Volleyball Shark Attack

The NSU women’s volleyball team (16-4; 6-0 SSC) continued with their winning hot streak, sweeping Florida Tech’s Panthers 3-0, as well as overcoming the #9 nationally ranked Moccasins of Florida Southern, 3-1.

While taking on the Panthers of Florida Tech (11-7; 2-2 SSC), NSU’s even spread of kills left the opposition stunned as the Sharks took three straight sets 30-28, 30-26, 30-22. A number of athletes stood out throughout the match, including junior Melinda Gorman, racking up a game high of 10 kills to go along with four blocks. Junior setter, Valia Petrova, received recognition for the Shark’s versatile attack with 38 assists in a 3 set match.

The #9 ranked Florida Southern Moccasins (13-6; 2-3 SSC) met their match last Saturday at the Shark Tank where the Sharks extended their winning streak to 11 consecutive matches. Upon dropping the first game of 23-30, the Sharks fought back to win the next 3 sets, 30-28, 30-22 and 30-16. Junior blocker, Emily Carl, led the Sharks with 13 kills, while juniors, Aley Tallman and Gorman, along with freshman outside hitter, Paola Ruiz, recorded 12, 12 and 11 kills respectively. In a leader’s effort, Petrova finished the game with 46 assists and 19 digs.

As a result of Gorman’s efforts

NSU Professor Peers into the Soul of a Psychopath

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

Members of the NSU community gathered for the second installment of the Faculty Lecture Series to hear Thomas Fagan, Ph.D. and associate professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences’ Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, discuss “The Soul of a Psychopath.”

Fagan began by giving the dictionary definition of the term psychopath, stating that it is a person with an anti-social personality behavior. He then went on to give the definition given by Robert Hare, Ph.D., who describes a psychopath as a predator who uses charm, manipulation and intimidation to satisfy their own needs.

Fagan then gave a very common characteristic that psychopaths have. According to him, a psychopath lacks specific feelings, namely remorse, guilt and empathy. The lack of these feelings thus enables the person to commit violent acts, such as rape or abuse. Because of these violent tendencies, psychopaths make up about 15 to 20 percent of all incarcerated criminals.

During the lecture, Fagan mentioned that psychopaths are responsible for most of our day to day crime, especially violent crime. Psychopaths can be politicians, lawyers and doctors. They also tend to feed off of people, and then toss them away when they are no longer useful.

The causes of psychopathic behavior are both biological and environmental. To illustrate biologically induced psychosis, Fagan gave the example of Phineas Gage, a railroad worker who was involved in an accident that severed a connection in the frontal area of his skull. Before the accident Gage was very friendly, but after the accident he became violent and verbally abusive. Fagan also gave the example of an environmental case where it was found that children who had parents with criminal tendencies could become criminals themselves.

To illustrate the features of a psychopath, Fagan showed a videotaped interview with a psychopath who was in prison for life after committing three murders. During the interview, the criminal spoke about drinking alcohol at the age of 12, which led to drug abuse and gun use. While in prison, he had been transferred to multiple units because he was thought to be a threat to the staff.

Fagan ended the lecture with the case of a boy who robbed his foster parents after they raised him lovingly for five years. When asked why he did it, he answered because he knew where to go. “There is no connection to loyalty, love or anything else,” said Fagan.

Junior and Psychology major Lydia Malcolm was pleased with the event “It was an insightful lecture. It gave a clear picture of the difference between an average criminal and a psychopathic criminal.”
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Meet the NSU Sharkettes
Kristine Belzaire
Current Affairs Editor

Why Did You Join the Sharkettes?

Alexandra Heron
Junior, Double Major Humanities and Legal Studies, Miami FL

“I joined because I love to dance. It is a passion of mine, and it seemed like a good experience to be part of a college dance team.”

Elizabeth Rodríguez
Freshman, Double Major Legal Studies and Theatre, Miami FL

“I have been dancing since I was two years old. I also dance professionally and did not want to stop dancing because I was going to college.”

Cassandra Lopez
Freshman, Pre-Optomathic, Hialeah FL

“I joined the Sharkettes because I love to perform in front of an audience.”

Stephanie Nelson
Sophomore, Pre-Dental, Hialeah FL

“I have been dancing my whole life, and I think that being on a dance team is the best way to enjoy my college experience.”

Nina Vaccarillo
Freshman, Environmental Studies, Bayamón, Puerto Rico

“I have been dancing since I was 10 years old. I also dance professionally and did not want to stop dancing because I was going to college.”

Melissa Santhanam
Freshman, Biology, Miami FL

“I have always loved dance and I thought that it would be good to get together with all of these diverse women and dance.”

Sara Marks
Freshman, Marketing, Fort Lauderdale, FL

“I love to dance.”

