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Nova Southeastern University
NSU To Add New Housing

The first of a multi-phase project begins this October

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

To accommodate the increase in undergraduate student enrollment, the university will begin construction of a new 501 bed residential hall in February, NSU officials said. The dorms are expected to open in the fall of 2007.

Director of Housing Anthony DeSantis said he was excited about the project, which will be located between the Leo Goodwin Residence Hall and the Cultural Living Center.

The middle portion of the building will tower five stories high, with four story wings on the sides, DeSantis said. Seventy-four percent of the building will be single rooms, with the remaining 26 percent dedicated to double rooms, space for Residential Advisors, professional staff, and area directors, according to plans.

DeSantis said he was proud that the project would creating a sense of community, a central component of the new hall. "The good thing about the building is that it creates a quad area," DeSantis said, forming a "central green" in the center of the structure where students can meet.

Unique floor plans will introduce "themed housing" to the NSU residents. The relatively new concept allows for the grouping of specific collections of students. For example, honors students can be placed in a specific portion of the facility, allowing for what DeSantis calls a "community within a community." Each floor will house four communities.

In an effort to get students out of their rooms and encourage more interaction, dorm rooms will have a smaller living area, while still retaining what DeSantis called a "semi-suite style" layout. A bathroom and small kitchenette with room for a refrigerator and microwave will be included in rooms, but the larger living room space will be shared among one community of students. This new trend in university living means that students "have their own place to hang out," explained DeSantis, and "provides more space for students to congregate."

Situation in Gulf Coast at a Standstill

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Late on Tuesday, September 6, Mayor Ray Nagin issued a mandatory evacuation of the remaining residents of New Orleans and some surrounding areas, according to news reports. Yet despite the health risks of contaminated flood waters and dangerous living conditions, "many residents have refused to leave," said Ray Nagin.

Local police departments and enforcement agencies will also not be receiving assistance from the army's active duty troops stationed in Louisiana. Lieutenant General Russel Honore told CNN "the task of removing people against their will" is a task solely for local law enforcement. He also added that the military would continue delivering food, water, and supplies to citizens remaining in the city. New Orleans Police Superintendent Eddie Compass also told CNN that officers will only forcibly remove people after those who want to leave have been evacuated. It is believed that 10,000 to 15,000 people are still in New Orleans.

Dan Hitchings, a representative of the Army Corps told Fox News that 23 of the 148 permanent pumps in New Orleans were working, and three portable pumps have been transported to the area to assist their efforts. With the pumps in this condition, it is estimated that the flood waters can be pumped out of New Orleans and the bordering parishes in 24 to 80 days. The flood water has contaminated the local drinking water supply, and the Environmental Protection Agency's tests on water samples have revealed high levels of "E. coli and coliform bacteria, as well as lead." Human and animal wastes, bodies, and various chemicals also contribute to the danger. Polluted water, in addition to the lack of medical supplies, food, and clean shelter, created a dangerous environment for residents. Dr. Julie...
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Gerberding of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention urged people to avoid contact with flood waters as much as possible. However, for some residents this news comes too late; several people have already died from cholera. A temporary morgue was set up in the town of St. Gabriel, 70 miles west of New Orleans. Bodies of victims of disease and drowning have been sent to the “warehouse morgue.” Officials at St. Gabriel will not disclose information concerning the number of bodies handled as of yet.

The death tolls in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama are expected to rise as rescue workers continue to find decomposing bodies in homes and floating in the streets. The spokesman for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Bob Johannessen, told the Associated Press that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has sent 25,000 body bags to Louisiana alone. Survivors, however, are receiving some good news: the federal government, through FEMA, is giving evacuees debit cards with $2,000 or more to assist in the rebuilding process.

Unluckily, Segal and her crew’s hotel was one of the first to flood and Segal’s experience tells of the horror that was to occur, followed by desperate attempts to get out of the city. Segal remembers a group of tourists paying $1000 dollars for a ride out of New Orleans; unfortunately not many had the funds or the means to get out in time.

