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Editor's Note

Michael Bergbauer
Editor in Chief, The Current

To all the new students at NSU: I'm sure you've all heard "greetings and welcome to NSU!" more times than you can count by now, and if you plan on reading this whole paper, you're bound to hear it a few more times. However, let's get to the chase.

This is the orientation edition of The Current, the student newspaper at NSU, in it, you'll find all kinds of coverage about student organizations, Greek life, sports and the general workings of the campus. It's essentially a big handy guide to NSU and the surrounding area, so you will probably want to sit down on it and read it now.

I am the Editor in Chief of The Current. Of herc's many responsibilities, the Editor in Chief addresses the NSU community every week with an "Editor's Note" (just like this one). Good notes usually try to provoke some thought, inspire some action, or impart some wisdom to NSU community. To those ends, one must ask or answer a question, such as "How can one best spend their time at college?" College is a very special experience. You may have dreamed of being an adult when you turn 18, but you have never learned as much before as you will from now till graduation. The purpose of college is to learn - not just the fundamentals of your discipline, but about life.

You may have attended a college preparatory school. Ironically, college is really just life preparatory school. The entire campus is a microcosm - a little society. No matter your discipline, you learn about government, politics and public service, about public pressure, bureaucracy through the financial aid system, rules and law through the university administration and work.

NSU features its stance on well-rounded education, as all year round the institution provides stimulating cultural experiences that ignite the artistic match that is present in all of us. NSU makes culture readily available through the various productions put on by the NSU theater ensemble and the Alvin Sherman Library, which showcases exotic and brilliant exhibitions throughout the year and lectures that focus on culture, literature and art from countries across the globe.

With the option to acquire a degree in performing arts, the theater at NSU is in full force with regular productions to instruct and to entertain NSU's thespian community. The 2007-08 production cycle has made the Black Box Theatre a familiar venue for many, hosting plays such as "The Women of Lockerbie" that focus on the trauma of college and of victims who live in the Leo money is considered cash on the card and will continue to roll over to other semesters through the summer terms but the students who do the optimum of 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 semesters because that money is part of the optional meal plan which has no end date. Students also have the option of getting the excess 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 debts 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 students' 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 any increments. Since this money is optional, these funds continue to roll over from one term to the next and students can use the same policies regarding refunds for unused money applies. Students can access the website of the SharkCard system on the Web site and use the Web-Refund option, which allows them to use their credit cards to add money directly to 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 online system Web Refund option from the card office as well, if they prefer to charge the balance on their credit cards, instead of having it billed to their student accounts. In both cases however, students must visit the card office to add money to 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 Refund 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 virtually every building in the campus. This money is considered cash on the card and takes twenty-four 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

The SharkCard is an essential component of NSU's campus environment. The card, which features the student's name and photograph, NSU's Shark logo, the student's library card number and other identifying information, is set on a bright blue background and is available to all incoming students. Students who go through orientation will be directed towards the card office, which is located on the first floor of the University Center, to take their photographs and receive their SharkCards. All other students who do not go through orientation can visit the card office at any time to receive their SharkCards. The SharkCard serves many different functions at NSU. In addition to being the primary form of identification, all students, the card is used for several other important purposes including library usage, meal plans, vending machine purchases, photocopying, parking and building access. Students need their SharkCard to gain entrance into the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center, which is the main library on NSU's campus. There is a machine located on the ground floor of the card office, the front door and students must swipe their cards in order to enter the facility. Students will receive 5% balance on their SharkCards every year, which can only be used for printing purposes. This money does not come from the student activities fees, but rather from a separate account set aside for NSU students each year. It takes twenty-four hours from the time the card is issued for the money to show up in the students' accounts. Students can use their cards to print items in the main library as well as to the other labs throughout campus. This money will remain on their SharkCards throughout the course of the fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends on June 30. At that time, any money that was not used is forfeited and the $75 balance remains forfeited itself once again for the following school year.

The SharkCard is necessary for checking out all materials from the library. Students need their SharkCards in order to rent out study rooms throughout the course of the day. Students can also use their SharkCards to pay their library dues and fines. There are machines located throughout the library which allow students to add money on to their SharkCards. Students can put up to $99 onto their cards that can be used to pay their library fees, vending purchases and copy machine fees.

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 taken off on 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 funds on their SharkCards.

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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 dishonesty is not a new phenomenon. However, the prevalence and acceptance of this behavior is increasing. 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 on a test, copies a paper, buys a paper or simply does not cite work they've "borrowed" from a source, they are exercising academic dishonesty. Believe it or not, a student is also academically dishonest when they submit their own original work that they have submitted to a previous class to another class. Student Raquel Palacio says, "I don't know why using your own work would be plagiarism. It's my work. I did it. Why should I have to cite it or be accused of plagiarism?" Although Palacio makes a valid point, professors are attempting to prevent students from recycling their work from one class to another. The whole purpose of pursuing higher education is to expand your knowledge and grow both intellectually and personally. Therefore, it is the goal of the professor to promote this growth by instituting this requirement. When professors refer to a student's academic integrity, they refer to the student being honest and striving toward their academic success.

Who cheats?

Everybody cheats, but like your parents always said, that doesn't make it right. Cheating is not a gender, race, or age specific phenomenon, although there does appear to be some differences in cheating prevalence in these demographics. In a study conducted in 2003, there was a general finding that females are less likely to cheat than males and younger students are more likely to cheat than older, nontraditional students. It is possible that gender differences in cheating behavior are largely due to females being more likely to be deterred by academic integrity policies compared to males.

Why do they cheat?

There are certain contextual variables that make it more likely for students to cheat. The most influential factor in determining whether or not someone will cheat is reported to be peer influence. Another reason why students may cheat is based on a lack of confidence in their writing skills. As a student, you have access to NSU's Office of Academic Services, which can help improve your writing skills. If you are not confident in your writing abilities, you may want to consider seeking help from the Office of Academic Services.

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's immoral and unprofessional" to "it's wrong because I get caught I will be in trouble." 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, Ellis Kracoff says, "I think students cheat because they believe that it is a victimless crime. Little do they know that they themselves become the victims by cheating themselves of the education that they paid for." At some point, everyone needs to question his or her true morality - independent of administrative consequences - and those that seek morality 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 Catalogue provides additional information into Student conduct and Academic Integrity. 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 you educated. Undergraduate students who are well educated and learned, how will you succeed in your future endeavors? Strive for the "A," and in the process, strive for integrity! As American Engineer and Architect Buckminster Fuller said, "[i]ntegrity 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 will be the official means of generating and delivering billing statements to all NSU students. Paper billing statements are no longer produced by the USPS.

Each time a billing statement is available, a courtesy email will be sent to the student's NSU email address letting the student know that the statement is ready to be viewed. The student may also provide personal email addresses to which notification will be sent. In addition, students can designate authorized users, such as parents or a spouse, who will receive the notification. As an NSU eBill offers many benefits: online billing statements are 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 past statements, make online payments by using a credit card or electronic check and obtain up-to-date account information. The process is completely automated with no need to go through the environment of allowing both students and the university to reduce paper usage. Students are asked to log into their eBill account in order to receive set up instructions for their NSU eBill account. For more information, please visit the NSU eBill website at http://www.nova.edu/cwis/bursar/ebill or contact the University Bursar's Office by phone at (954) 262-5200 or 800-541-6683 ext. 5200.

