Food Frenzy: What’s the Deal (or no Deal) with the New Food Court?

Jany Cabezas  Staff Writer

Lines have been accumulating since before the first day of class in order to get a meal from the recently created UC Food Court. Because the meal options students can choose from has changed – going from an all you can eat style buffet to a few popular restaurants – the new food court has stirred up mixed emotions from both students and staff. Some students find it disastrous, while others enjoy the atmospheric change. Yet, the main goal of recreating NSU’s eating area remains clear. “We wanted to give students more options. We wanted to give students an environment where people that aren’t paying all you can eat can sit down with someone that s eating in an open environment.” said Terry Weech, Director of Auxiliary Services.

The hours of operation of the Rosenthal building’s all you can eat buffet were limited before, and the new food court opens up not only more variety but more time to get this variety. “There is more flexibility in times. Rosenthal used to close for dinner. However, Subway and Coyote Jack’s are open to 10 p.m.” Weech said, “This way, even students with night classes can grab a meal.”

Several restaurants dominate the food court area and places like Starbucks and Subway generate big lines as the day progresses to lunch time. Their popularity was warranted both existing successfully. There are not enough students to warrant both existing successfully. So we had to choose one or the other.” With the choice of a food court, Rosenthal has discontinued their buffet lines. “Rosenthal is currently being redesigned into office space. The kitchen will remain for cooking and catering/ prep area, but the dining space will be used for student affairs.” said Weech.

However, students are still dissatisfied with the services of the new food court. Biology major Natalie Champagne stated that the new food court was “not worth [her] money. Prices are different at Nova City where you would just fill out a paper.” A good portion of students enjoy the new food court as a whole, yet can’t help but wonder what happened to the buffet. They question why not have both options open to students, rather than either or. According to Weech, “we currently do no have enough students on campus to have both. There are not enough students to warrant both existing successfully. Weech explained.

Several groups remain disappointed at this change and would rather maintain the cafeteria prep area, but the dining space will be used for student affairs.” said Weech.}

NSU Contract Employee Attacked in Mailman-Hollywood Parking Lot

Tanya Parnes  Staff Writer

On Sept 14, an NSU contract employee was attacked at 10:51 p.m. in the Mailman-Hollywood building parking lot.

The victim was walking toward her car when a group of five perpetrators assaulted her. The assailants, who included four African American females and one African American male, beat the victim with a tire iron and attempted to throw her into the trunk of their car. The victim resisted however, and the aggressors drove away with her purse in her 1998 maroon colored Plymouth Breeze.

“It was a random act of violence for domestic purposes,” said Bronson Bias, Executive Director for Protective Services at NSU. Bias stated that this woman was specifically targeted for attack for non-financial domestic reasons. “There is a heightened awareness but we don’t feel like there is going to be any more danger.” Bias said that this assault was a domestic retaliation crime and that the attackers knew the victim personally. 

Public Safety was notified immediately after the incident occurred when they received a call from Michelle Manley, Station Manager of Radio X, who had witnessed the attack. Kurt Banyas, a Public Safety officer and Keith Rubin, an NSU-Davie police officer, were the first to respond to the situation and arrived on the scene at 10:55 p.m.

The case was then turned over to Detective Albertini of the Davie Police Department, who is in charge of this investigation. “The Davie police know who the suspects are and they’re seeking them now for arrest for armed robbery,” said Bias. The suspects all reside in Miami-Dade County and the Davie police are working with Miami-Dade officials to resolve this crime.

The victim is an employee of a contract company that performs different services at the university. She was transported to the hospital immediately following the attack and kept overnight. She was released the next day with several bruises on her body.
Running: More than Traveling

“Almost hit a bear on the last trip. They like to come out when you’re going 60 miles per hour.” Professor Steven Alford said with a touch of humor, “If you hit one, that’s it, you’re dead.” An instructor of both film and literature at NSU, Alford has been teaching for 25 years and traveling over the breaks. Usually, he does so cross country by motorcycle with coworker and Professor of Humanities, Suzanne Ferriss.

“Our last trip was this past summer. We rode 8500 miles to Oregon and back. Took us about a week!” Alford explained. Although the trip was long and the various types of weather proved a bit challenging, Alford shrugged off the thought of any complications. “Even though the trip was long, and we put on more layers based on the weather, we rode big bikes and they didn’t break down.”

