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I Believe in NSU

After a short movie was shown about how “We are NSU,” Ferrero opened the speech with a jovial comment about NSU participation and involvement. “If we offer lunch or bagels in the morning, we get one heck of a turn out,” Ferrero commented. Joking aside, the main purpose of this gathering was to celebrate the accomplishments of NSU and to give thanks to the valuable team members who have propelled the progress of the institution.

This event also conveyed the message that the administration has heard the voices of the students, faculty and staff, and that if the students were not involved, they would be alienated from the community.

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The war in Gaza began on Dec. 27, 2008, when the Israeli military sent Arabic-language cell phone messages to thousands of Gazans urging them to evacuate if, according to Israeli military’s count, Hamas fired a total of 3,000 rockets at Israel in 2008—a key figure used in Israel’s calculations. David Kilroy, Ph.D., and associate professor of history, provided his observation of the situation. “The Israeli campaign in Gaza was launched in response to the repeated rocket attacks from the Gaza strip by the militant Palestinian organization Hamas,” said Kilroy. “Israel was clearly provoked in this instance and appears determined to crush Hamas no matter what the cost in terms of lives.”

However, a rising number of groups are questioning the validity of this claim. Most of Gaza remains largely intact, including the capital and Gaza City. However, other areas where Israeli tanks and artillery poured in at the start of the ground war are devastated. In the wake of the previous night’s actions, the atmosphere goes back to Israel-initiator of the war—for an explanation for their actions.

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**The War In Gaza: Very Real to the NSU Community**

**Staff Writer**

For some time now, international affairs have been of great importance to members of the NSU community—in part because of the diverse cultural and religious make-up of NSU’s student body. Hence, when the war in Gaza between Hamas and Israel broke out late in December, many here at NSU were greatly moved.

Yasuf Abdallah Mendez, a student at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is one such person who has felt frustrated as he closely followed this latest chapter in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. "This is first important to me because my master's [degree] is in international law; however, other areas where Israeli tanks and artillery poured in at the start of the ground war are devastated. In the wake of the previous night’s actions, the atmosphere goes back to Israel-initiator of the war—for an explanation for their actions.

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Taking a Bite Out of NSU

One of the parts in the immense checklist of going to college is visiting the campus of the schools you wish to attend. NSU holds various orientations throughout the year so that hopeful students can make an informed decision about the university.

This year, however, the school has added a new aspect to orientation. Hopeful students will be able to visit the campus, sleep in The Commons residence hall, attend a college class and meet members of organizations in which they might be interested, all before orientation and free of charge. The preview was first designed to showcase the residence halls to out of town students in the hopes of increasing enrollment in that area.

Shark Preview, a two-day event, will allow students to experience NSU before they even decide whether or not they will attend the university the following year. "Attendees will get a chance to attend a class of their choice [from a list provided], meet one-on-one with student leaders and experience other events such as SUP Thursday and the raft race during homecoming week," said Alexis Robinson, Shark Preview coordinator.

NSU's current students, although envious, feel that this is a great opportunity for new students. "I'm kind of jealous because they didn't have it for us, but I still think it is a great opportunity for incoming students to see what the school has to offer," commented Aisha Syed, a junior biology major. "When I first came to NSU I didn't know what my life would be like here. But now, students will have a better view of what life is like here," continued Syed.

Whatever your feelings, keep on the lookout for any new faces walking around campus who might need an encouraging smile, and make sure to put on your Shark pride to show them what NSU is all about.

For more information about Shark Preview, call 1 (800) 541-6682, ext. 28050.

Is your club or organization getting enough attention? Do you want to receive more recognition?

Place an advertisement in The Current and let students know when your next meeting is, or the types of events or causes your club or organization works with.

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Graduate School Planning Day

Is a graduate or professional degree in your future? Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with representatives from more than 30 different institutions.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
University Center

All undergraduate students are encouraged to attend and start planning ahead for their graduate school education. Pre-medical and pre-dental students will be able to pick up their pre-health package at the event.

Raffle & Prizes!

Free Pizza!
Are You Getting What You Pay For?

TIFFANY SIMONCINI
STAFF WRITER

Nova Southeastern University is a newly established and vastly growing university that is in the center of the community. Established in 1964, NSU is a non-profit, fully accredited, coeducational institution. With a rather small classroom setting and a beautiful new campus that is being advanced year by year, there is no wonder why students are willing to spend a "pretty penny" on their education. According to NSU's main Web site, full-time undergraduate tuition fees are approximately $9,900 per semester; totaling $19,800 per year.

Many NSU students are unaware of the resources and benefits that are included within the price of tuition. "I know that my tuition pays for my classes...but I don't really know any extra benefits that are available to me," said Michelle Cintron, a sophomore criminal justice major. Some students reap the benefits of NSU's pricey tuition fees; however, those who are blind to the increasing benefits are missing out on a world of health, fun, leisure and academic success.

College can be stressful at times. NSU offers 10 free counseling sessions for all tuition-paying students. "I think that this is a very beneficial part of the community. Although I did not know about this, I will definitely take advantage of it because it is helpful and if I am paying for it anyway, why not make use of it?" said Sara Haas, a sophomore communications major.

The Past, Present and Future of Textbooks

While many students struggle through classes, others are taking full advantage of the "free" tutoring sessions available to them. Offered by NSU's Office of Academic Services (Located in the Parker Building in Suite 100), this asset is highly valuable and can make a huge difference in student's lives. "I had heard about this service freshman year, but never used it. Now that I am a sophomore, as my classes got harder, I decided to sign up. Now I go almost every week and my classes just seem easier. They are super helpful and everyone should take advantage of this," said John Robinson, a sophomore biology major.

