### Gallup Institute Teams up with NSU Administration for the “NSU is You” Campaign

**Julian Brownlee** Staff Writer

Several months ago, NSU’s administration and The Gallup Institute for Campus Engagement (GICE) made a contract to embark on a project to accumulate the overall opinion of NSU from faculty, staff, alumni and current NSU students. The campaign will be called “NSU is You,” and the main goal of this project is to have as many people in the NSU community voice their opinions about various aspects of the university. In a few weeks members of the NSU community, including current students, should expect to receive an e-mail or an actual postal letter from NSU’s President Ray Ferrero, Jr.

GICE is a division of The Gallup Organization Inc. This portion of the organization introduces a membership-based, leadership performance process for the nation’s universities and colleges. The overall purpose of the GICE is to provide objective data that will help leaders of higher learning improve institutional performance by making prudent decisions about the allocation of the institution’s resources. The whole process helps leaders build student-centered, accountability-based, and trust-based institutions.

If you need additional information about the “NSU is You” campaign, please contact Dr. Barbra Packer-Muti at 954-262-5398 or at packerb@nova.edu.
Current Affairs

Current Affairs Calendar

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

Monday:
Monday Night Football: Come out to the Flight Deck for free food and the chance to watch the Redskins take on the Eagles. Games are at 8 and 10 p.m. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Tuesday:
Tournament Tuesdays: 9 Ball Billiards: The Student Union Board will be hosting “Tournament Tuesdays” in the Flight Deck. This Tuesday, SUB will hold a 9-Ball Billiards Tournament at 8 p.m. The 9-Ball Tournament will be played in a double elimination series of rounds with a winner’s bracket and a loser’s bracket. Each winner of each bracket will play in the final round. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Wednesday:
Applying to Law School: A Free Workshop Series: Students who are interested in law school and the application process are invited to attend a workshop that can help to answer their questions. Students will have the opportunity to speak to Tim Dixon, J.D and Gary Gershman, associate professors of legal studies, as well as students from the Shepard Broad Law Center. The workshop will be held from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in room 202 of the Parker Building. For more information, contact Tim Dixon at (954) 262-8023 or Gary Gershman at (954) 262-8211

Thursday:
Quad Thursday “So what if it’s not on the Quad?” : Come out to the flight deck patio from 11:30 – 1pm for free food, entertainment and a chance to find out about upcoming campus events. For more information, contact Tricia Reabulto at (954)-262-7291

Friday:
Flight Deck Fridays: The Flight Deck will be hosting “Flight Deck Fridays” Come out for live music, free food and drink specials from 5-7 p.m. For more information call the Flight Deck at (954) 262-7260.

Mr. Fintastic: Come out to the Flight Deck to support your NSU male classmates as they compete for the title of Mr. Fintastic. Mr. Fintastic will be held from 8pm-11pm. For more information contact a Delta Phi Epsilon representative in the Student Union office at 954-262-7285.

Saturday:
Yom Kippur: University Holiday

NSU Conservatives Hold Vigil in Memory of the Victims of 9/11

Tanya Parnes Staff Writer

The NSU Conservatives held a vigil on Sept 11 called the 911 Never Forget Project to commemorate the unforgettable day six years ago when America was attacked by terrorists. Members gathered together around 6:30 a.m. to place 2,974 flags on the library’s front lawn. Each flag represented one of the victims of the 9/11 attacks:
2,750 victims at the World Trade Center, 184 victims at the Pentagon and 40 victims in the Pennsylvania field. It took the members over two and a half hours to line up the flags that morning.

“Everybody who has walked by has come to stick a flag into the ground,” said Sheela Venero, Chairperson of the NSU Conservatives. “I think it just unites the campus as a whole.” Venero led a one minute moment of silence at 9:11 a.m., which was followed by a short prayer in memory of all those who were lost in this horrific tragedy.

