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Pledge Tree: Attendants of the Earth Day Event write pledges on leaves made out of construction paper to paste on the pledge board depicting a tree. Some of the participants pledged to pick up any trash they saw around campus, while others promised to take five minute showers to conserve water. **Below:** Melissa Ruidiaz and her friends try the veggie chicken patty from Planet Vegetarian. Photos by Rafia Chodhry

Nature Club Celebrates Thirty-Five Years of Environmental Advocacy

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer



In 1970, a group of environmentalists, politicians, and national demonstrators came together and created Earth Day. Thirty-five years later, Earth Day is celebrated nationwide by people who care about the environment. On Friday, April 22, in front of the Alvin Sherman Library, activists and Earth Day cohorts joined together in an afternoon of festivity and education from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the event, people of all backgrounds signed pledges and put together a pledge tree. The pledges varied from 'I pledge to stop wasting food' to 'I pledge to buy a car that uses less gas.' Participants received free gift that were made from 100% recycled eco-friendly materials.

There was free vegetarian food and music for everyone to enjoy, and numerous institutions such as the Sierra Club and the Global Awareness Institute were present to give people more information on what can be done about our gradual unsustainable earth.

Professor Dr. Barbara Brodman and law student George Cavros were guest speakers at the

event. Dr. Brodman's message was "Where on earth are we going; and how do we get there?" George Cavros, who is also a Sierra Club volunteer, spoke of the global and environmental crisis in our society today. Both speakers encouraged everyone to make better choices in order to have a more beautiful world to live in.

Nova Southeastern University's Nature Club is the only club on campus that hosts events every year to celebrate Earth Day. President Lauren Adamczyk said that the purpose of the Nature club's Earth Day celebration is "...to raise environmental awareness on campus ... Getting involved to make environmentally conscious decisions is what Earth Day is all about."

During the event, the most important message emphasized was to recycle, reuse, and renew. These are easy steps to take and to help make mother earth healthier. More information about the Nature Club can be found by signing up for their listserv at nature@list.acast.nova.edu.

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Bizarre News

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Wendy's Finger Case Closed

A month after "discovering" a severed finger in her delicious bowl of Wendy's chili, Anna Ayala has been arrested and charged with felony attempted grand larceny for allegedly planting the digit. Wendy's own investigation determined that the finger did not originate from the restaurant or the ingredients, and the San Jose police forensics testing found that the finger had not been cooked for the required three hours at 170 degrees. *The San Francisco Chronicle* also noted that Ayala dropped her suit against Wendy's after the restaurant offered \$100,000. Wendy's employee Joseph Desmond urged hungry San Franciscans to "Please come back to Wendy's because we do serve wonderful hamburgers, shakes and everything else," and is offering free Frosty shakes in the Bay Area.



Photo courtesy AFP

Exploding Toads Invade Germany

About one thousand toads recently exploded in Germany, according to an *AFP* report. Nature protection society member Werner Smolnik said the toads are like something from "a science fiction movie." The toads will expand to about three and a half times their normal size before bursting, which usually occurs between 2 and 3 a.m.

While no specific explanation has been found as of yet, scientists are considering an unknown virus, a fungus in the water, or simply that the toads are so terrified by crows that they burst rather than being eaten.

Mystery Flesh Found in Iowa Water Supply

When a fire hydrant became blocked, a curious worker searched for the cause and found that pieces of flesh were in the way. A sample of the fleshy blockage was sent to labs a month ago, and officials are awaiting results. Flushed pipes have produced another five chunks of flesh. The *Associated Press* reported that the blockages, which contain no hair or bone, likely belong to an animal that crawled into a water main. Officials insist the water is safe to drink, but have increased chlorine levels as a precaution.

Feline Aficionado Gives Up Seventy Cats

A Maine man who had accumulated a collection of over seventy cats has given them up to a local animal shelter. The man, labeled a "Cat Hoarder," was described by a Humane Society member as having a "bona fide mental illness" associated with obsessive compulsive disorder. The cats are in mostly good condition, according to the *Associated Press*, although some have bruises, burned paws from urine exposure, and problems associated with inbreeding.

News From Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

New federal program enforces immigration laws

State and county police officers are making a nationwide move to join a federal program that enlists the help of local officers to carry out immigration laws. Police officers in many states are becoming frustrated by the illegal immigrant criminals that escape arrest because of weak enforcement of regulations. The program works by training deputies to investigate, search for, and arrest immigrants that already have criminal convictions. Immigrant rights groups oppose the program, convinced that it will "discourage people from reporting domestic violence or other crimes for fear of deportation." The program is already active in Florida and Alabama and is under consideration in California, Connecticut, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. For more information, visit www.bostonherald.com.

Asia

North Korea claims to increase nuclear arsenal

Despite talks and negotiations with six other countries, the North Korean government said it would "steadily bolster its nuclear arsenal." North Korea made this claim amid other nations' worries that North Korea would take more aggressive steps, such as collecting more plutonium from nuclear reactors and even conducting nuclear weapons tests. Vice Marshall Kim Yong Chun said that the increase in nuclear arms is for self-defense against "enemies' reckless moves for military aggression." According to U.S. intelligence analysts, North Korea has enough material to make an additional six nuclear weapons and has the proper detonation devices. Successful nuclear tests may prompt Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan to also seek nuclear weapons. For more information, visit www.iht.com.

