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Interdisciplinary Arts Presents *The Human Adventure*

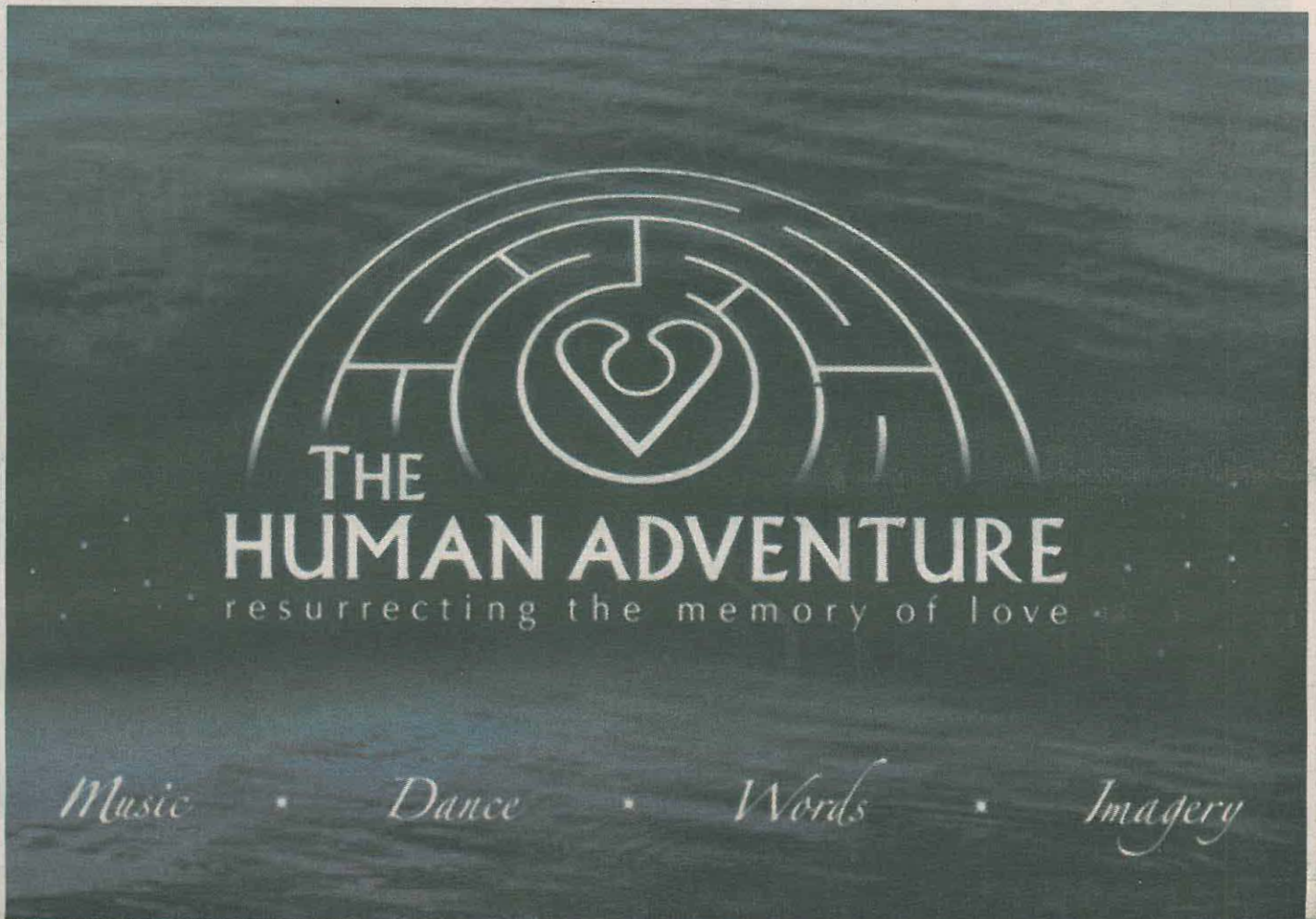
By Valen Eberhard
Staff Writer

On October 14, *The Human Adventure* opens with a free preview for NSU students at 7:30 p.m in the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Center. The following night marks the opening of the musical production for the general public.