The Young American Foundation, which is an organization that has been sponsoring the 911 Project every year on college campuses throughout the country, provided NSU students with posters, flyers and buttons that were handed out during the course of the day. They also supplied a sign that read “911 Never Forget Project” that was displayed on the front lawn. A large American flag with the names of each of the victims engraved across the red and white strips hung from a table that was set up near the vigil ceremony.

“I think it was important to have this event,” said Sharein El-Tourky, president of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship organization.

“It’s something that we need to learn from – honor and respect. I just don’t want anyone to forget.”
NSU’s Wellness Committee is hosting its second annual Shark Shuffle 5K Run and Walk, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and Collegiate Risk Management on Sunday, Sept 23 at 7:30 a.m. The Shark Shuffle covers a 3.1 mile stretch that begins around Ray Ferrero Boulevard at 30th Avenue and follows a path that runs around the circumference of the university ending at the courtyard between the Miniaci Performing Arts Center and the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Participants have the option of walking or running this event which is set to end at 8:45 a.m. The race is also wheelchair accessible and participants have the option of completing the course on a wheelchair.

“The theme of it is to raise money for students,” said Dr. Douglas Flemons, Race Director and Director of Student Counseling. “We want to inspire everybody on campus to be thinking more in terms of health and wellness.” Each of the Deans at NSU has donated between 500 and 1000 dollars for this Shark Shuffle. This money is being divided up into thirty 500 dollar grants that will be raffled off the day of the event. Twenty-eight of them are reserved for the student participants and the remaining two will be raffled off to the more than 150 student volunteers who have helped to organize the event. These grants are not loans or scholarships. They are the equivalent of receiving a 500 dollar check from NSU. They will be reported as earned income and are therefore subject to taxation at the end of the year.

The Shark Shuffle is open to students, staff and faculty members, and all others who are not affiliated with NSU. Student athletes can also participate in this race without jeopardizing any of their scholarship money. The registration fee for students, staff, faculty and alumni is twelve dollars. All other participants will pay twenty dollars to register for the event. This fee includes a race bib-number that will be worn by each person throughout the race and a t-shirt that will be given away to the first 500 people who register. Those wishing to run will also be issued a chip that will be worn on their shoelaces to track their running times throughout the race.

When the race is complete, participants will tear off the bottom half of their bibs and place their numbers in the raffle box. These grants are only offered to NSU students however. Faculty and staff members will be eligible to enter their own drawing for a set of round trip tickets on American Airlines to the destination of their choice within North America. There will also be drawings to win one of five one-year memberships to the RecPlex completely free. All other participants who are not affiliated with the university, including alumni, will be entered into a third drawing for a digital camera and many other prizes.

At the end of the race, the Wellness Committee will be awarding 78 medals and 12 plaques to runners in all different categories. There will be food and drinks at the end of the course as well for all participants.

All those interested in participating can register online at www.rec.nova.edu, at the RecPlex or at Runners Depot in Davie and Running Wild in Fort Lauderdale until Wednesday, Sept 19. After that date, interested parties can register the day of the event for 25 dollars. There is no guarantee that they will get a free t-shirt at that point, but they can participate nonetheless and be eligible for all of the prizes in their category.

“Last year we had 465 participants,” said Dr. Flemons. “This year I’m hoping for 700-800 and we’re hoping for everyone to think fitness.”

Win $500 for getting up early and getting a little exercise!

Are you an NSU student? Walk, run, or volunteer in The Shark Shuffle, and you could win one of 30 Active Scholar grants, each worth $500! Here’s all you need to do:
- Register online at www.rec.nova.edu or in person at the RecPlex. It will cost you only $12, and you’ll get a great t-shirt.
- Arrive in time for the 7:30 a.m. start time on Sunday, Sept. 23 (be at the courtyard in front of the Miniaci Performing Arts Center by 7:10 at the latest).
- Complete the 5K (3.1 mile) course at whatever pace you like. Whether you sprint or saunter, your chances to win are the same—the event isn’t called the Shark Shuffle for nothing.
- Stick around for the awards (starting at 8:45 a.m.) to hear if your name is picked in the raffle—you must be present to win.