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center is the largest library building in the state of Florida. Students should take full advantage of this facility and everything our tuition pays for within it, including the following: free assessment test provided by the of Career Development office; printing labs; computer, movie and video game rentals; interesting exhibits. Another library service is that students can make unlimited one-on-one appointments with a reference librarian for help with any research that is needed. As students leave the library, they can enjoy the free service of NSU's shuttle bus, which will comfortably and safely take them anywhere on campus.

Students at NSU should take full advantage if the benefits included within their tuition. With the possibilities of increasing health, bettering one's grades and having fun, these services are at your fingertips and ready to be used.

ANNA BLACK
FREELANCE WRITER

When asked how much he spent on textbooks for the Winter 2009 semester, Michael Whitesell, a sophomore business legal studies major replied, "They were expensive. My books cost somewhere between $400 and $500 for this semester alone."

In the past, students and their parents have shelled out hundreds and hundreds of dollars for textbooks every semester, only to sell them back to the bookstore for a small fraction of the price. Some students go online to buy their books from Web sites such as eBay Inc., Amazon.com and Campus Book Rentals in hopes of saving a couple dollars over the notoriously steep bookstore prices. Other students try to work through the semester without purchasing all of their books or sharing with their peers.

Because most classes require students to have one or more textbooks, it is an inevitable cost that students must face. But are they wasting their money on standard, printed textbooks?

With the introduction of Amazon.com's Kindle, it is projected that many will stop traveling to the bookstore and will begin downloading their textbooks for a small percentage of the prices they are now required to spend on textbooks. The Kindle is a 10 ounce electronic device that is about the size of a paperback book and retails for $339 on Amazon.com. "The Kindle began as a novelty electronic for the avid reader and has rapidly become a wanted luxury no longer only for the "Twilight" obsessed, but for those college students who don't want to spend a fortune on textbooks."

Prices for books on the Kindle begin at a few dollars, and generally $9.99 for newly released novels. Prices are able to be lower than purchasing a printed text because it costs publishers less to produce one electronic book than to print thousands of books. This product is also an environmentally friendly alternative to printing millions of textbooks every year at the cost of trees.

Not all textbooks are currently available for purchase on the Kindle. However, if the book can be found on Amazon's Web site, you can request to the publisher that the book be published for the Kindle. Others have found an electronic component on publishers' Web sites that can be downloaded onto the Kindle. Just this fall, Princeton University began asking publishers to print all of their textbooks for Kindle, to make textbooks more available, less cost consuming and more environmentally friendly.

The Kindle has the potential to become a serious rival for college bookstores and a profound friend of the penny-pinching college student. For more information on the Kindle, visit Amazon.com.

The 2009 STUEYS

Attention Students:

The 2009 STUEYS online nomination form is now available. This is just a friendly reminder that the deadline for the STUEYS nominations is Friday, Feb. 6.

You can fill out your application at http://www.nova.edu/studentengagement/stueys/nominations/index.html.
NSU Students Learn About the Four Year Career Plan
ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 28, Carleen Pallante, assistant director of campus relations, from the Career Development office at NSU hosted "The Four Year Career Plan" event in the Alvin Sherman Library.

The attendees ranged from under-graduate to graduate students who were all seeking information on what steps to take towards their careers. "I attended this event because I am trying to find guidance on my career plans and the different options I have," said Juan Viscarrondo, a sophomore who is still not sure what career path to take.

Pallante advised students on things that they should be doing from their freshman year until their senior year. She advised that freshmen should take the opportunity to explore their first year in college by taking as much time to learn about their own skills, personality, lifestyle and preferences. By junior year, their focus should be to learn and gain as much experience as possible in order to have an impressive resume for their senior year, when it is time to apply to either graduate school or for jobs, Pallante commented.

"This was very helpful," said Kimberly Paul, a senior finance major. "It got me thinking about what I need to be doing right now to further my future career."

The event proved to be very interactive and informative, as students advised their peers on career plans. Pallante ended the discussion with the various opportunities and options available through the Career Development office.

For more information about other services offered by the Career Development office, visit www.nova.edu/career.

Events Calendar
February 3 - 9

Enthusiasm and the Law: The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences will host a lecture featuring Jessica Garcia-Brown, Esq., assistant professor in the division. Garcia-Brown will speak about the legal consequences of euthanasia and also discuss the issues surrounding it. The lecture will be held at 12 p.m. in Room 240 of the Parker Building. For more information, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/6.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Enthusiasm: Mercy or Murder?: Vicki Toscano, Ph.D., assistant professor, and Gary Gershman, Esq., Ph.D., associate professor in the division of humanities, will discuss the controversial issues and implications surrounding euthanasia. The lecture will be held at 5 p.m. in Room 1238 of the Parker Building. For more information, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/6.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Enthusiasm: Murder on the Gorilla Train: Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Organizational Behavior Consultant and Speaker Series, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, will speak about his career.

On April 1, 1998, Kevorkian was convicted of first-degree murder for assisting a patient in suicide. Since his conviction, Kevorkian has been imprisoned in California. He is scheduled to be released in 2007.