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**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 also be accepted in Florida or the NSU Health Center. Students who do not complete the waiver form will be enrolled 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 enroll online by logging on to www.collegestudentrisk.com. You will be required to pay the enrollment fee 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/medicine.

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Welcome to NSU

Getting to Know NSU

Tanya Parmes  
NSU News Editor

Health Professions Division (HPD) is a $70 million complex that houses six colleges which are divided up into eight buildings throughout the campus. HPD has a total student body population of more than 2,500 students and offers another 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the HPD Library, an outpatient health care center and a pharmaceutical health center. HPD is also home to the Student Medical Center, which provides medical care to all college students. There are also several dining facilities located in HPD, including a food court area by the main entrance.

Shepard Broad Law Center offers a wide variety of program options to its students including the traditional 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 Degrees including the J.D./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 of the various resources and sources within the law center. The Law Library contains over 358,000 volumes and equipment 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.

Mailman-Hollywood Building (Mailman) is the other administrative building on campus that also offers several offices to undergraduate students. There are several executive offices located throughout the three story building including the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of Student Life, and the Office of Student Affairs. There is an auditorium on the second floor of the building that is often utilized for both educational and entertainment purposes. There is also a large parking lot located in between Mailman and Horvitz. This lot is commonly referred to as the Mailman parking lot and is used mainly by commuter students as well as guests visiting NSU’s campus.

Parker Building (Parker) is the main educational building for the undergraduate and the faculty. There is a computer and printer available for students’ use on the first floor as well as Outbacks convenience store which serves a variety of beverages and sandwiches. In addition to the classrooms, which are located throughout the first, second and third floors, Parker is home to several other important offices at NSU. Public Safety is located on the first floor and students can go there with any and all safety concerns about the university. Public Safety provides security officers for the entire campus, offers personal escorts for students during the evenings, and provides campus wide security during the day and the night. The Student Counseling office is located on the first floor, and provides individual, group and counseling services to students, as well as psychiatric services. The Office of Academic Services is also located on the first floor. Students can go there to receive free tutoring, workshops, and study skills guidance in writing, mathematics, science, and technology courses. Most of the undergraduate professors offices are also located within Parker building throughout the first, second, and third floors. The directory of their specific office locations is listed on each floor.

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and the Office of Public Affairs is located on the second floor of the building that also serves as NSU’s Public Safety Office. This office is also located on the first floor. Students can go there with any and all issues they would like to discuss.

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 is also home to the executive and administrative offices of NSU, which are located throughout the building.

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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 combination 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, a 27 foot indoor rock climbing wall, personal training and massage therapy, and men’s and women’s locker rooms fully equipped with Showers and saunas. The University Arena is the home of NSU’s basketball and volleyball teams. The arena seats 4,500 people and is fully equipped to serve as a concert venue, convention center and as a venue for campus-wide entertainment. The arena is well equipped with locker rooms, equipment rooms, a team lounge and other amenities. The University Arts Center is the new home of NSU’s performing and visual arts departments.

The center includes a 300 seat performance theatre with full stage capacity for various concerts, plays, movies and lectures. The UC also offers a Black Box theatre that offers various staging options, a professional Scene Shop, a gallery displaying students’ art and collections all located on the first floor. The second and third floors are equipped with choral and instrumental rehearsal rooms, six practice studios and acoustic percussion and keyboard labs. The Flight Deck is the on campus recreation area with large screen televisions, pool tables, ping pong tables and more. The Flight Deck also serves snacks and alcohol to those students who are old enough to drink. The Campus Card office is located on the first floor of the UC. Students can go to this office to obtain their Card, which is necessary for access into the residence halls, libraries and the various parking gates. The UC Dining Area is located on the first floor of the UC. This food court area features a variety of restaurants from which students can select their meals throughout the day. Students can also visit the Wall of Story and the Time capsule, located on the first floor in the North Wing of the UC. Students can trace the history of NSU back to its inception in 1964 and observe the time capsule that is set to open in up to 2058.

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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.
Welcome to NSU

Message from the Dean
College of Pharmacy
Andrés Malavé, M.S., Ph.D., Dean

The Mission of the College of Pharmacy (COP) at NSU is to educate professionals who will address the pharmacy-related needs of society. Known for its innovation and quality, the COP prepares pharmacy professionals and scientists to improve health care outcomes through pharmaceutical care in education, research, practice and service. Our vision is to achieve the distinction of being a premier college of pharmacy through our programs of innovative teaching, service, research, and scholarship.

Building upon our already outstanding reputation for pharmacy education, the COP is ready for the future of evolving practices within the pharmacy profession. As part of a university committed to encouraging innovation, we prepare graduates for lifelong learning, humanitarian care and leadership roles in their professional and personal lives. Our research and scholarly activities emphasize the application and translation of findings to the real-world delivery of patient care; and our multicultural and multilingual students and staff members reflect the diversity of the individuals we serve. Graduates of our college are prepared to transcend the “drug product” to generate real, lasting improvements in healthcare outcomes.

The COP is also poised to advance to the frontlines of global health care, joining the world's top multi-disciplinary health organizations and professionals. New discoveries, challenges and opportunities in pharmacy research, education and health care have positioned the College of Pharmacy to provide our students a cutting-edge, rewarding and challenging professional and educational experience. The COP's Strategic Plan for the Future defines our goals and methods for further improvement on our already outstanding reputation in this area. The guiding objective of the plan is to continually raise the bar of excellence by discovering new ways to advance our academic programming and services to benefit local, national and international communities.

The goals of our strategic plan are not static objectives; rather, they are evolving initiatives, enabling us to expand upon and refine our already successful curriculum. In preparing students to be ethical professionals in dynamic health care environments, we focus our programs on four major areas of pharmacy education:

- The Professional Degree Program leading to the doctor of pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree emphasizes drug therapy principles, concern for the patient, lifelong learning and community involvement. Our innovative doctor of pharmacy degree program provides the next generation of pharmacy professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to advance patient care.
- The International Partnerships Program goes beyond the classroom to establish global research and educational opportunities recognized for their excellence in educational programs and for opportunities to participate in collaborative study, research, and scholarship. The COP recognizes the importance of an international presence and of offering collaborative programs with a wide range of activities to improve students' understanding of diversity in pharmacy practice and knowledge of cross-cultural health care among different ethnic populations. In addition to our existing programs of student and faculty exchanges, study by international students and scholars in the U.S., study abroad, training workshops, internships and research collaboration; increased collaborative opportunities contribute to strengthening the training of our scholars and the attainment of groundbreaking research.
- The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program is aimed at expanding our research and scholarship horizons. Pioneering research and scholarship and discovery of new knowledge is fundamental to becoming a college that is recognized as "premier" institution. Fostering collaboration and improving access to graduate study and research leading to the doctor of philosophy degree will be comprised of three areas of emphasis within pharmacy: drug discovery principles, the development and formulation of new drug products, and assessment of the socio-behavioral and economic impact on society and the health care system.
- Continuing Professional Education Program: highly visible world-wide and successful. The Continuing Professional Education Program meets the growing educational needs of pharmacists throughout South Florida and beyond for students, faculty members, and alumni. The philosophy of lifelong learning is supported by the COP, which organizes a variety of professional activities that enhance professional development and knowledge in areas that impact their practice of pharmacy such as consulting, emergency preparedness, immunization delivery, contemporary issues, and physical assessment.

