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Despite Rain, Love Jen Pleases

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

Heavy rains and flooding dampened the 15th Annual Love Jen Family Festival as attendees began to exit the library quad at about 1:30 p.m., hours shy of the scheduled 5 p.m. ending. Despite the truncated Feb. 4 festival, both organizers and participants were pleased to contribute to a worthwhile cause.

"We're really grateful for all the support," said Wendy Masi, mother of Jennifer, who died of cancer and for whom the festival is named. "There has been a lot of community support and donations."

Masi explained that the event generally attracts three to four thousand people each year. Though she anticipated a smaller crowd due to the inclement weather, she noticed that there were "more [people] than I thought, given the rain."

According to a press release, over 300 volunteers participated in the event. Supplies and services were donated, allowing for all proceeds to be donated to the Love Jen Fund. The fund "provides funding for cancer support services for families of children coping with cancer at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital."

The event featured food, interactive educational activities, carnival rides, and a rock climbing wall.

Ellie Tavarez, Community Relations Assistant with the

Memorial Healthcare System helped children experience the life of a doctor in the "Teddy Bear Clinic," where they were given the job of examining a plush toy.

"[The kids] love it, they do believe they're doctors," said Tavarez. "The whole meaning is to create awareness so that they know what to expect if they come to the hospital."

APO was one of many groups to volunteer at the festival. Fraternity member Eflada Orpilla helped at the petting zoo, where children had the opportunity to interact with small animals. "It feels good to volunteer for such a great cause. It's fun and also nice to see the smiles on the children's faces," she said.

Flooding from heavy rains the previous night resulted in muddy patches and the closure of a large amusement slide. Persistent rain began at about 12 p.m., causing rides to close as attendees sought shelter under tents. A cow in the petting zoo, apparently irritated by the rain, jumped the pen twice, but was safely captured each time.

Although most left the festival early, the day was not wasted. "I got to spend time with my kids and it was for a good cause," said Alan Cohen, who brought his family to the event.



Left: Love Jen attendees begin to leave the event as heavy rain shows no sign of stopping.

Below: A Love Jen volunteer guides a pony as its young rider smiles.

Photos by Greg Kyriakakis



Masi is pleased by the success of the festival, which has raised over \$1.5 million for children's cancer care. "I'm proud that the legacy of things that were

important to my daughter gets to live on," she said. "It's great that so many participate in what we call a tradition on caring."

1st Annual Diversity Summit Encourages Students to be "The Voice of Change"

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

"Awakening hearts, engaging minds, igniting souls," was the theme behind NSU's 1st Diversity Summit. Participants from all over South Florida addressed negative issues and focused on resolutions to increase diversity in their community.

Keynote speaker Robin Rose, a former director of A Season for

Nonviolence, encouraged students to take action, lead by example, and create a new model of leadership for a culturally diverse 21st century world.

"We need not just 'see' this new paradigm of culturally competent leadership we are creating in others; rather, we each need to 'be' this new paradigm of leadership in all areas of our lives," said Rose.

On Jan. 28, over 40 students

from Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach Community College and Nova Southeastern University sat at adorned tables in the Huizenga Business School Atrium. Students heard speakers,

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Unable to Use Volume Knob, Man Sues Apple

Apparently tired of suing McDonalds for making them fat, lawsuit aficionados have targeted Apple's iPod because - if the volume is turned all the way to the maximum setting - users may suffer hearing damage. The Associated Press reported that John Kiel Patterson of Louisiana filed a suit claiming that the devices are "inherently defective in design and are not sufficiently adorned with adequate warnings regarding the likelihood of hearing loss." Although Patterson has not suffered hearing loss, the potential is there if he listens to his music over 100 decibels, which according to Financial Times, the iPod manual warns against. He hopes to invite others into the suit, making it a class-action. Experts say, "the risk is there but the risk lies with the user and where they set the volume."

Man Claims Drugs at Police Station, Arrested Immediately After

Utah resident Kory C. Tippetts had his quarter-pound bag of marijuana stolen and decided to alert police to the theft. Luckily for him, police recovered it and invited him down to the station to identify the drugs. According to the Associated Press, once Tippetts identified his goods, police arrested him and booked him for "possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone with intent to distribute." The thief, Richard W. Hight, had called Tippetts earlier that day in hopes of purchasing some drugs, but Tippetts was busy since he had to leave for work. Police found Hight at his mother's home with the narcotics.

British Man Protests War by Refusing to Pay Taxes

Upset about British troops fighting what he believes to be an "illegal" war with Iraq, an English man deducted 10 percent from his taxes in protest. Douglas Barker, a retired organic farmer, said that he would gladly pay taxes as long as they were used for legal purposes, reported AFP. "I feel we were led into an illegal war on a false pretext, and being forced to help pay for something illegal is a violation of my human rights," said Barker, adding that he would serve time in jail if needed. He owes about \$2,000 in taxes, but contends that he will continue to deduct the 10 percent until the British prove that they are not spending his money on the war.

Stranger Wedding Upsets Religious Leaders

Religious officials are angered after two strangers wed in a British radio stunt. AFP reported that Birmingham, England radio station BRMB held a contest in which strangers Craig Cooper and Rebecca Duffy beat out 250 other contestants to win the chance to marry. Seen kissing after their private ceremony, they claim that they "were looking forward to getting to know each other." Church officials criticized the contest as "an affront to the institution of marriage." The newlyweds will soon honeymoon in Bermuda, and upon returning will be provided with a house and a year's usage of a car.

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News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Alabama churches damaged in fires

The Associated Press reported on Feb. 7 that "fires damaged four more rural Baptist churches overnight following a rash of suspected arsons that burned five others south of Birmingham." The four recent fires occurred near the Mississippi border and the churches "were in sparsely populated areas off rural roads, similar to the five that burned" on Friday, Feb. 3. Although there are suspicions that arson was involved, spokesman for the state insurance agency, Ragan Ingram, said it was too early to confirm a link between the cases. The fires will be investigated as suspected arsons, however. While most of the churches were damaged, two were completely destroyed, leaving only their concrete foundations. Witnesses at other locations and members of Old Union Baptist Church said they saw a "dark-colored sport-utility vehicle" parked near the buildings before the fires started.

For more information visit www.news.yahoo.com.

Europe

Cleric arrested for promoting murder

A British Muslim cleric whose London mosque "was at the center of some of the most important terrorism cases of the last decade" was arrested and sentenced to seven years on Feb. 7. According to Reuters, Egyptian-born Abu Hamza al-Masri preached at the Finsbury Park mosque where "shoebomber" Richard Reid and Sept. 11 planner Zacarias Moussaoui worshipped. Hamza also incited the murder of people of non-Muslim beliefs. "He was directly and deliberately stirring up hatred against Jewish people and encouraging the murder of those he referred to as non believers," said Britain's Crown Prosecution Service. The CPS added that Hamza attempted to persuade worshippers that murder of non-believers was part of their religious duty. Hamza was convicted on "11 counts, including soliciting murder, stirring up racial hatred, and possessing a training manual 'of use to terrorists.'" British police have not linked Hamza to any plots of terrorism but maintain that "his mosque acted as a base for militants." For more information visit www.reuters.com.

Middle East

Iranian newspaper to hold Holocaust cartoon contest

A well-known Iranian newspaper, *Hamshahri*, told the Associated Press on Feb. 7 that it would "hold a competition for cartoons on the Holocaust to test whether the West extends the principle of freedom of expression to the Nazi genocide" as it did to the Danish drawings of the Prophet Muhammad. *Hamshahri* admitted that the decision is in response to the caricatures. The contest will begin on Feb. 13 and is co-sponsored by the House of Caricatures, a Tehran museum for cartoons. Both the newspaper and the House of Caricatures are owned allies of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who is known for "his opposition to Israel." Ahmadinejad previously said that "Israel should be 'wiped off the map' and the Holocaust was a 'myth.'" *Hamshahri* has invited cartoonists from numerous countries to participate. For more information visit www.news.yahoo.com.