The event will be held at 12 p.m. in Room 1238 of the Parker Building. For more information, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/6.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Assisted Suicide and the Right to Die: As part of NSU's Distinguished Speakers Series, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, former pathologist and current advocate of physician-assisted suicide, will speak on this much debated topic. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the University Center Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 6

Strengths of the Black Family Film Festival: Hosted by the Graduate School of Human and Social Sciences, this film festival will give attendees the opportunity to view and discuss films that highlight the strengths of black families. This first installment of the festival will feature the movie, "This Christmas." This event will be held at 6 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Debra Nixon, Ph.D., at dnbrown@nova.edu.

Christine Andreas to Perform at Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center,

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Monday, Feb. 2

"Food for the Soul" Series: Members of the NSU community are invited to attend this Black History Month lecture featuring Tiffany Jordan, International Organizational Behavior Consultant and Professor. The lecture will be held at 1 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Carla Wilfow at (954) 262-5149.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Kids in Distress Duck Derby: Through Feb. 6, the Student Leadership and Civic Engagement office, will be selling ducks for the Kids In Distress Duck Derby in the University Center from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Bowman-Wilson at jbowman@nova.edu or visit www.nova.edu/studentleadership.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Power Revealed: In celebration of Black History Month, NSU will present this event, featuring African art from the collection of the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Minneci Courtyard. For more information, contact Arturo Blyden-Richards at blydennri@nsu.nova.edu or call (954) 262-5355.

Poetry Night: Express Your Thoughts: As part of Black History Month, this event will give students the chance to show off their poetic skills and to also enjoy the talents of professional poets. This event will be held at 8 p.m. in the University Center Flight Deck. For more information, contact Natalie Champagne at redcampagne@nova.edu.

Avenue Admission is free, but tickets are required for admittance. Tickets are available in the college's Office of the Dean, located on the second floor of the Mailman-Hollywood Building. For more information, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/6.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Ethics in Journalism: Edgar Feingold, former reporter for the Baltimore Sun and Washington Post, will present a lecture on the ethical issues that journalists face when they work on stories. Feingold also served as president of the Maryland American Civil Liberties Union for many years. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. in Room 2053 of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Megan Fitzgerald at m823@nova.edu.

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Saturday, Feb. 7

No Events Today

Sunday, Feb. 8

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NSU Community Learns About Careers in Industry-Sponsored Clinical Trials

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STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, The Office of Research and Technology Transfer at NSU opened a series of educational seminars for faculty and students interested in research with "Careers in Industry-Sponsored Clinical Trials," at the Alvin Sherman Library. The event featured guest speaker Dr. Melody Sanger, from the Drug Study Institute in Jupiter, Fla. Sanger discussed opportunities in clinical research, including externship opportunities for students. In addition, Sanger discussed the process a drug goes through in order to receive approval. "The U.S. system of new drug approvals is perhaps the most rigorous in the world," explained Sanger. She also commented on the medicinal road to drug discovery and that it takes approximately 12 years and $800 million for a promising new pharmaceutical compound to travel from the bench in the lab to a person's chest.

Sanger described some of the employment opportunities for students interested in various fields of research and informed students that they could go on Big Pharma Web sites to find the human resources reply section for people searching for a job.

"Sanger touched on many topics that many students, including myself, were not familiar with," said Maryela Matamoros, a senior biology major, who expressed her interest in the pre-clinical trial stages of research. She added that Sanger helped her to visualize herself in other areas of research that are just as important as the pre-clinical trials.

Mandy Ma, Ph.D., assistant professor and coordinator of psychology, believed that the event was successful. "This is very informative for students, I'm always looking for opportunities like this that students can get involved in."

Protecting Our Next Generation

MOLLY SIGERICH
FREELANCE WRITER

On Jan. 30 and 31, Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine played host to a national conference on immunization, "Protecting Our Next Generation" was created to educate health care workers on the latest research and information on health protections needed for children from birth to three years of age.

Featured speaker, Dr. David Ashkin, discussed the importance of not only getting young children the Tuberculosis (TB) vaccine, but earlier detection and continuing the research for more effective ways of treating the disease. "One of the biggest killers in the world today is HIV, but people don't die directly from the disease itself. HIV is what weakens the immune system, but TB is what kills them," said Ashkin. As the largest curable infectious killer of young people and adults in the world today, it is hard to believe that the cost to cure a single person of TB is a mere $30 dollars, a fact that Askin mentioned.

Dr. Deborah Mulligan, director of the Institute for Child Health Policy, was another featured speaker at the conference, discussing drowning prevention for toddlers. In Florida, Mulligan explained, because swimming pools are very common, the risk of a young child drowning is increasingly high. "Even if you have to call your local village hall, you can find protective fencing to surround your pool and protect your children," said Mulligan.

The last topic of discussion on Friday was screening for Autism Spectrum disorders. Christine Reeve, Ph.D., of NSU informed the audience about the importance of speaking up as a physician when something seems suspicious with a child. "Only eight percent of pediatric practices do full complete screenings of children," said Reeve, "The most important thing is early intervention, getting children the treatment they need for their disorder as soon as possible."

Not only physicians and health care workers were the target audience at the conference, but also parents were informed of common mistakes made when dealing with the health care system and their young children. All three doctors stressed the need for open communication between parents and physicians when dealing with children up to the age of three years old.

The precautions taken with children around swimming pools were shown to have just as much importance as infants getting their TB shots. Both are forms of "immunizations" that can save young lives by the millions. Although many examples were listed, there is no set checklist for how to protect children from the many dangers they face at the ages from birth to three years. The conference was useful to inform and educate, so that both parents and physicians could be aware of the faint but significant early signs of problems with a child's health.

For more information on this event, visit http://medicine.nova.edu/cc/protecting_generation.html.