The story line takes Joseph Campbell's *A Hero's Journey* and combines his philosophy of past heroes ancient myths with those of modern day heroes. Throughout the duration of the program, ancient myths will be presented to the public in a more modern light with an exaggerated social and psychological problems.

A lot has gone into the planning of the production, which was put together by Cassie Allen, Evett Navano, and Melissa Axel, with the support of the Interdisciplinary Arts Program. Auditions were originally set for August 24 and 25, but hurricane Katrina put a hold on the second day of auditions.

"We were upset to a certain degree, but it has strengthened us so far. Everything should go on as planned," commented Melissa Axel. Auditions consisted of prepared monologues, singing, dancing, and script reading. Positions for the taking included six to nine dancers, seven lead roles, six supporting actors for comic relief, a chorus of nova singers, the local community choir as well as local high school choir members, and a band consisting of a pianist, drummer,



bass player, and guitarist.

All have been extremely busy trying to insure the success of the production on stage, as well as behind the scenes. Axel stated, "Everything must be done with precise accuracy in order to make this production a huge success. Not to mention it would be a shame for something to not go as intended after all the work and preparation we have put into the show."

There has even been an art gallery and a web site dedicated

solely to the development of the production. Axel said, "This is the first production to incorporate the entire campus and community. It will be an incredible show that uniquely emphasizes the Renaissance of life. It is something that we are all excited for, that you aren't going to want to miss!"

Admission for the showing on Oct. 15 can be purchased for \$20 for general seating, or \$10 for seniors and groups of eight or more. Free tickets are

available through Oct. 14 with an NSU student ID in Rosenthal 100, ResLife, or at the reception desks in the HPD, Law, Business and Psychology building on the main campus, or at the North Miami Beach and UPPS reception desks. For more information, call (954) 262-8363 or visit www.thehumanadventure.org.

NSU Remembers Alfred H. Sellers, Ph.D.

According to Nova Southeastern University's Office of Public Affairs, Alfred H. Sellers, Jr., Ph.D., a professor in the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University died suddenly Monday, Oct. 3, after suffering a massive heart attack.

Sellers, 54, received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from NSU in 1993, had been an assistant professor for the Center for Psychological Studies since 1995. Sellers also devoted nine years of service to the United States Navy.

Sellers is remembered by those who knew him as "one of a kind." He has been described as dedicated to the University and his students, with whom he worked tirelessly and patiently. Sellers also collaborated with numerous faculty members on research, coauthoring several publications.

He is survived by his mother, sister and brother-in-law.

Visitation and services were held at Fred Hunters Funeral

Home, 2401 S. University Drive, Davie.

A scholarship fund has been created in his honor; the family requested that rather than sending flowers, donations be made to the Center for Psychological Studies, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale-Davie, FL 33314 with a notation for the Alfred H. Sellers Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Chimp Kicks 16-year Smoking Habit

"Ai Ai," a chain smoking chimp living in a northwest China zoo, has given up smoking 16 years after starting. *Reuters* reported that the distressed chimp took up smoking after the death of her mate in 1989, and later became a chain smoker after her second mate died 1997. Zoo officials helped the addicted chimp quit cigarettes by providing distractions like pop music and tasty fried dishes. The report did not specify who initially supplied the cigarettes, or who continued to offer them to the grieving chimp. Another mate is currently being located for "Ai Ai."

Sweden Makes the Dead into Mulch

The Swedish town of Jonkoping will become the first place in the world to make corpses into freeze-dried, environmentally friendly mulch when it turns its crematorium into a "promatorium" next year. *The Telegraph* reported that the process involves "freezing the body, dipping it in liquid nitrogen and gently vibrating it to shatter it into powder." The powder is then put into a biodegradable box and buried in a shallow grave. Friends and family of the deceased will be encouraged to plant a tree atop the remains. Swedish biologist Susanne Wiigh-Masak, pioneered the method, saying that "Mulching was nature's original plan for us." The national law will have to be altered to accommodate the new burial method.

