NSU Launches Integrated Web Portal

Kristine Belizaire  
Current Affairs Editor

NSU has launched SharkLink, a secure online Web site designed to provide students, staff, and faculty members with one main login where they can access all of their NSU applications, including email, WebSTAR, and WebCT. According to the Office of Information Technologies and Digital Media, NSU decided to create SharkLink in order to provide the NSU community with enhanced, streamlined access to NSU's computing resources and Web communication options within an online information portal. "The idea was to take all of the internal resources that we need as staff, faculty and students and put it on a separate homepage," said Dave Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations. Dawson went on to say that the main NSU Web site should be an external home page used to advertise NSU and recruit new students. NSU patrons will automatically have access to SharkLink free of charge. Users can access SharkLink with their existing NSU e-mail username and password.

New NSU students and employees will have a temporary password sent through e-mail or U.S. Postal Service. When signed on to SharkLink, email can be accessed automatically without having to re-enter any information. SharkLink also gives users the option to modify the design of their channels or links on their personal page. For example, students can subscribe to channels and layouts that fit their individual needs and interests, such as the Alvin Sherman Library or the Shepard Broad Law Library. Once logged in, NSU patrons can view upcoming NSU events, Campus Safety, and activities and organizations. SharkLink also has a Student tab which allows students to view their academic records or pay their tuition bill. In addition, NSU patrons can join online groups to communicate with others. An online tutorial is available on SharkLink to aid users in setting up online groups and channels. Information sharing can be done through links, chat and messaging boards on SharkLink, which might be appealing to students. "I think it is the most convenient thing. It is the Facebook of NSU," stated Esther Fortune, Special Projects Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs.

Senior Brandi Garcia is also happy with the new web-portal. "I like it. It had all the information that you would need as a student, and it gives you instructions on how to use it," said Garcia. For more information, contact the Office of Information Technologies Help Desk at (954) 262-HELP, Extension 24357, or visit help@nova.edu.

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Exploration Week Ends with Sharkapalooza

Kristine Belizaire  
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Old and new members of the NSU community gathered in the University Center on Aug. 29 for the third annual "Sharkapalooza." This event is a combination of two NSU traditions, "Got Wood?" and "NSU Exploration Week."

"NSU Exploration Week" took place during the first week of school. Students were given NSU passports and received stamps for visiting various locations on campus. Students then received raffle tickets for each stamp they collected for a chance to win prizes at "Sharkapalooza." "Sharkapalooza" was the large event that concluded the week. This year, the NSU undergraduate Student Government Association was invited to help co-sponsor the event with the Office of Student Engagement. Other offices in the Division of Student Affairs also pitched in to make this event a success.

At this event, students had a chance to join out to NSU's very own Vocal Ensemble while learning more about how to get involved with the clubs and organizations on campus. Among the clubs and organizations were the Pre-Dental Society, Rho Eta Club, Caribbean Student Association, Pan-African Association, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society and the American Marketing Association.

Senior Jason Green, helped to recruit members for AMA. "We are looking forward to transforming this campus to the next level," said Green. "Our mission is to help students build relationships with the people that they need to build relationships with."

Greek Life at NSU was also present at the event, with step performances from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and Lambda Theta Phi.

Between step performances, students anxiously awaited their ticket numbers to be called, as a $500 scholarship, a three-day cruise and a free car for a year, courtesy of Rick Case Automotive Group, were up for grabs.

The grand-prize winner of the free car for a year was sophomore Alexander st. Preux. "It's amazing," he said as he stood by his new Honda Civic. "Young money."

For photo highlights of this event, turn to page 8.

Face Off: Cellphones in the library?
Students Storm the Dorms

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

On Aug. 22—24 parents and students arrived from all over the world to move into the Leo Goodwin Residence Hall.

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Tuesday
Sept. 2
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For more information, contact Gail Levine at levineg@nova.edu.

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
For more information, contact Gail Levine, Sherman at levineg@nova.edu.

Wednesday
Sept. 3
Free Karate Class!
Classes will take place at the University Center Recplex, at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Sept. 4
SUB Thursday
Come join the Student Union Board on the Flight Deck patio for an afternoon filled with music and free food! The event will start at 11:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the Student Union at union@nova.edu.

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The Department of Performing and Visual Arts will be holding auditions in the Performing and Visual Arts Wing of the University Center at 6 p.m. All members of the NSU community are welcome to audition. Applicants are required to bring a song and a monologue. Audition requests should be sent to niuebrear@nova.edu.

