club is open to everyone.

Some events we participate in during the year are historical black events (such as black history month), parties to raise money for our organization, volunteer work and collaboration with other organizations for campus and social events. Be assured that you do not have to do it alone! The Pre-Dental society as a whole works together in workshops, volunteer opportunities and dental related events. We hold monthly meetings regarding DATs, activities, clinical workshops and much more. We often collaborate with other Pre-Health organizations and provide our members with information on shadowing, internships and community service. As our executive board is gearing up for another year, we are always open for questions and new ideas. Please check out our Web site for the latest updates, events, contacts and links to important dental information at www.nova.edu/predent.

Pre-Dental Society

The NSU Pre-Dental-Society offers membership to perspective students who have a desire to establish a career in the field of dentistry. We are a relatively new society whose main goal is to provide our members not only with valuable resources, but also with many opportunities that will help them achieve their goal of entering this competitive field.

Dental Medicine is an extremely diverse and challenging field to say the least, and requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and of course, motivation. The good news is that you do not have to do it alone! The Pre-Dental society as a whole works together in workshops, volunteer opportunities and dental related events. We hold monthly meetings regarding DATs, activities, clinical workshops and much more. We often collaborate with other Pre-Health organizations and provide our members with information on shadowing, internships and community service. As our executive board is gearing up for another year, we are always open for questions and new ideas. Please check out our Web site for the latest updates, events, contacts and links to important dental information at www.nova.edu/predent.

Psychology Club

The Psychology Club invites everyone to join in the festivities of the coming year. We are a club open to all students, regardless of major. Our organization provides students with information and activities concerning psychology. We offer the opportunity to meet new friends on campus, learn about the field of psychology, meet professionals in the field, and gain hands on experience through getting involved with on-campus research and volunteering in the community. Our mission as the Psychology Club is to better our understanding of psychology and to use our skills in this field to better the NSU campus and society as a whole.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lauren Dehaca at dehaca@nova.edu or Christi O’Neill at chrionei@nova.edu.

Residential Student Association

Welcome to NSU on behalf of the Residential Student Association (RSA). RSA is an organization made up of students who live on campus at NSU. Our goal is to help build a sense of community within the residential halls by putting on events, hosting informational sessions and helping to fix concerns and problems that residents may have with their experience in the residence halls. We meet bi-weekly in one of our classrooms and we would love to have you join our team. Our first big event of the year will be on Saturday Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. behind the Commons Hall. It will be a Hawaiian style speed dating and friendship making event with great food from Blue Sky Restaurant and tons of great prizes.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. You may email the club president, Danielle Padgett at dpadgett@nova.edu or the club vice president Jean Torres at jtorres@nova.edu. We are looking forward to seeing you in the fall at our first general meeting and on Saturday, Aug. 23.

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Scuba Club
Got that sinking feeling? Try NSU Scuba Crew
Zach Conaway

It’s an amazing experience really. You feel weightless, almost like in outer space; you couldn’t be further from Earth. You’re simply floating a few feet from the ocean floor in search of the next reef, wreck, or whatever may come across your way. It’s an adventure every time, to say the least.

Scuba stands for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. One should be able to guess that it was intended to explore the bottom of the ocean. Originally used by the U.S. military in World War II, scuba was brought into the mainstream by explorer, scientist and photographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau. Presently, there are estimates of between 1.5 and 4 million divers in the U.S. alone. Various wrecks, reefs and fish havens make South Florida an ideal area to dive without spending the high prices associated with various dive resorts. You can even go to the beach, walk right into the water wearing your dive gear and find numerous relics left behind. The number of wrecks along the coast from Palm Beach to Ft. Lauderdale has given the area the nickname of “Wreck Alley.’
The NSU Scuba Crew is a group open to all undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and alumni who want to develop skills and to enjoy the experience of scuba diving. We seek to create dive opportunities on the NSU campus. We want to help those who are interested in getting certified and maximizing their skills underwater. We also want to have fun whenever we meet or go out on the water.
We have a very capable Dive Master, Prof. Kevin McCarthy, who has many years of dive experience and is an instructor with the NAUI diving agency.
Scuba Crew will have various dives scheduled throughout the upcoming year. Within the first couple of weeks of the beginning of school we will schedule snorkel/scuba trips to John Pennekamp Reef in the Florida Keys. Our dives will be advertised well in advance so participants can prepare their gear and fix any schedule conflicts. We will also begin basic certifications on campus as soon as possible.
Scuba Crew meets every other Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in the Carl Desantis Building, Room 1047. Keep an eye out for us. For any extra information please contact Zach Conaway at conaway@nova.edu.

NSUSGA

Hello incoming students,

We are the undergraduate student government association at NSU, but we are better known by our fellow students as “NSUSGA.” Our main purpose in writing to you is to let you know that all of you have a voice, and we want you to have that voice.

NSUSGA is quite a unique and innovative organization. We are known to offer an array of assistance to our students from anything dealing with activities for other clubs and organizations to the more serious legislative affairs that may possibly affect your day to day experience at NSU such as the potential to cut the Residency Access Grant (FRAG) cut that is currently on the table in state congress) and other student legislation like resolutions for student funding. Also, it is great way to build leadership skills that you can use in the real world as well as be able to network with students that you would not be able to meet elsewhere. If you give us a shot, we will make it worth your while as a part of this organization.

