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Gas Leak Causes Evacuation of Rosenthal

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

A gas leak from a buried oil tank caused the evacuation of the Rosenthal cafeteria around noon on Thursday, September 1.

Sixty to 70 people were evacuated from of the cafeteria because employees and diners smelled gas in the building. Employees who worked in the dining hall stated that they could

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Some Gathered, Others Partied

Hurricane Katrina leaves Florida in the dark

By Rana Chodhry
News Editor

As Tropical Storm Katrina—formerly a hurricane of varying strengths—barreled its way north through Louisiana and Mississippi earlier this week, NSU freshman Matthew Eterginio recalled an incarnation of the storm which brought students together at Goodwin Resident Halls.

"When the power went out," he said, "one of my friends started playing the guitar out in the hallway and everyone gathered around. It was pretty cool."

Eterginio ate cold Chef Boyardee canned pasta meals and hung out with friends for many hours in Goodwin's dark, unlit hallways Thursday and Friday.

At Founders Residence Hall, the scene was anything but mellow.

Transfer student Angeli Burdier, 23, said some students threw a Hurricane Party on Thursday night.

"It was really bad," she said. "There was a lot of screaming, yelling, drinking all through the night."

Another Founders resident, who identified herself simply as Linda, said, "Students actually brought a pool inside the living room of the Founders and almost all were drunk."

One student was so drunk that he needed to be escorted to his room, Founders' residents recalled. When he was asked what room he was in, he said 422. "We started to laugh because there were only three floors to the building," Linda said.

NSU's main campus was closed for two days last week as Hurricane Katrina made landfall, delaying the publication of The Knight.

When the storm—at the time a Category 1—made landfall Thursday, it flooded parts of South Florida and knocked out power lines, leaving more than 1 million people
NSU Students, Faculty Remember Slain Optometry Student

Silent Witness Initiative plans display on NSU campus after shooting

By Rafia Chodhry
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Staff Writer

Assistant Dean Lewis Reich best remembers Nichola Seegobin as someone with a permanent smile on her face.

"She was a very diligent student who did what she needed to do," said Reich. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the College of Optometry and Seegobin’s visual optics professor. "Somebody who was always smiling, wasn't a complainer."

Seegobin, 25, was murdered in the parking lot of her Davie apartment on July 27 by her ex-boyfriend Mohan Peraud. Originally from Orlando, Seegobin shared an apartment with friends at Poinciana Lakes, 2630 S. University Dr., a mile from NSU campus. Both her roommate and friends declined to be interviewed for this story.

According to reports in The Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel, Peraud, 29, fired 30 shots before turning the gun on himself.

Davie police spokesman Lt. Bill Banford declined a request for a police report since the investigation is still active and the reports are sealed. Searching of Peraud’s rented Chevrolet revealed candy and flowers in the front seat and several gallons of gasoline in the trunk. Police suspect that he was either planning to win her back, abduct her or kill her, according to published reports.

"He went there to see her, and when he didn't get the reaction from her he was looking for, it appears he just snapped," Banford told the Sun-Sentinel shortly after Please See SLAIN Page 4

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Bizarre Briefs
Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Free to “Mate” in Australian Parliament

A complaint by an Australian government department head which led to the banning of the term “mate” to address members of parliament or the visiting public has been overturned. Reuters reported that following tremendous protest, parliament staff can freely vocalize the famous colloquialism – albeit at their discretion. During the one day ban, Prime Minister John Howard blasted it as “abuse and impractical,” while the former Prime Minister declared it to be “pomposity gone mad.”

Robot Monster Fools Many

Lucy the Loch Ness Monster startled about six hundred spectators at the famous Scottish lake according to an AFP report. Britain’s Channel Five television station constructed a 440 pound animatronic mock-up of the legendary beast for an upcoming special. Participants, on the hand, have gone as far as planning a 24-hour vigil Saturday for Cindy, praising her search for truth. Debate on both sides of the issue has been reignited due to Sheehan’s activism. For more information visit www.sfgate.com.

Climbers Battle for Summit Interview

Those looking to work for Japanese apparel company ImageNet Co. will have to literally climb their way up the corporate ladder, or in this case mountain. The Internet retailer will hire its newest employees based on their ability to successfully scale the 12,388 foot Mount Fuji. A Reuters report stated that of 50 hopeful employees, only four will be hired after reaching the summit where interviews with company executives will take place.

Buy the Right to Die in a Book!

Authors Stephen King and John Grisham are among 16 novelists auctioning off a character in an upcoming book named after the highest bidder. Reuters reported that the auction will benefit the First Amendment Project, a non-profit group that promotes freedom of information and expression.” Grisham promises his character will appear “in a good light,” while King will likely kill off his buyer’s character, who will be eaten by cell phone radiated zombies. eBay will host the auction, occurring between September 1 and September 25.

North America

War protests invigorated

The search for a resolution to the ongoing conflict in Iraq has been revitalized by a grieving mother, Cindy Sheehan. Her son Casey was killed in Iraq last year and Sheehan is asking Bush to explain the “noble cause” he died fighting for. Conservatives have become irritated by Sheehan’s persistence and the growing support she is attracting. Some have gone as far as labeling Sheehan as a “hoax” solely seeking attention from the media. Supporters, on the hand, have gone as far as planning a 24-hour vigil Saturday for Cindy, praising her search for truth. Debate on both sides of the issue has been reignited due to Sheehan’s activism. For more information visit www.sfgate.com.

Middle East

US Navy ship attacked in Jordan

At least three rockets were launched against the USS Ashland while in port early August 19. One rocket narrowly missed the docked assault ship and killed a Jordanian sailor in a nearby army warehouse. The other rockets struck nearby Jordan soil. Soon after the attack, a group associated with the al-Qaida issued a statement on the Internet claiming responsibility. The Kundry rocket launcher and more rockets were found the next day in another warehouse by security forces. This led officials to arrest “several Iraqis, Syrians, Egyptians and Jordanians.” The number of detained suspects has not yet been released. For more information visit www.nbc.net.

North America

Vioxx manufacturer loses wrongful death case

The giant pharmaceutical company Merck was found guilty in the wrongful death case brought by Carol Ernst, the widow of a 59-year-old triathlete. According to ABC News, Robert Ernst died in May 2001 due to “heart failure after using Vioxx to treat pain in his hands.” Carol Ernst collected more than $259 million in damages after the August 20 verdict concluded that Vioxx “harmedly increases the risk of heart attacks and stroke among its users. Merck, however, still “maintains that it has not been proven that Vioxx was behind the death” and plans to appeal the verdict. Before the $5.2 billion-a-year seller” was pulled from the shelves more than 20 million people worldwide took the drug. For more information visit www.news.bbc.co.uk.