Ice Bar Opens in London

In London, a unique bar made entirely of ice has opened. The Absolut Icebar, according to the *Associated Press*, is kept at minus 23 degrees fahrenheit and patrons are given a thermal cape, gloves, and mug made of glass upon payment of the \$22.20 cover charge. The ice for the bar, which is claimed to be "crystal clear" by Agnetha Lund, director of Icebar International, is imported from the Torne River in northern Sweden. Every six months the bar will be rebuilt as the ice gradually melts from daily use and the body heat of customers. Seating for one of the 45 minute time slots is limited to 60 people.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Workers laid off in New Orleans

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin told reporters last Tuesday that the city is planning to eliminate an estimated 3,000 jobs in order to help the rebuilding process. According to Nichola Groom of *Reuters*, the cut-back "is expected to save the hard-hit city \$5 million to \$8 million a month." Nagin also told reporters that the city has not considered bankruptcy as of yet and that "[the city] can limp along for another month or two" in order to assess the situation and further discuss the possibility. Also on Tuesday, former President Bill Clinton urged the government to quicken aid to the area where already an estimated \$35 billion in damage was caused by Katrina alone.

For more information visit www.timesonline.com.

Asia

Chinese miners killed in accident

The Associated Press reported on Oct. 4 that 10 Chinese miners were killed and 18 went missing when "a coal mine in southwest China flooded." The accident, which occurred late on Tuesday at the Longtan Coal Mine in the Sichuan Province, was reportedly the third mining disaster to occur that week. The same day, an explosion in another coal mine killed two people and trapped 12 in a mineshaft; the previous day saw 43 killed in a similar accident. For more information visit www.taipeitimes.com.

South America

Columbia grants asylum to ex-Ecuadorian President

Last week, as reported by Cesar Garcia of *The Associated Press*, Columbia officially announced that it would allow ousted Ecuadorian President Lucio Gutierrez to remain in the country on terms of political asylum. Gutierrez was exiled on April 20 of this year by Congress and rioters when he disbanded the Ecuadorian Supreme Court five days earlier. An anonymous Columbian official told reporters that Gutierrez wanted to seek asylum because of a pending charge of treason in Ecuador. The Ecuadorian foreign ministry also said that Gutierrez's stay would not interfere with Columbian affairs.

For more information visit www.guardian.co.uk.

Middle East

Hussein's defense team struggling

The South African *Associated Press* reported on October 5 that former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's family does not have the money to further fund Hussein's defense in court. Hussein's team of attorneys is "demanding either the Iraqi court try him or the media provide the funds" for their services. Hussein is scheduled to stand trial in two weeks for the Shi'ite massacre that occurred under his regime, and one of his attorneys, Khalil Dulaimi told reporters that "his team had been providing its services for free" because Hussein's family had no money. Dulaimi also said they attempted and failed to raise money from "rich Arabs" that profited during Hussein's rule.

For more information visit www.news24.com.

Europe

Preserved spider raises scientists' hope

A British scientist told reporters from the *Agence-France Presse* on October 1 that he discovered a prehistoric spider trapped in amber and that he is able to extract DNA samples from the "perfectly preserved spider." Dr. Penny, of the University of Manchester, said he actually extracted blood droplets to determine the spider's age and specifics of its death. Penny's tests revealed that the spider is from the filistatidae family that is commonly found in South America and the Caribbean.

For more information visit www.abc.net.au.

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Volunteer Mandate Expected to Help Students Become More Community Oriented

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Each year, Melissa Ruidiaz and other members of Best Buddies complete dozens of community service hours, not because they had to, but because they wanted to.

Beginning this semester, things will be a little different for the service organization. According to new rules instituted by the Inter-Organization Council, Best Buddies, and every other club on campus, must complete 10 service hours each semester.