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CNN Gives NSU a Firsthand Look at the Devastation

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

Death, anger, defeat, abandonment and devastation are the images that were portrayed on Thursday, September 8 in the Alvin Sherman Library, as CNN Supervisor Producing Designer Kimberly Segal presented her firsthand experience covering New Orleans, before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina ripped through the city.

Americans have been watching countless reports in astonishment and dismay, as news programs and their reporters relate the events that unfold each day in New Orleans. Finally, NSU students and faculty were given the opportunity to receive firsthand information from a respected journalist who lived the horror of Katrina along with her colleagues at CNN.

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News from Around the World
Compiled by Paul Saneaux

Asia
Crowded conditions call for unusual measures
Ofﬁcials in Taipei City, Taiwan are encouraging residents of the overcrowded city to seek alternative methods of burial. As reported in the Taipei Times, Hsu Chien-tsu, the director of Social Welfare Department, is promoting the idea of burying the ashes under and spreading the ashes of the deceased among trees roots and flower beds. "The idea of a tree burial or sea burial is based on environmental and land availability concerns," said Chien-tsu. In cooperation, the Taipei Mortuary Services Ofﬁce has dedicated the Fu Da Burial Park to those choosing the unconventional methods of burial. Since 2003 more than 357 people have chosen to bury their loved ones among the vegetation. Name tags and brief ofﬁces mark the sites of burial on tree branches and plaques mark ﬂower beds.

South America
Jackson deplores call for assassination
On Sunday, August 28, Reverend Jose Jackson met with Venezuelan National Assembly and publicly asked the UN Justice Department to investigate a statement made by popular televangelist Pat Robertson. The previous Monday Robertson said "I don't know about this doctrine of assassination, but if he thinks we're trying to assassinate him, I think that we really ought to go ahead and do it." Jackson argued that the US must reject the statement to prevent the serious misdirected intention of the attack. Robertson apologized for his comment but then went on to compare Chavez to Saddam Hussein and even suggested that President Bush would push war with Venezuela for oil. For more information visit www.taipeitimes.com.

Caribbean
Soccer massacre raises security fears
On August 28 in Port Au Prince, Haiti, police ofﬁcers and civilians armed with machetes attacked and killed over 8 people during a "Play for Peace" soccer match. Police wearing riot gear entered the soccer grounds and ordered the evacuation of the 6,000 spectators when shots rang out causing the crowd to panic and flee. Several witnesses claim that the police ﬁred into the crowd randomly. Newy Devla, who was struck by a machete, is convinced that the police came to kill innocent people. A week earlier, another attack dealing with machete-wielding civilians took place in the presence of police ofﬁcers. Many are convinced the attacking group at the soccer game was paid by the police to seek gang members attending the game. UN peacekeepers were also at the scene but did not intervene. For more information visit www.worldnews.com.

Australia
New cancer treatment brings hope
Cancer researchers in Melbourne, Australia have developed a revolutionary procedure that targets and destroys individual cancer cells without harming nearby healthy tissue. The treatment works by using antibodies and DNA attached to a radioactive atom to seek out cancer cells. This cancer-killing molecule has been researched before, but Dr. Tim Karagiannis of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre says "the treatment is a ﬁrst as it uses two levels of targeting." The radioactive molecule destroy the cell and its DNA, leaving no possibility of the cancer spreading. Karagiannis says the laboratory tests for this procedure could take ﬁve years of clinical trials before it is approved for use. For more information visit www.abcs.net.

Middle East
Iraqi charter ready for referendum
The Iraqi parliament ﬁnished the last changes to the new constitution last August 29. The Sunnis, a minority group of Arabs in Iraq, however, say that the new constitution would be rejected and "thrown out in an October referendum." The Sunnis control three of Iraq’s 18 provinces and thus threaten major states to vote "No." Rejection in those three provinces also mean the fall of the new constitution. Nonetheless, the US, Britain, and Iraqi President Jalal Talabani see the constitution as the key to ending tensions and urge the Sunnis to pass the document. Parliament is conﬁdent that although the constitution may be rejected, the step is part of democracy and they will draft another charter. The Sunnis will only approve the document when clauses are removed prohibiting Sunni rebels from voting and participating in politics. The referendum is set to take place on October 15 and the popular vote is scheduled for December. For more information visit www.jeng.com.

