Volleyball Team Makes “Elite Eight” Status
Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

On Nov. 22, the Sharks marked their names down in program history as they were declared the NCAA’s South Region champions and claimed their spot as a part of the “Elite Eight” to compete for the national title.

NSU’s women’s volleyball team (24-12) has made history time and time again throughout the course of their 2008 season, breaking records right and left as they journeyed toward the NCAA Division II national tournament where they stood amongst the “Elite Eight.”

Sophomore Kat Yony (11) believes the journey toward the NCAA Division II South Regional championship, NSU crushed Lynn University in the opening round of the regional tournament, three games to none thus advancing the Sharks into the semi-final match on Nov. 21. Where they would overcome a close call while up against St. Leo University’s Lions. However, the Sharks came out on top, 3-2, moving themselves ahead into the Sweet Sixteen category and to the final championship match.

The Sharks swept steady on their final match on Nov. 22 with confidence but fell short in their first two games while up against the talented West Florida squad. In what was looking to be a sad ending to a fairy-tale season, the Sharks rose to the challenge and snatched the final three sets.

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New Languages Are Introduced to NSU
Anna Black
Freelance Writer

NSU has added two new language courses, Arabic and Mandarin Chinese, to the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences offerings, for the winter 2009 semester, in an effort to nurture the growth of bilingual students in America. In previous years, NSU has offered only Spanish and French as foreign language courses, Spanish having the highest enrollment.

According to the National Language Translation Center, only 9 percent of Americans can speak their native language and at least one other language fluently. In contrast, nearly 53 percent of Europeans are fluent in two or more languages. The primary reason for this discrepancy is the lack of language programs in American schools.

For the winter 2009 calendar, there are four elementary I level classes, two elementary II level classes, and one intermediate I and II level classes available. French is offered at an elementary I and II level and there is one class open for each level.

“Up until now, I had been disappointed with the second language choices here at Nova,” said sophomore Cher Pruitt. “But now I’m happy to say I go to a school that opens my linguistic horizons.”

Next semester, undergraduate students will be offered both Elementary Arabic I and Elementary Mandarin Chinese I. Both are full term classes that are not open to native speakers.

According to NSU’s Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Web page, Elementary Arabic I (ARAB 1210) will focus on the “essentials of Arabic language with emphasis on grammar, vocabulary, writing and oral skills (with an introduction to Arab culture).”

Elementary Mandarin Chinese (CHIN 1210) will focus on the same areas as Elementary Arabic, but with a slightly limited amount of writing.

Students are excited about the opportunity to take these new languages

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Going Shopping or Going Green?
Tiffany Simoncini
Staff Writer

After years of delays and concerns, local officials, as well as city developers in Sarasota, Fla. came to an agreement to begin construction on the world’s first “green” mega-mall, Destiny U.S.A.

According to a lead developer, Robert Congel, Destiny U.S.A. is the largest complex in the world that will run entirely on renewable energy. Destiny U.S.A. is a 75 million-square-foot retail, hotel and entertainment complex. This mall is similar to the existing 17-year-old architecture, except in addition, it will have 1,100 hotel rooms, a 65-acre enclosed theme park, a six-story climbing wall, over 400 retailers, 30 restaurants, a 15,000-seat amphitheater and the world’s largest mall-to-mall experience.

When asked what he thought about this new mall, John Rubino, a sophomore biology major, said, “Personally, I hate the mall. However, if we had a mall like this in the area, I would definitely go. Aside from the new green concept, it is appealing to the eyes and sorts of making it want to recycle. I guess I wouldn’t feel so bad spending some money at a place that is so eco-friendly.”

According to Congel, this mega-mall will be a new standard for eco-friendly development all throughout the world. Destiny USA is known as the world’s most sustainable project, as it focuses on the four E’s which are energy, environment, economy and education. In addition to being the most “green” mall in the country, the $540 million advancements bring Destiny USA to number one in the list of largest malls in the country.

With size, appeal, and efficiency, how could any one really oppose? Thomas Vigiano, a freshman business management major said, “I don’t see why other businesses and huge corporations would disagree with this idea. I feel that if everyone follows the example of this mall, from what I have heard, the benefits could definitely improve our economy as a whole.”