Death toll in Japan train crash rises

Officials told the *Associated Press* that the death toll in Japan's worst train crash in four decades has risen to 73 within the past two weeks. Over 442 were injured and others were killed when the crowded commuter train derailed and collided with an apartment building, crushing and twisting five railroad cars. According to officials at the site, the cause of the crash was speeding. The train was in an area with a speed limit of 70 km per hour and derailment was calculated at 133 km per hour. Rescue crews worked overnight on Tuesday searching for survivors. However, a fire department spokesman said that the train was so badly damaged that it was difficult to locate survivors. For more information, visit www.news.independent.co.uk.



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South America

Ousted Ecuadorian president flees to Brazil

President Lucio Gutierrez and his family fled Quito for asylum in Brazil four days after protests against his increasingly unpopular administration forced Gutierrez from his office. Several days earlier, the Ecuadorian government was under heavy criticism for replacing the entire Supreme Court with judges loyal to Gutierrez. The Ecuadorian Congress dismissed Gutierrez last Wednesday for abandoning his post and replaced him with Vice President Alfredo Palacio. Gutierrez decided to flee the country after the military withdrew its support for him and riots become too dangerous. Gutierrez is the third president ousted by Ecuador in eight years due to unrest. For more information, visit www.today.reuters.com.

Middle East

Saudi Arabian prince to assist oil problem



Photo courtesy Reuters

Help for rising prices at the pumps may come from the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah. Saudi Arabia is currently producing 9.5 million barrels of crude oil a day, but the Crown Prince said at a meeting with President Bush last Monday that he is willing to boost production to 12.5 million barrels in order to ease the rising prices. Adel al-Jubeir, a foreign affairs adviser to Abdullah, said after attending the meeting that world oil supplies were adequate, but the kingdom was willing to provide as much crude oil as buyers wanted. Bush also told *Associated Press* reporters that "the Crown Prince understands that it is very important to make sure that the price is reasonable" and that "a high oil price will damage markets, and he knows that." For more information, visit www.today.reuters.com.

Europe

Agency bans Prozac, claiming health risks with minors

The European Medical Agency (Ema) banned Prozac and other modern antidepressant drugs saying that it poses major health risks with children under the age of 18. The Ema reported that "antidepressants increase suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts among children and adolescents, and should not be used to treat depression." The Ema is also in conflict with British doctors, as Prozac is the only antidepressant doctors can prescribe to minors following a medical review in 2003. Prozac is also not licensed for treating children in the UK, but doctors are free to prescribe it on account that they take personal responsibility for the repercussions. For more information, visit www.news.independent.co.uk.

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Janette Del Angel

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Ask any student on campus who Janette Del Angel is, and somewhere in describing how helpful and great she is, the words funds, revenue, and budget will also surface. Throughout the year, Janette has played an intricate part in every club and organization at NSU, relentlessly helping student leaders keep track of their organizations' revenue and expenses. She is currently the Account Analyst and the Operations Manager for the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

• **Janette, tell us about your background.**

I am from Los Angeles, California. I decided to move to Florida seven years ago. My fiancé lived here, so we decided the best thing to do was for me to move down here. I have three sons ages 20, 22, and 23, and they are all in California attending college.

• **How did you come to be at NSU?**

When I moved here, I was in a transition and I wanted to go back to school. I was looking at three universities. So I asked several people for their input and they all referred me to NSU. Of course, then I visited the campus, I met with a couple of the professors, advisors,

and admissions crew and I was very impressed. I saw there was a lot of growth and I like change. NSU was going to grow and there was going to be a lot of changes; therefore I said "you know, I want to be part of that." So I started NSU in August of 2000 and recently graduated in May 2004.

• **What were your plans after graduation?**

I wanted to do my Masters and I wanted to go to Law school also. So after speaking with a couple of professors, I gained a lot of information that helped me make my decision to do my Masters first. And while doing all that and having to put three sons in college, I was looking for ways to pay for my tuition. So I was always looking for something on campus to work at that I would like and enjoy. Soon the wonderful opportunity came to work with Terry Weech and Terry Morrow. I was able to get a position on campus, help subsidize my tuition, go to school, and help pay for my kids' education.

• **What are your responsibilities at Student Affairs?**

As the Account Analyst, I look at all the income and expenses we incur, not only from our staff, but also clubs and organizations. I also

manage accounts for them so they always know what they have on hand. As the Operations Manager, I make sure everything is working; everything flows, regarding paper work, staff, and equipment that we use or need.

• **How do you like working there?**

I love working at Student Affairs because I liked working with Terry Weech and Terry Morrow as a student leader during my undergraduate years. When I had the opportunity to work with them, I was glad because I like being their support system so they have someone they can rely on.

• **What has been your most memorable work experience at NSU?**

That happens every day! It really does! A lot of the work we do is mainly with students' needs. So when they come in and they need something, we just help them take care of it. A student or organization leader will come in and say 'what do we do? How do we do this?' and so we help them get it done. Therefore, that is probably the most rewarding. But not only that, we have no expectations from them as far as thank you's. So when they come back and say 'remember when

you did this' and thank us, you can't ask for more.

• **What would you say has been your greatest accomplishment?**

Probably my kids. They are really good boys and all three of them are good in college and they have a good foundation regarding family. I could not have asked for anything better. Parenting is a lot of work and being able to do that as a single parent is really accomplishing.

• **Do you have a motto you live by?**

I have one, its something that I think of everyday. "Do you have the courage to begin, do you have the courage to succeed." Every day it takes a lot of courage to get up to face the day. So once you get up and start, you have already begun, and soon you finish the day. That's the one thing I live by.

