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Students Weigh in on NSU’s New Shuttle System

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Staff Writer

On Oct. 1, the Office of Facilities Management (OFM) released its “new and improved” campus and residential Shark Shuttle Bus System. The new Shark Shuttle has extended its route, which will now include trips to Publix and the Broward Mall from Rolling Hills and Leo Goodwin residence halls. The schedule has also improved such that a shuttle will pass every 10 minutes. As of now, there have been complaints about the limited routes and the long bus-stop waits. "I’ve been really disappointed with our shuttle service," said Velma Seignor, resident student and legal studies major. "I don’t have a car, so I rely on the shuttles heavily. I just wish they would do something about this problem to help us out.”

Sentiments like these have been expressed by members of the NSU community who have ridden the Shark Shuttles. This is especially true for resident students, who according to NSU rules are only permitted to park in their designated parking lots. That leaves most resident students with the choice of taking the shuttles or walking. "It’s a bit of a walk," said Nina Shah, a resident biology major, who commented on the distance between her dorms and her classes. "In the past I’ve chosen to walk instead of waiting on the shuttle because it would take even longer. And since it takes me about 10 minutes to get to class, sometimes I have to leave about 15 minutes early to make it on time.”

However, for other students who chose not to walk the long distances, the Shark Shuttle is the only other option. For this reason, NSU’s OFM sought to improve the system.

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Manager, is responsible for implementing the recent changes. "When I came this year, the phones were ringing off the hook every day," said McGuire. "There were lots of complaints about the service, which is why we're making all of these improvements. This thing is a work in progress and is far from done." McGuire went on to encourage all students to learn the new bus routes and schedules.

When asked about the progress of the shuttle system McGuire said, "Well for one, the phones stopped ringing! But if I could say anything to the students I'd say be patient with us because this is just the beginning. We have 11 new buses coming beginning. We have 11 new buses coming December and have got plans to create a new GPS system that lets students use their blackberry's to see where the buses are."

How visible are the changes, though? For one, the green and orange Rolling Hills Express shuttles are hard to miss. Shah further commented on the positive changes she had seen regarding the shuttle service. "For us college students, time is money. I'm thankful that I'm getting to my classes much quicker because the buses are more efficient."

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Monday
Nov. 10
“My Strange and Wonderful Florida”
Patricia Wickman, Ph.D., will give a lecture surrounding the geography and the land of Florida. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute, located at 3424 South University Drive in Davie, FL. For more information, please call (954) 262-8471.

Tuesday
Nov. 11
“Posing Off: Performance and Body Language on the Jamaican Stage”
Andrea Shaw, Ph.D., assistant professor at NSU, will look at reggae dancehall album covers and discuss the seductive yet indifferent ways that the bodies pose for the camera. This lecture will take place at 12 p.m. in Room 240 of the Parker Building. For more information, please contact Jim Doan, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Humanities, at doan@nova.edu.

Wednesday
Nov. 12
Career Management at NSU
The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship and the Office of Career Development will host an interactive reception and career management discussion by the Wharton Club of South Florida. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. in Room 1034/1035 and will be followed by a panel discussion at 7 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium. For more information, contact the Office of Career Development at (954) 262-7201.
Tuesday Nov. 4 was a historical day in United States history. In an election that broke voter records, Americans chose their first African-American President. So on Election Day, Lucky 13 put on a lecture to raise awareness of what happens when you do not vote.

In partnership with the student initiative "step it up," Lucky 13 took registered students to vote in Shark Shuttles. For those who did not vote or had already done so, they brought Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs to raise awareness of what happens when you do not vote.

"How do you get someone interested in something they've always had?" asked Williams rhetorically about democracy.

Williams started his lecture with a brief history of the role of schools in democracy. He also brought a game to obtain students' voter records, Americans chose their first African-American President. So on Election Day, Lucky 13 put on a lecture to raise awareness of what happens when you do not vote.