Alford has traveled on bike every opportunity he gets and then some. Often his trips are mostly out west to British Columbia and Canada. However, he does have more variety than trips out west. “We took two sabbaticals in New Zealand and Tasmania,” said Alford. Riding from place to place keeps Alford entertained, even while teaching.

Moving about, he has taught from Germany to Panama (Detective Studies and Creative Writing). However, when Alford travels abroad he does not take his personal bike with him. “It is incredibly expensive to rent a bike in another country. What we end up doing is purchasing a bike there and when we’re done we sell it back to the previous owner for a bit less.”

Throughout Alford’s trips, comfort and basic necessities are the key points to his travels. Carrying just the basics, his idea of what he needs to survive on the road does not include too much packing. “We carried three bags: clothes, computers, and books” Alford said with a smile, “that’s it. We don’t need to carry around an RV or anything.”

Alford likes to keep all his trips relatively simple and without any cares. “I like to travel in two. I don’t like to travel in big groups” Alford grumbled, “Someone is always riding too slow, someone always needs to pee, or get gas.” Therefore, Alford keeps his trips small in both people and items.

Despite keeping his trips simple, when asked about bad experiences on the road his response was instant. “Oh never. Never ever. Of course not. It’s always fun.” Without a doubt in his mind, Alford asserted that all experiences on the road are enjoyable despite what people might think about motorcycles in general. “People that don’t ride think it’s dangerous, which, it is; but what are most dangerous is ignorance and automobile drivers.” Riding a motorcycle should produce a natural fear yet Alford finds the conceptual thinking of society is a bit extreme. “Statistically, we encounter more dangers in every day activities. Eating is more dangerous than riding, with diabetes and other diseases in this country produce by it. In fact, Burger King is more dangerous than riding. They should hold a gun to you before you walk in!”

In order to reduce a main form of danger, Alford recommends any beginner that is interested in riding to take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. “One of the main dangers is ignorance. A lot of young people get killed today because they don’t understand their own level of skill and the control of the bike. Alford believes it is healthy to have a bit of fear, but this course allows an “understanding” about riding to sink in. “It’ll keep you from getting killed. The course teaches you how to survive on a bike.”

Alford’s expertise has taken him down several roads. He has been interviewed on National Geographic show and written numerous essays, reviews and also his latest book, Motorcycle. Alongside Ferriss, they discuss several topics of the biking world. “It has four parts. Design, the individual and community, how the bike appears in pop culture, and how it is as an aesthetic object.” It took several years to collect all the research and information, spanning from “5 to 6 years,” and was primarily written during the Fall and Summer of 2006. Motorcycle will be released it bookstores this October. “Go buy it” Alford concluded with a pointed finger and smile.

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is less variety within the meals, portions are smaller, and there are no refills on drinks.” Disillusioned, Chester was one among several athletes led to believe that the UC Food Court was just an addition and not a replacement to the Rosenthal Buffet. “It’s harder to re-hydrate and too pricey even with the meal plan,” said Chester. The meal plans on the sharkcards cover between 1,200-1,500 dollars worth of food. However, with a high athletic metabolism, Chester finds himself running short. “The meal plan is supposed to last us 16 weeks. Yet I end up spending 25 to 28 dollars per day, where at Rosenthal I would spend between 16 to 18 bucks,” said Chester, “at about $150 a week on food, that covers my meals for ten weeks. What about the other 6 weeks?”

Weech addressed this question by describing several solutions. “The Athletic Department should file a complaint directly with the university. Several solutions can take place. The athletes can be educated for their dietary needs, such as eating more proteins. But they still have to find what they eat. Before, students and faculty would pay for what they ate. Since we didn’t eat as much all our numbers evened out. Some ate tons and some little.”

Many athletes are complaining about the higher cost and smaller portions and plead for the return of the buffet. However, they are only a small portion of the student population. Most students are dissatisfied with pricing but enjoy the options. “The food is better than last year. It’s cleaner, more hygienic, just better” sophomore Linett Serra said. “Last year Rosenthal had flies on their plates and their cake tasted like wax.”

Concerns about costliness and portions have been filed as “rumors,” as Weech dismisses them as misperceptions. “95 percent of the restaurants will have the same price with a minor fluctuation of 3 to 5 percent in a few cents.” said Weech “Jow Jing serves you food home. So it appears smaller. But you wouldn’t believe me unless I showed you!”

