Mariya Kaipova
NSU Student will forever be remembered by friends
Tanya Barnes NSU News Editor

▼ Mariya Kaipova, a senior student at NSU, recently passed away on Oct. 21 in her parent’s home in Aventura, Florida. Twenty-year-old Kaipova was a clinical psychology major, a member of SASSA and a sister at Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. Masha, as she was commonly called by friends and those who knew her, was described as a very kind and generous person.

“She and Masha rushed Phi Sigma Sigma together,” said Dana Micari, a junior at NSU and one of Kaipova’s sorority sisters. “She was always there to touch with Kaipova, who had left the so-

and one of Kaipova’s sorority sisters. “She was always there to help you, no matter what,” said Micari.

Micari said that by 2006 she had lost touch with Kaipova, who had left the so-

rity at that point in order to focus on her schoolwork. “I haven’t seen her or hung out with her for a while,” said Micari, who not-

ed that Kaipova kept mostly to herself. Mi-

cari was deeply saddened by this loss. “You just realize that your closest friend is here one minute and she is gone,” said Micari.

“It just goes to show that you should keep in touch with people, even if it’s just a text message to say hello.”

Micari attended the wake with several of her sorority sisters in order to show support for Kaipova and for her family. “When we went to the wake, I felt like, who is one of our sisters, made a gorgeous album with all of the pictures of Masha,” said Micari. “Her mother was so strong and when she saw someone crying, she smiled to try to ease the pain.”

Micari said that Phi Sigma Sigma NSU News Editor

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NSU Idol & Hollywood Squares are Back at NSU
Tanya Barnes NSU News Editor & Mireille Belzaire Current Affairs Editor

▼ The Student Union Board (SUB) and the Office of Student Engagement have combined efforts to sponsor the annual NSU Idol and Hollywood Squares. Each of these events is modeled after the real and popular television shows and performed live on NSU’s campus.

First off is NSU Idol, which takes place Thursday, Nov. 29, on the ASA patio at 7 p.m. Each of the students performing at the event will represent a student organization, athletic team or a Residential Advisor from a floor in one of the NSU dormitories.

There will be a panel of three judges chosen from the NSU community who will listen to each performance and determine whom they believe performed the best. The three finalists of the event will participate the following evening in Hollywood Squares. There are three cash prizes of $1000, $500 and $250.

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Killer Cocktails
Christopher Balaban Freelance Writer

12 pack of Red Bull...$26.00
26 ounces of vodka...$17.00
Cover at the hottest bar...$20.00
A ride in an ambulance, followed by a near death experience...priceless.

▼ Energy drink and alcohol mix is an ever-growing trend among youth across the country. A particularly popular mix, coined “Red-Bull Vodka,” was intro-

duced a few years back by various groups of college students in an attempt to increase the energy of the evening while simultaneously achieving the associated alcoholic “buzz.”

This new alcoholic energy buzz has gained increasing popularity among students, is a serious cause of heart problems and has been associated with numerous deaths. Gone

are the days of waking up with a splitting migraine due to the late night of drinking. Now, some students are not even getting the chance to wake up, and for those fortunate enough to see the crack of dawn, they may wake to find themselves hooked up to heart monitors and IVs in a hospital bed.

Recent medical studies presented in Men’s Health magazine show that mixing a powerful stimulant or heart rate increas-

er, such as the Red Bull, with a depressant or heart rate slower, which is the vodka or other choice of alcohol, places the body in an unfavorable state of confusion; the body, not knowing whether to speed or slow the heart, can respond with heart palpitations and at worst, strokes.

In some sense, this is the principle by which many club drugs, such as ecstasy, which are cut with both uppers and down-

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NSU Idol continued from pg. 1 and $250 that will be awarded to the top three acts.

“It would be a great opportunity for individuals to win prizes,” said Mike Brochu, Program Coordinator for SUB. The festivities continue the next night with the Hollywood Squares competition on Friday, Nov. 30, at 6:00 p.m. on the ASA patio. This event is a spin-off of the original Hollywood Squares TV game show. At NSU, the students chosen to compete as contestants are chosen through an application process and are chosen based on involvement on campus. The “stars” who sit in the tic-tac-toe box represent different departments on campus. This year, the departments who will be participating include Campus Recreation, Business Services, and the Alvin Sherman Library. The event will be hosted by Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs at NSU. The theme for Hollywood Squares is World AIDS Day, which is being hosted by Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs at NSU. The event will be sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Campus Life.

