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Left: NSU Student makes her way through rain and wind gusts. **Below:** Tree toppled over in front of NSU Athletic Training. Photos by Rafia Chodhry



Some Dismayed by University's Decision to Stay Open

Others OK with wind, rain

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Most of NSU's Davie campus remained open early last week as Hurricane Rita, at the time a Category 1 storm, made its way over the Florida Keys. It was one of few South Florida schools to do so.

There were sporadic wind gusts and rain, which toppled two trees—one near the Rec Plex and another in front of the University Training Center. The National Weather Service issued a tornado watch for most of Tuesday afternoon.

As students arrived on campus, some questioned why the university remained open. Broward government offices, public and private schools in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, along with several colleges and universities all closed Tuesday. Florida Atlantic University remained open.

"I think it makes no sense we are open today considering that most of Broward County Public schools are closed," freshman Roxana Jaiwan said. *

Amanda Beretta, a sophomore, expressed similar thoughts.

"City officials were urging everyone to stay home and off the roads and yet so many people were commuting to NSU," Beretta said.

Freshman Richo Hernan, on the other hand, said he was happy that NSU did not close.

"I don't mind the rain, if the university says its fine, then its fine for me," he said.

The power to close campus rests with President Ray Ferrero, Jr. University School of NSU, a college prep school on NSU's campus, along with the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, were closed all day Tuesday. NSU's Kendall and North Miami Beach locations were also closed.

President Ferrero was not on campus last week and was unavailable for comment. Dr. George L. Hanbury, NSU's executive vice president for administration, said that even though a hurricane warning was posted for Miami-Dade, the University could not be closed based of weather conditions in Mimi-Dade County.

The University "remained

open on the 20th of September since the National Weather Service posted a Tropical Storm Warning and a Hurricane Watch for Broward County. At the same time we were constantly monitoring (then) Tropical Storm Rita to discern the appropriate action we should take," said Dr. Hanbury.

Hurricane Rita knocked out power to more than 10,400 residents of Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, according to published reports.

"What if conditions had worsened?" said Leebird Francis, a sophomore. "We would have been in serious [trouble]."

Pointing at clothes and books which she'd neatly lain out to dry on a couch in Rosenthal Student Center, freshman Kathleen Fenelus said, "I am pissed because it's not safe. The wind is pushing people, books are getting soaked and there is still the danger of a tree breaking and hitting someone. I am soaked and my books are pretty much done."

Freshman Emily Carle said, "It wasn't really that bad. I wasn't scared."

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Marketing Major Available at NSU

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship is offering a new major in marketing, which will provide a more "state of the art" curriculum than most local Florida universities, according to Dennis Dannacher, Marketing Director for the Huizenga School.

The Huizenga School faculty has been working on establishing the undergraduate marketing major for a year and a half. It features 48 core credits, which Dannacher feels is "pretty comprehensive." The classes include topics such as the psychologically-based Buyer Behavior, and Service Marketing, which deals with helping professionals like doctors and lawyers sell their services.

Students are eligible for internships in their junior and senior years with companies such as DHL, Bellsouth, and American Express.

With a number of NSU students undecided about their majors, Dannacher expects that some will consider the new major. He notes that many prospective students are current business students who "wanted to switch to the marketing major if [the

Huizenga School] had it."

NSU students like Business Administration major Andres Rodriguez are pleased that the Huizenga School is offering a marketing major. "I like the fact that NSU is expanding its business programs," Rodriguez said. He added that the major "would have been another good option" to consider when he was applying to the university three years ago.

Dannacher indicated that with a bachelor's degree in marketing, those entering the workforce can expect starting salaries of anywhere between \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year. Those earning an MBA typically earn \$80,000 a year, while marketing executives earn about \$225,000 a year, leading Dannacher to conclude that "there is a future" in pursuing a marketing major.

On October 27, the Huizenga School will host the official unveiling of the marketing major at 5 p.m. in the school's auditorium. All are welcome to attend the event, as faculty will present the major to the NSU community. A raffle to win an iPod will also be held.

NSU to Receive Students Displaced by Hurricane Katrina

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University is looking to accommodate a handful of undergraduate and graduate students from cities whose schools have been damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

NSU is currently working to enroll students from Tulane University, University of New Orleans, Loyola University, University of South Mississippi, and St. Xavier. Each student will be treated as a visiting student and will be enrolled only for this term, unless they decide to make NSU their home institution.

"Students called and asked to come to NSU," said Maria P. Dillard, Director of Enrollment Management. Most of these students were Florida residents

going to schools in the Gulf region, with the exception of one, who is a resident of New Orleans. Farquhar College's administration and professors who will be teaching classes with the visiting students were involved in making the decision to receive displaced students.

NSU waived the tuition for those students who already paid their tuition in full to their home institution. When deciding which students to receive, Dillard said that NSU considered who would be most helped by attending here.

Freshman and sophomores have mainly general classes, which will make it easier for credits to be transferred back to their home institutions. "For juniors and seniors, there is less that we can do without risking courses not [being] transferable," said Dillard.

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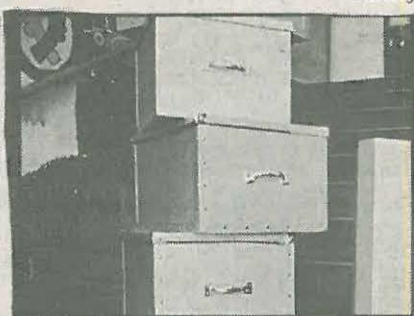
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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

It Came From Outer-Space

An extraterrestrial was sighted by about ten people in Thailand, according to Ananova. The lone star explorer, reported by one onlooker, was "70 cm high and has yellow skin and a flat chest. Its mouth is very tiny. It has bald big head with big eyes and big ears." After about an hour of wandering about a rice field, the being floated to the top of a tree, eventually floating into a bright light in the sky. When District chief Wisit Sitthisombat conducted interviews with villagers who spotted the creature; their testimonies and artistic renderings were consistent with each other.

