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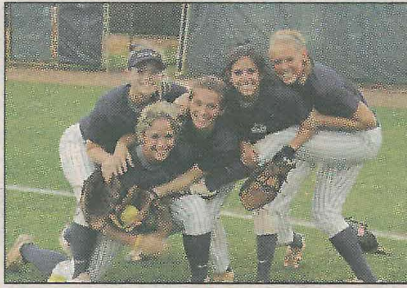
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Do YOU Feel Safe on Campus?

NSU Students Speak out About this Disturbing Dilemma

Tanya Parnes

NSU News Editor

▼ NSU's Public Safety department, also known as NOVALERT, is designed to give students, faculty and staff twenty-four hour a day access to security and safety on campus. Some of their services include a lost and found department located inside the Security Operations Center (SOC) of the Parker Building, reporting lost or stolen SharkCards, safety escorts throughout the campus and vehicle assistance in the instance that a member of the NSU community cannot get into his or her car for some reason. The campus is well equipped, sporting 114 emergency "Blue Light" phones that will connect to the Public Safety office immediately. SOC is also wired

with state-of-the art electronic equipment that monitors different aspects of the campus. 520 video cameras have been placed strategically across the campus to help monitor the level of unusual or dangerous activity, if any, at all times.

"There are fourteen Public Safety officers patrolling the campus during the evenings, plus one dedicated solely to the residential parking lots," said Bronson Bias, Executive Director of Protective Services. "In an emergency activation of a Blue Light NOVALERT phone, Public Safety officers respond ASAP. The goal is to arrive within one minute." Bias noted that the most reported incident on NSU's

campus is lost and found property reports. "Fairness and professionalism to students, faculty and staff is Public Safety's policy and this policy is a large part of PSD officer training," said Bias, who is very satisfied with the job performance of the Public Safety officers at the university. Bias noted that the few complaints received in his office are usually related to parking issues on campus. "Public Safety issues roughly 180 parking tickets in any given week," said Bias, who pointed out that there are relatively few complaints on file related to this issue. "Field Patrol Officers do not have the electronic parking ticket writing equipment to perform parking violation enforcement

and are free from parking control to perform safety and security duties," said Bias. "If a student is aware of anything suspicious, improper and/or unlawful, the student should immediately call NOVALERT." Bias also discussed Public Safety's policy regarding locking the doors on campus in the evenings to ensure student safety. "Public Safety's policy is to lock the doors as post orders indicate," said Bias. "In most cases, doors are equipped with crash bars or electronic locking mechanisms that allow people to exit without encumbrance and the doors lock behind them when they

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SHARKS UNITED Wins 2008-2009 SGA Election

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▼ Philip Ortiz, a junior and finance major, is NSU's newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) president for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Julian Brownlee is the newly elected Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Anthony Campenni is the newly elected Vice President of Judicial Affairs. The SHARKS UNITED party was victorious at the polls and were announced the winners at the victory party held in the Flight Deck on April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"I think that Phil has worked very hard

all year long and he really cares about the university," said Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., one of the advisors to the SGA. "He will try very hard to do things to benefit the college. Every year SGA gets better and more involved. The voter turnout is a reflection of how hard Philip and his party have worked." Gershman hopes that those who did not win this election will still remain active within SGA in the upcoming year.

Terry Morrow, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and the

other advisor to the SGA, was extremely happy with this year's voter turnout. "We only established the online voting system last year," said Morrow. "The goal is to allow all students to vote. We wanted to make sure that it was fair since not all students can make it to the polls." Morrow worked very closely with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to help create a special Web link which all students could access in order to cast their votes. OIT ensured that students would only be able to vote once, so as to prevent any kind of

abuse or misuse of the online voting system and to ensure that the election was fair.

There were some problems that arose however. "I think that there are always issues that arise and we always expect that," said Morrow. "We wait for them to come about and then deal with them." The issues Morrow is referring to involve the online voting system. "This year there were some students who were having problems voting online," said Morrow. "The first issue was

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leave. Staff members are generally permitted to work outside of normal business hours in their office and department areas. Students also have 24 hour access to the HPD cafeteria to study."

"I always see security around the different areas on campus as well as by the parking areas," said Michelle Carrion, a freshman and management major who commutes to NSU during the daytime for class. Carrion noted that one of her friends had a very positive experience with Public Safety which has left her with a favorable impression of them. "A friend of mine had lost her ID but was told that a professor had turned it into the Public Safety office," said Carrion. "When she asked them for it, they could not find it anywhere. However, they accepted the fact that someone had turned it in so they did not charge her to replace it."

Jacqueline Morales, a freshman and biology major who also commutes to campus is pretty satisfied with Public Safety too. "When I'm here in school I feel pretty safe and secure," said Morales. "I've never felt unsafe." These same sentiments were echoed by Amanda Peters, a sophomore and biology major, who also commutes to and from NSU. "I feel that the security on campus is pretty good," said Peters. "There's always security around so I've never had a reason to be concerned with anything."

Marion Kiprop, a first year graduate student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, lives in the CLC residential hall and feels very secure on campus. "I think it's pretty safe because I leave class at 9 p.m. I walk back to my dorms and I do see Public Safety around." Kiprop feels that Public Safety has been very helpful to her whenever she has needed them for something. "I locked my room key in my dorm room once and the residential staff members were not in the dorm at the time," said Kiprop. "I saw Public Safety outside my hall and asked for help. They were very kind and extremely helpful."

However, other students on campus hold a less favorable opinion of Public Safety. "I realize that they have police around the dorms at all times which is great," said Todd Riethmiller, a junior and computer information systems major who lives in The Commons. "My real concern however, is that there is no real protection by the Mailman Building which is where the guests on campus are required to park." Riethmiller said that while Public Safety does a fairly adequate job for the most part, he is worried about the absence of security around that part of campus. "My girlfriend once called Public Safety to inquire about the reason for the lack of security by the guest parking by the Mailman Building," said Riethmiller. "They told her that securing that part of the campus simply wasn't a

major concern of theirs at the time."

Melissa Correia, a sophomore and international studies major who also lives in The Commons, said that she is highly dissatisfied with the performance of Public Safety on this campus. "They just sit in their cars, whip out their laptops and chat on their phones, while they are supposed to be looking out for crime," said Correia who is very angry about the whole situation. "As soon as somebody walks by they pull up something official looking up on their laptops to make it seem as though they were doing some kind of legitimate work." Correia noted that she had seen some Public Safety vehicles parked in the corner of the lot the night that the break-ins had occurred a few months ago and simply could not understand how they missed the eight incidents completely. "When something happens on campus they want to be all up in your face, but in actuality they don't really do anything," said Correia. "When an incident occurs they act like they want to do their job for a week or two. For two weeks after the break-ins, Public Safety had been driving all over the parking lots and then they stopped once again." Correia feels outraged

by their behavior and their alleged lack of concern for the NSU student population.

"When you're coming in from a late night out, there are always thirty-plus cars parked in the only available student parking spaces on campus that do not have NSU decals on them," said Correia. "That's when they should be giving out tickets because there are legitimate reasons for doing so. However, Public Safety will wait until early in the morning to hand out tickets, so you, who had no choice but to park illegally since your legitimate parking spot was taken the night before by a non-NSU student, will be the one to get penalized." Correia also claims that several Public Safety vehicles speed by the crosswalks rather than stopping for the students who are trying to cross over to their cars. "We have an extremely open campus and Public Safety says they are here for us, yet they're never around," said Correia. "The Blue Light phones are inconveniently located and when you have to use one, the officers actually have the nerve to try to ask you a million questions when you're calling desperately for immediate assistance." Correia says that she often observes at least three or more Public Safety officers as well as the two Davie policemen, who are supposed to be patrolling the campus, standing around chatting the night away instead of looking out for the students. "They spend more time harassing students over parking violations than anything else, and they're not even consistent at that," said Correia. "All they want to do is give out tickets and get more money out of you. They're trained

"For as much money as I pay to go here I should feel safe on campus at night."

to ticket you and get as much money as possible out of those who attend Nova Southeastern University."