"In the past we've exceeded those 10 hours per semester, just never documented it," said Ruidiaz, president of Best Buddies,

The Office of Student Leadership and Development will revoke the charter of organizations that fail to complete the required service hours, said Jennifer Bowman, the graduate assistant of volunteerism and community service. If an organization makes

up the hours, the charter can be reinstated, Bowman said.

Terry Morrow, assistant director of student leadership and development, said the proposal was the result of a suggestion by Student Affairs Dean Brad Williams to track the amount of hours student organizations were already putting in.

"Last November, Dean Brad Williams said that a lot of clubs and organizations on campus were doing volunteer hours and that he would love to see the University tracking the hours and how it was giving back," Morrow said.

Bowman will oversee the process.

"Until now, students have already been doing great things, but just not through my office," Bowman said.

The initial step involved in fulfilling the mandate requires clubs and organizations to establish a volunteer contract, according to

a document Bowman gave to the Knight. Additionally, at least two members of the club are required to participate in the 10 hours of community service.

Reaction among organization presidents were mixed last week.

Randy Rodriguez-Torres, president of National Biological Honor Society, said he felt 10 hours per semester will be a challenge for his organization, but he believes they are "attainable."

"Certainly fewer hours such as five would be an easier target than 10," Rodriguez-Torres said. "Most of our members are busy enough with their studies, and attending regular events and do not have time to participate in volunteerism."

Elizabeth Darwish, president of Oasis, sees the mandate as a way to expand her club.

"The lack of members makes it my responsibility to

force the club to grow," she said. "Promoting this club will hopefully generate more active members and then more people would help with the hours."

For volunteer hours, students can either attend an event organized by the Office of Volunteerism and Community or the office can help set up an event.

For more information, contact Jennifer Bowman at (954) 262-7297 or jbowman@nova.edu.

For a complete list of requirements and forms, visit <http://www.nova.edu/volunteer>.

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NCCA Drug Policy: Not as Unlimited as You May Think

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

NCAA takes their drug policies extremely serious for the sake of making sure each athlete remains safe and healthy, as well as eligible to play the sport they love. Student athletes have given NSU the right to do random drug tests, as well as observed urine samples to insure that athletes are not ingesting any illegal substances.

Many athletes may believe some everyday medications are legal when in actuality, they are prohibited. For example: if an athlete's urine tests positive for more than 15 micrograms of caffeine, they are ineligible.

To allow athletes to find what is and is not allowed, the NCAA has a drug lookup website, www.drugfreesport.com/rec, where anyone may enter a drug and see whether or not it is banned. It is also a good idea for an athlete to discuss whatever medications, vitamins, or supplements they plan to take with their athletic trainer before they begin.

NCAA recognizes the need for certain prohibited medications in some situations, such as individuals who need peptide hormones. This is allowed, however it must be pre-approved.

If a student athlete feels they were wrongfully tested positively for an illegal substance they can appeal it. They can go about doing this by submitting an appeal in writing to the institutional drug-education program, and if the appeal is accepted there will not be any more action taken against the athlete.

NSU Cheerleading Team Speaks Live on Y100.7

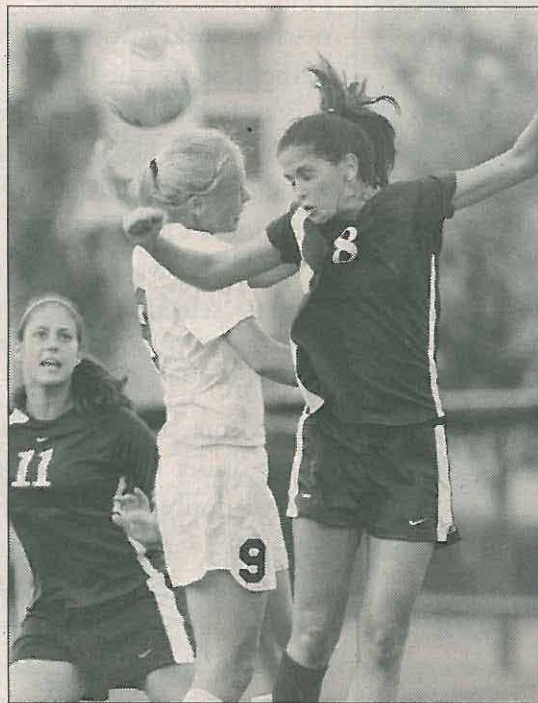
By Danielle Quintero
Contributing Writer