Look familiar?

Psoriasis often strikes between the ages of 15 and 25.

1. Guttate psoriasis on chest
2. inverse psoriasis in armpit
3. Psoriasis of the nails

A business degree from NSU. Rays of hope in an economic storm.

From Wall Street to housing to unemployment to recession, these are extraordinary times. But there's still one business decision that can lead to brighter days ahead. A business degree from the Huizenga School at Nova Southeastern University. NSU professors are real-world corporate leaders from companies like GE and Citicorp. They know what it takes to survive and succeed in today's challenging business climate. And with day, evening, weekend and online classes, you can earn your business degree on your terms. So don't miss our open house. Come learn what it takes to really shine.

BUSINESS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

- Learn about our graduate and undergraduate programs.
- Speak with academic and financial aid advisors.
- Receive on-the-spot admissions help.
- Application fee is waived for those who attend.

Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m.
Carl DeSantis Building
R.S.V.P. 954-262-5026 or nova.edu/business
# My Fintastic Voyage...

## Schedule of Events

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Women's Basketball

NSU women’s basketball (8-10; 4-4 SSC) began to turn their season around as they picked up two uplifting Sunshine State Conference victories on Jan. 24 against Florida Southern College.

Junior Stephanie Sarosi (44) crushed Leo University and on Jan. 28 against Florida Southern’s Moccasins with her surprising 58-44, powered by an early 3-point shooting ability.

NSU entered the locker room at the half, 28-27, in their game, while taking on Florida Sharks going in the right direction early on in their game, with 6:22 left in the second half the Sharks pulled away with the lead for good. Junior Stephanie Sarosi (44) had yet another stellar performance as she pulled down 13 rebounds and 23 points.

Sophomore Abbie Tepe (3) got the Sharks going in the right direction early on in their game, while taking on Florida Southern’s Moccasins with her surprising 3-point shooting ability. Both teams entered the locker room at the half, 28-27, in the Sharks favor.

Freshman Stevie Kump (34) sealed the win for the Sharks at 67-62, as she sunk a foul shot with just 3 seconds remaining. The Sharks worked hard in their winning effort as multiple players vastly contributed to the win, Sarosi led with 21 points as Tepe chipped in 14 and freshman Erin Zampell (32) contributed 12. Junior LaShawanna Edwards (23) snatched down seven rebounds.

As the Sharks enter the midpoint of SSC competition, they are maintaining an eighth place position in the conference and are currently ranked No. 4 in the region. Sarosi carries the Sharks in points and rebounding as she is averaging a double-double with 19.9 and 10, respectively. Edwards is averaging 6.9 rebounds while Tepe is upholding near double figures with 9.4 points per game while in SSC play.

Answers to Men’s and Women’s Basketball Exclusive

Across:
1. Dionte Perry
2. Jordan Smith

Up/Down:
1. Ross Allsop
2. Iran Hollis
3. Abbie Tepe
4. Eliza Allen
5. Jen Ceant

Inside the Locker Room: Brittany Monico

ALEX GYNES
STAFF WRITER

Nova Southeastern University’s cheerleading squad is now better than ever thanks to a number of new additions to the team, including freshman Brittany Monico.

In regards to why the team continues to improve, Monico stated, “After every practice we pass a bear around and say how each one of us felt about the practice, positives and negatives.”

Monico is a 5-foot-6-inch base from Bristol, Conn., where she was born and raised by Ty and Kathy Monico, along with her older sister, Alecia. Monico also commented on why she chose to attend NSU, “I chose to come to NSU because of the beautiful landscape and the great scholarship opportunities,” stated Monico.

This elementary education major dreams of graduating in 2013 and becoming a successful teacher. Along with her passion for cheering, Monico loves reading, competitive dance and gymnastics.

In 2005, Monico was a National Ultimate Gold Medallist along with being awarded the George Lon Heart of Dance Scholarship. Monico claims her best assets to the Sharks are her loyalty, responsibility and ability to be loud.

Fin-atics can see Monico in action if they head to the Shark Tank for a men’s or woman’s basketball game, to watch her cheer on the sidelines or on the court during half time.

FUN FACTS ABOUT MONICO

If you were stranded on an island, what are three things you would want to have with you?

“Sunscreen so I can work on my tan, my iPod so I can listen to my music and jam out since I’ll be alone and my bear because I wouldn’t be able to sleep without him.”

Skydiving or bungee jumping?

“Skydiving is much more of a thrill. I think it’s a must do before you die.”

If you could be any superhero, who would it be, and why?

“I would want to be Supergirl. It would give me the ability to have super-strength and super-speed!”

If you were an animal, what would it be?

“I would want to be a golden retriever dog because they’re loyal, fun and cute!”

Facebook or MySpace?

“Facebook all the way!”

What is your greatest childhood memory?

“When I used to spy on my older sister through our cubby entrances (secret door connecting my room to hers).”

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Up/Down:
1) I am a 5-foot-11-inch senior on the NSU baseball team. I wear the No. 3. I am a criminal justice major and I love to go fishing.
2) I am a junior pitcher on the softball team wearing the No. 10. I am currently majoring in nursing. I believe my best asset to the team is my versatility and drive.

Fan of the Week

CHRIS BALABAN
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spotted on the basketball courts in NSU’s RecPlex, Roberto Vinciguerra, a junior biology major, was shooting some hoops over the weekend. Vinciguerra can be seen playing in this season’s intramural basketball league and in attendance at many of NSU’s men’s and women’s basketball games. When asked what he enjoys outside the court, Vinciguerra replied, “I love working on my biceps while listening to Mariah Carey, the Jonas Brothers and Lil’ Weezy. I wish they were on Rockband!” Congratulations to Roberto on being NSU’s “FAN OF THE WEEK!”