Bias stated that his number one concern on NSU's campus is student safety and security. Bias noted that he takes violations of that policy very seriously, especially if some of the Public Safety officers are not fulfilling their job duties. "Recently, I have not received any complaints about one of our officers being inattentive to his duties," said Bias. "I would encourage anyone with knowledge of such misconduct to contact NOVALERT at 954-262-8999 or to call me directly at 954-262-8981. You can also email me at bronsonb@nova.edu."

Another NSU student, who is a senior at the university but wishes to remain anonymous, has had some negative experiences with Public Safety as well, leaving him with a very bad taste in his mouth regarding campus security. "My girlfriend used to work over at the law library during the night shifts so she would have to close up by herself very late in the evenings," said the student. "One night NOVALERT came by to lock up the building. She explained to them that she was alone and waiting for me

to pick her up. Then she asked if she could wait inside where it was lit so she was not

alone in the dark. The officer had no regard whatsoever for her personal security and made her wait outside in the dark until I showed up to get her. She was scared and he was completely apathetic." The student is extremely angry with the way that the Public Safety officers operate on this campus and feels that they do not care about the students at all. He feels as though they simply want to show up to work, get paid and go home without any care or concern for those whom they are supposed to be watching and protecting. "I used to work at the gym and I would watch Public Safety officers consistently hiding out in their offices or in a corner where they would not be found," said the student. "They are never there when you need them and purposefully try to hide so people cannot ask them for help with different things. When you actually do call them over for some assistance, you can see in the way they drag themselves over to you and through their overall body language that they really do not want to help you out."

Latoya Greenwood, a second year masters student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, is thoroughly disgusted with the performance of Public Safety on campus. "Hell no, it is not safe here at NSU," said Greenwood. "I think that safety should be a top priority for the administrators of this university. Since NSU is an open campus, more steps should be taken to provide protection for students

and staff especially for those of us who are here after 5 p.m." Greenwood said that the campus needs to be better equipped with lighting and emergency Blue Light telephones. Greenwood said that she simply does not feel safe with the campus as it is right now. "There need to be more patrolmen who actively engage in doing their jobs, instead of just riding around, chilling in their vehicles with the air conditioner on, talking on their cell phones, listening to their ipods and chatting with one another," said Greenwood. "I don't think they do anything which means they serve no purpose on campus. There has got to be something wrong with their training because there is no reason for people to be breaking into cars or stealing things on this campus." Greenwood said that she never actually sees the Public Safety officers anywhere when she walks around this campus during the evenings. "The vehicles themselves and the flyers about Public Safety are around," said Greenwood. "Yet the Public Safety officers stand around the steps of the Horowitz building talking to one another. When you're a female walking alone on campus they don't even bother to say hello and see if you are alright."

Greenwood recalls an incident that occurred a few nights ago as she was walking past the UC on her way back to the residential halls. "I was walking on campus the other night by the parking lot in front of the Mailman building and a group of about six guys was exiting the UC heading in my direction," said Greenwood. "One of them started trying to talk to me but I ignored him. As I did so he started getting nasty and calling me names. I kept walking as fast as I could but I felt threatened and very angry." Greenwood said that Public Safety was nowhere to be seen during the occurrence and that made her extremely upset.

Greenwood is very irritated and aggravated with Public Safety. "They constantly harass you for the wrong things," said Greenwood. "For as much money as I pay to go here I should feel safe on campus at night."

Bias noted that Public Safety officers are responsible for locking down the campus at night. "The officers have a scheduled routine wherein they finish one task and go on to another building or facility and complete similar tasks," said Bias. "If someone wishes an escort to their vehicle or a facility on campus, they can call NOVALERT and Public Safety will walk them to their destination." Bias was concerned about the situation that Greenwood described because student safety on campus is his primary goal. "It is unfortunate that any student, like the one you described, could be taunted or jeered and whenever something like this occurs, the victim should call NOVALERT and/or the Davie Police at 911," said Bias. "An immediate response from Public Safety Officers and the Town of Davie Police will follow."

NSU's Advertising Campaign Wins 17 Distinctions in Two National Awards Competitions

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NSU News Editor



▼ NSU's "Your Future. Your Terms." advertising campaign was recently awarded twelve distinctions in the 22nd Annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition on March 1, 2008. This competition included more than 2,100 entries from over 1,200 colleges and universities throughout the nation as well as several foreign countries. One of the distinctions included the prestigious

"Best of Show" award. NSU also received five awards in the American Advertising Federation 2008 Addy Awards event held in Miami on March 1, 2008. The awards were based on the best work for top brands which include Fortune 500 companies.

Dave Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations, said that he is very happy with NSU's new branding campaign. "What we're trying to do with branding is make NSU stand for something," said Dawson. "We want to attach certain attributes to the name NSU so that when people hear it as they come here for recruiting purposes or for an event, it stands for something." Dawson said that the aim with NSU's new campaign is to

attract prospective students as well as their parents to the university. "We have added music, an entertainment value, showing the campus in such a way that people have a sense of place and to give them an idea of campus life," said Dawson. "You want to show and demonstrate the student body and I think that, arguably, it's here. If you want to come to college and have a work hard play hard atmosphere then it is all here [at NSU] to do so. We have to demonstrate that in our advertisements."

Dawson said that NSU is going to be adding to their current advertising campaign through new techniques including blogging about the university and posting YouTube messages on the internet.

"People can either like or dislike your advertising but they will still stop and look at it if it is interesting," said Dawson. "A lot of people don't know about the fact that we have a great medical school or that our dental school is in the top ten schools in the country. All of this advertising is done with the intent of bringing prestige to the university, not only to get students to come, not only to get students to stay, but to add value to your degree."

"People don't know how great our university is," said Dawson. "The fact that you win awards because people like your advertisements and think that they are

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that Banner told them they had already voted. The second issue was that Banner told several students that they were not authorized to use the system." SGA elections were set to begin Monday, March 31 and run through Thursday, April 3. "The link for online voting was sent out on Sunday, March 30 instead of that Monday, March 31 therefore the ballot was not quite ready yet," said Morrow. "Anyone who tried to use the online voting system on Sunday and had voted in last year's election was therefore told by the computer that they had already cast their vote. The computer was pulling up last year's records." Morrow was alerted to this problem when several students approached her about the glitch in the system.

In order to combat the problem, Morrow sent out a mass email once again to all NSU undergraduate students on Wednesday April 2, reminding them to go out and vote. The email also included a message from Morrow asking those students who had difficulty voting to contact her for assistance in the matter. "Another issue was that Banner was telling students that they were not authorized to vote." About five students received that message and reported back to Morrow with this second glitch in the system. "I sent the information into OIT to be fixed," said Morrow. "Most times these students simply weren't coded correctly for campus. The information just had to be fixed."

Melissa Haggerty, Associate Director of Web Development in OIT, was one of the individuals who worked on setting up this online voting system. "There were glitches with the online voting this year and OIT did rectify the problems as they arose," said Haggerty. "Whenever any glitches were found and reported they were dealt with to the best of our abilities." Haggerty said that OIT worked quickly to fix the problems as they occurred and to resolve the situation. Haggerty also pointed out that those student votes cast on Sunday March 30, by students who had not voted in last year's election were counted. "All votes that were cast on March 30 by students

who did not vote in last year's election did count," said Haggerty.