Africa

Untouched tomb found in Valley of Kings

Egypt's chief of antiquities told the Associated Press on Feb. 9 that "American archaeologists have uncovered a pharonic-era tomb in Egypt's Valley of the Kings." The untouched tomb is the first of its kind since the unearthing King Tutankhamun's in 1922. Zahi Hawass, head of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, described the find as an 18th Dynasty tomb that includes "five mummies in intact sarcophagi with colored funerary masks, along with more than 20 large storage jars" that are still sealed. U.S. archaeologist Kent Weeks studied photographs of the tomb and told reporters that "it could be the tomb of a king's wife or son, or of a priest or court official." The discovery comes as a surprise, as many believed there were no more tombs to discover in the highly studied area; 62 tombs have been recorded. The small rectangular tomb, probably intended for one sarcophagus, was found only 15 feet from Tut's tomb by a University of Memphis team headed by Otto Schaden. For more information visit www.msnbc.msn.com.

Asia

Japanese suicide pacts on the rise

The internet has become increasingly popular in Japan for people looking to commit suicide with others. According to BBC News, "the number of Japanese who killed themselves in suicide pacts made over the internet rose sharply last year." Police records that began in 2003 show 34 deaths for that year; 55 deaths occurred in 2004 and 91 in 2005. Japanese internet service providers are now reporting suspected suicide pacts to authorities, who are alarmed by the increase in suicides. Police reports also show that of 91 people who died, "54 were men and 37 were women, with most being in their twenties or thirties." Officials believe suicide pacts are sought by people who are afraid to die alone. A case in February involved three men and three women who poisoned themselves with carbon monoxide in a car with a lit charcoal burner. Some websites that are being investigated also offer guidebooks depicting the best places to commit suicide. The organizers defend the websites, saying they "offer a compassionate service to those who have given up all hope of the future."

For more information visit www.news.bbc.co.uk.

Date of New GRE Release Set Back a Full Year

Having been initially planned for this coming October, the release of the new GRE test has been pushed back to "the fall of 2007," according to a press release. The new test, which was longer than the current one and made major changes in the Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing sections, has been facing major criticism in recent months.

Educational Testing Services, responsible for the GRE, SAT, AP, PRAXIS and other tests, has thus far given no reason for the delay, but stated that "the delay will better serve test takers and graduate institutions as ETS transitions from the current computer- and paper-based forms of the test to the new Internet-based (iBT) version."

The company says that field testing will continue to be conducted on the new GRE between now and the new release date, and that the current GRE test will continue to be offered using the network of test centers already in place.

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attended workshops, and took part in dialogues ranging from diversity to building an inclusive community in their school and community. Students even took time out for self-reflection, where they thought back on their day by writing in a journal that each student was provided with and got to take home.

Freshman Myriam Jourdan attended the summit in hopes that it will provide her a boost in confidence.

"Someday I want to be on the board of something and be a club leader, so I hope that this event will teach me how to become an effective leader and hopefully also help me get out of my shell, because I am very shy," said Jourdan.

One of the very first workshops students were privy to was the Multicultural Identity Awareness workshop facilitated by Marcie Washington, Graduate Advisor for Leadership and Development. Students were asked to introduce themselves and then to share something personal about them. As one student after another



Diversity Summit: Bob Hosea leads the Four Corners workshop. Photo by Marcie Washington

shared with the crowd something personal, such as a middle name or a serious as divorce in their family, the activity had an impact on many.

"Get to know the person below the surface. We are more than just the temple you see us in," said Washington in closing of the workshop.

"I really enjoyed this [Multicultural Identify Awareness] workshop," said Liam Unfer, a sophomore from Palm Beach Community College. "It really teaches you that you can't really

judge someone on the surface, because inside they might be a whole different person."

Students experienced five different similar workshops before the day neared a close. Before leaving, students were also provided with information on how to take further action. In closing remarks, Terry Morrow, Assistant Director of Leadership and Development, summed it up best.

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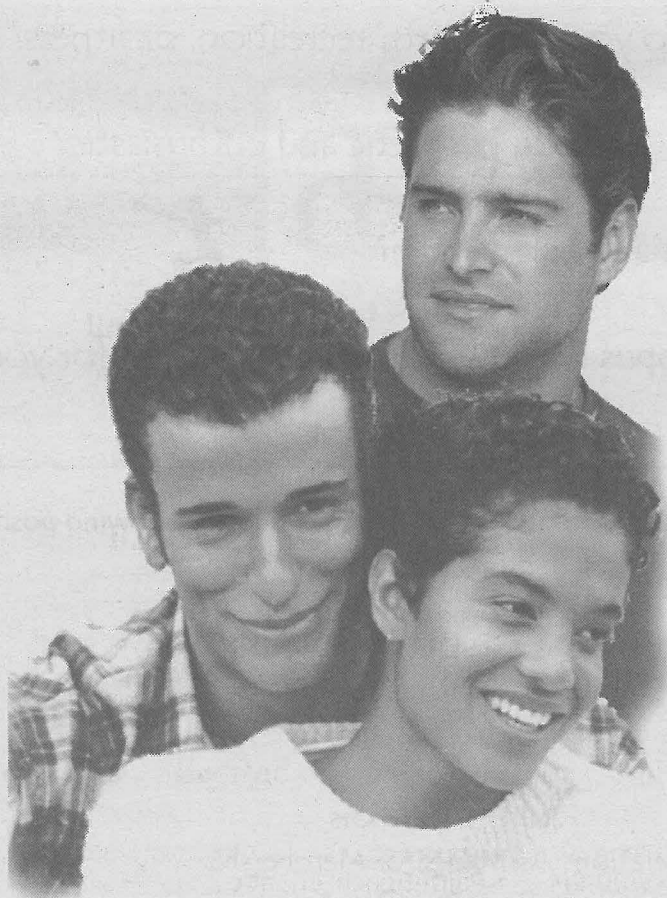
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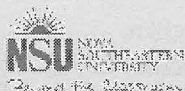
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Pittsburgh Steelers Wins Super Bowl XL, 21-10

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The Pittsburgh Steelers won this year's Super Bowl, but many fans are saying that the 21-10 score was a product of a lot of wrong calls by the referees. But despite the controversies, Super Bowl XL was exciting in the second half – mostly because not a lot happened in the first.

The best play of the game had to have been Antwaan Randle El's 43-yard pass to Hines Ward. This play was exciting because it was the first touchdown pass by a receiver in the history of the Super Bowl, pulled off with a reverse throw to El, who threw it to Ward for the touchdown. It was probably the most deceiving play anyone had ever seen. Ward caught five passes and had 123 yards in the game, but he would have had more catches if he hadn't dropped one in the endzone. With that historical play and of the yardage he gained, Ward was selected as the MVP for the Super Bowl game.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger also set a record, at age 23 being the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl.

The biggest mistake from the Steelers came in the third quarter. They were up, and Roethlisberger threw an interception to Kelly Herndon of the Seahawks, who made a touchdown and put Seattle right back into the game.

Later in the game, Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck threw an interception pass to Ike Taylor of the Steelers, which ended up saving the game for the Pittsburgh. In the end, Pittsburgh ran the clock down far enough to keep Seattle from getting a chance to catch up.

Women's Golf Team Wins Tusculum College/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The Women's Golf team won the Tusculum College/Kiawah Island Women's Golf Intercollegiate on Feb. 5, finishing an astounding 25 shots ahead of the second place finisher, Central Arkansas.

"I was very happy with the way the women's team prepared and played at Kiawah Island," said Head Coach Kevin Marsh. "With the team scores we shot under the difficult weather conditions, I don't know if any team in Division II Women's Golf could have beaten us." This was the Sharks first event of the spring season, and they shot a team score of 616 (305-311).