Hanson Hit Sickens Students to Donate

In an effort to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims, CBS News has reported that Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, Pennsylvania, has been playing the 1996 Hanson "hit" song entitled "MMMBop" continuously throughout the school until \$3,000 is raised. Student Council Vice President Maria Landi said of the scheme that, "It's pretty annoying. I'm getting kind of sick of it. But we're doing it for a good cause." Some students, sick of the infectious tune, have donated as much as \$20, all the while begging for the song's end.

Woman Complains to Police Over Unfinished Hit

In Tama, Japan, the Mainichi Daily News reported that Eriko Kawaguchi, a woman who hired a hitman to murder the wife of her lover, complained to police after the job was not completed. Kawaguchi paid hitman Takaharu Tabe 15 million yen to carry out the hit after she found his Web page last November. While Kawaguchi thought that Tabe had completed the murder, which was to be executed by following her lover's husband into a tunnel and dumping poisonous bacteria onto her. In reality, he never completed the deed. The target of the hit is alive and well, having recently given birth. Both Kawaguchi and Tabe were placed under arrest.

Static Man Burns Hole in Carpet

The Associated Press reported in Warrnambool, Australia, that a man built up a 30,000 volt electric charge that caused burn marks in a building carpet. The static electricity, which caused a burn mark of .79 inches in diameter, built up in the man's jacket as he walked through the city. Fire authorities evacuated the building, "fearing the incident might trigger electrical problems in the building." When the man entered his car following the incident, he scorched a piece of plastic on the car's floor. His jacket, taken by fire officials, continued to give off electricity.

Classifieds:

Money For College

The Army is currently offering sizeable bonuses of up to \$20,000. In addition to the cash bonuses, you may qualify for up to \$70,000 for college through the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or you could pay back up to \$65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army's Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, call 954-472-4800.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

FDA Approves First Generic AIDS Drug

Last week on September 20, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first generic version of an anti-retroviral drug that helps "prevent the AIDS virus from reproducing in the body." As reported by the Associated Press, the drug, called AZT, existed before but it was not available in the U.S. due to patent or market exclusivity restrictions. After the patents and restrictions expired, versions of the drug was produced by Roxane Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio and several other companies around the world. Mike Leavitt, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services told reporters that more people will now have access to the life-saving drug. *For more information visit msnbc.msn.com.*

Middle East

Afghanistan Citizens Vote

As reported by David Brunnstrom of Reuters, Afghans voted for the first time in decades in legislative elections, despite threats from Taliban fighters, on September 18. President Hamid Karzai called the vote on the legislative ballot a defining moment for the country. The vote did not occur without some repercussions, however: Reuters reported that 14 people were killed in the south and east regions when Taliban fighters attempted to attack polling stations. Two policemen were killed, a mine killed a French soldier, and "rockets and mortars killed at least five civilians, two of them children." Regardless of the violence, the turnout is expected to be higher than the last election. *For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.*

Europe

Gay Marriage Debated in Italy

The Roman Catholic Church and conservatives criticized the leader of the "center-left in Italy," Romano Prodi when he said last week that we would support some rights for gay couples. As reported by Ian Fisher of *The New York Times*, Prodi said that, as prime minister, his proposal would attempt to allow "rights of inheritance, for visiting a sick partner, making medical decisions, and extension of private medical insurance." The debate became heated when Prodi sent a letter to Arcigay, a gay rights group, claiming his support. However, according to Reuters, conservatives saw this as support for gay marriage, which Prodi does not directly endorse. The Vatican and Pope Benedict XVI quickly intervened and criticized any support for gay marriage. *For more information visit www.ibt.com.*

Middle East

Iraqis Approve Charter

On Sunday, September 18, as reported by Sebastian Alison of Reuters, the Iraqi parliament approved the new charter four weeks before the document is to be subjected to referendum. The week before approval also marked "one of the bloodiest weeks since the U.S. invasion of 2003." Over 250 have been killed, including Kurdish parliamentary deputy Faris Hussein, who was "shot dead along with three bodyguards" on Saturday night. Hussain al-Shahristani, the deputy speaker of parliament, told reporters that the charter was the final draft and it will not change until the upcoming referendum. Sunni-Arabs already claim they will reject the charter because of inequalities the charter creates. *For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.*

Asia

Avian Influenza Shuts Down Zoo

The largest zoo in Jakarta, Indonesia, Ragunan Zoo, was forced to close on September 18 due to 19 lethal cases of avian influenza, according to the Associated Press. Doctors and government officials in Jakarta told reporters that the virus has also killed four people. Two new patients were admitted to Jakarta's infectious disease hospital with symptoms of the virus, said Dr. Santoso Suroso, the hospital's director. According to the AP, avian influenza has killed millions of birds and more than 60 people since 2003. The zoo will remain closed for three weeks until the investigation is complete. Infected birds must be killed and others will be vaccinated to prevent the spread of the virus. *For more information visit www.guardian.co.uk.*

North America

Ex-Tyco CEO Sentenced to Prison

The Associated Press reported that the former CEO of Tyco International Ltd., L. Dennis Kozlowski, and former finance chief Mark Swartz were sentenced last Monday to 25 years in prison for illegally funneling "hundreds of millions of dollars from the company." Kozlowski alone was reported to have stolen \$600 million from the large company. Kozlowski and Swartz were convicted of "grand larceny, falsifying business records, securities fraud and other charges." The guilty verdicts came after four months of trial. Both testified that they were unaware of any mistakes or wrongdoing and claimed they accepted the money as company bonuses and loans. Each of the men remained free with a \$10 million bail before the scheduled August 2 "pre-sentencing hearing." *For more information visit msnbc.msn.com.*

NSU Men's Soccer Team Defeats New York Tech In Overtime

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU men's soccer team upset nationally ranked New York Tech., 2-1 the night of September 17 in 8 minutes of overtime, giving NYT their first loss of the season. The initial goal was made in the first 20 minutes of the game by dominating senior Adam Ludden; however, the score was later tied up 1-1, where it stayed for the most of the remainder of the game.