The Nova Southeastern University Cheerleading team co-hosted the Top 9 at 9 on Y100.7 FM on the evening of September 22, 2005. The girls were invited to come on the Adam Bomb show to speak about some events that are happening in the Athletic Department. The team plugged the celebrity softball game scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th, and the new University Center to show support for NSU, with a special emphasis on the athletes.

All of the girls were able to announce a song on the "Top nine at nine," Adam Bomb show, and give their special shout outs.

NSU Women's Soccer Team Hands Florida Southern a Loss

By Valen Eberhand
Staff Writer



Stephanie Quinones hits the ball off her head. Photo by Gary Curreri

Florida Southern up at midfield and led the Knights to a victory. During the 87th minute of play, a direct penalty kick was awarded to the Knights, in which Quinones shot was deflected by FSC goalie Kim Fish.

The 70th minute proved to be an eye opener for the Knights, especially Courtney Reid, as she was hit from behind by opposing player Sarah Groom. Reid was uninjured; Groom was issued a red card and escorted from the premises. The Knights tried to take full advantage of having an extra player, but that wouldn't come until later. Freshman Stephanie Quinones stepped

Within the same time frame, Eyrun Hardardottir dished the ball to Quinones who played the ball cleanly behind Fish. This was Quinones' third goal on the year and her second game-winning shot for the Knights. Nikki Paquette had six saves on the night and posted her second clean game of the year.

NSU Volleyball Team Falls Short to Lynn University 3-0

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Even though the team lost to Lynn University, there has been lots of changes in the NSU volleyball team. Last year, it seemed like there was no teamwork involved, but this year that has completely changed. Head Coach Melissa Batie has really turned this team around,

because they have improved one hundred percent since last year.

On September 28, the women's volleyball team took on Lynn University at the BCC George Mayer Gymnasium. The Lynn Fighting Knights took the match in three straight games (30-27, 30-22, 30-18). The Knights came close in each game, and never relinquished. Each game, the points went back and forth, but Lynn came through in the end.

Freshman Andrea Irarrazabal led NSU with eight kills and one block, while junior Karla Ortiz handed in seven kills and three blocks. On The Knights defensive side, senior Dana Buss had 17 digs and 13 service receptions.

For Lynn University, Theresa Daniels led them with 19 kills and 4 service aces. Lynn has now gone to 8-4 on the season. In the SSC NSU is 0-5.

Men's Soccer Team Lose to Rollins College 2-1

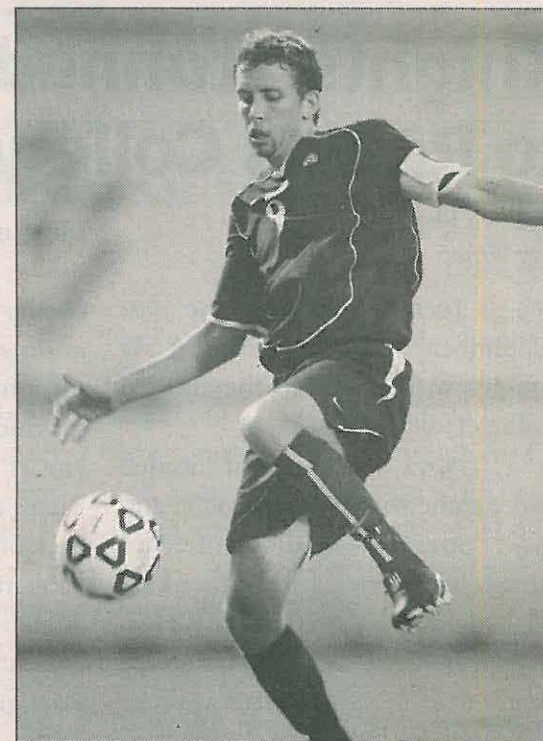
By Valen Eberhand
Staff Writer

Despite the men's determination and skill, it just wasn't enough to pull off a win. NSU's men's soccer team fell just one goal short of a win on October 1.