Men’s Basketball

TRANELL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

Sharks’ men’s basketball (10-6; 5-3 SSC) dropped two significant Sunshine State Conference games on Jan. 24 against Saint Leo University and on Jan. 28 against Florida Southern College in what were both very closely contested match-ups.

Despite the Sharks’ 72-66 loss to the Saint Leo’s Lions, NSU managed to outshoot the Lions 46.8 percent to 35.1 percent, as well. Junior Dave Naylor (33) shined in addition to out-rebounding them, 42-36, contributing 12 points of his own.

Upon facing Florida Southern’s Moccasins, a series of lead changes were swapped for the majority of the game.

Unfortunately, the Moccasins were able to tire the Sharks out with their speed in the final few minutes of the game, taking the match 69-62.

Senior Tim Coenraad (22) led all scorers with 21 points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals. Perry recorded his eight double-double on the 2008-2009 season, as he tallied together 11 points and 10 rebounds. Teammate Naylor and sophomore John Brooks (2) poured in 11 points each respectively.

Marking the half way point through SSC competition, the Sharks are now ranked third in the conference. Coenraad is leading NSU with a 13.4 scoring average, in light of his 3-point ability which is marked at .413 percent. Perry has had a fantastic season thus far, nearly averaging a double-double with 11.8 points and 9.75 rebounds per game. Naylor following closely behind as he is currently averaging 9.5 points and 7.4 rebounds while in SSC play.

FAN POLL

What sport do you think Homecoming 2009 should be most involved with?

(100 members of the NSU Community were polled)

Men’s Basketball - 35%
Women’s Basketball - 30%
Baseball - 25%
Softball - 10%
At 22-Years-Old, Zach Condon Knows More About Music than You

STEFINI RUBINO

At the tender age of just 19, Zach Condon peanuted his own full-length album under the moniker Beirut. With help from ex-Neutral Milk Hotel drummer Jeremy Barnes, Ba Da Bing! Records presented entitled "Gulag Orkestar" to the world in May 2006. Since then, Zach Condon and his "orfestas" or backing band, have traveled the world. Now, Condon has come back with his duo of EPs titled, "March of the Zapotec" and "Holland.

In an interview with Pitchfork Media in August 2006, Condon revealed that he dropped out of his New Mexico high school at age 16. Shortly after, he and his brother spent four months traveling around Europe, particularly in Paris. It was there that Condon first learned about Balkan folk music, which turned into his major musical inspiration for the years to come.

Two years later, fans and critics still love Beirut. And fortunately for us, his "March of the Zapotec" and "Holland" EPs are due out Feb 16 but have been available for purchase on iTunes from Jan. 27. "March of the Zapotec" is the first of those EPs credited to Beirut, which according to another Condon interview on Pitchfork Media's Web site from October 2008, was inspired by a recent trip to Oaxaca, Mexico. Condon was supposed to be working on a soundtrack for a Mexican film, and when that didn't work out, he decided to stay for vacation.

He goes on to tell a story about a small town right outside of Oaxaca, and how many of the town's people play in a large funeral band. This is where "March of the Zapotec" comes in. Inspired by those funeral bands (Condon recommends watching these bands on YouTube), "March of the Zapotec" is a brilliant and creative fusion of Beirut's "typical" Balkan folk style, and the sound of horns sinking into sadness or bursting with tribulation. Here, Condon's skills as a composer come into play, as a 19-piece band backs him from that small town in Mexico.

The standout tracks on "March of the Zapotec" are "La Llorona" and "The Shrew," a track that, according to Condon, he has been waiting to record. "La Llorona" starts out heavy on the trumpet and other horn instruments, and then Condon's forlorn, melancholic voice eventually joins in. Exactly 1 minute and 17 seconds into the song, the horns break down into a surprising and refreshing orchestral arrangement which leads into the second half of the song. "La Llorona" aptly shows just how well Condon is growing into his talent. That was mentioned earlier. Condon claims in an interview with Vassar College's student newspaper, Miscellany News, that he wrote "The Shrew" years ago, about six to be exact. He goes on to say, "This song, I wrote when I was 16, I think, 16 or 17. And then I re-did it and took it down to Mexico and it just sounded awesome. And he is right; it does sound incredible. Since "The Shrew" is the last track, it serves as the perfect ending to "March of the Zapotec."

On this track, Condon's vocals are accompanied by playful yet despondent horns until the halfway point, where the horns and cymbals take over for the most part. Without that trip to Mexico, I do not see how this track could have even been possible. It is everything I have ever expected to hear from Condon, and on one track no less. "Holland" is written and produced by Condon, but is being released under the moniker Realpeople, which Condon used when he first started making his bedroom recordings. "Holland" features a different and somewhat unusual side of Condon, an electronic side. It seems weird after I just spent much of this article talking about how his influence mostly comes from Balkan folk music, but the end result is not as awkward as the description sounds. I find myself liking "Holland" just about the same as the rest of Condon's recordings and for one reason only: Condon knows his way around track composition, and "Holland" is proof of that. The best track on this EP has to be "My Night with the Prostitute from Marseille." The song has a simple and repetitive beat with Condon's classic heartbroken vocals leading the beat to a graceful and interesting conclusion. For the most part, the lyrics of this song tell an exciting and interesting story regardless of the type of music backing it.

