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NSU Hosts African Art Exhibit

Paintings and Photos from African Art Exhibit used to express the African influence on Caribbean Cultures

By **Judith Francois**
Staff Writer

To celebrate Black History Month, Nova Southeastern University is hosting African Presence 2005: The Caribbean Connection Art Exhibit. The opening ceremony was held February 3 despite a February 1 opening. The ceremony featured Afro-Caribbean dance and musical performances; many of the artists featured were present for the

celebration.

The beautiful paintings and photographs express the great African influence in Caribbean cultures and in the U.S., featuring art from Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and several other countries. The display will continue through February 28 in the Carl DeSantis Building.

Above:

Carl Juste 1st Place: Photographer Carl Juste appears with two of his pieces, to his left is Kiss of Freedom and to his right is his award winning piece Mask Edition. Photo Courtesy of Geraldine Photography.

Below:

The PanAfricanists displays Caribbean, African and African American world leaders. Painting by Barrington Watson. Photo by Judith Francois.



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Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Death Penalty: The Easy Way Out for Criminals

Try to imagine for one second a loved one being bludgeoned to death. Would you want the culprit to die a quick and solemn death by lethal injection, or to rot in a dank prison cell for the rest of his days, regretting his actions? Personally, I prefer the latter. There are countless fallacies associated with capital punishment, one of the largest being the cost to taxpayers or that it promotes deterrence. We can't forget that mistakes have been made. Innocent lives have been executed and to me, one innocent life is one too many.

Many believe the abolishment of Capital Punishment would be unjust to the tax payer. Surprisingly, that is not the case. A trial with Capital Punishment at stake is reported to be more expensive than trial without it. In 1982 a study proved how uneconomical the death penalty can be. It stated "if the death penalty is to be reintroduced in New York, the cost of the capital trial alone would be more than double the cost of a life term in prison." Similar results can be found in Florida, where the estimated cost of execution is approximately \$3.2 million, approximately six times the cost of a life-imprisonment sentence.

Fear of death does not stop people from committing crimes, a common misconception held by proponents of Capital Punishment. Over the years, statistics show that threat of being put to death has not affected the crime rate. Death penalty states do not

have lower crime rates than non-death penalty states. For instance, during the 1980's, states with the death penalty and those without had an average difference in homicides of just .1 murders.

The Stanford Law Review reported that "23 innocent prisoners had been executed in this century." Furthermore, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, since 1973, 70 prisoners have been liberated from death row due to DNA or other evidence proving their innocence.

Mistakes have been made. Anthony Porter is one of the lucky ones. After serving 16 years, he was released on February 5, 1999. At one point during his sentence, he had come within 48 hours of being executed.

In this day and age, one can never be completely positive that justice will not mislead. The past proves that all too well. Innocent lives have been wrongly taken or put at risk due to faulty police effort, coerced confessions, incompetent defense, fervent prosecution or even pressure from the community. I believe that life without parole could be a more beneficial alternative to Capital Punishment. It's not only cost-efficient, but there would also be reassurance that an innocent life will never be mistakenly taken by the state again.

Information provided by: <http://sun.soci.niu.edu/~critcrim/dp/dppapers/aclu.antidp>

World News...

North America

Carlee' Wows Westminster Crowd

Carlee, a German shorthaired pointer, recently won Best in Show during the 129th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. She is the second pointer to win at Westminster and is the descendent of the 1974 winner. For more information, visit <http://www.cbsnews.com>.

Robo Toddler Learns To Walk Like A Human



Scientists in Washington have constructed a robot toddler that progressively "learns" to walk. Its curved feet, motorized ankles and arms aid the toddler with mobility. The machine is equipped with a "passive-dynamic design" which imitates the way humans walk. For more information, visit <http://www.wftv.com>.

Women Who Avoid Marital Fights May Be More Likely To Die

After monitoring close to 4,000 men and women for 10 years, researchers from Boston University and the Eaker Epidemiology Enterprise have come up with the following conclusions: unmarried men were twice as likely to die early as married men, women who argue with their significant other are more likely to die early than those that don't and women who do not express themselves have greater chances of dying early than those that do. For more information, visit <http://www.local10.com>.

Stupid motorists, beware

After Paul Zalewski, 47, tried to cross a flooded street with his Hummer - all the while thinking that Hummers could float - the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office decided it was time to invoke the state's "stupid motorist law". For more information, visit <http://www.azcentral.com>.

Chippie tries to fry world record



Kelvin Baines recently broke the world record for making nearly 1,300 pounds of chips (french fries, in the U.S.) for 12 hours straight out of The Chip Stop in Plymouth. The chips were later given away for free. For more information, visit <http://news.bbc.co.uk>.

Caribbean

Daughter of ex-leader found dead

The body of Cecilia Cubas, 32, daughter of the former president of Paraguay, Raul Cubas, was recently found after months of searching. Abducted by armed gunmen, Cubas' body was found in a tunnel behind a house. For more information, visit <http://www.guardian.co.uk>.

North Korea Confirmed a Nuclear Threat

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

North Korea has recently disclosed that it possesses nuclear weapons, citing that the country needs them to protect against Bush's foreign policy. The Associated Press (AP) reported that North Korea, long thought to have or be constructing nuclear weapons, has decided to end disarmament talks. President Bush had hoped to enter into six-nation discussions in hopes of ending the North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

The North Korean Foreign Ministry stated that they "have manufactured nukes for self-defense to cope with the Bush administration's ever more undisguised policy to isolate and stifle the (North)." The AP article also quotes newly appointed Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's response, saying "The North Koreans have been told by the president of the United

States that the United States has no intention of attacking or invading" the country.

This dramatic turn in North Korea's diplomacy follows Bush's inaugural address, in which he labeled the country among his perceived "outposts of tyranny." The hope of the United States is to return to talks with the North Koreans, so that any potential nuclear crisis can be avoided between that country and other parts of the world.

Of late, the Bush administration has also been considering taking action against Iran, another country suspected of constructing a nuclear program. Iran is now in talks with European nations about establishing a regulated nuclear power plan.

SGA Budget Gets Mixed Reviews

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

On Saturday, January 8, the SGA Senators met during the budget hearing for extensive discussion and to review the budget packets submitted by NSU's clubs and organizations. The Senators sat down with new budget guidelines devised to facilitate the processes of fairly allocating the SGA's funds and the procedures organizations must complete to gain much needed finances.

The budget guidelines for this semester's requested funds, however, received varying feedback, both during the period of completing the packets and after the funds were released to their respective clubs. One of the pervading issues that arose was that conflict and disagreement developed after the organization's budgets were finished when the guidelines were specifically designed to be understandable.

However, even with the clarity of the guidelines established by an electronic version on a disk thoroughly prepared with pages upon pages of instructions, many of the submitted budgets contained flaws. Problems apparently lay somewhere in the mechanism of the budget guidelines; miscommunication between Senators and club leaders and improper examination of instructions led to discord.

"I think it was pretty fair," stated Melissa Ruidiaz, the Best Buddies President, "We had four events to fund and three got approved. One didn't get approved because we missed an unfair April deadline. Otherwise it was pretty straightforward. I think people only had problems when they didn't come to the IOC meetings to hear everything that the Senators had to say."

Similarly, Bijou Stoc, the Best Buddies Vice President, stated "the new budget guidelines were unfair but not difficult." Stoc also claimed that "SGA requires [the clubs] to write a separate bill for

conferences, which is a waste of time when it was already submitted in the budget request."

Minor problems seemed to surface with most club leaders, and yet some had differing opinions completely: Jackie Blanco, President of both the Knights of Kitchen Table and Pre-Pharmacy Society, affirmed that she "was very happy with the budget process this semester" and that "there were clear guidelines for organizations to follow and they were applied towards all organizations." Blanco describes the budget guidelines as "complete shift" from last semester's procedures and agrees that "funds were more equally distributed." And yet, Stoc believes that "some organizations, such as fraternities and sororities, are given excessive amounts of funding for closed events." This is not the case, however: as the Winter 2005 Budget Hearing Approval worksheet released by the SGA depicts that social Greek organizations only received a fraction of the funds they initially requested.

Even so, the debate concerning the budget process possibly stems from the funds allocated to the clubs: organizations that were allotted sufficient funds were generally satisfied and found the budget uncomplicated, while organizations lacking funds took a different stance.