For more information, visit www.undergradperformingarts@nova.edu or contact Mark Duncan, at markduncan@nova.edu.

Academic Socials
Want to meet your fellow peers and professors out of the classroom? Then attend the academic socials hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Different divisions will be located throughout the University Center.

For more information, contact Nancy Lespinasse at lespinassn@nova.edu, for more specific locations.

Faculty and Staff Socials
Join us from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library, room 2056.

For more information, contact Michael McFarland at mcmfarland@nova.edu.

Friday
Sept. 5
Panhellenic Council Smoothie Day
Interested in becoming part of a sisterhood? Then come join the women of Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Delta Tau, and Phi Sigma Sigma for more information on recruitment. The event will take place at 11 a.m. in front of the Parker Building.

For more information, contact Thatine "Chint" Camargo, at tc332@nova.edu.

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NSU Graduates
Inaugural Class of
Anesthesiologist Assistants

Laura Starr
Editor-in-Chief

On Aug. 24, students of the College of Allied Health and Nursing proudly walked across the stage to receive their degrees during graduation ceremonies held in the University Center Arena.

Twenty-nine students received Master’s of Health Science degrees as anesthesiologist assistants. These students represented the first graduating class of the only Anesthesiologist Assistant Program in Florida.

Many of the anesthesiologist assistant students stated that both the welcoming atmosphere of NSU and the supportive efforts of the administration led to their success. “It felt like home,” said Keith Brown, a student who returned to academia from a career in physical therapy. “The professors gave you a lot of attention, classmates were supportive, and the school was intent on creating a first class program.”

Robert Wagner, Program Director and Assistant Professor in the Anesthesiologist Assistant Program, was recognized by several students as one of the key administrators who created a welcoming and supportive environment. This was confirmed, as he was awarded the distinguished Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Senior Awards Dinner Dance earlier that week.

Although this new program experienced some bumps along the way, it remained a very successful, high-quality program. This was demonstrated by the fact that 100 percent of the students that matriculated in June of 2006 passed the national certification exam administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

“We’re proud of what we’ve done,” stated Shane Lusham, another student in the inaugural class of 2006. “Absolutely the best experience I’ve had academically.”

For more information about the Anesthesiology Assistant Program visit http://www.nova.edu/mtta/anesthesia.

Robert Wagner, director of the Anesthesiologist Assistant program and James Lunsford, President of the Anesthesiologist Assistants program committee, share the book “Everybody Poops,” by Taro Gomi, to remind themselves to keep it simple.

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Graduates of the Health Professions Divisions (Continued)

**Camila**
Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m.
The first Latin American woman director depicts the real story of a young woman in the 19th century colonial period. This true story received an Oscar in Hollywood. Starring Hector Alterio and others. English subtitles. Directed by Maria Luisa Berneberg.

**Juan Manuel De Rosas**
Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m.
Juan Manuel de Rosas (1793-1871) was an Argentine caudillo who ruled Argentina from 1837-1852. He achieved a modicum of national unity that strengthened currents of Argentine nationalism for the future. Starring Rodolfo Bubán. Directed by Manuel Antih.

**Made in Argentina**
Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m.
A drama/comedy dealing with the theme and experience of exile. A couple from Argentina move to New York City for political reasons, but later wish to return to their home. Starring Beto Brandoni and Martha Bianchi. Directed by Juan José Jusid.

**Darse Cuenta** *(Becoming Aware)*
Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m.
Psychological comedy about a young doctor, his life and his problems as he tries to save the life of a young man so badly hurt that the other doctors gave him up for dead. Starring Beto Brandoni and Uruguayan actress Chino Zorilla. English subtitles. Directed by Alejandro Dotto.

With commentary by actress and journalist, Adriana Blanco
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Members David Leyva, Anine Amaro, Pedro DaSilva, and Rob Vogel of The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) celebrate fun with a drum. Amaro said that the organization "is a great way to meet people and spread diversity through NSU's community."

Rene Blake, O'Brien Duhaney, and Melanie Denny, members of Alpha Kappa Psi, an international co-ed professional business fraternity.

Carleen Pallante and Camille Wright, employees of the Office of Career Development encourage students to attend the Career Fair which is coming up October 7. For more information please visit www.nova.edu/career.

Kayla Revelus, Shelly-Ann Gregg, Aline Bantou, and Kerece Grant, members of Raw Xplosion Modeling Troupe. Interest meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Mailman-Hollywood building. For more information contact Kerece at kerece@nova.edu.