• **What book are you currently reading?**

I'm not currently reading anything, but I do like a lot of the Roman, Greek, and King Author period types of reads. I like to read

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Library Happenings

By Africa Barfield

Director of Marketing and Community Relations

Writer's Discussion Group

Monday, May 9
5:30 – 6:30 pm

A Writers' Group with Professor Marlisa Santos. Join this

informal writers' discussion group where original material is shared for the purposes of criticism and support. For additional information please call 954 262-5477.

Jazz Lover's Delight

In celebration of the Smithsonian Institution's Jazz Month, the Alvin Sherman Library will host a month-long exhibit of historically significant jazz books. The collection, on loan from NSU Alumni Bruce Epperson, is entitled "Those Frenchmen Gotta Hellova Nerve: European Jazz Discography and the Making of a New Art Music, 1932-1976." The exhibit explains how a group of French, Belgian, and British record collectors re-wrote jazz history by documenting the time, date, and personnel of every known jazz recording. The exhibit will be on

display from April 28 until June 5.

The exhibit also includes a special presentation by NSU law professor Michael L. Richard. "Law, Instrumental Music and Dance: Relections of a Common Culture" will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. A reception with light refreshments will follow the presentation. This event is sponsored by Donna M. Ballman, P.A. a Fort Lauderdale Law Firm specializing in employment and discrimination law. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For additional information please call 954 262-4613.



Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Volunteering Can Make all the Difference: For US!

Whether it's to back a philanthropic cause, help build character, or simply to show support, there are millions of people who donate their time by volunteering. These unpaid helpers selflessly devote their time and energy to volunteer at a local park, school, or church, participate in something like the Heart Walk, or spend a day with a senior citizen.

We all know the basics about how our time and efforts help make a difference, but it's seldom mentioned how volunteering benefits society as a whole. Statistics from the NSGVP (National Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating) show that all too well:

- Seventy-eight percent of volunteers say that volunteering has helped them develop interpersonal skills which in turn helped them understand people, motivate others, and ultimately helped them deal with difficult situations.
- Sixty-eight percent of volunteers reported that it helped them gain better communication skills.
- Sixty-three percent said that gained more knowledge and a deeper understanding about issues

related to their volunteering.

- Volunteering is also an opportunity to acquire job skills. Twenty-three percent of volunteers said that was their main reason for volunteering.
- Forty-nine percent of the volunteers ages 15-24 reported that their volunteering bestowed them skills they were able to apply directly to their jobs.
- Twelve percent of volunteers reported that volunteering helped them obtain employment.

If the above statistics have influenced you a little to volunteer, there are numerous opportunities on campus. A great place to start would be the Office of Volunteerism in student affairs, which gets swamped with volunteer requests monthly. Also, visit the websites listed below to view volunteer positions available in your area. Remember, though helping one individual, one cause, one community, you are making a difference in the world.

- www.volunteermatch.org
- www.servenet.org
- www.idealists.org

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Del Angel shares her experiences with Student Activities

stuff like that.

• What are your favorite foods?

I love Mexican food. It's my favorite! I love to cook it too!

• What are your hobbies?

I am or was a musician (I haven't played for several years). I was very good with the clarinet and saxophone. Recently, I was given a saxophone as a gift and have started playing - or at least trying to play.

• Is there something the average student would not know about you?

I am often asked if is there anything that I am not involved in. To answer that, you have to know where my involvement stems from. I have several years of civic leadership. It began as a Law Enforcement

Explorer (a division of the boy scouts). I was fortunate to have many mentors that were influential public leaders such as City Council, mayor, county board, senator, etc. These mentors instilled in me the importance of being a leader. True leaders have the ability to advocate for others and /or make changes in the world. Because of these mentors I learned to be an advocate and change things. That is why I choose to be involved. Sometimes, I am chosen. Recognition is never expected.

• What is the best advice you can give a college student?

Do well in school and always volunteer. Many skills that are not acquired through education or a job can be acquired through community service.

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"Heath & Wellness Fair 2005" at the Carl DeSantis Building on Thursday April 21. Photo by Caroline Cullen

NSU's 2005 Health & Wellness Fair

By Caroline Cullen
Knighlife Editor

NSU's Health & Wellness Fair was held in the Carl DeSantis building from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. HPD's facilities in attendance included Dermatology, Pediatrics, Dental, Psychology, Audiology, Osteopathic and the OB/Gyn. The NSU clinics even had the University Call Center on hand with a lap top taking appointments for the various health care services offered at NSU. Vendors from all over the

community participated in the event to promote not only themselves, but a healthy way of living, including American Cancer Society, Stax Breast Cancer Institute, Women in Distress, Temple Arts and the AIDS Project Florida. Attendees were given a bingo card with all the vendors' names on it; those who visited 15 out of the 35 vendors were eligible for various raffle prizes provided by the NSU Bookstore and the Athletics Department. For

more information on the medical facilities offered at the NSU go online to www.nova.edu.

Too see what other Fun and Festivities occurred, check out the picture spread on Page 16

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

To Snip or Not to Snip: That is the Question

I was sitting outside of the Parker Building last week and happened to over hear two young ladies in a conversation. The topic? Circumcision! "He better be circumcised!" exclaimed one of the girls into her cell phone. (This proves my point in last week's column that the majority of students discuss sexual topics on a regular basis.) Obviously this issue is a concern for some, so I figured what better place to "nip" this in the bud (no pun intended) than in a sex column,

Over the years, I have heard countless debates about the preference over the ole foreskin. Some think that an uncircumcised penis is gross, dirty or just plain funny looking. Others argue that it gives the owner more sensitive sensations and don't mind the extra "baggage," while some just think that little hoodie is kind of cute. Over it all is personal preference whether one likes their boys clipped or *al natural*. To help you out with this decision, here's the down low on circumcision:

Circumcision, where the foreskin of the penis is surgically removed after birth, is commonly performed for hygienic or religious reasons. Men with an intact foreskin must take special care to move it up and down and clean inside the covered areas to avoid odors or more serious effects from a build-up of material (aka smegma). Thus, with a circumcised penis, fewer bacteria and germs will surface that can affect your sexual health as well as his. So basically, if your man is uncircumcised, make sure he has good hygiene, and if you're having sex, you should know him well enough to assess his cleansing habits.