The teams played in Kiawah Island, South Carolina at the Cougar Point Golf Club; a par 72 course with 5,827 yards. This two-day, 36-hole tournament was hosted by Tusculum College and saw 17 teams competing.

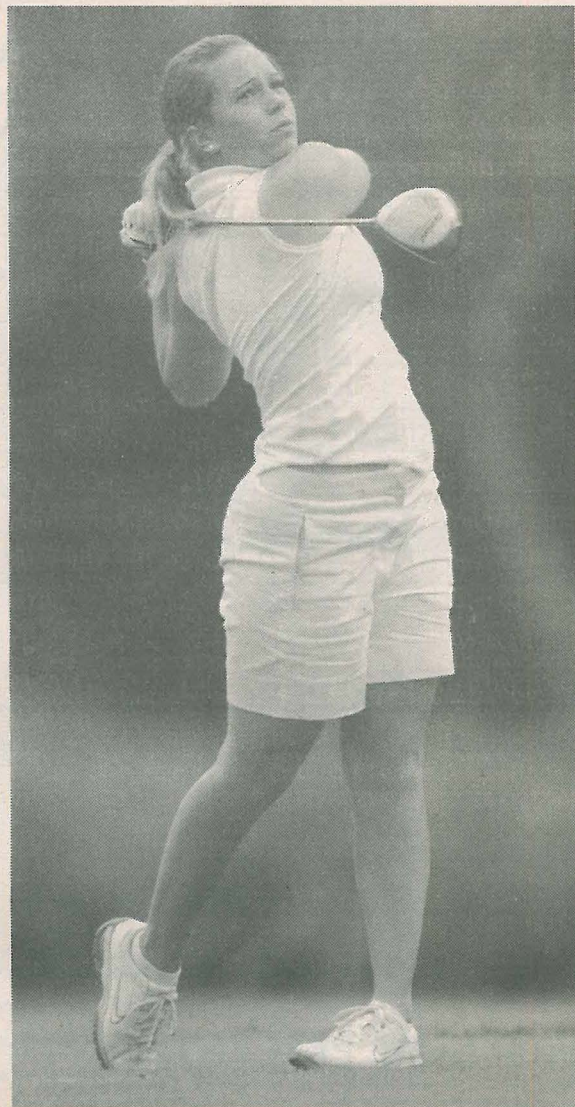
Not only did NSU win the tournament, but all the women finished in the top 10. Sophomore Lina Bjorklund and freshman Andrea Maldonado each posted the highest finishes for NSU, tied for second with a pair of 76's and two-day totals of 152. They were beat by one stroke by Central Arkansas' Christina Lecuyer, who

won the medalist honors with a two-day total of 151 (77-74). Elizabeth Bond finished in fifth place, shooting a pair of 77's. Junior Sophie Friis and sophomore Jenni Mostrom tied for eighth place, shooting 161 over the weekend. Bjorklund, Maldonado, and Bond were also named to the All-Tournament Team

"This win is a great start to our spring season," said Friis. "It was great that every player stepped up their game in the windy and cold conditions in this tournament."

NSU beat four teams ranked in the top 15 in NCAA Division II women's golf standings. "This win will give us a lot of confidence heading to Florida Southern where the top 8 teams in the South Region are in the field," said Marsh. "We have two weeks to work on our weaknesses from Kiawah and prepare for another great test."

The women's next



Sophomore Linda Bjorklund watches the ball down the fairway. Photo Credit Gary Curreri

tournament will be at the 2006 Lady Moc Classic, hosted by Florida Southern College Feb. 26-28 at Cleveland Heights Golf Club in Lakeland, Fla.

UPCOMING GAMES

Women's Basketball

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Division
Wed	02/15/06	5:30 PM	Saint Leo University	Home	NCAA II
Sat	02/18/06	2:00 PM	University of Tampa	Tampa, Fla.	NCAA II

Men's Basketball

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Division
Mon	02/13/06	7:30 PM	Florida Gulf Coast University	Home	NCAA II
Wed	02/15/06	7:30 PM	Saint Leo University	Home	NCAA II
Sat	02/18/06	4:00 PM	University of Tampa	Tampa, Fla.	NCAA II

Softball

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Division
Tue	02/14/06	5:00 PM	Palm Beach Atlantic	Home	NCAA II
Tue	02/14/06	7:00 PM	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Home	NCAA II

Baseball

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Division
Wed	02/15/06	6:00 PM	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Home	NCAA II

Men's Golf

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Division
Mon	02/13/06	TBA	Matlock Collegiate Classic	Lakeland, Fla.	NCAA

NSU's Sports Stats for the Week

Men's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Lynn	9	2	.818	17	5	.773
Rollins	9	2	.818	16	5	.762
Nova Southeastern	7	3	.700	13	7	.650
Eckerd	6	4	.600	16	5	.762
Tampa	6	5	.545	15	7	.682
Florida Southern	5	5	.500	14	7	.667
Barry	3	8	.273	10	11	.476
Saint Leo	3	8	.273	7	15	.318
Florida Tech	0	11	.000	3	18	.143

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES

# Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.Lynn.....	22	307	409	.751
2.Eckerd.....	21	360	492	.732
3.NSU.....	20	302	431	.701

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Rollins.....	21	534	1122	.476
2.Lynn.....	22	603	1295	.466
3.NSU.....	20	513	1112	.461

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Lynn.....	22	672	30.5
2.Eckerd.....	21	669	31.9
3.NSU.....	20	671	33.5

Women's Golf

1 Nova Southeastern U.	305	311	616	+40
2 Central Arkansas	320	321	641	+65
3 Grand Valley State	322	329	651	+75
4 Catawba College	340	332	672	+96
5 Pfeiffer University	342	345	687	+111
6 USC Upstate	343	346	689	+113

Women's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Rollins	11	0	1.000	20	0	1.000
Tampa	9	2	.818	17	5	.773
Florida Tech	7	4	.636	13	9	.591
Nova Southeastern	5	5	.500	12	9	.571
Saint Leo	4	7	.364	7	14	.333
Barry	4	7	.364	7	15	.318
Lynn	4	7	.364	9	12	.429
Eckerd	2	8	.200	4	17	.190
Florida Southern	2	8	.200	6	15	.286

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES

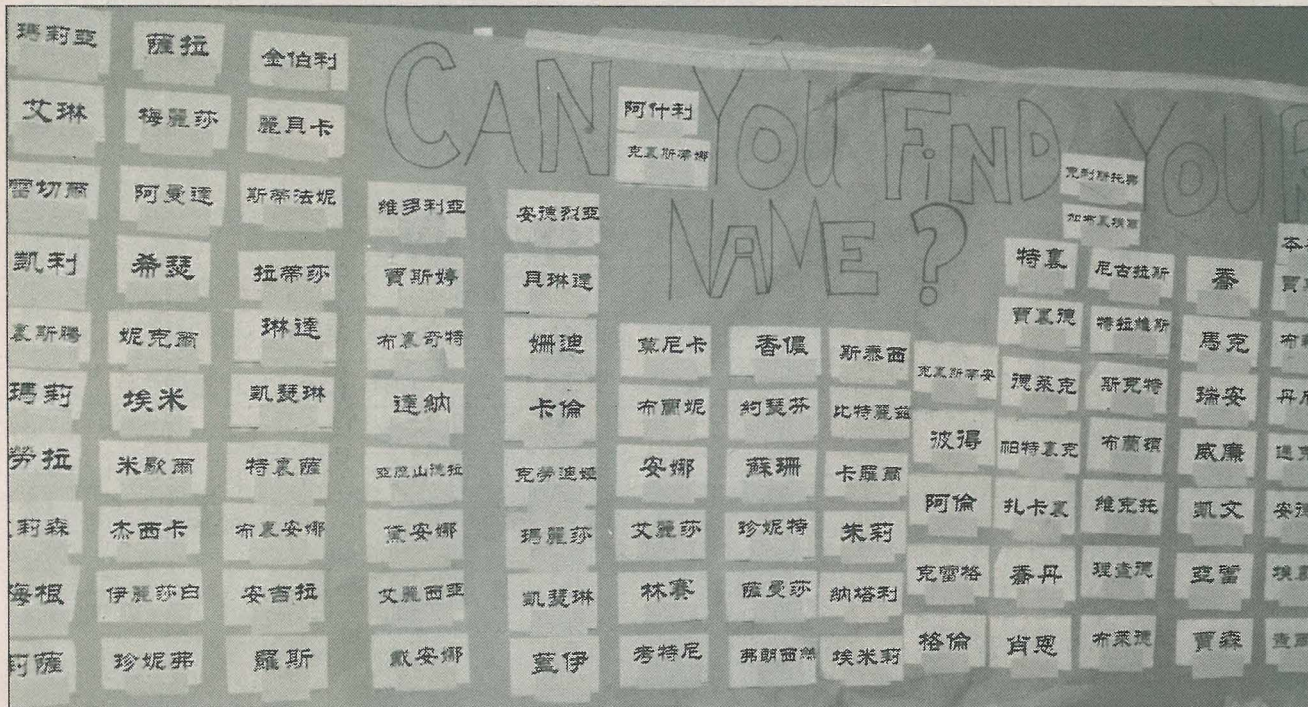
# Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.NSU.....	21	285	378	.754
2.Tampa.....	22	320	453	.706
3.Lynn.....	21	315	460	.685