Rochelle Moore
Freshman Biology Major, Montego Bay Jamaica

“I joined the Sharkettes because I love to perform and meet new people.”

Michelle Chintron
Freshman, Criminal Justice, Jersey City, NJ

“I have been dancing for almost 30 years. I used to compete and I now need somewhere to dance, so I joined the Sharkettes.”

Aliona Lenz
Freshman, exceptional student education, Aventura MA

“I was on a competition team when I was back at home. I wanted to come here and form a common bond with a dance team.”

Camille Wright
Senior, Communication Studies, Brooklyn Ny

“With these events in place, Wright is hoping to make an impact on the NSU campus. "We are here to show our school spirit through dance. I also hope that the dance team becomes bigger and better, and hopefully we can compete and represent the University at a state level.”

From the culture and symbolism of Africa to Japanese, and from Ferris, Ph.D. and Steven Aldorf Ph.D. explored different perspectives of international multicultural communities through their time in the field. They raised awareness of the Bissau and Bosnian: International Motorcycle Communities.

According to Ferris and Aldorf, the motorcycle was more than a ride, but a way to portray identity in every country. ‘The motorcycle showed the individual identities, like the ones with the ‘Rockers’ who displayed toughness with their leather, denim, and boots,” said Aldorf. Motorcycles were also part of self-definition, as well as some stereotypes it would damage their reproductive systems.” Ferris said. The motorcycle communities globally attracted the media’s attention into a stereotype of “white, male and heterosexual,” leaving out a gray area of the rest of the population.

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“I enjoyed it.” said Ruby Winder. The speakers were charismatic. It was an excellent presentation. It gave me more respect for intelligent riders.”

Correction: Last week’s story Delta Phi Epsilon Raises Money for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, it was reported that the event took place on Aug. 21. Mr. Fantastic was Stanley Terneus and the event raised over $3000. In fact, the event occurred on Sept. 21. Mr. Fantastic was Sebastian Tennessen and the event raised over $3000.

“People went out and saw movies like The Wild One and consider the characters worthy of emulation,“ Aldorf said. Projecting tough, rebellious and dressing in leather and jeans enhanced the biker’s image in the press, where it was then transformed into a threat and all biker clubs identified as “deviants.”

Groups were developed in order for young people to identify with each other through the transitions from adolescence to adulthood, as with the Bosnian. However, stereotypes still masked other areas that the media had power over. “There were rumors that if women rode motorcycles it would damage their reproductive systems,” Ferris said. The motorcycle communities globally attracted the media’s attention into a stereotype of “white, male and heterosexual,” leaving out a gray area of the rest of the populations.

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Monster.com Representative Helps Students with Early Career Advice
Julian Brownlee Staff Writer

To give students valuable information to help them with their potential careers, the Office of Career Services put together another lunch and learn event on Monday, Oct. 4 titled The Ultimate Road Trip: Campus to Career, featuring a presentation by Pascale Michel from Monster.com. Throughout the presentation, Michel explained some of the common errors that students make after graduating from college, such as procrastination. “Basically, students put things off until their ‘last day’,” said Michel. According to Michel, this error can lead to other problems including disorganization, interruptions and interruptions. “Fear would allow you to procrastinate and will allow you to put it off. Intermittent fear. Our goals. Others will discourage you from your cause because it is not your goals. You will put yourself in a position to succeed. When asked what the most important advice she would like to give students, Michel answered: “Just have a plan and be willing to make changes along the way.” For more information about Career Services and upcoming events, please visit www.nova.edu/career.

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Sports

ITA Regional Tennis Tournament
Nelly Mesa Sports Editor

While participating in the ITA Regional Tournament this past weekend amongst six fellow SSC rivals, the Sharks came out with a lot to be proud of. Upon evaluating stellar performances from all the sharks, four of the seven singles competitors advanced to day two in the tournament. However, they did not get past the quarterfinals. Number one ranked Korotkevich and Talashko did excel as they went to the final round of doubles play, regrettably falling to Lynn’s Fighting Knights duo, 8-2. Suffering a blow to morale, the Sharks had to play while their coach Michael Coleman was hospitalized and unable to make it out to the court for this past week’s competition. “We really missed coach out there. It seemed like the team spirit was not the same without him, but we were lucky enough to have Coach Pena to motivate us,” said Waterman. “We are all hoping to see our coach back on the court very soon.”

Above: Both the NSU men’s and women’s golf teams underwent successful weekends of play while on the course.