It has been said that circumcision diminishes the sensitivity in a man's penis, and that is why there has been quite a controversy on whether it is fair to

circumcise a baby who has no say in the matter; obviously there is no turning back. Regardless of whether your man is snipped or not, I find it highly unlikely that this small factor will determine your attraction to him. We are all different; embrace that and enjoy the ride.



Speech



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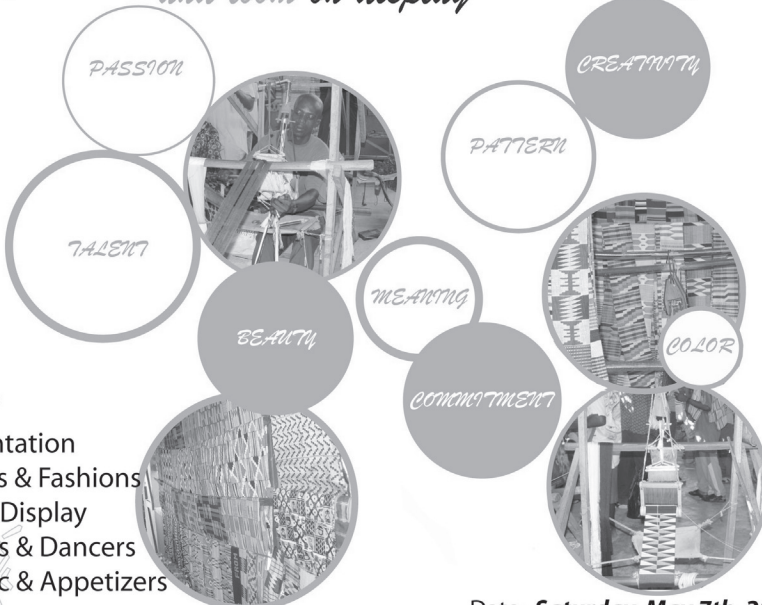



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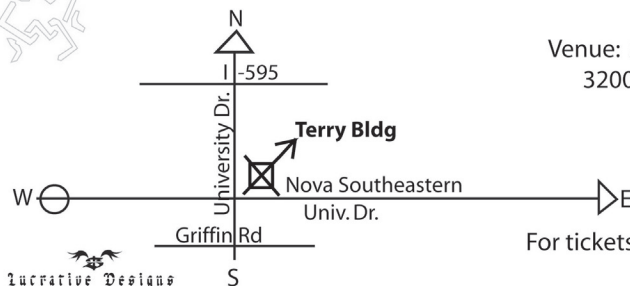
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Entertainer in the News:

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

After starring on NBC's long-running hit "Saturday Night Live" for nearly a decade, Will Ferrell's career has exploded at the box office. The actor, who has already starred in hits such as *Old School* and *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, is slated to have starring or supporting roles in eleven films through 2005 and 2006, with the possibility of even more roles being added.

Recently, Ferrell has signed on to star in the film version of the 1970s television show "Land of the Lost." The show centered upon a family transported to a world inhabited by dinosaurs. Hollywood Reporter has indicated that Adam

McKay, the director of *Anchorman*, is also lined up to direct.

Ferrell's latest comedy is *Kicking and Screaming*, a more family-friendly film than his typical fare. The actor stars as a father with a much too large competitive spirit, which leads him to coach his son's soccer team.

Among Ferrell's bigger projects are the upcoming *Bewitched*, where he will star with Nicole Kidman, and a new version of Mel Brooks' *The Producers*, in which the comic will portray Franz Liebkind. Other Ferrell films scheduled for the next couple of years include *The Wedding Crashers*, *Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny*, and *Curious*

Will Ferrell



Will Ferrell stars as "Frank the Tank" in Dreamworks' "Old School." Photo Courtesy Richard Foreman - C 2003 - Dreamworks, LLC

George, in which he will provide the voice of The Man in the Yellow Hat. Fans of the talented comedian should

be pleased to know that there will be no shortage of Ferrell on the big screen.



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What can you tell the Knight Readers about local bands or groups, specific to your genre of music? There are lots of great local Jazz bands that jazz/soul lovers may want to check out right here in Fort Lauderdale such as Riverside Dixieland and Heart & Soul.

Where can these bands be seen? Are they performing in any location

venues? For jazz music clubs check out Mango's, O'Haras Hazz Café and Brasserie Las Olas. These places have great jazz/blues and soul music you can dance to.

What new artists do you recommend and why? Well, I recommend John Legend, he has been IN for the first months of the year, meaning that his music is NICE.

Why did you become a DJ? What's the best part of your job at Radio

X? It never crossed my mind to become a DJ, but they offered me this wonderful position as Program Director, which one of the functions is to be a DJ. But it's really cool, especially when you here your own voice ON-AIR.... Uchilala !!!!!

