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Student Orchestra in the Works at NSU

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Both professors and accomplished musicians in their own right, Drs. Mark Cavanaugh, Associate Professor Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Christine Jackson, Professor of Humanities, are working diligently to bring a student orchestra to NSU. With support from the Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Don Rosenblum, they hope to establish a full orchestra within the next four years. In the meantime, a smaller string ensemble is planned for interested students.

Locating musical talent at and around NSU is a major concern in getting the orchestra off the ground. According to Dr. Jackson, the first step is "to identify and gather students who have music backgrounds." NSU's own musicians are their biggest priority, but local high schools will also play a part in discovering new talent. Dr. Cavanaugh plans to visit local schools and encourage students to take a look at NSU and the potential of the orchestra. In time, scholarships will be awarded to attract more musicians to participate.

The completion of the University Center is a key factor in the success of the orchestra. Dr. Cavanaugh stated that a "modest but very adaptable performing arts center" was included in the center's plans, where rehearsals and performances will occur. The Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center is another venue that can be used to host concerts, as its dimensions are similar to the forthcoming University Center stage. If everything goes as planned, the orchestra will hold one concert each semester and play at NSU events.

Both professors are excited by the possibilities a student orchestra will bring to NSU. Dr. Jackson believes that it will become "a magnet for more on-campus cultural activities, talent shows, musicals, and dance performances." Dr. Cavanaugh wants to see "who's out there" in terms of music excellence at the university.

Dr. Cavanaugh, a pianist, has extensively studied, arranged, and conducted music in Europe, and has led the NSU commencement orchestra. Dr. Jackson has studied the piano since childhood, and served as faculty advisor for the NSU Music Appreciation Club. For more information about the orchestra and getting involved, contact Dr. Cavanaugh at mark@nsu.nova.edu.
Jacksonville University, NSU Create Joint Medical School Program

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Recently, Jacksonville University and NSU signed an agreement to allow JU undergraduate students easy transfer to NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine through a dual enrollment program.

According to the agreement, NSU will set aside five slots yearly for undergraduate students who have completed the pre-med prerequisites. High school students can also participate by initially applying to JU and requesting an interview at NSU upon acceptance. With a Bachelor's degree and the completed prerequisites, JU students are automatically received by qualifying NSU's medical school.

The focus of this cooperative program is to encourage a stronger setting for higher education. Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Dean of the NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, believes the agreement is essential in "preparing students for a rapidly evolving medical landscape brimming with challenge and opportunity" by offering access to NSU's esteemed medical program.

The success of the agreement will lead to an increase in the number of students accepted into NSU's already highly competitive medical school. It is also expected that the agreement will create more excellent and dedicated physicians.

Information courtesy of Public Affairs.

World News...

By Rafa Chodhry
News Editor

Africa

Marley's fans gather in Ethiopia

Thousands of Rastafarians and music lovers are expected to gather in Ethiopia for a month-long of events and celebrations to commemorate Bob Marley's 60th birthday reports BBC NEWS. This is the first time in history the annual event is taking place outside of Marley's homeland of Jamaica. For more information, visit http://www.bbc.com.

Asia

Iran's Sanes Hosseini (right) applies for an extension to her visa at the Division of Entry-Exit Administration of the Beijing Municipal Security Bureau. Photo courtesy of China Daily

Beijing visa requirements

Good news for foreigners in Beijing, reports China Daily. Previously, international visitors could only renew their visa twice, for only three months at a time. Now, they can lengthen their visa six to 12 months, as many times as needed. For more information, visit http://www.chinadaily.com.cn.

North America

Michael Jackson jury to see 'adult' material

Over the objections of defense attorneys, the judge in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial has ruled that "erotic material," in addition to photographs of nude children confiscated from Jackson's Neverland Valley Ranch, can be shown to jurors, reports Swiss Info. Other confiscated materials include: 17 books, 55 magazines, two DVDs and four computers. For more information, visit http://www.swissinfo.org.

South America

Peru's Rare 'Mermaid' Baby to Have Risky Surgery

Nine-month-old Milagros Cerron, nicknamed "Little Mermaid," due to a rare condition where her legs are fused, will finally undergo surgery to separate them reports Reuters. Cerron is one of only a few people born with sirenomelia, mermaid syndrome, to survive this long. One in 60,000 to 100,000 babies are born yearly with this syndrome. For more information, visit http://www.reuters.com.

Caribbean

American students launch study of Cuba

Ten students from the University of California, Davis were among the first to travel to Cuba under new U.S. regulations reports Seattle PI. Under Professor Marc Blanchard watch, students will study topics such as race and gender issues. Each paid $10,000 for the 10 week program. For more information, visit http://seattlepi.nwsource.com.