We still have a few positions in NSUSGA that are still available. To learn more about NSUSGA, you can either go to our Web site, www.nsu Scalia nova.edu, or you can join our facebook.com group titled “NSUSGA.” We insist that you check out both of these options. We are really looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,
The Nova Southeastern University Undergraduate Student Government Association

West Palm Beach Student Government Association

Welcome Back! It is time for another great school year to begin. The West Palm Beach Student Government Association (SGA) has many wonderful events planned for this upcoming year. To the new students who are beginning their first semester at NSU, the West Palm Beach SGA would like to welcome and congratulate you on your acceptance.

SGA is an association that allows students’ voices to be heard. If there are any problems or concerns occurring at the West Palm Beach site or even if there are any questions regarding the student lounge; you are always welcome to leave suggestion slips on the student bulletin board in the break room, or you can always approach any of the officers or our adviser, Carola Wangeci, and we will try to address your concerns as much as we can. Every single concern or issue is read and discussed by the SGA officers. We will try our best to resolve whatever concern you may have as a student. If not we will make sure that your concern or issue is passed on to the right channels so it can be heard and resolved.

To allow for a better college experience, SGA holds many events to bring a sense of unity among its students. In the past we have held BBQs, brunch on the weekends, lunches during the week, family “fun” day, and many other events that will be organized again this year. These events are held to not only give the student body a reason to fill their stomachs, but an opportunity to meet other classmates, as well as other peers in many other programs on campus.

Looking to give back to the community? Look no further. SGA participates in many community services, such as Habitat for Humanity and holding canned goods drive throughout the year.

SGA is here for you. We exist for the purposes of serving you and the student body here in West Palm Beach Campus. We are open to any ideas and concerns, as one can see through the creative events we have hosted and differences we have made on campus. We are a very diverse campus, therefore, we celebrate many holidays in order to teach others about different cultures as well as reminding many about home. School can be exhausting, so take advantage of these events to stay well-grounded, connected, and maybe make new friends along the way.

Sharkettes Dance Team

Dancing is what the Sharkettes are all about. The Sharkettes are NSU’s official dance team, and are dedicated to spreading spirit throughout NSU while entertaining a crowd. The Sharkettes incorporate the dance styles of hip-hop, ballet and lyrical in their choreography with an emphasis on jazz. The team meets three times a week for practice and performs at school events regularly. Last school year, the Sharkettes performed at NSU’s Community Fest, Greek Unity Jam, a Women in Distress charity event, Quad Thursday and more. The Sharkettes are a close knit team of dancers and are always looking for new members who love to dance. The Sharkettes will be holding auditions the second week into the fall 2008 semester, so look for posters and flyers for more info! The Sharkettes can be contacted at sharkettes@yahoo.com.

Twentieth Undergraduate Student Government Association (NSU SGA)

Trenton, NJ

The Sharkettes are a female dance team that was created in order to promote school spirit and enthusiasm. The team is made up of students from all backgrounds and majors and is dedicated to bringing fun and excitement to NSU’s community. The Sharkettes perform at various events throughout the year, including the annual Shark Week Festival, the Homecoming Dance, and the annual Community Fest. The team is known for their energetic and creative dance routines, and they always strive to make NSU students feel welcome and included in the community. If you are interested in joining the Sharkettes, please contact the team at sharkettes@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.nsusga.nova.edu for more information.

Redhead Salon

Redhead Salon is located in Davie, FL, and offers a variety of hair and beauty services to its clients. The salon is known for its friendly and knowledgeable staff, as well as its high-quality products and services. Some of the services offered by Redhead Salon include haircuts, highlights, extensions, color, updo's, relaxer, waxing, facials, and more. The salon is open from 10am-8pm on Tuesday-Saturday, and can be reached at (954) 990-4340 for appointments. For more information, please visit www.nsucurrent.com.

Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of Redhead Salon is taking place in Davie, FL, on June 4, 2008. The salon offers a variety of hair and beauty services, including haircuts, highlights, extensions, and color. They also provide relaxer, waxing, facials, and other beauty treatments. The salon is open from 10am to 8pm on Tuesday to Saturday. For more information or to make an appointment, call (954) 990-4340. Visit www.nsucurrent.com for more details.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (AKA) was founded at Howard University in Washington D.C. by nine ambitious African American visionaries—among them, the honorable Eleda Hedgeman Lyte. It is the oldest Greek letter organization to be established in America by women of color. Those young ladies could not have imagined that their sisterhood, based on scholarship and service to all mankind, would develop into an international organization with more than 250,000 members giving back to their communities.

As the sorority grew, it kept in balance two important themes: the importance of the individual and the strength of an organization of women of ability and courage. Throughout the history of AKA, many of its members have been in the forefront of several great milestones in America’s history, such as the suffrage and civil rights movements. The year 2008 brings with it the addition of AKA to NSU. On April 13, 2008, seventeen studious young ladies chartered a new chapter, Sigma Chi, in hopes of continuing to make a difference in Broward County while also making an impact on the NSU community.

This Fall, be on the lookout for the Sigma Chi chapter of AKA as they celebrate their arrival at NSU! For more information regarding Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. be sure to visit the national website at www.aka1908.com.

Alpha Kappa Psi
The Professional Business Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi (AKP) is a professional coeducational business fraternity which was founded at New York University in 1905. It began as a result of the belief by its founders that a “higher education for businesspeople was a vital need in America.” These founders created the fraternity as one unique association of various individuals coming together—persons impacts the community by turning members into principled business leaders that are destined for success in this ever-changing business world we are a part of.