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This Week in Arts and Entertainment

Movie Openings:

Crash opens to audiences nationwide on May 6. This drama is rated R for violence and stars Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon and Jennifer Esposito. *Synopsis:* A Brentwood housewife and her DA husband. A Persian storeowner. Two police detectives, who are lovers. A black television director and his wife. A Mexican locksmith. Two carjackers. A rookie cop. A middle-aged Korean couple. They all live in Los Angeles, and, in the next 36 hours, they will all collide.



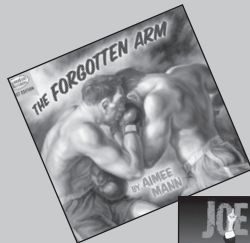
House of Wax opens to audiences nationwide of May 6. This suspense/horror is rated R for violence and sexual content and stars Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray, Paris Hilton, and John Abrahams. *Synopsis:* A group of friends on their way to a college football game fall prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have expanded upon the areas main attraction - the House of Wax - and created an entire town filled with wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors. Now the group must find their way out before they too become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax.

Kingdom of Heaven opens to audiences nationwide on May 6. This action/adventure/drama is rated R for violence and epic warfare and stars Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Liam Neeson, Brendan Gleeson and Jeremy Irons. *Synopsis:* *Kingdom of Heaven* is an epic adventure about a common man who finds himself thrust into a decade-long war. A stranger in a strange land, he serves a doomed king, falls in love with an exotic and forbidden queen and raises to knighthood. Ultimately, he must protect the people of Jerusalem from overwhelming forces while striving to keep a fragile peace.

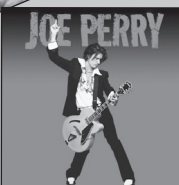


CD Releases

Aimee Mann, *The Forgotten Arm*, May 3



Joe Perry, *Joe Perry*, May 3



Constantine Maroulis, *Pray for the Soul of Betty*, May 10

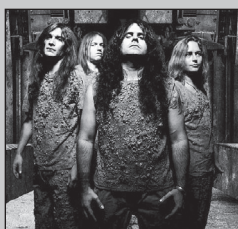


Van Zant, *Get Right with the Man*, May 10



Performances

Kreator: May 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Culture Room, 3045 N Federal Hwy, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33306



Kelly Clarkson: May 6, 8 p.m. at the Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Margaret Cho: May 6, 8 p.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts- Au Rene 201 SW 5th Avenue, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312



Kenny Chesney: May 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Office Depot Center, 2555 Panther Pkwy, Sunrise, FL 33323



By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Be Forewarned

As most of the clubs and organizations rush to get their budgets done on time with hopes that the budget allocations will actually serve them, there can be no promise of this occurring. Most people on campus are probably under the false assumption that the people that they recently elected will begin serving them as soon as possible- but what exactly constitutes as soon as possible? Let's not lie: budget hearings are coming up and the old senate will be voting.

I know that much of the campus is far from enamored with the way that the 2004-2005 senate allocated funds, but, as a member of the newly elected senate, I can tell you it won't be long now until you get the new senate to serve you.

Many of you may have also noticed that the SGA has been doling out funds like it's their job - well, it is their job, but the recent plethora

of money that has been released by the SGA has been done so because they wanted to use the money left in their account. There is not really any problem with doing, this except that they have been, for the most part, allocating funds regardless of how the bill is written. There are a few cases where they have been responsible and did make comments about requests for funds that were not done correctly or still had questions, but lots of the time, if you asked for money, you got it. I hope you're not under the assumption that when you do the same during the budget process you will be rewarded with money... you probably won't. If you don't cross your t's and dot your i's, you might not get funds. So don't be disheartened, I'm sure the current senate will do the best they can, and next year, you can always ask for money in a bill.

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Men's and Women's Golf Spring Review

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Women's Golf

"The thing I am most proud of with the Women's team this spring is that they improved in each event they played throughout the season. The women set a team record in the NSU Invitational with a 299, which was 6 shots lower than the previous school record. Elizabeth Bond proved to be one of the most valuable players in that she provided stability in the 5th spot. Elizabeth broke 80 three times this year and each time proved to be



Josh Green looking at his shot as he hits it off the tee box. Photo by Gary Curreri.

a major contribution. Lina Bjorklund made a major improvement from the Fall to the Spring. This spring the Women's team won an event, defeated numerous Division I teams and beat conference rivals Florida Southern, Lynn and Barry. Overall, what I am most proud of with the Women's team is how all ten individuals came together and played as one and played as a team. Each time the team was presented with a challenge they came through with great success. I look forward to seeing the team perform at Regionals and look forward to a successful 2005-2006 campaign where we challenge Rollins for the Sunshine State Conference title," said Head Coach Kevin Marsh.

Stats

- Finished third at SSC Championships
- Selected to participate in the 2005 NCAA Division II South Regional
- Currently ranked No. 8 by GolfStat (4/19/05 poll)
- Won team championship at 2005 NSU/Unicco Spring Invitational (3/29/05)
- Sophie Friis – Individual Champion (SLU Fall Preview – 10/5/04)

- SSC Players of the Week – Lina Bjorklund (2/6/05)

Men's Golf

"This spring has presented many challenges for the Men's team. This spring the Men's Team only had the same starting 5 players 2 out of the 6 events. Thankfully we kept the same starting 5 for the last 2 events and won the Sunshine State Conference title. Winning the Conference title was a team effort. Each player made an important contribution on and off the golf course during the event. Great play from Josh Green and Martin Styf and consistency from Brian Macho and Michael Wangsness was the reason the Men's Team won the conference title. Going into Regionals the Men's team has the confidence knowing they have beaten every team at some point of the year that will be at Regionals. The thing that makes the Men's team such a threat to win tournaments is all 5 players have proven they can shoot in the 60's during a tournament," said Head Coach Kevin Marsh.