Europe

Portugal seeks help with fires

Portugal’s Interior Minister Antonio Costa sent out a message August 21 to neighboring countries in search of assistance, according to a report by BBC News. Approximately 20 large wildfires ravaged more than 350,000 acres of farmland. In response to Costa’s plea, Spain, France, Italy, and Germany volunteered several aircraft and helicopters to help combat the flames. Within the first week the fires claimed the lives of at least 11 firefighters and four civilians, according to the Associated Press. Costa said this was “one of the worst years we’ve had for fires recently.” Portugal is also suffering from the worst drought in decades. For more information visit www.nbc.net.

Asia

North Korea may abandon nuclear program

South Korea’s foreign minister Ban Ki-Moon told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that North Korea may be willing to end its nuclear plans. It was reported by The Guardian that Ki-Moon was in Washington August 21 and he “raised the possibility that the North might… pursue peaceful nuclear activities in the future.” Plans discussed at the international talks included dismantling nuclear weapons and ending all weapon development programs. “Then the trust will be restored and the talks for a peaceful use of the nuclear energy should be opened,” Ki-Moon said. The Bush administration still feels that North Korea should be completely nuclear-free, however. “We don’t really feel they need to get involved with nuclear energy in the future,” said Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill. For more information visit www.guardian.co.uk.
New Parking Regulations Bring Controversy
Expanding university leads to more restriction

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Modifications to NSU’s student parking regulations went into effect on August 13, 2005, as university officials attempt to cope with the demands of expanding enrollment and the addition of the University Center. Residents of all NSU dorm facilities may only park in the designated lots near residence halls, while commuters and other visitors are prohibited from parking in these lots.

Director of Housing Anthony DeSantis recognizes that “parking is a huge issue.” Residential Life and Housing decided that guaranteeing NSU residents a parking space close to their hall was the department’s top priority. Since the University Center is located near the residence halls, DeSantis feared that the expected 500 to 1,000 additional people on campus would attempt to park their cars in spaces typically used by residents. He hopes that the new policy will “ensure parking is preserved” for residents when the facility opens.

Visitors to the residence halls must park in the Mailman Hollywood Building lot nearest to the Leo Goodwin Hall between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and all day on weekends. If visiting at other times, guests are encouraged to use the visitor parking garage near the Alvin Sherman Library. Color-coded lots will be used so students can easily identify where they can safely park without fear of a ticket or towing.

Some students are unhappy with the university’s decision. A popular petition started by NSU students, including Melissa Hubbard and Leaser Campbell, has been circulating the campus and gaining many signatures.

The two decided to take action after being employed in the library computer lab over the summer and starting the semester with a surprise. About a week before we even were scheduled to move back on campus, [NSU] stopped letting us park in the garage and our student cards no longer opened the gate,” explained Hubbard.

University officials understand that students will be frustrated by the changes and are working to add more frequent stops by an expanded shuttle fleet to alleviate parking angst. DeSantis said that two new shuttles are in service and stop at designated locations every ten minutes. Dorm residents are encouraged to use the shuttle if they do not want to stroll to class, but as Hubbard’s petition notes, exceptions “for students who work on internships or jobs off campus and need to go to class right afterwards.” Allowing them to utilize the Parker garage or closer lots rather than parking their cars at the residence halls and walking to class would be an important victory for the Hubbard and her supporters.

Despite upsetting some students, DeSantis assured that “the decision was made to benefit them and not to hurt them.” He noted that most universities do not accommodate residential parking as well as NSU, citing the University of Florida, which has to shuttle students to residential halls from distant lots. DeSantis also sees an important upside to the new rules; it is the beginning of a closer NSU community, as more students walk through campus and engage in conversation.

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Exhibit to raise awareness of domestic violence

the shooting.

To remember Seegobin and other victims of domestic violence, NSU will participate in Silent Witness, a program sponsored by Women in Distress, on Sept. 30.

A group of artists and writers, angered by the growing number of women being murdered by their partners and acquaintances, started the Silent Witness National Initiative in 1990.

Each local commemoration includes 26 free-standing, life-sized red wooden figures, each one bearing the name of a woman whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance.

“Seegobin’s name will be added to one of the figures and strategically placed on NSU’s Main Campus,” said Sheryl Schwab, LMHC, Director of Outreach Services for Women in Distress.

Campus organizers have not announced a location for the event.

Regardless of where she stands, students and faculty will be unable to escape the realities of domestic violence, and the untimely end it has brought to one of our own.

Raising the Roof

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

A 150 foot long beam was lowered onto the roof of the main arena of the University Center, a multi-purpose facility being constructed south of the Alvin Sherman Library. The Center is scheduled to open in April 2006.

Chris Hannaka, a project engineer, said the beam was the final piece of the main structure of the building. Soon, students and faculty will be walking its corridors, playing basketball on its newly painted courts, or attending a show in the brand new performing arts center.
Katrina Exceeds Forecasters' Predictions

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

When Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the eastern coast of South Florida on Thursday, August 25, Floridians prepared with the same amount of anxiety as usual. Many businesses had their shops and stores boarded with plywood and numerous grocery stores were drained of bottled water. Some residents, most likely veterans of Florida’s erratic weather patterns, did not bother to prepare for what they considered a mere amount of anxiety as usual. Many grocery stores were drained of bottled water.

Staff Writer of Katrina, but South Floridians can boarded with plywood and numerous businesses had their shops and stores. Katrina was quickly upgraded to Category 5 storm as it approached Louisiana. Nevertheless, the news stations waited eagerly as the hurricane approached.

Florida did suffer at the hands of Katrina, but South Floridians can be thankful that the storm was not as powerful as it became upon entering the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Katrina was upgraded to Category 5 as it approached Louisiana and Mississippi.

As soon as the storm cleared, it became apparent that Katrina is the most devastating natural disaster in US history. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has estimated a cost of damages of over $25 billion, unfortunately, New Orleans sits in a "bowl-shaped depression" that is up to "ten feet below sea level."

Leaves that protected the vulnerable city could not withstand the 25-foot storm surge and quickly gave way. Witnesses actually saw the flood waters rising as they fled to their attics and roofs, according to the Associated Press. Some areas were spared with only 15 inches of rain, but other areas, such as Waveland, Mississippi, and others on the southern shore of Lake Ponchartrain in Louisiana suffered more than 15 feet of muddy water.

As of August 29, over 540,000 victims are staying in 240 shelters in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas. Conditions deteriorated rapidly at the Louisiana Superdome where more than 10,000 displaced citizens experienced terrible living conditions; the generators powered the lighting systems but not the air conditioners, plumbing overflowed, and temperatures reached sweltering heights as people crowded together.