Europe

Pope John Paul II, Photo courtesy worldnews.com

Pope's condition stabilizes, Vatican says

Pope John Paul II, 84, was rushed to Rome's Gemelli hospital with breathing difficulties and a fever, reports ABC News Online. He is expected to reside in the hospital for a few more days. For more information, visit www.abc.net.au.
HPD Happenings

By Karen Warmuth
Coordinator for Admissions/Student Affairs

HPD Graduation Information:
The Office of Admissions/Student Affairs has completed its new website, www.nova.edu/cwis/hpd. Prospective applicants can access admissions information, while current students can access student government information, a staff directory, and graduation information. A cap and gown form and graduation memorandum, which explains dates, times, etc., are available to download in PDF format. In addition, there is a link to NSU's new online degree/application web page. This new web page was developed by the Office of Student Financial Services to streamline the ordering process for diplomas for graduates throughout the university. It will enable graduates to fill in their form online, saving time and expense and making the entire process more efficient. Graduates in the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Opiomentry, Dental Medicine, and the Public Health Program have until February 21 to fill in their online degree application. Graduates in the College of Allied Health and Nursing have an April 21 deadline to fill in this online application. If you have any questions about graduation, please feel free to contact Karen Warmuth at warmuthk@nsu.nova.edu.

Grad Info in Brief:
May graduates:
Senior Awards Dinner Dance will be held at the Westin Diplomat Hotel on Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 29 at the Office Depot Center

August graduates:
Senior Awards Dinner Dance will be held at the Westin Diplomat Hotel on Saturday, August 27 at 7 p.m.

Commencement will be held on Sunday, August 28 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Blood Drive
The semi-annual Health Professions Division Blood Drive is being held this week, February 7 – 11 in the atrium by the HPD Library. Representatives from Community Blood Centers will be available from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. A plaque for the class with the highest percentage of blood donors will be placed in the Terry Lobby after the drive.

Advisor Seminar
On February 3 and 4, the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs hosted its annual Advisor Seminar. Undergraduate and pre-professional advisors from colleges and universities around the country were given a chance to meet with the FPD dean and program directors to learn about what the center has to offer. Students from each program had lunch with the advisors and participated in a question and answer session.

Upcoming Events:
The American Medical Women's Association will be hosting a Heart Disease Information Table in the atrium by the Terry Lobby on February 3, 9 and 16.

The National Osteopathic Student Association will be selling Valentine's Day candygrams in the atrium by the Terry Building on February 14.

The Kappa Psi Fraternity will be selling Valentine's Day flowers in the atrium by the Terry Building during the week of February 7 – 11.

If you would like to add an event to the HPD Happenings column, please contact Karen Warmuth at warmuthk@nsu.nova.edu.

Library Happenings

By Africa Barfield
Director of Marketing and Community Relations

Over 200 people came to enjoy the fun, food, and festivities at the Bollywood Comes to the Alvin Sherman Library event held January 22. The event unveiled the new collection of over 100 Hindi DVDs and CDs now available at the library. For more information on the event or the collection, please call 954-262-5477.

The event staff would like to thank the following people for their assistance in making this event a huge success. Special thanks to: Fashion show participants, Indian Student Association (ISA) students and the following people: Tania Mitra, Varsha Jawadek, Michael Shires, LeThesha Harris & Mou Chakraborty. Children participants: Mirut Chakraborty, Payal Roychoudhury, Nikki Wadhwa, Annie and Monica


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Top: LeThesha Harris and Mou Chakraborty. Middle/Bottom: Students engage in the festivities during Bollywood event. Photos courtesy Africa Barfield.

News Press Release

Nova Southeastern University, for the fourth consecutive year, will be hosting the Broward County American Heart Walk on Saturday, March 5. All colleges of the University are involved in fundraising activities to help the American Heart Association meet this year's donation goal. In an effort to help this worthy organization meet its donation goal, Dr. Christie, representing the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, contacted the NSU Bookstore to request a gift certificate as a contribution. The NSU Bookstore kindly donated a $250 gift certificate to be raffled to benefit the American Heart Association.

Raffle tickets were offered for $1.00 per ticket as a suggested contribution to students and staff during a three week period, and the drawing for the $250 gift certificate was conducted on Friday, January 28. A student seated outside the Parker Building was randomly selected to draw the winning ticket. Jessica Bello, a Financing/International Business major, drew ticket number 389. The winning raffle ticket was purchased by Dr. Robert Seltzer, associate professor and predoctoral director of Endodontics at HPO College of Dental Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Seltzer.