"Take a Chance" consisted of a "craps table" on which students would roll dice and get a card with the number they rolled. Each card had a legislation which was designed so that students would roll dice and get a card with the number they rolled. Every time a student got a card it was read out loud and everyone voted thumbs up or down depending whether they agreed or not.

The game got very heated at some points because students discussed their reasons for voting a certain way. Some of the legislations included lowering the drinking age to 18, whether the government should be allowed to view social networking pages to prevent terrorism, lowering the speed limit of highways to 55 miles per hour, among others.

In a solemn moment, Dean Williams took time out of the game to show and explain to students the struggle through which women suffered only 88 years ago in order to have a voice in this country and vote.

The lecture, which was designed so that students do not take democracy for granted was a nice change for students. "We learned about how people struggled to get us where we are and Dean Williams kept our attention engaged the whole time. It was great. It wasn’t boring because of the game. I wouldn’t have changed anything," said freshman Anthony Garciataza.

The next Lucky 13 will be called "It’s Never 2 Early 2 Plan 4 the Future." It will be held on Nov. 11 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 3049 of the Carl DeSantis Building.

For more information, you may contact Dalis Dominguez, Ph.D., at (954) 262-8485.
From Nov. 17 - 23, Nova International Student Association (NISA) will celebrate diversity at NSU.

"[International Students' Week] is to recognize the presence and contribution of international students at NSU," said Ronald Mabunga, Assistant to International Student Affairs. He added that there are about 1,000 international students who attend NSU, either online or at one of the campuses. "The mere fact that they chose NSU to study is a contribution," said Mabunga.

NISA has collaborated with several offices on campus to put this week together. These offices include the Office of Career Development, International Students and Scholars, Financial Services and Registration. International Students' Week will feature both educational and social services to students. The educational events will take place on Nov. 17, 18, 19 and 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1047 of the Carl DeSantis Building. These events will provide international students with career information and tips that they can use to improve their resumes. The workshops will also provide them with information on the H-IB Visa and ways to secure employment after graduation.

Belinda Thomas, President of NISA, thinks that the workshops will be beneficial to students. "The information that will be presented at the workshops being held during this week is of critical importance to all international students," said Thomas.

Social events include NSU Sub on Thursday at 11 a.m. on Nov. 20, where all students can gather and network on The Flight Deck Patio in an informal setting. NISA will also host a trip to South Miami Beach on Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. This trip will allow students to have fun in an on-campus setting and enjoy the sights that South Beach has to offer.

International Students' Week will come to a close with an International Thanksgiving Dinner in the atrium of the Carl DeSantis Building on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 5 p.m. This event is designed to give international students the chance to learn and be a part of the American Thanksgiving tradition. The event will also feature performances from the NSU Vocal Ensemble. Mabunga expects that over 100 students will attend the event.

Thomas believes that International Students' Week is important for international students. "[International Students' Week] is a time when we can celebrate the sacrifices we have made by leaving our homes, our friends and our families to seek out something better. It is a time when we can showcase the diverse culture where we are from and what makes us who we are. I look forward to seeing everyone there as we celebrate this moment in time," stated Thomas.

For a complete list of events, or to RSVP, contact Ronald Mabunga at mabunga@nova.edu, or Belinda Thomas at belinda@nova.edu.

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**November 4**

6:00 pm

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NSU’s men’s basketball team took on Florida International University on Nov. 6 in an exhibition game which allowed the Sharks to see some quality competition before the regular season begins later this month.

The Sharks didn’t get off to the best start as they struggled with the speed of FIU’s Golden Panther’s, taking them into the half down by 11-points, 35-24. NSU kicked off the second half in a much better direction tallying together 51-points to take the lead for the first time in the game with five minutes left, 51-50. FIU managed to tie the game up at 57 a piece, and with just 30 seconds left, Golden Panther Matt Dominguez sunk a crucial three-point shot for the victory.