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Harbaugh, IOC
Senator on Page 4*

<i>Budget Categories</i>	<i>Amount requested from SGA</i>	<i>Amount Allocated from SGA</i>
Student Government Association		
Campus Entertainment Committee		
LDC Committee	\$2,758.18	\$1,618.18
Public Relations	\$3,351.75	\$3,201.75
Reserve Fund		\$4,692.57
Senate Fund		\$23,000.00
Service		
Alpha Phi Omega	\$4,280.00	\$550.00
Best Buddies	\$1,495.00	\$500.00
Total	\$5,775.00	
Educational/Informative		
Astronomy	\$564.00	\$150.00
Chicks On Point	\$2,998.54	\$300.00
GSSA	\$4,082.00	\$1,000.00
Knights of the Kitchen Table	\$1,620.25	\$1,330.00
Martial Arts	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
Nature	\$1,011.50	\$405.00
Surf	\$1,061.75	\$220.00
Vegetarian Society	\$2,942.21	\$440.00
Young Democrats	\$2,200.00	\$250.00
SAAC	\$2,486.60	\$350.00
SASA	\$420.00	\$250.00
Spanish Club	\$799.46	not chartered
Total	\$21,236.31	
Social Greek Organizations		
Beta Theta Pi	\$6,270.00	\$1,100.00
Sigma Alpha Mu	\$3,020.00	\$750.00
Kappa Sigma	\$9,992.00	\$785.00
Lambda Theta Phi	\$3,606.00	\$940.00
Theta Delta Chi	\$3,970.00	\$890.00
Delta Phi Epsilon	\$1,675.00	\$980.00
Phi Sigma Sigma	\$4,764.50	\$635.00
Total	\$33,297.50	
Cultural Heritage		
PASA	\$5,345.98	\$700.00
CSA	\$4,855.00	\$800.00
ISA	\$2,178.50	\$405.00
OASIS	\$3,077.00	\$500.00
PAKSA	\$808.00	\$360.00
Total	\$16,264.48	
Religious		
Baha'l Unity Club	\$385.00	\$100.00
IMAN	\$3,414.30	\$465.00
Total	\$3,799.30	
Pre-Professional		
Alpha Kappa Psi	\$5,780.05	\$250.00
Tri-Beta	\$865.00	not chartered
NSU Finance and Invst Club	\$564.50	\$228.50
Phi Alpha Delta	\$3,711.00	\$850.00
Pre-Dental	\$858.00	\$100.00
Pre-Med	\$715.00	not chartered
Pre-Pharmacy	\$448.25	\$250.00
Psi Chi	\$2,104.00	\$368.00
Psychology Club	\$1,179.05	\$230.00
Assoc. of Computing Machinery	\$350.00	not chartered
Total	\$16,574.85	
Recognized Groups		
National Pan-Hellenic Council	\$1,324.00	\$780.00
Resident Student Association	\$48.00	\$48.00
Inter-Organizational Committee	\$1,128.00	\$628.00
Inter-Fraternity Council	\$2,900.00	\$1,350.00
Total	\$5,400.00	
Grand Total	\$102,347.44	\$52,750.00

Classifieds:

Money For College The Army is currently offering sizeable bonuses of up to \$20,000. In addition to the cash bonuses, you may qualify for up to \$70,000 for college through the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or you could pay back up to \$65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army's Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, call 954-472-4800

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Q & A Session with IOC Senator, Liz Harbaugh

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Q: How much money did SGA have to allocate?

A: We set aside and gave out \$70,000 during the first semester. \$20,000 came back to us, so we had \$50,000.

Q: How was the new budget guideline system created? Was it an individual's idea or collaboration between groups?

A: I am on the Finance Committee and I drew up proposed budget guidelines. It was presented to the Finance Committee; they made some changes and it was presented to the IOC; they made some changes and the SGA itself voted on it.

Q: Do you think the new guidelines made SGA's job easier or only created more problems?

A: For right now it's going to be harder, because when you implement a new system it changes the way people are used to doing things. I think

that at this point it's probably not as efficient as it will be in the future. So, for this semester it may have created more problems. It certainly made it easier for the Senators. I think it's harder for the clubs to adjust to because now they have to become more familiar with the bill writing process.

Q: In your opinion, what was the main problem or concern that the clubs and organizations had with the budget?

A: Well, a lot of people did not read the new budget guidelines thoroughly, and so when they presented their budgets, they presented things like one-time costs or leadership conferences, all of which will only be funded in the form of a bill. Those are things that we need a lot of detail on and we want to make sure that we're not giving money to something that's not going to happen.

Q: What is SGA's general criterion for making appropriations?

A: We always look at the mission statement of a club. For example, if your mission statement says that you are a philanthropy group, we're probably not going to fund you to go bowling. If your mission statement says that you are a political group, we're probably not going to fund an art show. We also look at whether the budget is inflated, itemized, or whether the events bring dynamism to the campus.

Q: Is it common to have left over funds after all appropriations have been made?

A: Yes. And we should for bills. Usually, at the end of the year there is between \$10,000 and \$20,000 allocated for clubs that is not spent. We have an April 1 deadline so that we sweep all the clubs' money and then the SGA will figure out a way to spend that extra money. It does

not roll over into the next year.

Q: Is the budget system going to change?

A: The budget system has changed, but it is a work in progress. Obviously, we are not going to finalize it. It should be evolving as the university evolves.

Q: What are some changes that may occur in the future?

A: That's really going to be a question for next year's SGA executive board, I think. And it really depends on the vision of the students. We will be having an open Finance Committee meeting soon for people to come voice their opinion on the budget process. The students have the power to make changes.

Q: When will the open Finance Committee meeting occur?

A: It's not set at the moment, but it will be announced over the IOC listserv.

Use the Career Fair to Your Advantage

By Jennifer Nelson
Visual Design

If you are looking for a full or part time job, internship, or if you are just looking for a chance to brush up on interview skills, the career fair is the way to go. Most students make the mistake of thinking that the career fair is only for business students, or that it only accommodates students looking for immediate full time work, but that is definitely not the case. Career Fairs are perfect opportunities to get out there and present yourself to the professional world. Employers from numerous companies around South Florida are always looking for new faces, young talent, and energetic workers to join their staff. Even if you think that the companies being showcased may not seem like your field or that it has nothing to do with your major—take my advice: use Career Fairs to your advantage. Take advantage of the opportunities that are available now when the pressure is not as high. Do not wait until the day after graduation to say: "Hi my name is.... and I would like to work for your company." The Career Fair will come to NSU on Wednesday, February 23 from noon until 7 pm in the Carl DeSantis courtyard.

Attendees

AFLAC
Allegis Group
American Express Financial Advisors
Applied Card Systems
Andrx Corporation
ASG Software Solutions
Atlantic Biologicals Corp.
BankAtlantic
BankUnited
Bankers Life and Casualty Co.
Becker Professional Review
Blockbuster Inc.
Carnival Cruise Lines
CIGNA Corp.
Citibank
City Furniture
City of Hallandale Beach
Commodity Investment
Computer Careers International Group
DHL
Dolphin Stadium
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Enterprise Rent A Car
Ernst & Young LLP
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Internal Revenue Service
Mass Mutual/DBS Financial Group
MetLife
NationsHealth
Neilson Media
North Broward Hospital District
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
Nova Southeastern University
Oasis Staffing
Rachlin, Cohen and Holtz
Ram Development Company
Sherwin Williams Company
Social Security Administration
South Florida Water Management District
State Farm Insurance
TradeStation Group
United Group Programs
United States Army
United States Marine Corp Officer Selection Group
Walgreens
Wells Fargo Financial
Zep Manufacturing

Do:

- BRING NUMEROUS COPIES OF YOUR PROOFREAD RESUME (15-30)
- PREPARE AND INTRODUCTION TO SELL YOURSELF
- BRING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, SMILES, ENERGY, AND A FIRM HANDSHAKE – FIRST IMPRESSIONS CAN GO A LONG WAY.
- MAINTAIN GOOD EYE CONTACT AND SPEAK CLEARLY
- RESEARCH THE COMPANIES IN ATTENDANCE
- CARRY ONLY WHAT YOU NEED IN A SMALL BRIEFCASE OR PORTFOLIO
- MAKE SURE YOUR RESUME AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE EASILY ATTAINABLE

DON'T:

- DON'T COME UNPREPARED.
- DON'T SAY YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING IN THE COMPANY, WHEN ASKED WHAT TYPE OF POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING.
- DON'T LOAD UP ON FREEBIES, OR AT LEAST NOT IN FRONT OF THE RECRUITERS YOU HOPE TO IMPRESS – REMAIN PROFESSIONAL.
- DON'T WEAR PERFUME OR COLOGNE.
- DON'T MOVE BOOTH TO BOOTH WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS – YOU NEED TO STAND OUT.
- DON'T COME DURING THE LAST HALF HOUR OF THE EVENT – SOME EMPLOYERS MAY NEED TO LEAVE EARLY.
- DON'T AVOID THE GPA QUESTION – GIVE AN HONEST ESTIMATE IF ASKED BECAUSE IT MAY NOT REALLY MATTER.

Surprising Night at the Grammys

Fan favorites' didn't take home the Grammys this year

By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts and Entertainment Editor

CBS showcased the 47th Annual Grammy Awards Show on Sunday, February 13. The Grammys, known as the music industry's biggest night, is not your typical awards show. In fact, nothing about the Grammys is typical. Conventional awards shows showcase glamour and decorum; stars strut their stuff down a red carpet showcasing various designers, and their speeches are filled with thanks given to those who helped them. Well, instead of the famous red carpet, at the Grammys stars get the royal treatment while walking down a green carpet.

The night kicks off attempting to buck the stereotypical award show feeling. This year's Grammys had a feeling truly unlike other award shows- with its multitude of medleys, the night was given a community feeling. The opening act featured five acts on four stages with 13 nominations between them. The Black-Eyed Peas kicked it off with their hit "Lets Get it Started," followed

by Maroon 5, Los Lonely Boys, Franz Ferdinand and Gwen Stefani with Eve. Though riddled with stars, the opening act was not as exciting as it could have been, but there were a few highlights- Will.i.am of the Black-Eyed-Peas jumped on stage with Maroon 5 and threw - literally threw - a white guitar to the group's lead singer Adam Levine. Gwen Stefani and Eve were the most lackluster part of the opening. Eve simply has fallen from her former curvaceous grace with her new, barely there

There were, however, some surprises in the winners: for example, Hoobastank's "The Reason" was the phenomenon single of last spring, with more perceived air time than normal, and it didn't receive a single award.

body. Queen Latifah would remain the role model for bigger girls, hosting and performing at the event. She delivered her blatantly scripted lines impeccably, though even her delivery couldn't shake the corny nature of the lines.