AKP provides a way for its members to transpise into the business world with a greater knowledge and a more ambitious attitude. This professional business fraternity entered NSU on May 22, 2005. AKP holds various events yearly to provide its members into principled business leaders that are destined for success in this ever-changing business world we are a part of.

Some of our yearly projects include: The Love Jen Festival, Y-100 Wing Ding, Easter Seals, The Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, Florida Marlins/MDA Jersey Off Their Backs Event and many more. We also participate in various events within the fraternity, including sectional, regional, and national conferences.

Our upcoming Fall 2008 rush is sure to be one of the best ever, so be on the lookout for flyers! Rush is our traditional recruitment period, and it is a week of fun activities that end with a service project and a ceremony for those who wish to pledge. Past rush activities have included: information nights, trips to Game Works, movie nights, ice cream socials and dinners at various restaurants. All rush events are free to all students who are interested in joining or learning more about APO. You may come to one or all of them. Those who wish to join APO will go through an eight week pledge program, which is a period of training in which you learn about APO, our principles, and participate in our chapters’ events. The only requirement to join APO is to be a current NSU student, undergraduate or graduate.

Feel free to check out our bulletin board, in the Parker building 2nd floor. If you would like to be added to our rush information list, please send an email to our rush chair Elizabeth Gut at egut@nova.edu or check out our chapter Web site at http://www.nova.edu/akp to see what we are all about. If you would like more information on our national fraternity, visit http://www.apo.org. We hope to see you soon!

Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

Delta Phi Epsilon sorority was the first Greek Organization at NSU and we have been here for 13 consecutive years. We were nationally founded on March 17, 1917 at NYU Law School. We are a social sorority, but focus a lot of our time on community service and the betterment of our campus. We not only strive to better our community, but we strive to better ourselves as individuals, as per our vision statement: “Setting the standard for ourselves in an ever-changing world.”

Delta Phi Epsilon has worked to develop a social consciousness and a willingness to think and act for the common good in order to assure continuous development and achievement in the collegiate and fraternity world. We have a year full of events such as sisterhood retreats to Disney World, socials with fraternities and sororities on campus and several philanthropic events to raise money for our three philanthropies: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, and the Delta Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. Our sorority maintains a constant sense of pride and love for what we stand for and work hard all year long to represent our sorority.

As any organization, we are not only defined by our members, but also by our annual events around campus. To start the year off, we host our annual male beauty pageant known as “Mr. Fintastic” in the fall semester. We select men from around campus to participate and the crowd votes for the winner by donating money in the name of each contestant. The contestant with the most money wins. All proceeds from this event go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

We also host an annual fashion show in the winter semester in conjunction with the Ft. Lauderdale Art Institute; all proceeds from this event go to philanthropy of your choice. Our last fashion show, we raised $3,000, which was donated to Relay for Life and The American Cancer Society.

During this past school year, our sorority raised over $8,000 for several charities. However, we not only participate in our own events and those of the university but we show support for events held by other clubs and organizations and strive to better our Greek Community as a whole.

This year, we received honors such as the Greek Organization of the Year, the Civic Engagement Award and the Greek Week Champions. Many of our members also won awards such as: Emerging Female Leader of the Year, Sophomore Leader of the Year, Senior Leader of the Year, Greek Woman of the Year and Greek President of the Year.

If you want to get to know us and other Greek Organizations on campus look out for flyers about our “Go Greek Week” coming in the fall 2008. For more information, contact chapter president Alina Tawil at tawil@nova.edu.
Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Kappa Sigma’s Omicron Eta Chapter was founded at NSU on December 10, 2005 and has already risen to becoming the largest and most successful social Greek fraternity on campus in only three years. Internationally, Kappa Sigma fraternity is the most preferred, largest in pledging and philanthropic fraternity in the U.S. and Canada. Kappa Sigma’s main goal for its members is to “become better men” by following four pillars: fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. Fellowship is found within the chapter and the bond formed between brothers in the fraternity. Leadership is to help brothers find the personal tools to develop the skills necessary to be a leader and to become more involved in the campus community. Scholarship is designed for every member to achieve the highest level of academic excellence throughout their time at NSU. Finally, service is designed for brothers to help give back to the community by volunteering. The Omicron Eta chapter has donated over 300 community service hours and over $5,000 to various charities. Every brother of Kappa Sigma is involved in other clubs and organizations such as Accounting Club, Billiards Club, Alpha Phi Omega, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Law, Tri Beta and many more. We also participate in intramural sports throughout the year such as volleyball, soccer, basketball and ultimate Frisbee.

Within its short existence at NSU, Kappa Sigma has already become the largest and most successful fraternity on campus. Within the past two years they have been awarded with the Emerging Leader of the Year award both in 2007 and 2008, Best New Member Program award, Most Campus Involvement award, and the STUBY for Undergraduate Organization of the Year. Any prospective undergraduates who are interested in joining Kappa Sigma Fraternity should attend the Recruitment Week which runs from Sept. 8 to Sept. 13. There will be several events held throughout the week in order for prospective students to come and acquaint themselves with the brotherhood. For further information about joining Kappa Sigma at NSU please contact Anthony Ferrara, Recruitment Chair, at ferra@nova.edu or (954) 266-6211. You can also get more information at www.okkapasig.com or www.myspace.com/okkapasigma.