It was an extremely physical game as quite a few fouls were called on both sides, one controversial call in particular got Ludden tossed out of the game.

"The game was incredibly rough, but when things get physical on the field it makes the game that much more exciting," States freshman, Kevin Gallagher.

With the score 1-1 even, Senior Matt Perry took control with the ball in the left wing, cut inside and crossed a dangerous ball as it was then deflected off an NYT defender, and into his own goal, ending the game 2-1, NSU.

As the boys worked hard through one of their most strenuous and demanding games of the season, they came out victorious, bumping their record to 4 wins and 1 loss.



Joe Clancy looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to. Photo by Tranell Mesa

Volleyball Team Comes Close to Florida Southern, But Fall 3-0

The women compete in their first SSC match while Dana Buss leads the Knights with 15 points

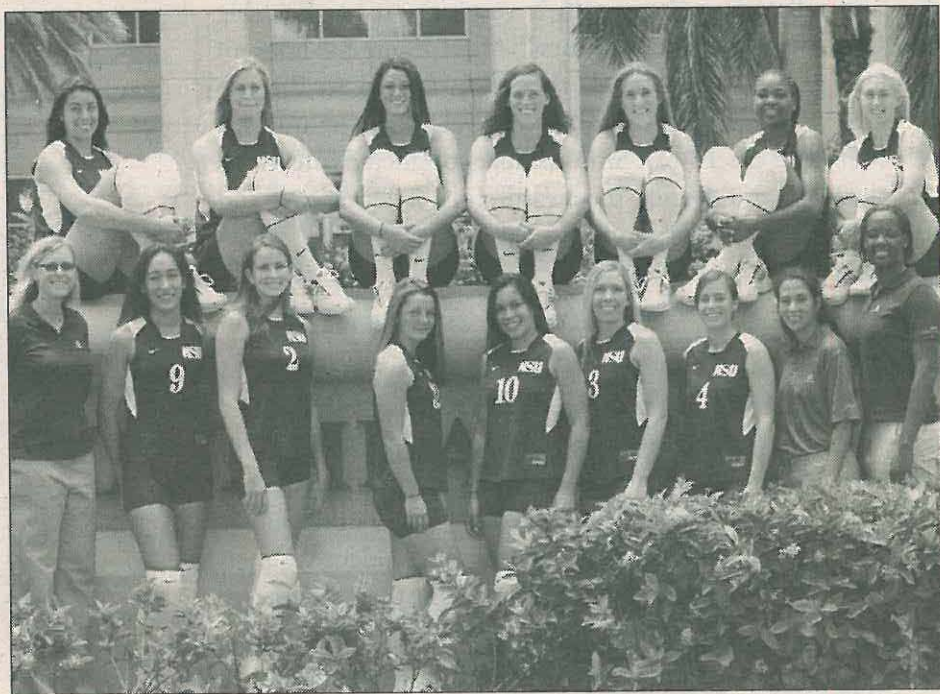
By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

NSU's volleyball team went up against conference rival Florida Southern College on September 18. With the win Florida Southern took from the Knights it takes them to 14-2 and 1-1 in the SSC and The Knights are 3-6, 0-1 in the SSC. The Knights came close, but fell in three games (30-24, 30-24, 30-16).

Senior Dana Buss was strong, leading the Knights with 11 kills, one service ace and three total blocks. Junior Karla Ortiz had seven kills and one block.

In the first game, the Knight and the Moccasins kept going back and forth with points. Then the Moccasins went on a 10-4 run to seal the first game 30-24.

In the second game though, the Knights ran off with a 6-



The women of the volleyball team. Photo by Garry Curreri.

5 overtake with a kill by Megan Johansen. Florida Southern didn't give up though and a kill by Moccasins' Beverly Stasis put them back in the game. Unfortunately the Mocs held on to that and took the second game from the Knights as well, 30-24.

In the last game, the Knights couldn't pull it together and the Moccasins went on a 9-1 run. The ladies got a few points back but it wasn't enough to take the win. The Moccasins won that game 30-16 and the matches overall.

Head Coach Melissa Batie said, "They did a much better job

going out and just competing with Florida Southern. We are seeing improvements each day."

In any team you want consistency and the Knights volleyball team is improving on that. They have five new freshmen, so it will take them some time to come together. Batie also said, "We had some consistent play from our upper classmen, which is what we were looking for."

Come out and support the Lady Knights Volleyball team on Wednesday September 28 at 7 p.m. They will be playing at SSC match against Lynn University.

Post Season Hopes Keep Slipping Away The Marlins Struggle to Hang on in the Wild Card Race

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

On Saturday September 17, all Marlins' fans had left to do was turn their heads and hope that the crushing loss would not be a preview of the rest of the season for the Fish.

Twenty-one-game winner Dontrelle Willis took a 2-0 lead into the ninth inning before the comedy of errors began to unfold on the field. Willis, though he pitched an outstanding game, could not get it done. Neither could Todd Jones. The Phillies slammed the Marlins with 10 runs in a dismal inning, where four errors were recorded.

Despite the hard loss, the Marlins bounced back on Sunday to win 16-4, enough to give fans a glimmer of hope before stealing it away. They opened a three game series Tuesday September 20 against

the Mets. Thus far the Marlins have dropped the first two games, both by just one run. As of press time, these severe blows have put the Marlins back four games in the Wild Card race behind Houston and Philadelphia, both of whom have won 7 of their last 10.

The fate of the Marlins no longer rests on their own shoulders. Not only do they have to go out and win games, they have to cross their fingers and hope that others lose.

This team was supposed to be playoff caliber with a starting rotation that includes Dontrelle Willis, Josh Beckett, and A.J. Burnett. Carlos Delgado was supposed to provide that extra bat that would solidify the Marlin's offensive play.