Stars such as U2's Bono cited this night, the performances, and the nominees as probably the best Grammys that he had ever seen. The committee surely had a hard time doling out awards, one would think, with such qualified nominees. There were, however, some surprises in the winners: for example, Hoobastank's "The Reason" was the phenomenon single of last spring, with more perceived air time than normal, and it didn't receive a single award.

Surely the audience was shocked



Kanye West, winner for Best Rap Album, performs his hit Jesus Walks during the Gospel Medley. Photo courtesy of Wire Images



by other award announcements when, during the announcement of nominees they cheered for favorites, but saw those nominees with the least applause take home the Grammy. It is at this point that people must remember that the Grammy winners are not decided based on the favor fans have showered on the nominees, but are the decision of a committee.

The night carried on with a series of presentations in homage of past legends. A plethora of lifetime achievement awards were given out throughout the night, almost competing with the "actual" awards.



Top: Will.i.am of the Black-Eyed Peas performs with Adam Levine of Maroon 5 during the opening number at the 47th Annual Grammy Awards. **Above:** Queen Latifah hosted and performed at the Grammys where, during her introduction, she expressed her excitement to be in attendance, not because she was hosting, but because she was such a big fan of the people in attendance. All photos courtesy Wire Images.

Highlighted Winners

Album of the Year

Ray Charles "Genius Loves Company"

Song of the Year

John Mayer "Daughters"

Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal

U2 "Vertigo"

Rap Album

Kanye West "College Dropout"

Dance Recording

Brittney Spears

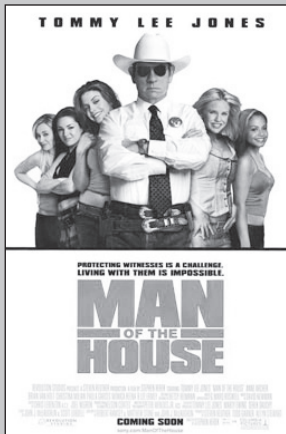
Best New Artist

Maroon 5

This Week in Arts and Entertainment

Movie Openings:

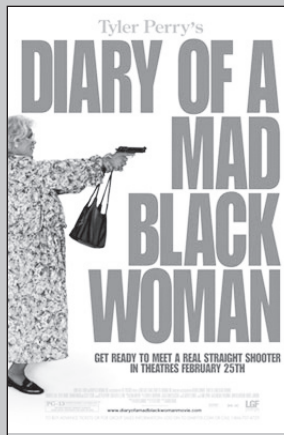
Man of the House opens to audiences nationwide on February 25. This action/adventure/comedy is rated PG-13 and stars Tommy Lee Jones, Kelli Garner, Shannon Marie Woodward, Terry Parks and Anne Archer. Synopsis: Texas Ranger Roland Sharp (Tommy Lee Jones) is assigned to protect the only witnesses to the murder of a key figure in the prosecution of a drug kingpin—a group of University of Texas cheerleaders. Sharp must now go undercover as an assistant cheerleading coach and move in with the young women.



Cursed opens to nationwide audiences on February 25. This action/adventure suspense/horror is rated PG-13 and stars Christina Ricci, James Brolin, Portia De Rossi, Jesse Eisenberg and Shannon Elizabeth. Synopsis: An estranged brother and sister living in Los Angeles, mourning the recent loss of their parents, are brought back together by a savage werewolf attack, forcing them to fight for survival against both the beast and the dangerous virulent curse.



Diary of a Mad Black Woman opens to nationwide audiences on February 25. This comedy/drama is rated PG-13 and stars Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris, Tyler Perry, Shemar Moore and Lisa Marcos. Synopsis: Helen McCarter (Kimberly Elise) seemingly had the perfect life with husband Charles McCarter (Steve Harris). Over the years, Helen has been a faithful and loving wife, while Charles built a successful and lucrative career as a prominent Atlanta attorney. However, on the eve of their 18th wedding anniversary, Helen's paradise begins to crumble as Charles announces that he wants a divorce, tossing Helen out of the mansion to make room for the 'other woman.' With all of her possessions packed in a moving van, Helen starts on her journey to put the pieces of her life back together.



Concerts/Performances:

Alicia Keys, 2/25, 8 p.m. James L Knight Center
400 SE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33131



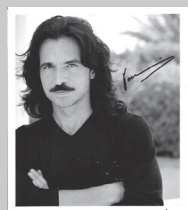
Comedy Idols from NBC's Last Comic Standing, 2.25, 8 p.m., Coral Springs Center for the Performing Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065



Bob Marley 2/26, 1 p.m. Bayfront Park Amphitheater, 301 N Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132



Yanni 2/27 8 p.m. Office Depot Center, 2555 Panther Pkwy, Sunrise, FL 33323



Movie and Discussion Series

February 26, at noon in the Alvin Sherman Library room 4009: In the Name of the Father. Daniel Day-Lewis plays Gerry Conlon, a real-life member of The Guildford Four. In 1974, the government falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned these men for 14 years for the bombing of an English pub. The film describes the courage of these men and their families during this long and unjust ordeal. Speakers: Niall O'Dowd, publisher of Irish America and The Irish Voice; and Andrew Wilson, adjunct professor of modern Irish history at Loyola University of Chicago. They will address the significance of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and Irish-American involvement in the ongoing peace process.

Compiled by Alaina Siminovsky

Hooked on Hitch

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer



Fresh Humor, Lengthy, Intelligent

Who would have guessed that this year's first solid and thoroughly enjoyable film would be a romantic comedy? It is also strange that theater patrons, who usually swallow mindless action pictures, will embrace an intelligent comedy. But it was time for a change and Hitch provided that breath of fresh air.

The most attractive aspect of Hitch was the interesting mixture of talent in the cast. There is no doubt that most of the film's hype came from the appearance of Will Smith in all of the ads. Smith provided a refreshing and clever character with a straightforward perception on the hassles of dating. The bluntness of Alex Hitchens' (Smith) personality is different from the "romantic" roles of typical romantic comedies; Smith was neither overly clichéd, corny, nor sappy.

Starring opposite Smith, Kevin James delivers most of the film's comedic moments. James was convincing in his role as an uptight accountant in hilarious instances of complete clumsiness and charismatic nervousness. Out of the two, James was the more amusing. The use of both stars created the hook and the bait... Will Smith was Hitch's hook, drawing in the crowds, and Kevin James kept the audience's eyes fixed on the screen. But of course there has to be a downside; Eva Mendes, who played inquisitive reporter Sara, offered a performance that was less than exciting - which was probably due to the dryness of her character.

Another noticeable feature of Hitch was the dialogue. The conversations between the characters were sharp and witty. Even the vocabulary was elevated. It was pleasant to watch a movie that did not humor the

audience with dull and simple dialogue. Intelligence is actually required to understand some of the more subtle comedy of the film. Romantic comedies, more so than other genres, are infamous for underestimating the intellect of spectators with mind-numbing interactions. However, Hitch does not follow that dangerous trend, a fact that only made the movie more satisfying. In a way, some moments of dialogue were modeled in a Shakespearean fashion, with flowing and articulate language.

Unfortunately, Hitch is not perfect. The movie is too long and sometimes drawn out, running almost two hours. However enjoyable the film was, no romantic comedy should be this lengthy. One can only take so much light-hearted comedy before developing a mental illness. On the downside, the length is the result of the complex dialogue and the formulaic plot. But in the sense of the carefully placed events that lead to the ironic conclusion of Hitch, its length is necessary.

Out of this year's combination of absolute trash and tolerable films, Hitch is the first movie worth the trip to the theater. With Will Smith's reputation of starring in memorable flicks and Kevin James' fresh talent on the big screen, there was no doubt that Hitch would be enjoyable. There is one suggestion though: bring a significant other.



Hitch (Will Smith) shows Albert (Kevin James) how to impress with dancing skills. Photo courtesy www.movies.com

Rated: PG-13
Director: Andy Tennant
Writer: Kevin Bisch
Starring: Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valletta, & Julie Ann Emery



MOVIE REVIEWS

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 Rock & Alternative, Hip Hop + R&B

Favorite Bands/Performers:
 Lauryn Hill, Donell Jones, Alanis Morissette, Jason Mraz, Boys II Men, SWV, Fugees, Craig David, Sugar Ray, and the list continues.

What's in your personal CD player right now?
 I'm listening to Warren Barfield and John Legend. Oh, and of course, Lauryn Hill is always off to the side.

What advice can you give to people trying to break into the music industry?
 Internships are a great way for one to put their foot in the door. Not just for music industries, but for any work interests.

What new artists do you recommend and why?
 Currently, I think John Legend is the guy to be looking out for this year. His soulful rhythm and blue voice is

the ticket to a nice day. He recently released his first album, *Get Lifted*, and it speaks for itself.

Why did you become a DJ? What's the best part of your job at Radio X?
 I became a DJ because it was something new and different. How many students do you know can proudly say that they're a DJ at their college Radio Station? Not to mention, anyone that knows me can testify that I'm always humming or singing something!

Special Radio X giveaways and promotions (What tickets will the radio be giving out?)
 Just last week I gave out tickets to go and see Snoop Dogg. I'll be giving out tickets to Ashlee Simpson, Hoobastank, Motorcycles on Ice and Songs for the New World. Keep it locked on the station and you'll be amazed at the goodies we give away.

Other: In addition to being a DJ here at Radio X, I also do a radio show that I call Info X. This is a weekly 30-minute radio program that discusses a range of issues from campus issues like tuition and studying abroad to contemporary social and political topics. Sometimes the show will feature special guests to give a professional prospective on an issue. Featured guests have included Scott Colton, who is with the School of Osteopathic Medicine, and more



recently, president of PASA, the Pan-African Student Association, Noelle Webster came on to address her stand on Black History Month. Upcoming guests include an actor from the Broward Center of the Performing Arts named Shane Tanner, who will be appearing as Bill Sikes in the upcoming production of *Oliver*.