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Sorority

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority

Lambda Theta Alpha (LTA) provides college students with the opportunity to be a part of a congenial family with a mission. Our mission is to cultivate a spirit of brotherhood, to value an education, to promote unity among all Latinos, to be proud of and cherish our heritage, to assert roles of leadership, to develop character, to practice charity, to serve mankind and to aim for the stars. In short, LTP works to raise the social and cultural conscience of the Latin or minority male college student. LTP has conquered new lands: the institutions of higher learning, with chapters all over the U.S., spanning 96 Universities. In Florida, all major universities have a Lambda chapter. Our brotherhood’s best attribute is that regardless of the school, our bond is still just as strong. We travel all over the South Florida region to support one another, and continue to maintain the brotherhood that was started 33 years ago on December 1, 1957 at Kansas College in Linman, New Jersey.

On a more local level, LTP also boasts some of NSU’s most dynamic leaders. We have always believed in leading our campus community and we do so in various positions. Our brothers have served as orientation leaders, resident advisors, student government members, Greek Council Presidents and Student Body Presidents. LTP’s brothers have always prided themselves on giving above and beyond the call of duty to serve our campus, so we feel it is essential to our mission that we become as committed to NSU as possible.

In order to be a member of LTP, you always have academic standards to meet. LTP has always focused on the academic growth of our brothers and set up individually catered programs to help each brother excel in the classroom. We teach our brothers time management and balance, so that they can achieve their overall goal of one day graduating, and becoming a productive member of society.

Why do we stand out? It’s very simple actually. LTP has always believed in quality over quantity, and our member base has always been smaller than other fraternities. However, you will see our brothers accomplishing just as much, if not more, than larger organizations with four times the membership. Some of our more daunting accomplishments include maintaining the highest fraternity GPA the last three years, completing the most community service hours of any fraternity this past year and receiving an award for the Most Outstanding Community Service project, as we adopted Nova Dr. and actively maintain it.

During the year, our brothers are heavily involved in the university, and host events to establish our presence. We host the Brown and White Jumpoff – NSU’s first and only statewide salute, step and stroll competition. We also host the Women’s Appreciation Banquet, an event created to promoting the empowerment of women leaders on our campus through scholarship. We host the annual Unity Jam, a cultural celebration where numerous organizations participate by bringing cultural foods or performing cultural dances, steps or strolls. We have also raised money for causes such as the South Florida Coalition for the Homeless, the Dominican Republic Hurricane Relief Fund and the Peruvian Earthquake Relief Fund. Simply put, we do these things not because we seek recognition. We do them because we are committed to the ideals and mission our Founding Fathers created 33 years ago: Unity, Leadership, Scholarship, Brotherhood, and Respect.

On behalf of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, I would like to thank you for your interest in our organization. In addition, we welcome any students open to learning about the Latino culture to look into our organization. We have multicultural brothers, and by becoming a Lambda, they have all taken an oath to uphold the ideals of the fraternity. LTP is building the Latin and minority leaders of tomorrow, those who will provide the guidance and leadership for our community and nation.


Lorena Cabrera

The sisterhood of the first Latin sorority in the nation is one like no other; it’s a sisterhood based on the principles of unity, love and respect. You may have seen the Greek letters ΛΣΑ on the shirts and around the necks of more ladies than ever last semester. That’s because the lovely Lambda Ladies wearing burgundy and grey are back and making an impact on the NSU campus.

In 1975, an organization arose that would eternally shine. Seventeen determined ladies at Kean University in Union, New Jersey established a support group for Latinos and set the standards for the empowerment of the Universal Woman at colleges and universities across the nation. Today, Lambda Theta Alpha (LTA) has chapters at universities and colleges all over the U.S., sharing one common mission: to provide a sisterhood based on unity, love and respect; to develop strong leaders who will then provide and practice political, social and cultural activities; to promote Latino unity through charitable and educational programs; to maintain a high standard of learning; and serve as a voice for all Latino students.

Although LTA is a Latin sorority by tradition, it is not one by definition. We pride ourselves in being a non-exclusive organization that embraces every culture and every sister. This is what our sisterhood is about. Hence, it’s no surprise that so many sisters who do not attend NSU have been spotted on our campus on days that we are hosting events. As you can see, our organization is all about support.

So what makes LTA different? Tradition is an aspect of this organization that cannot be shamed. As Lambda Ladies, we practice our cultural traditions with great pride. Our traditions include saluting, strolling, chanting, our hand sign and our call – all of which embody our cultures and display our unity as sisters. Many sororities have similar traditions, but one that is unique to LTA is saluting: Our organization, saluting resembles a form of poetry in motion. It is something that is done to pay homage to a sister who has done something great, and to acknowledge past and present accomplishments of the organization. It is typically done in union with other sisters and incorporates modern songs and movements to emphasize points.

We are LTA’s Gamma Delta Chapter "The Divas of the South." Although there are few of us in this chapter, we are doing big things. We strongly believe that what we take to build a strong chapter is quality not quantity. In the short time that we have been active, we have completed over twenty hours of community service ranging from a walk for autism, to volunteering throughout Greek Week at NSU. Our organization is all about support. It consisted of events such as a pool party and an exhibition at Quad Thursday. That was just in a couple of weeks, imagine what it is still to come! For more information email jvlince5@yahoo.com.
Phi Alpha Delta

Law School... Do You See it in Your Future?