Sarah Silverstein, President of the NSU Chapter of Hillel. Shanae Rosenberg and Gary Wolff of Hillel of Broward and West Palm Beach. Diane Klein, Assistant Director of Internship, the Office of Career Development.

Giovanna Rivano, member of the Psychology Club, blows bubbles at her booth.

Kiarra Sequete and Danielle Schwartzberg, both Marine Biology majors, happily accept their Shark Discount Card which offers a 10 percent discount to NSU students from various local businesses. For more information on participating vendors go to http://www.nova.edu/studentengagement/discount/maincampus.
SHARKAPALOOZA 2008

Radnee Anib, member of Alpha Phi Omega interacts with Nena Lara, a member of LASO at their "Feed the Shark" booth.

Elizabeth Gist, Katie Scheurer and Tittina Gist, also members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

Max Turnbull and Jason Heidgerken feed hungry patrons with samples of their delicious MOE’S Southwest Grill burritos and chips and salsa.

Michelle Manley, Director of Radio X, a WNSU station, Maureen Dookie and Kimberly Goler from the Office of First Year and Transitional Programs and Carleen Pallante, man the barrel of raffle tickets to make sure no one cheats. For more information about this office please contact Dan Sullivan at sullivan@nova.edu.

Tabana Kiengo, Secretary, Michale Rushefsky, Vanessa Moody, executive board members of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society.

Nova Lishon-Savarino, a 15-year-old biology major, talks to Britannica Jeffers. Jeffers is a member of the Residential Student Association, a resident-run organization. She stated that their "purpose is to represent the residential student body and voice any concerns that these people may have to ResLife and SGA."

The ladies of Chicks on Point, also joined in on the festive step show. They were founded in 2002 and are here to bring people together with their stepping and entertainment endeavors.

John Ribzov, Philipp Krönler, Sarah Munagas, pose proudly as founding E-Board members of the Rotaract Club, a youth rotary organization that does international humanitarian service projects around the world. Their first project is in Uganda, Africa where they will be offering vaccines, books, and first aid kits to people in need. For more information go to rotaract.org.
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NSU Shark Shuffle
3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk

NOVA UNIVERSITY
What to Watch for in the Fall

Men’s Soccer

Looking back, NSU’s men’s soccer team had an amazing 2007 season with an astounding 15 freshmen who took Sharks all the way to a top ten ranking of second in the nation as they capped off the regular season with an 11-1-1 overall record. As for the 2008 men’s soccer season, Finatics can expect great success from the Sharks which are currently ranked third within the Sunshine State Conference in the pre-season poll.

The Sharks look forward to the return of 2007’s Conference Player of the Year, junior Romain Omnotiene, along with fellow All-SSC First Team sophomore forward Aly Hassan.

Women’s Soccer

NSU’s women’s soccer team has come a long way in just a few short years, gathering together large crowds due to their stellar play. The Sharks have been a part of the NCAA, which is the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the past two seasons, finishing their 2007 campaign with a regular season record of 10-2-2.

The Sharks are looking forward to build on their history of success during the upcoming 2008 season. The team has been ranked third in the SSC pre-season poll and are enjoying the return of the leading goal scorer for the Sharks sophomore Lauren Prow in addition to fellow teammates and two-time All-American, senior Sabnathine Quinones. Quinones is a definite player to watch for this season as she hopes to finish her senior year with NSU on a high note.

Women’s Volleyball

The women’s volleyball team looks forward to their up coming season after having completed their most successful year in program history. This resulted in their first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Sharks also smashed numerous NSU records in the following categories: kills, attacks, hitting percentage, assists, aces, digs, total blocks, and having the best season on record with a 26-10 season.

The Sharks Volleyball Team has set another record prior to the beginning of the season with their first ever pre-season national ranking of 24 in the United States. The 2007 Women’s Volleyball Coach of the Year, Steve Wlosczyk, will return with the hopes of propelling the Sharks even further during the 2008 season.

A few players to definitely watch out for this year would be senior veterans Christina Chubb, Valentina Petrova and All-SSC Second Team selection Melinda Gorman, as they look to capture SSC gold this season.

Men’s Cross Country

Upon completing the 2007 season with a third place finish in the SSC Championships to go along with a seventh place finish at the NCAA Regional Tournament, the men’s cross country team is ready to compete for their first-ever SSC Title this 2008 season.

Without question, the runner to watch for this season is 2007’s SSC Male Runner of the Year, senior Estekender Abdalla, with five top ten finishes in the Sharks six races.