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This mega-mall will be completely eco-friendly. In place of fossil fuel, it will power and hydrogen fuel cells will serve as the main sources for energy throughout the mall. Temperature will be controlled as the main sources for energy throughout the mall.

In addition, there will be extensive research facilities for testing advanced technologies and a 200-acre recreational biosphere complete with spring-like temperatures and an artificial river for kayaking.

"My goal is for it to have the same impact on Syracuse as the Erie Canal," said Congel. With years of planning and hard work, the world is finally able to enjoy an eco-friendly mega-mall. Convinced that it will "produce more benefit for humanity than any thing else that private enterprise has ever done," Congel is making it happen.

Aside from redeeming a burnt out industrial city, this mega-mall will serve as a great source of inspiration for the rest of the world. "I feel that this mall is going to influence the rest of the malls all around the world. After learning about its benefits, why not go green?" said Ethan Blick, a freshman marketing major, when asked how he felt this mall would change our lives.

Do you have a big idea that you feel will have a positive impact on and beyond our campus? Do you need a source of funding to make your idea a reality? If so, you may be the perfect candidate for the "B.I.G. Idea Grant," which the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement (SLCE) is offering to qualifying student initiatives.

Terry Morrow, director of Student Leadership, and her staff are very excited about this new project. "Our goal is to empower students to positively impact our campus and community," said Morrow.

The grant was designed to provide NSU students with the opportunity to take a leadership role in proposing and funding "B.I.G. Ideas." According to Morrow, the office is specifically seeking NSU students with initiatives that promote the office's motto of belonging, community impact and growth.

Sara Stevens, a marine biology major, appreciates what the SLCE office is doing in awarding these grants. "I think it's great. There are so many young people with great ideas that might need that extra push to help them get started," said Stevens. "And for our school to be supporting young people with good ideas is amazing."

To qualify, students would need to come up with an initiative that is open to all NSU students and would not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion or disability. Priority funding will be given to initiatives that promote, helping, impact and growth in many areas including—but not limited to—appreciation for diversity, service, advocacy or other community engagement, as well as school spirit and campus pride.

The detailed requirements and qualifications are listed on the grant application.

The deadline to apply for this grant is January 16, 2009 for the spring/summer semester and April 17, 2009 for the fall 2009 semester.

For further details and/or to retrieve an application, visit the CSE website at www.nova.edu/studentleadership/development/big_idea_grants.html, or contact Terry Morrow at tmorrow@nova.edu. Once completed, applications also need to be e-mailed to Terry Morrow at the same e-mail address.

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at NSU: "I'm thrilled to be taking Arabic next semester," says junior Steven DiLorenzo. "I think it's important to learn about the Arab culture and clear up many of the common misconceptions and stereotypes about Arabs. The best way to fight stereotypes is to educate."

Elementary

Arabic is already a full class for the winter 2009 semester. However, there are still open spots in Elementary Mandarin Chinese 1. If you are interested in signing up for Mandarin Chinese for next semester, or for any of these languages for the upcoming fall 2009 semester, contact the Office of Academic Advising at (954) 262-7990.

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Wanted Information Staff Writer

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

The Office of Residential Life and Housing is giving NSU students the opportunity to show off their off-campus apartment or house on the cover of the NSU 2009 Off-Campus Guide.

According to Jane Rodriguez, graduate assistant for housing, the contest was created in an attempt to make the NSU Off-Campus Housing Guide more appealing to the NSU student population. The Off-Campus Housing Guide is a handbook that is created annually to facilitate the moving and search process for students planning to live off campus.

Through this contest, students who do not live on campus have an opportunity to showcase their apartments or houses; favorite rooms or other housing components that make up where they live.

"Other than getting to show off what makes their off-campus apartment or house special, the first place winner will be given $500 on his or her student account for the winter 2009 semester," Rodriguez said. The second and third place winners will also be included in the guide as student testimonials.

Students who enter the contest must take a picture of their apartments or houses (student needs to be included in the picture) and send it to the Office of Residential Life and Housing. The pictures will then be judged one a scale of 1 to 5, according to photogenic appearance, healthy and safe lifestyle, neatness, efficiency, creativity and NSU spirit.

In order to be eligible for the contest, applicants must be an NSU undergraduate or graduate student enrolled for the fall 2008 and winter 2009 semester. They must also reside in a home or apartment that is not owned or operated by NSU.