There were a total of 489 votes cast in this year's election which is the largest number so far in NSU history. "I'm impressed with the turnout for this year," said Morrow. "Every year we look for ways to reach new students and to allow them access to campus. Some students just really want to get involved on campus while others just want to have a say in their student government. This is one way that we're trying to reach students and it's really been working since we've had such a huge difference in the turnout."

Lemar Dyer, a freshman and biology major, was shocked by the lack of student involvement in the SGA election. "I thought that it was pretty interesting that only 400 or so kids voted when we have over 2,000 undergraduate students on campus," said Dyer. "I'm disappointed that only a certain amount of students voted. I really hope that more students show up next year and get involved in what's going on around this campus. Students complain about a lot about things, but then they don't go out and vote."

Christina Chubb, a junior and sports management major, who was running on one of the opposing tickets was a little saddened by the results. "I think that Shane's platform was the most attainable and realistic one in regards to the SGA budget," said Chubb. "I hope that the students' voices and needs will really be reached. I believe that Shane would have done a good job focusing on the students' needs rather than his own personal agenda." Chubb said that even though Ortiz has been in SGA and has had some experience with the organization she is concerned about next year. "I plan on returning as the Athletic Senator to what will hopefully be a successful year and will hopefully include some of the ideas that Shane proposed," said Chubb.

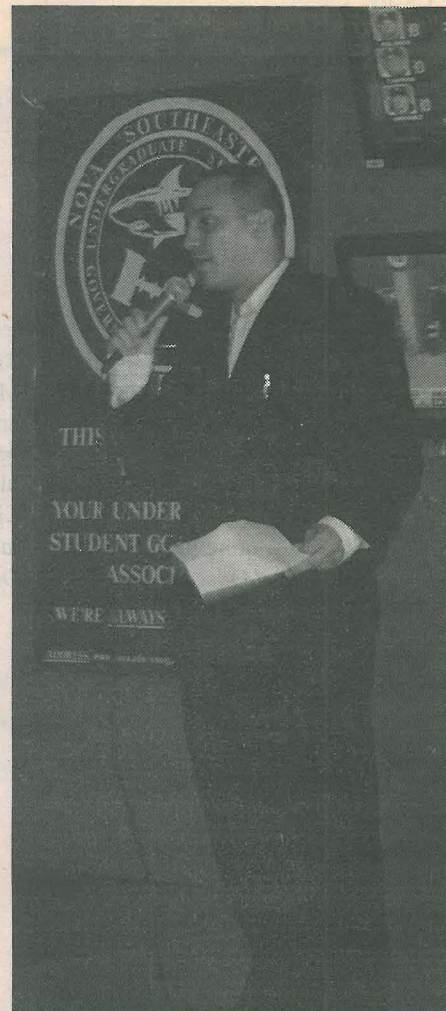
Ujash Patel, a sophomore and biology major, was really dissatisfied with the election results. "I'm definitely disappointed that Shane didn't win because I think he's the most qualified," said Patel. "I'm concerned that SGA's budget is going to be lowered because the winning

party's platform is too expensive. It would cost too much to even do one or two of the intended events." Patel is also irritated at the tactics that Ortiz's party utilized. "I think the thing that I'm most upset about is not the fact that Phil won, but the way he won," said Patel. "I think it's wrong to go up to students on campus, hand them your laptop, and ask them to vote. The reason that was allowed was because it was not defined clearly in the rules. I think the parties should have had a mutual respect for one another and not [use such tactics]." Even though Patel is upset at the results he plans to remain active in next year's SGA. "I will be Fraternal Senator again next year and *The Current* will hear from me if the platform is not met," said Patel.

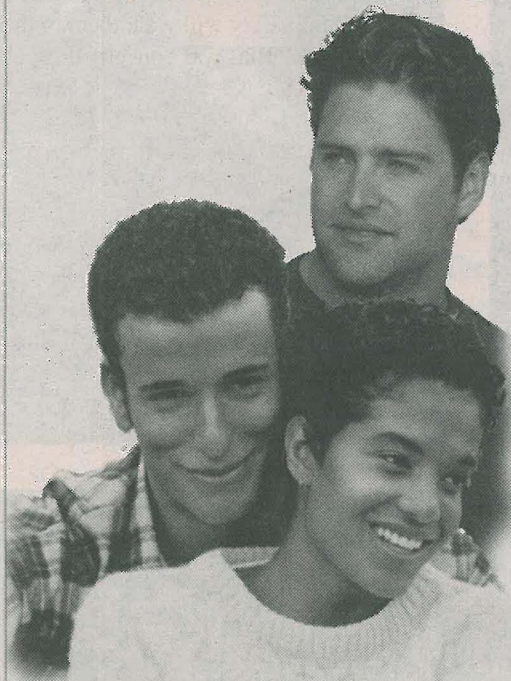
Titina Gist, one of the members of the Organizational Standards Board (OSB) for SGA noted that there were no explicit rules banning the practice of using one's computer to garner votes. "We never specified in the guidelines whether or not it was alright to go around with your computer to people and ask them to vote," said Gist. "So once we heard that it was going on, we spoke with Terry Morrow and decided that these candidates would be allowed to go around with the computers. They were allowed to ask students if they had voted; however, they were not allowed to ask them to vote specifically for one party or another." Gist said that OSB plans to update its rules and create specific guidelines before next year's election cycle.

Brandy Shafer, a sophomore and biology major is pleased with the election results. "I think that the right party won and I am sure that Philip will do a great job," said Shafer. "I'm really happy with this year's election turnout."

"I am so proud of all of the work that the current SGA has done. All of the success they have had and the foundation they have laid is going to make my job that much easier," said Ortiz. "It says a lot and is really nice to know that so many students have voted. It's definitely a step in the right direction. I am happy to be a part of an organization that was able to get so many people out to vote."

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pretty is always good. It feels good. In our case, however, we are actually attracting more students and attention to the university." Dawson said that people often like ads that are pretty, yet they have absolutely no idea what the message was in the end. "I like it when we win [awards] based on the fact that [the ads are] doing what was intended. They're not just pretty and fun but are attracting students," said Dawson. "There are an infinite number of messages and ways of messaging. The reward is that it's doing what we want it to do. The recognition comes from people's feedback and response to learning about NSU."

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monday

▼ *Afghanistan Today:*

Members of the NSU community are invited to join Bahaudin G. Mujtaba, Ph.D., as he discusses present day Afghanistan. The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

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tuesday

▼ *Comparative Religions:*

Robert P. Franzin D.D. and Major Pannu will help attendees understand Sikh and Hindu beliefs. The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

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wednesday

▼ *Everything You Ever Wanted*

to Ask a Judge but Never had the Chance: Join Judge Ronald Rothschild, Broward circuit judge, as he gives attendees an opportunity to ask him questions that they always wanted to ask a judge. The event will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

▼ *Digressions Launch:*

Members of the NSU community are invited to attend the *Digressions* Launch. *Digressions* is a student run literary magazine sponsored by the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. The launch will allow contributors to present their work to the audience. Visual art found in the magazine will also be on display in a gallery. The event will begin at 4 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. For more information, contact Ryan Frabizio at frabizio@nova.edu.

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thursday

▼ *World Update:* Join

Tim Dixon, Ph.D. and Gary Gershman, Ph.D., J.D., as they give the audience an update on current affairs in the world. The lecture will take place at 10 a.m. at the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

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friday

▼ *University-Wide Open*

House: NSU will host an open house that will allow prospective students to learn more about the university and what it has to offer. The event will begin at 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at 954-262-5353.