Thanks to all of those who contributed. All the contributions received during this fundraising activity are to benefit the American Heart Association.
A Month for All to Celebrate

February is Black History Month. Recognized and celebrated since 1926, it is a great time to appreciate and gain knowledge of historical accomplishments, promote cultural awareness, and most importantly, provide direction for our youth. Many aspects of life that we take for granted were developed by African Americans. I tried to imagine how the world would be without the contributions that African Americans have made, but soon realized that it would be terribly bleak.

Had it not been for J. Gregory's invention of the engine, would we have cars or airplanes or anything else that requires a motor? Or would we walk and ride bikes as our only means of transportation? Thanks to Clevile Slaughter for inventing the distress radio. Because of him, countless lives have been saved. If it had not been for Garrett Morgan, I might not be alive today. With my already being an unsafe driver, I am certainly thankful to Morgan's invention of the traffic light.

Thank you, Frederick M. Jones, for inventing the air conditioner. Try to imagine life in South Florida without its contribution to society. Thanks to Alexander Miles for inventing the elevator, without which we would probably have to do much climbing of stairs. Thanks to Dr. Charles Drew for developing a technique for separating and preserving blood. All of us are more than grateful to him.

Black History Month is a month to teach others. Although it is nationally recognized just one month out of twelve, that does not mean its teachings have to stop. Continue to learn, experience and give back.

Safety First: University Middle School Adopts National Safety Program

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

The University Middle School has adopted a national program named the “Safe School Peer Ambassador Program” (SSA) to provide students with peace-keeping techniques in situations concerning bullying and teasing. Thirty-five students participated in two days of “core” training to develop peace-keeping skills.

Eight faculty advisors serve as leaders among the students, while the University School guidance counselor, Laurie-Parker Wolleck, is also involved. The formation of the team provides safety and security for the students of the school, and therefore helps students to deal with problems with the aid of their peers.

“Countless studies show that students have a greater influence on their peers than adults do,” said Parker-Wolleck.

The students have no specific wardrobe or badges that distinguish them as ambassadors, only their own clothes. The program has been implemented in middle and high schools throughout Florida, California, New York and other states. It was created because of the alarming rates of children afraid to attend school. The program is based around Abraham Maslow’s hierarchy of human needs which states “Students who do not feel safe - emotionally or physically - will likely feel isolated and disconnected and have less confidence and will be more vulnerable to negative influences and self-destructive behavior.”

The program is a part of the Community Matters; a non-profit organization working with schools and students since 1990.
The Info Exchange is a talk show dealing with many issues pertaining to the NSU community, featured on NSU's college radio station WNSU Radio X 88.5 FM.

Info Exchange is now hosted by Radio X's Community Director, Hayley Pierre, who took over the show in an effort to inform listeners about departments at NSU, promote events, and discuss social and political issues on NSU's campus. Hayley stated, "My motto for the Info Exchange is IIC: inform, involve, and communicate to listeners issues that may potentially concern them as members of the NSU community."

The Info Exchange airs every Thursday night at 7 p.m. followed by the Local show on Radio X. Hayley has a variety of guests on each week, ranging from department heads to concerned students. Some past guests of Hayley's include Scott Colton, Marketing Director of the Osteopathic School in HFD, Africa Barfield, Marketing and Public Relations Director at the Alvin Sherman Library, Tiffany Goldwater, Undergraduate Senior majoring in English, and Jessica Parker, NSU Residential Therapist. Topics Hayley has touched on include the presidential debates, domestic violence, graduate programs in the medical school, and NSU's Oceanographic program.

The Info Exchange was relaunched this past fall in response to students voicing concern about not knowing about issues or departments on campus, and has been on the air for the past four months. If you have any questions or ideas for future shows, you can send a message to Hayley at WNSU@nova.edu, subject Info Exchange.

Clean Up My Financial Records

By Laura George
Contributing Writer
http://www.theroaringmouse.com

By this time of year, most people have begun working on new goals like dieting, exercising and organizing their financial records.

Taxes will be due in a couple of months and, for those of us graduating this year, loan payments will be beginning soon. You need to have all your paperwork together in order to accomplish these things; it can be a daunting task, but with a few supplies and a little time, you can turn this task into a time saver and money maker.

To begin with, get a box or plastic organizer that can hold file folders, file folders to put in it, something to label the folders with, and a garbage can. Find all the papers you can that you will need it at a later time. If items in the miscellaneous file have not been needed by this time next year, chances are probably good that you can throw them out. The garbage can is for all the advertisements that will probably be mixed in with all of your important papers.