North America
Scientists discover gene that slows aging
Scientists in the United States discovered a gene in laboratory mice this last week that slows down effects of aging. The treatment works by using antibodies and DNA attached to a radioactive atom to seek out cancer cells. This cancer-killing molecule has been researched before, but Dr. Tim Karagiannis of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre says "the treatment is a ﬁrst as it uses two levels of targeting." The radioactive molecule destroy the cell and its DNA, leaving no possibility of the cancer spreading. Karagiannis says the laboratory tests for this procedure could take ﬁve years of clinical trials before it is approved for use. For more information visit www.abcs.net.

DISH Town
Satellite television provider EchoStar is offering free service to the town that renames itself "DISH." Submissions will be accepted until November 1, at which time a city will be chosen and its residents will receive a free satellite dish receiver, free installation, and 10 years of complimentary service. CNN/Money reported that DISH spokesman Mark Cicero "agreed that it would be a concern if a major metropolitan area decided to take the company up on its offer since it would cost EchoStar a lot more money but added it was highly unlikely that a big city would agree to change its name," and he expects the company to spend $4 million to equip a 1,000 home town. Halfway, Oregon, sold its name to Halfcom for $60,000 and 20 computers.

Team Loses 50-1, Goalie MIA
Belgian third-division girls soccer team SK Berlaar lost 5-0 to a hard-fought match by a margin of 50-1 as they lacked an experienced goalie. Among the facilities on the ﬁrst ﬂoor are common spaces, a purpose room. The building will be completed in December; construction plans will be unveiled to present the building to everyone.

Bizarre Briefs
Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Toilet Goalie Opens in Singapore
Aspiring janitors will receive ﬁrst-class training as the world’s ﬁrst toilet goalie opens in Singapore. Established by the World Toilet Organization, the ﬁrst class of 30 potential cleaners from a local cleaning company will begin their semester in October. AFP quoted Jack Sim, president of the organization, on his hopes for the incoming students: "We are going to train the toilet cleaners to upgrade himself or herself to a level where he or she can take care of the entire toilet, including changing bulbs, repairing leaky taps... technical cleaning, taking away urine salt inside the toilet." Not to be restricted to cleaning, the prestigious college will offer toilet design and architecture courses next year.

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NSU’s increasing student population calls for the construction of a new 501 bed residence hall
The building will be more than just living space. Among the facilities on the ﬁrst ﬂoor are common spaces, meeting and laundry rooms, ofﬁces, and a 300 seat multi-purpose room.
Working with Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Brad Williams, DeSantis hopes to keep on-campus pricing affordable, NSU retains 65% of its residents, and its goal is to maintain a "below average" price that is comparable to the current level, even once construction is complete.

DeSantis wants university input, and will hold a conference with students in the Goodwin Hall classroom on September 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plans for the hall will be unveiled to students, and possible color schemes will be on display. Later in the year, a campus-wide meeting will be held to present the building to the entire university.

The $40 million project, led by the Moss/ Miller construction company and designed by Cannon Design, will commence in October, when trees are moved from the construction site and transplanted around campus. Fences will likely go up during the winter break in December; construction will be contained to the current residence locations that are vacated and should not hinder NSU trafﬁc. The owls currently residing near that location will be relocated by professional animal handlers. More residence halls are expected in the coming years, as ﬁve to seven phases are planned.
Second Annual Volunteer Fair Helps Students Help Make a Difference

By Danielle Garcia

In the wake of one of the largest catastrophes in U.S. History, Nova Southeastern University hosted a Volunteer Fair, providing both students and faculty with an opportunity to help others. Volunteer and Community Service Coordinator Jennifer Bowman organized the event, which connects students with different organizations that inspire ways in which the community can help on a larger scale.