Our goal for the next decade is to broaden our positive impact on public health by providing the education, training, research, and services of a "premier college of pharmacy." Through local, national, and global partnerships, we can provide platforms to advance pharmacy education programming that serve the greater need for improved health care. The support and involvement of our alumni, partners and stakeholders continues to be crucial to our future development and success. This is only the beginning of our legacy, but a strong foundation for a new era in patient care.

Are You Hungry Yet?
Dining on campus
Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

NSU Shark Dining has more than just ordinary cafeteria food to offer its growing NSU community.

The campus 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 Outback, your one stop center with most of your grocery necessities.

Students have the option to dine at all locations on campus with their SharkCard. Some of these on campus locations include Monev’s Café in the Carl DeSantis Building which offers a variety of Einstein bagels, muffins and coffee, Connections Café in the Alvin Sherman Library and the Supreme Court Café in the Shepard Broad Law Center.

Students living on campus in the Lee Goodwin Residence Hall and The Commons will automatically have a mandatory declining balance of $1,200 per semester on their SharkCard. Students who do not live on campus have the option of adding funds to their SharkCards at the Campus Card Services Office located in the University Center (UC) or students who wish to use their declining balance plans before the end of the semester can also visit the Campus Card Services Office and have increments of $100 added to their cards.

The food court, located in the UC, is arguably the most popular location to dine due to its culinary varieties. Celebrating its first year since opening its doors in the summer of 2007, the food court offers Mama Leone’s Pizza, isaw Jwong Asian Cuisine, Coyote Jack’s Grill, Culinary Table and Starbucks.

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NSU's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center offers the following library services:

- 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 instruction 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.
- CD's, 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.

LIBRARY TRAINING
The Alvin Sherman Library offers instruction on how to use library services and resources.

Individual library instruction is available by appointment. To make an appointment, simply fill out the form located at http://www.nova.edu/library/help/classes.html, or stop at the reference desk on the second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library to sign up.

The Alvin Sherman Library also offers group instruction. Professors usually arrange library training sessions for their classes by contacting the Distance & Instructional Library Services Department at 1-800-541-6682, ext. 3380.

For the independent learner, the Alvin Sherman Library offers an online help section; it contains materials on many library topics. The online help section is available at http://www.nova.edu/library/help.

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/card.

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 do the orders 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/docdelldistance.html
Distance Students: http://www.nova.edu/library/serv/docdelldistance.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/lsap.

The SEFLIN library card allows the holder to borrow materials from these 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 Bell Glade campuses
- St. Thomas University - Main campus

www.nsunet.com
Q. Mr. Shark, what is the best club or organization on campus to join?

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 also gain access to 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 become a member of and attend their first couple of 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 expected, you have the opportunity to change the club to want it to be. Also, if you don’t find a club of your interest, you can start your own.

Q. Mr. Shark, how would you advise a new student to plan his or her first year at NSU?

A. My Fin, I would advise you to manage your time carefully. There are a lot of things to do at NSU besides going to classes. One should take the time out to explore the university, and the resources it has to offer. Academics should definitely be a priority; I would suggest starting with 12 or 15 credits in the fall semester. Judge for yourself the standard of the classes and adjust your schedule accordingly for future semesters. It is also important to get involved at NSU. NSU has a variety of clubs and organizations and events on campus. Please do not be bound by your peers into thinking which events are good and bad. Every individual is different and you should judge the events for yourself. Along with the flyers posted around campus, The Current is a great way of keeping up to date with NSU. If you live on campus, your Residential Advisor can help you get involved. If you are a commuter, your academic advisor can also provide you with some information. Also, avoid the “freshman 15” and live a healthy lifestyle. NSU has a wonderful Recreplex in the University Center which is free to use for all students, so you should take advantage of it when you can. Hopefully, these suggestions will help you maximize your experience at NSU and allow you to have an excellent four years of college life.

Q. Mr. Shark, I am an International Student and had some questions as per my I-20 and visa status. I am hearing a lot of things from my friends and am confused. I want to make sure my paper work is complete so that I can come to this country and pursue my bachelor’s degree at NSU.

A. My Fin, the International Students and Scholars Office, located in the Horvitz Building, will be your best bet. They are the authorized people to guide you as per your visa questions and I-20. I would strongly suggest that you contact them in regards to your paper work, status and other regulations. I must emphasize: please do not simply act on the advice of your friends. From personal experience, I have seen students be misguided due to a lack of adequate and complete information. I would hate to see anything like that happen to you. You can call the International Student and Scholars Office at (954) 262-7240 or go on their Web site: http://www.nova.edu/internationalstudents.

Q. Mr. Shark, I am an International Student coming to NSU this fall. I don’t know anyone, but I saw your column on nsucurrent.com. I was wondering if you could help me find a place for my room and board.

A. My Fin, NSU offers both undergraduate and graduate housing and has a dedicated Office of Residential Life and Housing to help students find housing. I would encourage you to live on campus for your first year at NSU and contact the Office of Residential Life and Housing to make necessary arrangements. There are a lot of benefits for living on campus: I believe the residencies on campus are very safe, residential housing is on campus so you don’t need a car to commute and even the new graduate housing, which is a little apart from the campus, will have campus shuttles running back and forth. The rates are also highly competitive. If the housing is already competitive. If the housing is already available, I would suggest visiting the following Web site: http://www.nova.edu/reslife.

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

A. My Fin, the NSU Public Safety office offers safety escorts. A Safety escort is a Public Safety officer who will walk with you to your destination on NSU property limits and provide protection. The service is provided to anyone upon request 24 hours a day. You can call (954) 262-8999 and request a safety escort from the on-duty dispatcher.

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

A. My Fin, those are “blue light phones.” These blue light phones provide an opportunity to immediately communicate with a Public Safety officer if one has a concern or question. To use the phone, push the button on the face of the unit and Public Safety will respond immediately. Your communication need not be an emergency. These phones are another effort on part of the Public Safety force and the university to keep the Sharks safe.

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

A. My Fin, Public Safety issues what is called a temporary parking permit module and use it. Once you have the permit, you can park your car in the Parking garage without getting a ticket. You can contact the Public Safety office, located in the Parker Building, for more information.

Q. Mr. Shark I have the student insurance plan from NSU, but have not received an insurance card yet, what should I do?

A. My Fin, you may print out a temporary insurance card by going to the student health insurance Website at www.bchsfl.com and clicking on MyBlueService. You may also contact BCBS’ Customer Service Department at 1-800-664-5295 to have a card sent to you. Also, for more information on your student insurance plan check out the following website http://www.nova.edu/ins/index.html.