The situation became worse in New Orleans when looters, mobs, and armed citizens broke into stores and began firing at rescue helicopters and personnel. Panic and fear took control of many as supplies dwindled and frustrations increased.

NSU to Host Tulane Students

After floodwaters covered much of New Orleans, many displaced students found themselves without a University. One such individual, a third-year law student from Tulane University in New Orleans, will be arriving at NSU on the morning of Sept. 6, according to Assistant Director of Public Affairs Mara Kiffin. NSU’s Shephard Broad Law Center is in talks with several other students from Tulane, but has yet to receive confirmation of other students’ intentions to attend.

Chances to Help Hurricane Katrina Victims Available at NSU

Much like the relief efforts for the Southeast Asia tsunami victims, the Office of Community Service is organizing opportunities for the NSU community to help the desperate families and victims in affected areas. In cooperation with ARAMARK Food service, the Rosenthal Dining Hall and the HPD Café will donate $2 from every purchase to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort. "All you can eat" meals will cost $6.13 plus tax at the Rosenthal Dining Hall, and donations will be collected from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in both the Rosental and HPD cafeterias on September 8.

In addition, donation jars will be placed in the Supreme Court Café in the Shepard Broad Law School, the Monty's Café in the Carl DeSantis Building, the Connections Café in the Alvin Sherman Library, and the Flight Deck. Cash and checks will be accepted, and all of the funds collected will go directly to the Relief Effort. Checks can be made out to the "American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund" with Hurricane Katrina written on the memo line. Donation Jars will be at the aforementioned sites on September 6 through 9.

Students can also make donations at the NSU Exploration Week Passport Party at the Athletic and Student Affairs Building on September 9 from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

Information courtesy of the Office of Volunteerism and Community Service.

Higher Demand For Gas Inflates Prices

Gas prices soared to record highs across the nation in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which shut down about 95 percent of the crude oil production in the Gulf of Mexico when it destroyed many pipelines and oil refineries.

Before Hurricane Katrina, gas prices reached a national average of $2.63 per gallon, according to the U.S. Department of Energy Web site. That was $1.10 higher than the national average from one year ago and prices continue to rise.

On Wednesday, President Bush tapped the national oil reserve to ensure that refineries can run at full capacity. Bush will release up to 5 million barrels of crude oil per day from the 727 million-barrel national reserve, according to the national reserve Web site and The Associated Press.

At the end of last week, prices for regular gas ranged from $2.65 to $3.15 in the Ft. Lauderdale area. Elsewhere in the state, prices hit as high as $3.29, according to www.gasbuddy.com.

To help get used to higher prices, the U.S. Department of Energy suggests that: drivers avoid rapid accelerating and braking; watch the speed limit because gas mileage decreases quickly at speeds above 60 mph; remove excess weight by taking unnecessary items out of your vehicle; use cruise control on highways; and turn vehicles off when waiting for someone.

Another reason gas prices are so high is that there is also more pressure on oil production from China and the former Soviet-bloc. Sources say this is because China and the former Soviet-bloc started using petroleum as a fuel source recently, and they don't produce oil for themselves and have to import it.

Original story by David Jankowski, Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)
Freshmen Get Acquainted with NSU at Got Wood

By Nicole Garber
Staff Writer

Derek Sham, a burly sophomore with short black hair, leaned over a glass bowl filled with water and plastic balls with smiley faces painted on them. With an intense expression on his face, he used wooden chopsticks to quickly lift the balls out of the bowl.

His challenge was to take out as many balls as possible and beat his opponent, which was a petite Asian-American girl who belonged to the newly formed Asian Student Association.

All around them, students gulped energy drinks and listened to a mixture of live and recorded music.

This was Got Wood, an annual event held behind Goodwin Hall to introduce new students to campus life. At least 100 freshmen and transfer students attended the event.

"It is such a great way to meet people," said freshman Francesca Torres, a pre-med student who stumbled upon the Aug. 19 event not knowing what it was about.

Clubs and organizations present at Got Wood hosted games that were related to their mission at NSU.

The chopstick game, for example, was designed to introduce the NSU campus to Asian culture. At the Psychology Club's table, students played "Shave the Brain," a game in which competitors used disposable razors to remove shaving cream off balloons without popping them.

A big hit were the light-up shot glasses which were prizes at the Kappa Sigma blackjack game.

"I love the light-up shot glasses although I'm not a big drinker," said sophomore Elizabeth Bond as she held three glasses, flashing blue and green lights in her hand.

Prizes at other booths were miscellaneous items which could be purchased at local novelty shops.

Not everyone walked away with a prize. Sham left the event emptied handed when he was beaten by his female opponent at the ASA booth. Megan McDonald, a freshman majoring in athletic training, was unable to toss a plastic ball into the rings at the Residential Life booth, where the prize was a gold fish.

"I was bummed that I didn't get a free fish," McDonald said. "But I'm still having fun."

Students who are literally "fresh" to the NSU scene, said it was a valuable experience.

"It is a great way to meet people and get involved," said Jenny Sulkey, a fresh majoring in education.

"Getting free stuff isn't too bad either."
This is a wake up call to all of my peers... so listen up. The year is 2005, not 1950! We have no excuse! We are not naive young adults, oppressed by a society that is too polite to talk candidly about sex.

Our generation has been confronted with the realities and consequences that unsafe sexual interactions carry.

In the past, speaking openly about sex was frowned upon, and that mentality kept generations before us in the dark. As teenagers and young adults, our parents and grandparents went fear was either getting "the clap," carry.

Of course, it may seem that Ignorance is bliss, or our lives depend on not protecting ourselves?

contracting HIV, developing the AIDS virus, and falling slip up and throw all caution to the wind while in the moment.

This is that rainbow... Umil a down pour of reality comes soaring through the safest approaches to sexual activity. Dear: abstain from sex altogether, wear a condom, or risk disease and/or death. Easier said than done.

When caught up in a passionate sexual escapade, our brains become mush and our sensibilities escape us. It can happen to the best of us, regardless of how intelligent or responsible we believe our selves to be. We accidentally slip up and throw all caution to the wind while in the pursuit of physical pleasure. All that matters is the moment, the only thought that exists, is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Until a downpour of reality comes flooding your brain, and that rainbow becomes a dark cloud.

"I can't believe that I didn't make him/her wear a condom! What was I thinking?" "What if I caught something?" Naturally we begin to justify... "Well, he/she looked healthy." "She's not promiscuous." "He isn't a pervert." We are we fooling? Ourselves, that's who!

Who are we fooling? Ourselves, that's who! Excuses and justifications are not good enough. We must take seriously the responsibility that comes along with physical intimacy and tighten up. Put your seatbelts on, so you won't fly through a windshield; Refrain from smoking so you can avoid lung cancer, and wear a condom so you do not contract an incurable virus.