“You dump the food into a plate, it is equal to any Chinese restaurant portion if not more. It is just the perception of the eye. We make sure students are not paying more here than at other universities.”

Weech assures that Auxiliary Services is constantly looking to respond to student needs, from changing plastic ware to making trash cans larger as well as keeping waste environmentally friendly. However, students generally seem to only be unhappy about the food and its cost. Psychology student Lexi Noel says, “I like subway. It’s usually too busy and the portions are way too small. Other than that the food court is great. It’s just [that] I’m a poor college student and paying eight bucks for a combo really hurts.”

Correction: In our front page story, Gallup Institute Teams up with NSU Administration for the “NSU is You” Campaign, Dr. Barbara Packer-Muti’s name was misspelled.
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NSU has police officers manning the campus at all times. There is also one officer in the UC at all times. The video patrol that covers the lot in front of Mailman-Hollywood has been heightened as well. Students are also issued public safety handbooks when they enroll in their classes, which give detailed descriptions about the Public Safety Office and the services that are available to them at NSU. They can also pick one up at any time in the One Stop Shop or at the Public Safety office in the Parker building. “Although we have a heightened awareness, we have no expectation of increased danger due to this crime,” said Bias. “We recommend that students reacquaint themselves with the Student Safety Handbook and if they see anything that looks suspicious they should call NovaAlert at 954-262-8999.”

NSU Undergraduate SGA Strives to Make a Difference Campus

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

According to Akshat Bhargava, President of the NSU Undergraduate Student Government Association (SGA), there is a lot of work to be done for the academic year.

“The SGA’s intention is to make a difference on campus. We want to serve the NSU students and the NSU committee to the best of our abilities. We strongly believe in our mission of creating a more dynamic and diverse campus,” said Bhargava.

In order to bring awareness to the NSU community that an SGA exists, the members have put a number of projects into play. They have designed a new logo for SGA, introduced an “Ask Mr. Shark” column in The Current where students can ask questions and have them answered twice weekly, and co-sponsored in one of the biggest events on campus: Sharkapalooza.

The SGA is also hoping to collaborate with other campus-wide events such as Homecoming, Community Fest and NSU Disability Week.

The SGA has also decided to take an active role in the parking issue on campus by proposing solutions to the PANSGA, as well as having SGA members riding campus shuttles and then filling out a report — a pro-active step to determine the efficiency of NSU Campus Shuttles. “[Parking] is the biggest concern that students have brought to our attention. Obviously students are paying high tuition prices to go here, and expect to find somewhere to park, and from the emails that we are receiving that is not happening,” said Anthony Ferrara, Public Relations Director for the Undergraduate SGA. “Students have a real passion about the parking issue and we want to make sure that we can meet their demands.”

In regards to clubs and organizations, the SGA will be changing the ways that money is allocated in order to be fair and consistent. Instead of budgets being presented at every meeting, they can only be presented at the bill-hearing meeting. The SGA has also attempted to modify the guidelines so that it becomes very clear as to what SGA will consider funding and what they will not be funding. “SGA will consider funding T-shirts for clubs and organizations, mixers, guest speaker workshops for professional organizations and any other campus event that is opened to everyone in the NSU community” said Bhargava.

SGA meetings will be held on first three Wednesdays of every month. For more information about the NSUSGA, contact nsusga@nova.edu.

Current Affairs

Current Affairs Calendar

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Monday: Monday Night Football: The Flight Deck will be hosting “Monday Night Football”. Come out to the flight deck for free food and the chance to watch the Titans take on the Saints. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Tuesday: Lifelong Learning Open House: The Lifelong Learning Institute will be holding a free Open House event on Tuesday, Sept 25 and Wednesday, Sept 26, 1-3 p.m at NSU’s main campus. For more information contact the Lifelong Learning Institute at 954-262-8471.

Life 101: Personally Speaking with Alonzo Mourning: Come and listen to the life lessons of Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat. The event will be held in the Rose and Alfred the Miniacci Performing Arts Center. For information on getting tickets for the event, please contact Katie Blanco at 954-262-7283 or kblanco@nova.edu.

Tournament Tuesdays: 8 Ball Billiards: The Student Union Board will be hosting “Tournament Tuesdays” in the Flight Deck. This Tuesday, SUB will hold a 8-Ball Billiards Tournament. The 8-Ball Tournament starts at 8 p.m. 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.