Questions? Call: 954-262-7021
Go to: www.rec.nova.edu
See you there!
Sports

Player Profile – Romain Onteniente
Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

The votes are in and the statistics have spoken. NSU’s young talent and soccer extraordinaire, Romain Onteniente, has stood out from the rest thus far in this 2007 season and, as a result, has been named the Sunshine State Conference’s Offensive Player of the Week for Sept 4.

With a total of seven goals in the past two weeks, two of which have been game winners, Onteniente has truly taken on a leadership role on the offensive end of the Sharks game, aiding NSU in their current 6-0 undefeated record.

This 19-year old sophomore joined the Shark’s Athletic family as a Freshman in 2006, hauling all the way from Nice, France. Romain is the son of Philippe and Elisabeth Onteniente and younger brother to 23 year old Pascal.

Romain, commonly known to his friends as Roma, credits his father with his soccer success.

“My dad was the one who got me into soccer when I was 4 years old. He was a great player in his day” says Romain, “he has taken a lot of time to train me and follow my teams around to watch me play thus far in my career.”

Romain takes extreme pride in his offensive midfielder position; as well as in his jersey number, #10.

“The number 10 has been worn by a number of some of the greatest soccer players of all time. When a coach gives #10 to one of their players, it usually means they think very highly of this athlete, perhaps that he can do something nobody else can” claims Romain. “Attaining this number at some point of your career is the ultimate goal of any soccer player. To me, wearing #10 is an honor and I can only hope I’m doing it justice and honoring all of you this season. I also hope I’ll be respected for wearing it.”

Although Romain has already proven to be a tremendous player, he does not hesitate to say that without his strong coaching staff, and dedicated teammates, he wouldn’t be half the athlete he is today.

“My coaches are the ultimate authority and they deserve respect,” says Romain, “with their help and that of my fellow teammates, I am able to be the best I can be.”

Romain also appreciates the team’s leadership skills which, as he says, “make me feel comfortable in hard situations and drive me to do my very best,” like that of senior goal keeper, Jarod Rennick.

Rennick has positive things to say about Onteniente as well. “It’s always relief to have quality strikers on your team as a goalkeeper, especially ones that you have high confidence in like Romain. He is extremely talented, and it’s a relief to know that we have each others back on both ends of the pitch” says Rennick. “I think every player on our squad brings a certain element to the table, as a player and as a friend. We all get along and work our hearts for each other...I would say Romain definitely adds to the team’s chemistry with confidence and skill, which in turns helps us all to strive for the same thing as a unit.”

With a commendable 3.3 grade point average and a scheduled graduation date in 2010 with a bachelors degree in Biology, Romain plans on continuing to graduate school here at NSU with the dream achieving a masters degree and becoming a Dentist here in South Florida.
**Sharks Pull Through Once Again Continuing Undefeated Season, 6-0**

Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

NSU’s undefeated men’s soccer team (6-0) had yet another victorious week, defeating both the University of Alabama-Huntsville and St. Thomas University both with a 2-1 score; thus maintaining the Sharks number 10 ranking in the nation.

Sophomore, Romain Onteniente executed on a penalty kick to put NSU on the scoreboard in the 51st minute of the game. The penalty occurred in response to freshman, Aly Hassan, being pulled down while inside the 18-yard box. Freshman, Craig Heenighan, was credited with the game winning goal as he tacked it on later in the second half.

Game two of the week was without a doubt a true nail biter as the Sharks took on St. Thomas University’s Bobcats and were forced into overtime for the second time this season.

NSU was forced to play a man down as a result of freshman, John Barker, being ejected from the match upon being given a red card for an ill-advised tackle. Despite the player-to-player ratio disadvantage, the Sharks never displayed a glimpse of intimidation.