Getting back to the tax issue, the best way to be organized for it is to set up an envelope or folder labeled specifically for taxes (Example: Taxes-2004). Every time you get a w-2, bank statement or other year-end paperwork for taxes, put it into this folder. Then when you need to do your taxes, it will not be on a last minute basis and you may get your refund back sooner if you are due one. Another advantage is that anyone putting your taxes together for you will appreciate this efficiency, which may save you on tax preparation costs. If your parents are preparing your taxes, they will be impressed and have more time to find avenues of getting you a bigger tax refund.

An additional reason for keeping your records in an organized fashion is for emergency and long-term situations. Examples of emergency situations could include loss of your wallet, false accusation by company for non-payment of bills, or the need to locate emergency cash on your credit card or in your bank account. Long-term situations could be monitoring your credit card for payoff to increase your credit score or aiding awareness of the impending payments on your school loans.

Homework may seem more like fun than organizing your financial records. But the results can save time, aggravation and lots of hair pulling.
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Debt Management Systems
(954)327-9009 ext.228
Or anessa@dmsgroup.org

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NSU On The Scene:
What shops or restaurants should the new University Center Food Court have?

Elfleda Orpilla
Junior
Biology major
Vietnam

We should have a vegetarian restaurant because there are a lot of vegetarians on campus.

Carlos G. Arias
Sophomore
Biology Major
Hialeah, Florida

Italian and Mexican, definitely. Oh, and a little Cuban food wouldn’t hurt either.

Lindsay Plant
Freshman
Biology Major
Virginia Beach, Virginia

I’ll go with Wendy’s.

Marques Grant
Grad School
Business Major
New Jersey

Something simple, like a sandwich shop or a good ol’ fashion Philly cheese steak spot.

Robyn Shaplo
Freshman
English
Davie, Florida

A small French-type bakery, serving all sorts of pastries, etc.

Amjad Pirzada
Junior
Biology
Manhattan, New York

La Granja, this Spanish restaurant that serves big portions of food. It would be appealing to people that eat a lot.

Omar Lopez
Junior
Elementary Education
South America

A combination of a nice computer store where you can purchase software and a music store, like Guitar Center, where you can buy instruments.

Tatiana Arroyave
Sophomore
Business Administration
Columbia

I want a Popeye’s because I like their biscuits.
power lunch

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(Stay tuned to this space for how to submit your suggestion)

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Name: Kadianne Analise Murphy
(DJ O Flava)
Position: Business Manager and DJ
Radio Show: Smooth Grooves
Show: Sundays 7pm-11pm
Featured Genre of Music: Jazz/
Blues/Soul
Favorite Bands/Artists: Boyz II
Men, Norah Jones and the Handsome
Band, Isley Brothers, Az Yet, Andre
Ward, Sarah McLachlan, Michael
Bolton, Bryan Adams, Jazzelicious,
Candlelight, and James Ingram
What artist do you think you’re
most like? Mariah Carey
What’s in your personal CD player
right now? Andre Ward
What can you tell the Knight
Readers about local bands or
groups, specific to your genre of
music?
There are lots of great local Jazz
bands that jazz/soul lovers may
want to check out right here in Fort
Lauderdale such as Chill Factor, the
Duffy Jackson Quintet, Riverside
Dixieland, Gold Coast Jazz Society,
Heart & Soul, Steve B and Friends
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the production of jazz artists, which
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**This Week in Arts and Entertainment**

**Movie Openings:**

**Bride & Prejudice** opens to limited audiences on February 11. In the wake of popular Hindi films, Bride and Prejudice tries to cash in on the current trend by giving Jane Austen's classic a Bollywood flair. This romantic musical is rated PG-13 and stars Aishwarya Rai, Martin Henderson and Daniel Gillies. Synopsis: It all begins in a modest Indian village when the determined Mrs. Bakshi sets out to find marriage matches for her four beautiful daughters while there's a lavish wedding party in town. Right away, the smart and headstrong Lalita (Aishwarya Rai) announces she will only marry for love, giving her mother nightmares. Then Lalita meets the wealthy American Will Darcy (Martin Henderson) and sparks immediately fly. But is it love or hate? Darcy comes off to Lalita as an arrogant California snob. To Darcy, Lalita appears to be a small-town Indian beauty who knows nothing of the world. Alternately enchanted by and suspicious of one another, Lalita and Darcy nearly fall prey to assumptions, gossip and a comedy of errors—until pride is humbled and prejudice overcome to that love can triumph.

**Hitch** opens to audiences nation wide on February 11. This romantic comedy is rated PG-13 and stars Will Smith, Eva Mendes and Kevin James. Synopsis: Most men have difficulty finding love because it's hard to be yourself when your "self" thinks you should be someone else—that's where Hitch comes in. As a tactical adviser who specializes in first impressions—he customizes and orchestrates a client's first three dates. Hitch has been secretly responsible for hundreds of New York City weddings. Eva Mendes co-stars as Sara, a gossip reporter for a daily tabloid who, after a chance meeting with Hitch, finds her professional life and personal life on a collision course. She makes Hitch re-evaluate his game and teaches him that love is not a feeling, it's an action.

