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Photo provided by Jen Bowman.

Folks Feel Young Again at Senior Prom

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On Dec. 4 at the Signature Grand Dining Hall, over 40 NSU staff and students dressed up in formal attire for the Fifth annual Senior Prom, an event where volunteers act as dates for senior citizens from the Harbor Beach

Nursing Home and Sunrise Health and Rehabilitation home.

Many of the senior citizens look forward to this yearly event, said Melissa Parish, the Activity Director for the Harbor Beach Nursing home. Parish gestured to one of the attendees, Mae Knight, "Even though she is limited in her

physical abilities... I had never seen her so hyped up."

The seniors and their dates enjoyed food and drinks while listening to the NSU's vocal ensemble sing songs such as

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Memorial Service to be Held for James Pezzimenti on Main Campus

A memorial service will be held on Dec. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. at the University Center Flight Deck for James Pezzimenti, who was killed by a hit and run driver on Nov. 19.

Pezzimenti, 21, was a psychology major at NSU who was minoring in Substance Abuse. His older brother, Joseph, also attends NSU.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the local chapter for Cerebral Palsy. More information on the chapter can be found at www.ucpsouthflorida.org.

Evidence of Water Found on Mars

By Greg Kyriakakis
Nation & World Editor

Recent NASA imagery of Mars has provided evidence that water may recently have flowed on the planet's surface. Scientists believe that the presence of liquid water will bolster the probability that life exists on the Mars.

The NASA orbiter, the Mars Global Surveyor, detected signs of moving water when recent photos were compared with those taken years ago. The Washington Post reported that, though there are numerous gullies on the Mar's surface, it was impossible to determine if the last time water flowed through them was millions of years ago or more recently.

New images indicate that "two gullies, at least, apparently experienced flash floods between photo shoots."

NASA scientist Kenneth Edgett said that calculations determined the water flows would fill "five to 10 swimming pools."

"If you were there . . . you'd probably want to get out of the way," Edgett said. "It would be like, 'Wow, there's this thing coming at me!'"

"The big question is how does it happen, and does it point to a habitat for life?" said Michael Meyer, the lead scientist for the Mars Exploration Program.

David Simon, professor of physics and astronomy at NSU, said that life on Mars is "possible," though difficult to find.

"There's no real way to estimate if there is life. If there is, it's probably microscopic, single-celled organisms. Beyond that, it's hard to tell."

Simon also added that the rovers currently on Mars and possible future missions to the planet may shed more light on the matter.

Though the source of water is unknown, some believe that it is being kept warm in a liquid state underground. As the water travels

toward the surface, some freezes, forming a dam which occasionally bursts and allows water to escape to the surface.

On the heels of NASA's finding, Associated Press reported that the European Space Agency will utilize its instruments on its Mars Express orbiter to collect more data.

Mission analyst for the ESA Michael Kahn told the AP that the data, which will complement NASA's, should take several weeks to collect and will probably lead to similar findings.



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Increase of Hate Crimes in Broward County

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

Hate crimes have increased in Broward County this past year according to Governor-elect Charlie Crist's annual Attorney General report. The Broward police authorities reported 47 hate crimes in 2005, and 16 of them took place in the districts of Deerfield and Pompano Beach.

Despite the statewide decrease of hate crimes by 22 percent, Crist has reported a 27 percent jump in Broward. Fort Lauderdale reported nine hate incidents, including one in which a landlord pepper-sprayed a group of Haitian people who were holding a wake on the rental property that he managed.

Many at NSU are very concerned about these reports. "I didn't think that this was something that was running rampant," said Chassidy Williams, a

longtime resident of Broward and NSU staff member. She feels this issue is extremely important and all students should be aware of the situation. "If [the media] would let the public know then they could do something to change it," she said.

Samantha Wright, a freshman student at NSU, expressed similar concerns. "If the media makes a fuss over something petty like the usual news, then why can't they make a fuss over something serious like this," she said. Wright, who experienced a racial slur directed towards her, knows firsthand the effects of an act of hatred.

Julio Thompsan, an NSU alumnus who now works for the university, was a victim of discrimination and feels that a clash of cultures instigated by those moving to the area may contribute to the problem.

"If they come down here for job purposes they may have been thrown into this society where there is such a variety of people and that can account for this jump," he said. Thompsan feels that although there is no excuse for hate crimes, the changing demographics of Florida may explain the increase.

During his freshman year, Thompsan was discriminated against because of his skin color while living in a campus dorm. He was paired with a student from a very different background whose parents tried to have their son switched out of the room after learning of Thompsan's race.

His roommate would lock up his personal items every day and post notes around the room "warning" Thompsan to stay away from his things. Thompsan, who experienced hatred in his own room every day, knows that awareness

of this issue on and off of NSU's campus is important.

The state has a hate law in place that imposes harsher punishments on individuals who attack people based on their color, religion, and other factors. When the hate-crime label is added to a formal criminal charge the penalty is much more severe.

NSU also has specific policies relating to discrimination of any kind on its campus. According to the 2006-07 Student Handbook, discriminatory conduct is unacceptable and prohibited at the university.