Just moments after the Bobcats took the lead in the 60th minute, 1-0; Onteniente answered the call by tallying a goal onto NSU’s side of the scoreboard, making it 1-1.

After an exciting minute filled with scoring from both ends, the Sharks and the Bobcats fell into a scoreless spell for the remainder of the first half.

As a result of Heenighan’s stellar pass to Onteniente, in the 99th minute Romain was able to clench the ball past St. Thomas’s goal keeper, ending the score at 2-1.

**NSU Crosses the Finish with Ease**

Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

NSU’s cross country teams competed against a grand total of 18 other teams in their first race this past week while in Gainesville for the UF-Gator Invitational, the men’s team finished in 8th as the women took 11th.

Competing against a number of prestigious teams (such as the University of Tampa and West Florida) the Sharks were fairly pleased with their overall performances.

“The race went well considering it was the first race of the season,” states Sharks top finisher, junior Eskender Abdalla, with a time of 27:01 for the 8K.

However, there was controversy concerning the length of the course. “We raced on this course before and did well, but this year it felt like the course length was off,” claims Abdalla, “I personally felt that it was longer because the times didn’t make sense at the end of the race.”

The men’s team was looking stronger than ever, seeing as they’ve added to the roster and have not lost any team members from the 2006 season. Freshman, Agustin Rey showed tremendous promise for the Sharks, as he came in at 3rd place. Sophomore, Tara Haddock, finished in 5th place for the women’s team while junior, Bethany Brenchus, came in at a close 57th.

Brenchus claims, “Without any new recruits this year and with a number of our girls out due to injury, the race was a bit of a struggle. However, with our hard work and the other girl’s short recovery, we are looking to have another strong season.”

Brenchus, always positive about her team, continued on to say, “Alyssa Reeves definitely stood out of the rest as she ran in the top five for the first time in her career here at NSU. She worked hard over the summer and she really deserved to be in the top five of our team.”

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**Volleyball Takes First Conference Win of 2007**

Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

Following a successful match up against Flagler College, shutting them down in 3 quick games, NSU’s volleyball team (7-4, 1-0 SSC) battled it out to a close 5th game against conference rivals of Florida Tech, coming out on top and keeping the winning streak alive within Shark Athletics.

In a game where the Sharks and Panthers swapped games and leads numerous times, Junior Christina Chubb, was able to maintain composure on the Shark’s home court. Chubb accumulated 16 kills, 6 digs, and 5 blocks while junior, Valia Petrosa, tallied up an astounding total of 51 assists.

As a result of the Sharks win, the Panthers were handed their first loss of the season.

**Correction:** Last week’s article “Profile: Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Rene Pena” stated “Arriving to the UC at 5:15am Monday-Friday for the sake of fitting in workout schedules for each and every team here at NSU, Coach P, Cam and Jen spend nearly 15 hours a week on the clock.” To the contrary, Coach P, Cam and Jen spend nearly 15 hours a day working on the clock.
DWAYNE ‘THE ROCK’ JOHNSON

Joe Kingman had the perfect gameplan to win the championship... but first, he has to tackle one little problem.

THE GAME PLAN

ROCKTOBER 5
Disney banks on the nurturing side of “The Rock”
Racquel Fagon Variety Editor

Once again, Walt Disney has dipped into its reservoir of family-based films and pulled out a hilarious and heartwarming tale about a superstar (Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson) who has to balance his old lifestyle of parties and supermodels while tackling the new challenges of ballet, “sleepy time” and baby dolls with his newly discovered daughter (Disney star, Madison Pettis). In the movie, they are joined by a unique supporting cast of rising stars that include Emmy winner Gordon Clapp (“NYPD Blue”), Golden globe winner Kyra Sedgwick (“The Closer”), Morris Chestnut, Brian White, Roselyn Sanchez (“Rush Hour 2” and “Rush Hour 3,” “Without a Trace”) Jamal Duff, Hayes MacArthur, Paige Turco, Robert Torti, and Kate Nauta.