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

Open Colloquium Presentation “The interface of medicine and psychology: The Center for Psychological Studies will be hosting a colloquium discussing the results from a collaborative study on depression with host Barry Nierenberg, candidate for full-time faculty position for health psychology/behavioral medicine, The event will be held in room 2057 of the Maltz Psychology Building. To RSVP for the event, or for more information contact Isolda Galvao at galvaio@nova.edu.

Friday: Flight Deck Fridays: The Flight Deck will be hosting “Flight Deck Fridays” Come out for live music, free food and drink specials. For more information call the Flight Deck at (954) 262-7260.
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Day for Children Brings, a “Healthy Hit”

Julian Brownlee Staff Writer

On Sept 16, NSU held its sixth annual “A Day for Children,” a day filled with activities directed towards health care and social services for children.

Over 1,500 families took part in free health screenings for hearing and balance, vision, and dental health that they would otherwise have to pay for outside of the event. “The purpose of this event is to give the community an opportunity that would not normally be presented. We also wanted to give the children a chance to have fun while they learn about their health.”

In addition to the free services, the children and their parents enjoyed free food and activities such as watching jugglers perform, engaged in art and crafts, and drew raffles for educational materials.

Erin, an 11 year-old attendee commented, “The event was awesome. We come here every year to learn about health. My favorite part is seeing smaller children learn and develop themselves.”

Many organizations on the NSU campus and from other areas in Broward County participated in putting together the event through volunteering their time to provide activities for the attendees. Some of these organizations included NSU Health Care Centers, Broward County’s One Community Partnership, Children’s Services Council of Broward, Channel 2 WPBF-Kid Vision, KISS FM, the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Theater, Broward County Theater of the Performing Arts, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, and The North Broward Hospital District. The Davie Police and Fire Department also assisted at the event, providing fingerprinting, ID cards and free safety and installation demonstrations of child car seats.

NSU has the Blues

Tanya Parnes Staff Writer

NSU is hosting its first annual South Florida International Blues Festival poster competition here on campus on Nov 9, 10 and 11 on the lawn in front of the Alvin Sherman Library and at the Flight Deck in the UC.

“We’d like the artists to combine the Shark mascot with a blues theme,” said Dr. Robert Sellani, Associate Professor in the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship and the organizer of this event. “We’re trying to get as many students involved as we can.” Sellani is hoping for at least twenty submissions from students throughout the university. Students can create the poster by hand or electronically, but it has to be made into a two-dimensional art form and then printed out on some form of paper that will be sent in to the Business School for consideration. Students should also incorporate “Nova Southeastern University” and “South Florida International Blues Festival” into their work as they design this poster. These posters will be evaluated by a panel of five judges comprised of both faculty members and administrators, which will be headed up by Felicita Henderson, Associate Director of Public Affairs.

The lawn in front of the library will be featuring many different vendors, including NSU’s Chartwells Dining Services, who will be selling food and drinks. NSU will have many booths set up displaying the various programs and opportunities that are offered at the university. Alpha Kappa Psi, the Graduate Business School Association and the Accounting Club will run a student manned booth where they will be selling national, regional and local artists’ CDs.

There will be performances from various blues artists throughout the festival. The Flight Deck will feature acoustic solo and duo acts. Some of the artists that will be performing at the festival include Albert Castiglia, Tinsley Ellis, Blues Caravan, Duke Robillard, Sally Townes, Blues Dragon, Jeff Prien with Juanita Dixon, and Darrell Raines, with Dr. Sellani himself who plays the drums.

“We want to create awareness for the university,” said Sellani. “Many people in the community haven’t been on campus.” Those who attend...
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will be allowed to bring their own chairs and blankets to sit on during the music festival. Sellani hopes that the festival will not only introduce the attendees to blues music but will also increase the community’s recognition of NSU and the many programs that are offered here. “We really want to take this opportunity to introduce blues to the NSU community. Blues has its roots in a lot of today’s music.”

Entry to the festival is free and open to the public. This competition is for students only and the first place winner will receive a $350 reward. The winning poster will be displayed throughout the festival and will also be available for purchase in either poster or t-shirt form. The deadline for poster submission is Oct 5. Posters need to be dropped off or mailed to the Business School. For more information, contact Dr. Robert Sellani at sellani@huiengnage.nova.edu.