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Members of the NSU community gathered on Nov. 13 for a lecture at the Lifelong Learning Institute on Ukiyo-e, the Art of the Floating World, which featured as its speaker Freya Homer, docent at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. Homer began the lecture by giving some background information about Ukiyo-e. According to Homer, Ukiyo-e are the pictures of the “floating world.” These woodblock prints and paintings usually depicted aspects of a carefree world, intent on freeing the painter and observer from the cares and concerns in the real world. Ukiyo-e works are based on the help of several craftsmen and different manufacturing steps. The process begins with the painter, who produces the master sketch. The block is then inked and printed.

This form of art flourished in Japan during the mid-seventeenth century, which is also known as the Edo period, during which the Japanese felt, as a culture, that joy and beauty in the world are fleeting and should be enjoyed while they last. The most common subject pictures is the representation of the aesthetic of ideal feminine beauty. Homer described the aesthetic ideal of women in the Edo period as women with long black hair and willowy figures wrapped in a kimono, which would accentuate the woman’s thin and slender physique. According to Homer, the Japanese use art as a visual display of their society’s values and to formulate perceptions that enhance reality. In Ukiyo-e, all of the paintings of women look the same, conforming to the eye of the beholder, and appear homogenous, with no room for individual personality.

According to Homer, the only way to differentiate a young woman from an older woman is from the kimonos that they are wearing in the painting. Older and married women tended to wear short-sleeved kimonos and young women wore long-sleeved kimonos. Women of the noble class were rarely depicted in print, unless to show the life of the noble. The women usually appearing in the prints and painting were geishas and courtesans. Homer also cleared up the perception that geishas were prostitutes who had relationships with their clients. In reality, geishas were professional entertainers. In paintings and print, geishas can be distinguished from courtesans by their makeup and intricate hair styles. Homer ended the lecture by saying that every culture has its own ideal of beauty, but that it is ever-changing. “Time changes beauty. As man and nature change, so does beauty,” Homer said in closing.

Current Affairs Calendar

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 Tennessee Titans take on the Denver Broncos. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Tuesday
- Tournament Tuesdays: Halo-3 Video Game Tournament: Come earn your bragging rights as the Halo-3 champion! For more information, call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Wednesday
- No Classes
- Student Government Association Meetings: Come speak your mind and voice your opinions about issues on campus. The meeting will take place in the classroom of the Goodwin Building at 4pm

Thursday
- Thanksgiving - University Closed

Friday
- Day after Thanksgiving - No Classes

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The Communist Party is threatened by free thought,” Professor Timothy Dixon said during his lecture in Parker Building on Nov. 13. “They need control of the populous.” Dixon explained the critical points and changes that have occurred within communist China to a group of students, faculty and staff and uncovered several interesting political facts and points in history.

The Chinese government is using the power of its control via censorship and vague rules in many areas of life. “Truth and power in modern China has been suppressed. The Communist Party has power but is confronted with the release of information,” said Dixon. Because the Communist Party felt they lacked control, the Chinese government placed censorship upon certain websites and key phrases. Among the key words tagged were “freedom,” “equality” and “human rights.” Email is filtered through a system similar to spam-checkers by checking the subject lines for any questionable content.

The Communist Party implemented a few other ways to maintain their power, such as identification cards that contain more than standard information, and enough for a background check into your work history. Surveillance control has spread in one city where the government wants to unify their surveillance with that of businesses. “The government cannot stand it. They need to have popular control, whether it is through internet or even religion,” said Dixon.

Although Chinese society seems to be making steps forward in programs and progress, Dixon believed that there is one major problem that is holding them back. “They are doing everything except the thing that would work. And that is slowing down economic development. They are scared that if the people are economically unsatisfied, they will want to change the government.” The growing desires for democracy have led to protests and deaths. However, the desire for change in the government would result in the collapse of the Communist Party, which is what the government is trying to avoid. “The Chinese government has a desire for power. Why, I don’t know. The Communist Party does better than the average Chinese,” said Dixon. “They are higher up and they are more elite. However, it all comes down to the governments’ need to use power to suppress the ‘truth’. What that truth is, I’ll leave up to the philosophers.”
The “Hidden Adventure” Uruguay Art Exhibit opened on Nov. 8 to the public in the second floor gallery of the Alvin Sherman Library. Professor Barry Barker, along with several students and professional photographers, took three trips to Uruguay to study ecotourism. They brought back a handful of photos that revealed various perspectives of Uruguay.