NISA and CSA Celebrate Culture Through Fashion

Kristine Belizaire

Current Affairs Editor

▼ On Friday March 28, the Nova International Student Association (NISA) and the Caribbean Student Association (CSA) put together their second annual fashion show to celebrate the diversity at NSU. "We wanted to showcase all the culture at NSU, and we [NISA and CSA] wanted to show how diverse NSU is," said Krystal-Gayle O'Neil, president of NISA.

The event was hosted by Camille Wright, DJ for NSU's Radio X and event coordinator for CSA. "Culture is everything," said Wright. According to Wright, culture is in everything that people do from the foods they eat and the clothes they wear.

Aside from a few wardrobe malfunctions, such as models walking on stage unknowingly displaying their underwear, NSU student volunteers modeled the clothing worn in various countries and continents, such as Asia, Africa, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas and South America.

They modeled traditional African and Asian garb, while also modeling outfits that had writing on them such as "IZA Haitian" and "IZA Yardie" and various shirts with logos for Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Brazil. This year's sponsors for the fashion show were Cooyah, a Jamaican brand of clothing; Izatrini.com, an internet-based brand which makes apparel for all West Indian countries and "Proud to Be," a brand name that celebrates all different cultures around the world.

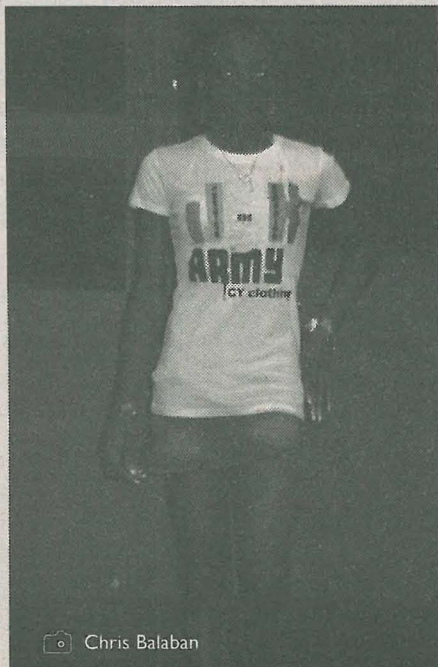
NISA is an organization that helps international students in providing a supportive, family-type network. Most members are looking to interact, network and further enhance their future career goals, all while fostering an environment of integration and diversity among people of all nations. For more information about NISA's events email Krystal Gayle at krystalg@nova.edu.



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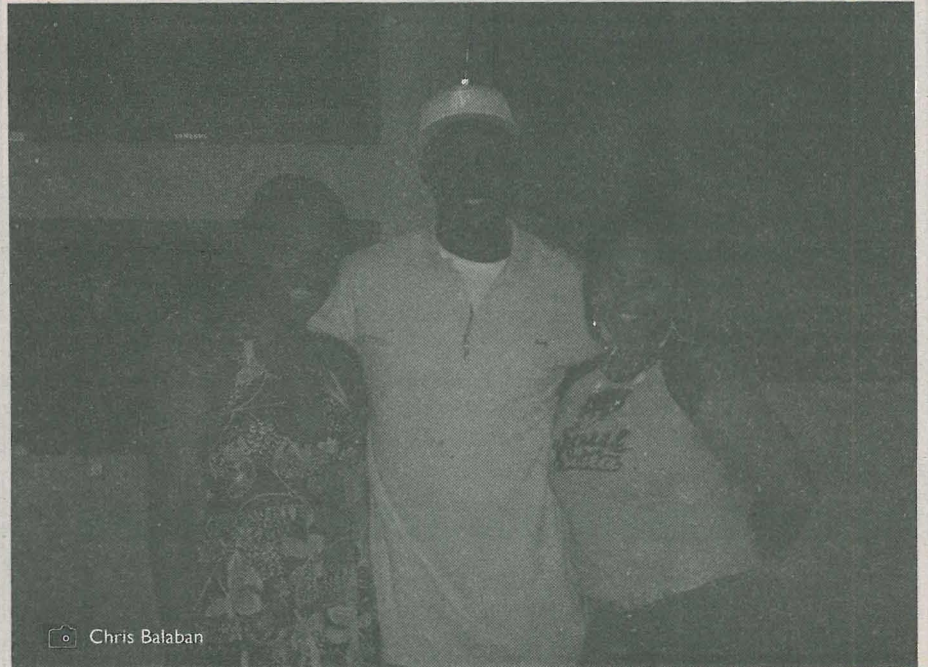
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Peace Corps Comes to NSU

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

On April 1, Peace Corps regional recruiter Colleen Scott came to NSU's Office of Career Development to speak to students about volunteer opportunities offered in the Peace Corps Program.

Scott is a former Peace Corps volunteer who now works as a recruiter in Atlanta, Ga. She is also responsible for recruiting in South Florida and coming down during the school semester to speak to students. Scott began the information session by giving some general information about the Peace Corps. Volunteers serve in many countries such as Africa, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and Central and South America. According to the pamphlet that Scott gave the attendees, 37% of volunteers serve in Africa, 23% in Latin America, 20% in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 6% in Asia, 5% in the Caribbean and 4% in North Africa, the Pacific Islands and the Middle East.

Scott went on to describe the various opportunities that volunteers can become

involved in if they join the Peace Corps. Some of the opportunities involve teaching, health care, agriculture, the environment and business development. After completion of a two-year service in the Peace Corps, volunteers are eligible for post-volunteer programs. These benefits involve job placement support and noncompetition eligibility, which means that if volunteers meet the minimum requirements for the position that they

are applying for, they are exempt from the hiring process that other applicants are subject to. Volunteers also receive affordable health benefits and over \$6,000 that can be used towards readjusting to life in the United States.

Scott ended the session by explaining the volunteer requirements. Volunteers are required to be at least 18 years old, and be a U.S. citizen or naturalized citizen of the U.S. For more information about getting involved with the Peace Corps, contact Colleen Scott at cscott@peacecorps.gov.



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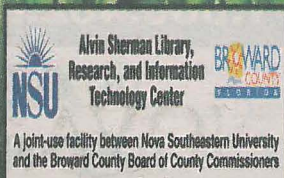
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Sharks Sweep Florida Southern for First Time in Program History

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

✓ Shark softball (33-12; 4-1 SSC) took a split with Palm Beach Atlantic's Sailfish on March 26 with a game one winning score of 6-3 followed by a loss in game two, 4-1.

Even with the Sailfish jumping out on top with a 1-0 lead in the first inning of game number one of the doubleheader, the Sharks showed no fear as they quickly fought back to take the lead by earning two runs off an aggressive single hit by freshman catcher Brooke Mitchell, putting the Sharks on top and never looking back.

Sophomore starting pitcher Dani Caron excelled in not just the pitcher's circle, but in the batter's box once again. Caron, along with senior Kelly Brookins and freshman Dana Bergner, crushed RBI doubles in the fourth inning, improving the pitcher's batting average to an incredible .386 overall.

Senior pitcher Ashley Baker would take the loss for game two after muscling through all 7-innings.

On April 1 the NSU vs. Florida Southern SSC series was set into motion. The Sharks, clashed with their opponents leading to a victory in a thriller of a game which ended with a score of 4-3. Junior Katie Pepper scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the 7th inning with two outs as she capitalized on a throwing error from the Moccs.

On day two of the Moccs and Sharks series, the Sharks stole away another victory in game one of the doubleheader by a score of 3-1, thus ensuring the series for NSU. Freshman starting pitcher Lexi Sarradet recorded her 14th win on the 2008 season to go along with seven strikeouts. Brookins and Mitchell are credited with the Sharks' offensive performance, grabbing two and one RBI's, respectively.

Upon sealing the win in game three, 2-1, the Sharks made history by not only defeating Florida Southern's Moccasins for the first time in the program's history but actually taking the sweep in all three games.