Q. Mr. Shark what are my options if I receive a parking ticket from Public Safety? Where do I pay?

A. My Fin, I would say you have two options – either pay or appeal. Students can pay the NSU parking citation at One Stop Shop located in the Horvitz Building. On the other hand you have the right to appeal your citation. According to the Public Safety Web site all persons have the right to appeal any NSU parking citation within five (5) days of receiving the citation. You can get the parking appeal form from the following link: http://www.nova.edu/wps/portal/support/forms/NSU_APPEAL_FORM.pdf. For more information please contact Public Safety at 954-262-8999.
Welcome to NSU

Getting to Know the Area

Stefani Rubino  Staff Writer

Although NSU is not exactly in the heart of Ft. Lauderdale, it is not far from suburban areas and can be hard to get used to. For students just moving into the area, here is a list of useful places you may need to get to immediately.

Grocery Stores:
Publix
6525 Nova Drive
Davie, FL 33314-7701
Originating in Florida, Publix is the largest supermarket chain around. And it is convenient because one is almost in every town.

Malls/Department Stores:
Broward Mall
8000 West Broward Boulevard
Plantation, FL 33327
Conveniently located just north of campus and has everything from JCPenny to Neiman Marcus.

Sawgrass Mills Mall
12801 West Sunrise Boulevard
Sunrise, FL 33323
A bit further than the other places on this list, but is the biggest mall in Broward County and has mostly outlet stores, which usually save you lots of money.

Super Target
5850 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Located a little further south than campus, but has Jamba Juice, Panda Express, Crispers, Steak & Shake, and Polo Tropical.

Ikea Sunrise
151 NW 16th Avenue
Sunrise, FL 33323
Not too close to campus, but worth the trek because this one furniture store alone is the size of the Broward Mall. Plus, they always have great deals.

Other Useful Places:
Redhead Salon
7750 Nova Drive
Davie, FL 33328
(954) 990-4340
Newest salon to open up right near campus.

On-Site Automotive
7051 SW 229th Court
Davie, FL 33317
(954) 577-5282
Amazing Service and right around the corner from campus.

Car Wash & Lube
2800 Davie Road
Davie, FL 33314
No appointment necessary, plus you get a free car wash with every oil change.

Office Depot (in the Tower Shops)
1940 South University Drive

Davie, FL 33328

There is also a Michael's, Old Navy, Linens & Things, and a DSW in the same plaza.

Restaurants/Bars:
Quarterdeck
3155 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33323
Literally right across the street from NSU. Quarterdeck is one of South Florida's most popular casual "bar-and-grills."

Davie Ale House and Raw Bar
2080 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33324
With drink specials and great food all the time, the Ale House is a great place to relax and watch the game.

Tijuana Taxi Co.
4400 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Tied of Ale Houses and Grills? Tijuana Taxi is home of the 36 ounce Margarita and too many Tex-Mex dishes to choose from.

Geronimo's Bar & Grill
3528 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Supposedly Davie's best kept secret, Geronimo's is one of the few restaurant/bar spots open until 4 a.m. It's famous for burgers.

Ye Olde Falcon Pub
2887 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
The Falcon has been around for almost 20 years and is still one of the places frequented the most by people from all over Broward County.

Music/Entertainment:
Culture Room
3045 North Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Hosts bands from all sorts of genres, check out www.cultureroom.net for the complete calendar of events.

Revolution Live
200 West Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
Similar to the Culture Room, except bigger and hosts more events. Their Web site is www.jointheresolution.net.

The Oasis at Sawgrass Mills
2606 Sawgrass Mills Circle
Sunrise, FL 33323
The Oasis has shops, restaurants, bars, a billboard club, and a movie theater, so there is something for almost everyone.

Sunrise Cinemas at Gateway
1820 East Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Broward County's only sort-of "art house" theater shows mostly independent and art house films and is great for seeing something other than the typical Hollywood action-flick.

Activities:
Sparez Bowling Alley
5325 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Close to campus and easy to get to.

Blockbuster IMAX Theater
401 SW 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
www.myspace.com/kahunaawa

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

Kam Zaman Cafe and Hookah Lounge
1814 North University Drive
Plantation, FL 33322
Close to campus and easy to get to. Try not to go on Friday or Saturday, that is when the place really gets busy.

One Tea Lounge
2037 Wilton Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33305
www.onteaonwilton.com

Amazing tea, amazing food, and incredible atmosphere, One Tea Lounge is a major escape from all hustle and bustle of Fort Lauderdale.

Near the Beach:
Fort Lauderdale Beachplace
17 South Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Beachplace is located right on the beach, which makes it a convenient place to take a break from the blazing-hot South Florida sun.

Las Olas Riverfront
300 S.W. 1st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
www.riverfront.com

The Riverfront features shops and dining and special events that include art exhibits, music, and more. Check out their Web site for a complete list of events.

Fun Beyond the Beach

Stefani Rubino  Staff Writer

Located in the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science, the IMAX plays not only educational films but also shows like Letter 22D and Shine A Light (a Rolling Stones concert film).

Culture:
Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale
1 E Las Olas Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
www.moafl.org

Check out the Web site to find out what exhibit is being shown right now and what exciting events the museum will be hosting in the near future.

Miami Art Museum
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130
www.miamiartmuseum.org

The Miami Art Museum is constantly hosting events, so check out their calendar for more information.

Museum of Contemporary Art Miami
770 NE 2nd Avenue
North Miami, FL 33138
www.mocama.org

Probably the greatest and edgiest museum in South Florida, their exhibitions are interesting and thought-provoking. Check out the Web site for more details.

Jackie Gleason Theater/The Fillmore Miami Beach
17000 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
The JG and the Fillmore host plays and concerts. Just go to www.ticketmaster.com and type in the name of the theater and you will see a complete list of events.

Alternative Activities:
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3104 NE 9th Street
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Compensation $15-20 per hour. Contact Abbe abbek@comcast.net
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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 challenge and change. To keep pace with this wave of perpetual transformation, we must constantly 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 and medical knowledge while also imparting the equally important and often ignored skill of learning how to teach oneself over multiple decades in a rapidly changing world.

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, in turn, encourages and guides 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 employees 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 to teach the next generation of patients who are committed to being caring and compassionate patient advocates, wherever and whatever they may practice.


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Hello new students and welcome to NSU. You have chosen wisely, and we are certain you will find your experience here to be exciting and rewarding on many levels. Our University, your University, is relatively young. We take a dynamic, often innovative, approach to learning with multiple Centers and Colleges serving a variety of academic disciplines. Our Center, the Oceanographic Center (OC), was founded in 1966. Originally we operated from a houseboat in Fort Lauderdale, but relocated to our present 10-acre multi-building, marina site adjacent to Port Everglades in 1970.

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.
Welcome to NSU

Don't Forget Your Discount Card
Stefani Rubino Staff Writer

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 but will not be giving you the new NSU SharkCard. Here is a list of places that will be giving discounts with the new NSU student card.