Professor Barry Barker took along about 30 students and 20 photographers on the trips to Uruguay. The trips were taken primarily to conduct an ecotourism assessment of Uruguay. “We wanted to document the difference between what tourists see and the people that live there see,” Barker said. “There is culture with history there that many times is the complete opposite of what an American can identify with.” Despite the differences, Barker found no communication barriers and plans on doing two or three more projects for the following year.

Kimberly Vardeman, environmental studies major and a senior at NSU, has taken several trips with Barker and opened up about her experiences there. “The trips are very impacting. I remember being there seeing one person trying keep the area pure.” Sandy Koi explained that she took two out of the three trips to Uruguay and found the culture differences very refreshing. “The best part of the trip was definitely the rainforest. [There were] beautiful orchids, butterflies, and birds. However, it was filled with life and you could hear the chainsaws in the background cutting down the rainforest. And it hurts.” The trip brought awareness to cultural beauty and the large changes through photographic detail. “It was a deep experience,” Koi said. “Anyone who wants a unique and honest-to-god learning experience in a very personal true way should go on one of these trips.”

Students who experienced the opening of the gallery took in the same basic perspective without leaving the country. Diana Aranda, a master’s student in her first term, was very pleased with the exhibit and the collaborated work of all the team. “What I liked about it was the tourist perspective on environment. It kind of brings it home.” Admiring the work on the walls, Aranda reflected on the different pieces. “They show how the environment is connected to the people. It has a very positive spin,” Aranda said. “I recommend this for anyone who wants to see the country. I’m an art minor myself, so I would love to participate.” Any students who are interested in the trips must contact Professor Barry Barker directly at barker@nova.edu.

Photos from the new Hidden Adventure Art Exhibit in the Alvin Sherman Library.
In the first round of the NCAA Regional Tournament, the NSU women’s soccer team fell to Ouachita Baptist University with a score of 2-1 on Nov. 9, bringing their successful season to a close. The defeat seemed to go against the flow of the game, as NSU dominated the shot count for the match 23-6 but were unable to find the back of the opposition’s goal, courtesy of 10 saves by the Lady Tigers goal keeper Taylor Jordan.

Juniors Stephanie Quinones, Natalie Bellini and Shurell Burton accounted for the majority of the Shark’s attack with nine, six and five shots - 20 of the 23 shots taken. However, in the 21st minute, an unfortunate deflection saw the ball fall to Ouachita’s Joyce Hansen who had only the NSU sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Glass to beat. Hansen tucked it away, putting Quachita up 1-0.

NSU’s equalizer wasn’t anywhere to be found despite their majority possession. Despite Shark’s dominant shot count along with a 7-4 corner kick advantage the Lady Tigers were able to overcome NSU. As a result of an additional goal tacked on by Quachita’s Alicia Marshall victory became out of reach for the Sharks despite their valiant effort.

The Sharks wrap up a tremendous season with a winning record (11-4-2) as well as their second straight NCAA tournament appearance along with a number of accolades for their players, including senior Jennifer Turner and Quinones being named to the Daktronics All-South Region Second Teams, while Quinones and Bellini were appointed to the NCAA South Region All-Tournament Team. This 2007 season marked yet another great year in the books for NSU Women’s Soccer.
Women’s Volleyball Closes Season

Tim Coensaid Staff Writer

The NSU women’s volleyball team (25-8, 11-4 SSC) wrapped up their regular season with a win against the Saint Leo Lions on Nov. 9, but unfortunately were not able to triumph over Eckerd’s Tritons on Nov. 10 for their senior day match.

The Sharks, who recently came off two hard-fought road wins, faced a desperate Saint Leo team, who were in the midst of a three-game losing streak and looking to finish their regular season in fine form.

The first game was captured by the Sharks with a score of 30-26 on the end of five kills a piece from junior Melinda Gorman and sophomore Aley Tallman. NSU trailed by a score of 14-17 before a 7-0 run saw them take the lead, which they did not relinquish for the remainder of the game.

A closely-contested second game saw the game tied at 9-9 when Saint Leo went on a 5-0 run. Even with Tallman’s six kills, the Sharks were not able to recover.