PAD participating in a Block Painting Party.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity International (PAD) is the largest international law school fraternity. It offers opportunities for leadership, community involvement, academic assistance and guidance in successfully completing the law school application process. The pre-law fraternity you choose can have a significant atmosphere of camaraderie.

Getting into Law School: PAD sponsors seminars on virtually every aspect of the application process. Examples include resume writing, personal statements, and administering mock LSAT tests.

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PAD is eager to offer our assistance to enhance your educational experience at NSU. Applications and more information about the fraternity can be found on the PAD bulletin board located on the second floor of the Parker Building. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our President Ryan Nicol at ryan@nova.edu or our advisor Timothy Dixon at dixon@nova.edu. The members of PAD look forward to meeting you soon!

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority

Sigma Delta Tau Sorority

Sigma Delta Tau (SDT) is a national sorority that was founded at Cornell University on March 25, 1917. The Delta Iota Chapter of Sigma Delta Tau was founded at NSU on November 16, 2006. There were 16 founding sisters who worked diligently to help SDT flourish on NSU's growing campus. Currently, we are a small, but growing chapter consisting of 12 active members.

SDT's mission is to enrich the college experience of women of similar ideals, to build lasting friendships and to foster personal growth. Sigma Delta Tau encourages each member to reach her fullest potential by providing intellectual, philanthropic, leadership, and social opportunities within the framework of mutual respect and high ethical standards. SDT has two philanthropic partners. We work with Prevent Child Abuse America and Jewish Women International to help raise awareness and money to donate to these two organizations. This past year, we held our inaugural Sigma Delta Tau Benefit Concert to raise awareness about child abuse and money to be donated to Prevent Child Abuse America. This concert was free for the community and all the money raised was thanks to the generosity of the NSU community. We also work with Jewish Women International by selling mother’s day cards in order to raise money so that flowers may be purchased and delivered to mothers in need on Mother’s Day.

The ladies of the Delta Iota Chapter of SDT pride themselves in being involved in all aspects of the NSU campus. Its members are working to see it thrive and grow into an even more successful organization. We have big plans this upcoming school year. We hope to see fresh and smiling faces at the sorority recruitment events during the first few weeks of school. Keep a lookout!
I Chose Division II
Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

It is not uncommon for high school athletes to toss and turn in what becomes a sleepless night pondering whether college or university they will choose to attend for the next four years of their lives. One major consideration is often the school’s stature; for example, Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and Junior College. From an outsider’s perspective, there is definitely a certain prestige that comes with playing for a Division I institution. However, the concern of the prospective student should be centered on what each school has to offer for that particular individual and what it has offered them already. The answers to these questions will help an athlete choose one institution over the other regardless of their division.

Division II is a Division II program. As stated on the NCAA Division II Web site, “Division II is committed to developing students and communities by actively engaging in shared community engagements, we can direct the energy and spirit of winning student-athletes to positively change society as they change themselves.” Division II members have stated their philosophy to be that a well conducted intercollegiate athletics program is run on a solid educational system based on principles which stress the student-athletes' academic welfare. After all, obtaining higher education has long lasting importance which cannot be refuted. This, in addition to participating in upper-tier athletic competition, will help in developing a well-rounded individual within the community.

Still, why choose Division II? Many student-athletes have chosen NSU due to its’ sense of balance. Not only is their athletic success of importance, but the emphasis placed on their excellence in the classroom is heavily stressed as well. Both NSU’s Athletic Department and class professors communicate with the students and each other to work together in making sure that academics always come first.

Division II’s main goal is not just to aid a young man or woman in the classroom or within their sport. Upon incorporating athletics, academics and community involvement, Division II members hope to graduate student-athletes with an assortment of skills and knowledge for the long road ahead.

Sharks CHAMPS/Life Skills
Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU’s Athletic Department is making efforts now more than ever to promote its student-athletes’ level of participation in regards to supporting to their fellow teams. In doing so, with help of Compliance Coordinator and CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, Reyna A. Gilbert, NSU’s Athletic Department has established the “Shark Challenge.”

“The Shark Challenge is a department wide game that is played by all teams,” said Gilbert. “It effectively encourages the five CHAMPS/Life Skills commitment areas while having fun in a positive and competitive environment.”

The Challenging Athletes’ Minds for Personal Success (CHAMPS) Life Skills Program was developed in 1991 by the NCAA Foundation developed with the intent of generating a social developmental program for student-athletes. The five commitment areas Gilbert refers to are academic excellence, personal development, career development, service and athletic excellence.

Each year, 40 teams are selected by the NCAA to join the CHAMPS/Life Skills program. In 2005, NSU was accepted to join the program amongst the other 581 Division I, II, and III schools by putting together fun filled events.

In order to accumulate points, athletic teams must do their part in getting involved. Coaches are given agendas which list upcoming affairs, seminars, volunteer opportunities and other scheduled events - each of which are worth points. From there, coaches are expected to inform their athletes and encourage their athletes to participate. Points are generally kept track by a CHAMPS/Life Skills representative from each team and turned over to Gilbert at the first of each month.

Athletes from NSU’s softball team have won the SHARK Challenge for two consecutive years now, both in 2007 and 2008. The women have been acknowledged at the Student-Athletic Banquet and awarded with a framed certificate.

NSU Recreational Intramural Sports
Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU’s Office of Campus Recreation has worked hard in order to make an assortment of enjoyable and appealing sport opportunities available to its community over the years. Campus Recreation’s goal is “to establish fun and inviting playing environments for all skill levels.” In order to reach this goal, Campus Recreation has structured leagues and tournaments which are made available to both men and women as well as co-recreational teams.