In the event that students, staff or faculty experience discrimination of any kind, he or she must contact the appropriate academic center representative or NSU's Title IX coordinator Gay Holliday, the Associate Dean of student affairs, at ext. 7280.

Illegal Immigration: Is There a Solution to this Nationwide Problem?

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

Illegal immigration, an issue familiar to Floridians, has increasingly become one of the largest problems in the U.S. in recent years. As many states push legislation dealing with the issue, some are at odds with lawmakers.

Several states such as California and Georgia are drafting laws to punish landlords that rent properties to these illegal immigrants. Texas and Pennsylvania want to implement tough immigration laws that would deny permits to businesses that hire illegal immigrants and make English the official language.

Organizations across the country have fought back against these anti-immigration policies. A civil rights group in Atlanta sued the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency for harassing five U.S. citizens of Mexican descent during their immigration raids in Georgia.

This issue is one that Floridians are well aware of, given the state's proximity to Cuba. South Florida in particular has been greatly affected by immigration and several NSU students expressed their opinions.

Paola Villafona, a junior at NSU, has mixed feelings about the immigration policies in this country.

"I think immigration is a problem,

but I am conflicted in my feelings because I have worked with many of them," she said. She feels that they are trying to do the right thing for their families.

Villafona believes that regulations are necessary to avoid continuous illegal immigration, but would like to see the U.S. continue to open its doors to those who choose to enter through legal means.

"Of course people coming in and taking jobs puts a strain on us," said a student who wished to remain anonymous. "But honestly, we're not signing up for the types of jobs that they're taking." She thought the U.S. was exaggerating the effects that

immigration has had on the economy and job market.

Denise Darosa, a sophomore student, had a different opinion. "I think it's a very serious issue," she said. "If they keep the country open to immigration then it will be chaotic, but I also think that the people who are immigrating are important to the U.S. economy."

Darosa thinks that the citizenship laws should be altered to make it easier for people to come to the U.S.

Other students did not think that the solution to this problem was as simple as fixing a few citizenship

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From the Editors of *E/The Environmental Magazine*

Dear EarthTalk: I'm a hair stylist and am wondering about the health and environmental impacts of the styling products I use every day on my customers.

-- Misty Rohrbaugh, Asheville, NC



Millions of people around the world use shampoos, conditioners and dyes on their hair regularly without any discernable harm. But recent studies have linked some of the ingredients in these products to various human health problems, so hair care professionals and consumers are well advised to know their options.

Traditional shampoos and conditioners, the most commonly used hair care products, contain a synthetic detergent called Sodium Lauryl Sulfate (SLS), which generates a sudsy lather. But SLS can dry the scalp, stripping the skin's surface of its protective lipids. It can also cause follicle damage, hair

loss, skin and eye irritation, and allergic reactions such as rashes and hives.

Other problematic chemicals in most mainstream shampoos and conditioners are parabens--sometimes listed as methylparaben, propylparaben, ethylparaben or butylparaben--which are added as preservatives to ward off mold and mildew. Morris Shriftman, Senior Vice President with Avalon Organics, says that these chemicals are dangerous because they accumulate in the bloodstream where they can "mimic" naturally-occurring hormones like estrogen, and disrupt human endocrine function accordingly. Parabens are also of particular concern to oncologists, who report finding the chemicals in breast cancer cells.

Luckily, a number of manufacturers make available shampoos and conditioners free of SLS and parabens, making it easier for stylists and customers alike to do the

right thing. Aveda, Avalon Organics, Aubrey Organics, Dessert Essence Organics, Jason Natural Products and Simply Organic, among many others, use organic herbal extracts to do the jobs normally associated with synthetic chemicals. These products are readily available at natural foods markets and increasingly in mainstream supermarkets.

Studying to prove links between hair dyes and cancer or birth defects have turned up mostly inconclusive results, although the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) National Center for Toxicological Research found that the majority of off-the-shelf hair dyes for black, red and blonde hair contain a known carcinogen, 4-ABP. Also, according to the FDA, some consumers have reported burning, redness, itching and swelling of the face from hair dyes, as well as hair loss and difficulty breathing. The FDA does

not regulate hair products, but John Bailey, director of the agency's color and cosmetics program, cautions consumers to "consider the lack of demonstrated safety" when considering a hair dye.

Most natural health care experts agree that going without hair dye altogether is the safest route. Hair color professionals should wear heavy plastic gloves and a mask to protect against fumes, and should schedule their color work with lots of breaks between applications to limit exposure. Consumers, when possible, should shop around for less toxic, all-natural coloring agents. Many of the companies listed above also make all-natural hair colorings; other popular brands include EcoColors, Naturtint, and Clairol's Castings line. Hennas, which are available in most salons, are also a good safe, non-permanent option.

Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Boy Arrested for Unwrapping Christmas Present Early

Curious children sneaking glimpses of their holiday presents should take note – their parents may have them arrested. That was the case with a Rock Hill, S.C., boy who opened his Nintendo Game Boy Advance despite a warning from his grandmother. The Herald Online reported that when the 12 year-old's mother learned of the unauthorized opening, she called police as a wake-up call. "I'm trying to get him some kind of help. He's the type of kid who doesn't believe anything until it happens," said the mother. A police official called the arrest "strange." At his court appearance, the boy's mother will request that he is placed with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Early Man Dined on Man

A new study has confirmed that Neanderthals were occasional cannibals, depending on the availability of other food sources. LiveScience.com reported that the study found 43,000 year-old Neanderthal skeletons recovered from a cave in El Sidron, Spain, showed signs of cannibalism. "There is strong evidence suggesting that these Neanderthals were eaten," the study's author Antonio Rosas said. "Long bones and the skull were broken for extraction of the marrow, [which] is very nutritious." Rosas explained that harsh winters lead to this practice which "was general among Neanderthal populations."

Fake Lottery Ticket Makes Fools of Two

James Koons Jr. thought fooling a co-worker into believing he had won an \$853,000 jackpot would make for a great practical joke. Unfortunately for Koons, when co-worker Brian Miller found the planted ticket under a newspaper in a break room he tried to cash it. As reported by the Associated Press, Miller originally found the ticket and told authorities that he purchased it when questioned. Sadly for Miller, police charged him with unsworn falsification, though he was later acquitted. Koons was fined \$2,500 for the forgery, sentenced to a year of probation, and may have to pay Miller's \$12,000 in legal fees.

Camel Devours Holiday Pies, Beer

Hungry for some mince pies and beer, Gus the camel single-handedly ruined an Irish riding school staff's holiday feast. The owner of an equestrian center in central Ireland said that the performance animal apparently escaped his cage and wandered into the party before attendees arrived. According to Reuters, Gus, 11 years-old, punctured six cans of beer with his teeth. "We were all looking forward to [the party], but you couldn't blame him," said the center's owner. "He's really a very gentle, docile sort of camel."

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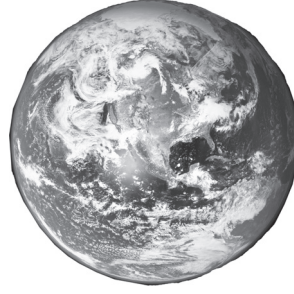
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laws. Mike Jones, a junior, feels that it is unfair that some immigrants are treated more favorably than others.

"I think it's wrong how they don't have the wet foot/dry foot policy for the Haitians similar to that for Cuban refugees," he said.

The policy allows for a Cuban immigrant to stay legally in the U.S. as long as the individual's feet have touched the ground before stopped by the authorities. Jones feels that it is not fair that that same right does not apply to other ethnicities.

The heavily debated issue of illegal immigration is one that may never be solved because the stakes on both sides are much too high. With the new year approaching and the new Congress that is about to take charge, Americans will have to wait to see how this issue plays out.



News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Jeane Kirkpatrick dies at 80

According to Reuters, Jean Kirkpatrick, "a leading player in former President Ronald Reagan's conservative foreign policy as ambassador to the United Nations," died on Dec. 7 of congestive heart failure in her home near Washington. Kirkpatrick's "fiery anti-communist" policies were part of her "neoconservative" movement that many critics say have influenced the policy-making of President Bush's administration. During a news conference Bush commended Kirkpatrick, saying "She defended the cause of freedom at a pivotal time in world history." Kirkpatrick was a Democrat who originally "worked on former Democratic Vice President Hubert Humphrey's presidential campaign in 1968" and was the first woman to become a U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. She became a Republican only after resigning as ambassador in 1985. During her years as ambassador, Kirkpatrick was "unafraid to take positions at odds with others in the Reagan administration." She supported Argentina's invasion of the Falklands in 1982, despite opposition by then Secretary of State Alexander Haig. In response to criticism against the U.S.'s foreign policy, Kirkpatrick was quoted as saying "They always blame America First. The American people know better."

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

Africa

Scientists: malaria helping spread of AIDS

AIDS researchers in Africa have told Reuters reporters on Dec. 7 that "malaria may be helping spread the AIDS virus across Africa, the continent hardest hit by the incurable disease." Lead researcher and study author Laith Abu-Raddad of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle said that malaria greatly increases the "viral load—the amount of human immunodeficiency virus in the blood of infected people" and highly increases the chance of spreading HIV through sexual activity. Abu-Raddad estimated that the larger viral load caused by malaria has helped infect "hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa." Malaria is also believed to help the spread of HIV by weakening the body's immune system. The study began when scientists in the sub-Saharan region noticed that "risky sexual behavior by people in the region was not by itself sufficient to explain the swift spread of HIV." The researchers concentrated their work in the Kenyan city of Kisumu where they say "five percent of HIV infections can be blamed on the increased HIV viral load" and "10 percent of adult malaria cases can be blamed on HIV."

For more information, visit www.msnbc.com.