**Concerts/Performances:**

**Duran Duran**
2/11, 8 p.m. Office Depot, 2555 Panthier Pkwy, Sunrise, FL 33323

**Sub City Take Action Tour**
Featuring: Sugarcult, The Early November, Hawthorne Heights, Hood Automatica, Macken
2/8, 6 p.m. at Revolution, 200 West Broward Blvd., Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312

**Step Show and Concert**
Featuring: Frankie Beverly and Maze
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Imagine the progressive rock band Tool. Now, slowly and steadily, stir in the melodious strumming of Dave Matthews, the raw political angst of my personal favorite, Rage Against the Machine, and the insightful wit of a stand-up comedian. The product of this seemingly odd concoction is Ani DiFranco's signature "folk punk" and impromptu jazz style.

You may be a long-time fan of DiFranco, as she has released one album every year since 1990, or you may have recently heard of her participation in the March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C. Either way, the name Ani DiFranco has hit most of our ears at one time or another. She is known for her feminist activism and her sharp violin stabs and refusal to allow that has destroyed the credibility of several modern artists. DiFranco is to promote "self-sufficiency and refusing to allow art to be subsumed by cold commerce."

In this year's release, Knuckle Down, DiFranco has strayed slightly from her tendency to remain a solo act; she usually writes, records, and produces her own albums. This time around, though, DiFranco invited several guest musicians and a co-producer, Joe Henry. However, what has not changed is the unprecedented grittiness and intensity of DiFranco's resourceful voice and powerful guitar riffs.

The album contains tracks that vary from the light pop style of "Sunday Morning" to the percussion finger picking of the aptly named "Knuckle Down." Another track, "Parameters," presents a song in the form of a spoken free-verse poem, and "Callous" features sporadic piano, bass, and sharp violin stabs to create a meandering and haunting melody. "Paradigm" recounts DiFranco's experiences with her mother, activism, and "of democracy happening."

Packaged in what resembles an antiquated sketchbook with smudged drawings, Knuckle Down is a thoroughly enjoyable album worth a look. Devoted fans of jazz, pop, and rock will all develop a fondness for this CD.

Biographical information and lyrics courtesy of Righteous Babe Record.
Dear NSU Community,

Tradition can be an odd thing at times, and I think that one of the odddest public traditions we have in the United States took place this past Wednesday.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, I am speaking of Groundhog's Day, where Punxsutawney Phil, King of the Groundhogs, Father of all Marmota, Seer of Seers, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, predicts the weather for the coming months on the basis of whether or not he sees his shadow. And no, I did not make any of that ridiculous stuff up; check out www.punxatawneyphil.com if you disbelieve me.

How do silly traditions like this get started? According to the very nice but certainly overly enthusiastic groundhog lovers at King of the Groundhogs, Father of all Marmota, Groundhog's Day started? According to the very nice but certainly overly enthusiastic groundhog lovers at Groundhog.org, the first official report of the groundhog's findings (in Punxutawney, at least) was a news report in 1886. They also say that Groundhog's Day dates back to medieval Britain and Germany, where they made up the old custom of letting a burrowing animal (a hedgehog or a mole) out of its burrow on January 2 to see if it would run wild on the day, so that they could be posted on the groundhog lovers' website.

While I understand the want/need to predict the weather when there weren't any reliable meteorologists to be had (a problem we still have today — at least where I come from), I find it somewhat doubtful that farmers in the way-back-when-lay-in-wait-every-February-2-to-see-whether-some-burrowing-animal-is-a-hedgehog-in-Germany-settlers-reportedly-changed-their-weather-forecasting-animal-to-the-groundhog-when-discovering-that-hedgehogs-don't-run-wild-on-this-continent-saw-it's-shadow. And if they had enough time to waste doing so, how did they know that the particular burrow they were watching had an animal that agreed with the rest of the furry creatures in the forest? And how did all those hedgehogs/groundhogs know it was February 2 anyway?

All these quandaries were solved in 1887, when people started making the trek to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney to hear the weather report from the official groundhog, Phil, who gives the report to the president of the Inner Circle in Groundhogese and drinks Groundhog Punch every year at the summer picnic to keep himself young. (The groundhog predicting the weather last Wednesday was, of course, the same groundhog predicting the weather back in 1887.) Don't believe me? Check out the FAQ at Groundhog.org. They'll tell you.