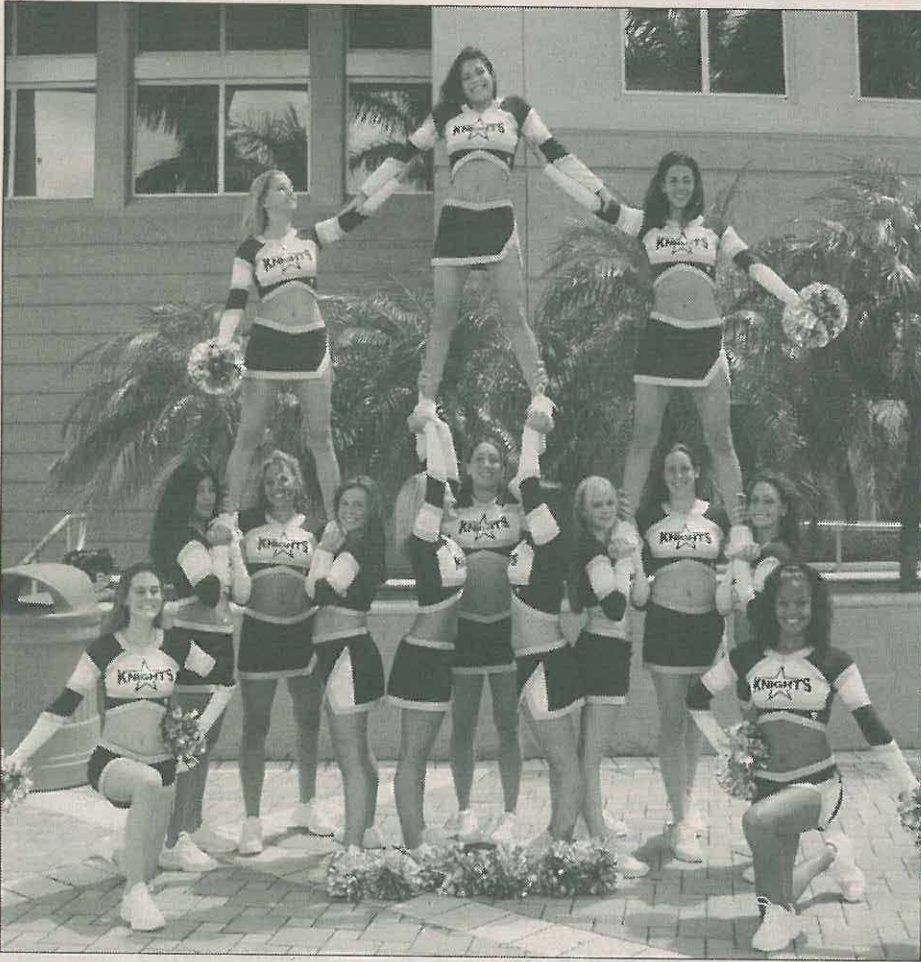
The guys took a 5-5 record overall and a 1-3 SSC record into Saturday's game against Rollins College Tars (6-3, 3-1 SSC). Rollins led off the scoring in the 39-minute when a shot by Chris Cerroni made its way past goalie Adam Spinelli. The Tars had

doubled the score in the 52-minute with a shot by Christopher Chatin, which marked his sixth goal of the season.

Ten minutes later, Nova Southeastern's Jarod Rennick saved a ball along the Knight's end line after a corner kick found freshman Mark Fletcher in open space, and Fletcher put the ball past the outstretch arms of Tazar Siddell. Fletcher's goal ended the 260 minute scoreless streak, but wasn't enough to bring the Knights a win.