South America

American pilots blamed in deadly aircraft collision

On Dec. 8, Brazilian federal police "charged two U.S. pilots involved in a collision with a Brazilian jet that killed 154 people, and if convicted, they could face up to 12 years in prison." According to the Associated Press, Joseph Lepore, 42, of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Jan Paladino, 34, of Westhampton Beach, N.Y., were taken into custody and were questioned for six hours. After interrogation, the men were allowed to retrieve their confiscated passports and leave, but must return later for trial. Though the collision occurred on Sept. 29, the pilots were confined to a hotel in Rio and only recently permitted to leave the country. Lepore and Paladino were piloting a Legacy executive jet over the Amazon jungle when it collided with a Gol Airlines Boeing 737 heading in another direction. The jet suffered damage but safely landed with its seven passengers unharmed. The accident occurred when air traffic control supposedly authorized Legacy to fly at 37,000, an altitude "usually reserved for flights headed in the opposite direction." An Air Force investigator said in October that the "warning systems failed on both planes before they collided."

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The Jews of Czestochowa Exhibit

By Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

Alvin Sherman Library is now hosting an artistic exhibit that is paying tribute to the Jewish community in Czestochowa, Poland that was nearly wiped out during the Holocaust. The art projects on display were inspired by the Jewish culture.

The exhibit showcases the history of the Jews in Czestochowa, and its inspiration illuminates a message of world peace and harmony through every canvas, photograph and historical item. Many works of art that speak a message of hope, religion and prayer are present, showing the strength of a people who nearly vanished from their home in Czestochowa. Along with these beautiful qualities of spiritual strength are the works of art that tell the story of the tragic holocaust. Many works of glazed porcelain and portraits tell the story of the history and culture of the Polish Jews.

Along with the art work and historical items is a video that tells the history of the Polish Jews and how their populations



declined during the Holocaust. Many figurines and copper pieces that were created by students of art schools in Poland are in the exhibit.

A table is also set up informing visitors of the construction of the Museum Of The History of Polish Jews. The North American Council

is helping build the historical museum in Warsaw.

Those who came to see the exhibit were fascinated.

"I haven't read much about their history but I think that so far it is very detailed and interesting," replied a young woman, an exhibit visitor.



The exhibit will be in the Alvin Sherman Library until Jan. 29 and all are invited to see the artwork and learn the history of Czestochowa.

Plus 30 Program Aims at Greater Fitness

A new program at NSU is aiming to promote a healthier lifestyle among NSU employees.

The Plus 30 Program is designed to allow NSU employees to modify their schedules up to three times a week so as to take part in fitness and wellness programs while still maintaining a 37.5 hour work week. An employee's supervisor will approve participation in the program, and if work efficiency remains satisfactory after 30 days, may renew the employee's ability to participate.

The program will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and core hours where all staff must be in the office: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The hours of 7 to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be identified as "Flexible Time," wherein employees can either participate in fitness programs or work to make up time spent out of the office to participate.

For more information, contact Elise Milnes at ext. 7323 or emilnes@nova.edu.

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"Even though she is limited in her physical abilities... I had never seen her so hyped up."



From left to right: Mariela Martin with her two escorts for the evening, Vivian Martin Del Campo and Vanessa Moody.

Photo provided by Jen Bowman

"Seasons of Love," "What a Wonderful World" and "Gonna be a Lovely Day."

"It was very heartwarming because a lot of the senior citizens were sitting down and very mellow, but after we performed you could see their faces light up, and that was very cool to see," said Lesa Phillips, a member of the NSU vocal ensemble.

In between songs, seniors won NSU gear as raffle prizes.

Afterwards, student danced with their dates to songs such as "YMCA," "I Will Survive," "The Electric Slide," and "You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog."

Students were eager to talk about their dates and their first impressions. "I thought that she was a lovely young lady who

liked to have fun," said freshman Melissa Correia about her date.

"Look at her," said sophomore Vanessa Moody, as she gestured to her date Mariela Martin. "I wanted to get to know her better, and I was excited to get this night started."

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The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you at Quad Thursday in 2007

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Current Events Calendar

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Crunch Brunch
10pm @ Rosenthal Cafeteria

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Memorial for James Pezzimenti
12 -1 p.m. @ UC Flight Deck

WEDNESDAY

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Happy Holidays and a
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Movie Review

More Imaginary than Extraordinary



By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

Photography has always been an interest of mine, especially when the images are surreal or controversial. In Diane Arbus's case, they're both, and her popularity throughout the 50's and 60's was so great that these images are still held in high regard today. In many ways, she redefined the art form by taking photos of twins, circus sideshow acts, people with incredible deformities, and various other things that were otherwise kept out of public view. In Steven Shainburg's (*Secretary*) new film, *Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus* he gives us a slightly extravagant and exaggerated look at Diane's (Nicole Kidman) start as a photographer.

Honestly, I was shocked by Nicole Kidman's (*The Interpreter*, *Birth*) performance in the film. She played Diane, a frustrated but devoted wife and mother who's only job was to take care of her family and help her husband, Allen (Ty Burrell), and run the family photography business. The real Diane was known for her incredibly bizarre and erratic behavior and attitude, and Kidman definitely came through. She was quiet, almost mouse-like, sweet, and extremely strange. The innocent

look and voice that Kidman possesses helped in making Diane even more interesting than she already is. Also, her childlike giggles and childlike emotions added even more eccentricity to Diane's already eccentric character.