And we think that we're sophisticated. I'm sure that many of you can think of equally silly holidays or traditions. If you wish to share any of them, send them to me at nsunews@nsu.nova.edu for publication in a future issue.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanLoose

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Parking problem? That's not all, folks

By Paul Saneaux

I'm sure most everyone has noticed that parking around the NSU campus has become scarcer than school spirit. "Why?" you ask in unfathomable despair; "why is it that there are ten cars to one mealy parking space? Oh, wow is me!" Well, it could be that NSU wants to promote survival of the fittest by forcing students to joust each other from their hooked-up hotrods while extending their middle fingers like Janes.

However, the problem may be the result of those pesky and mostly unused golf carts nearly stationed in the Mallman building parking lot. There are, if my eyes do not deceive me, marked spots for those inferior contraptions, but they seem to be multiplying and overflowing into adjacent, regular spots. Multiplying like hormonal gerbils, it seems, because from one day to another their numbers double and triple. And to make the situation more aggravating, drivers have a primal fear of the carts and tend to park their cars a couple places over. How about using the carts to drive pedestrians around and loosen up the parking, huh? What about that patch of grass that was destroyed near the border of the campus near College Avenue? That would have made a wonderful addition to our much needed parking lots. But not! The construction workers teased us, taunted us with the hope of salvation only to plant trees with just enough sweet, sweet space for a car to fit in between.

My conclusion is that school spirit is suffering because of this. No one wants to go to a soccer game or participate in educational events or crack a smile at fellow peers migrating between buildings because we are all infuriated by the homelessness of our vehicles. We all have one thing in mind: to kill and maim and pour until we can park our cars five feet from our classrooms.

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Corrections

On the cover page of the January 31 issue, in the second teaser box, "Electra barely passes the bar," Electra should have been spelled "Elektra."

On page 6 of the January 31 issue, in the photo accompanying the article titled "Dedicated Stand," the caption should have read "Jason Peebles, Liz Harbaugh and Marie Cuneo during the Take Back the Night candlelight vigil, not "Jason Peebles, Liz Harbaugh and Shelly Haines."

On page 10 of the January 31 issue, in the article titled "Digressions: Encouraging Self-Expression at NSU," should have read "Dr. Suzanne Ferriss, Dr. Lynn Wolf, and Dr. Marilisa Santos" would be heading up the Digressions project, not "Dr. Susan Ferriss, Dr. Lynn Wolf, and Dr. Marilisa Santos."

On page 13 of the January 31 issue, in the article titled "Kevin Marsh Named as Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach by Nova Southern University," the headline should have read "Nova Southeastern University," not "Nova Southern University."
Women's Rowing Team. Photo by Danielle Garcia

**NSU's Rowers are Ready for a Repeat of Last Year**

*By Danielle Garcia*

Contributing Writer

As the opening of the spring season for NSU’s Rowing team nears, the women gear up to repeat last years efforts. Last year, the rowing team finished out their inaugural season at fifth in the nation, tying Women’s Golf for the highest ranking ever earned by an NSU program.

The team has been training hard since school began, but recently stepped up their conditioning up a notch after the return from winter break. The girls rise every weekday around 4:30 a.m. to start practice at 5:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the women pump iron in the weight room as they run sprints. Students and fans who are excited about watching the NSU rowing team take tons of dedication and discipline, but that is what earned Coach Gartin the title of “Biggest Breakout team of 2004” by Row2K.com, NSU’s program. John Gartin. “The team is coming along nicely and, I might add, a little faster than last year’s team. I feel we will have a strong run towards the championships this year.”

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For New England and the second appearance for Philadelphia. Attendance: To date, 2,984,890 players have attended Super Bowl games. The largest crowd was 103,985 on February 26 in DeLand, Florida at the Stetson-Spartans. Students and fans who are excited about watching the NSU rowers can see them compete in the premier international rowing Invitational in Miami. For more information about Nova Southeastern University’s 2005 Rowing team check them out at http://nsuathletics.nova.edu.

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**Fun Super Bowl Facts You Will Wanna Know!**

*From Foxsports.com*

**The Basics**

*At stake:* National Football League Championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

**Participants:** Philadelphia Eagles (NFC) and New England Patriots (AFC). This is the fifth appearance for New England and the second appearance for New England.

**Site:** ALLTEL Stadium, Jacksonville, Florida, seating capacity 76,877. This is the first game hosted by Jacksonville.

**Attendance:** To date, 2,984,890 have attended Super Bowl games. The largest crowd was 103,985 at the 14th Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. Four of the last five Super Bowls have been played in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

**Network:** Super Bowl XXXIX will be televised on CBS, the only network to broadcast every Super Bowl since 1978.

**Radio coverage:** The NFL Network will broadcast the game nationally on XM satellite radio and on Sirius Satellite Radio.