NSU lost their second game in a row in the third match courtesy of 17 errors committed by the Sharks which led to their worst hit percentage of the errors from the previous couple of games and despite falling in the end with a score of 30-26.

The Sharks showed poise as they shook off their last encounter three games to none.

As this match would be the Shark’s last home contest, Shark seniors Jenny Fitch and Jessica Donisi were honored for their efforts as NSU student-athletes over the years prior to the match.

In an opening game that was once tied at 10-10, the Tritons pulled away in the middle stages putting on a 7-0 run to make the score 17-10. Eckerd was able to capitalize on the Sharks 11 hitting errors, helping the Tritons to a comfortable 30-20 first game win.

The second game would see five kills by Gorman and 11 assists by Petrova go unrewarded as the Tritons took their second game straight by a score of 30-23.

In a closely contested third game, the Tritons edged the Sharks out 30-27. Unfortunately, Tallman’s five kills were not enough to carry NSU to a fourth game.

Gorman and Gorman carried the Sharks with 11 and 9 kills, but were unable to overcome a .083 hit percentage for the match.

Looking towards the upside after a disappointing senior day loss, the Sharks were selected to compete in the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history against the number three seed in the region.
Jennifer Turner:
Player Profile
Nelly Mesa, Sports Editor

The NSU women’s soccer team along with the Sharks’ Athletic Department has been fortunate over the previous four years in having the opportunity to call Jennifer Lynne Turner one of their own.

As the number 16 central defender, Jenn Turner has undergone a breakout season while in her fourth year as a Shark athlete here at NSU. Turner, the women’s soccer team captain, has accumulated a number of Sunshine State Conference honors for this 2007 season, including being named to the 2006-2007 SSC First Team as well as to the All-SSC Region Second team, in addition to being named a two-time SSC Player of the Week.

Turner has always shown an extreme interest in sports throughout her life. While in high school, Turner participated in numerous sports, such as the swimming team, track team, golf team and last but not least, the soccer team. For the 2007 spring season, Turner dabbled in NSU’s newly-added novice track team as well.

In addition to Turner’s talent in the wide world of sports, she has made an emphasis on the “student” aspect of being a student-athlete over the years, not only tallying up athletic achievements but academic honors as well. The twenty-one year old senior has been a member of the Dean’s list from 2004-2006 and expects to graduate at the conclusion of this 2007-2008 school year with a degree in psychology.

“After I graduate from NSU, I will be attending nursing school,” said Turner, “...then I plan to further my education in anesthesia school.”

Currently, Turner has found work by becoming a tutor for the America Counts Program. “I help children who are having difficulty with math get closer to their grade level and strengthen their math skills,” said Turner. Turner, daughter of Karen and Frank, hails from Rockledge, Florida along with her 3 siblings, Frank Jr., Christopher and Sarah.

“My brother has always been a huge inspiration to me. He has provided me with unending support, always encouraging me to be happy and excited with achievements, but never be satisfied,” said Turner, “...it’s because of him that I continuously strive to be better in every aspect of my life. He is my hero.”

When asked how she would describe what it is to be a leader, Turner replied, “One of the best coaches I have ever had once told me that to be a leader on the field one had to become someone who has knowledge about the game, someone who has a commanding presence, someone who has life experience and inner drive, while being someone who has a determination towards success. I have worked hard to fit these criteria over the years.”

As a four year starter, Turner not only brings knowledge and experience to the women’s soccer team, but believes that she has been able to bring qualities such as leadership, guidance, support, consistency and dependability to her team both on and off the soccer field.

“My teammates can always count on me to give a hundred and ten percent and know that when I walk off the field I did every thing that I was capable of to help our team prevail,” said Turner.

Turner believes that every athlete should live their life according to a motto once stated by Muhammad Ali. “I hated every minute of training, but I said, don’t quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.”

“To me, a team means having continual support, a network of lifelong friends to share triumphs and failures of a team with, your family away from family,” said Turner. “The NSU coaching staff has provided me with the opportunity to get a first-rate education and continue to play the sport that I have loved for 17 years. They have also helped me to sharpen my skills both on and off the soccer field. My coaches have enabled me to grow not only as a player, but as an individual in the walk of life.”

Turner concluded with the following quote. Theodore Roosevelt said, “The cred- it belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who err and comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never tasted vic- tory or defeat.”