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9PM TO 11PM		SMOOTH GROOVES <i>Jazz/Blues/Soul</i>	JAM SESSION <i>Alt. & Rock</i>	JAM SESSION <i>Alt. & ROCK</i>	BLOCK PARTY <i>URBAN & REGGAE</i>	JAM SESSION <i>ALT. & Rock</i>	THE BASEMENT HOUSE MUSIC	BLOCK PARTY URBAN
11PM TO 1AM		SMOOTH GROOVES <i>Jazz/Blues/Soul</i>	BLOCK PARTY URBAN	BLOCK PARTY URBAN	BLOCK PARTY <i>URBAN & REGGAE</i>	BLOCK PARTY URBAN	THE BASEMENT HOUSE MUSIC	BLOCK PARTY URBAN
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Left: David Robbins as Sir "Grumpy" Boru in front of the Manor House at the Empire of Adrian Encampment. Robbins' daughter graduated from NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center in 1999.

Above: The Minstrels of Mayhem during one of their performances. This popular band performs five times each day of the Festival. In the foreground from the left: Jerry Barry (called Pompadour on stage) and Ty Billings (called Melodio). In the background: Jimi Torrey and Brad Collier. Photos by Jennifer Torres

The Florida Renaissance Fair Never Disappoints

Anyone can have fun with a motley assortment of entertainment

By Alisha Vanhoose
Editor-in-Chief

Live music, innovative entertainment, interesting food, and exciting costumes. All of this can be found at the 2005 Florida Renaissance Festival at Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Running every weekend through March 13, the Ren Fest, as it is lovingly called by avid attendees, offers a fun escape for anyone looking for an event that's out of the ordinary.

With over 100 vendors and artisans offering everything from face painting, costumes, leather Renaissance gear and jewelry to weapons, toys, ceramics and musical instruments, there's a little something for everyone who enjoys unique, handmade gifts or eccentric souvenirs.

As patrons tour the Festival or enjoy one of the many entertaining shows, they can snack on not only the usual festival fare of burgers and funnel cakes, but may also enjoy foods typical to the period like Scotch Eggs, ethnic foods like gyros and arepas, or novelties like chocolate-dipped cheesecake or sugar-roasted nuts. Perennial favorites like huge blooming onions, roasted corn, giant turkey legs, and frozen lemonade are also in ample supply.

For those interested in a little more than shopping and sampling novel foods, more than fifty entertainers perform on both stage and street throughout the day. Highlights include The Minstrels of Mayhem, a fun, jazzy musical group who offers everything between beautiful ballads and rowdy songs that will leave the

crowd in stitches. The Adrian Empire hosts a steel fighting ring near the ever-popular jousting field. Live, unchoreographed battles twice daily have men and women in full armor fighting it out with real weapons. For entertainment with an exotic flair, the Spanish Gypsy Dancers light up the stage with energy and grace. Lovers of slapstick and utter silliness can't miss the Mudd Show, which consists of a recitation of the brilliant works of Dante and Shakespeare in under 30 minutes – in a pit of mud. Watch out though; the first several rows are liable to get a little messy. After a thorough splattering at the Mudd Hole, a visit to the Washer Well Wenches will have even the dirtiest customer soaked to the skin and dying of laughter.

Specialengagements, children's performances, improvisational acts, music and comedy of all kinds can be found throughout the fair, and family-minded groups can check out the program for a Hollywood-style rating system to plan which shows are good for their little tykes. To see it all though, you'll have to spend more than one day touring the festivities.

Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$6 for children. Season passes, good for all days of the Festival, can be purchased for \$60. Group discounts are available, or you can buy tickets at a \$3 discount either by purchasing them at area businesses or presenting a specially-marked Mountain Dew can at the ticket booth. For more information or to check out entertainment schedules, Festival maps and get directions to Quiet Waters Park, visit <http://www.ren-fest.com>.

What You Just Can't Miss

Entertainment

Theatre in the G'Round

Also called the Mudd Show. "Dante's Mud Inferno," "Beowulf in the Mud" and others will have you in stitches. Just sit in the back if you want to keep clean. Rated PG-13

Washing Well Wenches

Wet, wacky, and over the top, the Wenches' interactive show is a perennial favorite. Here's another show where people trying to preserve their clothing should avoid the front row. Rated PG

Cameron, The Drunk on Stilts

Acrobatics worthy of Cirque de Soleil, knife and fire juggling, and, of course, stilts. Cameron's incredible skill will shock and amaze. Rated PG

Music

The Minstrels of Mayhem

Witty banter intertwined with not-so-subtle comedy punctuate a round of rollicking good tunes and beautiful ballads that will have audience by turns clapping along and listening with dreamy contentment. Rated PG

Shaelaurel

This high-energy family affair is not your typical group. Favorites are given a new style; "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" takes on a hilarious Renaissance twist as "King Henry Went Down to Rome." Rated G

Craig of Farrington

As he doesn't play a stage, you'll have to find this wandering minstrel on the street. Playing everything from the seriously romantic to the seriously bawdy, Craig is sure to please. Rated G

Demos

Adrian Empire

Real weapons, real armor, real battles. No choreography, just steel on steel. The Adrian Empire hosts two live fights per day.

Shopping

LD's Games and Roses

LD & co. may offer medieval-style games, but their real draw is the roses: flowers made of leather, tartan, wood, feathers and more make the perfect gift for yourself or a sweetheart.

Wax Hands

Kids in particular love to make models of their own hands by dipping them in multi-colored wax.

Uncommon Adornments

One of the many jewelry vendors, Uncommon Adornments has a variety of beautiful jewelry that can be made to order.



By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Its That Time Again: Don't Let Exam Week Get You Down

It seems like before we know it, exams are always upon us. If you're like me, that means a bunch of papers to write and some studying, because I'm pretty prepared. If you're not like me that could mean long nights of studying. This exam period, don't let exam week get you too run down. A few weeks ago, I was running around like a crazy person. That meant early mornings, late nights, and I wasn't really eating well. Now what did that lead to? SICKNESS. My voice went, I was coughing like a horse, and all my free time, what little I allowed myself to have on my busy schedule, was spent in bed.

The one good thing about exam week is that it symbolizes liberation- after our last exams, we've got spring break. Who wants to spend that whole week in bed? I know

most of you who don't live in Florida might not be rearing up to go home- why would you when the weather is nicer (in most cases) here? If you stay around, you don't want to be stuck in bed - or worse - be too sick to enjoy the nothingness that is being in bed.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the tendency for people to take up residence in the fast-paced left lane. There are good parts and bad parts to doing that, and one of them is running yourself too hard for too long and not taking proper care of yourself, which will ultimately not only slow you down, but secure you a spot in the parking lot we call confinement to your bed.

For those of you who like the fast paced life that the left lane has brought you, I recommend that if you feel the need to keep this pace, you take care of yourself. No one likes the side

lines, no one likes the right lane, and frankly, getting sick WILL land you in the parking lot. Last time I checked, no one wanted to be left out during spring break.

Now, let's talk a little about spring break. For starters, thank G-d! I know that I could use a break from the last eight weeks. I mean, even during times that are typically reserved for relaxation, I did work. Last week I took forty-five minutes for a pedicure, however, I sat in the massage chair reading for class. From time to time I do take a break to watch TV... but I'm usually - always - on the computer doing work, be it outlining what I've already read, or reading news articles on the web. Like most of you, I could use a few days off- especially because my fast paced schedule got me sick.

What else does spring break

mean? Frankly, to me, it's the beacon, the lighthouse, welcoming summer our way. When we return from spring break, there are only eight more weeks until salvation. Granted, for me the summer will mean working or interning, but that still leaves the possibility for freedom. Continuing my driving metaphors, the summer represents the H.O.V. overpasses on the highway; it's (hopefully) an unobstructed lane that allows you to glide over the main road, it's like a hiatus from the cutthroat nature of major highways. So don't let this semester push you to the brink of health. That will just get you down and then you won't be able to enjoy spring break: the light in the darkness leading us towards summer escape.

NSU Clubs and Organizations

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- ACCOUNTING Club
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- ASTRONOMY Club
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- INDIAN Student Association
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- MARTIAL Arts Club
- NATURE Club
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- VEGETARIAN Club
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- OASIS
- PAKISTANI Student Association
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- PRE PROFESSIONAL
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Just Wear It

Condomology: Safe Sex Workshop

By Caroline Cullen
Knightslife Editor

The Nike slogan is “Just Do It,” while the Office of Recreation and Wellness is recommending that you “Just Wear it” ... a condom, that is. On the evening of February 10, the Goodwin Lobby was the site for a safe sex awareness session at NSU’s main campus in the Condomology workshop.

The Office of Recreation and Wellness provided a variety of freebies, including: free condoms, both colored and flavored, condom keepers, personal lubricants and breath mints. These survival kits were accompanied with literature on a variety of subjects to promote health and sexual responsibility. Pamphlets were available for both males and females who want to know, “What is normal and what is not?” These informative booklets proposed questions and answers for questions dealing with the topics like menstrual cycles, pelvic exams,

prostate health and impotence. Self-examination guides were also on hand, promoting self awareness and tips on when to seek care from a health care provider. Those in attendance were given the facts on STD’s, HIV and sexual violence. Demonstrations were performed on condom application in order to educate the class while advocating responsibility and knowledge. The message of the evening was for men and women to protect themselves.