Despite the final round cancellation in the Florida Fall Slam due to intense rainfall, the women’s team was able to capital in day one of the tournament, taking home a victory for the Sharks. Standout athletes in NSU’s efforts were freshmen, Sandra Changkija, and sophomore, Maria Garcia-Austt, whom both finished in the fifth place slot upon shooting 77 in the 72 course par. Freshmen, Nicole Whitmore and Taylor Collins, were not far behind as they shot 82 and 83 respectively. “Although the overall scores didn’t truly reflect how good our team really is, we are not discouraged. We have won our first tournament of the season,” said Garcia-Austt. “With each win, we are given more and more motivation to practice even harder. We are now looking forward more than ever to the next time we get the opportunity to compete.”

Garcia-Austt claims that with the addition of four hardwooding and talented freshman to their already strong roster, this is just the first of many to the 2007-2008 season for the Sharks. In addition to this exciting achievement for the women’s team, the men’s team were able to bring home a win while competing in the Atlas/Cougar Invitational as well as a shooting team overall of seven under par.

NSU’s men’s Soccer team (8-1-1, 2-1-1 SSC) overcame a one goal deficit to defeat the Florida Southern Moccasins (4-5, 1-3 SSC) ending the game with a score of 2-1 from last Saturday. Unfortunately the Sharks suffered their first defeat this 2007 fall season while taking on the Fighting Knights of Lynn University (10-1, 3-1 SSC) by a score of 3-1. The Moccasins kicked the game off by putting in the first goal made by Moccasin’s Garrett Garr. Despite the minor setback the Sharks were never discouraged as sophomore leading scorer, Roman Onistore, answered the call within seconds by registering a goal to equalize the score with the help of freshman, Aly Hanusa’s key assist. Shortly after their return to the field in the second half, Onistore capitalized yet again, putting the score at 2-1. From here, the Sharks held onto their lead for the remainder of the game with the help of a solid defense. Sadly, while playing on the once #1 ranked conference rivals of Lynn and outstanding performance over the weekend, the Fighting Knights got their second win in a row for the season. The multi talented middle blocker, Nelly Mesa, was named SSC’s Offensive Player of the Week. As a result of his performance, the Skateboard Team captured the Offensive Player of the Week and was named SSC’s Offensive Player of the Year.

NSU’s Fighting Knights of Lynn University (10-1, 3-1 SSC) ended the week as a result of his performance, the Fighting Knights captured the Defensive Player of the Week and was named SSC’s Defensive Player of the Year.

Above: mirella gorman and outstanding performance over the weekend, she earned her second consecutive SSC honor, being named the Defensive Player of the Week. Gorman registered an average of 1.3 blocks and 1.3 digs per game; as well as, holding the Sharks opponents to a 0.98 attack percentage for the week. The multi talented middle blocker and outside hitter also averaged 3.1 kills per game and hitting at a 301 percentage. While the Sharks have undergone an outstanding season thus far, they will hit the road this weekend and be put to the test while taking on the #1 team in the country, the University of Tampa’s Spartans.

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Emplooyed) to read: "Well, even so, we are not here for you! You are here for me! So, please, be selfless for once.

Evilone: (Passes his hand over his heart) Are you trying to say that I selfishly my dear, dear good fellow?

Goodfellow: Is it not obvious?

Evilone: I always knew you had a soft spot for me good fellow. You are simply showering me with your compliments today.

Evilone: Gets up and moves towards the Well of Fate.

Evilone: Never mind your evil one. Let us see what is happening in the prison. Both men are looking into the Well of Fate. Wait, is that you, Rev. Smith? Yes, yes it is Rev. Smith, a very religious man. It seems as though you are talking about repentance. Well, praise to God! (Lifts his face towards Heaven)

Evilone: I am pleased you said something of righteousness and Rev. Smith does not answer. I will encourage him to do so. Our Rev. Smith is…3…2…1…now dead and gone.

Evilone: It seems victorious ones are going around in twos today. I appear to have captured one myself.

Evilone: What are you lying about now evil one?

Evilone: As honourable as that may be, it is quite the contrary. Take a look. (Both men are looking into the Well of Fate) It seems as though our Rev. Smith has an affinity for strong drink and for drinking them too fast.

Evilone: Hands lifted towards Heaven (God have mercy!)

Evilone: On who good fellow, Rev. Smith or you?

Evilone: On Rev. Smith of course. Why should mercy be bestowed on me?

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Next Week's Theme: “Bad Experiences”
Editor's Note

Michael Bergauer, Intern-Editor-in-Chief

Ah, it’s that time of the semester again, midterm week. Although for some with eight week courses, it’s finals week. I suppose it should be planned: big important test week. When haven’t I been thinking about what I’m supposed to study? I wonder what this week means to other students at NSU.

NSU has a really diverse student body, and each of them tests differently. For example, I am an English major. Therefore, most of my exams are essay based. This gives me a bit of wiggle room in terms of “partial credit.” However, that usually makes tests worth less and the majority of my grade comes through essay assignments. I have to turn them in throughout the course. Occasionally, my grade is more or less determined before I see the final exam.