The application for the contest can be found at http://www.nova.edu/reslife/offcampus/index.html. The deadline to turn in an application and a picture in jpg format to offcampus@nova.edu is Dec. 12. For more information, contact Jane Rodriguez at (954) 262-7600.

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**Dear Dali**

Alexis Iris

"Staff Writer"

On Nov. 20, Robert Bogorff, director of University Archives, spoke on the history of the university and the friendship between Dr. Maxwell Malz and Salvador Dali, a famous surrealist painter whose work "Dear Max, Dear Friend," is currently displayed on the second floor gallery of NSU’s Alvin Sherman Library.

At the event, Bogorff related the collection donated by Anne Malz back to the history of NSU. He also explored the relationship Dali had with the Malz couple, whose philanthropy helped create NSU's Maxwell Malz Buildings.

He informed the listeners on how the NSU campus was previously a training facility for the U.S. pilots during World War II. The three buildings that began the NSU campus were Rosenthal, Parker and Mallman. The parking building was designed by Louis Parker, who was a famous engineer; he made this building the strongest building on campus today due to the fact that it’s made with reinforced concrete.

Bogorff shared information about both Dr. Malz and Salvador Dali’s life. The Spanish painter, Dali, is well known for his eccentric behavior such as what was described as “artistic temperament” and peculiar images through his artwork, such as the melting clocks in his best-known work, “The Persistence of Memory,” completed in 1931.

Dali and Dr. Malz established their friendship at the height of their respective careers, most likely after Dr. Malz performed surgery on Dali’s wife, Gala. Gala was known to be the love of Dali’s life. Both men, Malz and Dali, had loving supportive wives who were also their business partners.

Dr. Malz published his bestsellers, "Psycho-Cybernetics," in 1960. Dali later created an interpretive painting based on Dr. Malz’s book, which can as well be seen at the exhibit that will come to its end on Dec. 14.

Tucker John Cumpton, a sophomore biology major, commented on the collaboration on Dr. Malz’s book. "Dr. Malz is a very impressive man. He is one of my role models in the medical field. I read his book Psycho-Cybernetics and it was truly amazing. It’s interesting to see the relationship between Dali and Malz, two very admirable men."

When students were questioned about the exhibit itself, they had this to say. "Dali is one of my favorite surrealist artists and I have seen his work in a variety of museums and exhibitions, I thought this exhibit had an excellent and complete exhibition of his work," commented Maria Andresa Garcia, a senior marketing major.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, members of the NSU community gathered on The Flight Deck patio to celebrate NSU’s 46th birthday. NSU was originally named Nova University of Advanced Technology but the board of trustees changed it to Nova University in 1974. In 1994, Nova University merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences to create Nova Southeastern University.

An employee commented on the changes over the years. "I think they’ve really grown over the years and I think they will continue to grow," said Kimberli Kidd, a librarian from NSU’s Alvin Sherman Library. At the event, attendees listened to music courtesy of NSU’s own Radio X, and enjoyed free cotton candy, snow cones and hot dogs. They also had the opportunity to win raffle prizes, which including NSU apparel and gift cards.

In an effort to be part of “founder’s day,” the Greek affairs division of The Student Union hosted a Greek Apparel Auction. “It’s great,” said Sara Stevens, a sorority member of Delta Phi Epsilon. “Any event like this is a way to get this campus together. It’s always fun,” she said.

Present at the event was Brad Williams, dean of Student Affairs, who gave a brief history of the university. Present at the event was Brad Williams, dean of Student Affairs, who gave a brief history of the university. Present at the event was Brad Williams, dean of Student Affairs, who gave a brief history of the university. According to Williams, Rosenthal, Parker and Mallman were the first three buildings on the NSU campus. These buildings were built on the ground which was previously used to train World War II pilots.

Williams commented on how he viewed the growth of the university. "I think it’s exciting," he said. "I think it’s amazing and I honestly can’t wait to see what the next 44 years will bring to this amazing university."
Senior Prom

Tiffany Simancini
Staff Writer

On the evening of Dec. 2, the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement in the Division of Student Affairs at NSU hosted its Senior Prom at Fort Lauderdale Marriott. The prom was the signature event for the Eighth Annual Senior Prom at the Signature Grand. At the prom, NSU students joined residents from Harbor Beach Rehab and Nursing Center and Fort Lauderdale and Seaview Nursing and Rehab Center of South Florida for an evening of dining, dancing and fun.