America Minc and Sybil John participate in a safe sex demonstration during the Condomology workshop. Photo by Judith Francois

For more information on future events log onto the Office of Recreation and Wellness at: www.nova.rec.edu



Even the cows wear rubbers. Photo by Judith Francois

Top 10 Reasons to Use a Condom

1. They make the best party hats!
2. The Center for Disease Control estimates that 1 out of every 100 men in the U.S. is HIV positive.
3. They keep the good stuff in and the bad stuff out.
4. One out of every 800 women in the U.S are estimated to be HIV positive.
5. You will respect yourself in the morning.
6. Each day, 16,000 new HIV infections occur in the world.
7. It is the perfect way to stand out in a crowd
8. 80% of all adult HIV infections are due to heterosexual transmission.
9. Nothing shows you care more than a condom.
10. There is no such thing as a second chance: AIDS kills.

Compiled by the Global Protection Corp.

Spanish Club Takes on Telemundo

By Danielle Garcia
Contributing Writer

NSU’s Spanish Club recently traveled to Telemundo in Hialeah, Florida to be in the audience of the new hit Spanish talk show “Rocío.” The club hoped to improve their Spanish speaking skills by submersing themselves in the culture- and what better way to do so then to go straight to the heart of any culture: talk shows.

“Rocío” is a new talk show starring Rocío Sánchez Azuara as the host. The show is intended as a Latin version of Oprah, and is now in competition with another popular Spanish talk show “Cristina,” broadcasted by rival network

Univision.

On February 4, the Spanish Club traveled in style as the show’s transportation picked them up and served them a catered lunch. Afterwards, the students were ushered into the studio where they watched and participated in the taping of a show titled “Marry Me.”

Spanish Club executive board member Giselle Guevara organized the event in an effort to create a social event that members of the Spanish Club could enjoy while furthering their Spanish speaking skills. The club enjoyed the experience and the cozy atmosphere.

They are hoping to return to the Telemundo Studios later this year, when they will attend another show and hopefully expand this opportunity to all NSU students.

The show aired during Valentine’s Day week on Telemundo. If students have any questions about the Spanish Club or the next trip to Telemundo, they can contact Professor Martinez, head of the Spanish Department, at dmart@nova.

Let’s Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen
Knightslife Editor

Does Size Really Matter?

Get your mind out of the gutter people; I am referring to body types.

We all know the adage that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. This brings us back to last week’s column where I posed the question, “What is Sexy?”

When *The Knight* went out in the field to get students’ first hand opinions, only two of the eight students did not mention a physical attribute in their answer. So, what is the ideal body shape for attraction?

In the ladies department, there are those who drool over the “hourglass” figure: small waist, ample bust and curvy hips. Some like their women petite, and others like a big booty. A number of people like a full figured woman, with some “cushion for the pushin.” Although the media portrays the majority of women as Barbie dolls, the ASD (American Sports Data) and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) shoots that ideal down. According to ASD and CDC research statistics on obesity in the U.S., the average adult women weighed in at 163 pounds in 2004.

When it comes to the gentlemen, the pressure does not seem quite as intense. Television seems to show a common theme of thin women in relationships with out-of-shape dudes. Does this suggest that size matters less to women? Some committed men do put in the time to get buf, but a man’s build just doesn’t seem like a priority to the majority of women.

So does size really matter? I think not. Then again, it depends on whom you are asking. With all the statistics on eating disorders, steroid use and plastic surgery, it is a shame that human beings keep reaching for an unrealistic ideal. Eat right and exercise for your health. Although this is another cliché, it is what is inside that really matters. We are all going to grow older, get wrinkles and transform physically, like it or not; so your reasons for picking a partner had better not be only skin deep.

Please send questions or comments to nsunews@nova.edu.

University Nicknames and Mascots: Part 2 in a Series

By Dr. Mark Cavanaugh

Associate Professor of Social & Behavioral Sciences

In late 2004, University President Ray Ferrero, Jr. appointed Dr. Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, and Mike Mominey, Director of Athletics, to form a group, now known as the "School Spirit Task Force" to explore whether the Knight should remain NSU's mascot and make a recommendation back to him for possible future action and ultimate approval by the University's Board of Trustees.

After gathering some data and determining that the present nickname was still unfamiliar to a majority of NSU constituents, the committee decided to hold another contest, this time for the purpose of either reaffirming the name or selecting a new one. The contest is to be held in the coming months.

Any investigation of the spectacle we call college sports reveals the richness, variety, panoply and color surrounding collegiate athletics, all of which, given the right factors, can inevitably overflow into an intangible but extremely powerful force -- a blend of pride, nostalgia, hope, loyalty, generosity, ecstasy that at times seems to approach the most profound in religion, and, finally, all the qualities of a maddened crowd - known as "school spirit." One small facet of the phenomenon of school spirit can be found in the college's team nickname.

Collegiate as well as professional sports provide examples of both "nicknames" and "mascots." Certainly, professional baseball teams, which date to before the Civil War, solidified the practice in America. Colleges and universities

followed suit.

As collegiate athletic departments professionalized themselves in the ensuing decades, they adapted practices from the larger private sector. Among these was the use of nicknames to identify teams, used more or less in the way that product branding was common in the world of business. In the 1920s, nicknames were not in any way 'official' but were, for the most part, one of several names used by fans who took on reporters' use of vivid descriptions of the competitors in order to keep their stories lively and sound the drumbeat for their local teams. By the 1930's, the vast majority of the more visible collegiate athletic departments had settled on a nickname which had become the official representation of their school's team.

Given the significance of victory over rival colleges, the use of mascots - a somewhat separate tradition - was almost inevitable. They are evident, in their earliest form, as talismans or good luck charms - dogs, horses, eagles, falcons, mules and other creatures belonging to team members or fans who attended games with their masters and who were thought to provide the winning edge. A dog's enthusiastic, continuous barking - merely annoying in another context - or the flight of a falcon at just the right moment could not only punctuate a memorable victory or present an unforgettable spectacle, but could also galvanize a team or a crowd just enough to insure its own athletic immortality.



Greg Jones and Megan Chin boogie down. Photo by Rafia Chodhry.

Karaoke with Best Buddies

By Rafia Chodhry

News Editor

"Can we play Candy Shop (by Eminem)? The clean version!" was all Lorin Potts wanted to know at the Best Buddies 2nd Annual Valentines Day Dance. Held on February 13 in Mailman Hollywood Building, the event was kicked off with an ice-breaker, with karaoke and a banquet provided by ARAMARK Dining

Services later. The karaoke hour was the highlight of the event: Students and their buddies paired up to sing, dance and celebrate Valentines Day, something that most individuals with intellectual disabilities usually do not get the chance to experience in their lifetime.

Nova ROCKS!

Danielle Garcia

Contributing Writer

Christian Rock/Alternative bands Chosen X and Berman rocked NSU's first annual Nova Rocks concert at the Flight Deck on Friday, February 4, as students joined together in unity to spread their spiritual beliefs.

Nova Rocks was a collaborated effort by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, NSUSGA, the Student Union, Residential Life, and the Initiative to Promote Spirituality to put on a concert where students could enjoy great music with a positive message. The two bands received rave reviews from the audience.

Chosen X, and is composed of five members: Josh Mercier (Lead Vocals), Jarod Mercier (Guitar), Rob Carbonell (Guitar), Dan Blue (Bass), and Jesse Ruggles (Drums) took the stage first. The group has been together for a little over four and a half years, and say that they just started out as a bunch of friends fooling around with some instruments. After a year or two they formed Chosen X. When asked to describe their music, lead singer Josh Mercier said, "We are a mixture of emo, punk and rock-n-roll, trying to convey a positive message without being to preachy, and just trying to create a lot of energy so people enjoy our show." The band played a handful of their hits, including "A Few More Days," "My Unforgiving Self," and "Light a Fire." Anyone interested can check out their recent CD, "For the Times You Feel Dead or Alive," available at ChosenX.com. The

band's performance was nothing short of superior as they received a roar of applause from the audience.

Berman closed the evening with their punk/hard rock set, playing singles like "Lost Angeles," "Fall Off the Earth," and "Face the Night." This band is a family affair, containing two sets of brothers: the Shapiro brothers, Bradd (Guitar) and Steve (Drums), and then the Hejja brothers, Greg on bass and Mike on guitar. The final member of the band is lead singer Guy Jettman. The group got their start with a church youth group, then naturally progressed to where they are right now. Bradd Shapiro said that "Christian music is finally gaining some ground in the music industry, and the bands are being fostered in churches and youth groups, like us. But sometimes people get the wrong idea when they think of Christian music, but it is just like any other music, with a positive message in the lyrics." As the band would say if you think they are "flippin' sweet" check them out at bermanmusic.com.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship worked hard to promote this event to further their mission statement of opening new doors to students on campus about spiritual options. Member Pedro Sam emphasized, "The concert will bring students together and they can share spirituality. Most people think of Christian music as gospel and hymns, but that is just a small fraction of Christian music."

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Chinese New Year Brings New Tradition and Festivities to NSU

By Earl Tinsley
Visual Design

On February 9, the Office of Resident Life and Housing invited the NSU community out to the Goodwin backyard to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The event was hosted by Accounts Coordinator Sandy Chan, Program Coordinator Marina Stonewall, and Janel Chou.

The Chinese New Year is a celebration of family togetherness, where friends and family get together to share their hopes for prosperity in the new harvest (year). During the modest celebration at NSU, staff and students were able to experience the tradition first hand. Guests were given red Lai-See Envelopes, generally



From left to right: Janel Chou, Sandy Chan and Marina Stonewall brings the NSU staff and students together to ring in the Chinese New Year. Photo by Earl Tinsley

given to children and young adults by their parents in honor of their good behavior, as well as a chance to experience the "Tray of Togetherness," also known as a chuen-hop in Chinese, a selection of dried fruits, sweets and candies. The tray includes eight compartments, each comprised of a special food item significant to the New Year Season. Guests also experienced traditional foods, games and activities.