While the Sharks registered the first run of the second game match up, the Moccs quickly answered the call to even the score up, 1-1. Standout senior pitcher Ashley Baker managed to stay calm, cool and collected as the Sharks entered extra innings. Headed into the bottom of the 8th with two outs and NSU on the offensive end of the spectrum, the Sharks prepared to head back onto the field for yet another inning when junior Brittney-Lamb attacked an outside pitch, sending it into right field allowing the game-winning run to be scored by fellow freshman teammate Rachel Talenfeld.

Freshman Brooke Mitchell receives a pitch. ↴



Sharks Place Third in Buccs Invitational

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

✓ The NSU men's golf team competed in the Buccaneer Invitational hosted by Barry University from March 31-April 1 and took third place amongst thirteen rivaling teams.

In the first of two days of competition, the Sharks found themselves in third after two rounds of play – just four strokes off the tournament leaders and their conference rivals Barry University.

NSU was led by junior Constantine Schwierz who shot 141 over two rounds. Schwierz was followed by freshmen Bobby Bode and Michael Moore who both shot 144, aiding the Sharks along the way, finishing the day within striking distance of the tournament leaders.

While competing in day two, Schwierz continued his fine play, shooting 72 in the final round, thus moving him forward into a tie for

second on the individual leader board, a mere two strokes off the tournament champion.

A pivotal performance by senior Greg O'Mahony kept the Sharks in third place to finish the day. O'Mahony shot the best round of the day, 70, allowing him to jump 25 places and place 25th individually.

Moore shot a solid final round with 75, which also contributed heavily to the NSU third place finish as the Sharks finished only six strokes off the tournament champion: Barry University.

NSU looks to defend its Sunshine State Conference Championship Title on April 13 in Melbourne, Fla. as they compete in the SSC Championship Tournament.

Sharks Drop Tampa Series

Tim Coenraad

Staff Writer

▼ The NSU baseball team (19-13; 4-3 SSC) dropped the Sharks vs. Tampa Spartans series after first dominating the opening game on March 28. The Sharks came to lose both games of the double-header on March 29.

In the opening match against the Spartans, NSU produced a 17-hit offense drive in 13 runs on 13 RBI's. The Sharks' starting pitcher, senior Rudy Garcia, pitched seven innings allowing seven hits and five runs to claim his sixth victory of the season.

The first inning saw both teams drive in one run a piece – the Sharks' run coming from junior Dale Alberto's RBI single to left field. However, NSU would break open the game in the top of the second with a five-run, six-hit inning.

Senior and pre-season All-American Matt Mindick started the scoring off with an RBI single through the left side. Then, senior Cory Clark hit two RBI singles through the right side, scoring the runners

on second and third.

The scoring in the second inning would come to a close, but not before Alberto's two RBI doubles gave NSU a 6-1 lead.

Scoring would resume until the top of the fourth when the Sharks drove in another three runs thanks to freshman J.D. Martinez's RBI single to center field. Senior Bryan Cook then dropped a double RBI bomb to make the score 9-1.

NSU scored another two runs in the fifth off of RBIs from Mindick and Clark, but Tampa replied with a solo homerun in the same inning.

Garcia pitched the first five innings allowing only three hits and two runs, but the Spartans had a big sixth inning, scoring three runs on three hits to bring the score back to 11-5, which would be the last runs that Tampa would score.

Sophomore Jose Velazquez pitched the last two innings allowing no runs and no hits as well as allowing the Sharks to stack up two more runs off of sophomore Eric McCans' RBI single and a forced-in

RBI when freshman David Robinson was walked with the bases loaded, bringing the score to its final tally of 13-5.

Standouts for the game included Clark, who went three-for-five with three RBI's and three runs, Alberto for going three-for-six with three RBI's, McCans, who went four-for-six with an RBI and two runs and Cook who went two-for-five with 2 RBI's and 2 runs.

The next day NSU faced the University of Tampa in a double-header to determine the winner of the series. Unfortunately, the Spartans took both games 5-3 and 4-2.

The first game saw Tampa take a 4-1 lead after three innings with NSU's run coming from a McCans' RBI single to right.

The Sharks rattled off two more runs in the fourth and sixth inning off junior Damon Marino's RBI single though the left side and another RBI single by McCans, also through the left side, giving the Sharks some hope of a comeback.

Tampa scored the last run of the game

in the bottom of the sixth giving Tampa the victory.

McCans led the Sharks going two-for-three with two RBI's, and Marino followed as he went two-for-three with an RBI and a run.

In the final game of the series, the score remained locked at 0-0 courtesy of pitcher Jon Spier who retired nine batters straight in three innings. However, the Spartans broke the tie in the fourth inning scoring the game's first two runs.

The Sharks clawed their way back into the game in the top of the sixth inning when McCans provided a clutch double RBI homer tying the game back up at 2-2.

Tampa immediately responded with what was to be the winning runs in the bottom of the sixth, making the game 4-2. NSU was unable to bring the game back in the seventh and final inning.

McCans and Robinson were the bright spark for the Sharks, as they both went two-for-three with McCans scoring one run and batting in two.

Sharks Finish Fourth in Hoya Invitational

Tim Coenraad

Staff Writer

▼ The NSU women's golf team finished fourth amongst a Division I field of competitors while taking part in the Hoya Women's Golf Invitational hosted by Georgetown University from March 31 to April 1 at the Members Club at Four Streams.

The Sharks found themselves closing off the opening day in fourth place overall, 11 strokes off Yale who led the tournament

after two rounds of play, shooting a total of 614.

Freshman Taylor Collins played a quality two rounds of golf, shooting a solid 74 and 79 to finish with a two-round shooting score of 153, putting her in ninth place – just four strokes back from the individual leader.

Sophomore Maria Garcia Austt finished one shot behind freshman Nicole

Whitmore, who stood in a tie for 15th place, shooting a total of 156, keeping NSU's hopes of a top three finish alive.

On the second day of play, the Sharks were able to hold onto the fourth spot on the leader board despite their fourteen rivaling Division I and II competitors.

Collins once again came up with the goods, shooting two over 74 in the last round of play, giving her a three-round

total of 227, which was a score worthy of a fourth-place finish in the individual standings.

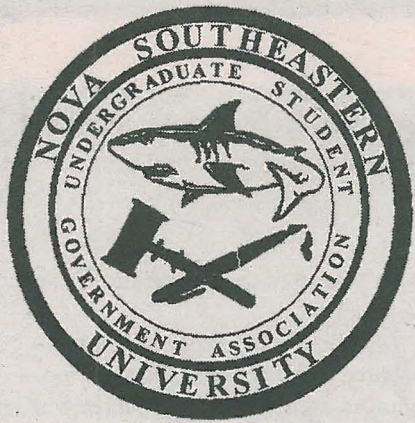
Austt also finished strong, shooting a total of 233 to place her ninth overall, which jumped her seven places on the leader board. Whitmore's solid play was pivotal in securing NSU's fourth place finish as she came in with a total of 236.



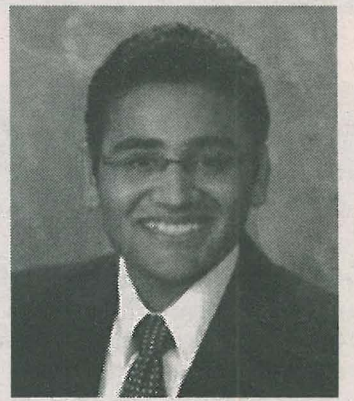
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State of the University Address
By Akshat Bhargava,
President Undergraduate Student Government Association



Dear NSU Community,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present you with the 20th Student Government Association (2007-2008) State of the University Address. This year's SGA started off with a daunting task and responsibility: to rebuild and restructure SGA from the ground up. As reflective in our goals, this year we have been committed to making SGA student oriented, collaborative, accountable, professional and the voice of the students. Passion, along with dedication, commitment, good leadership and hard work has served as the bottom line of our administration. The administration has met a lot of success in achieving its goals and serving as the voice of the undergraduate students. I hope you will take the time to read the address and judge for yourself this year's SGA's performance. Following are our accomplishments as per the goals we set in the beginning of the year.