In a clear state of mind these warnings are quite logical. A moment of pleasure is not worth the price.

Dear: adjust. You might also look at taking some extra classes, where a sense of mastery, but you have no excuse, we all are.

For more information on NSU student organizations go online to: www.sald.nova.edu/
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Old burial tank discovery prompts the arrival of the Davie Fire Department

smell gas in the kitchen, offices and the eating area, worrying several people because no one could discern the source of the odor. An employee who did not wish to reveal his identity said that "the smell was stronger in different places in the building."

When firefighters arrived at the scene, they found that the source of the leak was "an old oil tank that was buried under the ground." The oil tank was directly behind the Rosenthal building, where heavy construction is now taking place.

Another employee stated that "the oil tank is probably been buried there since the school started."

About 20 minutes after the evacuation, Rosenthal was reopened. After police and firefighters decided that it was safe for everyone to go back in, they continued working on the gas leak outside.

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Facing it Together!

By Caroline Cullen
Staff Writer

The Huizenga School of Graduate Business Student Association (GBSA) hosted two Hawaiian themed luncheons on August 30 and 31 in an effort to raise funds and awareness for the Facing it Together Foundation.

Facing it Together are on a mission to assist those born with cleft lip/cleft palate and other facial anomalies regardless of age, race, creed or religion. Amy Miller, Administrator for the Lets Face it Together Foundation explains why the Foundation’s mission is critical to our community, “One of out of every five hundred children each year are born with or acquire some type of facial disorder. Additionally, one out of every thousand adults acquires some form of facial deformity related to trauma or cancer.” Thus, Facing it Together works to improve the lives of these people and their families by providing funding for medical services not covered by insurance, helping families in need through a support network, and funding advanced research on the treatment and prevention of craniofacial disorders.

Although many have not been personally affected by such disorders, it is life shaping for those inflicted. “Children and adults with facial differences need our help, as medical problems that produce an alteration in facial appearance dramatically affect their lives. Facial disorders dramatically impact the way patients interact with society on a daily basis,” Caroline Cullen, Alpha Kappa Alpha, the oldest sorority in the United States to have been founded by women of African descent, is looking to establish a chapter at NSU. Prospective members are invited to attend a Formal Rush on Thursday, Sept 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Rosenthal building.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is an international organization which encourages scholarship, friendship and service. It was founded in 1908 at Howard University, Washington, D.C. on the base that all people should be treated with dignity, respect and kindness.

Requirements for membership include high ethical standards and the successful completion of at least one full-time grading period with at least a C+ average. The sorority does not discriminate based on race, religion or national origin.

For more information, please contact Membership Chair Sharon Goodwin at (954) 584-3860.
NSU's New Face
Students to decide on a new mascot

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Changes around the campus are occurring very rapidly. The very face of NSU that many have grown accustomed to is being recreated by construction not only on the University Center, but all over campus. It is only logical that with transformations such as this, the university would seek a representative of NSU's new appearance.

The search for a new mascot began last year with students submitting their personal ideas after it was determined by a campus-wide survey that many didn't know that NSU even had a mascot. These submissions ended up in the hands of the School Spirit Task Force, a "cross-functional team of students, faculty, administrators, athletic department representatives, and alumni" as described by Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Brad Williams. In total, 447 submissions were reviewed and were carefully narrowed down to four prospective candidates: the blue sharks, the stingrays, the sun rays, and the sundogs, in May.

"The Task Force was looking for something to make us unique," said Dean Williams. "People were submitting ideas like tigers, eagles, panthers, and dolphins, but the group was looking for something that stood out."

South Florida's culture played a considerable part in the Task Force's decision. Marine animals were a popular choice for obvious reasons and the sun rays and sundogs were also unique. The sun rays originated from NSU's current logo and the sundog remains a mystery. In reality, a sundog is an atmospheric phenomenon caused by ice crystals in the air, causing a halo with two bright flares around the sun. However, the Task Force may decide to make the sundog a fictitious animal. In addition, no other university in the country have the blue sharks, sun rays, or the sundogs as their mascot in NCAA division I, II, or III. With this taken into consideration, athletic teams would benefit from a new mascot with more identity. UCF already has the Golden Knight as their mascot, while Lynn University's mascot is a Knight as well.

Many other possible changes arise with a transition to a new mascot. Application of the new mascot's name will have numerous effects throughout the campus:

Possible Mascot Rendition: Could this be our new mascot, a blue shark? Created by Paul Saneaux

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Marine animals, sun themes dominate choices for mascot

Dean Williams suggested that “if we became the blue sharks, we could call the new arena the shark tank” or “if we became the sun rays and had a color scheme for the campus. We could become the blue sharks, we could call the new arena the shark tank.”

In mid September, students should expect to see professional renditions of the four possible mascots by a Washington D.C. company, Gallagher and Associates. This graphic design studio has had many high profile clients, including the Texas Rangers during ownership by George W. Bush. The Task Force will release the renditions for “voting in an aggregate sense, and also some specific focus groups with students.” Then, in early October the Task Force will review the votes and send a recommendation to President Ferrero for a final decision.

The NSU community, however, will still retain the Knight as the mascot until September, 2006. The athletic departments must adjust to the change first with new uniforms and equipment, and soon afterwards, the university itself will begin to undergo renovation.

STORM
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Florida damage total reaches up to $26 billion

in the dark. Many South Florida residents were still without power as of press time.

Etergino, 19, was one of 650 NSU campus residents who felt the effects of Katrina. Power in all the residence halls went out on Thursday evening and returned on Saturday evening.

Generators were working in Goodwin Residence Hall and Cultural Living Center, although there were some complications in Founders, Farquhar, and Vetzel Residence Hall since they had an older system, said Anthony DeSantis, director of housing.

“The generators were set up to run the emergency lights in the hallways and office and run the elevator,” said Director of Residential Life and Housing Lila Hancock. “Many students should understand that they were not for air-conditioned purposes.” Hancock said.

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Summer Movies Roundup

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Summer vacation has come and gone, leaving behind sunburns, sluggish days, and an interesting collection of films. As with every summer, studios rushed the movie assembly lines to flood theaters with what directors hope to be blockbusters. Quick cash, unfortunately, is the only motive behind some summer releases, and those films are the ones that flop in the box office. In light of this, there was a fair share of garbage unleashed upon the unsuspecting public. Hollywood also managed to put out a few noteworthy flicks. To say the least, theater patrons had a wide selection of films from every genre.