As the event came to a close, Stonewall shares, "We hope to get the Asian Student Association to collaborate with us to make this a bigger celebration. Chan further adds, "[Our ultimate goal] is to bring in different groups and inform them about the culture."



The "Tray of Togetherness," includes a selection of food made only of ingredients that can be harvested. **Clockwise from center:** Sesame Crackers, Ginkgo nuts, water chestnuts, cocunut, bamboo shoots, and lotus seeds. Photo by Earl Tinsley

Chinese Zodiac consists of a 12 year cycle, each year of is named after a different animal that has distinct characteristics to its year.

- Rabbit (1903-1915-1927-1939-1951-1963-1975-1987-1999-2111)**
Luckiest of all signs, you are also talented and articulate. Affectionate, yet shy, you seek peace throughout your life. Marry a Sheep or bear. Your opposite is the cock.
- Dragon (1904-1916-1928-1940-1952-1964-1976-1988-2000-2012)**
You are eccentric and your life complex. You have a very passionate nature and abundant wealth. Marry a Monkey or Rat late in life. Avoid the Dog.
- Snake (1905-1917-1929-1941-1953-1965-1977-1989-2001-2013)**
Wise and intense with tendency towards physical beauty. Vain and high-tempered. The Boar is your worst enemy. The Cock or Ox is your best friend.
- Horse (1906-1918-1930-1942-1954-1966-1978-1990-2002-2014)**
Popular and attractive to the opposite sex. You are often ostentatious and impatient. You need people. Marry a Tiger or Dog early, but never a Rat.
- Sheep (1907-1919-1931-1943-1955-1967-1979-1991-2003-2015)**
Elegant and creative, you are timid and prefer anonymity. You are most compatible with Boars and Rabbits but never the Ox.
- Monkey (1908-1920-1932-1944-1956-1968-1980-1992-2004-2016)**
You are very intelligent and are able to influence people. An enthusiastic achiever, you are easily discouraged and confused. Avoid Tigers. Seek a Dragon or a Rat.
- Cock (1909-1921-1933-1945-1957-1969-1981-1993-2005-2017)**
A pioneer in spirit, you are devoted to work and quest after knowledge. You are selfish and eccentric. Rabbits are trouble. Snakes and Ox are fine.
- Dog (1910-1922-1934-1946-1958-1970-1982-1994-2006-2018)**
Loyal and honest, you work well with others. Generous yet stubborn and often selfish. Look to the Horse or Tiger. Watch out for Dragons.
- Boar (1911-1923-1935-1947-1959-1971-1983-1995-2007-2019)**
Noble and chivalrous. Your friends will be lifelong, yet you are prone to marital strife. Avoid other Boars. Marry a Rabbit or a Sheep.
- Rat (1900-1912-1924-1936-1948-1960-1972-1984-1996-2008)**
You are ambitious, yet honest. Prone to spend freely. Seldom make lasting friendships. Most compatible with Dragons and Monkeys. Least compatible with Horses.
- Ox (1901-1913-1925-1937-1949-1961-1973-1985-1997-2009)**
Bright, patient and inspiring to others. You can be happy by yourself, yet make an outstanding parent. Marry a Snake or Cock. The Sheep will bring trouble.
- Tiger (1902-1914-1926-1938-1950-1962-1974-1986-1998-2010)**
Tiger people are aggressive, candid, courageous and sensitive. Look to the Horse and Dog to happiness. Beware of the Monkey.

Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development Announces Outstanding Student Leader of the Month

Jackie Blanco receives Outstanding Student Leader award

By Tricia D Doud
Graduate Advisor for Clubs/Organizations

The office of Student Activities and Leadership Development is proud to announce Jackie Blanco as the recipient of the Outstanding Student Leader of the Month Award for the month of January. Jackie is a Junior at Nova Southeastern University, majoring in Biology and planning to begin pharmacy school in the fall of next year. She was born in Miami and has resided in Southern Florida throughout her lifetime. Since coming to NSU, Jackie has been involved in numerous activities on campus and has also held many leadership positions in campus clubs and organizations. These involvements include, but

are not limited to, Pre-Pharmacy Club (Community Relations Officer, President), Knights of the Kitchen Table (Founder, President), Community Fest (Clubs/Orgs Co-Chair), Presidential Knight, Leadership Round-Table Scholar, and Orientation Leader. Jackie is also involved with volunteer projects outside of school, and is currently in the process of planning a silent-auction for a "Tropical Knights" event in April, proceeds from which will benefit Autism Awareness. When asked why she chooses to participate in so many extra-curricular activities, Jackie responded, "To make NSU a home, not just a school." Kudos to

Jackie, as her hard work does so for many other students on campus as well.

If you know of a student you would like to recommend for SALD's Outstanding Student Leader of the Month Award, please contact doud@nova.edu.



Jackie Blanco. Photo by Jennifer Nelson

NSU On The Scene:

"If you could do anything over Spring Break, what would it be?"

Sindy Espinoza
Freshman
Biology
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

“

I would like to go to Hawaii and sunbathe on the gorgeous beaches of Hawaii.

”



Jason Updike
Freshman
Biology
Rochester Hills, Michigan

“

I would get my crew together and go to Cancun and do everything I can't do here.

”



Matthew Gunter
Freshman
Sports and Wellness
Management
Lakeland, FL

“

It would be playing a professional sport, like basketball or Arena football.

”



Nicole Carr
Sophomore
Psychology
Coral Springs, FL

“

I would go to Africa because I've never been there and it is apart of my heritage.

”



Nigel Floris
Freshman
Communication
Studies
Brooklyn, New York

I'd go to Cancun, Negril, or the Bahamas and chill on the beaches with beautiful women.

”



Rosemary Lucas
Freshman
Marine Biology
Conyers, Georgia

“

I would go to Kenya so I could visit the national refuge there.

”



Tanielle Gallimore
Junior
Biology
Jamaica

“

I would like to go back home in Jamaica so I can spend time with my family and friends.

”



Willie H. Wood, Jr.
Freshman
Legal Studies
Chicago, Illinois

“

I would take my last check, give half to my momma, and blow/spend the rest chilling in Miami.

”

NSU Baseball Defeats Saint Leo University 16-12

Sean McFadden homers twice and Corry DiBiase hits first career homerun to lead Knights to second win in a row

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team (5-3) defeated Saint Leo University (2-4) by a score of 16-12 on February 13 in non-conference action at the NSU Baseball Complex.

NSU 2B Sean McFadden had a big day, going 2-for-5 with a 2 homeruns, 5 RBI and 3 runs scored. NSU freshman 3B Corry DiBiase also had a career afternoon as he went 3-for-5 with 4 RBI, 2 runs scored and his first career homerun. Knights C Noel Rodriguez was 3-for-4 with 4 RBI and 1 run scored, while CF Alex Froloff was a perfect 4-for-4 with 2 runs scored.

Saint Leo RF Ray Horal led the visiting Lions, as he went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and 5 RBI, while CF Sean VanGuilder was 4-for-5 with 1 RBI and 5 runs scored.

After Saint Leo had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, NSU answered with five runs in the bottom half of the inning. McFadden started the rally with a two-run homer, then DiBiase added a three-run shot for his first career homerun.

Saint Leo cut the deficit to two with one run each in both the second and third before NSU put together a six-run third inning. McFadden again provided the big hit of the rally, as he delivered a three-run homer.

NSU starting RHP Chris Callahan picked up his

first win of the season on the mound for the Knights (1-1), while Lions starter Jesse Wilson was credited with the loss.

NSU returns to the diamond February 18 and 19 for its first-ever Sunshine State Conference series, as Florida Tech will visit the NSU Baseball Complex.



Cover Steve Smith receives the ball and prepares to strike back.
Photo by Gary Curreri

National Girls and Women in Sports Day It's More Than a Game

By Danielle Garcia
Contributing Writer

On February 11, all of NSU's female athletes gathered for a luncheon sponsored by the Athletic Department to celebrate all of the achievements in female sports over the years for National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

This year's National Girls and Women in Sports Day donned the theme "More Than a Game," the event displaying that athletics are more than a game to our female athletes. Athletics helps women learn valuable lessons like teamwork, camaraderie, time management, and more. But more importantly, athletics in college gives female students the opportunity to play the game they love at a highly competitive level

and earn scholarships that help them pay for their education.

The athletes listened to a speech by keynote speaker/Pioneer Award recipient Ann Marshall. Marshall is a native of south Florida who was one of the first female athletes at the University of North Carolina, and one of the first female athletes to receive a scholarship. She was also an outstanding swimmer and competed at the Olympics at the age of fifteen.

After the inspiring speech, Coach Michael Mominey announced the nominees for the Flo Hymann award: Staci Gaeth, Michelle Alvarez, Sophie Friis, Danielle Garcia, Taylor Liput, Janette Rodriguez, and Katie

Wintle. This year's 2005 Flo Hymann award was presented to Rowing's Taylor Liput for her outstanding efforts as a student athlete.

That weekend, each of the women's sport teams were victorious in all matches, with a win in women's basketball, three wins over Eckerd for softball, and tennis sweeping both their matches against Palm Beach Atlantic and Florida Tech.

To check out more about NSU's women's athletic programs, you can log onto nsuathletics.nova.edu.