“Make a Difference” at Ecology Day

Marcie Washington, Graduate Assistant for Leadership Development and Jennifer Bowman, Volunteer Coordinator in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement jointly coordinated NSU’s Ecology Day on Sept 19. The theme was to “Make a Difference” and the event was shrouded in a statement made by former President Gerald Ford: “The earth will continue to regenerate its life sources only as long as we and all the people’s of the world do our part to conserve its natural resources. It is a responsibility which every human being shares. Through voluntary action, each of us can join in building a productive land in harmony with nature.”

The day’s activities included passive programming and experiential learning. “[Students] actively engaged in saving the earth,” said Washington. “They actually became environmental activists.”

The passive aspect of the event involved the placement of signs throughout the entire campus in front of both the undergraduate and graduate schools that stressed the importance of recycling. There were also two boxes placed in front of each sign for paper and plastics such as bottles and cans. “The signs were making people more aware of the issues we have here on earth.” said Washington. These signs remained on campus until the following morning to help remind students to recycle.

The other aspect was the more active one. Students held a petition signing event in the UC from 10-1 p.m. Washington, Bowman and all the others who helped to organize the event worked alongside with the NATURE Club encouraging students to sign petitions supporting environmental issues either on paper or online. The students then participated in an Adopt-A-Street event from 11-2 p.m. The NSU Shuttle took students to and from Orange Drive, the street that has been adopted by the Leadership Development Program, in order to allow as many students as possible to participate in the event. They picked up over 60 pounds of trash, and recycled whatever they could during that time. The group then discussed the items that were found as well as their effect on the environment.

“If you think of a drop in a pool of water, it will cause a ripple no matter what,” said Washington. “Anything we can do in being productive to save the land we should do.”

Washington noted that students came together to rally and save the streets. She hopes that the interest in the event will continue to grow. “It would be great if we could get every club and organization involved on this campus because it would make a big difference.”

Anthony Ferrera was one of the students who actively helped in printing the designs and promoting this event. “I was happy to see how many students were coming up to the office to find out how to get involved and when it was going to take place,” said Ferrera. “I’ve noticed a rise in the number of people who would like more recycling, and environmental activities on campus.”

Ferrera pointed out that there were over 125 signatures on one of the petitions and that was during the earlier hours of the petition signing. “I really see in the voice of the students that they have environmental concerns.”

The Leadership Development Program and the Office of Civic Engagement is going to engage in an effort to promote environmental awareness every semester. “I was quite happy with the day’s results because we hit all areas of learning from information, to actively engaging them, to hands on” said Washington. “We were hoping to make people aware that we should keep on going.”

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Biology
Miami, FL

Kirsten Li-Tong
Biology
Freshman
Boca Raton, FL

Matt Forpman
Theatre
Freshman
Ft Lauderdale, FL

“They need to take care of their holds then”

Lee James

NSU On the Scene

What do you think about NSU students not being able to use the University Center Gym if a hold is placed on their account?
Shark Volleyball on a HOT streak, 7 straight wins

Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

The Sharks volleyball team (12-4, 2-0 SSC) are on the top of their game this 2007 season as they have shut down 10 of their last 11 opponents. This has resulted in a magnificent 7 game winning streak, the longest in NSU’s Division II volleyball team history.

Upon putting together 2 consecutive wins for games 1 and 2 in the Sharks match up against Lynn University, the Fighting Knights managed to rally back and tie it up with two-games a piece. Game 5 was a nail biter, resulting in a Shark win 17-15.

Junior, Christina Chubb, definitely impacted the team’s overall winning performance through her display of leadership in both her play and positive attitude on the court. Chubb hit the teams high .400 as well as accumulating a total of 16 kills, 5 digs, and 2 blocks in her errorless match.

However, Chubb wasn’t the only Shark who accelerated her game while rallying against the Fighting Knights. Freshman, Paola Ruiz, contributed as well with the team’s high of 19 kills while junior, Melinda Gorman, followed close behind with 17 kills of her own.

Competing the Early Bird Classic, Men’s Cross Country take 2nd while Women’s team follow in 4th

Men’s and women’s cross country teams trveled to Orlando, FL on Sept 15 to compete in the University of Tampa’s Early Bird Classic. Upon the conclusion of the race, both teams had much to be proud of.