Let us focus on several high notes since there was such an innumerable amount of sleep-inducing lows in the theaters:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Starring: Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore, Billy Connolly
Director: Tim Burton
Writer: John August - based on the book by Roald Dahl

Burton's adaptation of the 1971 classic Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory was wonderfully executed. Watching his version was remarkably reminiscent of witnessing the original so many years ago. The sets are still bright, colorful, and wildly imaginative and the characters are as witty as sanity will allow. Of course the humor, music, and special effects are all updated to fit the times. Depp gave a highly amusing, if not downright crepey, performance as the eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has all of the enjoyable features of the original plus added history of Wonka before life in the factory. Depp is no Gene Wilder and he did not sing, but with a $5 rating, this one is definitely worth catching.

War of the Worlds
Starring: Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin
Director: Steven Spielberg
Writer: David Koepp - based on the book by H.G. Wells

It seems remakes were all rage during the summer, but War of the Worlds takes the proverbial cake. When it comes to quality. Visually, this film is absolutely stunning and the pace is so unbelievably intense that it is a surprise that the Surgeon General did not issue a disclaimer concerning pregnant women and heart conditions. Although the plot is nothing more than Ray (Cruise) and his children, Rachel (Fanning) and Robbie (Chatwin), barely escaping death at every turn, War of the Worlds is completely engrossing. Alien tripods stalking the land are a sight to see. This is entertainment at its finest, folks. $5.50 out of $6. Do not ignore this one.

Howl's Moving Castle
Starring: Christian Bale, Emily Mortimer, Billy Crystal, Jean Simmons
Director: Hayao Miyazaki
Writers: Hayao Miyazaki - based on the book by Diana Wynne Jones

Animated films have been growing in popularity with the advent of films like Shrek and Toy Story, but they are not popular as a whole. This is a sad situation, especially in the case of Howl's Moving Castle. The artwork featured in this film is exquisitely detailed and the animation is smooth as butter. The plot is light-hearted and amusing, yet it contains a nice mixture of action and drama. All of the characters, Howl (Bale), Sophie (Mortimer and Simmons), and Calcifer (Crystal) are brilliant. Nothing less can be expected from director Hayao Miyazaki, who was also behind Spirited Away. In total, Howl's Moving Castle is a true work of art demanding a $6 rating.

Batman Begins
Starring: Christian Bale, Liam Neeson, Katie Holmes, Cillian Murphy
Director: Christopher Nolan
Writers: David S. Goyer, Christopher Nolan

For many comic book fans, this was the Batman movie they have been yearning for. Exciting action sequences, dark, gritty scenery, a pervasive and gloomy atmosphere, and classic characters all transcended the renditions of Batman from past director Tim Burton. Batman Begins more closely portrayed Bruce Wayne as a darker character than Burton's vision of the Caped Crusader. Bale's Batman is to be taken much more seriously than Clooney's or Kilmer's suave playboy. As a prequel, Batman Begins also backtracks to divulge Wayne's history and motives. The audience finally discovers his past, while in other Batman films Wayne has already donned his cape and suit. It was interesting to find out where Wayne got his nifty gadgets and futuristic Batmobile. As a solid superhero flick, despite Bale's sometimes overly theatrical voice acting, Batman Begins scores $4.50.

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, Samuel L. Jackson
Director: George Lucas
Writer: George Lucas

The long awaited conclusion to the Star Wars saga finally arrived over the summer. Was this a time for celebration, sadness, or a combination of both? For extreme fans this was a most joyous occasion requiring Jedi robes and Clone Trooper uniforms, but for the rest of us it was just another night at the movies. With the less than empowering success of Episode I and II, moviegoers were unsure of the final installment. Lucas seemed to be losing steam. Episode III did in fact regain the faith of fans but it also fails in many respects. Dialogue is flat, many parts are boring, and Anakin is still as annoyingly whiny as ever. Of course the film is visually pleasing, yet actors can only shine so much in front of a green screen. There are several appreciable features of Episode III: several portions were exciting. Jar-Jar Binks' ugly mug was hardly to see, and Anakin's whining was momentarily halted by a boiling river of lava. Lucas' final attempts deserves $4.

Summer Top 5 Movies

$6 - Howl's Moving Castle
$5.50 - War of the Worlds
$5 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
$4.50 - Batman Begins
$4 - Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith

These Disney resort tourists got on the wrong cruise. Photo courtesy http://www.movies.com

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$5- SEE IT NEXT WEEK.
$4. BORED? AFTERNOON MATINEE.
$3. NO HURRY, RENT IT.
$2. ACCIDENTLY CATCH IT ON HBO.
$1. WALMART DVD BARGAIN BIN.
Goodbye Ferrell, Hello Carell

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

When most people think of an actor to portray an awkward 40-year-old virgin, it is likely that Will Ferrell would instantly come to mind. After his successful career on "Saturday Night Live," he became the official choice for the kind of character Carell took on in this film. However, Ferrell is gradually moving to the wayside: his antics are tired and his face is all too familiar. Enter Steve Carell. His fame began on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," and now it will be catapulted forward with The 40-Year-Old Virgin.

I will begin the review bluntly: this movie is absolutely hilarious. It is undoubtedly the pinnacle of comedy films in the last few years. Although some people have a problem with sex being the main point of anything, The 40-Year-Old Virgin managed to tackle the topic with equal amounts of intelligence, wit, and, of course, outright vulgarity. Nevertheless, the dialogue is fluid and believable: it could not have been any more realistic if one had actually sat there during the scene.

Although a script can be great, it does not amount to anything without the right actors to deliver its lines. The 40-Year-Old Virgin has no problems whatsoever in this department. Steve Carell is perfect in the role of Andy Stitzer, a devoted toy collector, an obsessive video game enthusiast, and a lowly electronic store clerk. And for these reasons, Andy is a 40-year-old virgin. Carell's innocent demeanor and his adolescent boy haircut further lend plausibility to his role. Opposite to Andy is Jay, a ladies' man that tries to convince the virgin that women are playthings. Coworker David agrees with Jay, yet is obsessed with his cheating ex-girlfriend and claims he still loves her. Other coworker Cal provides Andy with the most sound (but still skewed) advice: "never talk to a woman; just ask questions." All of the characters have interesting interactions and though they have problems of their own, they still seek to assist Andy in his quest. Extremely humorous situations arise through their interactions and advice.

Despite the excellent scripts, outstanding actors, and insanely funny scenes, The 40-Year-Old Virgin is not perfect. The humor is too much. It creates severe abdominal pains from intense laughing, and parts of the dialogue were muffled and hard to hear due to the riotous laughter coming from every person in the theater. Some people will actually have to see the film again in order to catch everything that was missed due to uncontrollable laughter. I myself was part of that unfortunate group. Consequently, another trip to the theater is in the future and those who have not seen The 40-Year-Old Virgin are urged to do so immediately. It is a vile shame it was not released during the summer, and with a $6 rating it is not to be missed.