The evening included a fashion show and the crowning of the prom queen. There were also fun games for the students to win. A dance floor was available, as well as food and drinks. There were also several raffle prizes that were awarded.

Some of the participants in the fashion show were Lisa Wicks, Victoria LaFerriere, Catherine Johnson, Alicia Leavitt, Danielle Padgett, Michelle Cedron, Jennifer Bowman-Wilson, Kendra Bedejuate and Robin Furmanski.

What Now?

Ananay Rodriguez
Staff Writer

The election is over and the United States has a new, young and well-liked president. This, however, does nothing to shed light on what is to come. On Dec. 2, in the Flight Deck of the University Center, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences hosted a colloquium to encourage students to discuss what they thought the country will be like once President-elect Barack Obama is in the White House.

The colloquium gathered the minds of Professors Choctah Eguaw, Ph.D., Allison Brenner, Ph.D., Jeanne Fama, Ph.D., Charles Zelden, Ph.D., Gary Gershman, Ph.D., and Jason Gershman, Ph.D., among others, each of whom gave his or her point of view on issues throughout the conversation.

Several of the topics discussed throughout the colloquium included race, Sarah Palin, Senator McCain’s famous choice for vice president, President Bush’s legacy, Obama’s “team of rivals” and many others.

In regards to race, Professor Gary Gershman commented, “It’s like with Jackie Robinson. He couldn’t be an average baseball player he had to be the best. The mediocre white player could make the cut in the African American world. American had to be the best, same thing now with Obama.”

“Obviously, the African-American president, Obama’s safety was also raised as an issue. “It is terrifying,” he is willing to take the job even though it may cost him his life and I respect him for that,” said Eguaw.

Expanding on the race issue, Bernard Pierre, a junior accounting major, commented on Obama’s choice for vice president by comparing Obama with Lincoln. “Unlike Lincoln, who chose someone only to gain support from the South which resulted in the country being stuck with a bad president, Obama did a good job choosing someone with his views but who isn’t exactly like him,” said Pierre.

Robin Sherman, Ph.D., commented that Obama may bring some change to the White House but advised the audience to be patient because it will take time. “It takes time to produce change and people, young people particularly, get impatient. You listen to this charismatic guy and you hear all these things are going to happen and they are going to happen fast, and neither is true. Not all is going to happen in this one, this event probably won’t happen again for another four years,” explained Sherman.

Sadly, not many students attended the event, seeing as how it was planned the week before exams. And although the professors said they would like to meet more often and have more discussions like this one, this event probably won’t happen again for another four years.

Protecting Endangered Species

Naiida Alcime
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, members of the NSU community gathered in Parker Room 241 to hear a lecture by Ed Keith Ph.D., associate professor in the Division of Math, Science and Technology.

The lecture was titled “The Life and Death of Species: The Sirensians as a Case Study,” and is part of a series of faculty lectures sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences that center on this year’s academic theme of “Life and Death.”

Keith presented an extensive PowerPoint presentation, which discussed how Sirenian mammals are in danger of extinction—a threat primarily caused by humans. The term “Sirenian mammal” describes the fully aquatic, plant-eating mammals of the Sirenia order that live in rivers, estuaries, coastal marine waters, swamps and marine wetlands.

He explained that only five species in the mammalian order Sirenia exist. He reviewed the biology and natural history of these unique animals, discussed the variety of risks they face, and summarized the efforts to protect and conserve them.

However the focus of the lecture was on the ecological importance of two specific Sirenian mammals: manatees and dugongs. Keith spoke about the probable ecosystem consequences that would follow their extinction and then addressed the philosophical rationale for protecting endangered species.

As said in his own words, Keith’s purpose was to “…inform my audience about the threatened and endangered status of all species in the Order Sirenia, primarily due to human impacts and activities.”

One example he gave was the fact that the primary cause of Florida manatee mortality is being hit by boats. Interestingly, as the number of boats registered in Florida has increased, so has the number of manatees killed by boat collisions each year.