By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Jose Canseco Pumps Up Sales for His New Book

You won't believe what Canseco says about steroid use and his friends in the MLB

The "bad boy of baseball," Jose Canseco went on "60 Minutes" to be interviewed about his new book, *Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits & How Baseball Got Big*, which was released February 14. Because of internet sales, the book was a bestseller before it even hit the shelves.

In the interview, Canseco says: "The national pastime is juiced, and that's reality." He's obviously talking about how much steroid use there is in Major League Baseball. "I'm telling the story of my life," he says. Canseco openly admits to using steroids and growth hormones throughout his baseball career. But the most amazing part is that he's also releasing names: many of his friends, who also used steroids. "I would have never been a MLB player without steroids," Canseco admits in the interview. He says it helped him achieve "everything." He was MVP in 1988 and hit 462 homeruns in his career as a baseball player.

In the book, Canseco names five players that he used steroids with. On the top of that list was Mark McGwire. "It was something so common," Canseco says. He then explains what they would do after batting practice. "We would go into a stall before a game and use steroids," Canseco says. Not only did Canseco use steroids with McGwire, he used them with other teammates on the Oakland Athletics. McGwire denies ever using steroids, but I really believe he's used them in his career.

In Canseco's book, he wrote that he and McGwire injected steroids together "often," but told the interviewer, Wallace, that he remembered injecting McGwire only a couple of times. "Well, I think it was more [that we would] inject ourselves," he said. "I think I injected him - I mean, this is a long time ago - once or twice for sure. I didn't keep track." I thought this was funny because he tells Wallace that he injected McGwire with steroids in the buttocks, contradicting himself when he goes back and says that he only did it a few times, despite saying in the book that he did it often. That comment makes me wonder if I should believe anything he says.

A sports writer was then interviewed in the show. The writer says that he believes that the last 10 years of baseball was the steroid era. "People believe he's full of it, but on this subject he has come credibility," says the sports writer.

Canseco's book also reveals other teammates he did steroids with: Rafael Palmeiro, Juan Gonzalez, and Ivan Rodriguez. Although they have all denied using steroids, Canseco says in the interview, "I injected them. Absolutely." The funny thing is, Canseco claimed that 80 percent of the major leaguers have taken steroids in their careers. When these teammates hung out outside of the field, Canseco said that the players talked about using steroids all the time.

Canseco blames the MLB for letting this get so out of control. He says that they were turning their "blind eyes." I think it's ironic that the MLB has said they have wanted to get rid of steroids for 10 years, but you haven't seen them do anything to stop it. I think the MLB could have at least put out a commercial that tells kids and other athletes not to use steroids, and what they can do to you.

The last thing Canseco said in the interview made me so mad! He basically tells athletes that it's OK to use steroids. He said, "I don't recommend steroids for everyone, but it can make an average athlete a super athlete, and a super athlete incredible."

32 NSU's Athletes Named to Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll

By Danielle Garcia
Contributing Writer

In first year of NCAA Division II status, Nova Southeastern University proudly boasts 32 athletes on the Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll.

The Fall Honor Roll is comprised of athletes that compete in fall sports, including: Volleyball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Women's Cross Country, and Men's Cross Country. To be eligible for the Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll, an athlete must acquire at least a 3.2 for the semester.

The Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll also boasted 29 athletes who achieved a perfect 4.0 during the semester, two from NSU. Angela Schaech and Eric Naples were the two prestigious athletes from NSU to achieve perfect 4.0.

Commissioner Michael J. Marcil was honored to announce this year's first group of scholar athletes from the Sunshine State Conference, including NSU's inaugural batch. In our inaugural group of athletes Volleyball contributed six females, Women's Soccer added thirteen, Men's Soccer had nine males, and Cross Country boasted three women and one man. Below is a list of all NSU's student-athletes honored by achieving a 3.2 or higher.

Student-Athlete	Major	GPA
VOLLEYBALL		
Dana Buss	Business Administration	3.45
Megan Johansen	Sports Management	3.32
Angela Martinez	Education	3.74
Melissa Monroe	Business	3.5
Mindy Szarowicz	Undeclared	3.56
Lauren Thomas	Biology	3.36
WOMEN'S SOCCER		
Erin Celia	Sports and Wellness	3.26
Katya Delgado	Psychology	3.54
Michelle Harris	Sports Management	3.34
Lauren Johnsen	Biology	3.41
Kristine Knoll	Pre-Dental	3.5
Nicole Paquette	Sports Psychology	3.34
Julie Radford	Biology	3.4
Cortney Reid	Business	3.48
Moinca Savage	Undeclared	3.62
Ashley Smuder	Athletic Training	3.36
Jennifer Turner	Nursing	3.6
Jahmila Williams	Business	3.4
Katie Wintle	Biology	3.9
MEN'S SOCCER		
Jeremy Bulem	Undeclared	3.48
Lorcan Cronin	Business Administration	3.8
Chance Foutch	Undeclared	3.54
Rasmus Jespersen	Business	3.9
Adam Ludden	Finance	3.2
Andrew Morris	Business	3.48
Eric Naples	Finance	4.00
Arman Sarkisian	Pre-Law	3.67
Adam Spinelli	Business Admin/Sports & Wellness	3.26
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY		
Kara Baca	Marine Biology	3.86
Danielle Garcia	English/Communications	3.68
Angela Schaech	Biology	4.00
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY		
Aaron Kolterjahn	Sports and Wellness	3.2

NSU Softball Team Sweeps Eckerd in a 3-game series, 4-2, 3-2, and 9-0

The Knights Gives a Beating to Eckerd College in the first games of the SSC Conference

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On February 11 and 12, the Nova Southeastern University softball team (3-0 SSC) took on Eckerd College (0-3) in a three-game series at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex.

In the first game on February 11, the Knights scored in the first inning. Jessica Reader knocked a triple to left center, then Janette Rodriguez hit a single, bringing her home to take the Knights up 1-0. In the top of the third, the Tritons scored as Amy McGathey hit a double into centerfield bringing team mate Lindsey Reynolds home. Eckerd scored again in the top of the fifth inning, to reach 2-1 over NSU. But NSU didn't let them stay up there long; three back-to-back runs in the bottom of the fifth inning put them in the lead, 4-2.

To get those runs, Rodriguez came up to the plate and knocked a sacrifice-fly to left field to bring in

Katie Veltri, who added one more after hitting a single to center field, bringing in Diana Goolsby. Reader, who was rounding third, scored on a miscue by the defense. Laura Cepicky pitched her second compete game of the season, allowing only six hits while also striking out a career-high of 12 batters.

On February 12, the Knights took the second game 3-2. Early in the game, the Tritons' pitcher Kristina Lemon filled the bases and then walked senior Lindsay Hoffman to bring home Diana Goolsby. In the fifth inning, Katie Veltri hit a triple into left field allowing Angela Martinez to score. Veltri then scored later, giving the Knights a 3-0 advantage. In the sixth inning, the Triton's scored two runs, but the Knights didn't allow them to score again.

Shannon Lynch pitched a

complete six innings for the Knights to come away with the win. She struck out eight batters and allowed only five hits.

In the third and final game, the Knights really took the game away from the Tritons. In three innings, the Knights scored nine runs. NSU scored five of their runs in the bottom of the second as Veltri, Martinez, Laura Cepicky, Kristy Hice, and Vanessa Basil each ran one in for the Knights.

In the third inning, the Knights added three more runs after Cepicky hit a double into right-center, bringing Martinez and Reader home. Cepicky then came home after an error by the first baseman. The final run for NSU was in the bottom of the fourth when Martinez hit a double into left field, allowing pitch-runner Nicole Rodriguez to score. The Knights gave a beating to Eckerd, to end up 9-0.



Shannon Lynch Pitching the ball to her opponent. Photo by Alicia Winslett

Cepicky pitched her first no-hitter of her career in four innings while also striking out seven batters.

Men's and Women's Sports Stats

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The No. 17 NSU women's tennis team won its opening two matches of the spring season this past weekend, as it defeated both Palm Beach Atlantic University and Florida Tech 8-1. Sophomore Anna Schmidtmann (Hamburg, Germany) was a perfect 4-0 in her singles and doubles matches, losing just two games overall.

SSC STANDINGS

	SSC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Barry	1	0	2	0
Nova Southeastern	1	0	2	0
Rollins	1	0	1	0
Eckerd	0	0	2	0
Lynn	0	0	3	1
Florida Southern	0	0	1	1
Tampa	0	0	0	2
Saint Leo	0	1	2	4
Florida Tech	0	2	0	2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (15-9, 10-3 SSC)

The Lady Knights set a new program record for victories in a single season with their 15th win of the season on Saturday against Eckerd College. NSU also remained tied atop the SSC with a 10-3 record in conference play. NSU has won four straight and 14 out of its last 16 games. Junior guard Missy Guadagnino (Winter Springs, Fla.) set a new career high this past week with 29 points in a 99-89 win over Saint Leo, a game which saw the Lady Knights break the program record for most points in a game. Guadagnino has scored in double figures in 13 out of 14 games. She is currently second on the team with 12.0 ppg. Junior Katie Cloud (Loganville, Ga.) leads the team with 12.3 ppg, and also set a new career high with 27 points in the win over Saint Leo.