Fifteen organizations participated in the Volunteer Fair held on Sept. 1 in the atrium of the Carl DeSantis building. Each organization provided informative literature, while some institute representatives spoke with students regarding individual questions and concerns. Organizations in attendance included: Kids In Distress, Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Miami CAN, American Lung Association of Florida Inc., Lighthouse of Broward County, Orange Bowl Committee, Women In Distress, Wildlife Care Center, HUGS for Kids, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Broward Adopt a Street, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Students were given the opportunity to interact and establish contacts, while competing to win prizes from the various non-profit organizations. Each booth offered opportunities for students to volunteer in a range of different atmospheres. While present, the American Red Cross collected donations for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, while Women In Distress promoted their Oct. 15 K run to stop domestic violence. The Second Annual Volunteer Fair’s presence on NSU’s campus opened the minds and hearts of individuals who want to be a part of the solution and make change a reality.

For more information about volunteering in the community, contact the Coordinator of Volunteer and Community Services Jennifer Bowman at jbowman@nova.edu.

This Year to Mark First Ethics Bowl

By Rafa Chodlhy

News Editor

Should athletes receive special treatment? How can the government balance individual rights with national security concerns? Should universities allow students to download pirated files off the internet? Students competing in NSU’s first Ethics Bowl on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Huizenga Business School and Alvin Sherman Library, will debate these and other questions in a forum designed to introduce students to "real world" ethical issues. The event is the culmination of Ethics Awareness Week, Oct. 3-8. University administrators are planning a week of events to get students to think about ethics.

Administrators in NSU’s Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development decided to bring the event to NSU after reading an article in March 5, 2004 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education on ethics bowl competitions at other universities, Assistant Director Terry Morrow said. "I also enjoy it because you get to interact with a lot of students from different schools and backgrounds," Rannarace said.

The Ethics Bowl competition was established as an undergraduate competition in 1993 by a professor at Illinois Institute of Technology. The bowl was ultimately established at universities throughout the country. Both graduate and undergraduate students are allowed to participate in NSU’s bowl. The winners will move on to a regional competition, but only undergraduates are allowed to participate. Graduate students on the winning team will serve as mentors and receive cash rewards, said graduate assistant April Eldemire, one of the event’s organizers.

All students are encouraged to participate. Students will not only gain experience in discussing and developing arguments regarding today’s most pressing issues, but it will also be a fun and memorable experience, said Morrow.

Website:
http://www.sald.nova.edu/ethics

Registration deadline:
Sept. 28, 2005

Contact person:
April Eldemire at eldemire@nova.edu

First Student Action Day:
Bringing the NSU community together to help foster their goals

By Judith Francois

Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has started a new agenda at Nova Southeastern University coined Student Action Day. The first Action Day Program was held on Thursday, September 8 on the library quad from 12pm to 1pm. Students participated in a survey regarding their opinions concerning the content of the NSU time capsule that will be opened 50 years from now. The survey also looked towards students input on whether the 2006 Commencement Ceremony should be held in the University Center that is set to open in April of next year.

The purpose of Student Action Day is "...to reach out to student and NSU faculty and administration and work on their goals," says Liz Harbaugh, Vice President of Legislative Affairs for SGA. Student Action Day will be held the first Thursday of every month outside of the Library; sessions will each have a different focus on concerning student and campus needs.

To keep track of upcoming Student Action Day’s, visit the SALD calendar at www.nova.edu. There will always be free food and giveaways at each program.
On August 31, the new group of Presidential Knights joined twenty-one returnees and the group's two advisors, Terry Weech and Katie Blanco. In a welcome ceremony, the group socialized with each other and convened to discuss their duties as Presidential Knights.

For many in the room, being chosen as a Presidential Knight is an honor; the organization is often dubbed the "best and the brightest" Nova Southeastern has to offer. Returning Knight Julieo Thompson boasted about the group being the "best organization on campus," and not just because he has been a part of it for four years now. Thompson discussed how the organization helped him network throughout the university, but the greatest reason Julieo enjoys being a Presidential Knight is "because it gives [him] the opportunity to give back."