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Rollins.....	20	79	330	.239
2.Florida Tech.....	22	71	289	.246
3.NSU.....	21	74	300	.247

Baseball

SSC STANDINGS							
	SSC			OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Florida Tech	0	0	---	2	1	0	.667
Lynn	0	0	---	2	1	0	.667
Nova Southeastern	0	0	---	2	1	0	.667
Rollins	0	0	---	3	2	0	.600
Florida Southern	0	0	---	2	2	0	.500
Saint Leo	0	0	---	1	1	0	.500
Tampa	0	0	---	1	2	0	.333
Eckerd	0	0	---	0	1	0	.000
Barry	0	0	---	0	3	0	.000



Participants' names were written in Chinese and placed on a wall where they could be identified. Photo by Judith Francois

Student Union and Residential Life Celebrates Chinese New Year

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

On Thursday Feb. 2, the Student Union, along with the Office of Residential Life and Housing, invited the NSU family to a Chinese New Year celebration. The holiday begins on Jan. 29 and continues for ten days. During the festivities, families come together to celebrate and perform holiday traditions believed to bring good luck and wealth.

At the event, participants found their names written in Chinese and received their own Hong Boa packets, which is a

small pocket filled with money which is typically given to children and is believed to bring good luck to its recipient and his or her family.

Attendees also got chance to win movies through a raffle, all while enjoying Chinese cuisine.

"We want to get student on campus to learn about different cultures and to educate them," said Sandy Chan, Accounting Coordinator for Housing, and a Chinese American herself.

The event was held "to inform people about the Chinese culture," explained Mike Brochu, Program Coordinator for

Residential Life. He thought that Chan's involvement in the event was beneficial to the NSU community since, being of Chinese heritage, it gave Chan "a chance to share her culture with the resident community."

The Chinese calendar is represented by 12 different animals, each representing a different characteristic of that year and of the people who are born during it. This year is the year of the Dog; those born this year are believed to be honest, loyal people.

Farquhar College Title Sponsor for A1A Marathon Expo

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will be the title sponsor of the Educational Expo for Broward County, part of the first A1A marathon since the 1970s. The expo, to be held on February 18, was created by Elizabeth Swann, Director of Athletic Training Education in NSU's MST division. It will take place at the Broward Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The A1A expo "will provide the community with an opportunity to be involved in a running event as well as an educational series," said Swann. Educational lecture series will serve to help educate and inform runners and athletes about training and nutrition.

Dr. Patricia Mc.Ginn, Assistant Professor in Athletic Training at NSU, will also be presenting a lecture about biomechanics and gait training.

Student volunteers from NSU's athletic training department will also be distributing race packets, as well as helping with other features of the race.

An estimated 2,000 runners will be participating in the marathon, which will follow the expo on Feb. 19. Beginning at 6:30 a.m., the race will consist of a full 26.2 mile run and a 13.1 mile half marathon run through the seaside communities of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach and Lauderdale-by-the-sea.

Students Gather in Flight Deck for Super Bowl Party

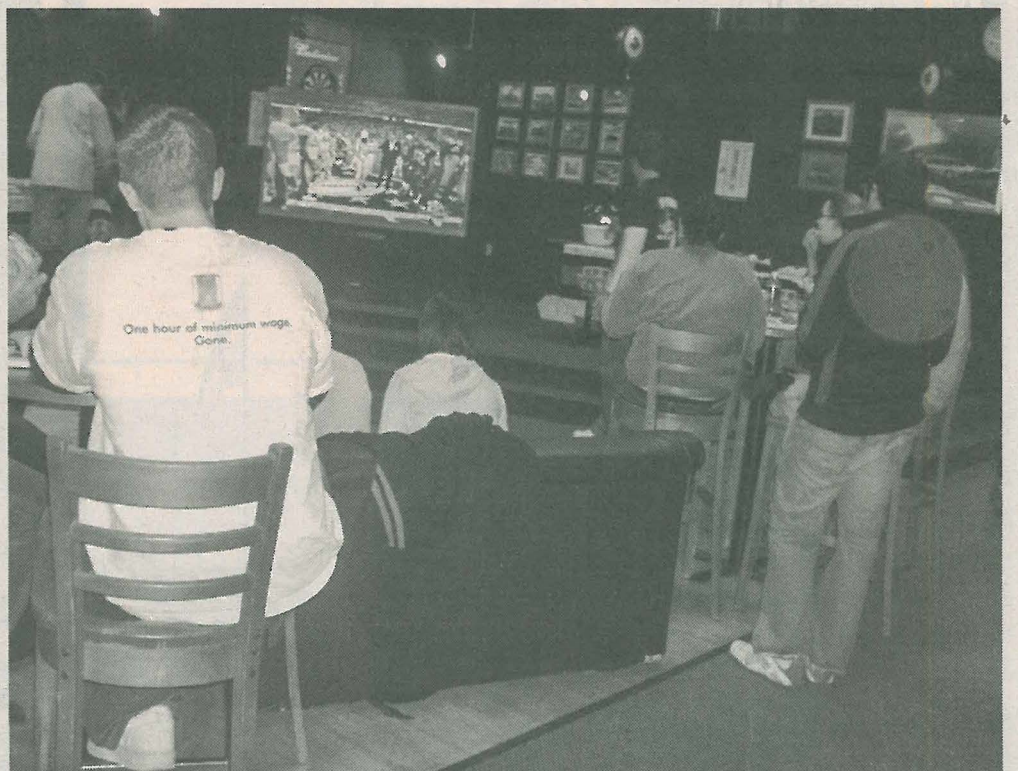
By Kristine Belizaire
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NSU's Student Union, co-sponsored by Residential Life and Housing, held a Super bowl party in the Flight Deck of the Rosenthal cafeteria, an even that allowed students to watch the Super bowl game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks.