Condon, who is now 22, has already accomplished great things in his short and successful career. Now, add "March of the Zapotec" and "Holland" to that record. Once again—or should I say twice—Condon is a capable, creative and talented musician with a thing or two to show us about "Old World" music.

Strong P: And your point is?

Goodfellow: (Holds hands up in dismissal) Wait... wait. I am giving you what you want; anger and disapproval. Your evil artwork will find no canvas to illuminate on today.

Evilone: Hmm... evil and illuminate. (Tapping his chin with his forefinger) It is interesting that you should use those two words in the same sentence. I have always believed evil is simply good misunderstood.

Goodfellow: You are obviously joking?

Evilone: No, I'm serious as my hate for you. I honestly believe that no one has ever taken the time to truly understand me.

Goodfellow: Well, even so, we are not here for you. We are here for him. So please, just be selfish for once.

Evilone: (Places his hand over his heart) Am you trying to say that I am selfish? my dear Goodfellow?

Goodfellow: Is it not obvious?

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

Evilone: gets up and moves towards the Well of Fate

Evilone: (Snarkily) No, I'm not mind you Evilone. Let us see what is happening in the prison.

Both men are standing in an enclosed room with two chairs. They are looking into the Well of Fate, arguing about the decision a murderer—about is who about to face capital punishment—and make, and what his fate well be. Instead, they end up arguing about each other's role in the lives of men.

Evilone: (Wonderingly) Do you suppose he truly fears dying? Because I would be very disappointed after all the hard work I put into his life.

Goodfellow: Even if he is afraid, it is understandable. It is his ultimate decision that tortures me.

Evilone: Torment? Interesting use of words my good fellow. That word does wonderful things to my creative genius. It makes me think of all the Kodak moments he and I will have.

Goodfellow: (Steps pacing and facing Evilone) You're very eager to determine his fate. The fact that we are here means he is considering repentance. So, do not be so easily to find new ground to plant your seeds of torture.

Evilone: (Cynical laughter) You say torture and think pain and agony. I say torture and think Disneyland. Now, is it fair to deny me happiness? Your Employer recommends it to everyone.

Goodfellow: (Angry) You are abominable

Evilone: (Patronizing) Why thank you.

Goodfellow: You are a twisted, tyrannical...

Evilone: Goodfellow, you flatter me unnecessarily. (Smiles cheekily) You make my cheeks grow hot.

Goodfellow: You live in fire!
3-D Delivers the Gore In “My Bloody Valentine”

RACQUEL FAGON
VARIETY EDITOR

Let me start off by saying that horror flicks are not exactly my choice of movie entertainment, especially since the taste of horror flicks has changed from bone-chilling, mind-believing scares to blood-guzzling, weapon-wielding freak shows. “My Bloody Valentine” is no different from any other “new” slasher-horror flick. But the added bonus is the 3-D technology that director Patrick Lussier uses to bring out, and then use to disgustingly entice moviegoers. Another intriguing aspect of the film is the brandished nudity of both men and women, even as their chests are torn open, being watched.

The voice of evil is Harry Warden, a coal miner who is left in a coma after a tragic accident. When he regains consciousness, he goes into a killing frenzy and hacks up several residents in the town of Harmony (this seems to be a popular town name in horror flicks) before the police finally kill him; or so they believed. Then a couple of years later, similar pick-axe murders start to recur, and the survivors of the last massacre begin to suspect that maybe good ole’ Warden isn’t really dead.

As with all horror flicks, there are several people who through the mercy of death are temporarily saved from Warden’s blood-guzzling, weapon-wielding freak show. But the added bonus is the 3-D technology that director Patrick Lussier uses to bring out, and then use to disgustingly entice moviegoers.

The film fulfills its purpose of giving lots of blood and guts. Forget a good story line and passable acting, as those are little connected to the others. As an extra bonus, Patrick Lussier includes enough eye-popping, scream-inducing gore to satisfy the quota for both movies.

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**Should Assisted Suicide Be Legalized?**

**Pro**

**Con**

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**STEFANI RUBINO**

OPINIONS EDITOR

In honor of the great Jack Kevorkian, M.D., coming to give a lecture on our campus, a fellow writer and I, with opposing views, decided it would be a good idea to tackle the subject of assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia. Assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia are touchy subjects in this country as people on both sides of the argument are made to look like a bunch of horrible people who don’t want to help the sick die with dignity.

However, if I were ever in a terrible accident that leaves me paralyzed and disfigured, diagnosed with a terminal illness or wind up in a persistent vegetative state, I’d want someone like Kevorkian around to help me die a painless and dignified death. There, I said it, in print and irrevocable and I am comfortable with that.

I say that, because some psychologists claim that patients requesting assisted suicide or voluntary euthanasia suffer from some kind of mental disorder or mental illness. As far as I know, I am not suffering from a mental disorder and never have.

In a way, people in my position sort of do an impression of a seemingly religious woman, from some far off city, who does an impression of a seemingly religious man, a few miles away, who does not even care about my health.

Regardless of whether the patient is suffering from a mental illness, it should be his/her choice to end his/her life or continue suffering. Treating a patient for depression or bipolar disorder or any other mental illness cannot cause the pain and emotional distress caused by terminal illness.