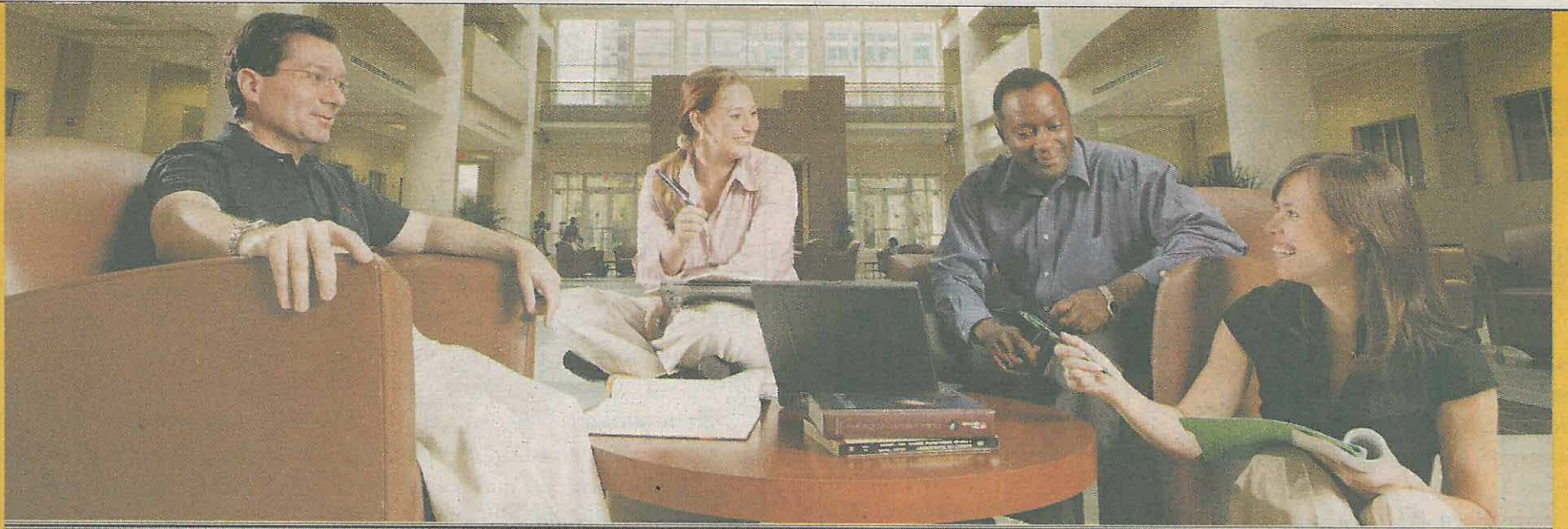
Yet, this season several illnesses have plagued the Marlins, starting with inconsistency. Most their numbers are solid, and yet this

team was not able to string together all their parts and fully live up to their potential.

As of late, the Marlins have also had to deal with physical injuries to their starting players. Catcher Paul LoDuca has been playing with a tweaked hamstring, and second baseman Luis Castillo and shortstop Alex Gonzalez have both been sidelined.

And so the question running through fans and players minds alike is "Is it too late?"

"We're still breathing," said Manager Jack McKeon during a recent interview. "We've got to get some production. We've got to win them all or pretty close to them all. We got 10 left. We win all 10, maybe we end up in a tie and we win the [tiebreaker] game. You have to be optimistic."



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NSU Ethics Awareness Week



Wednesday, October 5, 2005

7:00-9:30pm

A Discussion of Integrity after viewing the film, The Emperor's Club (Flight Deck Theatre)

Thursday, October 6, 2005

12:00-1:00pm

"Binge: What Your Student Won't Tell You"
(Library Coffee Shop)

Saturday, October 8, 2005

10:00-5:00pm

Ethics Bowl
(Business Building)

- **The Emperor's Club:** Come and share in a discussion on integrity while watching this enlightening and thoughtful film.
- **"Binge: What Your Student Won't Tell You":** Join us as we kick-start our Ethics Awareness Week Book Club, where Dr. Kate Waites will facilitate a dialogue of thoughtful discussion and interpretation on this ethically intriguing novel.
- **Ethics Bowl:** Come out and support your peers as they engage in a thoughtful and intense competition on ethical issues seen in the media, schools, and in their personal lives.

<http://www.sald.nova.edu/ethics/index.html>



Switchfoot starts their "Nothing is Sound" Tour on October 17th. Photo courtesy Switchfoot.com

Nothing is Sound Makes Some Noise

By **Marines Alvarez**
A&E Editor

Rating: \$16

The boys of the band of Switchfoot have been making quality music for over eight years, but it wasn't until the release of *The Beautiful Letdown* in 2003 that the masses began to notice. Once hidden under the label of "Christian band," this quintet broke into the mainstream with moderate-hit singles like "Meant to Live" and "Dare You to Move."

With the announcement of a new album came the question of whether newfound recognition would alter the signature Switchfoot style, or if mass interest in this band would be short lived.

From the opening notes of "Lonely Nation," the first song off their new album *Nothing is Sound*, all questions melt away into the realization that Switchfoot is back and in their regular form. This album proves to be everything that a fan could expect from

Switchfoot, with the added bonus of a major record release.

As always, Switchfoot does not provide mindless music. The lyrics that accompany the music's energy is what sets this group in a category all their own. "Sex is currency, she sells cars, she sells magazines," says the song "Easier than Love," claiming that the world's views on sex stems from how simple it is compared to the seemingly impossible concept of love. "She is easier than love, is easier than life...It's easier to leave. It's easier to lie. It's harder to face ourselves at night, feeling alone." This band doesn't mind saying the things that others might not want to say.

This album takes a close look at loneliness and the human condition, without being overly depressing. That theme runs through the album, but Switchfoot manages to evade repetitiveness.

Fan favorites are sure

to include the edgy "Lonely Nation," which picks up where "Meant to Live" left off, the radio friendly "Stars," and the politically-driven "Politicians," which is reminiscent of "Ammunition" from the band's last album.

All the classic Switchfoot ingredients are present except for one that will leave some fans wanting. The underproduced sound reminiscent of their extraordinary live performances is gone. The energy is there, but the rawness of past albums is replaced by big label production.