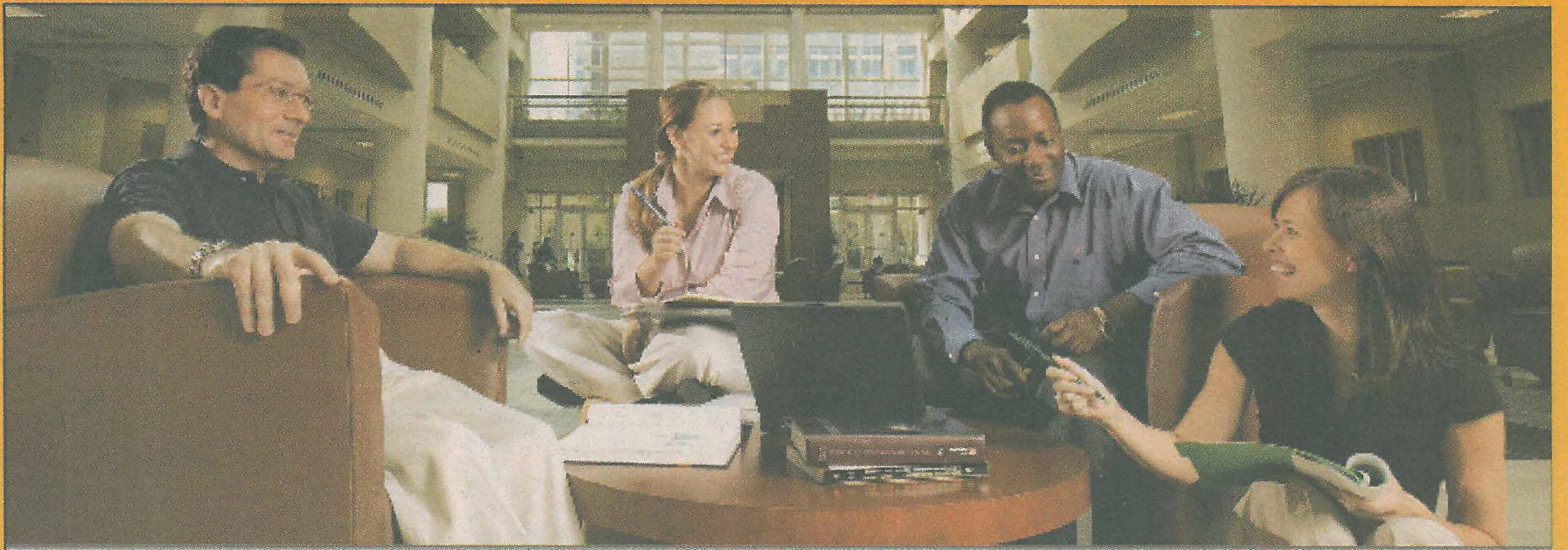
Marisa Mingues, program manager of the Student Union, said that the event was "just for fun" and to also encourage the student body to join together and enjoy the football game. Students sat around the Flight Deck, enjoying refreshments and rooting for their favorite

teams. NSU students did not appear to be cheering for one team, added Mingues. Instead the "students were just there to have a good time"

Between the game, a raffle was conducted with prizes that included movie tickets, DVDs t-shirts and hats. There was also a "football pool" where, after each quarter, the winners would receive two hockey tickets to see the New York Rangers play against the Florida Panthers. The final winner won all expense trip to Disney world for spring break, an event also sponsored by the student union.



NSU students gathered in the Flight Deck to watch the excitement of the Super Bowl. Photo by Kristine Belizaire



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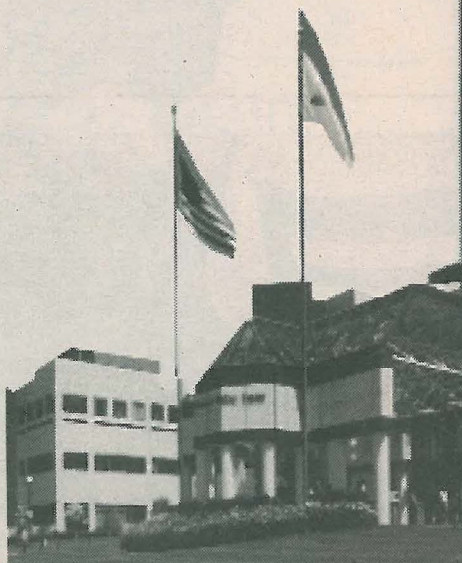
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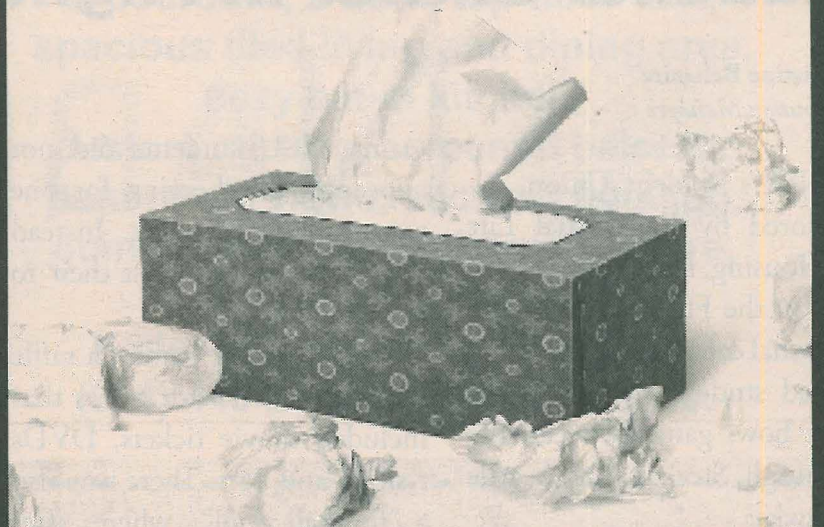
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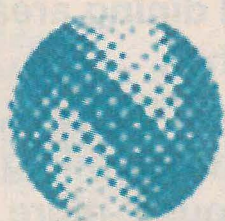
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7 p.m. CLC Courtyard
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February 16

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Sponsored by Farquhar College

February 17

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Madonna opened the Grammy Awards in a unique performance with the animated band, Gorillaz.

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Little Old Grammy Tries to Get Hip

By **Marinez Alvarez**
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I am not the type to get excited about awards shows, especially if they happen to be the Grammys. The most likely reason for my distaste for all things Grammy probably comes from my apathy regarding popular music.

The Grammy Awards (the name comes from a play on its original name, the Gramophone Awards) are the approximate

equivalent of the Oscars to the music world. Or at least that is how it should be. As dear old Grammy progresses in years, it seems as if recognizing musical talent is second to the goal of putting on a three-ring (or stage) circus. That became all too clear when the

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Album Review

Jack Johnson's "Lullabies" Are Sweet But Safe

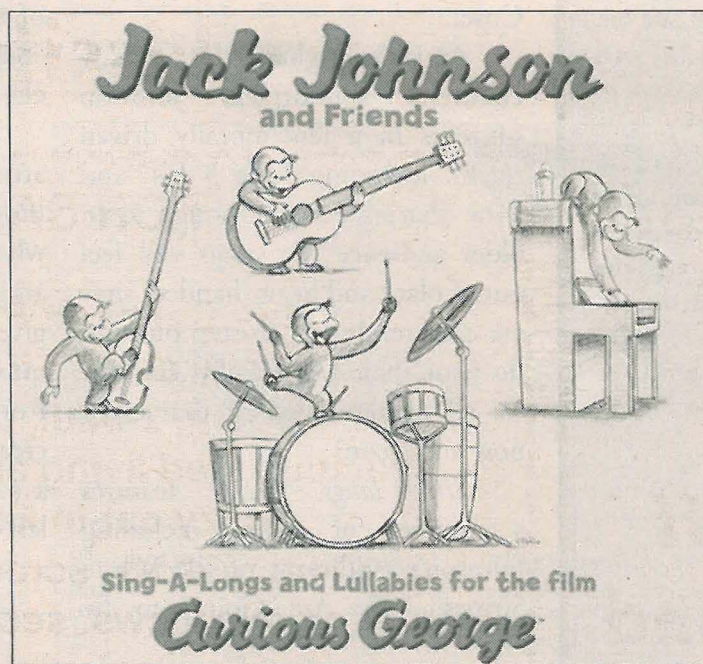
By **Marines Alvarez**
A&E Editor

Rating: \$3.00

Kindergarten lessons are easily learned and hard to forget: don't color outside the lines, don't speak to strangers, be careful and always play it safe. It seems as if recording artist Jack Johnson took those lessons to heart as he crafted *Sing-a-longs and Lullabies for the Film Curious George*.