Goal # 1 Connecting to Students:

NSUSGA is the voice of the students and serves as a liaison between administrators and students. In order to be a true voice and to ensure all sections are represented equally, NSUSGA will make extensive efforts to connect and reach out to as many undergraduate students as possible. To further build a more positive, professional and friendly bond with the administrators, image building, more interaction and communication will serve as the key to success.

Accomplishment of Goal 1:

SGA made huge strides in making a connection with the students and having its presence felt. Following are some of the accomplishments for the above goal.

- **Student Issues and Concerns Meeting:** SGA meetings were re-structured to make them more student oriented. First and third meetings were re-structured to be bill hearing and resolution, the second meeting was titled "Student Issue and Concern Meeting" to discuss student issues on campus, whereas the fourth meeting was made a leadership development committee session for SGA members to re-group and plan for the future.
- **SGA Tuesday:** The creation of a monthly event on campus for students to meet and greet student government members, as well as express concerns, in a fun and informal atmosphere. This allowed SGA to better represent student needs.
- **SGA Welcome Back Week** – SGA hosted the first ever SGA Welcome Back Week in the first week of school in the winter semester to connect to students. SGA Welcome Back Week was a full week of events giving students more information about SGA, as well as listening to student's feedback, suggestions and concerns.
- **SGA Seal:** SGA designed its own logo to give itself an individual identity. The new seal has also helped students recognize SGA and make a connection.
- **SGA Board In Parker** – The SGA Board in the Parker second floor was completed and serves as a stationary location for information about SGA to its students. The board has been decorated with goals and updated with SGA meetings dates, a contact list and a calendar to further connect with the students.
- **Ask Mr. Shark** – The SGA president's column in *The Current* – the universities student newspaper. The bi-weekly column sought to answer questions that students might have about the campus.
- **SGA at Sharkapalooza** – SGA co-sponsored Sharkapalooza with the Office of Student Engagement to help students to connect at NSU and get to know different clubs and organizations on campus. SGA also had a booth present at the event with free give aways and information about SGA for students.
- **SGA Campaign "What Has SGA Done for Me Lately"** – A campaign started to promote awareness of various things SGA has done for its students. It has provided a better connection between students and SGA.

Goal # 2 Addressing Project SERVE

SGA realizes the importance of volunteerism among students in building a better campus community, but at the same time realizes that students, clubs and organizations have raised some concerns about Project SERVE. As the voice of the students, NSUSGA needs to address those concerns with their respective groups and help in reaching a win – win solution or a mutual conclusion.

Accomplishment of Goal 2:

- **Member on Civic Engagement Board:** SGA was able to get one of its members on the Civic Engagement Board started by Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement to promote volunteerism as well as to work on any suggestions or feedback for Project SERVE. The Civic Board is currently working on a week of volunteer events to provide organizations with plenty of opportunities to do volunteer work as well as planning an "alternative spring break."
- **IOC Meeting for Concern:** Project SERVE suggestions and concerns were brought up this year as one of the topics for discussion for clubs and organization led by SGA.

Goal # 3 Building a Campus Community / Collaboration: *One of the purposes of NSUSGA is uniting the NSU community. Collaborating events and activities with its constituents as well as the administration, faculty, staff and departments will play a vital role. Organizing and planning with DOSA and Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences would be of great importance. This will also provide NSUSGA the opportunity to be the students' voice in matters of importance.*

Accomplishment of Goal 3

As SGA this year has worked very hard on collaboration with different clubs, departments and schools to promote unity, school spirit and create a more dynamic and diverse campus.

- SGA collaborated with AVACS and Student Union Board to host-Halloween party in the flight deck for students.
- SGA members are also part of the Food Service Committee with Chartwells to improve the dining experience of its students and NSU Community at large.
- SGA is also part of the Commencement committee. Currently, two of its members serve as the students' voice in one of the most important events of their life.
- SGA drafted a resolution called *Memo of Understanding* to create partnership with Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences to fund conferences for pre-professional organizations. Even though the resolution got passed and strongly supported by the Dean of Farquhar, Don Rosneblum, SGA unfortunately could not implement it since Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, raised some concerns and denied the resolution even after acceptance and prior knowledge.
- SGA co-sponsored Sharkapalooza with the Office of Student Engagement for the NSU community.
- SGA co-sponsored the Shark Show with PASA and SUB during Homecoming Week. In addition to that SGA also be hosted the homecoming dance and raft races for the students.
- For the first time, SGA members assisted with planning and organizing CommunityFest, making us the first SGA to get volunteer hours.
- SGA collaborated with the Office of Disabilities and passed a resolution requesting the administration to let the University Center doors remain automatically

open for physically challenged people to use.

- SGA members were also invited to be a part of the Homecoming Meetings.

Goal # 4 Improving Parking/Transportation on Campus: *Parking has been a major issue with undergraduate students and it's high time that NSUSGA makes an effort to address the concerns. The NSUSGA would like to research the topic in order to better discuss it with the students as well as faculty, staff and concerned authorities. Finally, NSUSGA would like to present the topic in the PANSKA for further action.*

Accomplishment of Goal 4:

- Worked with administrators to open 700-plus parking spots on campus for commuter students.
- SGA members rode the campus shuttles and shared their experiences with administrators.
- Lead the parking concern in PANSKA.
- Met with Office of Facilities to discuss the parking situation and get a better understanding of it.
- Created Parking Survey that was adopted by PANSKA and sent out to all students.
- Did parking surveys at SGA Tuesdays.

Goal # 5 Budget Guidelines/Constitution: *The NSUSGA will be undergoing a transition and will be modifying the ways that money is allocated. The purpose is to be fair and consistent with money allocations. With the changes taking place, NSUSGA will make a special effort to reach out and communicate the changes to its constituents as efficiently and effectively as possible to minimize any inconvenience to its constituents as well as the concerned authorities.*

Accomplishment of Goal 5

- Adopted new and modified guidelines for money allocation to clubs and organizations, which simplified money allocation.
- Advertised new guidelines through various listservs for organizations to be well aware of them.
- Held budget workshops and new budget guideline workshops to help organizations adapt to the new guidelines and answer any questions or concerns they might have.

Goal # 6 Promoting Leadership, Campus Life and Development of Undergraduate Students: *Student leadership development is the process of involving students in meaningful ways, both in and beyond the classroom. It is providing opportunities for students to demonstrate their talents, skills and interests while continuing to develop new skills. It is also about giving students more ownership of the programs they attend. Students bring new energy and ideas to the program. Second, student leadership provides opportunities for students to get involved and to learn skills that can be transferable to the workplace or community. Finally, student leadership deepens each student's commitment to adult literacy and increases the chances that the student will continue to learn. Campus leadership has an abiding commitment to the improvement of campus climate, community and diversity and must seek effective ways to translate that commitment into action. NSUSGA respects student/campus leaders and will make a strong effort to produce future NSU leaders and work with the administrators to provide them with training, opportunities, recognition and other necessary tools as needed.*

Accomplishment of Goal 6

- Passed a resolution for recognition at the Commencement Ceremony for Leaders
- Secured two seats on the Commencement Committee, presented and lobbied the idea to the commencement committee for recognition of graduating leaders at the commencement ceremony.
- Attended IOC meetings and gave special gifts to IOC leaders for their commitment and dedication to NSU and their organization.
- SGA this year nominated for some categories for Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYS).