For all those die-hard “The Rock” fans, The Game Plan displays the ex-wrestler in a funny and dubious role as a hotshot quarterback who thinks his life as the ultimate rich, tough and successful bachelor is completely perfect until he suddenly has to tackle one major obstacle: fatherhood. He discovers his 8-year-old daughter, he never knew he had – the product of a last fling before parting years ago with his young wife. Equally perplexed is his hard-edged agent, Stella (Kyra Sedgwick), herself without a parental bone in her body. Despite the often hilarious misadventures that come with being a new father, Joe (“The Rock”) discovers that the love and care of one very special small fan, helps an already successful man become a better person.

THE GAME PLAN opens in theatres nationwide September 28th.

Above Right: (From left to right) Jamal Duff, Morris Chestnut, Madison Pettis, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Hayes MacArthur, Brian White, Photo credit: Ron Phillips © Disney Enterprises, Inc. All rights reserved.

Right: (From left to right) Madison Pettis, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson Photo credit: Ron Phillips © Disney Enterprises, Inc. All rights reserved.
In the last four years, Kanye West has become bigger than expected. I remember watching a short documentary about him in early 2004 (after the release of College Dropout) about how he had a close brush with death and had to have his jaw wired for months. College Dropout was a great rap album that came out at a time when real rap and hip hop were almost non-existent. But I never expected West to blow up like he did. Recently, West released his third studio album – Graduation – proving that he might be just as worthy of that legendary status as he says he is.

West has certainly matured since College Dropout, especially in the quality of his production. Graduation features samples on almost every track, accompanied by West’s own beats and rhymes. When I first heard that most tracks were going to have samples on them, I gave up all hope of this record being even remotely decent (as there is barely any creativity left in the world). However, after listening, I have been proven otherwise. We don’t know West to be a master at the art of sampling, but he is. Each song with samples is carefully crafted and perfected to sound less like a mash-up and more like a hit.

Of the entire album, notable tracks include “Champion,” “Stronger,” “Good Life,” and the bonus track “Bittersweet Poetry.” “Champion” includes samples from Steely Dan, and showcases some of West’s best and brightest production. With strategically placed samples exclaiming “Did you realize that you are a champion?!” West shows that he is a force to be reckoned with. “Stronger” is probably one of the best mainstream singles I have heard all year. This track features samples from Daft Punk along with West’s own personal touches and some of the best lyrics he’s ever written. “Good Life” features samples from Michael Jackson and will have you singing “welcome to the good life” by the second running of the chorus.

“Bittersweet Poetry” is the most surprising track on the album. It is intended to be a bonus track, but I think it will gain a following of its own. It is unlike the other songs on the album in that it has almost a singular keyboard with samples from Chairmen of the Board, and parts sung by Keyshia Cole.

The best track on the entire album, however, is “Can’t Tell Me Nothing.” This track features some of the best songwriting I have ever heard from West, that offer a sort of criticism toward society that has become more mature since West’s first album. Although College Dropout and Late Registration are probably better whole albums than Graduation, Graduation shows a certain dynamic West has never shown us before. Instead of looking inside for answers to his questions about life in general, he looks outwards and never really finds any answers but learns from the journey he has just completed.

Graduation is the best rap of the fall so far and if you’ve heard about West’s little duel with 50 Cent, I’ve heard both and I can say that if you’re looking for great production, great songwriting, and something to dance to, look to West. If you’re looking for typical mainstream American “hip-pop,” look elsewhere because West delivers something way beyond that.

Variety
Graduation is Much More Mature than you Think
Stefani Rubino Staff Writer
What are you thinking about?
Racquel Fagon Variety Editor

We are all familiar with the infamous question (dubbed a joke) “why did the chicken cross the road?” The answer, “because he wanted to get to the other side” requires a substantial amount of profound thought. Just saying that may seem funnier than the joke itself, but the fact that for a joke it is so simple and matter-of-fact can only mean that a bigger idea is intended. As with all adages or ideas, a simple thought usually underlines a greater idea:

A. It’s always darkest before the dawn
B. Where there is smoke, there will be fire

These can be translated quite literally, but deductive reasoning dictates that there must be something more:

“It’s always darkest before the dawn”

All accomplishments require hard work and determination, which will mean that disillusionment and defeat maybe a part of the process, but the end result is usually glorious.