Nonetheless, *Nothing is Sound* is a worthy addition into the line of great albums released by a unique, but underappreciated band. Fans and newcomers alike will be able to dig in and enjoy this latest release that calls to be played over and over again.

Showbiz Bits

Compiled by **Nicolle Garber**

Oh Boy...

Uber pop star Britney Spears is finally a mother. The 23-year old blonde known for her spicy outfits and seductive image gave birth to a baby boy on September 16, 2005. This is her first child, and her husband Kevin Federline's third. Spears had to undergo a C-section after telling *ELLE* magazine "I have a feeling I'm going to have an operation [a Caesarian section]." Many names have been floating around the internet, including London, Preston Michael and Sean Preston, but no official word has been released.



And if that weren't enough celebrity baby for you, model Heidi Klum also gave birth to a boy, her second child but first with recording artist husband Seal. She named the bundle of joy after her husband and her father: Henry Guenther Ademola Dashtu Samuel. Say *that* ten times fast.

That's Officer Shaq to you...

Shaquille O'Neal knows the law. And apparently, he knows how to use it. The giant-sized basketball star of the Miami Heat helped police arrest a man who assaulted a gay couple in Miami, FL, over the weekend. According to Yahoo! news, Michael Gonzalez, 18, yelled anti-gay slurs at the couple and even threw a bottle at them. No one was hurt, thanks to superman Shaq, who tailed the car and flagged them down. The multitasking Shaq, who is in the process of becoming a Miami Reserve Officer, said, "For this incident, I don't want to be credited as an individual who does police work. I want to be credited as a Miami Beach police officer."

How many licks does it take if you're in jail...

Maybe Lil Kim will find out. According to USA Today, Kim reported to a Philadelphia facility instead of a prison camp as was previously stated. The provocative entertainer is set to serve a 366 day sentence that is tied to 2001 shootout outside of a New York City radio station. Lil Kim said in a statement, "I plan to write music while in prison, read and pray regularly and will come out a stronger, more confident woman." I'm sure her fans can't wait to hear *that* album.

Maybe he needs the money...

Donald trump is known for a lot of things—his enormous investments, tons of money, his gorgeous wife, his "you're fired!" catch phrase, and his acting—wait a second... Acting!? Yes, you read correctly. According to www.NBC.com, Trump, the comb-over billionaire, will be making his debut on NBC's daytime soap opera "Days of Our Lives" on October 24. One of the leading pioneers in the lucrative business of real-estate, Trump is basically made out of money; he could just make his own soap opera if he wanted to. Hopefully his co-workers won't fire him on the set for cheesy acting.

Spend Some Time in Prison; Get Your Own Reality Show...

Looks like Trump is out and Martha is in. Fresh out of prison, Martha Stuart is rebounding faster than the speed of light, joining forces with the makers of "The Apprentice." That's right; she's getting her own "Apprentice" show. Stuart is on the lookout for someone to fill an executive position at her Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia headquarters. The winner receives a prestigious job, bragging rights, and



a starting salary surpassing six-figures. Wonder if the other prizes include an all-inclusive "Get out of jail free" card or if the challenges involve matching outfits to house arrest bracelets. The show premieres Wednesday, September 21 at eight O' clock on NBC.

CD REVIEWS

\$16 – Snatch this release up as soon as possible.

\$12 – Wait until the buzz dies down and then buy it.

\$8 – Hey, it'll be on sale eventually...

\$4 – Buy a few of the better songs from iTunes.

\$0 – Skip this one. It would just take up room in your already cluttered collection.

Album Information:

Official Site: Switchfoot.com

Record Label: Sparrow Records / Columbia Records

Album length: 12 tracks, 51 minutes and 06 seconds

1. Lonely Nation
2. Stars
3. Happy Is A Yuppie Word
4. The Shadow Proves the Sunshine
5. Easier Than Love
6. The Blues
7. The Setting Sun
8. Politicians
9. Golden
10. The Fatal Wound
11. We Are One Tonight
12. Daisy

This Month in A & E

Movie Openings

September 30

The Greatest Game Ever Played

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Stephen Dillane, Peter Firth

Director: Bill Paxton

Genre: Drama

MPAA Rating: PG

An amateur player from a working class family, Francis Ouimet (LaBeouf, *Holes*) shocked the golf world when at the 1913 U.S. Open. Flanked by his 10-year-old caddie, he defeated his idol, the defending British champion Harry Vardon - played by Stephen Dillane. Caught between a world of hardship and a beckoning life of privilege, Francis needed to prove his unfailing will and ability to make it to the tournament.

Into the Blue

Starring: Paul Walker, Jessica Alba

Director: John Stockwell

Genre: Action, Thriller

MPAA Rating: PG-13

When young divers discover the wreckage of a cargo plane at the bottom of the sea, they believe their dream of buried treasure has come true. What they don't realize is that millions of dollars of illegal goods are in that sunken plane, and a group of dangerous criminals are already desperately searching for it. As tensions mount and the friends begin to fight about what to do with their find, others get closer to discovering their secret - and the treasure hunters quickly become the hunted.

Serenity

Starring: Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres, Alan Tudyk, Adam Baldwin

Director: Joss Whedon

Genre: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

MPAA Rating: PG-13

Captain Malcolm Reynolds, a hardened veteran (on the losing side) of a galactic civil war, now ekes out a living pulling off small crimes and transport-for-hire aboard his ship, *Serenity*. When he takes on two new passengers - a young doctor and his unstable, telepathic sister - he gets much more than he bargained for. The pair are fugitives from the coalition dominating the universe. Hunted by vastly different enemies, they begin to discover that the greatest danger to them may be on board *Serenity* herself.