For other majors, things can be a little different. Someone in the sciences may see most of their grade come through essay assignments I have to turn in throughout the course. Occasionally, my grade is more or less determined before I see the final exam.

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signal on your cell phone. Populations’ wants and needs have become so whimsical and inconsequential that it seems completely impossible for anyone to be truly happy in today’s society. It is safe to say that people in today’s society are thoroughly spoiled. They whine and post and buy ridiculous medication for ridiculous illnesses that they knowingly cause on themselves. This petulant annoyance is the catalyst for greed, envy and malicious thoughts.

Societies wallowing in poverty and lack are usually those that do not even have basic infrastructures of health care, education or proper nutrition. They are at the bottom of the visibility conditions, have accepted this and are trying to find a way to cope with the conditions. Societies that are living comfortably but not luxuriously are living above their means in order to acquire the feeling of being spoiled, thus placing themselves in severe debt and dependence.

“Happiness” is taking on the role of relativity and cannot be asked without first understanding the society, priority demands and obligations. “Being happy doesn’t mean that everything is perfect. It means that you’ve decided to look beyond the imperfections.” (Anonymous)

SharkSpin

Tanya Parsnes and Jany Cabazes Staff Writers

Tampa: Were you there yesterday around 1000 o’clock?

Jany: No, what happened?

Tampa: All of a sudden it started to pour with rain. It was like a monsoon out there! The entire campus was flooded for hours.

Jany: Did you have an umbrella or do you get soaked?

Tampa: Well, I did have an umbrella. I have two actually, but both of them were in my car, which was on the fourth floor of Parker and I was stranded in ASA. It was so crazy because some of us could leave the building and the people who tried to run across the campus were completely stranded.

Jany: Why didn’t you take the Shuttle Bus?

Tampa: Well I would have, if the shuttle hadn’t come down by the ASA building but it didn’t. So I would have had to run over to the UC and get completely soaked anyway, so it wouldn’t have mattered.

Jany: Yeah, it’s always a struggle to try to catch the shuttle because it’s unreliable and half of the shuttle stops have no covering over them, so you would get wet whenever you waited for the bus.

Tampa: That is so true. I have waited so many times for that Shuttle and it takes forever to come around, which I never understood because our campus is not that big to begin with.

Jany: And they don’t even sell any umbrellas or ponchos or raincoats anywhere on the campus.

Tampa: I know. The only place they sell them at is the bookstore and in order to get to the book store you would have to take the Shuttle, so it’s like the never ending cycle. I don’t know why they don’t just sell a few umbrellas at the Outlets store on campus.

Jany: I’m sure ours through the years NSU knows how prone students and rainy days are here in South Florida. They pride themselves in being large or large campus is, but you’d think they’d finally find a way to keep us dry in all of that space. I think they could make a few more “shutters” to keep us dry.

Tampa: You are truly bad planning on NSU’s behalf. They could be doing things a lot differently that would greatly benefit the student population.

Jany: We walk into class drenched, have to suck it up for an hour freezing with the AC and simultaneously, we may see most of our grade come through essay assignments I have to turn in throughout the course. Occasionally, my grade is more or less determined before I see the final exam. Some business majors may get a lot of points from a big presentation. For graduate students, it all comes down to the daunting thesis. It is not the case with every class, but some, the results of one assignment can make or break your grade for the class. Oftentimes, we say nothing as we quietly and diligently prepare for them, but are they fair? Granted, they usually come near the end of the course and you are (or should be) prepared for them. NSU has even recently (as of last week) tested allotted weeks before final exams in which no class is called “leading readings” to give students more study time. But it is still just one assignment, one chance.

Jany: Do you think there should more chances to affect your grade? Or do you prefer less work, but with a “last hurrah”? Either way, study up NSU. That degree doesn’t learn itself.

NSU On The Scene

Middlemen are here. Are you ready?

Marcel Manos, Biology, Freshman

“I have the time to study so I’m not nervous at all.”

Isabelle Philippe-Auguste, Psychology, Freshman

“I believe I am ready for them but I just have to study extra hard for them. I do feel prepared.”

Garrett Whitamore, Optometry, Second Year

“Feel prepared going into midterm week but it is a little overwhelming with the amount of credits and outside activities I am participating in. But I feel that I can do anything I put my mind to.”

Jason Mitchell, Sports Management, Junior

“Yes and no. I only have one class so it hasn’t been too much of a struggle but I’m on the golf team so it takes up a lot of my time.”

Michael Moore, Sports Management, Sophomore

“Good and bad. I’ve just come back from Atlanta and I’ve been there for four days. Being a student athlete is not easy.”

Paula Bailey, Psy.D., Third Year

“Testing week is always stressful. Students just need to learn how to prioritize between classes and manage study time.”

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