Restaurants:

- Beef 'O' Brady's: 8655 Stirling Road Cooper City, FL 33328 10% off Monday through Sunday
- Chicken Kitchen: 3325 South University Drive Davie, FL 33328 10% off Monday through Sunday
- Pizza Loft: 3514 South University Drive Davie, FL 33328 10% off Dine-in only, Monday through Saturday
- Bella Ventura Pizza: 4120 SW 64th Avenue Davie, FL 33328 10% off, Monday through Saturday

Specialty:

- Jimmy's Pizza: $7.77 South University Drive Davie, FL 33328 15% off Monday through Sunday
- Pizza Machine: 8935 Teal Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33324 10% off Monday through Saturday
- Sub Center: 7111 Nova Drive Davie, FL 33324 10% off Monday through Sunday
- 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
- Zona Fresca: 1095 South University Drive Plantation, FL 33324 10% off Monday through Sunday

Sips and Dips
5810 South University Drive #118
Davie, FL 33328 15% off Food, 5th Signature Martini Free, 2-4-1 Drinks Anytime Monday through Saturday

Coffee, etc:
The Roasted Bean
3325 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328 20% off Monday through Sunday
- Froots Smoothies
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 Sunday
- Massage Envy
1956 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 Saturday

The NSU community is quite active on Facebook.com. Many clubs and organizations have created networks that interested NSU students can become a part of. All you need is your NSU e-mail address and you are ready to join NSU's vast Facebook network. Being on Facebook is very beneficial for NSU students, because it links students through participation in school activities and even through academic-related situations or problems.

If you are already registered with Facebook.com, join the NSU Facebook community to get better connected to your school.

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Opportunities

The Honor Is Yours

At NSU there are many ways to gain honor as a student. Among these, you can apply to one of the Honors Programs and/or be invited to join an honor society. Either way can help you gain much more from your undergraduate years.

The Honors Program

You can apply to the Honors Program anytime—ideally, before school starts. Acceptances invite 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 enhanced your education.

Honor Societies

The honor societies are organizations related to specific majors or purposes that have special criteria for membership. These groups offer exciting experiences and projects that broaden and deepen your knowledge of your field. Students must be invited to join one of these societies, including:

- **Alpha Chi**, a national academic honor society, offers eligibility to compete for local and national scholarships. For more information, contact Office of the Dean in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.
- **Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta)** is dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and scientific research. Contact Division of Biology, Math, Science, and Technology in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.
- **Kappa Delta Pi** is an international honor society dedicated to scholarship and excellence in education. Contact the Fischer School of Education and Human Services for more information at www.schoolofed.nova.edu/undergraduate/Organizations.htm.
- **Lambda Epsilon Chi**, the national honor society for paralegal/legal assistant studies, supports students who demonstrate superior academic performance in an established program of paralegal studies. Contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.
- **Lambda Pi Eta** is the honor society of the National Communication Association. Contact the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.
- **Pi Chi**, the U.S. national honor society in philosophy, promotes excellence in scholarship and advancement of the science of philosophy. Contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.
- **Sigma Beta Delta** supports scholarship and achievement by students of business, management, and administration while promoting personal and professional improvement. Contact the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship for more information.
- **Sigma Tau Delta**, an international English honor society, supports academic excellence by students of the English language and literature, as well as the accomplishments of professional writers. Contact the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.
- **Kappa Delta Pi** is an international honor society dedicated to scholarship and excellence in education. Contact the Fischer School of Education and Human Services for more information at www.schoolofed.nova.edu/undergraduate/Organizations.htm.
- **Epsilon Omega**, a national honor society for students pursuing interests in the arts. Contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

These organizations and programs can elevate your education and peer interactions to greater heights in different ways. This can better prepare you for life after your undergraduate years.

The Performing and Visual Arts Program at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences is packing theatres and classrooms with 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 make 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 Starkestra, adds excitement at many campus events, from fun to formal. The orchestra also provides expansive opportunities for musicians.

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To support the efforts of talented students, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences offers a university-wide Performing and Visual Arts Grant, which is awarded on a yearly basis. The grant is available to support students in performing and visual arts organizations.

For more information, contact Mark Duncan, M.F.A., at (954) 262-8094 or markdunc@nova.edu.
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 of Ecuador 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. You will spend time in the field with faculty members who have compelling specialties, and see things you never saw before. You’ll want to bring your camera. As student Ryan Frabuzio mentioned about a class trip to Ireland, “Every time someone asks my favorite part, I talk about architecture: buildings that go back hundreds of years.”

Financial aid opportunities are available, including the Stolzenberg-Douglas Scholarship. This award can be applied to tuition, travel, or living expenses for summer travel study courses taught or sponsored by college faculty. Also available is the Health Professions Commitment Travel Grant to support education-related travel, such as attending a summer enrichment program. For information on either of these, contact the Office of the Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences at (954)-262-8408.

Each academic year brings new study destinations into the curriculum. You can learn the basics at www.undergrad.nova.edu/currentstudents/studyabroad. Watch for announcements and make sure your passport is in order. We’ll help you from there. You can gain financial assistance, earn credits, and change your life.

For further information, contact Carmen Sosa, assistant director, Office of Academic Services, at (954) 262-8222 or sosac@nsu.nova.edu.

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.”

Cavanaugh still wishes the Sharkestra to grow in size from its current 14 members as they are still looking for alto, tenor and baritone saxes as well as trumpets and trombones.

Radio X

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 interviews with DJs, record and announce concerts to be broadcast on air, give away movie passes, receive promotional items for upcoming movies and listen to independent music sent in by labels and bands.

A typical week at Radio X consists of talking to band promoters, band members and hosting remotes for parties on and around campus. These are just some of the perks that come with working at South Florida’s “Best Radio Station for 2007,” according to New Times newspaper. You will gain experience and have the benefit of acquiring free concert tickets to local venues, such as Revolution and Culture Room. You will also get to meet up-and-coming bands.

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 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. of 1990 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 Hero segment is broadcast every day from 4-7 p.m. to help aspiring artists gain exposure. Radio X offers an interesting alternative to overplayed mainstream radio stations with a selection that will surely ignite your music bug. Both a communications entity and an educational tool, NSU’s Radio X is establishing itself as a voice for NSU and the surrounding communities, particularly on behalf of its youth and young adult audience.

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3 a.m. to the tri-county area on 88.5 FM. Radio X also streams live on the Web at www.nsuradio.com and provides its listeners with a variety of music ranging from Alternative/Rock and House to Hip Hop and Jazz. Since its opening in August

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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 involved in the annual school activities. Shakapalooza is the largest welcome party thrown at the beginning of the semester for the new members of the NSU community. Food and entertainment are provided for free and clubs and organizations set up booths with attractions such as games, prizes, raffles and a lot of candy so in order to recruit new members. Students have the opportunity to truly get involved with the many clubs and organizations on campus and start creating their piece of NSU history.