Stats

- 2005 Sunshine State Conference



Elizabeth Bond set up on the tee box to hit a shot. Photo by Kelly Andrezejewski.

Champions

- Selected to participate in the 2005 NCAA Division II South/South Central Super Regional
- Currently ranked No. 24 by GolfStat (4/19/05 poll); Ranked as high as No. 12 nationally
- Won 2004 Spartan Invitational for first-ever team championship (10/12/04)
- Stephen Conrad – Individual Champion (Spartan Invitational – 10/12/04, Rollins Invitational (11/2/04)
- SSC Players of the Week – Josh Green (2/27/05)



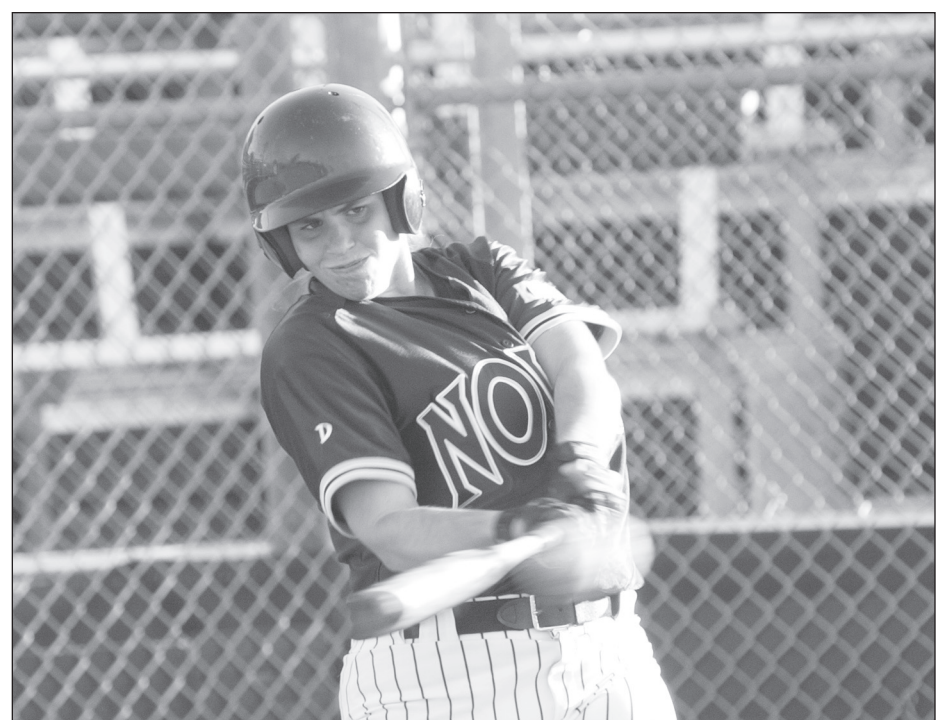
Women's Tennis Team members: Michelle Alvarez, Sabrina Booi, Victoria Drescher, Stefanie Gribi, Jessica Homerlein, Andrea Moncada, Anna Schmidtman, Simin Schmitz, Tsippy Waterman, Stephanie Zevallos.

Women's Tennis

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The Women's Tennis Team is now ranked 14-11, and 4-4 in the SSC. They are currently ranked No. 35 by Intercollegiate Tennis Association (4/6/05), and were ranked as high as No. 17 in the pre-season poll. As of April 20, they

were ranked No. 5 in the NCAA Division II Southeast Region. They finished fifth at the Sunshine State Conference Championships. The SSC Player of the Week was Tsippy Waterman on April 10, 2005.



Senior Janette Rodriguez hits the ball. Photo by Gary Curreri

Softball

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The women's softball team won one game against Florida Tech in their final doubleheader of the regular season. The women were 23-28, and 7-14 in the Sunshine State Conference.

Right: Diana Goolsby action, catching the ball in the outfield. Photo by Gary Curreri



Men's and Women's Soccer

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

FALL

Men's Soccer (15-4-1, 5-2-1 SSC-2nd)

- Ranked as high as No. 9 in NSCAA/Adidas National Poll
- 2005 Sunshine State Conference Tournament Runner-Up
- Matthew Parry named NSCAA/adidas Second Team All-American
- Adam Ludden named 2004 Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year
- Sunshine State Conference All-Conference First Team (Matthew Parry, Adam Ludden, Tom Gillette)
- Sunshine State Conference All-Conference Second Team (Lorcan Cronin, Rasmus Jespersen, Joseph Clancy)
- Sunshine State Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention (Andrew Morris, Jarod Rennick)
- Sunshine State Conference All-Tournament Team (Jarod Rennick, Lorcan Cronin, Rasmus Jespersen, Chance Foutch)
- SSC Players of the Week – Andrew Morris (9/5/04), Matthew Parry (9/5/04), Adam Ludden (10/17/04 & 10/24/04)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District III College Division Men's Soccer Second Team (Adam Ludden, Tom Gillette)

The men's soccer team was ranked second in the SSC this year. They were 15-4-1, 5-2-1, and were ranked as high as No. 9 in the NSCAA/Adidas National Poll. The team was 2005 Sunshine State Conference Tournament runner-up. Matthew Parry was named NSCAA/Adidas Second Team All-American and Adam Ludden was named 2004 Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year. Matthew Parry, Adam Ludden, and Tom Gillette were named Sunshine State Conference All-Conference First Team. Lorcan Cronin, Rasmus Jespersen, and Joseph Clancy were named Sunshine State Conference All-Conference Second Team. Andrew Morris, and Jarod Rennick were named Sunshine State Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention. The Sunshine State Conference All-Tournament Team was Jarod Rennick, Lorcan Cronin, Rasmus Jespersen, and Chance Foutch. The soccer team had three players of the week: Andrew Morris (9/5/04), Matthew Parry (9/5/04), and Adam Ludden (10/17/04 & 10/24/04). The CoSIDA Academic All-District III College Division Men's Soccer Second Team was Adam Ludden and Tom Gillette.