Freshman Iran Hollis lead the Sharks with 10 rebounds and nice points followed by fellow freshman Teddy Tassy with nine points, all coming from three point shots. NSU opens the regular season at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 15 vs. Southern Arkansas in Pensacola, Fla.

NSU’s women’s rowing team competed on Nov. 1 for their second race of the 2008 fall season in a tri-meet against the University of Miami and Barry University. However, in contrast to their usual performance, the Sharks did not come to much success.

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Senior Dionte Perry reaching for a slam dunk.

Photos courtesy of Angelica Garcia

NSU’s “FAN OF THE WEEK!”

Senior dance major, Jimmi Singh, sported a stylish jersey on his way to support NSU’s men’s and women’s soccer team. Singh’s passion for dance and theatrics, combined with his outstanding support for Sharks Athletics makes him

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Sharks' volleyball (20-9; 8-5 SSC) continued on with their dazzling season on Nov. 1 as they upset SSC rivals, the No. 5 University of Tampa Spartans, for the first time in NSU history in a thrilling five game match. Later in the week the Sharks retaliated to fell to Barry University three games to none and were unable to overcome the No. 13 Florida Southern Moccasins on Nov. 7, 3-1.

After falling to Tampa's Spartans in the first two games the Sharks retaliated to steal away a third game victory courtesy of sophomore Paula Ruiz (6) who registered four kills. The match was all tied up after NSU won the fourth game; taking the Sharks to a fifth game where their previous two wins would fuel them to seize the win, 16-14.

Senior Emily Carle (2) remained "hot" on the court, tallying up a total of 18 kills to go along with six blocks as well as four other Sharks totaling double figure kills with Ruiz, junior Jenerra McGruder (12), senior Melinda Corman (16) and freshmen Molly Segerich (5) adding 12, 12, 10 and 10 kills each.

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**Women’s Soccer**

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Staff Writer

NSU women’s soccer senior midfielder Stephanie Quinones (8) was named to the All-SSC Second Team as well as to the ESN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team.

Quinones finishes her NSU career tied at 15 for the most assists NSU program history and was also among the leaders in total points, 35.

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**SCC Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week**

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Sports Editor

NSU’s junior defensive specialist encountered a tremendous week of spectacular volleyball, averaging 3.1 digs per set after tallying 20 total in a three-match week for the Sharks, 2-1.

This Shark can be seen playing in the Shark Tank wearing the No. 1, she is majoring in sports management with career goals of playing in the AVP while working for a professional athletic team. In her spare time, she loves singing vocals in her team’s Rock Band tour group.

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**UP DOWN**

I am a member of the men’s basketball team. You will see me in the court wearing No. 23. I am 6-feet, 8-inches tall. I am from South Australia. When I grew up I want to be a professional Rock Band drummer.

I am a member of the women’s rowing team. I am an athletic training major. My favorite place to go is the Swap Shop. I love to basket weave.

I am a member of the women’s basketball team. You will see me on the court in the guard-forward position wearing No. 5. I am 6-foot tall. I am from France.

I am a member of the women’s volleyball team. You will see me on the court as a setter. I wear No. 15. I am an elementary education major.

Answers to Previous Week's Word Find

UP DOWN:

I am a member of the men’s soccer team. You will see me on the field wearing No. 16 while playing in the midfield. I was born in Colombia.

ANSWER: Sophomore, Juan Gonzalez.

I am a member of the women’s cross country team. I am a biology pre-med major and hope of one day becoming an orthopedic surgeon. I believe my best asset to the team is my personality.

ANSWER: Freshman, April Farrell

ACROSS:

I am a four-year member of the women’s rowing team. I am the stroke seat for the Varsity 8+.

I am an occupational therapy major. I believe my best assets to the team are my willpower and leadership.

ANSWER: Senior, Rachel Garbaj

I am the goal keeper for the women’s soccer team. You will see me on the field wearing No. 1. I am an athletic training major. My favorite thing to do is play any and all sports, all day, every day!

ANSWER: Junior, Megan Kim