When asked about the significance of the subject, Keith said, “It is an extremely important issue at the present time because powerful forces are pushing to remove the Florida manatee from the list of endangered species and this would lessen their protection and the concern for their survival.”

Keith refuted those who claim that because extinction is a natural process, we should allow some species to go extinct. “My response is that humans and our activities have accelerated the rate of extinction and that this is unnatural and poses certain risks,” he said.

The final point made in the lecture was the fact that species positively contribute to human kind and thus should continue.

“Species have multiple benefits that will only accrue to human society and the biosphere if they are maintained at sustainable population levels and protected from extinction,” said Keith.

The PowerPoint presentation also listed several reasons why endangered species are valuable including the fact that biological diversity would be preserved and that endangered species contribute to medicine for humans and other animals.

For more information on future faculty lecture series, please contact Jim Doan, coordinator of the Faculty Lecture Series, at doan@nova.edu or visit the Faculty Lecture Series Web site at www.undeergrad.nova.edu/articles/.
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- Who is your favorite celebrity athlete and why?
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Inside the Locker Room with Volleyball Player Emily Carle

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

Courtesy of NSU Athletics

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Seniors Valia Petrova (8), Emily Carle (2) and Gorman (16) along with Yony (11) stood out amongst the best of the best, being named to the NCAA Division II South Regional All-Tournament Team.

Petrova averaged nearly 10 assists per game along with being the only person in the United States in 2008 to register a triple-double with assists, digs and aces. This setter was also the first NSU volleyball player to be named an AVCA National Player of the Week, leading her team as well as the entire nation with 84 aces. Petrova has set a number of individual records for the Sharks one being that she currently holds the NSU single season assists record in 2007 with 1,560 assists.

Carle aided her team with her blocking ability along with averaging 2.57 kills per game as well as surpassing the 1,000 kill mark in 2008. Carle has marked her name in the history books as well as she is the NSU all-time career record holder with 273 assists.

In light of their outstanding performances, Petrova and Carle were named to the 2008 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-South Region and All-SSC teams. Carle is an AVCA All-American honorable mention in addition to joining teammate, Petrova, on the All-Region and All-SSC teams.

After a long hard road but victorious road, the Sharks stood proud amongst the final eight DIY II teams left in the nation competing toward the NCAA National Championship Title, the Elite Eight.

"This is a very special team, a team that I am blessed to be a part of. I would not change anything that has happened in my four years here, I am proud to be a part of something so special," states Gorman.

The number six seeded Sharks traveled to Minnesota to take on Truman State University on Dec. 4 in the opening round of the single elimination, three match national tournament. Sadly, the Sharks fell to Truman State in a devastating match up which ended 3-0. However, despite what the score reads the Sharks did not go down easy. Gorman registered 13 kills in 31 pressure match to go along with seven digs and three block assists. Yony scooped up 16 digs while Petrova stood out once again with 25 assists.

When asked about the Sharks' goals for the season and whether or not they had met or even exceeded those goals they had set for themselves, Yony states "We had four major goals: 1) keeping a warrior mentality 2) pressing inside the seam of the block 3) contributing every way possible on and off the court 4) coming together after every play."

Yony signed off with an inspirational quote, "Champions aren’t made in the gym, they are made from something inside of them—a desire, a dream, a vision."

NSU Sports

Rowing Receives Sunshine State Conference Rings

Alex Gyenes
Staff Writer

NSU's women's rowing team received their Sunshine State Conference Championship rings during the men's basketball home opener on Dec. 6 as the Sharks were announced as the SSC Champs for the second year running.

Dr. Mark Cavanaugh, Faculty Athletics Representative, along with the director of Athletics and head baseball coach, Coach Mike Mominey, distributed rings to the 2007-2008 roster as the Sharks accepted with delight.