Another event hosted by NSU is the annual Love Jen Festival – a fundraising event for the Love Jen foundation at the Joe DiMaggio’s Children Hospital. The event commemorates the memory of Jennifer Masi, a 14 year-old girl who passed away from cancer. All funds from this event are provided to goods and services for families whose children suffer from cancer. NSU has held the event since 1991 and has raised over one million dollars in donations. The Love Jen Festival keeps patrons coming out annually, not only to contribute financially, but to enjoy the fun and entertainment: from face painting to pie throwing, table loads of food, a petting zoo and games and prizes for all ages.

Greek week is that time where all of NSU’s Greek brothers and sisters come together and host a variety of events like parties and socials, movie viewings and games. New members are needed to provide a forum for selected works of poetry and create a unique magazine that features short stories, poems, photographs 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 students in mind. Annual International Students Thanksgiving Dinner is a grand event where 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 Bagracha, Sammy Garcia, Less Philips and others. Another annual event for NISA and the Caribbean Student Association (CSA) is a fashion show to celebrate the diversity at NSU. Last year, NSU student volunteers modeled clothing from various countries and continents, such as Asia, Africa, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and South America. Different clothing designers from various countries sponsor the fashion show each year.

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 stars and heart symbols 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 never fails to be a huge hit. From CommunityFest, the fun goes straight into Homecoming Week. For this week, students participate in out-of-the-norm activities such as, Flight Deck Follies, a beauty pageant where guys dress 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 floatable 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.

Digressions Literary Magazine

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 reading period usually in late March or early April. The magazine officially opens itself for submissions near the beginning of the winter semester 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, 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 erasing the submitters’ names from each work before they are distributed to the reviewing editors. The names are erased as a safety against editorial prejudice and the work’s essence; the editors are not censored 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 holds a launch where copies are first 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 I hope it will see more new staff and contributors next year. For more information, contact the magazine’s advisor, Suzanne Ferriss, Ph.D., at ferriss@nova.edu or 954-262-8319.
One brilliant decision deserves another.
Top 10 Reasons to Live On Campus

1. You can roll out of bed and walk to class in your pajamas.
2. Research shows that students who live on campus are more likely to graduate.
3. You're still sleeping while everyone else is stuck in traffic.
4. Free food at RA programs.
5. Studies show that students who live on campus get better grades.
6. You can run back to your room between classes for a nap or a quick bite to eat.
7. Free laundry, cable, phone, utilities, and internet connections are included in your rent.
8. Friends and classmates are just a door away.
9. Residence life staff is available 24 hours a day... try calling your landlord at 4:00 a.m.
10. 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 with completion in August of 2007. This state-of-the-art living facility includes 501 student beds, classroom and study rooms, community living rooms, study rooms, and 24-hour facilities, community living rooms, study rooms, and 24-hour study rooms. The Commons is unique and different from any other residence hall on campus due to its design and incorporation of communities within the building. 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 comfortable spaces for students to conduct study sessions, group meetings or enjoy the company of friends.
ward to you joining or residential family and for more information about undergraduate housing please free to contact:

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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.
Meet Some of Our Staff

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

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Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

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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, committee’s and programs at NSU. For example: Student Government Association, Nova International Student Association, PANSIGA, 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 in various honor society both academic and leadership such as Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society.
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-versed 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 Al White Party, the Red & White Valentine's Party and the Annual AIDS Lock-In. NSU's CSA also attends a biannual 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. This conference is bi-weekly. These meetings are open to all students.

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 a part of 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 has been heralded in the Fall of 2003. Since then, we have been growing every year. We are currently 13 members strong and we perform at many NSU events and at various events off campus. Events include the NSU Basketball games, Black-a-Palooza, NSU’s Annual Community Festival, Homecoming festivities and many other events sponsored by other organizations on campus. C.O.P is not just all about performances; 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. Try-outs start in the Fall, so don’t miss your chance to become a "Chick on Point."

If you want to be a part of a unique knit organization, have an interest in stepping or just want more information, e-mail Marquise or Iris at Iris@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, Transgender and non-sexual-minority students who are interested in working together to achieve a better understanding of the GLBT population). We strive to enhance training and research in GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.

As part of its mission the GSSA seeks to:

- Provide an advising and support service for sexual minority students.
- Provide non-sexual minority students with a better understanding of the needs, lifestyles, assessment and psychotherapy with the GLBT population.
- Encourage research in GLBT issues.
- Represent the Center for Psychological Studies at national and international conventions in the specific area of GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.
- Provide service in colloquia and other seminars in the area of GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.
- Assist the Director of Academic Affairs and the Director of Clinical Training in modifying and augmenting professional training in the area of GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.
- 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 projects. For example, GSSA was a co-sponsor of and 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 (GLCC).
International Muslim Association at NSU

Hina Ismail
IMAN Co-President 2008-2009

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 Fast-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 Fast-A-thon, we ask non-Muslims to pledge to fast with us for one day by refrain 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 holds iftaars. We hold iftaars twice a week. 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, pamphlets and representatives of IMAN who take questions are available. On Fridays, Jummah prayers are also held on campus.

Along with religious events, we also try to incorporate social activities in all these events. In the previous year, IMAN also took part in a Fashion Show which included all the religious organizations on campus. Although these events are religious, they involve 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 information, please contact us at ihina@nova.edu or the co-president, Shaiqa Noor, at shaiqa@nova.edu. We hope you all can be a part of making IMAN a successful organization on campus.

Below: 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 maysah@nova.edu for more information.

PSA e-Board (L-R) Hina, Myra, Anam, Aisha, Ayesha, Kanwal and Sarra.
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 when you join P.A.S.A., you will be gaining new knowledge and new perspectives! We encourage newcomers to venture into our club. You definitely will be a better person for having gained this experience while having a wonderful time.

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.

Pre-Medical Society

The NSU Pre-Medical Society is a student-run organization that is dedicated to assisting undergraduates in their medical school endeavors. Our active members are a diverse group of students helping each other to accomplish a single goal: acceptance to medical school.

The Pre-Medical society is the largest growing organization on campus, with over 90 members, and is devoted to promoting educational support and volunteer opportunities for the campus community. We not only offer informational seminars, volunteer opportunities and test prep events, but we also provide our members hands-on opportunities with our unique Suture Lab and Patient Vitalis/Documention workshops. We hold general meetings every month to make it convenient for our members to attend.

For one to become an active member, one must be interested in the medical profession and must pay our $20 membership fee which includes, but is not limited to, access to our listserv, all volunteer events, fundraisers, and our official Pre-Med polo shirt. This can be done by contacting us via our Web site www.nova.edu/premedsociety or by attending our first general meeting which will be announced the first month of the fall semester.

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 Delucce at delucce@nova.edu or Christi O'Neil at chrionei@nova.edu.

Residential Student Association

Welcome to NSU on behalf of the Residential Student Association (RSA). RSA is an organization made of up 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.

“We do it in the halls” and we want you to be a part of the fun!

www.nsucurrent.com
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 farther 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 Divingmaster, 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 DelSanto 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 for us writing to you is to let you know that all of your voices matter. Also, we want to show you all what we have to offer towards your upcoming experiences at NSU.

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 out at NSU (such as the potential Florida 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 a great way to build leadership skills that you can use in the real world and be able 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 being 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.nsusga.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 Wangest, and we will try to address your concerns 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 poeple 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 good drives 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. SGA will not be exhausting to take advantage 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.