Joe Clancy gets ready to kick the ball down the field. Photo by Gary Curreri



Women Cheerleaders. Photo courtesy NSU Athletics

Cheerleading Gears up for Season Championships

By Danielle Quintero
Contributing Writer

This year, the Nova Southeastern University cheerleaders went to the Universal Cheerleading Association's (UCA) College Cheerleading Camp in Clearwater, Florida. It started off with one day for the entire team to get acquainted, as many of the new team members were meeting the others for the first time. The next two and a half days consisted of stunting, cheering, and dancing clinics.

Returning to the team are juniors Johanna Torres, Sr., Claudia Brugat, Sr., Brittany Drake, Tara Lubinski, Cammie Cacace, and sophomore Ashley Schwartz. This year's additions to the team include: Jessie Dunlap, Janeth Acosta, Autumn Porio, Cristie Ledon, Lauren Affleck, Danielle Quintero, and Kathy Coombs.

For safe practices, the girls had to be tested on what tumbling and stunts are and are not allowed, according to UCA and AACCA, (the Cheerleading Safety Board) standards. They all learned the importance of stretching, and spotting when advanced stunts are being executed. Such practices are especially important when one-legged stunts and two and half people high pyramids are being executed.

At camp, the NSU cheerleaders learned some really exciting treats for the eyes which can be witnessed supporting the NSU sports teams, and rallying for the cheerleaders at their own competition. They are scheduled to compete at the UCA College Cheerleading Championships Jan 13-16 in Orlando, FL.

Knights Stunned with Loss to Rollins College, 0-1

By Valen Eberhand
Staff Writer

Tuesday marked the last September game for the Lady Knights soccer team as they hosted Rollins College Tars.

Nova Southeastern headed in the game with a 3-5-1 overall and 1-2-1 Sunshine State Conference record. Optimistic for another win, the Knights were overcome by a loss of 0-1. Delayed twice due to severe weather for more than half an hour at a time, the girls took the break as a chance to regroup and rest before

the game resumed.

Picking back up at the twenty-sixth minute, only five minutes before half time, center Allison Tradd made a run through the middle and played a ball behind Nova's defense where Christina Saenz connected the ball with the back of the net behind goalie, Nikki Paquette. The lady Knights were unable to respond, marking the Tars win the first for them in conference play and the fourth clean game for Rollins College goalie, Francesca Nicoloso.

Star Basketball Player Dies Of Pulmonary Blood Clot

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Shawntinice Polk, a senior at the University of Arizona, passed away on September 26, having collapsed on campus due to a pulmonary blood clot. She was neither working out nor practicing at the time she died.

Polk's cause of death was very rare for a healthy woman of her age said the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office.

Polk was a three-time all-Pac-10 selection, plus two-time honorable mention All-American selection. Polk had a very big impact on the school, being the career leader of 222 blocked shots and 46 double-doubles. Her team went 20-12 and earned an NCAA tournament berth last season. Polk also led the conference in blocked shots at 2.1 per game last season. She was also third in rebounding (8) per game.