Robert Downey Jr.'s (*Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*, *A Scanner Darkly*) performance was also very surprising. He plays Lionel, a retired (and dying) circus "freak" that just moved into the same apartment building as the Arbus'. He has an unbelievable disease that covers his entire body in hair and eventually becomes Diane's love interest and first "subject." Even though Lionel was covered in hair, Downey gave him such a sense of confidence and self-worth that you would think couldn't exist for someone in that position. Downey portrayed Lionel as gentle and kind and showed that just because there's something wrong with his body doesn't mean there's anything wrong with his heart or mind. Although we don't know whether or not Lionel is real, in the film he is the person that introduces Diane

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"Diane (Nicole Kidman) studying Lionel's (Robert Downey Jr.) apartment."

Fizz-Folk for the Masses

By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

If I told you that just listening to a record could make you feel warm on a snowy day or give you that feeling in your stomach when you're freezing and you've just had a sip of hot chocolate, would you believe me? Probably not, but most likely, you haven't listened to Peter and the Wolf's studio debut *Lightness*. I have never felt more at home than when I listened to this album. With faded memories, distant lovers, and relationships new and old as the lyrical inspiration, Peter and the Wolf, or Red Hunter, are a perfect addition to the folk scene and a great addition to anybody's CD collection.

Although Hunter uses few instruments, the record is beautifully composed. And anyway, Hunter's voice is the best instrument on the whole album. He's so incredibly lo-fi and the words just flow through his voice like a finely tuned piano or any other classical instrument. The music seems unbelievably personal and it's so beautiful that you just won't want to stop listening to it.

Most of the songs are about Hunter's relationships that have

ended, which he seems extremely indifferent about and seems to have no hard feelings attached to any of them. It's almost as if he expected the relationships to end and then expected to be writing songs about them afterwards. His beautifully monotone voice makes it seem like he cares, but now that it's over he's glad that he gets to sing about. I'm guessing he's not one to hold grudges.

My favorite track on the album is "The Bonsai Tree," which is about a situation

in which his then girlfriend said he was like a bonsai tree because he always listens but he never learns. He seems upset about it at first, but then eventually, with his monotone voice and spotty ukulele, he seems so incredibly detached from the situation. It's almost as if the relationship ended and he just let it roll off of his



"Red Hunter (a.k.a Peter and the Wolf)"

shoulders.

It's truly amazing how Hunter has the ability to convey totally different emotions within each song on the album. I think Peter and the Wolf's *Lightness* is the perfect album for the winter season and I don't think any release is going to beat this one. Take a chance on it, I guarantee you'll love it.

Game Review:

Wii-tastic

Wii Sports: A Worthy Pack-in

By Alicia VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

When I first heard they were bundling a sports game with the Wii, I was heartily disappointed. I don't like sports games. I never have. I don't even particularly care for sports. Reading reviews of the game that gushed about how much fun it was therefore had me a bit skeptical.

Upon actually playing *Wii Sports*, however, I had to admit that the game was, indeed, fun. Most of it, anyway.

First off, the different sports are pretty good at showing some of what the controller (the Wiimote) is capable of and are generally family-friendly in terms of ease of use. It's also fun to import your own Mii into the game

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to the marginalized and abnormal people she photographed and has become so respected for.

However, as I said before, the film doesn't depict many real events. It is an imaginary look at what her life might have been like, and although the film was pretty good and well put together, I probably would have rather seen what really happened. The film gives us a fairytale look at her life, and I think there was more to it than that. It takes a lot of strength to get up and walk away from your family and pursue something that's been kept deep inside of you, and I don't think that the film depicted that well at all. I probably would have rather seen her struggles as an artist than her building a romantic relationship with Lionel.

Other than that, the film was entertaining and definitely a fairytale worth seeing. The cast did a phenomenal job and certainly kept me interested the whole time. Shainburg has proven himself with *Fur*, and I can't wait to see what else he has rolled up his sleeves.

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as the player. Last week I mentioned how addictive making those little guys can be. I'm mentioning it again. But I digress.

Sports that are included in the game are baseball, boxing, tennis, golf, and bowling, each of which has their own level of fun.

Baseball is reasonably fun. It's not too hard to hit the ball, but I tend to hit a lot of fouls. The Wiimote is held much like a baseball bat, so you have to actually get some swinging action going on to get anything done. You play the pitcher and the first batter, while the rest of your team is made up of random Miis from your console for a three inning game against a computer team. We had almost more fun yelling at the Miis of our friends on our team for hitting so many fly balls than anything else.

Boxing is perhaps my favorite of the five games. Sure it's mindless, but that's part of its charm. This mini game pretty much consists of holding the Wiimote in one hand, the Nunchuk in the other, and beating the tar out of the opponent. Yes, it is as easy as it sounds. The fun part is that you hold the controllers as though you were actually wearing

boxing gloves, and the Mii on the screen follows your movements: the controllers are sensitive enough to notice when you shift your body weight or dodge with your torso. I did a pretty good job wearing myself out with this one, because it certainly is a workout.