One patient, though, would just rather not be waited on hand-and-foot because they are unable to do anything for themselves. For these patients, it is completely unfair for someone miles away to tell them they cannot die because it’s against “God’s” wishes or against the law. Some patients would rather die quickly, peacefully and comfortably, not drowning in their own vomit or lying in their own excrement. Once again, for these patients, the option needs to be left open and the choice should be there for them to take advantage of or not.

In closing, I think giving someone the right to do something (i.e. the right to die) that does not hurt anyone else, can only help society, not damage it further. With that being said, people should be given the right to do whatever they want to their bodies as long as they are not harming the people around them.

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**NAIDAH ALCIME**

STAFF WRITER

The right to choose is limited when the person expressing the wish is incapable of rationally deciding on an issue as serious as life and death. Just like a child with limited knowledge may make an irrational decision that he or she wants to forever eat only candy, so is a decision from a depressed, terminally ill patient who decides he or she wants to die.

Neither the child nor the patient has fully grasped that the implications of his or her decision is not best. And it’s not important what they want, but why they want it. Terminally ill patients want to die mostly because they have an emotional disorder, are experiencing unnecessary pain or wrongly feel that they are a burden to society.

Let’s face it. Few people just sit down and make a cool, rational decision to commit suicide. In fact, studies have indicated that 93 to 94 percent of those committing suicide suffer from some identifiable mental disorder—the largest portion of which suffer from emotional disorders such as depressive or bipolar disorders. The desire to end one’s life is often the result of an individual’s disorder combined with a distorted perception that his/her situation is hopeless. However, experts in psychology recognize that the evaluations these individuals make of their personal situations are flawed.

In a study titled “Dichotomous Evaluations in Suicidal Individuals,” researchers found that, during this time, suicidal individuals are obsessed with the idea of killing themselves, they tend to think in a very rigid, dichotomous way, seeing everything in “all or nothing” terms; they are unable to see any real alternatives. Patients with such disorders make distorted judgments, and thus the “judgment” they make to end their lives cannot be honored—especially with someone else’s assistance.

When it comes to alleviating the pain that terminally ill patients experience, “mercy killing” is not necessary because death is neither the only, nor the best, remedy for that pain. The better response is to make sure the medicine and technology currently available to control the pain is used more effectively. The problem is that we have transformed the medical personnel outmoded or inadequate methods—consequently failing to bring the very possible relief.

Doctor Kathleen Foley, chief of Pain Services at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, explained how she has frequently seen patients whose request for physician-assisted suicide has decreased their pain and other symptoms. Instead of trying to legalize the killing of patients in pain, the public should be making sure that doctors are taught to use the most effective pain management available.

Another part of this argument comes on the fact that terminally ill patients seek suicide because they are depressed, not because they are ill. Even Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the so called “death doctor,” said at a court appearance that he considers anyone with a disabling disease who is not depressed “abnormal.” But what Kevorkian and others who argue in favor of physician-assisted suicide ignore is that even though the disease itself may be untreatable, the depression is treatable. The focus should then be depression management, not death.

Further, if assisting suicide is legalized, many terminally ill patients will be led to feel that they are burdens and have a duty to die. As indicated in a 1991 Boston Globe survey, many consider suicide primarily because they are pressured into seeing themselves as burdens on their families or society. Family members who support the suicide of a terminally ill patient often unconsciously reinforce the notion that the ill family member’s life has lost all meaning and value and is nothing but a “burden.” Thus, I think if assisting suicide for such cases is legalized, it is very likely in practice to immediately become a “duty to die.”

Finally, physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients should not be legalized because of the risk of killing a misdiagonsied person. There have been countless cases where doctors have been significantly wrong about the length of time that a patient has to live and/or about the nature of the sickness. The greatest example of which is Kevorkian himself, who was only given one year to live but has already lived almost two years longer than his original prognosis gave him.

Therefore, proponents of legalizing voluntary euthanasia should stop focusing on “mercy killing” and should be more focused on improving the right therapy, medication and support they need before their time comes.
Would You Like Some Salmonella With That PB & J?

In early January, the Food and Drug Administration recalled thousands of products containing potentially contaminated peanut butter. Last year sort of seemed like a record year for food borne illness contaminations across the country, with the FDA recalling spinach, tomatoes and even jalapenos.

As a vegetarian, this recall affects me big time, as peanut butter and products containing peanut butter serve as a substantial part of my diet. Needless to say, the American food industry is horrible.

It’s no secret that Americans love food. Americans love food so much that we have festivals in its honor, we have eating contests, we have built large supermarket corporations and supermarkets filled with products we can buy year round and we are quite possibly the most obese nation in the world. So, I suppose it was necessary for a multi-billion dollar industry to grow out of these kinds of attitudes towards food.

From the very beginning of the industry, it was obvious there were problems, and tons of them. So many problems, in fact, that writers and artists were prompted to write not to say to tell the truth, to take note and critique these problems early on. Upton Sinclair’s “The Jungle” was published in 1906, and shows the ills of the American meat packing industry.

Since then, laws have been passed to help prevent things such as salmonella outbreaks in peanut butter products from happening. More books have been written and films have been made, but nobody really seems interested in finding a solution. Here’s why: solutions cost time and money, and lots of it.

If there are a couple things big corporations are not willing to give up, it is money and time. And why should they? Corporations cannot technically, in fact, be held morally responsible for someone’s child dying of dehydration caused by salmonella infection. On top of that, these companies probably have too much liability insurance that, in the long run, it probably costs them less to poison people than to retain employees, buy new equipment and improve the quality of the machinery and plants.