In addition to this, Campus Recreation has dedicated time to putting together fun and motivating events and programs. One of the best examples of this would be the “Biggest Loser Competition.” This competition, modeled after the popular show, “The Biggest Loser,” was created in order to aid large groups of people to lose weight thus improving their health while having fun and making new friends with their supportive teammates.

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# ATHLETICS

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Shark Strength and Conditioning Program
Tranell Mesa
Sport's Editor

Many would agree that there is one coach within the Athletic Department who stands out amongst many: the NSU Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Coach Rene Pena, known among the athletes' world as "Coach P." Coming from a Division I background, Pena joined the ship shortly in 2006 and has just closed out his second year here at NSU along with his two Graduate Assistants (GAs), Jennifer Daratany and Cameron Yearsley, more commonly known as Jen and Cam.

Upon taking on the demanding position of Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Pena intends on sharing as much of his knowledge and experience as possible to do what he can to help his athletes and the NSU community be more successful.

"Traveling with the teams allows me to better evaluate their performance when in competition mode," says Pena. "Not only does it let me see the ways we have improved, but I can pinpoint the areas we need where we need to work.

Almost every sport has seen drastic improvement since Pena joined the Sharks family. Many of NSU's student-athletes and coaches believe that much of that improvement has come from the hours of hard work they have put into the Strength and Conditioning Program designed by Pena and his staff. In 2007-08, the women's rowing team, volleyball team and basketball team's have all won SSC championships while the softball team has recorded its best season in program history.

"Coach P has helped me a great deal," said Nate Dunbar, junior soccer player. "I stayed in Florida this past summer instead of going home to Connecticut and he trained with me multiple times a week to help me improve my speed and strength for soccer. He has greatly impacted all the aspects of my game and has boosted my confidence on the field.

Coach P has become more than just a strength and conditioning coach to our team. He has become part of the team and we respect him greatly for all of his time and efforts."}

Women’s Volleyball Post-Season Performance
Tim Coenraad
Staff writer

The NSU women’s volleyball team (26-10) earned their first ever post-season win against Wingate University’s Bulldogs on Nov. 15 in Tampa, putting the Bulldogs 24 game winning streak to an end. Upon competing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, NSU’s driving volleyball season regrettably came to a close as the Sharks fell to the nation’s # 14 Moccasins of Florida Southern University.

In their first ever post-season match the Sharks faced what seemed to be an unstoppable team from Wingate University, dropping just one set throughout their entire season. Early on in the match, the Bulldogs lived up to their impressive record as they took the first game 30-24.

Due to the Sharks’ loss in game one, it allowed NSU to work out the nerves which are expected to accompany a team’s first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Once settled, NSU was able to take game two 30-27 courtesy of five kills from each junior Melinda Gorman, sophomore Alex Tallman and freshman Paola Ruiz.

NSU’s solid defense forced Wingate's hit percentage to .051 as the Sharks dictated play throughout the game never trailing, taking the win by a score of 30-24. Tallman led NSU in game three with four kills. A decisive victory in the middle of game four allowed for NSU to coast to a 10-2 victory in the fourth and final game of the season. Tallman once again led the Sharks with 13 kills followed by sophomore teammate Petrova with 11 and junior Christina Chubb added 10 kills of her own.

The Sharks’ record breaking season came with several team and individual accomplishments throughout the year. NSU attained the most wins in program history for a single-season to go along with the best win-loss percentage, most consecutive wins, longest home winning streak, longest games win-loss percentage, most consecutive wins, most consecutive wins and overall most wins in program history.

In addition to their impressive winning season, NSU broke several statistical records in the following categories: kills, attacks, hitting percentage, assists, aces, digs and total blocks.

Head Coach Steve Wilkosky was appropriately named SSC Coach of the Year as he took the Sharks from being selected eighth in the conference to their first ever NCAA Tournament berth. Wilkosky is also the first coach in NSU history to help lead a volleyball athlete to being named SSC Player of the Week, honors distributed to both German and Petrova earlier in the season. Gorman was also selected to the All-SSC Team while fellow teammate Petrova received an honorable mention in light of her stellar performance throughout the season. On top of this, Petrova and Gorman were labeled as All-South Region performers according to the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

More recently, Tallman was named to the Daktronics All-South Region Team. In addition to this, Oteniente was named the team’s Most Valuable Player along with NSU’s Male Athlete of the Year while Christian Bentz was given the Coaches Award.

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Shark Cheerleading
Tranell Mesa
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Men’s Soccer
Tim Coenraad
Staff writer

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Women’s Soccer Season in Review

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

For the second straight season, the NSU women’s soccer team has been showered with success during their 2007 season. With an 11-4-2 record the Sharks were once ranked 10th in the nation and were selected to their second straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

Freshman Lauren Provow had an impressive first season as she tallied nine goals (third SSC), seven assists (eighth SSC) and 25 points (fifth SSC) on her way to becoming the first ever women’s soccer player to be named the SSC Freshman of the Year. She was also selected to the All-SSC Second Team.

Two time Defensive Player of the Week, senior Jennifer Tumber, was selected to the All-SSC First Team becoming the first ever NSU women’s soccer defender to be honored with the selection. Turner was the backbone of the Shark’s defense and let in the fewest goals in the conference with opponents only scoring 69 goals per contest.