Tennis is a so-so game for me. I'm not as good at playing it, and therefore it frustrates me. You can play inside, outside or both in a doubles game, and all you really have to worry about is swinging; the computer takes your Mii to the ball. It is fun, but I don't find it all that addicting.

Ah, golf. I detest this one and avoid it like the plague. The Wiimote has a strange way of judging how hard you're hitting the ball, and I have yet to figure out how it determines whether something is a hook or a slice. Maybe I would like it better if I played golf outside of video games.

And last but not least, bowling. This game picks up on the most subtle of wrist movements, so I am equally as bad at it as I am bowling



in an actual alley. It's reasonably fun despite this. The controls are pretty cool, being as you have to press down on one of the buttons, hold the Wiimote as you would the ball (up by your chest), swing back, then forward, and let go of the button the same time you would the ball. Make sure you have plenty of space to the front and back of you when playing this one.

Wii Sports also has a good tutorial for each game and a fitness scale (that seems to think I'm 78, because it keeps randomly giving me the sports I'm no good at) that are reasonably enjoyable. The graphics are a bit cartoon-y: they look like the designers took an 8-bit style and rendered in 3D for a fun retro look. All in all, a worthy pack in.



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Tim Coenraad takes a shot in the paint. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

Men's Basketball Team Compete in Hatch Mott MacDonald Hoop Classic

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

The NSU's men's basketball team (3-2) traveled to Pensacola, Fla. the weekend of Dec. 2 to take part in the University of West Florida's Hatch Mott MacDonald Hoop Classic.

In game one of the tournament, the Sharks faced Henderson State University in an exciting battle to the end. Sophomore Rhys Martin

and senior Donovan Redden pulled the game together in the last few seconds of the game for the Sharks, leading them to a 66-59 victory.

The following day NSU faced the tournament's hosts, the Argonauts of West Florida University. Despite sophomore Dave Naylor's outstanding 15 rebounds and Martin's 18 collective points,

the Sharks were not able to come out with the win, losing to the Argonauts 77-61.

"We definitely did not play up to our potential this weekend, but we still managed to pull it together for at least one win," said disappointed Naylor.

10K-A-Day: Step Into Action

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Starting in January, Campus Recreation will be starting a program called 10k-A-Day. This is a 12-week wellness program designed to help students become more physically active. Participants will be given a pedometer to track the number of steps taken every day. This pedometer will be worn from morning to night. The goal of the program is to take 10,000 steps a day, which will equal to about 5 miles of walking per day.

Participating is inexpensive and membership at the RecPlex is not a requirement for the 10k-A Day Program. The price for employees is \$10 and \$5 for students. This fee covers a modified fitness assessment, a pedometer, a program manual, and a t-shirt.

Adding more physical activity to a daily routine offers several benefits. Health benefits include decreased stress, more energy, vitality, better sleep, better moods, and it ultimately strengthens the heart

which will be helpful in the long run. By participating in this program, will begin by making the ultimate commitment, which is the first step to success.

Before starting this program, participants will undergo a fitness assessment. The purpose of this test is to assess everyone's current fitness level, possibly identify areas of health or injury risk, acquire biometric measurements for evaluation, and attain goals and motivation to evaluate progress. The fitness assessment will test cardiorespiratory endurance which will be evaluated by a three minute step test, body composition, blood pressure, weight, and girth measurements. These are the starting points to help participants look back and see what improvements were made throughout the twelve weeks.

For any other questions you may have, visit the campus recreation website at www.rec.nova.edu. At the website, participants can register for the program, view frequently asked questions, and see a map of walking routes on campus.

Randy Shannon Becomes New Head Coach of University of Miami Hurricanes

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

News came to the University of Miami that defensive coordinator Randy Shannon has been promoted to head coach on Dec. 8. Shannon is UM's first African American head coach.

In Shannon's interview on News Channel 4, he was excited about starting this job as head coach. "I'm very pleased to have this job," said Shannon. "It's one of my dream jobs and always has been." He also said that "the University has done a great job for the athletic program."

Players were thrilled to find out that Shannon is becoming their head coach.

"It's guy that I wanted, it's the guy a lot of us wanted," said UM quarterback Kirby Freeman. "He's been sincere about his feelings toward everyone on this team and the direction he wants this program to go. This is definitely the decision I wanted."

Shannon is 40 years old and he has become the sixth African American head coach in the Division I schools.

"Randy is the future of our football team now," said Freeman to the Associated Press. "And we're going to have some bright, bright success."

Sharks Take Down Saint Augustine College 75-67

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

The NSU women's basketball team (1-3) worked hard Dec. 2 while taking on Saint Augustine College. As a result, they were rewarded with their first victory of the season, 75-67.

NSU showed incredible confidence and enthusiasm straight out of the gate. The Sharks trampled all over the Falcons in the first half,

going into the locker room with a comfortable 12-point lead, 42-30.

"We were having a ton of fun on the court in that first half," said junior Amber Bishko. "I think that had a lot to do with how well we did. It's all about having a good time."