Album Releases

September 27

Sheryl Crow: *Wildflower*

Toni Braxton: *Libra*

Sean Paul: *The Trinity*



Book Releases

September 27

Son of a Witch by Gregory Maguire

When a Witch dies - not as a crone, withered and incapable, but as a woman in her prime, at the height of her passion and prowess - too much is left unsaid. What might have happened had Elphaba lived? Of her campaigns in defense of the Animals, of her appetite for justice, of her talent for magic itself, what good might have come? If every death is a tragedy, the death of a woman in her prime keenly bereaves the whole world. Ten years after the publication of *Wicked*, bestselling novelist Gregory Maguire returns to the land of Oz to follow the story of Liir, the adolescent boy left hiding in the shadows of the castle when Dorothy did in the Witch.

DVD Releases

Available September 27

Robots

Enterprise - Complete third season

The Amazing Race - Complete first season

Movie synopsis and photo courtesy of www.yahoo.movies.com

Book synopsis courtesy of www.barnesandnoble.com

Compiled by Marines Alvarez

Emily Rose Revives Horror Film Genre

Movie Rating: \$6

By Anthony Labson

Contributing Writer

The Exorcism of Emily Rose puts back the fear in horror films. With such bombs as *Boogeyman*, *The Ring Two*, *Land of the Dead* and *House of Wax*, it's about time a movie came to liven up to the genre.

This is a movie based on the true story of 19-year-old college student Emily Rose (Jennifer Carpenter), who becomes possessed by demons from hell.

The movie starts when Emily's priest, Father Moore (Tom Wilkinson), goes to trial for conducting the exorcism. As the movie progresses, you will visit flashbacks that will eventually lead up to the exorcism itself.

This movie stands out because, unlike other exorcism movies, this isn't just a movie about an exorcism. This movie is also about a battle between two rivals: not good and evil, but faith



Jennifer Carpenter's portrayal of Emily Rose will leave you on the edge of your seat. Photo courtesy Yahoo! Movies.

and facts.

This movie does a good job of making people wonder if poor Emily Rose was possessed, or if she was just mentally ill.

With terrifying special effects and perfect acting done by Laura Linney (Father Moore's lawyer), Jennifer Carpenter and Tom Wilkinson, this movie is without a doubt the horror film of the year.

MOVIE REVIEWS

\$6- BRAVE THE LINES OPENING NIGHT!

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\$4- BORED? AFTERNOON MATINEE.

\$3- NO HURRY, RENT IT.

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Movie: *Exorcism of Emily Rose*

Rated: PG-13

Genre: Horror, Drama

Running Time: 1 hour and 55 minutes

Starring: Laura Linney, Tom Wilkinson, Jennifer Carpenter

Directed by Scott Derrickson

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Life Skills: Getting a Grip on your Finances

By **Caroline Cullen**
Knightlife Editor

Many students cringe at thoughts of their financial state; on top of rent, car payments, insurance, and day to day spending, the majority of students have the additional burden of credit card debt and student loans. As young adults we muse over our parents past nagging about budgeting money, avoiding credit cards and saving for a rainy day... if only we listened.

NSU's Office of Student Financial Services, Coordinator of Debt Management, Carla Lord-Hardy along with Student Activities and Leadership Development GA, Marcie Washington hosted a Financial Management Workshop at the ASA building on Thursday, September 15.

The workshop was open to all students, although a requirement for emerging leaders at NSU; "We encourage emerging leaders at NSU to first learn to manage themselves and their own lives," offered Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

The workshop began with the hot topic of identity theft: what it is,

how it occurs, prevention, and resources for victims. According to an Identity Theft Victimization Study released this month by The Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC), in 2004, 66% of victims reported that their personal information had been used to open a new credit card account in their name, 28% reported the purchase of cellular telephone services, and more than one third of the respondents said that thieves had committed check account fraud. Lord-Hardy's suggestions included: avoiding carrying your Social Security card, refraining from putting SSN and driver's license numbers on checks, and destroying sensitive papers.

Identity theft is a growing epidemic- the statistics speak for themselves: according to 2 studies done in July 2003 (Gartner Research and Harris Interactive), approximately 7 million people became victims

of identity theft in the prior 12 months. That equals 19,178 per day, 799 per hour, and 13.3 per minute.

The second part of the workshop focused on becoming credit-wise and credit safe. Lord-Hardy gave students the straight facts concerning their credit score, which is a numerical forecast of the likelihood you'll successfully repay a future loan. Students also learned what factors affect their score: new credit, length of history, amounts owed and payment history and what types of inquiries impact one's credit score.

Bad credit history can affect one's ability to obtain a car loan, get hired for a job, be approved for a home loan, receive additional credit cards or obtain car insurance.



Carla Lord-Hardy, Coordinator of Debt Management, teaches students how to manage finances. Photo by Caroline Cullen

To find out your credit score, log on to one of the following major credit reporting agencies:

Equifax - www.equifax.com

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Innovis - www.innovis.com

Sex and Chocolate at NSU

By **Kristine Belizaire**
Distribution Manager

Condoms, lubricants, and chocolate covered strawberries... sounds wild for an NSU sponsored event held in the Goodwin classroom! On Tuesday, September 13 the Goodwin classroom was packed with curious students of all ages in attendance of the second annual Sex and Chocolate Workshop sponsored by NSU's Residential Life. Sex and Chocolate is a "chocolate themed" sex-educational workshop that encourages student participation and straight forward dialogue concerning the subject of sex.

Marilyn K. Volker, Ed.D., a licensed sexologist, and aide Risa Berrin, a sexual and health educator, say that the slogan "Sex and

Chocolate" was chosen in an attempt to seduce students into attending the social and educational event. "Students should feel comfortable coming here and be able to ask questions" said Volker.

The students openly asked questions, such as: "How long does it take a man to ejaculate during masturbation?" and "How do girls know when they are having an orgasm?" Each question was answered by either a student, Volker or Berrin.

Volker enlightened students about the act of sexual intercourse, the consequences of unprotected sex, including sexually-transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies. Volker gave details on topics ranging from sexual positions to the color and shape of genital warts.

Kathleen Fenelus, a freshman living in the Goodwin Residence Hall, raves about the event: "That was the best sex-ed class I've ever been to; I've never laughed or learned so much about sex before."