Presidential Knights are student leaders who serve as student ambassadors for Nova Southeastern University; taking on the responsibility of representing Nova Southeastern University to the community and guests on campus. These students are nominated by faculty, staff, and administrators for their exceptional performance as students in every area of study. All prospective Presidential Knights go through a rigorous interviewing process, and are chosen based on impressive academic achievements, as well as extracurricular involvement and communication skills.

After a few motivational words from Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development Terry Weech and Dean of Student Affairs Brad Williams, the Knights had some time to talk amongst themselves before they headed back to their busy schedules. Katie Blanco, Director of Student Engagement, stated that this year's goal is "to make the group as representative of the university as possible at all big events," because they are the face of NSU. Most of the Knights seem to have the same attitude as Mechelle Jones, who is new to the Presidential Knights, who spoke on the honor of the position and how being a Presidential Knight allows her the opportunity to be a great representative of her fellow students to the President of the university.

Returning Presidential Knights:
- Jacquelyn Blanco
- Mary Chrisochos
- Brian DeSesa
- Harrison Diep
- Gabriela Girola
- Michelle Jaffe
- Kristophe Karami
- Robert Keller
- Karthik Krishnamurthy
- Brandon Lichtman
- Fatima Louis
- Olga Martinez
- Amanda Meier
- Anthony Nardi
- Jessica Parker
- Kareem Shaker
- Andy Shieh
- Jennie Smith
- Leyda Su Ham
- Julieo Thompson
- Daniel Torres

New Presidential Knights:
- Joy D. Benjamin
- Dana Block
- Jennifer Bowman
- Ashley Chapman
- Christine Chukhadzhyan
- Cheryl Clayton
- Maria Farrell
- Mechelle Jones
- Diane Klein
- Brandon Korman
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Fall Television Movie Preview
A look at the front runners for the Fall 2005 Season

By Marissa Alvarez

A&E Editor

September 22, 2005 marks the day of the Autumnal Equinox, the official commencement of the fall season. This is the season we relate with the beginning of classes and color changing leaves but any television fan will tell you that the true sign of autumn’s arrival comes with the unveiling of a new fall season. Gone are the days of summer returns and reality shows as networks present fresh dramas and comedies. We took the time to pick through the nearly endless list of season premiers to bring you the front runners, what makes them good, and what could bring them down.

How I Met Your Mother
Monday 8:30 PM (CBS) 09/19/2005

This comedic offering has all the makings of a hit. It stars Josh Radnor as Ted, a married man telling his children the story of how he met his wife, shown to the audience through a series of flashbacks. Although his kids are less than enthusiastic about their father’s storytelling, we’re more than sure that audiences will fall in love with Ted and his clueless outlook on love. It all starts when Ted’s friend, played by Jason Segel, proposes to his long time girlfriend Lily ( Alyson Hannigan, American Pie). Ted feels its time for him to find his own true love and settle down, which may be hard with his best friend Barney (Neil Patrick Harris, “Doogie Howser, MD”) and his “foolproof” plan for meeting women. The Good: This cast will take the show far and it’s actually funny, an ingredient that has been missing from many past and current seasons. The Questionable: Be forewarned, at the end of the pilot there is a little twist that you may or may not be able to see coming from the beginning. It gives you a slightly sour taste but this show works nonetheless, partly because of an outstanding cast. In this case the good outweighs the bad and it is one comedy that you should definitely check out.

Check it out if you like: “Friends”

Reunion
Thursdays 9:00 PM (FOX) 09/08/2005

The show follows the life of six friends over 20 years. We open at a funeral after one of the friends has been murdered. Before the detective who is investigating the case can reveal the murderer, we are taken back to 1986, the year of their graduation. Every following episode reveals a critical point of each year in a 20-year relationship leading to the opening. The Good: What sets this show apart is its originality. It’s the kind of show you love to love in secret, given its soap opera style. The Questionable: What makes this show great is what might also rob it in the back. How many flashbacks can we take before we get sick of it all?