Also named to the All-SSC Second Team were juniors Stephanie Quinones and Sharrill Burton. Burton was also named the teams Most Valuable Player notchting up seven goals and a team high of eight assists. Senior Jamal Williams, a one time SSC Defensive Player of the Week, was dubbed with the NSU Sportsmanship Award as well as the Coaches Award for her talent and dedication to NSU Soccer.

The Sharks are graduating four seniors this season, so with a strong nucleus returning for the 2008 season, NSU looks forward to another exciting women’s soccer season.

Baseball Finish 31-21

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU baseball team recorded one of its best seasons as of late finishing the 2008 season with a 31-21 record including 14-8 in Sunshine State Conference play, giving the Sharks a strong third place finish in the conference.

Before the commencement of the regular season, seniors Matt Mindick and Bryan Cook were selected for the pre-season All-American Team by the Collegiate Baseball Magazine. From this point on the Sharks never dropped more than three games in a row while building an impressive six game winning streak in the middle of their season.

Cook kept the Shark’s name alive in the SSC, being named a Player of the Week for the week ending April 14 coupled with his inspired play throughout the conference, leading the Sharks with a soaring .418 batting average while amassing 48 RBIs and 17 home runs. Cook’s outstanding performance earned him the honor of being named the SSC Player of the Year as well as his unanimous addition to the All-SSC First Team.

Senior Rudy Garcia became the first Shark to receive SSC honors in the spring, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week for his exceptional performance on the mound the week ending Apr. 7. Garcia held a remarkable 9.2 win-loss record over the season with a 4.22 ERA, giving him the privilege to join Cook on the All-SSC First Team.

Sophomore J.D. Martinez was last but certainly not least to be named SSC Player of the Week on Apr. 28 while capping his second year as a Shark on a terrific note as he registered a .370 batting average, 54 runs scored and a team high 56 RBIs. Martinez was also named to the All-SSC First Team for his efforts this 2008 season.

The last NSU addition to the All-SSC First Team was senior Cory Clark who completed his last season with an impressive 385 batting average, 16 RBIs and scored 30 runs over the season.

Five Sharks were also named to the Daktronics All-Southeast Region Baseball Teams with Cook making the first team and teammates Garcia, Clark, Martinez and senior Nick Carris making the second team.

Garcia was named the team’s most valuable player while naturally Cook was granted the honor of the coaches award along with the prestigious NSU Scholar Athlete Award.

The 2009 season looks to be an exciting campaign for the NSU baseball team as a lot of fresh faces will be gracing the team due to the graduation of nine seniors.

Men’s and Women’s Cross Country

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU women’s 2007 cross country season came to a close with a 12th place finish at the NCAA Division II Regional Meet held at Huntsville, Ala. on Nov. 11 after placing third in the SSC Conference Championships.

For the season, the standout runner for the Sharks was junior Eskender Abdalla. Abdalla was named SSC Male Runner of the Year after finishing third at the SSC Conference Championships.

Sophomore Tara Haddock had a breakout season for the Sharks leading them in six of their seven total races for the year, earning herself the honor of SSC Runner of the Week for the week ending on Oct. 14.

The NSU men’s cross country team capped their 2007 season with a seventh place overall finish at the NCAA Division II Regional Meet in Huntsville, Ala. on Nov. 11 after placing third in the SSC Conference Championships.

For the season, the standout runner for the Sharks was junior Eskender Abdalla. Abdalla was named SSC Male Runner of the Year after a stellar year with five top 10 finishes in the Sharks’ six races this season. Abdalla became the first SSC runner to receive four Runner of the Week awards, the fourth of which came after a ninth place finish out of a field of 137 runners, which lead to the Sharks third place finish overall. In addition to his accomplishments during the season, Abdalla was granted the SSC Male Runner of the Year, the first in NSU’s program’s history.

Both the men’s and women’s team are not only known for their athletic skills but for their academic excellence as well. The NSU Athletic Department awarded the teams the J.A. W.S. award at the end of the year athletic banquet in light of their academic achievement. In addition to this, Abdalla along with fellow senior teammate Troy Kolubara as well as seniors Heather Sturm and Shett Lezama were all named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team for maintaining a 3.25 GPA over the academic year while maintaining strong track records.

For the women’s team Haddock was awarded the team’s most valuable runner while Abdalla took home the honor for the men’s team. Coaches awards were distributed to both freshman John Bebars and senior Chelsea Gilbert.

NSU Softball Posts Best Season in Program History

Tranelli Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU’s softball team (43-20, 12-9 SSC) ended their spectacular 2008 season on a high on April 26 after being swept for the first time all year by St. Leo University. Unfortunately, this crushed the Sharks hopes for moving forward into the NCAA Regional Tournament for the very first time.

The Sharks were able to see the brighter side of things despite the abrupt ending of what was an extremely exciting year of softball for NSU. The Sharks made history in a number of ways in 2008, setting a new record for wins in a single season (43) and breaking the record for most consecutive victories (12). In addition to this, not only did NSU defy the odds put up against them by placing fifth in the SSC – their best finish in program history – but they were able to prove the pre-season polls, which ranked them seventh, to be highly mistaken.

Freshman standout, starting pitcher Lexi Sarradet and speedster Rachel Talenfeld along with senior powerhouse Ashley Baker led the way for the Sharks this season with their tremendous performance on the field.