NSU’s rowing team was on the prowl once again on Nov. 10 while in Melbourne, Fla., where they competed in the Fall FIRA Classics. The Sharks had a triumphant weekend as seven of the nine boats in the competition placed in the top three in their respective races.

In a race which was designed to give novice boats experience on the course before the regular season began, the Sharks excelled, showing tremendous promise for the spring. The women’s novice 8+ took 3rd place in the 3,500 meter course known as “The Dutch” just behind 1st place University of Florida and 2nd place Sunshine State Conference rivals, Rollins College. The women’s novice 4+ A boat took home 2nd while the novice 4+ B1 placed 3rd and the novice 4+ B2 finished 6th.

The women’s varsity 8+ triumphed once again taking 1st place, while the varsity 4+ A2 came in 2nd with the varsity 4+ 1 boat following in 6th.

For the women’s 1X race, freshman Chloe Ann Willis stunned the spectators as she blew her competition out of the water, taking home 1st place with a time of 15:26. Junior Lauren McElhenny came in 3rd.

The Sharks will be out of the water for the next few months, as the fall season has come to a close. They will be back in action come spring time for their competitive season.
Nothing Blue About the Blues Festival

Jancy Cabecas Staff Writer and Racquel Fagon Variety Editor

\textbf{Blues Boys: Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones}
Variety

Lars and the Real Girl Takes the "Love Story" to New Heights

Over a year after the cancellation of HBO's Six Feet Under, writer Nancy Oliver brings viewers a tale of classic American news with a 21st Century twist. After Six Feet Under, it is no surprise that Oliver could spin a tale so deep and complex, and fill it with laughs and emotional poignancy.

Lars and the Real Girl is the story of a young loner, Lars (played by Ryan Gosling), living in a small Midwest town secluded from the goings-on of the outside world. The entire town knows him, much as he knows them, but he is neglected and nobody pays too much attention to anyone, that is, until the day he brings Bianca home. Bianca, Lars’ “true love,” doesn’t grab so much attention because she is beautiful in everything special. Bianca is a life-size sex doll that Lars has deluded himself into falling in love with.

Of course, the entire town, including Lars’ brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and his sister-in-law Karin (Emily Mortimer), is surprised and upset by what is going on, and they think the town is stupid to help. Her response is to go along with it, until the delusion ends and Lars can find a real woman to be with. She decides to take her advice and go along with it, attempting to replace every moment she ever brushed him off or made fun of him with moments of empathy.

Don’t be confused, though, about Bianca’s true purpose. Lars didn’t order Bianca to have sex with her. In fact, there is not a single scene in the entire film that alludes to that. Instead, Lars is looking for a meaningful relationship, something that he has never had before.

Ryan Gosling’s (Half Nelson, Fracture) performance as Lars is surprising and incredible. Lars is an extremely difficult character to play—he is delusional, yet completely sincere, and truly believes that Bianca is a real person. It is a performance totally unlike anything Gosling has ever done, which, but this is a performance that Gosling has given in the most surprising role in the whole film.

Her performance in The Current is the story of a woman to be with. She is a real person. It is a difficult character to play—she is delusional, yet completely sincere, and truly believes that Bianca is a real person. It is a performance totally unlike anything Gosling has ever done, which, but this is a performance that Gosling has given in the most surprising role in the whole film.
As someone who works at this newspaper, I keep my eyes and ears open to what's happening on this campus. As such, I'm aware that some students have... an opinion about NSU. However, when given the chance to express these opinions, the opportunity is usually allowed to pass. A case in point was when I heard that the student response rate to the NSU Is You poll was very low. It didn't make sense.

Last week, Dean Rosenblum attended an SGA meeting specifically to address student concerns. Students had the opportunity to come and asked him anything they wanted. Unfortunately, very few students showed up. Fortunately, SGA did a great job of presenting several issues to the Dean, but if that hadn't been the case, he would have wasted his time.

These are the facts that disturb me. Students actually have chances to make their voices heard, but the majority do not seize these opportunities. NSU is a growing institution and it cannot improve if it does not know what students need, want or think because they keep silent. Fortunately, we all still have a chance. The time to respond to the NSU Is You poll has been extended. Dean Rosenblum welcomes comments and concerns sent to his email (donr@nova.edu). In addition, The Current is always willing to investigate student issues that are brought to our attention, and students can always write a letter to the editor at nsunews@nova.edu to voice their opinions about ANY issues. Speak up, NSU!
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