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**Patriots Vs. Eagles- Who Will Take Home the Victory?**

This year the Super Bowl will be held in Jacksonville, FL at the ALLTEL Stadium that has a seating capacity of 76,877. This will be the fifth appearance for the New England Patriots and the second for the Philadelphia Eagles.

**The Patriots**

This season, the Eagles took down the Vikings and the Falcons in the playoffs and silenced a lot of people that were saying that they wouldn’t be in the Super Bowl without WR Terrell Owens. But Owens just might be ready for the Super Bowl after breaking his ankle. In the NFC championship games, they have had three straight losses. But, I’m really looking forward to seeing their offense, because it’s really strong. The Eagles biggest focal point will have to be RB Brian Westbrook and their offense. He will be a used a receiver, also on the outside and wide receiver.

One of the Eagles problems is against 3-4 schemes, they have a worse offensive rushing against Baltimore and Pittsburgh. As Foxsports.com stats say “The key match up in this game will be RB Brian Westbrook vs. IIB Tady Brunsch. Westbrook needs to be effective for the rest of the offense to be successful. Though he’s effective running the ball, Westbrook makes the biggest difference in the passing game. No defense has found an answer for him; he has been successful against both zone and man coverage. Brunsch, one of the league’s most underrated defenders, will be asked to contain Westbrook. Brunsch isn’t very big or fast, but he’s smart. Brunsch’s instinctiveness will allow him to get great breaks on the ball, and he’ll be able to get up on Westbrook as soon as he catches it.” I personally think that Westbrook has the advantage over Brunsch because Westbrook is faster and can move around Brunsch better.

**The Patriots**

The Patriots strength attribute is the way their attack the opponents weaknesses so well. The biggest impact for the Patriots will be RB Corey Dillon, who can really run the ball, he’s also one of the best after contact runners in the league. Important for the Patriots will be to slow down the very agile Eagles defense that bruises the QB a lot. From foxsports.com stats, “If the Patriots can shut down the New England running game and force Tony Brady to have to convert passing situations of third and more than 5, they will be able to do what they do best – attack the quarterback. The Eagles must get quick pressure on Brady from the rush of their front four, which is led by left end Jevon Kearse, or by blitzing. Brady has the ability to get rid of the ball quickly and spread it around.”

I know the Patriots have a very strong QB, but my call for this year’s Super Bowl victory goes to the Eagles. Always want to go for the underdog, but I guess we’ll see how the game goes.

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**2005 NSU Rowers**

- Ashley Amricon
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- Kristen Dockers
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- Monica Henderson
- Taylor Liput
- Jennifer Moos
- Cheyenne Poskey
- Lauren Thomas
- Maritlle Vasquez-Gonzalez

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Brian Westbrook will be tough for the Patriots to handle. Photo courtesy Miles Kennedy / AP

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**Please See BOWL Page 14**

By Alicia Wrislett Sports Editor
SUPERBOWL
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use the West bench, and will have their choice of wearing their colored or white jerseys.

In the event of a tie: If the game is tied at regulation time 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden death overtime. The team scoring first (by safety, field goal, or touchdown) will win. At the end of regulation play time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field, in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pre-game toss. The captain of AFC team (the home team) will call the toss. Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regular game, play will continue by 15-minute periods with no halftime intermission. The teams will change goals between each period, there will be a two-minute warning at the end of each period.

Trophy: The winning team receives permanent possession of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, a steleng silver trophy created by Tiffany & Company and presented annually to the winner of the Super Bowl. The trophy was named after the late coach Vince Lombardi of the two-time Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers prior to the 1971 Super Bowl. The trophy is a regulation silver football mounted in a kicked position on a pyramid-like stand of three concave sides. The trophy stands nearly 21 inches tall, weighs 6.7 pounds and is valued in excess of $25,000. The words "Vince Lombardi" and "Super Bowl XXXXX" are engraved on the base along with the NFL shield.

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Softball Team Ready to Take it To the Next Level

By Alicia Winslett

Sports Editor

Head softball Coach Lisa Bonee said that the only place the Women's Softball team lacked last year was in their finishes. Nine of the games they lost last year were one-run games. Their record last year was 8-15, but Bonee says this year is going to be different.

The team lost four players last year, but they have added six new players on the roster this year. "We have four new pitchers, and each of them is very unique and different in their pitching style," said Bonee. This year they have fifteen players that are eligible, and coach Bonee is ready for the season to begin. Along with new players the team also got two new assistant coaches: Heidi Freitag and Margaret Schick.

This year, the team has six seniors: catcher Janette Rodriguez, out fielder Lindsay Hoffman, left fielder Diana Goosby, 1st baseman Leaha Shoats, midfielder Jessica Reader, and C/1B Jennifer Koffman.