Rated: R
Starring: Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Romany Malco, Seth Rogen
Director: Judd Apatow
Writers: Steve Carell, Judd Apatow
Studio: Universal Pictures
Fall Movie Preview

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

The summer movie season is winding down, and the dreary lull before the holiday movie season is upon us. There is hope, as a number of promising films soon arrive in theaters.

September 2 brought the arrival of The Transporter 2, starring Jason Statham, best known for his roles in Snatch and Cellular. Statham returns as Frank Martin, a transporter now retired in Miami. Now working for a wealthy family, Martin needs to track down their kidnapped son, with whom he has formed a bond, and stop the boy's captors in what promises to be an action-packed follow-up to the original.

Tim Burton revives the spirit of The Nightmare Before Christmas in his latest stop-motion-style animated film, Corpse Bride, opening September 23. Featuring the voices of Johnny Depp, star of this summer's Harry Potter makes a triumphant action-packed follow-up to the original. Question thanks to a group of conspirotors, to track down their kidnapped son, with what they would lead a normal life.

Harry Potter makes a triumphant return in the fourth film of J.K. Rowling's acclaimed series, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, opening November 18. The young wizard, played by Daniel Radcliffe, must compete in the Tri-Wizard Tournament as its youngest contender. A new director, Mike Newell, whose credits include Donnie Brasco, is on board for this installment.

With California's emerging shareholding in question thanks to a group of conspirotors, Zorro must return to action and foil their plot. Tensions arise as Zorro reassumes his secret identity despite promising his wife that they would lead a normal life.

September 9

An Unfinished Life

Rugged Wyoming rancher Einar (Robert Redford) spends his days tending his acreage and caring for his best friend, the injured Mitch (Morgan Freeman). When the daughter-in-law (Jennifer Lopez) he blames for his son's death turns up on his doorstep with the granddaughter he never knew he had, he's forced to re-examine his life and the assumptions he made about the past.

The Man

Federal agent Derrick Vann (Samuel L. Jackson) has 24 hours to recover a pile of stolen weapons and find his former partner's killers. This becomes much more challenging when the bad guys mistake salesman Andy Fiddler (Eugene Levy) for the gun buyer. Now, Vann has to get Andy to pose as the front man in a sting operation.

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Movie Openings

September 2

A Sound of Thunder

In the near future, a company called Time Safari takes hunters back through the ages to kill dinosaurs. The scientist running the operation (Ben Kingsley) tags dinosaurs that are about to die and allows the hunters to kill them so as not to disrupt the future. But when someone accidentally steps on a butterfly, Travis Tyler (Edward Burns), the lead dinosaur hunter, must team up with Sonia Rand (Catherine McCormack), the inventor of the time-machine technology, to stop the mistake from destroying humanity.

Transporter 2

Ex-cult leader Frank Martin (Jason Statham) has retired to Miami and become a driver for a wealthy family with two young boys, Jack and Devon. When the two boys are kidnapped and injected with a potentially fatal virus, Martin defies the FBI to get the boys back safely.

Underwoods

Tie Stokes (Nick Cannon) is a young Los Angeles cop called upon to solve a murder at an elite prep school. He goes undercover and soon finds himself falling for his new teacher (Roselyn Sanchez), who doesn't know he's working on the case. The main suspect: the basketball team's captain, Rob Donovan (Shaun Ashmore).

Margaret Cho: Assasin


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DVD Releases

Month of September

Charmed: The Complete Second Season
Crash (Rated R)
Toy Story (Rated G)
Fever Pitch (Rated PG-13)
The Longest Yard (Rated PG-13)
Robots (Rated PG)


Compiled by Paul Saneaux
NSU On The Scene:
“How was your first week at NSU?”

Afroza Khan
Undecided
Pembroke Pines, FL

Those involved at NSU will appreciate where the fee is going now. The development of the Athletic Center will benefit all students and boost our sports program.

Nandita Koodie
Biology/Pre-med/Dual Admission Pharmacy/Sunrise, FL

I've already attended BCC and FAU, yet NSU is far more exciting than what I expected.

Sylvia Duluc-Silva
Biology
Miami, FL

I expected more people, and I also feel like a baby because I've been lost on campus!

Nicole Pezone
Psychology
Buffalo, NY

I love it here. I love the campus and everyone in it!

Roberto Meneses
Biology/Pre-Med
Westchester, NY

Nice place, but rather quiet. Needs more people and some "UMPH"!

John Ogunniade
Biology
Miami, FL

College isn't what I expected. I came in expecting loads of homework, but instead I got tons of girls' numbers. Oh yeah, class is all right too.

Sean Hodges
Biology
West Palm Beach, FL

No, I thought classes were going to have 100+ students in an auditorium, but it's not. The average class size is 20 students.

Mike DeClue
Biology
Jacksonville, FL

No. I'm not in class much; I didn't see myself shooting pool all day.
Volleyball Player Goreman at NSU for the Love of the Game

By Alicia Winslett

"I love everything about volleyball," says Melinda Rachel Goreman, a new freshman on the women's volleyball team. Goreman played volleyball all through high school but says "I didn't start playing when I was young, but I watched my sister play. I loved to watch and I loved the cheers the cheerleaders did. As I got older I loved how they played the game and everything about it.

"The other freshmen girls seemed like they were really good," she said about her choice to come to NSU. "We will have a really good team in two or three years, when we are a little older because we are pretty young right now." She said that the University Center was also another incentive for her to come to NSU because of how nice it will be for the athletes.

As a freshman, she has already decided that she wants to be an accounting major, and that she hopes to one day open her own accounting firm. She also knows that she wants to get her degree but she wasn't sure about grad school yet.

Goreman also has one brother and one sister. "My sister inspires me to play. She was so good, and I wanted to be just like her."

Born in Orlando, Goreman later moved to Sarasota. She said her hometown, "Is basically for old people, and there's not a lot to do there." Attending Booker High School in Sarasota, FL, she was named All State Honorable Mention and District 13 Player of the Year in 2004. She also received the WWSB 40 Player of the Week honors in 2004. She stated, "Our team in high school was pretty good."

Her position on the court is outside hitter. By her senior year on school but says "I didn't start playing later moved to Sarasota. She said about her choice to come to NSU because of ho~ nice it will be for the athletes.

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Coach DePalo Hopes to Lead The Knights to Conference Champs

By Greg Kyriakakis

Staff Writer

Coming off of an impressive season last year, the NSU men's soccer team, coached by Giuseppe DePalo in his seventh year at the university, is aiming to once again become one of the best teams in the conference.

Adding to the returning core members of the team are a host of new players. DePalo feels that the newcomers and veterans make for a "good mix" and are "adapting fairly well to learn the system."