NSU Sports

Answers to last week’s Word Find

1) ANSWER: Coach Mominey
2) ANSWER: Dustin Getzen
3) ANSWER: Ms. Baldwin
4) ANSWER: Coach Pen

Fan of the Week

Chris Balaban
Staff Photographer

Junior psychology major, Charlie Novakovich, was spotted at one of NSU's first women's basketball games. Novakovich, an avid basketball player, stated, "I'm extremely impressed with the way NSU's team plays ball!" When asked what he does outside of the sports arena, he commented, "I love riding my bike, playing crazy eight countdown and listening to Elvis!" Congratulations Charlie, on being NSU's "FAN OF THE WEEK"
For the most part, when you mention Harvey Milk, the subject of director Gus Van Sant’s “Paramount Park” and “Good Will Hunting,” you may either not know who he is or have a somewhat vague idea of who he might be. In some ways, this lack of reverence for such an important figure in gay history is understandable figuring the amount of openly homosexual politicians, actors, musicians and activists that have come and gone since Milk’s death in 1978. However, Van Sant’s biopic “Milk” begs the question, should we really be so quick to forget the legacy of one of the most prolific gay rights activists of the 20th century? Milk’s (James Franco) story begins on a New York City subway staircase where he tries to “pick up” Scott Smith (Jame Franco), the man who later becomes his live-in boyfriend and first campaign manager. Milk is successful and a romance begins between the two of them that begins a handsome new chapter of Milk’s life. After some time, Milk and Smith packed up their things and fled to San Francisco, where in the 1970s gay men and women flocked to for refuge and freedom from big cities and small towns across the United States.

Once there, Milk and Smith move to the Castro district and open up a small camera shop. After noticing that there is still much hatred for homosexuals, even in San Francisco, Milk first gets involved in politics by forming alliances with “gay-friendly” neighborhood business owners and Union boards. Finally in 1973, Milk decided to run for a spot on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors—as an openly gay man. He lost that year and every year he tried to go back. But he was not to be thwarted. Milk decided to run for a spot on the Castro district and open up a small camera shop. After noticing that there is still much hatred for homosexuals, even in San Francisco, Milk first gets involved in politics by forming alliances with “gay-friendly” neighborhood business owners and Union boards. Finally in 1973, Milk decided to run for a spot on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors—as an openly gay man. He lost that year and every year following until 1977, when he was finally elected supervisor of the Castro district. That same year, Dan White (Josh Brolin), the man responsible for Milk’s death, was elected supervisor of District 8, a small Irish-American working class neighborhood not too far from the Castro. The film, however, mostly focused on Milk’s campaign against Proposition 6, a law stating that all homosexual teachers and their supporters will be fired from their jobs. As Proposition 6 was being successfully passed in states across the country, Milk and his supporters campaigned against it and were successful, as it never passed in California. Shortly after their success, White walked into San Francisco City Hall and assassinated both Milk and Mayor George Moscone (Victor Garber).

The story isn’t nearly as powerful as I’m describing it. Aided by Penn’s (“Mystic River” and “The Interpreter”), Brolin’s (“No Country for Old Men” and “W”), and Hirsch’s (“Into the Wild” and “Speed Racer”) incredible performances, the film almost completely encapsulates the emotional-rollercoaster all the characters were on at the time. Like Milk’s famous line “My name is Harvey Milk, and I want to recruit you,” Van Sant shows the playful, intelligent, emotional, and political sides of Milk in a heart-wrenching and inspiring way that makes this film one of the best movies of the year. As Van Sant takes us from the beginning of Milk’s political life passed in the end of his life, Van Sant clearly states the importance of Milk’s legacy and his message is one that should not be forgotten, especially right now, in the wake of anti-gay amendments and propositions being passed in states across the country.
**Disney Delivers Again With “Bolt”**

Racquel Fagion
Variety Editor

Since the first time I was introduced to Disney animation at age seven, simply hearing the title “Disney” invoked feelings of happiness, playfulness and fun. They seemed to always know how to incorporate magnificent storytelling, with music, laughter and that feeling of togetherness. This sensational tradition is carried on even today through Disney Animation and their new hip sibling Pixar, in their creation of “Bolt.”

Although it seems as if Pixar has been laying down the law in Disneyland, with their dexterity in releasing hit animation after hit animation (“Toy Story,” “Finding Nemo,” “Monsters, Inc.” and “WALL-E”), the release of “Bolt” from Disney Animation shows that the old school club still has it in them.

“Bolt” is a superhero dog that has no clue how to be a hero. He brings the love of his life right for him, as she bemoans, “He never gets to be a real dog.”

“Bolt” follows the cross-country journey of Bolt (John Travolta), the TV-magnificent storytelling, with music, Animation and their new, hearing the title sensational tradition Disneyland, with their that the old school club still has it in them. to Disney animation at age seven, simply hip sibling of dexterity in releasing is carried on even that the Hollywood dog life is right for him, as she bemoans, “He never gets to be a real dog.”