Despite the Sharks large lead, the Falcons were able to maintain their composure, and by the middle of the second half the score was tied

up, 58-58. Displaying outstanding character the Sharks rose to the occasion, doing what they needed to get done in order to get the game back under control and the score back into their favor, ending in victory for NSU.

Bishko lead the Sharks with 20 points, a season high, while senior Mechelle Jones followed Bishko up with 16-total points.

Senior Jennifer Havens not

only scored in the double digits with 11-points, but she showed commendable leadership while on the court.

"There isn't any specific person on the team who is the all-time leader," said Bishko. "We have a team where on any night anyone can step up and take charge. Jen and Mechelle definitely did that."

NSU's Sports Stats of the Week

Men's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Eckerd	1	0	1.000	6	0	1.000
Tampa	1	0	1.000	6	1	.857
Lynn	1	0	1.000	4	2	.667
Barry	0	0	---	3	1	.750
Nova Southeastern	0	0	---	3	2	.600
Saint Leo	0	0	---	2	4	.333
Rollins	0	1	.000	4	2	.667
Florida Tech	0	1	.000	2	5	.286
Florida Southern	0	1	.000	1	3	.250

Women's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Florida Tech	1	0	1.000	7	1	.875
Lynn	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800
Rollins	1	0	1.000	5	2	.714
Barry	0	0	---	2	3	.400
Saint Leo	0	0	---	2	6	.250
Nova Southeastern	0	0	---	1	3	.250
Eckerd	0	1	.000	4	2	.667
Tampa	0	1	.000	3	3	.500
Florida Southern	0	1	.000	3	5	.375

RECORD: OVERALL HOME AWAY NEUTRAL
 ALL GAMES..... (3-2) (2-0) (0-2) (1-0)
 CONFERENCE..... (0-0) (0-0) (0-0) (0-0)
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Individual Statistics (Men's Basketball)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off Def	Tot Avg	PF FO	A TO	Blk Stl	Pts Avg
02 MARTIN, Rhys.....	5-5	149 29.8	28-42	.667	8-13	.615	16-25	.640	3 12	15 3.0	6 0	31 20	2 12	80 16.0
01 AGUIAR, Diego.....	5-5	129 25.8	29-49	.592	0-1	.000	15-27	.556	12 12	24 4.8	17 0	7 16	3 7	73 14.6
33 NAYLOR, David.....	4-0	114 28.5	17-29	.586	2-4	.500	11-13	.846	10 29	39 9.8	11 0	12 7	2 1	47 11.8
22 COENRAAD, Tim.....	5-5	130 26.0	18-35	.514	7-18	.389	2-4	.500	4 23	27 5.4	15 0	12 10	1 4	45 9.0
05 REDDEN, Donovan....	5-5	150 30.0	14-41	.341	4-13	.308	9-14	.643	1 10	11 2.2	19 1	24 20	1 4	41 8.2
32 CHESTER, Kevin.....	5-5	116 23.2	16-35	.457	0-0	.000	9-19	.474	10 23	33 6.6	18 2	5 15	6 1	41 8.2

Individual Statistics (Women's Basketball)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off Def	Tot Avg	PF FO	A TO	Blk Stl	Pts Avg
03 JONES, Mechelle....	4-4	133 33.2	16-46	.348	5-15	.333	18-20	.900	8 12	20 5.0	6 0	7 19	0 2	55 13.8
24 HAVENS, Jennifer...	4-4	98 24.5	17-27	.630	0-0	.000	21-24	.875	4 15	19 4.8	16 1	3 11	1 4	55 13.8
42 BISHKO, Amber.....	4-3	141 35.2	19-39	.487	2-2	1.000	4-5	.800	2 15	17 4.3	10 0	10 11	2 4	44 11.0
25 BAIN, Fabienne.....	4-3	78 19.5	13-24	.542	0-0	.000	3-8	.375	10 11	21 5.3	13 1	4 11	0 2	29 7.3
05 ALLEN, Eliza.....	4-3	123 30.8	6-21	.286	4-14	.286	8-8	1.000	5 23	28 7.0	9 0	14 13	0 5	24 6.0

Upcoming Games

Women's Basketball

- Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., AWAY game against Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, FL.
- Sunday Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m., HOME game against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Men's Basketball

- Saturday Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m., HOME game against University of West Florida

*All home games will be played in the University Center

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Dates & Times

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Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

I've seen small groups, probably of prospective students, touring campus (or at least the library, considering I always see them when I'm getting something to eat in the Connections Café) off and on for most of the semester. When this would happen, I would usually smile at the bright new faces carrying around their little NSU bags and wander off in whatever direction I was headed towards, all the while wondering why they were doing tours in the middle of the semester.

However, it looks to me like they've stepped up the pace of said tours, and as I smiled wearily over my cup of hot chocolate and my Danish (can you blame me this close to finals?), I thought to myself how much more sense this made close to the end of the semester, and therefore close to the beginning of the new one. (I was also thinking that they all looked terribly young, but what do I know?)

Now, I certainly don't know for sure whether this particular group was comprised of mid-year recruits or just a bunch of curious high school kids considering a future at NSU, but I do know that this kind of thing is probably at least partially responsible for the boom of freshmen we've gotten.