The team practices each day of the week, save for a single day of rest. A "high intensity" practice lasting one and a half hours to two hours is more beneficial to the team than longer, less strenuous workouts, believes DePalo. They provide for "more quality that way by working the whole time."

The team does have some obstacles to overcome. A few players have suffered injuries prior to the start of the season, and DePalo finds that because of their absence on the field during practice, it is "hard to develop chemistry." Despite still "ironing out the kinks," the team is showing promise, recently winning their first exhibition game against Flagler College by a score of 3-2.

Setting high standards and goals is an important part of DePalo's coaching strategy. Last season, The Knights won 15 of 20 games, finishing second in the Sunshine State Conference. According to DePalo, his squad this year has the potential to "win the conference." The season kicks off Monday, August 29, when The Knights visit Northwood University. The first home game of the season will be played on September 9, against the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Game Briefs

NSU Soccer Team Beats Northwood in Season Opener

On August 29th the NSU men's soccer team defeated Northwood University in West Palm Beach, FL.

The first goal of the game was made by junior Jeremy Bulen in the 12th minute. Senior Matthew Parry supplied two assists in the win. The second goal was made by Jarod Rennick in the 75th minute. It was enough to keep Northwood away from the victory.

Going into the half NSU was in the lead because Northwood had no goals. But in the later part of the second half, Joonas Siikala scored to put the teams at 1-1.

When Perry gave Rennick the assist he scored the winning goal in the 79th minute and Northwood had no chance of catching back up.

Volleyball Team Goes Down in the Opener of Buccaneer Invitational

On August 27, the women's volleyball team competed in the Buccaneer Invitational. The team lost both of their matches against Dowling College and Western Washington University.

NSU was defeated by the Golden Lions in their first match. Dowling College won 3-0, 22-30, 20-30, 20-30. Then NSU dropped the game to the Vikings, 30-21, 30-18, 30-21. They finished the tournament 0-2.

Christina Chubb led NSU with 16 kills and 5 blocks. Andrea Issa added 12 kills and 2 blocks, and Dana Bus had 11 kills and 5 blocks.
### Women's Volleyball Schedule

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Many Newcomers Hit NSU Sports Teams

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Many of NSU’s teams that begin their season soon have chosen a lot of freshman newcomers and transferees. These teams include: women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s cross country, and men’s and women’s basketball.

The women’s volleyball team has added 6 new players and has 7 returning. The new players include: Emily Carle from Missouri City, Texas, Christina Chubb from Oakland Park, FL, Andrea Irazzabala from Pembroke Pines, FL, Melinda Gorman from Sarasota, FL, Jenny Fitch from Batavia, III, and Megan Nash from Hollywood, FL. The women’s volleyball team will begin home games on September 2 at 7 p.m. against Northwood University. The home games will be played at the BCC gym.

Last year, the men’s soccer team finished conference runner-up in the regular season and in the SSC Tournament. Lynn University will be defending their SSC Conference Championship this year. The soccer team will add seven new players and will have sixteen returning players. The new players include: Adam Majorie from Dallas, Texas, Mark Fletcher from Blackburn, England, Kevin Gallager from East Kilbride, Scotland, Nate Dunbar from Southbury, Conn., Edouard Mason from Saint Raphael, France, Christian Benitez from Pembroke Pines, FL, and Chad Miller from Casper, Wy. The men’s soccer team will have a home game on September 9, 2005 against the University of Alabama-Huntsville at 7 p.m.

The women’s soccer team ended at 6-8-1 last season. This year, they are adding an outstanding number of 11 girls to the team. New players include Sara Bozorg from Melbourne, FL, Carolyn Delmorol from Deerfield Beach, FL, Alyssa Fernandez from Pembroke Pines, FL, Nina Firmani from Edgewater, Md., Lauren Huffman from Flower Mound, Texas, Michelle Litke from Scituate, Mass., Hayley Oligane from New Cumberland, Pa., and Lissette Palacio from Melbourne, FL. The women’s 2005 regular season started on Sunday, August 28 against Webber International University at the NSU Soccer Complex.

Last year the women’s golf team finished ranked fifth in the NCAA Division II rankings. This year they have added two new golfers that include: Lala Anai from Blackhorse, Australia, and Tim Coenraad from Brisbane, Australia.

The volleyball team started their season on August 26 in Miami Shores, FL against Dowling College. Their first home game will be at the BCC gymnasium on September 2 at 7 p.m. against Northwood University.

New Volleyball Coach Has High Hopes for Team

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

NSU’s women’s volleyball team will be led this year by new head coach Melissa Batie. The volleyball team started early this year: “All the girls were here and we started practicing on August 8. We had two practices a day, and now that school has started we have one practice a day,” said Batie Coach Batie is excited in leading the very talented volleyball team. They have six new players that have come to NSU to contribute to the team, one of which is a transfer from another school. They also have seven returning players. The new players include: Emily Carle from Missouri City, Texas, Christina Chubb from Oakland Park, FL, Andrea Irazzabala from Pembroke Pines, FL, Melinda Gorman from Sarasota, FL, Jenny Fitch from Batavia, III, and Megan Nash from Hollywood, FL. Batie said, “The girls are getting along very well and we are meshing as a team, and it’s great so early in the year. Everything is looking positive for us, and I think we are in good position this year.”

This year Barry will be defending their NCAA championship, and the preseason poll favors them to win the SSC Volleyball Title. The league’s head volleyball coaches and sports information directors did the voting for this poll. Barry was 34-1 and 16-0 in the SSC conference in 2004. Batie said, “our conference is really strong and we have our work cut out for us. We are very talented though and I look for contributions from all returning and new players.”

New head coach Melissa Batie not only has a background in coaching, but she also played volleyball. She was born in Detroit and raised in Miami. Batie played high school volleyball in Pleasanton, CA, then went to Southern Mississippi. She graduated in 1991, and was a two-year letter winner for the Golden Eagles. Batie also acquired team MVP two years in a row. Before coming to NSU Batie was an assistant coach at Wake Forest University since January 2003.

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Player Profile - Mark Fletcher

Name- Mark Fletcher
Sport- Men’s Soccer #5
Position- Center Defender
Age- 18
Height/Weight- 6’3’’ / 180lbs
Major- Undecided
Home town- Blackburn, England

What do you love most about soccer?- “I love being a part of a team and it’s also an outlet for me to express my competitive nature.”

Favorite quote- “I may not always succeed, but I will always deserve to succeed.” - Johnny Wilkinson

What do you want to get out of your time here at NSU?- “Academically I want to achieve my best and get a masters degree in something like psychology, and athletically I want to use this as a stepping stone into my professional soccer career.”

Pre-collegiate achievements- “I was coaches player of the year, All County Player, the captain of my under 19s England Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA) and Cup Champions of the ISFA.”