“Bolt” definitely isn’t a film to pass up, it will have you smiling no matter how hard you try not to.

The director and animators perform their duty of delivering an entertaining and pleasant film.

“Bolt” by no means is parallel to the storyline or even the voice-overs, to other Pixar animations, or even some Disney animations (there is no other genie like Robin Williams in “Aladdin”). But it mixes animals and humans to give a loving friendship quality, all the while teaching the kids something good and new. And in the way only Disney can, they make the reunion of Bolt and Penny, in a free-screen event that may roll a tear or two down the corners of your eyes.

Stefani Rubino
Opinion Editor

**“Transporter 3” Falls Short**

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

All of the “Transporter” movies have been filled with extreme chaos. From car chases to funky martial arts and weapons, Frank Martin (Jason Statham) always keeps you on the edge of your seat. But while the other two movies contained a substantial plot, “Transporter 3” fails to deliver.

In this third installment of the “Transporter” franchise, Martin is bullied into transporting a Ukrainian party girl (Natalya Rudakova) from Marseilles to Odessa. The kicker is that each of them is wearing a bracelet that will explode if they get too far away (75 feet) from their car. As you may very well imagine, this fact promises a cornucopia of stunts that will take place during the movie.

Like the first two movies, “Transporter 3” has plenty of action scenes that will get your heart racing. Statham will have you biting your nails, as he tries to stay within 75 feet of his car. However, the movie contains a few disparities that will make even the most ardent Statham (who plays the lead character in the franchise) fans cringe.

As far as acting goes, Statham does a good job at playing the brooding yet compassionate transporter. Our party girl Rudakova also does a good job at playing the role of an edgy yet vulnerable woman. If you are interested in seeing Statham’s perfectly sculpted body as he fights bad guys, this movie is the one to watch.

Fabrizio Moretti Finds New Life Through Little Joy

The Strokes, that New York City band led by Julian Casablancas, which rose to fame earlier this century, haven’t done anything new in a while. And with all the attention they used to get, it kind of makes you wonder what the members have been doing earlier this century, haven’t done anything new in a while. And with all the attention they used to get, it kind of makes you wonder what the members have been doing.

However, Little Joy’s debut is something really didn’t care to hear from a member of The Strokes ever again after that year and I’m sure that, like myself, you fans cringe.

Fabrizio Moretti brings us the self-titled debut comes with another one sung by Shapiro. However, Little Joy’s debut is something that is beautiful despite its minimalism. “Unattainable,” placed exactly at the halfway point, is a perfectly slow and somber introduction to the rest of the album.

The best track, however, comes with their single “Don’t Watch Me Dancing,” another one sung by Shapiro. “Don’t Watch Me Dancing” sounds like an old standard stuck somewhere between indie and pop. As nostalgic as it is wonderful, “Don’t Watch Me Dancing” is a gorgeous reminder of how much work Moretti, Shapiro and Amarante put into Little Joy.

No, this is not the best album of the year and I’m sure that, like myself, you really didn’t care to hear from a member of The Strokes ever again after that year. However, Little Joy’s debut is something that is certainly worth listening to. The album comes at you slow and steady, and is probably one of the easiest albums to listen to in a long time. Honestly, no matter how much you feel about Moretti, this album is worth a try.
Will We Ever Stop Hearing About O.J. Simpson?