Check it out if you like: “The O.C.”, shows about the 1980’s and 1990’s

Prison Break
Mondays 9:00 PM (FOX)

The pilot, which aired August 29th, introduced us to the intricate plans of Michael Scofield ( Wentworth Miller). Scofield’s brother, Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Pucelli), is on death row for the murder of the vice-president’s brother, a crime he swears he didn’t commit. In order to save him, Scofield, a structural engineer, purposely holds up a bank and is placed into the same high security prison as his brother; a prison that he helped design.

The Good: This one hour of television is packed with tension and cliff hangers that will leave you agonize. The careful unfolding of each piece, from the blueprints Scofield tattoos on his body to the origami cranes he drops through the sewer system, will keep you coming back to see what could possibly happen next.

The Questionable: Most of the time, this show asks you suspend disbelief; We know that things like this don’t happen in real life, but it’s fun to watch on TV. Another downside is Dominic Pucelli’s performance, which often is limited to a monotone voice and a single facial expression.

Check it out if you like: “24”, “Lost”

Everybody Hates Chris
Thursdays 8:00 PM (UPN) 09/22/2005

Critics have actually called this comedy “Chris Rock’s Wonder Years,” which is a description that fits to an extent but fails to give the show its complete credit. The show follows Chris, played by Tyler Williams, the oldest of three children. Chris’ younger brother is only ten but happens to be taller and cooler than Chris thinks he will ever be. Chris’ sister is manipulative and scheming - the scheming is usually directed towards him. And if that wasn’t enough, Chris’s mom makes him take the bus to school instead of walking to a predominantly white school, where he finds more than enough trouble. Even though it all seems to be too much drama, Chris Rock, who writes and narrates the show, puts a hilarious spin that will have you laughing at the familiarity of it all.

The Good: Chris Rock. His name and humor give this show an undeniable quality. Beyond that, the actors do a great job of taking this show from wise cracking comedy to believable family drama and back again.

The Questionable: It’s on UPN, which has a track record for producing some rather doubtful shows and killing some rather great ones. But, this is the station that brought us “Veronica Mars,” so there is some hope.

Check it out if you like: Chris Rock

My Name is Earl
Tuesdays 9:00 PM (NBC) 09/20/2005

Earl (Jason Lee), a self described “shifty lookin’ fella who buys a pack of smokes, a couple of Lorne scrumbers and a ‘tall boy’ at ten in the morning,” learns a lesson in karma after he wins a small fortune in the lottery and then loses the ticket. A former petty crook, he sets out to right all his wrongs but things don’t really go as smoothly as that.

The Good: Earl is a character that you can’t help but root for, no matter how bad he is, and Lee plays him beautifully.

The Questionable: What makes this show great is its sarcastic comedy and biting edge. If NBC takes this show into the realms of comedy with heart, they might just do away with Earl’s driving factor.

Check it out if you like: “Arrested Development”

In the midst of a lengthy fall roster are hidden gems and obvious winners for this season. Instead of flipping through channels mindlessly or fixing your TV on MTV, try out some of this season’s new contributions to entertainment.

Check out www.zap2it.com for a complete list of shows coming out this fall.
This Month in A & E

Movie Openings

September 16

Cry Wolf
Starring: Julian Morris, Lindy Booth, Jared Padalecki, Jon Bon Jovi
Director: Jeff Wadlow
Genre: Thriller
MPAA Rating: PG-13
A group of high school seniors start scheming, but soon find that nobody believes a liar, whether or not they are telling the truth.

Something Like Heaven
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo
Director: Mark Waters
Genre: Comedy, Romance
MPAA Rating: PG-13
David (Ruffalo) falls in love with the spirit of the woman who used to live in his apartment. They must quickly try to figure out who she is and why she is in her current state.