Women's Soccer (6-8-1, 2-5-1 SSC-7th)

- 2004 Sunshine State Conference Tournament semifinalist

The Women's Soccer team was 2004 Sunshine State Conference Tournament semifinalists. They were 6-8-1, 2-5-1 and seventh in the SSC.

Women's Cross Country Team

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The team was named Academic All-America by the NCAA-Division II Cross Country Coaches Association. Kara Baca, Angela Schaech and Danielle Garcia were all named Academic All-Americans.

Women's Basketball

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

WINTER

Women's Basketball (17-12, 11-7 T2nd)

- Set new school record for most victories (17) and longest winning streak (8)
- 2005 Sunshine State Conference Tournament semifinalist
- Head Coach Marilyn Rule named 2004-05 Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year
- Sunshine State Conference All-Conference First Team (Missy Guadagnino)
- Sunshine State Conference All-Conference Honorable Mention (Katie Cloud)
- Sunshine State Conference All-

- Freshman Team (Christine Haber)
- Sunshine State Conference All-Tournament Team (Missy Guadagnino)
- SSC Players of the Week – Jennifer Havens (1/9/05)
- Earned first-ever South Region ranking (seventh)

The Women's Basketball team did very well this year and set new school records for the most victories (17) and the longest winning streak (8 in a row). They were the 2005 Sunshine State Conference Tournament semifinalists. Head Coach Marilyn Rule was named 2004-05 Sunshine

State Conference Coach of the Year. Named to the Sunshine State Conference All-Conference First Team was Missy Guadagnino. The Honorable Mention was Katie Cloud. Named to the Sunshine State Conference All-Freshman Team was Christine Haber. Named to the Sunshine State Conference All Tournament Team was Missy Guadagnino. The SSC Player of the Week was Jennifer Havens on 1/19/05. The women's basketball team also earned their first-ever South Region ranking of seventh place.

Baseball

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

SPRING

Baseball (29-17, 11-7 SSC T3rd)

- Currently ranked No. 19 in the *Collegiate Baseball Magazine* (4/25/05 poll); Ranked as high as 15th (3/28/05)
- SSC Players of the Week – Derek Antelo (2/6/05 & 4/17/05), Jarrod Lauth (2/27/05), Mike Pellerito (3/13/05), Steve Smith (4/24/05), Kyle Ruwe (4/24/05)
- 2005 STUEYNCAA Male Athlete of the Year (Mike Pellerito)

This year the baseball team is currently ranked No. 19 in the

Collegiate Baseball Magazine (4/25/05) poll. They were also ranked as high as 15 (3/28/05). Head Coach Mike Mominey said, "We're in position to win conference. We played one of the toughest schedules in the country. But we're prepared to be successful." Right now, the men's baseball team has 10 games left, 8 of which are conference games. Last weekend, they played against Tampa and won two of three games. The baseball team has had 5 players of the week: Derek Antelo (2/6/05 & 4/17/05), Jarrod Lauth (2/27/05), Mike Pellerito

(3/13/05), Steve Smith (4/24/05), and Kyle Ruwe (4/24/05). The 2005 STUEY NCAA Male Athlete of the Year was Mike Pellerito. Mike Mominey said, "I think the season has gone well. We have a great group of players. They know hard work and how to be successful. We have a great group of seniors: Kyle Ruwe, Derek Lopez, Steve Smith, Mike Pellerito, and Jeff Rodriguez." Kyle Ruwe is 8-3 and set the school record for pitching complete games. He's won 34 in his career and is 2 shy of tying the program wins.

Women's Rowing - Coach Gartin

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The Women's Rowing team is currently ranked No. 2 in the USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association NCAA Division II Varsity Eight Coaches Poll. They are ranked No. 1 in the NCAA South Region. Coach Gartin said in an interview, "Well, we overachieved this year again. We have vastly improved our depth." The team won the Lyden Cup as top finisher among 17 Varsity Eight crews at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships. Next year, Coach Gartin said that they will have 25-30 girls on the team. "It's a bit of a challenge, but we're looking forward to having a stronger year next year. Many of the women are going to be returning next year, so we will have more depth and physical strength." The SSC Players of the Week were Taylor Liput (2/28/05), Cheyenne Poskey (3/13/05), Katrena Bonilla (3/20/05), Ashley Amrich (4/10/05), and Stephanie Blair

(4/17/05). Taylor Liput was named the 2005 STUEY NCAA Female Athlete of the Year, and was also the 2005 Flo Hyman Award Winner. Coach Gartin had nothing but great things to say about his team; "We have really rowed to our potential. We're seeing a lot of growth: physically, emotionally and technically. Right now we are number two in the nation and it's all the women's effort. It's a tough sport to compete in and the women have proven how tough they are. We keep striving for bigger and better, and it takes a lot of energy. The results speak for themselves. From a lot of effort, everyone has contributed and the team has set high expectations."



Women's Rowing Team on the water.