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 Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. 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 the largest national organization with more than 200,000 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 the organization of women of ability and courage. Throughout the history of AKA, many of its members have been in the forefront of social and political movements. The year 2008 brought great pride to our sisterhood because it entails 100 years of excellence. The centennial year 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 co-educational fraternity that was founded at New York University in 1905. It began as a result of the belief by its founders that a “higher education for a brotherhood of people was a vital need in America.” These founders created the fraternity as one that promotes the demand for high ideals and educational success, along with the dedication of strengthening the overall community.

AKP cannot be classified as a regular club or organization—it is a prestigious and unique association of various individuals with common goals and values. This association of principal and dynamic persons impacts the community by turning its 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 transcend 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 a more realistic perspective of the business world, while creating the bond of a brotherhood that is irreplaceable. Members of AKP truly benefit from the wide world of networking when they attend these professional and exclusive events.

Unquestionably, AKP provides the opportunity for individuals to develop their professional skills within a brotherhood that encourages members on their journey to success. For more information on your local AKP NSU Chapter email: alpkinsu@gmail.com.

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 community. 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 sisterhood 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 fraitude members and sororities on campus and several philanthropic events to raise money for our three philanthropies: Cystic Fibrosis, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and National Association of the Mentally Retarded.

Delta Phi Epsilon is a national and international Service Fraternity that has promoted the ideals of community service and the betterment of mankind since its founding. 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 O micron 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 200 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 STU E 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 sferrara@nova.edu or (954) 288-6233. You can also get more information at www.okappasigma.com or www.mypace.com/okappasigma.

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority

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 ABA 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 1973, an organization arose that would eternally shine. Seventeen determined ladies at Kean University in Union, New Jersey established a support group for Latinas 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 on 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 shunned. As Lambda Ladies, we practice our cultural traditions with great pride. Our traditions include saluting, what is still to come! For more information jcelline5@yahoo.com.

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity

Lambda Theta Phi (LTP) provides college students with the opportunity to be 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 chivalry, 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, 1975 at Kean College in Union, 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 going 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 most the 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 last five years 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 event dedicated 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, Inc., 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 festivals, chivalry because Lambda Ladies, they have all taken an oath to uphold the ideals of the fraternity. LTP is building the Latin and American communities on campus, and one that will provide the guidance and leadership for our community and nation.”

You can look us up online at www.nsunlacubs.org, or www.lambdana1975.org
Phi Alpha Delta

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

SDT's pizza and paddle social.

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 members of SDT pride themselves in working for the community and its members with opportunities to relax and unwind by sponsoring social functions. Last year, PAD members worked together at various restaurants and at our end of the year BBQ.

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority

Phi Sigma Sigma is a dynamic women’s leadership organization which is not only intercollegiate but also part of the NSU campus.Phi Sigma Sigma encourages in its members involvement, academic assistance and maintenance in successfully completing the law school application process. The pre-law fraternity you choose can have a significant impact on your law school and professional career. NSU’s Pre-Law Chapter of PAD maintains a strong tradition of academic excellence combined with a unique atmosphere of camaraderie.

Prominent PAD members include past U.S. Presidents such as James E. Carter and William Clinton, as well as Supreme Court Justices such as William H. Taft and Samuel Alito.

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.

Community Service: Community service is a hallmark of the legal profession. PAD strives to uphold these principles by participating in various community service projects. For the year 2007-2008, PAD put on Operation Support, which was a project to collect items for troops overseas. Also, PAD participated in a beach clean-up.

Social Events: PAD understands the rigorous nature of college. In response to the stress involved with school, PAD provides its members with opportunities to relax and unwind by sponsoring social functions. Last year, PAD members relaxed together at various restaurants and at our end of the year BBQ.

Real World Experience: PAD takes students out of the classroom and into the real life environment of the legal profession.

Members attend law fairs and court tours. PAD also sponsors law student panels and professional panels with lawyers.

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 ryann@nova.edu or our advisor Timothy Dixon at dixon@nova.edu. The members of PAD look forward to meeting you soon!
I Chose Division II  

Tim Coenraad  
Staff Writer

NSU formed its first ever Hall of Fame Committee in accordance to the institution’s 25th Anniversary of NSU Athletics in the spring of 2007. The stunning display just inside the front doors of the University Center was put together courtesy of the Sports Information and Athletics Departments to honor NSU’s student-athletes, alumni, previous coaches, and supporters of the NSU athletic community.

A few of the 12 committee members responsible for the inaugural NSU Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2007 include the following much respected coaches and staff members here at NSU: Associate Director of Athletics Communications and External Operations Robert Proir; Head Men’s Basketball Coach Gary Yant; Associate Professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Faculty Athletic Representative Mark Cavanaugh and NSU’s Director of Athletics Michael Moneymaker.

In order to be inducted into the Shark’s Hall of Fame, one must meet certain criteria put together by the committee. A student-athlete is accepted on the grounds that he/she has excelled in one or more varsity sports here at NSU, left NSU on good terms and accomplished outstanding athletic achievements during their time as a student-athlete. A coach’s nomination is determined by his/her exceptional coaching ability over a minimum of five years’ time, along with having pushed his/her team to extraordinary heights during throughout seasons participated in. Each candidate is then voted upon. Those nominees receiving two to five top scores from the committee will then be inducted to the Hall of Fame for that particular year. A full list of the Hall of Fame criteria can be found on the NSU athletics Web site: http://nsualthetics.nova.edu/halloffame.

Sharks CHAMPs/Life Skills  

Tranell Mesa  
Sports Editor

NSU’s Athletic Department is making efforts now more than ever to promote its student-athlete’s level of participation in regards to supporting to their fellow teams.

In doing so, with help of Compliance Coordinator and CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, Reyma A. Gilbert, NSU’s Athletic Department has established the Shark’s Challenge.

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

The Youth Athletic’s Minds for Personal Success (CHAMPs) Life Skills Program was developed in 1991 by the NCAA Foundation 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, 46 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 nationwide.

“Teams can earn points in the following categories: Scholarly Success, Athletic Enhancement, Professional Development, Community Outreach, Personal Enhancement, Athletes Supporting Athletes and Above and Beyond” said Gilbert.

In order to accumulate points, athletic teams must do their part in getting involved. Coaches are given agendas which list upcoming events, 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.

Sharks Hall of Fame  

Tim Coenraad  
Staff Writer

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.
## 2008 VOLLEYBALL HOME SCHEDULE

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Shark Strength and Conditioning Program

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

Many would agree that there is one coach within the Athletic Department who stands out among many: the NSU Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Coach Rene Pena, known among the Shark's athletic world as "Coach P.'

Coming from a Division I background, Pena joined the Shark family in 2006 and has just closed out his second year here at NSU along with his two Graduate Assistants (GAs), Jennifer Daraling and Cameron Yearzley, more commonly known as Jen and Cam.

Upon taking on the demanding position of Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Pena intends on sharing much of his knowledge and experience as possible to do what he can in helping him to meet his goal. A more effective and successful athletic program.