Since the release of his successful 2002 album *Brushfire Fairytales*, Johnson has continued to produce tracks that follow his same depth-less recipe. The biggest critics of his music cite his simple lyrics and generic appearance and guitar playing as his biggest pitfalls. To his credit, though, his music is not geared towards complexity or diversity. With albums tailored for barbecues, car rides and every dorm room across America, Johnson has found his niche and is not afraid to stick to it.

In all his simple glory, Johnson seemed like a natural choice to pen the songs for *Curious George*, a movie based on the beloved books by Margaret and H.A. Rey. In addition to making an album that would appeal to kids and parents alike, Johnson was faced with the challenge of giving a



voice to an otherwise voiceless character. It was an opportunity to expand his horizons, color outside the lines and shake things up, if only a bit. Johnson rose to the challenge, but what we are left with are his same relaxed vocals, acoustic guitar and simple lyrics.

Luckily for Johnson, those "pitfalls" are what make this album sweet enough. Johnson opens *Sing-a-longs* with his first single, "Upside Down," an upbeat and ambitious track that sets the circular (if not

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Showbiz Bits

By **Marines Alvarez**
A&E Editor

Sean Preston's Days May Be Numbered

Apparently, Britney Spears read a book on how to be the worst mother possible. Her evil plan started with having Kevin Federline produce the sperm and has progressed to driving around LA with her child, Sean Preston, in the front seat with her. In her (sorry) defense, Britney told People.com that she was trying to get away from paparazzi. "I was terrified that this time the physically aggressive paparazzi would put both me and my baby in danger. I instinctively took measures to get my baby and me out of harm's way." Good thinking! Let's get the baby in the front seat on a California highway so if there is an accident the steering wheel can squish him into a giant pancake or the airbag could suffocate the crap out of him. Sean Preston, a little advice: Learn to walk and then get the hell out before they kill you. And then pray that rumors of a soon-coming baby brother or sister are false.



What Could Be Better Than Jolie-Pitt?

Super cute actress Nikki Cox ("Las Vegas") has announced her engagement to SNL alum Jay Mohr. I have only two things to say about this union. Firstly, he must have one hell of a personality. On the hotness scale, Nikki is bounds, running leaps, skips and summersaults ahead of Jay Mohr. Maybe he really does make her laugh. Maybe it's not all about looks. Yeah. Secondly, I'm extra excited about the possibility of their having a kid. You figure out why. In the meantime, this one goes out to the future Mrs. Mohr-Cox.

What Unearned Money Won't Buy You

Kids, I want you all to learn this lesson: money doesn't buy everything, even if you are an heiress and got all that money for free. Money can't make sex tapes disappear. Money can't stop people from suing you. Money can't stop breasts from slipping from your dress. And apparently, Paris Hilton, money isn't good for paying bills. After rumors circulated that Hilton's belongings were being stolen from a warehouse, Yahoo!News clarified that the items were bought after the bill for the unit went unpaid. Now, David Hans Schmidt has plans to auction off the items for the low, low price of \$20 million. Included in the belongings? Eighteen diaries filled with tales of late night parties and other sinful shenanigans. Wait, hold on... 18 diaries? Paris can spell!?

Pam's Bras Don't Fit

According to TheSuperficial.com, after searching the universe and every Victoria's Secret catalog, Pamela Anderson just can't find a bra that fits. It's a sad story that will be told to generations and generations until humankind ceases to exist. See, that's why having ginormous boobs just isn't always the answer. Sure, guys may drool at your eye-popping curves and think you're the sexiest thing alive, but in the end, if you can't find a bra that fits, life just isn't worth it. I feel so, so sorry for Pam. I mean, I know how hard it is to find a bra that fits correctly. She must be so depressed that bras don't come in Quadruple E. Either way, she still seems to find a way to fit into a bra, although it seems like she's doing a Hulk impression, her shirt about to explode at any minute...maybe that's why she's always posing nude! Because she can't find a bra! Wow, I never thought of it that way...

This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

February 17

Date Movie

Starring: Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell

Director: Aaron Seltzer

Genre: Comedy, Romance

MPAA Rating: PG-13

The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams: the very British Grant Fonckyerdoder. But before they can have their Big Fat Greek Wedding, they'll have to Meet the Parents, hook-up with The Wedding Planner, and contend with Grant's friend Andy - a spectacularly beautiful woman who wants to put an end to her Best Friend's Wedding.



Freedomland

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Julianne Moore

Director: Joe Roth

Genre: Drama

MPAA Rating: R

A bruised and bloodied white woman named Brenda Martin stumbles into a Dempsey, New Jersey, emergency room, claiming that a black man stole her car with her four-year-old son in the backseat. Veteran detective Lorenzo Council is assigned to investigate the case, and despite reservations about Brenda's story, he launches an all-out search for the abducted boy.

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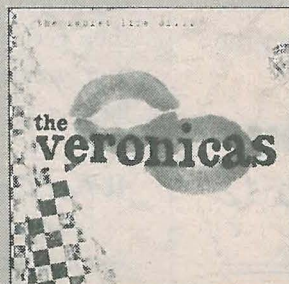
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9th Ward Pickin' Parlor by Shawn Mullins

Ghetto Classics by Jaheim

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Voices by Matchbook Romance



Book Releases

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5th Horseman by James Patterson

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In the Company of the Courtesan tracks the triumphs and tribulations of the clever dwarf Bucino Teodoldo and his mistress, the beautiful courtesan Fiammetta Bianchini. As Rome is sacked in 1527, this unlikely pair escape the city with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and a few swallowed jewels in their bellies. Like many other refugees, they land in Venice, where their shrewdness and allure helps them navigate the city's shadowy world of intrigue.

DVD Releases

Available February 14

Jon Favreau's *Zathura*

Gwyneth Paltrow in *Proof*

Donnie Wahlberg in *Saw II*

"Grey's Anatomy" - Season 1

Entertainment

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Ricky Martin at the James L. Knight Center in Miami

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Kid Rock at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood

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Wu Tang Clan at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale

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Compiled by Marines Alvarez

GRAMMY

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2006 Grammy Awards premiered on Feb. 8 and most of the airtime was dedicated to the two dozen or so live performances.

Also a sign that Grammy is trying a little too hard? The biggest news stories the morning after the live show included a very age inappropriate see-through gown worn by Terri Hatcher and an alleged spat between Mariah "She'd Better Put Down That Extra Doughnut" Carey and Madonna. Who won for best album? Best record? Best new artist? If I am going to be entirely truthful, I had no clue. Just so you know, though, best album went to humanitarian rockers U2 for *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, best record went to Green Day for "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," and best new artist was John Legend.

In all honesty, the show was one big confusion. In what world does Kelly Clarkson duke it out for best pop album with Paul McCartney? When is it okay for Paul McCartney to sing with Linkin Park and Jay-Z? When does anyone want to see

Terri Hatcher's boy shorts?

Regardless of my confusion, there are just some Grammy trends that need to end, the main one being artists singing with a choir. I'm looking at you, Mariah Carey. Don't get me wrong, I'm the first one who is up for a nice Sunday service, but the Grammys are not a church service. Even if you thank God for the award. And even if you pray before you proceed to gyrate on stage. And no, reaching for heaven while you sing, Mariah, doesn't count either.

As a huge fan of music in and of itself, the Grammys disappoint me. There is no feeling of true recognition for accomplishments or art form. Studio produced starlets of the hour sit side by side with legends and masters of their form. It hardly seems right. When more attention is placed on a melee of performances, which were all pretty mediocre, it might be time to realize that dear old Grammy is starting to take some shallow breaths.

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repetitive) tone for the remaining songs. Jack definitely gets it right with the thoughtful "Wrong Turn," and the modern day lullaby "Lullaby," which features Matt Costa.