“Where there is smoke, there will be fire”

Nothing occurs without some warning or signal alerting the oncoming danger or obstacle. Nothing occurs out of a vacuum.

As scholars in our own spheres, nothing should be taken at face value, as all experiences place a mark on the stone of civilization. To effectively contribute to humanity, we need to probe and analyze, as “with astonishment we find ourselves on the threshold of modern science” (Greek Science, Penguin Books. 1944). The whimsical attitude that is now innate in today’s generation is our kryptonite and is effectively sucking the energy and depth out of our generation. Instead of renowned cliches being formed to confer on impending problems such as “living without limits,” “endless economic growth,” and “the attainment of nirvana,” more non-threatening, even irrelevant issues are the center of main-stream discussion from celebrity news to dieting.

Now, just think about the question: “why did the chicken cross the road” and the answer “to get to the other side.” What can you deduce from this? Is it simply talking about a chicken or a road? And why is he simply crossing the road… or is it something more profound? Look at these answers to this age-old question:

Plato: For the greater good.
Aristotle: It is the nature of chickens to cross roads.
Karl Marx: It was a historical inevitability.
Hippocrates: Because of an excess of phlegm in its pancreas.

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Louis Farrakan: The road, you see, represents the black man. The chicken ‘crossed’ the black man in order to trample him and keep him down.

Richard M. Nixon: The chicken did not cross the road. I repeat, the chicken did NOT cross the road.

Jerry Seinfeld: Why does anyone cross a road? I mean, why doesn’t anyone ever think to ask, What theheck was this chicken doing walking around all over the place, anyway?

Freud: The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity.

Bill Gates: Our soon-to-be-released Chicken ‘98 will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your checkbook.

Oliver Stone: The question is not, “Why did the chicken cross the road?” Rather, it is, “Who was crossing the road at the same time, whom we overlooked in our haste to observe the chicken crossing?”

Darwin: Chickens, over great periods of time, have been naturally selected in such a way that they are now genetically disposed to cross roads.

Hamlet: To cross, or not to cross, that is the question: - Whether ‘tis nobler in the mind, to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous side; Or to take arms against a road of troubles, And by crossing end them?

Thermodynamist: Because the pressure of chickens was greater on this side of the road, and the chicken’s crossing made the entropy greater.

Colonel Sanders: (Famed for Kentucky Fried Chicken): I missed one?

Einstein: Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road moved beneath the chicken depends upon your frame of reference.

Buddha: Asking this question denies your own chicken nature.

(“Answers” from: http://www.madore.org)

What can you add to this compilation? What are you thinking about?
Editor's Note
Michael Bergauer Managing Editor

When I began working as the Managing Editor here at The Current, I learned of something about some of our readership that I was quite distraught by: people don’t want to speak to The Current.

I ran into part of this several times before while working at The Current. Often times, students would ask to remain anonymous for quotes like “The event was kind of fun, but I didn’t like the food.” To these students, I would like to say, don’t be afraid. We seek any and all kinds of feedback, and you should never ever be afraid to speak your mind. If you want to say “I hate it” or “I wish to speak with members of its staff regarding our coverage. The major problem with this is that The Current (namely the Editor in Chief or Managing Editor) is not receiving any complaints. It is the equivalent of a student getting a failing grade on an essay, with no help or explanation provided from the professor. We may only be a college publication, but we are intent on being serious and professional at our jobs. If you see something wrong, or are dissatisfied, call us on it. Write a letter to the editor and contact us at nsunews@nova.edu. We can run corrections or retractions just like any other newspaper. Please don’t just run away from us.

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