Women’s Cross Country

The women’s cross country team enjoyed their third place finish at the SSC Championships in 2007, but are looking to improve on their 12th place overall finish at the NCAA Regional Competition.

Junior Tiera Haddack returns as the runner to watch for in the 2008 season seeing as she led the Sharks in six of their seven events as well as having earned SSC Runner of the Week honors and is looking to build on her 2007 breakthrough year.

Finatics

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

Just over three years ago, the NSU community came together in an effort to build a better sense of school spirit amongst the university’s small world of athletics. Student fans would gather together before sporting events to make banners and t-shirts, show their school spirit and cheer on the athletes at their respective competitions. It was not long before NSU Athletics jumped on the band wagon and got involved in what quickly became known as the “Shark Fin-atics.”

NSU Athletics has now taken the “Shark Fin-atics” a step further with the establishment of “The Official NSU Fin-atics Fan Club” with hopes of reaching even greater heights of school spirit and fellowship amongst students.

The goal of club is to help increase attendance, fan support and overall excitement at all NSU athletic events. For five dollars, fans can become an official member of the club. The membership comes with a “Fin-atics FinCard” for incentives, a “Fin-atics” t-shirt, access to the “Fin-atics Fan Club” section at NSU home athletic events, and eligibility for give aways at home NSU athletic events.

The “Official Fin-atics Fan Club Card” works as follows: At each Shark soccer, basketball, softball, tennis and baseball home event, students will have their “Fin-atics FinCard” stamped. Once students have attended 10 events, they will be given a new, blank card and will be rewarded with unique NSU merchandise, gift cards and other great NSU items. The original card will be placed into the drop box located in the athletics building, and the student will then be entered into a drawing to win a grand prize. The drawing will be held at the last home athletic event of the 2008-09 season.

Registration will continue throughout the year, during which students will be able to register with the department of athletics, NSU Athletics, at the ASA building on the 3rd floor. For more information on upcoming chances to get your Fin-atics FinCard stamped contact Andy Tunsinas, Marketing Coordinator at at507@nova.edu.

On Campus NSU Sports Facilities

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

Nova Southeastern University is home to a number of athletic facilities where students are able to catch all the live Sharks action for free of charge. From a 4,500 spectator arena, to a brand new soccer field, the teams that have the luxury of an on campus sports facility are looking forward to seeing large crowds out in the stands as the 2008-2009 athletic year kicks into gear.

Equipped on the list is the year old 366,000 square foot, multi-use University Center, more commonly known as the U.C. This facility’s arena has been dubbed the “Shark Tank” and houses the women’s volleyball team along with both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. The U.C. is within walking distance from the dormitories and students are able to grab their tickets upon entry at the box office. All attendees should feel free to take full advantage of the concession stands and restrooms, sit back and enjoy the action!

A new feature to NSU Athletics this year is the gorgeously green sports complex located just behind Leo Goodwin Hall. The new soccer complex not only seats a grand total of 1,100 spectators but students can literally spot the games from their dorm room windows as NSU hopes the new complex will fan base.

These new fan bases are able to receive their ticket at the gate and concessions are available throughout the games.

NSU is proud to make known that it is home to one of the finest baseball facilities in all of South Florida which comes fully furnished with accommodations for 500 spectators, concession stands and restrooms.

Fantasy ameteurs are made accessible for the student athletes from the complex’s spacious batting cages and dugouts to the beautiful playing field. Located near the Health Professions Divisions (HPD) building just across from the Miami Dolphins Training Facility students are encouraged to support their NSU baseball team this 2008 season!

Lastly, the A.D Griffin Sports Complex, home to our NSU softball team is located directly across from the Miami Dolphins Training Facility. The softball complex offers a stunning game field which overlooks HPD and a practice field with restrooms and concessions available throughout the games.

With tremendous athletic facilities spread throughout NSU’s campus and stellar athletics performing in them, NSU Athletics is eager to see enthusiastic ‘Fin-atics’ out in the stands for all of the Shark home games this fall, winter, and spring.
The killer Sharks of the women’s volleyball team defeated the Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs in the University Center Arena on Aug. 29.

This was an upset, as the Minnesota Mustangs are ranked #12 nationally.

Performance standouts included Molly Sivegich, Downers Grove, Ill., #5, who led the team with 17 kills, according to Valia Petrova and Melinda Gorman.

Gorman, Sarasota, Fla., #16, was also a fine contributor in kills, in that the opponent was not able to take defense on the ball. She commented on how we played, “We’ve obviously a great team that we played, and it was so nice to see our hard work paying off. Our girls are just staying disciplined and making big things happen.”