Arriving to the University Center (UC) at 5:15 a.m. Monday through Friday for the sake of fitting in workout schedules for each and every team here at NSU, Pena, Daratany and Yearzley spend nearly 15 hours a day on campus. Whether it is training a team in the weight room or taking them onto the UC gym floor to practice proper running mechanics, Pena and his staff are extremely invested in the success of their athletes.

In addition to the hours Pena puts in during a regular week, he often travels with teams requested to do so as well.

“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 improvements since Pena joined the Shark family. Many of NSU's student-athletes and coaches believe that much of their success has come from the hours of hard work they 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 me with 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."

NSU's women's volleyball team (26-10) experienced 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 thrilling volleyball season in a regrettably came to an end as the Sharks fell to the nation's 14 Moccasins of Florida Southwestern.

In their first ever post-season match the Sharks faced what seemed to be an unstoppable team from Wingate University, dropping just one match 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.

Despite the Sharks' loss in game one, it allowed NSU to work out the kinks 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 Alyx Tallman and freshman Paola Ruiz.

NSU's solid defense forced Wingate's hit percentage to .263 as the Sharks dictated play throughout the entire match, starting off strong.

Women's Volleyball Post-Season Performance

Tim Coenraad
Staff writer

Valia Pertova fell just shy of her third triple-double of the season with 49 assists, 18 digs and 9 kills.

In the Shark's second post-season appearance, NSU sadly fell to conference foes Florida Southern 3-1. The 14th nationally ranked team overcame the Sharks early on, taking the first two games 30-19 and 30-14.

Nevertheless, the Sharks upheld their pride with a third game victory by a score of 30-26. Although the Sharks were unable to take the big match to a fifth game falling 30-28 in the fourth and final game of the season.

Tallman once again led the Sharks with 13 kills followed by Gorman and junior Christina Chubb added 10 kills of her own.

The Sharks record breaking season came with several personal 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 winning streak, most consecutive sweeps while marking their highest finish within the Sunshine State Conference.

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 blocking.

Head Coach Steve Wilcosky was appropriately named SCC Coach of the Year as he took the Sharks from being selected eighth in the conference to their first ever NCAA Tournament berth. Wilcosky 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 Gorman and Petrova earlier in the season. Gorman was also selected to the All-SSC Second 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 NCAA All-Tournament South Region Team due to her more than impressive displays of both offense and defense in both the Sharks post-season games where she tallied a total of 31 kills in just two matches.

Congratulations to both the NSU Women's Volleyball team along with Head Coach Wilcosky and Assistant Coach Piantadosi for giving Nova Southeastern University its best Volleyball season on record.

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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 Prov 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 Turner, 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 Sharks’ defense and led in the fewest goals in the conference with opponents only scoring .69 goals per contest.

Also named to the All-SSC Second Team were junors Stephanie Quinones and Shereal Burns. Burns was also named the teams Most Valuable Player notching up seven goals and a team high of eight assists. Senior Jamilis Williams, a one time SSC Defensive Player of the Week, was dubbed with the NSU Sportmanship 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.

NSU magazine. From this point on the Sharks never dropped their winning streak in the middle of their season. Never dropping their winning streak in the middle of their season. After placing third in the SSC Conference Championship the men’s team. Coaches awards were awarded. The NSU men’s cross country team came away recording four Runner of the Week honors for the 2007 season. Coaches awards were distributed to both freshman John Beas and senior Chelsea Gilbert.

Men’s and Women’s Cross Country
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU women’s 2007 cross country team came away recording four Runner of the Week honors for the 2007 season. Coaches awards were distributed to both freshman John Beas and senior Chelsea Gilbert.

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 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 entire season, leading the Sharks with a scoring .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 8.2 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 certain not least to be named SSC Player of the Week on Apr. 28 while capping his second year as a Shark on a terrace note as he registered a .370 batting average, 54 runs scored and a team high 56 RBI’s. 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 RBI’s and scored 30 runs over the season.

Five Sharks were also named to the Daktronics All-South 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.

Shark Softball Posts Best Season in Program History
Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU’s softball team (43-20, 12-9 SSC) ended their spectacular 2008 season on a note on an 8-2 record being swept for the first time all year by St. Leo University. Unfortunately, this crushed the Sharks hopes of 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 most ever 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 at seventeenth, to be highly mistaken.

Freshman standouts, starting pitcher Lexi Sarradet and speedster Rachel Haddock, 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 Sharks offense, leading in every single category. Baker tallied 56 at-bats, 18 runs scored and 35 RBIs. As expected, she was chosen as a member of the First Team All-SSC team. Alongside Baker was fellow senior and team leader, Noemi Luciani who earned a .310 batting average.

Haddock made a name for herself early on, beating virtually unachievable records on the base paths, set an NSU record with 35 steals for the 2008 season.

Sarradet had 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 in 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.

Additionally, Baker was named NFCA All-Region, while Talenfeld and Sarradet were selected to the Daktronics All-Region team.
Men's Basketball Season Recap

Tramell Mesa

Sports Editor

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 exemplifying 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 commomeration of his efforts on the court and in the classroom with a 3.4 GPA, Coenraad was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN 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, he 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-South 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 Oresti Ntsoni along with transfer Kevin Chester. Chester 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.

The 2007-08 season marked the best season on record for the NSU women's basketball team. The team's many accomplishments this year include achieving their first ever 20 win season, a first-ever regular season championship, a first-ever conference tournament championship, a first-ever bid to the NCAA tournament in the program's history and the distinction as third-most-improved team in Division II.

Returning to the team next season will be sophomore standout Stephanie Sarosi, who led the Sharks to the SSC Tournament Championship as she was named to the All-Tournament Team and was dubbed the most outstanding player of the tournament. Sarosi also had the distinction of being named the SSC Player of the Year, becoming the unanimous choice for the All-SSC First Team and becoming a Daktronics All-South Region Team member. Sarosi led the conference in scoring with 19.1 points per game, was second in blocks with 3.3 a game and third in rebounds with 9.8 a game as well as shooting an amazing 58 percent from the field.

The women's golf team has soaked things from our Sharks in 2009.

Women's Golf
Second in the Nation

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The women'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 capturing the overall individual title at the SSC Championships by shooting a three-round 221 (69-76-76). In addition to this, Changkija put together an impressive five under par 65 in the last round of play. O'Mahony was also named the teams Most Valuable Player at NSU's Athletic Banquet with Schwartz earning the Coaches Award.

The men's golf team, consisting of Schwartz, O'Mahony, sophomore Byron White and freshmen Diego Lobo and Michael Moore provided a great deal of experience throughout their 2008-09 campaign and with only O'Mahony graduating from the fifth best team in the nation, we can expect great things from our Sharks in 2009.

NSU Women's Basketball

SSC Champs

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The 6'1" junior Katie Koestner and the 6'2" freshman Melody Fshowbug will look to make an immediate impact after spending the whole last season on the sidelines.

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.

Last season, the NSU women's basketball team consisted of seniors Ashley Wilson, Christine Haber, Britney Green and Amber Bledsoe, who was named to the SSC All-Tournament Team.
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