Because students were asking questions and having fun, the event came to a close at 9 p.m. rather than the planned 8:30 p.m. On the way out, students were given assorted flavor condoms and candy.



Rico Hernan enjoyed a chocolate-covered strawberry at Sex and Chocolate workshop. Photo by Kristine Belizaire

Childrens Day

Children and parents were invited to enjoy free food and family resources at the Alvin Sherman Library on Sunday, September 18



One by one kids enter the ever-popular bounce house. Photo by Nicolle Garber

A Fly on the Wall: Where did it go wrong?

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Rumors are like contagious diseases. If they are not contained, they spread like a rampant virus to infect the population, rendering people unable to function properly. This is due to apprehension, or possibly fear of the symptoms. It causes people to hesitate out of sheer assumption that the rumor or virus is true or without a cure.

If this is the case, recently NSU has needed a figurative center for disease control and prevention. Rumors have been flying around campus like dust from the construction sites. Luckily, Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Don Rosenblum was present at the last SGA Senate meeting to act as the figurative vaccination to the rumors plaguing everyone in the room. I was pleased to find out, along with the SGA Senators and the students that actually came to the meeting, that the issues that I discussed in the last two issues of *The Knight* were purely rumors and mostly false. The mandate on music outside of Parker is false and the subject of Commencement on campus is, as Dean Rosenblum implicated, still being discussed at the moment. Another matter which I indirectly mentioned but wasn't exactly at liberty to discuss in Issue 1 was possible changes to the academic calendar. Dean Rosenblum also stated that this, too, was purely a rumor at the time.

It's all fine and dandy that these problems turned out to be rumors or false, but I still have a problem with the fact that so much misinformation passed along the lines of administration, students, and faculty. If the rumor that music could not be played outside of Parker at all was false from the beginning, then why did no organization have events involving music like so many have done before. I may be delusional, but I noticed that soon after the mandate was put forth, in falsehood or whatever, no one played music outside of Parker. Radio X did not even host any events. Assuming the mandate was false, shouldn't someone have informed the clubs and organizations - and especially Radio X - that it was always okay to play music. I think the obvious answer is "Yes, someone should have;" whether that someone should have been a representative of the administration or the faculty where the problem supposedly originated, is also an issue. Additionally, a petition from Radio X circulated

concerning the edict; that is pretty good evidence to assume that the mandate was true.

The possibility of Commencement being on campus was also brought up by Dean Rosenblum. From what he directly said and implied, it is too early to tell whether graduation will occur in the new University Center because so many things can happen from now until the Center is completed. Rumors about Commencement, the limit put on tickets, and the exact location of the ceremony have been circulating for weeks prior to the meeting last Wednesday, but Dean Rosenblum clarified that these rumors don't hold up because it is not even certain that Commencement is set to occur on campus. SGA President of Legislative Affairs Jason Peebles made the interesting point that Dean Brad Williams was sure graduation would happen on campus. Dean Rosenblum said he "wouldn't bet" on Commencement taking place in the University Center.

The last issue that was mentioned was the rumor that NSU's academic calendar was going to change. I personally heard from other students and a few professors that 16 week classes could possibly change to 14 week classes, and that eight week classes would

change to seven or six week classes. The topic, as Dean Rosenblum said, was "just opened for discussion" and that the academic calendar will not be changing anytime soon. He brought up several good points when he said that the academic calendar has to be flexible because of hurricanes and severe storms that cut into class time, and shortening classes would put extra pressure on the students and faculty to be more efficient. He also said that a committee is currently being formed to get student feedback. I find that to be a huge relief. But, once again, there should have been some form of control on the rumors that have spread. Maybe an official release of information would have quelled misinformation.

The main point of my ranting is to ask "where did it go wrong?" Where in the line of communication among administration, students, or faculty did the miscommunication originate? A form of control has to be established over rumors that cause so much unnecessary commotion when they are in fact false. A good start, proposed by Dean Rosenblum, is to directly call his office or email him and ask questions, but I don't feel that is enough.



Additional Notes

- The new Performance Arts Wing of the University Center will feature an innovative "black box" design that allows for creative performances for about 300 students.
- The first Pan-SGA meeting occurred last Wednesday with the members of the SGA of other campuses.
- The Student Action Committee is still looking for student opinions concerning the mascot, and the Athletics website is encouraged as a resource.
- Five new Freshman Senators are being interviewed for their positions.
- 20 shirts are being funded by the SGA for each club, with each additional shirt priced at \$5.
- SALD met and discussed recognition award for outstanding senators and organizations.
- The Campus Entertainment Committee is \$500 under budget, and the next meeting is on Friday in the Rosenthal Building.

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Proud to be...oblivious?

By **Nicolle Garber**
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, people die in places other than the United States. Sorry for the unexpected bout of truism, but for some reason, no one seems to acknowledge tragedies that occur in other countries.

I'm not talking about car accidents or homicides—which are just as awful—I'm talking about 1,000 dead in Iraq after fears of a suicide bomber sparked a stampede on a bridge holding the Sunnis and the Shi'ites during a march to reconcile the two groups. 1,000—one thousand—people were trampled to death. Sadly, the majority of those killed were women and children.

But does anyone at NSU, or anywhere else know that? Did anyone sympathize for them? I daresay the death of Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist got more publicity than the 1,000 women, men, and children who had their bones crushed and their faces stomped in by bomb-terrified Iraqis.

Of course, the recent catastrophic events to plague Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi have caused everyone to focus on their misfortunes—which is expected—but does that mean completely ignoring the presence of death in other countries?

The calamity that ensued in Baghdad was no later than two weeks after Katrina, yet it went unheard of and unspoken for. It wasn't plastered everywhere and exaggerated by the press, possibly because it wasn't in America.

Walking around the campus, every student seems to be completely oblivious to international quandaries. When I asked one student about the Gaza Strip, he cringed and replied "the guys that strip wha[e]?"

I just couldn't believe it. I explained

what the Gaza Strip was, and the problems arising from it. Problem solved. Nonetheless, the boy seemed unaffected by this.