Other Outstanding Achievements for SGA This Year:

- Holding an SGA meeting with Dean Don Rosneblum present.
- SGA working with Residential Life to provide fax machines for residential students.
- SGA working with Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences to provide printing stations in the Parker Building.
- SGA sponsored Homecoming witnessing the highest attendance in the history of homecoming with over 300 students attending the event.
- SGA nominated for the Best SGA of The Year at Student Life Achievement Awards 2008.
- SGA lead FRAG petition got over 250 signatures.
- SGA food court survey gets 243 responses.
- SGA Team was the best undergraduate team at the 2007 ethics bowl competition at NSU and went to represent the school at southeast regional ethics bowl debate competition in St. Petersburg. SGA came in eighth place out of 22 teams. This has been the highest rank ever for NSU.
- SGA got 10 volunteer hours for helping with Community Fest, making us the first SGA in the history of NSU to earn volunteer hours.
- First SGA to go technology friendly, SGA is now on WebCT to make SGA more organized and planned as well as to support the SGA Go Green Initiative.
- First SGA to have a full senate in over 5 years.
- First SGA to hold a presidential debate at Quad Thursday for the election process.
- SGA elections had a voting record with over 450 votes being casted.

Please let us know what you think. We look forward to hearing your comments, suggestions and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at bhargava@nova.edu or SGA at nsusga@nova.edu

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Sincerely,

Akshat Bhargava



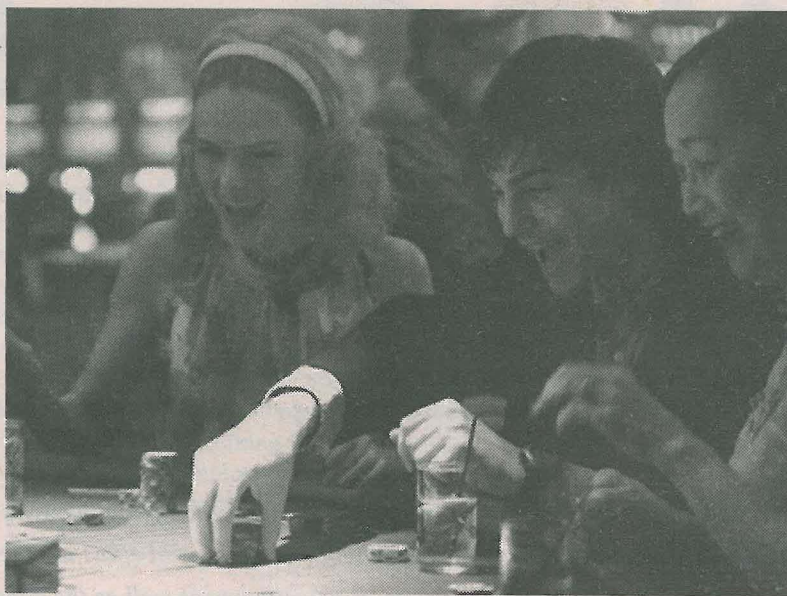
21 Goes from Exciting Thriller to Melodrama

Stefani Rubino

Staff Writer

▼ College can be a tough time for any student. It's not just the work, but creating a new social life while dealing with crazy professors and most of all, the costs. Take a walk in the Parker Building and you're guaranteed to hear somebody talking about how much money they spent on books, tuition, food and a number of other school-related issues. It is here that the true story of the college students in *21* begins.

When Ben Campbell (Jim Sturgess), a student at one of the United States most prestigious universities, M.I.T., learns just how much it will cost him to keep attending school, he becomes desperate to find a means to pay his way through. While searching for a solution, Ben begins to hear rumors about one of M.I.T.'s professors, Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), who was known for teaching a group of students how to devise a system of cheating by counting cards on Vegas casinos' blackjack tables in order to make money. Campbell joins Rosa's team along with five other students who are all thrown into a life of double identities, card counting, and money...lots of it. As most of these stories go, Campbell gets wrapped up in the money, the crazy Vegas lifestyle all while falling for his teammate, Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth). The pressure is further pushed to its limit as the team is placed under surveillance,



being watched by the casino's toughest security guard Cole Williams (Laurence Fishburne). Now the team must learn to do their "thing," deal with the pressure while "keeping their cool"; however, as you might have guessed, these stories never work out like that.

Due to romance toppled onto typical teenage drama, what could have been a truly interesting thriller turns into a melodramatic love story which happens to take place during one of the most tumultuous times of these students' lives. The movie starts out strong, but

the director and producers seemed to have tried too hard by adding in so many subplots, which all ended without satisfaction. There was too much focus on the love and "feeling" rather than on what was going on with the casinos and the team dynamic itself.

To be honest, I saw this movie because of Kevin Spacey (*Superman Returns*, *Beyond the Sea*); however Jim Sturgess (*Across the Universe*) was the one who made the film worth its while. Sturgess' previous role in *Across the Universe*, a major waste of time to say

the least, showed that he definitely has an amazing screen presence and *21* proves no different. Even co-starring next to the great Spacey, Sturgess takes command of the screen, which is uncommon for a young actor such as himself to accomplish while standing behind veteran co-stars. He is lovable and intelligent, all of which comes through wonderfully in *21*.

Spacey's role was probably the best decision the production crew made for this film. He was demanding, as an incredibly intellectual teacher should be, as well as sneaky. If it wasn't for Spacey, these kids wouldn't have so much money, and Spacey's demeanor and attitude reminds you of that throughout the entire film. From his presence in a room to each word he spoke, Spacey took the film straight to the next level and beyond.

Both Sturgess and Spacey fans should be impressed with the work that they both accomplished in this film, I am sure you will enjoy them in the roles of Campbell and Rosa.

Overall, the film can be a bit boring, typical and uninteresting, but taken in bit by bit there are definitely parts which that make it worth the eight dollar movie ticket or, at the very least, the four dollar rental.

A Good Race for Run Fat Boy Run

Racquel Fagon

Variety Editor

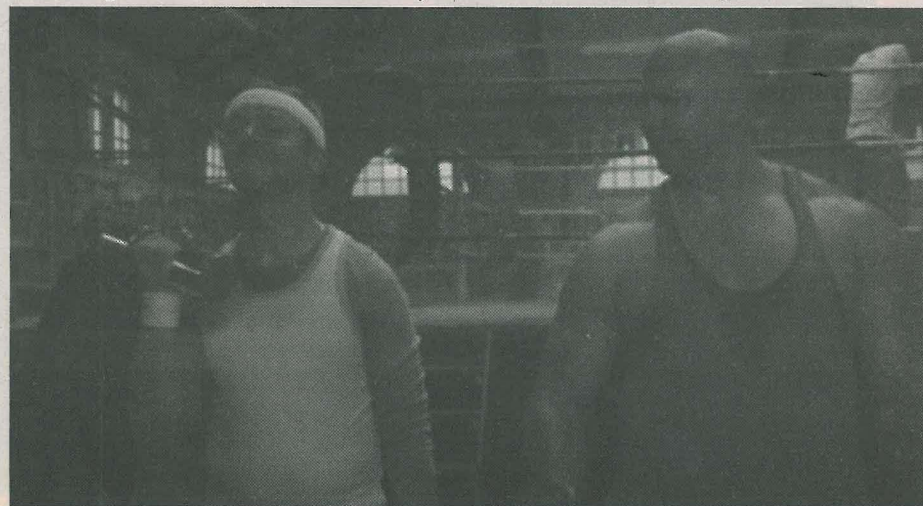
▼ Upon viewing the trailer of this movie, I knew it was a "must see" for me. Finding out that this film was directed by my favorite star, David Schwimmer, from the sitcom "Friends" was just another fantastic kicker for me.