Due to the success of male runners; such as, juniors Eskender Abdalla finishing 3rd, Robert Maughan finishing 13th and freshman Agustin Rey coming in at 8th, the Sharks finished 2nd overall of 13 fellow competitors.

Female top runners, sophomore Tara Haddock in at 14th with a time of 20:25:00 in the and junior Bethany Brenkus coming in at 15th just one second later, 20:26:00, the Sharks finished 4th of the 14 opposing teams.

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Sports

NSU Athletics Raising the Bar Three Athletes Named SSC Players of the Week and Coach DePalo accumulates his 100th Career Victory
Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

NSU Athletics have come a long way in recent years, and this Fall 2007 season has by far exceeded those in the past.

In addition to the men’s soccer team’s thrilling winning performance thus far in the season, they have managed to accumulate a few more honors along the way. While sophomore, Romain Onteniente, was named SSC Offensive Player of the Week on Sept 4, freshman, Aly Hassan, has followed in his fellow teammate’s footsteps to earn the honor for the week of Sept 17, being named SSC Co-Offensive Player of the Week. Hassan has proven to be an asset to the Sharks’ roster, executing two game-winning goals in overtime, tacking on two more wins to the Sharks’ overall record.

Men’s Cross Country is working harder than ever, as junior, Eskender Abdalla, is declared SSC Male Runner of the Week upon finishing in 3rd place out of 133 runners in the 4 mile race while in Orlando, FL for the University of Tampa’s Early Bird Classic. Upon Abdalla’s exceptional performance on the course, the Sharks finished with an overall placement of 2nd.

The women’s soccer team has achieved their fair share of honorable mentions as well this season. Junior team co-captain, Jahmila Williams, was named SSC Defensive Player of the Week. With Williams stellar defense on the top of its game while battling against SSC rivals of St. Leo University, the #14 ranked Lions were handed a loss for the first time in NSU women’s soccer history.

On top NSU athletics acquiring these honors this past week, Coach DePalo, Head Coach for the men’s soccer team, has made history by recording his 100th career win by defeating St. Leo’s Lions. “I’m very proud to have recorded my 100th win while here at NSU,” said DePalo. “However, I am even more proud of my athletes whom have played their hearts out for me and all they have gone on to further achieve in their personal lives and careers.”

DePalo continues on to say, “the coaching profession is a very strange one, you always get too much credit when you win and too much blame when you lose. I can tell you one thing for certain, our program would not be where it is today if it wasn’t for the dedication of its athletes; as well as, the wonderful coaches whom have previously represented it. I believe we have built one of the most respected programs in all of NCAA Division II.”

Men’s Soccer, 7-0-1, Goes Strong. Women’s Team on Six Game Winning Streak
NSU Players Named SSC Co-Offensive Player of the Week and SSC Defensive Player of the Week
Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

NSU’s men’s (7-0-1, 1-0-1 SSC) and women’s (6-1, 2-0 SSC) soccer teams are in full force as they approach the half way point in their seasons. With the women on a 6-game winning streak, the men still remain unbeaten for this 2007 fall season.

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Variety

Our Educated Fools
Racquel Fagon
Variety Editor

Have you ever had a teacher, mentor or leader who had several accolades to their name and his erudite air made the thought of being in his presence awe inspiring? You campaign to have just five minutes of their precious time to hear their sagacious words and share thoughts of your own. Only then, to be railroaded by the very thing you admired: their education. It seems sometimes that “the educated” are always right, but that is because they never listen.

Because of that, they have no reason to believe that they are wrong. However, the fundamental question is: Is society plagued with “Educated Fools” or “Foolish Educators?”

Primarily, what society needs at the present time is some common sense, and today’s educated seem to be in short supply of this. It must be said that education on a whole is an easy target for criticism because its stated aims are often so nobly ambitious that they have little chance of being realized. This is not an indication that educators and the educated should simply “throw in the towel” and not propose change or betterment, but when there is more submission than liberation, the game is no longer fair.

The policies and infrastructures that are being instituted by our educated leaders for our education system foster ineffective and inadequate graduates. Persons who are replete with book knowledge and deficient in common sense. Mind you, common sense cannot be taught, but students are to be equipped with the “know how” to the connect dots, utilize deductive and inductive reasoning and progress towards breaking the cycle.