Not that that's a bad thing. More new faces on campus means more ideas floating around, more membership for clubs, and (theoretically) more readers for *The Current* (couldn't resist that one).

But I can't help but wonder if those who start attending NSU in the winter semester are getting the same kind of intensive orientation that fall semester recruits do. I don't suppose anyone keeps around copies of the Orientation Edition to give them, and I have yet to hear anything about Orientation Leaders kicking around doing tours and activities during winter break.

So... are those students who begin at NSU in the winter getting the same kind of thorough orientation and warm welcome as those who begin in the fall? I don't know. Just a question to think about.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly on the Wall: Winding Down

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

The year is finishing up and it is finally the time for the year's end mandatory reflection session. This is where I look back at all that has happened during my joyous and frustrating time as the Fly on the Wall. Not only that, but I also get a chance to shove in some of the realizations and comments that I either forgot or didn't have the space to include in my other installments. So, let us begin and I'll try to make this as concise as possible, because I am sure many of you are already breathing a sigh of relief after finals and have started packing bags to get the hell out of here.

I want to begin with President Andrew Ibrahim's report. More so because it will nicely segue into a couple of the realizations I have omitted previously. Ibrahim was disappointed to announce that two of these seven (student-oriented) goals that were proposed by the SGA as per the NSUSGA Compensation Bill were not completed. The Leadership Development Committee's student-leader meet and greet, entitled Movers and Shakers Holiday Mixer, was denied on Nov. 29 because, through some form of miscommunication, it did not follow that persistently annoying 10-day business day rule. Another failed goal was to plan two athletic tailgates. Only one was planned for the winter semester.

The stipulation in the Compensation Bill is that the SALD office would determine the amount of compensation for the SGA based on the completion of these goals. Since not all are done, I am assuming SALD will not fund the full \$8,500. Also, VPJ Laxmi Lalwani mentioned on Nov. 19 that only seven senators were in good standing according to their responsibilities outlined in their contracts. That is to say that only those senators will receive full compensation. A question I brought up before was that if SALD did not fund the bill in full, would the amount they did not cover come from the total the SGA set aside for itself? Would that difference in amount essentially be coming out of the clubs' pockets? Who knows? I have asked a few senators and they are unsure as well. Also, since many senators will most likely not

get compensated fully, it might balance out. If any money does happen to come from the reserve fund it would look *very* bad for the SGA in the faces of the student body. For the most part, everyone was assured the goals would be met and that SALD would compensate the SGA so the clubs would not have to suffer. But anything can happen. Look at what happened to the goals.

Speaking of compensation, I want to discuss the idea of the senators' contracts. Or, rather, do the executive board members even have one? The senator's signed theirs. I witnessed that sad sight, but no one has mentioned the existence of obligatory contracts that prescribe what the e-board members must do to get a slice of the pie. Do they, like the senators, have to suffer? It would be real ironic if not. The idea of contracts makes it seem like the senators are more akin to (unpaid) indentured servants of the SGA than servants of their constituents. Contracts also somewhat demean the legitimacy and authenticity of what they should do even without a contract looking over their shoulders. Remember, only seven senators have done what the contracts dictate: hold constituency meetings, go to certain events, and write three pieces of legislation per semester. These are all responsibilities that senators have already. A contract is not needed to obligate them to do these things.

Some may argue that the contracts only exist to enumerate the responsibilities and show some tangible proof that each senator deserves compensation. To that, I say no, a contract is not necessary. Those responsibilities should be left in the "job descriptions" and only there. I would even go so far as to say that if all or even some of those requirements are not fulfilled, the senator does not deserve pay (compensation is only a pretty epithet for pay check). No partial payment. It's all or nothing. The very idea of payment also casts a shadow of bad connotations over the SGA's actions. I wonder how many senators would even forgo that money altogether. Commuter



Senator Earl Tinsley told myself and SGA Advisor Terry Morrow he would not accept the money if it came from the clubs' pockets and that when he ran for office he didn't even know there was compensation involved. That's the way it should be. Of course, a little extra pocket change is good now and then, but is it even necessary?

I am done rambling. Everyone have a nice winter break, catch up on some video game playing and sleep, forget about school, and have a nice holiday celebration. I will return next semester (if my loan goes through) and further continue the festivities.

Additional Notes

A resolution for an increase in t-shirt allocations for clubs was struck unanimously from the agenda and will return later.

A conference bill for Delta Phi Epsilon (\$986) was passed 10-2-0 even though the totals on the itemization sheet were wrong.

A bill for a Pan-Hellenic Council powderpuff football game (\$439) was passed 10-3-0 despite confusion in interpretation as to whether or not the food requested was considered a BBQ, which only can be allocated \$150.

Another bill by the Pan-Hellenic Council for a karaoke event was passed for \$309.

The NSUSGA Tailgate Bill for about \$1,700 was passed unanimously.

A Catholic Life t-shirt bill for \$93 and change was passed unanimously.

Another Catholic Life Welcome Back BBQ event bill (\$149.42) was passed unanimously.

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