Ending her career with a .386 batting average, Baker was the backbone of the Shark’s offense, leading in every single category. Baker tallied up seven home runs to go along with 31 total RBIs, breaking the school record. Sarradet, a fellow sophomore teammate, Noemi Luciani who earned a .310 batting average.

Talenfeld made a name for herself early on. Being virtually untouchable on the base paths, she set an NSU record with 35 steals for the 2008 season.

Sarradet held the Sharks together while on the mound, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on April 14. Sarradet was the key to the Sharks’ defense with 36 appearances and a grand total of 181 innings pitched while maintaining the lowest ERA on the team of 1.47.

Sophomore Dani Caron had a wonderful season as well, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on March 17. Caron finished the season off with a solid win-loss record of 14-9.

Four In total, Baker was named NFCA All-Region, while Talenfeld and Sarradet were selected to the Daktronics All-Region team.

Women’s Tennis Finishes Fourth in SSC

Tranelli Mesa
Sports Editor

The Sharks #2 nationally ranked tennis team concluded in 2008 season with a 14-4 overall record, placing them in the fourth place slot in the SSC and fourths in the region.

Junior Ulia Taldelenko had a break out season in the spring of 2008 as she, alongside senior doubles partner Alexa Korocheevich, led the doubles competition for the Sharks, regularly ranking themselves at fourth. Taldelenko also led the Sharks in singles play, ranking herself at number one. Despite a tremendous and outstanding performance on the court, which resulted in an individual record of 11-1, she was named to the first team All-Sunshine State Conference.

Taldelenko was deserving named the team’s most valuable player at the end of the year while fellow senior teammate Edna Kolevchina was the proud recipient of the Coaches Award.

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Men’s Basketball Season Recap

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The NSU men’s basketball team concluded its 2007-08 season with an overall record of 10-18 and 5-11 with the SSC, placing the Sharks at eighth in regular season conference play.

Junior Tim Coenraad stood out amongst the rest as he earned himself back-to-back SSC Player of the Week honors as a result of exemplarily performance all season long in the classroom, as well as on the basketball court. Coenraad not only led the Sharks in scoring at 17.8 points averaged per game but he led the team in nearly every category including assists, steals and rebounds while posting six double-doubles and surpassing the 1,000 point marker posting 1,105 points thus far in his career. In commemoration of his efforts on the court and in the classroom with a 3.4 GPA, Coenraad was named to the COSIDA/ESPN Magazine Academic All-District Team. Upon achieving new heights as a junior, such as setting career highs in both the points and assists columns at 34 and 13, respectively, Coenraad was named to the All Sunshine State Conference Men’s Basketball Second Team, the Daktronics All-South Region Second Team and the First Team All-SSC Region. Coenraad was additionally heavily honored at the Student Life Achievement Awards Banquet by being granted the award for Male Athlete of the Year.

The Sharks had to say goodbye to three beloved senior teammates, four year players Jason Del Calvo and Oriett Nixson along with transfer Kevin Chester.

Coenraad was the proud recipient of the Coaches Award along with being honored by the athletic department with the NSU Sportmanship award while Coenraad received the Most Valuable Player recognition.


NSU Men’s Golf Going Strong

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

Once again, the NSU men’s golf team has undergone yet another stellar year, finishing the 2008 season with a third place finish at the SSC Championships and a second place finish at the South Region Tournament qualifying them for the NCAA National Tournament where they ended their season posting a very respectable fifth place finish. Junior Constantin Schwierz has had a breakout season, being named SSC Men’s Golfer of the Week on two separate occasions on his way to an All-SSC First Team selection with .teammates Teppe and Changkija being named to the All-SSC Second Team alongside fellow Shark and former Freshman and Division II All-American First Team. O’Mahony was also named the teams Most Valuable Player at their young talent as all five golfers will be returning to the team next season. As expected Sarosi was named the team’s Most Valuable Player as well as NSU’s Female Athlete of the Year, while Tepe took home the coaches award.

The men’s golf team has soaked themselves in success this past 2008 season, bringing in a number of honors and accolades both individually and as a team. The Sharks brought home their first-ever SSC Championship, their first-ever NCAA South Region Tournament Championship and finished as the second best team in the nation at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Individually, freshman standout Sandra Changkija was named the SSC’s Freshman of the Year after leading his team to three tournament victories and four second place finishes en route to earning the individual title at the SSC Championships by shooting a three-round 221 (69-78-74). In addition to this, Changkija put together eight top 10 finishes and was named to the All-SSC Second Team alongside fellow Shark and former Freshman and Division II Coach of the Year, Maria Garcia Asust – who landed an All-SSC First Team selection. Changkija was also honored with the PING/NCGA Division II Player of the Year as well as NSU Freshman of the Year after her breath-taken performance at the NCAA South Region Tournament where she took the individual title, earning a final score of 223. Changkija was accompanied by Asust on the Duramed FUTURES Tour NCGA Division II All-American First Team.


Women’s Golf Second in the Nation

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Head Coach of the Sharks, Kevin Marsh, was also named the NSC Coach of the Year after leading his team to three tournament victories and four second place finishes en route to earning the title at the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament. Changkija was named the team’s Most Valuable Player while senior Elizabeth Bond was given the Coaches Award.

The outstanding NSU women’s golf team consisted of Changkija and Asust along with freshmen Fredrika Hakansson, Nicole Whitmore and Taylor Collins who all contributed strong performances. The strength of the NSU women’s golf team is in their young talent as all five golfers will be returning next year with the eldest being only a junior.
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