Role model- “John Terry, he plays soccer for Chelsea F.C. in England, I really admire him.”

Aside from soccer?- “I came into school with a High School GPA of 4.0, was the president of my HS, and won a medal for All around Contribution to School Community. I did track and field for my high school and received 3rd place in the long jump in nationals.”
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a lot of time walking around the first part the people I pass, but that day I was making an extra effort to smile at everyone and counting how many people I passed. I of getting no response, though, I started was helping out; and he just said "That's managed to count up to 60 people who I greeted them, and by then I was so frustrated that I gave it up as a bad job. at least smiled, and a few even said hello. I supposed it's because we're a bit more community-minded here, but it could be any number of other things as well.

it was more of a "Hey, smile at people!" note I wrote last year, but at that point I could not take it anymore. The constant redundancy from American callers strangled me, causing me to convulse in such a grotesque manner that if someone walked in at that moment they would have surely feld in horror. "These people need a lesson in international and government policy! They need to watch more news and... and..." suddenly, I stopped.

How could anyone possibly be well informed when one is really sure why we are even in Iraq? I feel that we can't everyone in general needs to.

So let us guess as to why we are stuck in figurative quicksand: Nuclear Bombs? No, because otherwise we would be in North Korea. Oil? Possibly, but weren't we going to devastate the Alaskan wilderness for that reason. Is it for the protection of our American freedom? Get real. Maybe if our national defenses were strongly developed in the first place, we wouldn't even be in this position.

I feel we are there solely because our ego was bruised and someone was feeling a tad vindictive. But of course, there is much, much more to that than I could possibly comprehend.

Whose fault is it then, as to why these people seemed uneducated in something so important? Maybe it is too early to articulate on such a topic. And I'm not targeting a certain demographic. I am simply trying to say that everyone in general needs to pay more attention to what is really happening outside of our houses, outside of our state borders and outside of our mundane lives.

You Know Nothing About Iraq

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

I woke up early one morning because someone left the door to my room wide open, allowing the living room lights to awaken me. It was about 6:30 am, and since I would be waking up around seven anyways, I decided to watch C-Span because it is important to know what goes on outside the walls of our daily ordinary lives.

"Ah, what a lovely way to start the day," I thought to myself, as the topic appeared and the glaring, white words read "Democrats who do and do not support the war in Iraq." As usual, a certain demographic was asked to call in and give their opinions regarding the topic. I thought to myself, "Yes, an opportunity to discover the intellectual opinions of Democratic Americans who actually pay attention to the conflict in Iraq" (I say conflict because the congress has not declared war since WWI).

I was so very, very, very. The first caller whined. The second caller complained. The third caller talked about his life as Bible-loving man. Oddly enough, no one provided reasons to support or condemn the "war" in Iraq.

How could this be? What is happening? These people sounded ridiculously ignorant! "Maybe it's just the first few callers," I thought optimistically.

One lady gave a few, rational opinions as to why she did not support the conflict in Iraq.

But that was it.

The rest of comments were the same moronic verbalizations as before. I could not take it anymore. The constant redundancy from American callers strangled me, causing me to convulse in such a grotesque manner that if someone walked in at that moment they would have surely feld in horror.

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So let us guess as to why...

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Once being young and overhearing it was fourth), I remember that as I waiting to go lunch, one boy in my class whispered, "A girl I know and went along with what my friends' answers were: "Yes." Late that night, I heard my mother whisper, "Are you a virgin?" and I had no idea what a virgin was - and to think that in a delinquent) went up to each person mature was touched upon at such a young age! Through my experiences with younger kids (and seven year-olds), it is not hard for me to acknowledge that some six- or seven-year-olds are familiar with oral sex, incest, and the term Kama Sutra. 

Having ended my third grade, I think about that time, I had no idea what a virgin was. Was it a person, or a nerd, or someone who peed their bed at night? Surely I knew the answers were: "yes." In third grade (well, maybe it was fourth), I remember that as I stood in line with my fellow students waiting to go lunch, one boy in my class named Jason (who was considered a delinquent) went up to each person and asked, "are you a virgin?" At that time, I had no idea what a virgin was. Was it a person, or a nerd, or someone who peed their bed at night? Surely I did not wet my bed, but I hesitated and went along with what my friends' answers were: "Yes." Years later I learned what a virgin was - and to think that in third or fourth grade, a subject so mature was touched upon at such a young and innocent age! Through my experiences with younger kids (and once being young, and overhearing sexual conversations from fellow nine year olds), it is not hard for me to acknowledge that some six- or seven-year-olds are familiar with oral sex and the term Kama Sutra.

When I was about nine, I was in gymnastics camp surrounded by kids my age and slightly older. In the middle of exercising, one girl whispered to everyone, "A girl I know have sex with this older guy for seven Tamagotchis!" Everyone broke into a childish laughter until the instructor told us to shut up and cartwheel. For anyone who knows what a "Tamagotchi" is, they will recall that it was the hottest toy of the '90s and every girl had to have one. Of course, even though I was quite young, I have always been impervious to nonsense and refused to believe such a story. It is quite frightening though, for those who could never imagine a seven year old talk about the hardcore porn they "accidentally" saw on their parents' television.

Incidentally, that same experience happened to me, and that is how I found out about the vast and unfathomable world of sex. With my jaw dropped opened, I quickly turned off the television and went to my room. We tend to think that little kids are not smart enough to work remote controls, but they can.

All these memories came back to me when I saw the movie The 40-Year Old Virgin, which was enormously hilarious and extremely sexual and vulgar. Surprisingly though, the theatre was filled with pubescent minors who snuck in and giggled at the crude jokes and explicit scenes throughout the movie. This unnerved me. These kids were probably 15 or 16, or possibly younger. Even some parents I observed brought in their children, who looked no older than 13. I wondered how a 13- or 14- year-old could possibly understand and contemplate such a mature subject. Ironically, the subject was doused with humor, but sex is essentially not always a joke. That is when I thought, "is our youth too sexually advanced?" I'd say, "Yes, they are." Walking out of the movie theatre, I observed more kids, even a young, very young couple making out three rows behind me. They were obviously too horny to the watch the end of the movie. This annoyed me as well. How could our youth ever learn to love when all they are learning is how to have sex?

I fear they will be led astray into false relationships with irrevocable mistakes. I fear that they will search for sex in all the wrong places: the clubs, the bars, the streets. I fear that they will view sex as a game with no serious consequences. It is all a learning process though. Eventually they will mature, and hopefully people will realize that when they are in a mature movie and there are 12-year-olds in the seats laughing at misplaced breasts, comical erections, and hardcore porn, that it is scary to view the youth acting so old. They will think, "They are too young for this!" But then again, they themselves committed such a harmless crime a long, long time ago.
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