SSC STANDINGS

	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Florida Southern	10	3	.769	14	9	.609
Nova Southeastern	10	3	.769	15	9	.625
Tampa	8	4	.667	17	6	.739
Florida Tech	8	5	.615	16	8	.667
Rollins	6	6	.500	15	8	.652
Barry	6	6	.500	13	10	.565
Lynn	4	8	.333	10	13	.435
Eckerd	4	9	.308	7	17	.292
Saint Leo	0	12	.000	1	21	.046

BASEBALL (5-3)

The NSU baseball team is led by 2B Sean McFadden (Jr., Hollywood, Fla.) who has a .375 BA (12-for-32) and leads the team in hits (12) and RBI (11). Senior right-handed pitchers Kyle Ruwe (Sunrise, Fla.) and Derek Antelo (Miami, Fla.) lead the pitching staff with a pair of 2-0 records. Ruwe has a 1.02 ERA in 17.2 innings pitched with 13 strikeouts. Meanwhile, Antelo has posted a 1.12 ERA, allowing just two runs on five hits while striking out 14 in a pair of complete game performances.

SSC STANDINGS

	SSC			OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Florida Southern	0	0	---	8	0	0	1.000
Tampa	0	0	---	6	2	0	.750
Rollins	0	0	---	7	3	0	.700
Barry	0	0	---	5	3	0	.625
Nova Southeastern	0	0	---	5	3	0	.625
Eckerd	0	0	---	5	5	0	.500
Florida Tech	0	0	---	5	5	0	.500
Saint Leo	0	0	---	2	4	0	.333
Lynn	0	0	---	2	5	0	.286

SOFTBALL (5-2, 3-0 SSC)

Angie Martinez (Jr., Miami, Fla.) led the softball team with a .670 BA this weekend, going 6-for-9 from the plate against conference foe Eckerd College. Martinez currently leads the team in runs scored (9) and total hits (11). She is second on the team in RBIs (6). Freshman RHP Laura Cepicky (Fr., Waterloo, Fla.) is 3-1 on the season with a 2.25 ERA and a staff-best 25 strikeouts. Cepicky threw a complete-game six-hitter in the first game against Eckerd this weekend, striking out 12 and allowing just one earned run. Cepicky then threw four innings of no-hit ball in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader with 7 K's to improve to 3-1 on the year.

SSC STANDINGS

	SSC			OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Lynn	3	0	1.000	7	0	0	1.000
Saint Leo	3	0	1.000	5	0	0	1.000
Nova Southeastern	3	0	1.000	5	2	0	.714
Barry	2	1	.667	6	4	0	.600
Florida Southern	1	2	.333	5	2	0	.714
Florida Tech	0	0	---	5	1	0	.833
Eckerd	0	3	.000	2	3	0	.400
Rollins	0	3	.000	2	3	0	.400
Tampa	0	3	.000	2	3	0	.400

MEN'S BASKETBALL (5-19, 1-12 SSC)

Senior guard Kluis Wimbush (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) moved into third on NSU's all-time scoring list when he converted a lay-up with 4:19 remaining in the first half against Saint Leo last week. Wimbush is currently second on the Knights with 10.4 points-per-game, while sophomore forward Tommy Greer (Victoria, Australia) is the team leader with 10.7 ppg.

SSC STANDINGS

	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Eckerd	10	3	.760	17	7	.708
Lynn	9	3	.750	18	5	.783
Saint Leo	8	4	.667	12	11	.522
Barry	7	5	.583	20	6	.769
Tampa	6	6	.500	15	8	.652
Florida Southern	6	7	.462	15	8	.652
Rollins	5	7	.417	13	10	.565
Florida Tech	4	9	.308	9	13	.409
Nova Southeastern	1	12	.077	5	19	.208

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Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

About this time last year, I was at work at B&N doing what booksellers do, when a little boy started marching around my department banging a book like a drum. Despite his not being more than five years old, his chant was “the king is better than the queen! The king is better than the queen! The king is better than the queen, ‘cause the man is in charge of the woman!”

I just about fell over laughing at that. His mother, who really hadn’t been paying attention, asked me what he had said that was so funny. After I told her, she just looked at her child and said: “Oh honey, we’re gonna have a little talk when we get home.” They headed out about two minutes later.

While this was amusing, I didn’t find any particular trend in it until this week, when I was again at work doing what booksellers do. In the background, a little boy of maybe four this time was running around in circles, his frustrated mother hot on his heels. When she finally cornered him on the storytime stage, the following conversation caught my attention:

“Come on. Get off the stage.”

“No, you get off the stage,” yelled the little boy.

“You get off!”

“No, you!”

“Who’s the boss of you?”

“...you.”

“And who’s the boss of me?”

“...Daddy!”

“No!”

I found this, too, terribly funny, and had to take myself out of the area to keep from insulting the poor, hassled mother, who almost immediately packed her child out of the store.

It wasn’t until a little bit later that I remembered several other, less amusing, instances where very small children had similar attitudes. This wasn’t the typical “boys are better than girls” attitude that most elementary-age children take, but more of a “men are in charge of women” attitude. But where do they learn it?

With children’s programming being so PC these days -occasionally violent, as is the case with superhero shows and Warner Bros. cartoons, but still (relatively) PC - I doubt that they’re getting it there. Four- and five-year-olds being what they are, the most logical other source is simply examples in the home. This is what I find vaguely unsettling; how many families are still in the practice of one parent (Daddy, in these cases) being ‘the boss of’ the other? While I would understand if some sets of parents simply liked it that way – some people just don’t like to have to make decisions, after all – the mothers in question don’t seem to appreciate their tiny tots announcing it to the world (or at least the children’s department of a retail store).

Just something for everyone to think about; I would appreciate hearing insight from some of you regarding this issue. If you would like to make a comment, please feel free to email me at nsunews@nova.edu.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

NSU Stinks

Putrid smell intrigues students

Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

A most foul and putrid stench roams the lands of the NSU campus - whether it be a toxic smell similar to burning tires, or the unpleasant smell of rotting flesh and feces – and I, along with many other students, go about wishing for government-issue gas masks.

Okay, well, the stench is not that bad, but it is bad enough for me to write about it.

As I skip happily through NSU on my way to practice or class, I see the trees, the squirrels, the blue sky - and I smell the horrid smell of dead fish mixed with sewage. It absolutely, positively reeks. Every single body of water located on NSU has been polluted, causing a formation of crud, mud, and oil from the machines to become trapped against the corners of murky brown water. I am unsure

whether the build-up is made up of feces or just dirt—either way it stinks, and it ruins my day. I have enough on my mind, and these malodorous fumes reach out and pinch my nose like a glutton reaching out for the last piece of German chocolate cake.

“Every single body of water located on NSU has been polluted, causing a formation of crud, mud, and oil from the machines to become trapped against the corners of murky brown water.”

How long will I have to endure this torture? My nose is quite sensitive, and sometimes I break out in a cycle of multiple sneezes which cause my eyes to water. It is most uncomfortable.

Consequently, construction has brought a number of problems to the

campus - the smell being only a minor factor. The trucks and dozers spew blankets of dust through the air, have drudged through the mini lakes on NSU where many animals such as turtles and herons resided, and caused the occasional visitor to become dumbfounded by the maze of steel fences.

I pray to the gods of construction to end this time of strife. Unfortunately, I have the sad feeling that the new University center will not be completed while I am here. That is somewhat awkward, seeing how I am only a

freshman. Hopefully I will survive the perpetual stink that radiates from sewage pumps, and live to graduate without lung cancer from all the airborne dust. But just to be safe, I am most definitely going to ask for a gas-mask for my birthday.

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Alvin Sherman Library Infested with Cellular-No Zones

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While doing some research in the Alvin Sherman Library on Wednesday, February 16, my cell phone rang and I gave into the natural instinct to answer it. A member of the library staff, who just happened to be sitting at a computer a few inches behind me, was not thrilled by my natural instinct. In fact, he turned around and pronounced, "Excuse me, sir." I paused for a split second because here I am on the phone and this guy was rudely interrupting my conversation. When I turned to face him, he pointed to a notice at a direct angle from my sight. I didn't have to glance at the notice for more than two seconds; I knew what it said. It was an advertisement, so to speak, of the Library's new cell phone zone area. Anyhow, I took his little hint and removed myself from my seat to finish my call.

As I approached the cell phone friendly area of the library, imagine my surprise when I could not get a connection. In fact, I paced around for nearly two minutes

trying to receive one. When I finally did, I had walked about two feet away from the designated area and even there, my connection wasn't so good. After concluding my call, I decided to take a quick trip up to the third floor, just to test my reception up there. It was even worse there. My cell was unresponsive repeatedly as I tried to make a phone call. When my antenna finally responded in the designated area, I had to stay crunched up along a wall in order to continue my conversation or risk losing the person on the other line. After I wrapped up my second call and stretched out some of the knots in my arms and back, I decided to silence my cell until I wrapped up my research. First, I was on a deadline and second, I wasn't in the mood to be reprimanded by another staff member and forced to endure the cellular-no zone yet again.

When I arrived back to the computer where I was sitting, I made it clear to my friendly little rule enforcer that I can read. That

was when he revealed he was a staff person there and was just making sure I was aware of the guidelines. Well, that is kind of funny since 5-10 minutes after he vanished, another student two computers down from me engaged in a conversation on her cell phone for about two or three minutes. I actually got up from my seat and scanned the vicinity, but no watchful eyes were around to reinforce the guidelines for her. But that's okay,

I completely understand the need to answer your cell phone some place where it is convenient and you're sure to get a clear reception - and that is certainly not the designated cellular-no zones that are installed between the second, third and fourth floor.

While it might be great to have these designated areas, perhaps

they should be in areas where they actually work. Several other students that I have talked with agree that the cell phone zone area is clearly not for cell phones. So perhaps when that changes, students will not resort to answering their phone calls in the middle of the library and ignoring guidelines.



Alvin Sherman Library cell phone zone proves not to be cell phone zone friendly. Image from <http://www.sageassociates.net/>

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