In this silly "underdog" comedy, British comedian, Simon Pegg (*Hot Fuzz*, *Shaun of the Dead*), plays Dennis Doyle – a commitment-retarded guy who can never see anything through to the end. Five years earlier, Doyle leaves his pregnant fiancée, Libby (Thandie Newton), at the altar along with his self-esteem. Libby now runs her own bakery while taking care of her adorable son, Jake, while still finding the time to fall head over heels for a wealthy, marathon running American banker named Whit (Hank Azaria). In the meantime, Doyle, who now just happens to look like a pathetic, pale Teletubby, functions as a low-end security guard at a lingerie shop and father to the son he shares with Libby. The real excitement begins when Doyle finally realizes his mistake at leaving Libby and aims to get her back. A competition starts when Doyle decides to compete with Whit in a marathon for charity to show Libby he can commit to something and be the man she has always

wanted. A series of coaching and some version of encouragement from Doyle's best friend and heavy gambler, Gordon (Dylan Moran), then follows after Gordon places a heavy bet on his friend's success in the marathon.

The movie title, coming from the arrogant prodding of Whit during the race, categorizes the movie as a border-line inspirational flick, demonstrating both the overall power of commitment and determination. The storyline allows us to truly get to know the film's characters, understanding their flaws and setbacks. Along with the "aww" factor is the "eww" factor, with a few stomach-twisting gags, such as Gordon popping a donut-sized blister on the bottom of Doyle's foot. The one-liners and over the top remarks were cheek-achingly funny and satisfying, allowing the storyline to move along nicely. Doyle's self appointed assistant coach delivers additional humor to the plot as well, making for a great comedy.

Regardless of what most critics have said, *Run Fat Boy Run* is a funny, sweet, sometimes gross, romantic comedy that deserves to be seen at least twice. It definitely serves as a winning start for Schwimmer's directing career.



Stop-Loss Breaks the Mold

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▼ Kimberly Peirce, director of *Boys Don't Cry*, is known throughout Hollywood for taking unconventional or controversial stories and turning them around into something that is accessible for all. In *Boys Don't Cry*, she challenged the status quo with her disturbing expose on a transgender in the American south. In her most recent film, *Stop-Loss*, she does something similar by challenging the U.S. Army's policy known as "stop loss."

Once decorated Iraq War veteran Sgt. Brandon King's (Ryan Phillippe) tour of duty throughout the Middle East has finally come to an end, he returns home to see his family and best friends he had left behind when fighting. Soon after, he settles back into his new life at home, reconnecting with family and friends. While learning how to be a civilian again, King finds out that he has become the newest victim of the Army's "stop-loss" policy which was also known as the "Back Door Draft." He did his duty and fought through his term; however, now the Army is requesting him to come back and serve another tour. With the support of his friends and family, King must decide what he is going to do and what would be the "right" decision.

With his in-depth character, Ryan Phillippe (*Flags of Our Fathers*, *Breach*) brings about some of his best acting since *Cruel Intentions* in the film *Stop-Loss*. I would personally like to welcome him back into the "real actors" club seeing as he did an amazing job playing the role of King. He demonstrated both force and feeling, as if these events were actually happening to him. Amongst a sea of

young actors, Phillippe stands out as he takes control over each and every scene, demanding his audience's attention with every word he says.

Nonetheless, a great deal of credit is due to Peirce. She managed to steer clear of making the film pro- or anti-Iraq War. There was not a direct message about whether or not we should still be in Iraq or not, or even whether or not the war is truly worth its cost; however, you can tell that Peirce deeply sympathizes for American soldiers. *Stop-Loss* provides its audience with one of those little known injustices that over 80,000 soldiers have become victims of.

Peirce was incredibly fair in the way she portrays soldiers, because in all rationality, not every young man who enlists is a stereotypical violent, racist psychopath. Peirce makes clear to her viewers that these soldiers are regular people who want and yearn to do something great.

While expectations were initially low for this film and although it doesn't quite match up to *Boys Don't Cry*, *Stop-Loss* is a step in the right direction for Peirce. She shows us what she is made of and manages to keep it coming up to the very end where a surprise is in store for all. She breaks normal Hollywood conventions by taking this story above and beyond anything I expected.

It doesn't matter what your opinions are: *Stop-Loss* is a war movie everyone should be able to appreciate. Get ready to be surprised, delighted and shocked when you see this film; it is definitely worth being seen.

Editor's Note

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As the pressure of the last month of the semester sets in, it seems school is on everyone's mind. That's good for exam week, but too much of one thing is never good. That is to say, you shouldn't learn everything in a classroom.

Perhaps the best thing about the college microcosm is that the pursuit of knowledge has many venues and much variety. NSU has boasted symposiums, famous speakers, more special topics lectures than I can count, and about 18 volumes of *The Current*. Taking the pursuit off campus doesn't lose traction. You can tune a radio to NPR and learn about world events or foreign policy. Switch the station to a rock channel and learn deep philosophies on life or social commentary. There are presidential debates on TV, libraries, museums, the Internet. Yes, knowledge is everywhere.

This week NSU, step out of the classroom and expand your list of learning mediums. Check out the Current Affairs calendar this week and pick something that either interests you

or something you don't know much about. Take the time to learn about other fields of study. It was a long time ago now, but remember the key message of orientation: stay well rounded, and have fun.

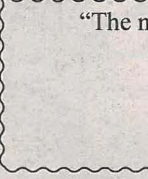
On The Scene

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

What do you think about the music in the RecPlex?



"It's fine. They play every genre of music that touches every student who works out."
Shane Johnson Junior, Business Administration



"The music is good. It's hype and makes you want to work out."
Alex Sarradet Freshman, Nursing



"I really don't pay attention to the music, but from what I've heard it is good because its alternative."
Willie Wood Senior, Legal Studies and Communication Studies



"It's repetitive. They play the same songs all the time."
Monica Henderson Senior, Nursing



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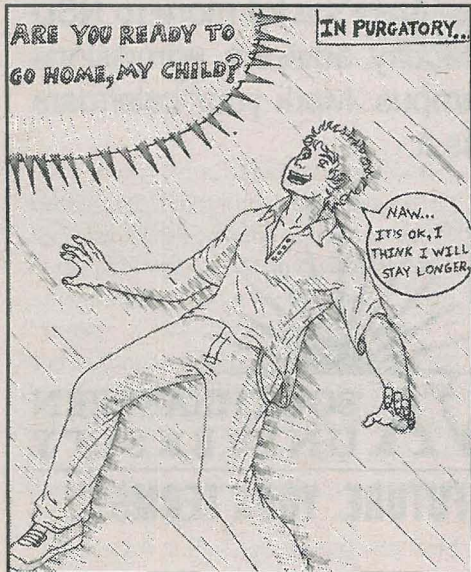
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Correction

In the story titled "NSU Student Assaulted in The Commons (Vol. 18, issue 22, March 31, 2008), eyewitnesses Varun Sharma and Zain Khalid stated that public safety arrived upon the scene roughly 10-15 minutes after the assault incident was reported. Prior to going to press, an attempt was made to verify this timeline with the Department of Public Safety, but no answers were provided. Post publication, *The Current* was provided with the following timeline from the Department of Public Safety, based on their video records (written records were not and still have not been disclosed to *The Current*): The incident was reported at 3:00 p.m. A public safety officer was dispatched at 3:01 p.m. The officer arrived on the scene at 3:02:56 p.m. (approximately 3 minutes after the incident was reported). The first Davie police officer arrived at 3:06 p.m., and two additional Davie police officers arrived at 3:11 p.m.

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