In an article, Julianne Malveaux states, “Japa- nese students have about a 220-day school year. Is it any wonder our technologically capable sometimes lags behind Japan’s? Researchers in schools of education ought to be tackling issues of educational organization and school calendars. Instead, research reveals that some schools of education are part of the problem, teaching people to teach without teaching them content.”

There is a flip side to this argument, as some schools teach mostly content and lack the passion and nurture that create effective leaders and better citizens. So, as with that professor or mentor, their content is in such surplus that they...
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I remember reading a story entitled “Do Angels Wear Brassieres” by renowned Jamaican author, Olive Senior. The story delineates the conversation between a 12-year-old girl and a district priest. In the story 12-year-old Beccka exchanges basic Bible knowledge with the priest in a jocular manner:

“Who in the Bible wrote big?”
“Who in the Bible wrote big, my dear child!”
“...Tell me, who??”
“Paul!” Beccka shouted
“Paul?”
“Galations six eleven ‘See with how large letters I write onto you with mine own hands.’”

“Ho Ho Ho Ho” the Archdeacon laughed.

“I have a serious question for you though Father.” Beccka’s look of consternation sliced the lightness of the mood and the Archdeacon knew this was very important to Beccka.

“Yes.”

“Do angels wear brassieres?” There was no mischievousness on her face only the open curiosity of a child.

The crunch-line of the story is Beccka’s precociousness when she asks, “do angels wear brassieres.” The Archdeacon was quite taken aback by the question and had not the faintest idea of what to say to Beccka, simply because the idea had never occurred to him before. Even though this rapport may seem rather inconsequential, even silly, it reveals that religion is not as out-of-reach or blindly revered as it once was. People have a lot of questions and ideas. Most individuals today have conformed themselves to a belief system that is more of a personal edict, than a totalitarian overview or collective belief system. A columnist, Billy Jones wrote on a situation in a middle school where an administrator took it upon herself to edit the Pledge of Allegiance to accommodate her personal issues with the use of “under God” in the pledge. Her substitute was, “under your personal belief system.” This iterates the ideology of “to each is own” or “individualism”.

The practiced belief of individualism, the promotion of individual goals and desires has left many societies morally, spiritually and culturally bankrupt. A blogger on progressiveu.org writes, “People have to be self-centered in this world. Appearance is everything and taking care of yourself should always be your first priority. You are judged everyday by the way you look, what you believe, even by the food you eat. No one cares about anyone now. It’s pointless to get to know people.”

An individual can be self-reliant and unique, without being exclusive and non-altruistic. In fact, individual success can be greatest and most healthy when it is motivated by the desire to contribute to others. Writer Michael Goodspeed states that, “The struggle to find a balance between healthy and necessary individualism and unhealthy and destructive self-obsession is an enormous challenge for most human beings.”

Society is permeated by the smog of selfishness and immorality. Organized religion has devices of neutralizing or even preventing these pollutants from destroying humanity. The fundamental laws of “being your brother’s keeper” and “doing unto others, as you would have them do unto you” can clear the air for fresh, new beginnings. Questions will always arise about religion, God and divinity but to believe in the universality of love will satisfy any curiosity anyone may have.
Opinion

Editor's Note
Michael Bergauer Managing Editor

Just the other day, a professor of mine made a rather interesting comment. As she handed back our first essay, she commented on how relieved she was that no one had plagiarized their paper. “You’ve had that before?” asked a student.

To which my professor replied that we were the first group in a while that did not have a plagiarizer in it.

As such, I feel spurred on to make sort of public service announcement about honor and academic integrity. That is to say, I hope that all of you are practicing it. Offenses such as cheating or plagiarizing are taken very seriously by the university and have harsh consequences. In the end, you only end up cheating yourself. If you haven’t learned anything, how does your grade or degree hold any value? I’d imagine that one who plagiarizes or cheats or what have you, does so from lacking confidence in their own ability to complete an assignment. So, I implore students to seek help, and seek it early. Visit the tutoring center in the Parker building and talk with your professor. Your tuition is paying for all these services so make the most of them as often as you need.

If you know of other students plagiarizing, you should tell your professor. Failure to report offenses is, as a matter of fact, considered an offense by the university, so save the value of your own grade and report offenders. I know that I sound like an official from “big brother,” but remember, this is college and it is serious (and expensive) business. Stay strong, and do your homework NSU!
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