Remember the Tsunami that decimated Southeastern Asia? Some of you probably don't. The problem with international disasters is that they are viewed like fashion trends. Big one day, gone the next.

The devastation in India and the surrounding islands was far worse than the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. It was in all the papers, on every channel, in its first weeks, but it somehow disappeared as though it never happened.

Just recently, the Palestinians successfully forced out all the Israelis' and burned down every one of their temples on the Gaza Strip. Of course, it is no common topic of conversation because the concept of being forced out of our homes and our surroundings isn't too bad, apparently.

How about the Typhoon Khanun whose strength nearly wiped out a chunk of Eastern China? According to Geo World News, "More than 305,000 people [were] evacuated from their homes." This typhoon sounds a bit hazardous if you ask me.

Like Hurricane Katrina, Typhoon Khanun is expected to have left thousands dead beneath black, murky waters.

It is unfortunate that America rarely covers the news in other countries, as though America is the center of the galaxy and everything revolves around its ego like it's the sun. Don't let yourself become unreceptive to the plights of others: don't become like America, an apathetic bystander whose self-interests are greater than the burdens of others.

In T.V. Land

It's My Party and I'll Cry if I want To

By **Marines Alvarez**
A&E Editor

As college students, the one thing most of us can use more of is time. As it is, many have their precious waking hours spread thin between classes, jobs, families, friends, and other pressing commitments. It's no wonder that, when asked, many NSU students said they watched little to no TV.

I myself am an avid TV watcher. From FSN to the History Channel, I am enthralled by a plethora of TV offerings and, self admittedly, spend way too many hours sitting in front of my television set.

There are some shows that I actually plan to watch, like *Prison Break* (which stars my new he-doesn't-know-it-yet boyfriend, Wentworth Miller) or *Lost* (starring one hatch that has left me on the edge of my seat). Then there are some shows that you just get sucked into, kicking and screaming, knowing full well that it might just turn your mind to mush.

My case and point: MTV's *My Super Sweet Sixteen*. This "reality" show documents the preparations and party of one (usually filthy rich) child making that transition into young adulthood. Yeah right.

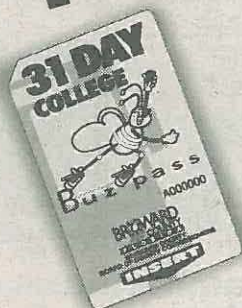
What this show is really all about is showcasing the brattiest behavior on the face of the earth. Behind the façade of glitz, glamour, fun and games are some real issues; namely those posed by parents who have no limits when it comes to buying their children's affection. It's not to say that I would not lavish my

child if I had the chance, but there is a line that is obviously crossed in some of these episodes. In episode 3, Ocala native Amanda cursed and yelled at her father, embarrassed by something he did. In an attempt to smooth things over, he flashes a wad of money in her face and asks if she loved him now. Well, I guess it all depends on her concept of love.


If this show can teach us one lesson, it is that not only can parents but BMWs, bouncers, rock bands, and thousand-dollar dresses, they can buy popularity too! And in turn, guarantee the temporary affection of their child. That affection may be shown through curse words and yelling, but that just means it's time to invest more money.

Every episode features tantrums, hissy fits, outrageous requests, outrageous gifts, and all boils down to one outrageous party, the likes of which most of us humble college students can only watch on TV. Amanda's party cost totaled \$203,000 dollars—money that I would love to have to further my education.

"What's the worst part of it all?" you might ask. The worst part is that I watch this show whenever I get the chance. I might spend the entire episode yelling at the TV screen and declaring the unfairness of life, but the truth is that shows like this exist because people like me insist on watching them. It's like the traffic caused by a car accident. It makes no sense, and yet you slow down anyway to take a peek.



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NSU On The Scene:

“How do you feel about the parking in the Parker parking garage?”

Val Bates
Sophomore
Marine Biology
Elkton, MD

“Parking on campus is horrible. On rainy days residents have to walk to class and there is no point in riding the bus because you end up taking a tour of Davie that lasts 30-45 minutes.**”**



Jessica Boyd
Sophomore
Marine Biology/
Humanities
specializing in
Gender Studies

“Parking really sucks. The fact that the public parking garage always has three levels open while the NSU student/faculty garage is full is not good at all. I usually end up having to park in the library garage anyway—it would be nice not to no get anymore tickets. Thank you.**”**



Faaria Ali
Sophomore
Biology/Pre-
Pharmacy
Trinidad

“It's ridiculous that there are more students than parking. It's really hard to find parking at Parker, and I'm sure it's even worse for residential students who have to walk (or run) in the rain.**”**



Miglena Dzhupanova
Sophomore
Biology
Bulgaria

“There are no parking spots whatsoever. They should open sections from the public parking so that students won't be late for class. It is ridiculous- I not only put 2 miles on my car every time going up and down the garage, I waste gas, time and my nerves as well.**”**



Amrish Ramnarine
Freshman
Finance
Trinidad

“Well, parking seems inadequate because NSU students and University school students share the garage. However, I do believe to fix this problem, students should be able to park on the 3rd floor of the public parking as well.**”**



Joseph Gariboldi
Sophomore
Biology/Pre-
Pharmacy
Pembroke Pines

“The parking is unbelievable horrible here. I don't pay \$18,000 for my car to get burned up on the fourth floor. University School students need to park somewhere else! Open up the public parking side of the garage for them.**”**



Puneet Kulhari
Sophomore
Biology
Pembroke Pines

“Parking here is a complete fiasco. After going to lunch, you have to spend about 20 minutes in the garage to find parking, or you have to follow someone until they leave. This is certainly unacceptable with the gas prices increasing; we can't afford to waste gas like this. So more space is needed for sure, especially in the future when more students will be attending.**”**



Syam Ramnarine
Junior
Finance
Weston, FL

“I appreciate that we have a four story parking garage, but unfortunately we can't find a spot to park within it. I believe that the crowding is mostly because University School students park there as well. The library parking is always empty and should be utilized.**”**