Lord of War
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto, Ethan Hawke
Director: Andrew Niccol
Genre: Action, Drama, Thriller
MPAA Rating: R
An arms dealer (Cage) must try to stay one step ahead of an Interpol agent (Hawke) while he battles his rivals, his customers and even his own conscience.

Album Releases

September 13

Lil Kim Naked Truth
Switchfoot Nothing is Sound
Santana All That I Am
Warren G In the Mid Night Hour

Book Releases

September 13

Zadie Smith On Beauty
In this book Smith explores different aspects of 21st century life through two very different families.

DVD Releases

Available September 13

Fever Pitch
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
*One Tree Hill* Second Season
*Frasier* 6th Season

Entertainment

September 13
Cold Play @ Sound Advice Amphitheater

September 15
Comedian Darren Carter (1) at Miami Improv

September 17
Marc Anthony / Alejandro Fernandez / Chayanne @ American Airlines Arena

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Women's Volleyball Crushes Northwood

Lady Knights score their first win for the upcoming season

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

On Friday, September 2, the NSU women's volleyball team started their season out with an authoritative foot on the court, as they sent Northwood University back home with a capital L to place on their record.

The Knights played aggressive ball throughout the first game, displaying unstoppable defense with intense energy level and hustle. Freshman outside hitter, #5 Christina Chubb, proved to everyone she deserved to be in the game as she dominated against Northwood, never failing to spike at the exact right moment.

Putting away the first game 30-13, the girls headed into the second game with confidence. Although the Knights showed a disciplined eye, they allowed a few too many unforced errors and were not able to pull it out, finishing the second game 30-28.

Going into the third game, it was obvious that fatigue was beginning to set in for both teams; however the Knights did not let that hold them back as they stepped up their aggressiveness and pulled out another win 30-25. Junior setter # 21 Jenny Fitch showed maturity as she talked up the team, leading by example with her outstanding play.

With two wins under their belt, the NSU Knights went on to take the 4th game 30-22, and their first home game win of the season.

Keep your eyes peeled for freshman rising stars, #2 Emily Carle, #9 Andrea Irarrazabal, #16 Melinda Gorman, and #32 Megan Nash. Come out and support your Knights at their next home game on Sunday, September 18 at 2 p.m.

Christina Chubb aggressively goes for the ball. Photo by Nicole Dupps

NSU Cross Country Team Runs Into Some Rugged Terrain at the Sailfish Invitational

By Danielle Garcia
Knightwriter

Nova Southeastern University's Cross Country teams kicked off their seasons on September 3 when they raced in the Sailfish Invitational against tough competition.

The Knights had a great opener on a rugged course, and nothing could stop them as they battled against the elements. The nine women and seven men took on the extremely hilly and muddy course in the wee hours of the morning at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm, but the course was not the Knights toughest battle of the day.

For the first race, the Knights battled to a fourth place finish on the men's side and a fifth place finish for the women. But the results became a bit controversial when officials realized that the top fourteen finishers in the women's competition did not run the course completely and actually cut off a sizeable loop. This created a rather large gap in the finishing times between the runners who ran a shorter course and the ones that actually completed the designated course.

In reality, the first runner for the women to cross the finish line in the fastest time, and completing the entire course, was Bethany Brenkus for the Knights. Following right behind was teammates Courtney Clearwaters, Heather Sternau, and Bridget Hayley. After the race concluded the coaches convened and a decision was made to not disqualify the runners who had veered off track, not a decision the Knights agreed with.

The controversies did not end with the women's race. Following the women's 5K was the men's race, in which NSU's Knights finished as a team fourth behind the University of Miami, Florida International University, and Florida Institute of Technology.

After unner Eskender Abdalla received his medal for finishing ninth among the competitive college cross country runners, an official came up to Abdalla and asked him to remove his medal and give it back because they made a mistake. Abdalla had actually finish 11th overall in the race; however, because two runners who placed ahead of him were not running for any university they do not count in standings for points, thus bumping Eskender to ninth place. But after handing out the awards the officials decided to give the two unattached runners medals for their accomplishments and had to take the two medals off of athletes' necks.