This year also marks the first season of eligibility for the softball team in the NCAA. "We've got to step it up this year in conference play," exclaimed Bonee. Last year the team played nationally ranked teams, so Bonee knows that the team is ready for conference play this year.

In the preseason poll, NSU was picked as the #7 team. Coach Bonee said, "The top teams this year will probably be Florida Southern, Tampa, and Rollins." But she said that she knows the new team this year has a great chance at giving these teams a run for their money. "We're looking for a better offense this year. We also have so much potential on this team this year and we will do better," said Bonee.

Coach is really looking forward to starting this season. "It's so exciting where the program is, the talent is increasing, and our numbers are increasing, and we're headed in the right direction," said Bonee.

Come out and support your lady Knights softball team this year! Their first home game will be February 6, 2005 against the University of North Florida at 12 p.m.

Pichcer Shannon Lynch gears up at the mound. Photo by Alicia Winslett
Sports Stats

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (11-8, 6-2 SSC)
The Lady Knights have won 10 out of 11 and are tied for first in the Sunshine State Conference with both the University of Tampa and Florida Southern College heading into Monday night's contest at FSC. Junior guard Missy Guadagnino (Winter Springs, Fla.) is averaging 10.2 points per game and has streaked of consecutive games in double figures come to an end this weekend at eight.

G Asst Avg Turn Avg Ratio
1.Tampa.......... 19 472 1120 .421
2.Fla. Southern... 18 447 1069 .418
3.Nova Southeastern... 19 452 1159 .390
4.Florida Tech...... 19 482 1240 .389

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES
# Team G FG FGA Pct
1.Barry ........... 22 472 1120 .741
2.Fla. Southern.... 18 447 1069 .418
3.Nova Southeastern... 19 452 1159 .390
4.Florida Tech...... 19 482 1240 .389

ASSISTS
# Team G Assists Avg/G
1.Tampa.......... 19 328 17.26
2.Barry............ 19 291 15.32
3.Fla. Southern... 18 273 15.17
4.Nova Southeastern... 19 261 13.74

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO
# Team G Assists Avg/G Turn Avg Ratio
1.Tampa.......... 19 328 17.3 326 17.2 1.01
2.Barry............ 19 291 15.3 290 20.6 0.74
3.Fla. Southern... 18 273 15.2 288 21.6 0.70
4.Nova Southeastern... 19 261 13.7 403 21.2 0.65

FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 3.0 made per game)
# Player-Team Cl G FG FGA Pct
1.MATHIS, Shantavia-UTW... SO 19 91 4.79
2.QUINN, Daniele-FTW...... JR 19 59 3.96
3.PERRY, Rosemary-FSW..... SR 15 63 4.00
4.MAST, Karla-BUW....... SO 19 73 3.84
5.KOHLEIM, Brook-FSW..... SR 18 69 3.83
6.NESBIT, Yashica-BUW..... SR 15 63 3.40
7.MARTIN, Andrea-NSU..... JR 19 62 3.26

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1.MATHIS, Shantavia-UTW... SO 19 55 63 .873
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MEN'S BASKETBALL (5-14, 1-7 SSC)
The NSU men's basketball team is led by sophomore Tommy Greer (Victoria, Australia) who is averaging 12.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Senior guard Klius Wimbush (Mt. Lauderdale, Fla.) is second on the team with 10.1 points per game and is just 26-points shy of moving into third place on NSU's all-time scoring list.

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES
# Team G FTM FTA Pct
1.Barry............ 22 347 468 .741
2.Florida Tech...... 17 262 365 .718
3.Lynn.............. 19 318 449 .708
4.Fl. Southern..... 18 294 424 .693
5.Eckerd........... 19 309 446 .693
6.Nova Southeastern... 19 266 393 .677

REBOUNDING DEFENSE
# Team G Reb Avg/G
1.Barry............ 22 663 30.1
2.Fl. Southern..... 18 561 31.2
3.Nova Southeastern... 19 596 31.4
4.Lynn.............. 19 614 32.3
5.Eckerd........... 19 618 32.5

BLOCKED SHOTS
# Player-Team Cl G Blocks Avg/G
1.MATHIS, Shantavia-UTW... SO 19 91 4.79
2.HAVENS, Jennifer-NSU.... SO 19 64 74 .865
3.PERRY, Rosemary-FSW..... SR 15 63 4.00
4.MAST, Karla-BUW....... SO 19 73 3.84
5.KOHLEIM, Brook-FSW..... SR 18 69 3.83
6.NESBIT, Yashica-BUW..... SR 15 63 3.40
7.MARTIN, Andrea-NSU..... JR 19 62 3.26

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