Now, I am not trying to say they let this happen on purpose but what I am saying is they are not taking the proper precautions. Even though, as I said before, corporate entities cannot technically be held morally responsible, the people working for these companies can, especially the people making important decisions.

As a food production company or distributor, I would think preventing illness from occurring from their products would be at the top of their “concerns” list. Apparently, though, it is not. These interests lie in saving as much money on production costs as possible so their CEOs can take their trips to the South of France once a month.

This article could take up the entire newspaper talking about the things they do to help save money, but it can be summed up in one simple sentence: they want more food, they want it now and they want to spend the least amount of money producing it.

Perhaps, though, this issue is partly our fault as a nation. The beginning of the 20th century brought about a change in the way people live and eat. With less farms around and more urbanization, it is almost ridiculous to think this could bring about better quality food.

Unfortunately, Americans also happen to be extremely demanding, which is why our food production does not follow the seasons, as it should. We can get summer squash in the winter and winter squash in the spring. We can get every nut available in every winter squash in the spring. We can get every nut available in season all year round.

So, why is this? Perhaps, it is because the food industry has become so efficient and fully understanding the information it is exchanged over the Internet. Even though some WebCT classes have classes as well, which allows a visual component, I still feel like it feels more interactive and team-oriented.

Additionally, I found that procrastination and/or late assignments can also sometimes be a result of online-only classes. In my experience, it always helps me to have a physical class appointment, to serve as a reminder that an assignment is coming up. I have found that without this reminder, I end up falling behind on assignments, and not only that, I have to chance to fully understand the information. But this may just be my personal experience.

Another medium that may have potential issues regarding electronic based information is e-mail. Since e-mails can be sent over the Internet in seconds, many may consider them efficient and even environmentally friendly, as they are paperless, which are both advantages of Internet communication. However, with speed comes error, and the potential to forget to include important information, thus creating the added work of sending the “I forgot to attach the document” e-mail.

Additionally, a conversation over e-mail can be downright destructive at times. Unlike face-to-face conversations, a person cannot necessarily hear a person’s tone in an e-mail. Consequently, sarcasm or even a pug-blank statement can easily be taken as rude or even offensive. If a disagreement occurs, then what was supposed to be a simple 30 second request, can turn into a 20 minute mediation, thus diminishing the efficiency of this technological medium.

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As a nation of eaters, but we are also a nation of people demanding convenience. So, while these dirty corporations should be held responsible for the things they do, we should hold ourselves responsible for the way we eat as well.

Editor’s Note

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After spending some time with students, it appears that many of them prefer to use an electronic medium to communicate with their professors in some way. While WebCT, e-mail and Google all seem like super-fast and super-effective ways to send, receive and research information over the Internet, since the information exchange is happening on the “information nonexistent superhighway”, in which communication is basically done through another technological realm, it made me want to articulate what may be lost in translation during the exchange of information between the technological world and the student.

While WebCT offers more people a chance to get involved in the learning process, since the education process is not fully physical and conducted in-person, it made me wonder if students are truly getting the college experience and fully understanding the information if it is exchanged over the Internet.

Even though some WebCT classes have tools such as Illuminate, which allows a visual component, I still feel like it is important to be in the presence of a professor as the learning experience feels more interactive and team-oriented.

Additionally, I found that procrastination and/or late assignments can also sometimes be a result of online-only classes. In my experience, it always helps me to have a physical class appointment, to serve as a reminder that an assignment is coming up. I have found that without this reminder, I end up falling behind on assignments, and not only that, I have to chance to fully understand the information. But this may just be my personal experience.

Another medium that may have potential issues regarding electronic based information is e-mail. Since e-mails can be sent over the Internet in seconds, many may consider them efficient and even environmentally friendly, as they are paperless, which are both advantages of Internet communication. However, with speed comes error, and the potential to forget to include important information, thus creating the added work of sending the “I forgot to attach the document” e-mail.

Additionally, a conversation over e-mail can be downright destructive at times. Unlike face-to-face conversations, a person cannot necessarily hear a person’s tone in an e-mail. Consequently, sarcasm or even a pug-blank statement can easily be taken as rude or even offensive. If a disagreement occurs, then what was supposed to be a simple 30 second request, can turn into a 20 minute mediation, thus diminishing the efficiency of this technological medium.

Perhaps, though, this issue is partly our fault as a nation. The beginning of the 20th century brought about a change in the way people live and eat. With less farms around and more urbanization, it is almost ridiculous to think this could bring about better quality food.

Unfortunately, Americans also happen to be extremely demanding, which is why our food production does not follow the seasons, as it should. We can get summer squash in the winter and winter squash in the spring. We can get every nut available all day every day of the year. We have an endless supply of cow’s milk and goat’s milk, making us the only animals in the world that can drink a different species’ milk for sustenance. We can get black beans, kidney beans and garbanzo beans anytime.

As a nation of eaters, but we are also a nation of people demanding convenience. So, while these dirty corporations should be held responsible for the things they do, we should hold ourselves responsible for the way we eat as well.

On The Scene

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Who Do You Think Is the Most Significant Person in Black History?

"Barack Obama, because he is making history.”
Carolina Sanchez, a sophomore psychology major.

"Madam CJ. Walker, because if it wasn’t for her, what would I do with my hair? I would be a one-hair-headed sister.”
Danielle Pyton, a junior musical theatre major.

"Martin Luther King Jr., because he led the civil rights movement.”
Aranuxa Perez, a sophomore psychology major.

"Rosa Parks, because I think she shows that someone can make a big impact with a small action.”
Ethan Blick, a freshman marketing major.
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