As is the rightful duty of any children's soundtrack, Johnson squeezes in a few morally driven tracks, including "The 3 R's" and "The Sharing Song." Though to an older audience the songs will feel out of place and heavy handed, they are cute reminders to step out and do your share. And really, couldn't we all be reminded of that every now and again?

Sing-a-longs also features a number of covers including Johnson's renditions of the White Stripes' "We Are Going to be

Friends" and Ben Harper's "With my Own Two Hands." Both the tracks lose the edge and poignancy the originals possessed, but the end products fit perfectly with the rest of the album. Johnson closes with "Supposed to Be," which, if nothing else, is a nice end to a nice album.

The colorful curiosity so often attributed to Curious George is a little lost on Johnson's album, and what we are left with are simple and laid back tunes. Jack Johnson gives the album enough sweet qualities and sounds to keep it from drowning, but ultimately he creates what he was hired to create: a soundtrack, which is best when left in the background.

CD REVIEWS

\$16 - Snatch this release up as soon as possible.

\$12 - Wait until the buzz dies down and then buy it.

\$8 - Hey, it'll be on sale eventually...

\$4 - Buy a few of the better songs from iTunes.

\$0 - Skip this one. It would just take up room in your already cluttered collection.

Album Information

Official Site: www.

Album Length: 13 tracks,

1. Upside Down
2. Broken
3. People Watching
4. Wrong Turn
5. Talk of the Town
6. Jungle Gym
7. We're Going to Be Friends
8. Sharing Song
9. 3 R'S
10. Lullaby - Matt Costa
11. With My Own Two Hands
12. Questions
13. Supposed to Be



Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Imagine yourself dressed up to go to the symphony, or the theatre, or even to see a renowned speaker if that's more your cup of tea. You're quite sure that everyone there is going to be in business dress at the very least. You arrive ... you scan the crowd ... you see some guy in Bermuda shorts and flip-flops.

What?! Yes, I did say Bermuda shorts. This actually happened at the symphony not so long ago.

While I have to congratulate the guy on the fact that he was probably very comfy and didn't care much what other people thought about him, it still leaves me wondering what in the world he had been thinking when he got dressed. I had been under the impression that those attending a performing arts event or symposium should dress nicely out of respect for those speaking or performing, but I could be wrong. Then again, maybe I'm right and this person didn't get that memo.

I suppose if this were an isolated incident, I would be less irked when I see it. A lot of symphonies I've been to lately have seen half the audience in jeans. Now, the musicians up there are in tuxedos and other sorts of formal wear, because it's professional. I don't think it's too much to ask for the audience to wear a pair of slacks (or at least some clean khakis) because it's respectful.

I've seen the same thing among people in business situations. Sure, athletic shorts and tank tops might be your usual attire, but if you're going to an interview or giving a speech, you might want to consider changing.

Now, I'm not suggesting that we go back to the ways of bowler hats, gloves, or evening gowns with bustles and ruffles (although that might be pretty cool every now and then), and anyone who has seen me at that kind of event knows that I have a tendency to overdress. That's just me. I realize that when people go out to see performances, it's largely because they want to rather than to "see and be seen."

But c'mon Bermuda Shorts Guy, you really could put some pants on.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly On the Wall: The Beginning of the End

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

The SGA has changed considerably over the last few weeks and it, by my observations, was not brought on by a miraculous moment of self-reflection. A dubious force on the outside has caused the Senate to question itself more frequently and carefully. It would have been nice to see the Senate launch its own evaluation by its own motives, but a flimsy and undirected barrage of accusations from constituents have caused a rash of unfounded caution.

I was hasty in the last installment of this column when I characterized the conflict between the SGA and the student body as a witch hunt. What is transpiring now is worse than what could have ever happened at Salem (burnings at the stake and all); we have another French Revolution on our hands. Except this time, the protestors are not burning houses and killing innocent people (which, in comparison, may be a more proactive course of action in this case);

the students with grievances against the Senate are merely sitting back and watching their nifty, phantom of an uprising collect momentum and create internal conflict within the SGA. Touché if this is indeed what the dissenters planned, but I doubt that was the intention; a plan of that sort indicates a noticeable degree of cohesiveness, something that was severely lacking. Nevertheless, laziness, boredom, apathy, classes or whatever, proved too overburdening for these people and prevented attendance at Senate meetings.

The evidence that supports my suspicion that the SGA is being slowly destroyed by internal conflict and over-caution is that the Senate argued for what seemed like several eternities on one issue: whether or not to fund thirty-something pairs of black uniform pants for Chicks On Point because the bill seemed like a one-time cost. Arguments flew



back and forth when by precedent, because uniforms for COP have been funded before, the bill should have been immediately approved. The bill also violated the 10-day stipulation for submitting requests for funds. Minority Senator Randy Rodriguez-Torres came to the rescue and quickly shut down discussion by making the point that "the 10-day rule is so an event can be well organized and not fall apart." I agree completely.

"These are just uniforms," he added, "so [the Senate] should just waive the 10-day stipulation." Thank you, Randy. Everyone in the room was lucky to escape that discussion with the hair on their heads and eyebrows

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In T.V. Land

Here's to the Brown and the Bubbly

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

Ah, the Super Bowl. About a week later, I'm sure most of you have heard everything you are willing to hear about the Super Bowl. Sadly, that won't stop me.

The truth is that I am one of those annoying people who use the Super Bowl as an excuse to eat tons of food, watch tons of commercials and ask tons of questions in an attempt to educate myself regarding a sport I will *never* understand. That said, I had to find a really superficial reason to root for one of the teams. Luckily for me, my older sister went to high school with Bryant McFadden of the Steelers. Yay! Go Steelers!

Despite this case of six degrees of separation, the night was pretty mediocre. After all the hype surrounding the (very expensive) spots available during the Super Bowl, I was expecting so much more. In the midst of those very unmemorable spots, Anheuser Busch managed a slew of solid commercials, including what will probably go down as the best: "Secret Fridge." And if beer was king on Super Bowl night,

than Ameriquest earned the title "Duke of Earl." Or something equally as important.

But why talk about the good ones when there were oh-so-many that let us down? My case and point: Diet Pepsi. I would like to personally meet whoever thought that "Brown and Bubbly" would be a good campaign slogan. Are you kidding? Someone got paid for that? And even if Pepsi *is* brown and bubbly, that is not how I want my food described. Ever. A festering mud pit is brown and bubbly. My neighbor's backside is brown and bubbly. Lots of other disgusting things I won't mention are brown and bubbly. Seriously, Pepsi, next year cut P.Diddy and Jackie Chan and splurge on a slogan that is actually appealing. Or for that matter, appetizing.

The award for most counter-productive commercial has to go to Dove. Don't get me wrong, the commercial was really cute and I appreciate their new self-esteem fund. Besides, making fun of eight year old girls with no self-worth is just wrong in any context. I just think that sandwiching a self-esteem commercial between Cadillac models and GoDaddy.com's busty girl with the broken

strap might be a little stifling to their message. I just kept picturing big barrel-chested guys crowded in a bar, drinking beer and shouting obscenities when suddenly, the Dove commercial comes on. They all stop and think of their own children at home and a tear comes to their eyes. Then the hot waitress walks by and they all ogle and forget they have children. It could happen.

In just one more example of commercial mayhem, I present to you Burger King. If you didn't see it, only one word will describe it: creepy. It's bad enough that lately that giant, plastic king has been plaguing their commercials, but I guess they thought they'd take it one step further and just scare the crap out of America. The commercial featured said burger king and women dressed up as all the parts of a whopper. I'm not quite sure what it was about dancing lettuce, tomatoes, and onions that creeps me out, but man it was bad. Maybe the worst part was when they all started to pile on top of each other to form

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the Whopper and then Brooke Burke hopped on top. Again, is that appetizing? Not quite. Creepy? You said it.