- Ranked No. 2 in the USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association NCAA Division II Varsity Eight Coaches Poll
- Ranked No. 1 in the NCAA South Region
- Won Lyden Cup as top finisher among 17 Varsity Eight crews at Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships
- SSC Players of the Week – Taylor Liput (2/28/05)
- 2005 STUEY NCAA Female Athlete of the Year (Taylor Liput)
- 2005 Flo Hyman Award Winner (Taylor Liput)

All Sports Stats provided by Eddie Kenny



Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

As some of you know, this is the last issue of *The Knight* for the 2004-2005 school year. Over the course of the last few semesters, *The Knight* has undergone a number of changes, just as the University has as a whole. We've grown a great deal, and certainly hope that we've been able to reflect the growth of the NSU community in doing so.

When I first started with *The Knight* two years ago, we frequently used the slogan "your student newspaper." Back then, not as many events or student faces made it into print, so it didn't always feel that way. I'd like to think we've come a long way since then; *The Knight* being "your student newspaper" is one thing that I never want to see change.

But some change is for the better, and a number of people have made this kind of change possible. I'd like to thank Dean Brad Williams for his gracious support, the indomitable Terry Weech for his fearless and unflagging assistance, Jennifer Reem for her incredible devotion, Janette Del Angel for her cheerful and invaluable help, and, of course, the hardworking staff who put the paper together every week.

I would also like to thank everyone who gave us feedback, submitted articles or ideas, let us use their pictures, and were so very helpful when we called them on deadline to check facts.

And our readers. Without all of you, there would be no reason for *The Knight* to exist.

So to everyone out there: good luck on your finals, enjoy your summers, and we'll see you in August.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

This Week's Poll Question:

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- It's on my to-do list
- No and I don't plan to!
- This site is solely for people with no lives.
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Last Week's Poll Question:

Which column kept your interest this issue?

Results:
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14% A&E

14% Editor's Note

43% Wait! There are other columns? I'm still trying to find the "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby?" column

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From Princeton to Washington State, TheFaceBook Adds a New Page for NSU

By **Nicolle Garber**
Staff Writer

Books are a big part of being a college student, and this book is doing its best to make itself an even bigger one. It has become a widespread phenomenon among college campuses, and is now spreading like wildfire at NSU.

This is TheFaceBook; not actually a book, but an online network comprised of over 100 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

I signed on to www.thefacebook.com, not knowing the consequences. As soon as I registered, filled out my profile, and posted a picture of myself, I visited a friend's page and read her "wall," where someone listed had posted something quite interesting: "Welcome to TheFaceBook, or shall I say crack?" Yes, I have found that it *is* that ridiculously addictive.

I cannot stop chatting about nothing with friends, nor can I

keep myself from "poking" my online schoolmates—"poking" is a poke in the virtual world of "The Face-Book," a sort of cute and playful act to attract the attention of friends or people you desire to become your "friend." All you do is press the "poke this person" button and *voila!* The deed is done. I am in the middle of a poking battle as we speak, and I am winning!

TheFaceBook enables students whose colleges are signed up for the website to communicate amongst friends in their own college or high school friends who live 500 miles away; just recently, I found two sisters who were my best friends about 10 years ago who I had lost all contact with when they moved. I finally have some closure, knowing they have not been eaten by some giant shark. It was a stomach-jumping moment in my life when I typed in her name and her picture popped up. Her hair is now long but is still red, and she

looked ridiculously gorgeous. I am very thankful for TheFaceBook for that...now going back to the topic at hand...

There have been many attempts at creating social networks, but most of them turn out to be sleazy and the people are just...weird. In TheFaceBook, the worst you can find are creepy schoolmates or desperate guys who want to be your friend because of the sexy picture you posted of yourself. Vanity never fails in these social circumstances.

There are many things to do besides poking and searching for long lost friends, although, let me reiterate myself: "Beware!" You can join a club, or make one up—trust me, anything goes. I belong to a number of clubs: NSU rowing, Knight Anime and Video Games, I love Latin Men, I wear flip flops all year round... and many more. There is even a club called "The Derek Zoolander Center

For Kids Who Can't Read Good and Want To Learn To Do Other Stuff Good Too," and yes, I belong to that club, my position being the Prime Minister of Malaysia. Don't ask.

TheFaceBook may be the virtual form of crack, but it is one of the greatest resources for accessing friends in colleges all over the nation. It is simple: you sign up, post a picture, contact friends, and before you know it, you are connected to more than 242 people in less than 3 days, like me.

Be careful though; every time I pass by a computer on campus, I see TheFaceBook on the screen and I cringe in fear, knowing that I will increase my procrastinating powers and succeed in doing none of the work I have planned to do because I will be checking for mail, new friend requests and poking others with the zeal of a meat-craving piranha.

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Above: "What's all the buzz about?" (Left to right) Nikki Mazzo and Brittany Drake.

Above: "NSU's future dentists promoting a bright smile at the Health Fair," (left to right) Gina Cozzarelli, Todd Williams, and Ryan Etur.



Right: "NSU's Pediatric Club was on hand at the Health fair teaching the kids about health and the body." (Left to right) Margaret Anelo, Neha Patel, Director Hilda DeGaetano, and Felice Lombard.



Above: Cool raffle prizes for those who visited 15 of the 35 vendors at the Health & Wellness Fair.



Above: "Froots" A local joint that serves up healthy delights such as: shakes, salads, and wraps, gave Health Fair attendees free samples of their wheatgrass smoothies. (Left to right) Jason Crockett and Dennis Finotti.



Above: Pro Healthcare chiropractic physician Charles Spour didn't "back-out" of this event"

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