The Knights now have their eyes set on the Cross Country only Nationals in Edwardsville, Illinois on September 24.
NSU Women’s Soccer Team Takes Charge in Season Opener, 4-0

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Friday, Sept. 2, the women’s soccer team opened their 2005 season with a tremendous 4-0 win against the University of North Alabama (1-1) at the NSU Soccer Complex.

Freshman forward Shurell Burton had a big night, scoring her first two collegiate goals. Sophomore defender Jenny Turner had one goal, and midfielder Alyssa Fernandez also scored her first career goal.

Turner scored the first goal in the 3rd minute after receiving an assist corner kick from Hayley Oligane.

Burton scored again in the 25th minute, to take the Knights to a 2-0 lead over Alabama. The defense couldn’t keep up with her and neither could the goalkeeper because Burton hit it right past her.

In the 33rd minute, Lauren Huffman gave a cross to Burton, who scored again to take the Knights to 3-0.

The last goal was then made by Fernandez in the 76th minute. Eyrun Hardardottir ran down the right side then crossed into the penalty area, and Fernandez got it in the goal with a difficult angle.

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Dear NSU Community,

A predictable schedule can really get to you. With classes, study time, and work hours that are probably dictated by the time spent in class, some students find that their lives get to be a little bit ho-hum. Now that we've gotten a few weeks in the semester, it's up to all of us to stave off that possibility, therefore preventing ourselves from falling into that proverbial rut.

How prone each of us may be to this really depends on our current situations. For students who don't have a job or work few hours and are involved in some campus activities they enjoy, the ban of predictability is probably not much of a danger. For others, however, that have long work schedules or even just an overburden of heavy classes, it's important to keep at least a little time aside for winding down with something enjoyable. Or even just resting.

A study done at the University of Massachusetts found that those who work more than 8 hours a day are 61% more likely to get sick or hurt, even if their jobs are relatively low impact. Now, I'm not entirely sure if studying or going to class qualifies as 'work' for the purposes of this study, but since it's definitely not free time, I would assume so.

Some people, however, can't really avoid being out there doing whatever it is they have to do for more than eight hours a day. My advice to those people (and I really should heed my own advice more often) is to take a little time for yourself each day and do something that you didn't do the day before, even if it's only for a few minutes. Try a new food, indulge in a bit of friction reading, or doodle all over the back of that syllabus from last semester you still haven't taken off your desk. Just do something therapeutic to break up the monotony.

While it may not be an all-embracing solution and only helps to a certain degree, sometimes just looking forward to a little bit of time that the rest of your schedule can't touch can be a lifesaver through the rest of the day.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHouse
Editor-in-Chief

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Additional Notes

The location for Homecoming will most likely be the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood.

Commencement may occur in the new University Center, although more people are scheduled to attend than are seats available.

The School Spirit Task Force will meet on Tuesday, September 13 to continue discussions on the new mascot.

Budget forms for bills are charging to make the process easier for organizations, and Jarrette DelAngel, the Account Analyst for Student Affairs.

There will be a meeting in the SGA office on Public Relations Senator Danielle Garcia to discuss methods of promoting the Student Action Committee.

Athletic Senator Cheyenne Poseley urged student leaders and students to support NSU's sports teams. Their professionalism and skill cannot go unnoticed.

Organizations must attend the SGA Senate meetings to defend these bills because no representation at the meetings when questions arise means no funds: bills were tabled.

The SGA Senate meeting on September 14 at 4 p.m. in the Goodwin classroom will feature Dean of Student Affairs Brad Williams. One of the topics will be the allocation of the student service fees, so do not miss this one.
I never knew it would be this meaningful. I never expected to feel this alive. My sense of purpose and passion have grown stronger with every day in the Navy. I've discovered my true potential and now I'm ready to share my story with others. If you've ever wondered what it takes to become a leader, then you've come to the right place. The Navy is calling you.