Just as a final note, I'd like to say, "Thanks a lot Janet Jackson." Now, I'm not a fan of hers or of Justin Timberlake's or of Britney Spears, or of any pop culture stars MTV Productions would hire for the Super Bowl Half Time Show, but without MTV, half time is now synonymous with boring. I know the Rolling Stones are legends and all, but sorry, watching Mick Jagger prance around in age inappropriate clothes is not my idea of entertainment. I appreciate what you did for music, I do- but hip huggers, Mick? A shiny midriff shirt with Jordans? At your age? To make matters worse, he took off the shiny shirt to reveal arms that, for some reason, reminded me of rubber chickens. I was praying that there would be no wardrobe malfunctions.

More than once, all the Stones looked like they were going to have strokes. The half time show was the shriveled cherry on top of the rotting sundae that was Super Bowl XL.

Finally, let me just say that the MVP really belonged to those officiating the game. They were obviously pulling for the Steelers the entire time. What? They aren't eligible? Well, they could've fooled me.

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after the fiery hoops jumped through to get that event's date changed and passed. The Senate has made fusses about the application of rules before, but it was never this silly. Hence my slightly singed finger pointed in suspicion at needless caution caused by student complaints.

Remember the Bastille? Of course you do. It's happening again with the IOC's constituents attempting to demolish the infamous 10-day rule. I'll reiterate; it is a stipulation that gives clubs 10 days to turn in receipts after an event for reimbursement. After the ten days, the funds are swept from that club's account. At the last IOC meeting, all but three clubs voted to get rid of the rule: the Surf Club, Alpha Phi Omega, and one other club whose name escapes me. Now that's *odd*... why are two clubs who always get their funding against changing the rule? Maybe because it is not impossible to turn in a receipt or invoice 10 business days after an event takes place. Opinions were highly polarized on this issue. Several members, such as IOC Senators Jessica Boyd and Marilyn Callwood, Commuter Senator Christopher Tann, and Treasurer Diane Klein, were for the change. Others, including Commuter Senator Alaina Siminovsky and Freshman Senator Andrew Ibrahim, were against.

Several points were made for implementing a first of every month sweep date. Senator Tann said the SGA should consider "smoother processes

and less red tape." Senator Boyd made the point that the change would also benefit the OSB and the Account Analyst Janette Del Angel by making their jobs easier. Klein expounded upon Boyd's statement by saying that "it is impossible to go every day and fill out 20 documents to sweep funds." The concept is that one day set aside for sweeping all accounts will reduce the paperwork and help clubs that for *some* reason can't find the time to bring a slip of paper to an office.

Senator Siminovsky said the "avenues of choices" that the organizations had to deal with the 10-day rule have always existed. She gave the example of requesting a check cut. The SGA hadn't made it clear to the clubs that a check cut was an option, she added. Senator Ibrahim boiled the situation down nicely when he said "there's a difference between what the clubs can't do and what the Account Analyst and the OSB can't do." A side-issue then became whether this bill was representing members of the SGA or the constituents. Clearing things up, SGA Advisor Gary Gersman said the concept of representation means that the senator represents the constituents and the idea. PR Director Danielle Garcia then made it clear that this resolution was representing "members of the SGA and the OSB that cannot do their job right now." Some still disagreed.

So here's my take on it. If this resolution is going to be passed simply to appease the clubs, I am against it. The Surf Club, Alpha Phi Omega, and

other clubs have proven that it is not impossible turn in a receipt in time. If this resolution is passed to help the OSB and Del Angel with their work, then I am all for it. Satisfying the clubs, in this case, should only be a side effect.

Nevertheless, the resolution was referred back to the Finance Committee because it was flawed to begin with. Under this resolution, clubs that have events at the end of the month will have limited time before the first of the next month to turn in receipts. Grace periods were suggested, but the resolution was fundamentally unprepared for voting.

I also have a prediction for this faux revolution: just as it happened to the French, the changes the constituents want now will come back and bite them in the rear end.

Additional Notes

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Liz Harbaugh resigned, stating personal reasons for leaving her position.

Commuter Senator Siminovsky also said she would resign before this week's meeting unless members of the Senate lobby her to decide otherwise.

Treasurer Diane Klein reported that there is \$36,251.25 left in the Senate reserve fund.

Bills passed: Fintastic Tailgate, Phi Sigma Sigma's Second Annual Kickball Tournament, Spring Sports Rally, and Criminal Justice Club event trade.

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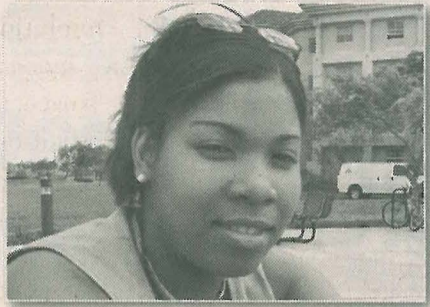
Do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

- Absolutely!
- No way, I hate this holiday!
- Depends on the partner of choice
- Nah, just another day of the year
- None of the Above

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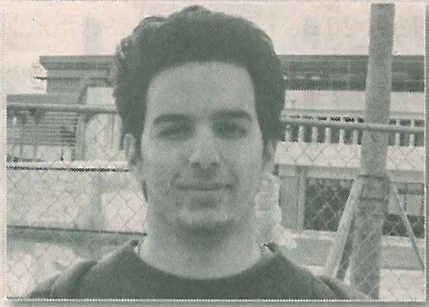
NSU On The Scene:

"What is the sweetest thing anyone has ever done for you?"



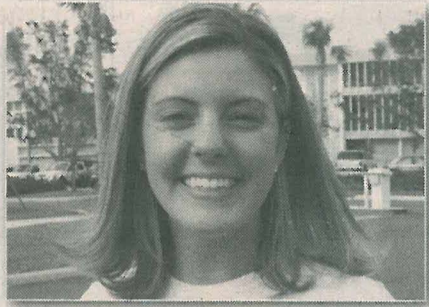
Daphnee Sainvil
Miami, FL
Legal Studies
Senior

"My friend in N.Y. sent me 2 dozen white roses and a plane ticket to go to N.Y. to see him for valentines day. He took me out to dinner and I returned home the same day."



Drew Shalian
Boston, Mass.
Biology/Psychology
Senior

"Taking me on a trip to Key West when I hadn't worked for almost 2 years. They were able to get my mind off things."



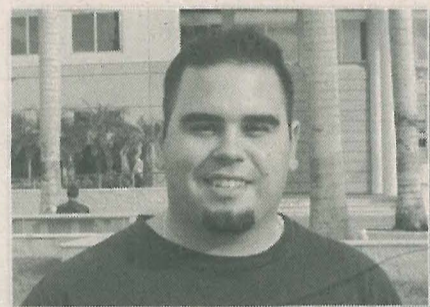
Bri Cooley
Michigan
Biology
Freshman

"I was into music and my boyfriend at the time brought me a guitar and custom painted it for me."



Mark Fletcher
Manchester, England
Psychology
Freshman

"My girlfriend took me to Paris for my birthday last year."



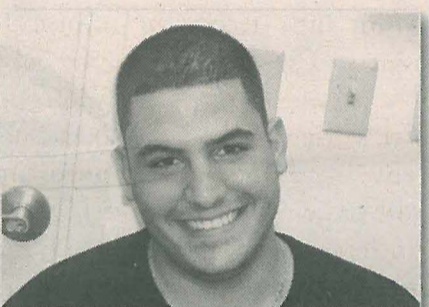
Alex Jatzoulis
New Hampshire
Law school
Freshman

"Professor Burris gave me a C in AAMPLE."



Malina Brooks
Coconut Creek, FL
Biology
Senior

"My mom surprised me with a laptop, with a wireless mouse."



Carlos Arias
Hialeah, FL
Biology
Junior

"Having someone to listen to my problems when I am down."



Erica Shinholser
Florida
Master in Medical Science
Sophomore year

"My grandfather took me out to a fancy hotel dinner when I was a little girl to celebrate my good grades, I got dressed up and I felt very special."

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