Sigerich, Downers Grove, Ill., #5, who led the team with 17 kills, according to Valia Petrova and Melinda Gorman.

She and Assistant Coach Michelle Piantadosi are also teammates on the professional AVP beach volleyball circuit.

Collegiate and professional experience in tow, Beson commented on the team’s overall talent and promise.

“I think they have the potential to be one of the top teams in the nation. Definitely national championship type material.”

Laura Starr
Editor-in-Chief

**Fall Sport Home Games**

**AUGUST**

**Volleyball Tournament:** 8/29/08-8/30/08
- 8/29-08 Game 1: Volleyball vs. Alderson @ 3pm
- 8/29-08 Game 2: Volleyball vs. Southwest Minnesota @ 7pm

**SEPTEMBER**

- 9-5-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Warner Southern @ 7pm
- 9-7-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Lake Erie @ 11:30pm
- 9-12-08 Women’s Soccer vs. PBA @ 6pm
- 9-14-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Lynn @ 6pm

**DOUBLE HEADER**

- 9-19-08 Men’s Soccer vs. St. Thomas @ 6pm
- 9-19-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Dowling @ 6pm

- 9-24-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Barry @ 7pm
- 9-30-08 Volleyball vs. Florida Tech @ 7pm

**DOUBLE HEADER**

- 9-27-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Thomas @ 6pm
- 9-27-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Thomas @ 8pm

**OCTOBER**

- 10-3-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Flagler @ 7pm
- 10-4-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Lynn @ 7pm

**DOUBLE HEADER**

- 10-8-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Barry @ 7pm
- 10-8-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Florida Tech @ 5pm
- 10-10-08 Volleyball vs. PBA @ 7pm
- 10-11-08 Volleyball vs. Rollins @ 4pm
- 10-11-08 Men’s Soccer vs. PBA @ 7pm
- 10-15-08 Men’s Soccer vs. N. Georgia @ 7pm
- 10-21-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Eckerd @ 6pm
- 10-21-08 Volleyball vs. Barry @ 7pm
- 10-22-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Eckerd @ 7pm
- 10-31-08 Volleyball vs. Eckerd @ 7pm

**DOUBLE HEADER**

- 10-25-08 Men’s Soccer vs. Florida Tech @ 7pm
- 10-25-08 Women’s Soccer vs. Northwood @ 5pm

**NOVEMBER**

- 11-1-08 Volleyball vs. Tampa @ 4pm
- 11-7-08 Volleyball vs. Florida Southern @ 7pm
- 11-8-08 Volleyball vs. St. Leo @ 4pm
- 11-11-08 Volleyball vs. Lynn @ 7pm

**New NSU Coaches**

**Women’s Rowing:** Assistant Coach
Stephanie Chivers

- Briefly played at the professional level following his collegiate basketball career.

**Men’s Basketball:** Assistant Coach
Luis Guarríes

- Graduated from NSU in 2006 upon completing three years as a student-athlete on the men’s basketball team.

**Women’s Basketball:** Assistant Coach
Michelle Plantadosi

- Graduated from NSU in 2006 upon completing three years as a student-athlete on the men’s basketball team.

- Briefly played at the professional level following his collegiate basketball career.

**Home Games**

- Volleyball Tournament: 8/29-08-8/30-08
- 8/29-08 Game 1: Volleyball vs. Alderson @ 3pm
- 8/29-08 Game 2: Volleyball vs. Southwest Minnesota @ 7pm
- 8/30-08 Game 1: Volleyball vs. California @ 12pm
- Game 2: Volleyball vs. Puerto Rico @ 3pm

**Sunshine State**
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As I stood on the edge of the Martha Brae Bridge and stared transfixed into the murky shadows of the river, I was disoriented by the searing heat of anger and the drought on the skin of my face. "So Erin Brockovich," I said loudly. "You should know that scores high marks for the film. He is genuine in his passion for acting that he should not consider it to slammed into my mind over and over and I felt betrayed and lied to. I believed she was better than a casual 'feel-up' in the dark. I cherished her body, her thoughts and feelings and she bullied herself for it a Roman with a pompous, puritan playbook. I couldn’t let her get away with it.

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During the summertime, studios are hesitant to release films that they consider to be "box office risks" and independent features. The studios fear that they will not meet the same monetary success they have had since summer blockbusters came into existence. Regardless, this summer was filled with quite a few hits, and, unfortunately, many expected misses.