Stefani Rubino
Opinion Editor

Unlike myself, I am sure most of our readers are old enough to remember the long, drawn-out process people refer to as the “O.J. Simpson Trial.” Although I was not old enough to stay up all night watching T.V. to see what the results would be day-by-day, I like to refer to it as the “O.J. Simpson Sideshow Act.” When people attend a circus, fair, or carnival, the one thing they always remember is the “freak” they used two tickets to see. Actually, it is less like a remembrance and more like a haunting, the vision of O.J. Simpson just never went away after that. Although I stated, I was actually taking Mr. Simpson trial to place, but the arrest began to die down a bit, a trend I had hoped would continue, towards the end of the year. However, the arrest was chartered of only one building, Rosemary, which was built on top of an old air plane landing strip, hence the name of “The Flight Deck,” as our hang out spot. This brief little history lesson just shows us how proud we can be to attend such a dedicated and progressive school. In just 41 years, we have gone from, just 17 students and one building, to over 28,000 students, according to fall enrollment and over 300 acres of land with various buildings and departments. To some that might not seem like such an endeavor, but just talk to Dean Mr. Simpson murder trial actually taking place, but the legacy he has left from the trial remains in my head much as those side shows acts do. In the past, most it seems as if O.J. Simpson just never went away after that. This year, especially, was a huge year for Simpson; gossip about a “If I did it...” book spread around the news programs and talk shows like wildfire and then he was arrested again earlier this year for armed robbery. The media made it seem as if this was what they were waiting for: another Simpson trial to give them something to talk about besides read, important news for the next six months. However, the flare began to die down a bit, a trend I had hoped would continue, towards the end of August. This week, on the other hand, proved that what I thought might be an improvement for cable news networks and major newspapers was just another disappointment. The robbery trial finally came to an end after 14 long months of deliberation and his face was once again plastered on news broadcasts and front pages. Really though, I suppose it is not fair the American public are so interested in his life. Actually, I blame the American media. While being forced to watch a Madonna interview not too long ago, she said something that struck me: “when I first started, there were no paparazzi following me around the way they do to these young stars now.” Interesting. So, Madonna is telling me that, just 20 years ago, the American public did not care about the private lives of stars like her? What has happened in the last 20 years that made our opinions and tastes change so dramatically that now all we see on the news is this garbage about O.J.Simpson, Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears? I suppose I understand the appeal of knowing what is happening in the lives of the stars we love. However, should we care about more than the terrorist attacks that just happened in Mumbai? As a journalist and an American, it is insulting to see the media parade this stuff around as news because they think we’re not smart enough to care about real issues. If we stop buying Star magazine and stop watching E!, they will have to stop producing the nonsense they produce now. Think about this for a minute: next time you are in line at the grocery store, go for The New York Times instead of that new issue of People.

Editor’s Note

Laura Starr
Editor in Chief

As I attended NSU’s 44th Annual Celebration or “Founder’s Day,” at The Flight Deck patio, it made me proud to see that students had put on an event to commemorate and honor where we came from as an institution. It is good to know where we came from so we can be proud of the accomplishments that we have achieved up to this point. NSU is unique in its founding as it was chartered in 1964 before any students or even buildings existed. Rather than starting with a traditional undergraduate class, three years later, the inaugural class consisted of 17 students who were mostly in their doctoral studies. At that time, NSU was comprised of only one building, Rosemary, which was built on top of an old air plane landing strip, hence the name of “The Flight Deck,” as our hang out spot. This brief little history lesson just shows us how proud we can be to attend such a dedicated and progressive school. In just 41 years, we have gone from, just 17 students and one building, to over 28,000 students, according to fall enrollment and over 300 acres of land with various buildings and departments. To some that might not seem like such an endeavor, but just talk to Dean Brad Williams who, as the school began to include more buildings, used to walk across that desolate air field, with no sidewalks in sight, getting “grass burns,” as he called it, stuck in his socks in the process, and see what he has to say about his walking habits now. So, as we walk through the halls and climb the stairs of respective buildings, it may be interesting to take a moment to look at the names of the oil-painting people hanging on the walls and do some research as to why they gave that bundle of money and/or interesting educational concept to NSU? Who knows? We may just be surprised at their motivations and reasoning and it may make us be that much prouder to call ourselves the Sharks.

On The Scene

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

What are you doing for winter break?

―Me and my Jew-fro are celebrating Hanukkah.―
John Rubino, a sophomore biology major.

―I’m working and partying. I’m planning an event.―
DJ 84 (Chris Foster), a junior marketing major.

―I’m going home to Jamaica.―
Samantha Smith, a junior accounting major.

―I’m spending time with friends.―
Carolyn Allwood, a senior business administration major.

―I’m spending it with my family, and I am traveling to New York. I have Hanukkah, Christmas and Three King’s day to celebrate, so I have a lot of gifts to give.―
Joann Liria, a junior legal studies major.

―I’m staying home with family or I might travel.―
Alfonso H, a senior communications major.

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Alvin Sherman Library has extended hours for exams from Monday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 21 from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.

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