Best of the lot [in no particular order]:

"American Teen"

The concept of this documentary film is brilliant—find a high school in some small town in the Mid-West, then find one teenager from every imaginable clique at the high school, and film their trials and tribulations as they go through the school year. Nolan has given some serious thought to this premise, which becomes so much more. These guys are good, really good dialogue, and even a little mischief. "The Dark Knight" is not only one of the best films of the summer, but one of the best superhero films ever made.

"Henry Poole is Here"

Rarely do filmmakers get the opportunity to see a film that explores faith and spirituality the way "Henry Poole is Here" does with comedic drama. "Henry Poole is Here" is one of those films that comes along to tell you that what you are feeling or thinking or doing is not unknown to the rest of the human race.

"The Last Mistress"

Catherine Breillat is the queen of French cinema, and "The Last Mistress" proves that point more than any of her other films so far. Starring the incredible Asia Argento, "The Last Mistress" explores violence, sexuality, love, relationships, and the dark secrets of aristocratic men and women. "The Last Mistress" points out human flaws and exploits them, only to show that they are inescapable and irreversible.

Worst of the lot [in no particular order]:

"Hellboy II: The Golden Army"

Another superhero movie, yes, but "Hellboy" is not like the rest. When Guillermo Del Toro released the first of this series, it was completely ignored at the box office only to be given new life through DVD. Now, Del Toro has come back with an even funnier [if that is possible] and more interesting sequel.

"Pineapple Express"

These guys are good, really good at what they do. Although "Pineapple Express" does fall a little short compared to other Rogen & Goldberg films, what was once described as a stoner-action-comedy, "Pineapple Express" became so much more. Not only was it the premise horrible, but Cate Blanchett's shoddy acting made any scene with her in it almost unbearable.

"The Love Guru"

Not that anyone should expect much from Mike Myers, but I did expect this film to be much better than it was. Unfortunately, it revolved around poop jokes, midget jokes, and more kicks to the balls or hits on the head than anyone should be allowed to watch in one sitting.

"Tropic Thunder"

Like most people, I actually had high hopes for this film considering the cast and the seemingly hilarious plot synopsis. However, "Tropic Thunder" fell short, way short, of what could even be considered a remotely decent movie. Much like "The Love Guru", "Tropic Thunder's" humor focused mostly on injuries, mental capacities, and genitalia.

"You Don't Mess with the Zohan"

What is it with Hollywood's obsession with toilet humor and clichés that makes them release a film like "Zohan"? Not only was it not funny, but it was condescending and annoying, too.

"The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"

It was not as bad as "Indiana Jones," but still one of the worst of the summer. One of the biggest faux pas in filmmaking is to make a sequel that features different actors or actresses in already established roles, and "The Mummy" did just that. Besides that serious mistake [Rachel Weisz, why did you ever leave?], The Mummy III has too much action, mysticism, and stupid jokes to be anywhere near as good as the first of this series.
Owning a cell phone is similar to having a Swiss-army pocket knife, they do everything. Therefore, a cell phone, as device that simply sends and receives calls, is a Stone Age definition. Being a student of logic and progress, I am fervently aware of the necessity of always having a cell phone at hand, even in the library.

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Naturally, a cell phone blaring Lil' Wayne's 'Lollipop' ring tone will, if nothing else, melodiously disturb the peace.

But what if the cell phone vibrates instead? Is that disrupting the concentration of the studious ones? Or is just seeing the cell phone predisposing them to instead concentrate on the cell phone, willing it to ring, and then be perfectly disturbed when it does?

I fear the sound in my terrorism and "YouTube" has now stitched a hem of paranoia into the fabric society, making everyone cry wolf, or in this case cry to the librarian.

Some people use their cell phones to help them concentrate with the many other distractions that are in the library: someone coughing, snickering, or talking to oneself. People use their cell phones to listen to music, something that soothes their mind, enabling them to block out the distractions and concentrate on what they need to do.

Cell phones also aid to relieve temporarily tired brains, by playing a game of "Cannonball" on their cell phones.

The major problem almost everyone has with cell phones being used in the library is people talking loudly on them with blatant disregard for the sovereignty of the library. This is quite understandable.

However, that is the reason cell phones have more than just incoming and outgoing calls features. There are also text messaging, internet messaging, Wi-Fi technology, so you can send and receive e-mails. These are all ways of communicating on a cell phone without having to talk.

Even NSU has made use of these other features with their alert system. In case of an emergency, a text message is sent to all students' cell phones alerting them to the situation.

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