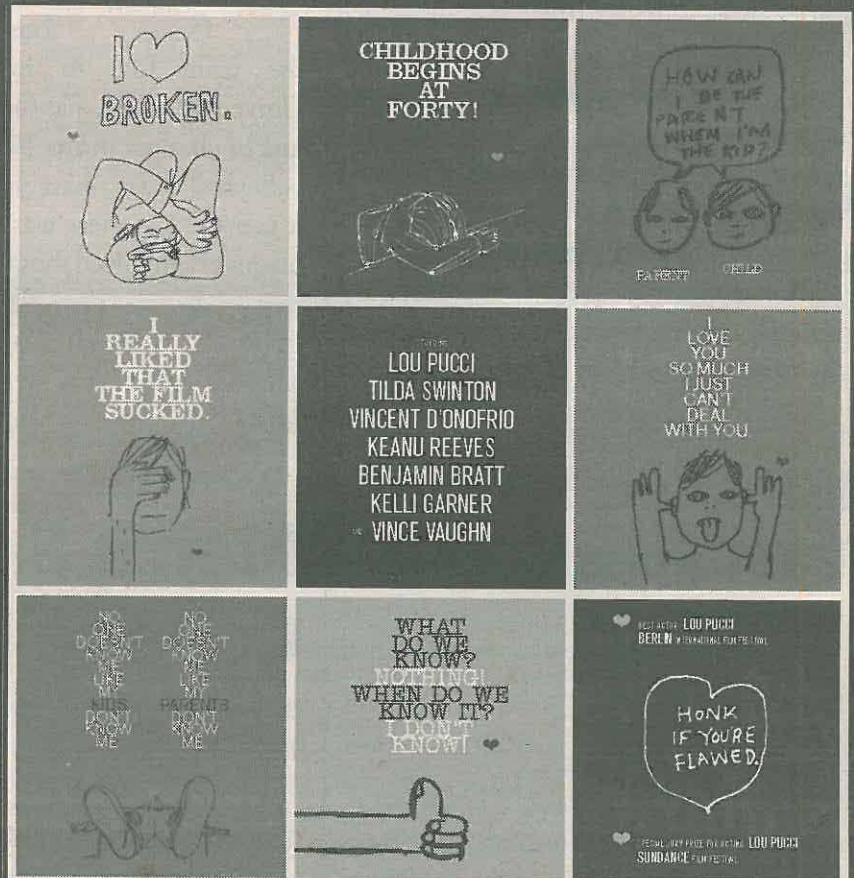
The Arizona head, Joan Bonvicini had a lot to say at her star; "She was an incredible basketball player, but her truest gifts were her

personality and love for the other people that she was with. Her voice, especially her laugh, could be heard for a block, and believe me, she was hilarious."

Her teammates even called her "Polkey." A lot of the teammates felt lost after they heard about Polk passing away. "I felt lost and numb, like someone had just ripped my heart out," Jones said through tears. "Look how many lives you touched, Polkey," said senior Natalie Jones.

Her freshman and sophomore years she was an honorable mention AP all-American selection. Her junior year she played much of the season with a knee injury, but she still averaged 12.7 points and 8 rebounds a game last season.

On Wednesday, more than 1,000 students, coaches, school administrators and fans attended the memorial service for her. The University of Arizona has decided to pay for the funeral and burial of their star player.



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NSU Sports Stats for the Week

Volleyball

On September 30, the Nova Southeastern University volleyball team (3-11, 0-6 SSC) was defeated 3-0 to No. 20 Barry University (10-7, 5-1 SSC) on Friday night at the Barry Health and Sports Center. NSU fell to the Buccaneers in three games (30-21, 30-26, 30-16).

On October 1, the Nova Southeastern University women's soccer team (4-5-1, 2-2-1 SSC) edged the visiting Florida Southern Moccasins (3-6-2, 1-3 SSC) by a score of 1-0 in a Sunshine State Conference match at the NSU Soccer Complex on Saturday.

Men's Soccer

On October 1, the Nova Southeastern University men's soccer team (5-5, 1-3 SSC) came up short in a 2-1 loss to the visiting Rollins College Tars (6-3, 3-1 SSC) on Saturday night in a Sunshine State Conference match at the NSU Soccer Complex.

SSC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Tampa	6	0	1.000	16	2	.889
Barry	5	1	.833	10	7	.588
Florida Southern	4	1	.800	17	2	.895
Lynn	3	2	.600	8	5	.615
Saint Leo	3	2	.600	7	9	.438
Eckerd	3	3	.500	9	6	.600
Rollins	1	4	.200	14	6	.700
Florida Tech	0	6	.000	4	14	.222
Nova Southeastern	0	6	.000	3	11	.214

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Saint Leo	2	0	1	7	6	2	4	2	2	.625	19	12
Nova Southeastern	2	2	1	7	7	9	4	5	1	.450	19	21
Tampa	2	0	0	6	13	2	8	1	1	.850	41	6
Barry	2	1	0	6	9	8	8	2	1	.773	29	12
Lynn	1	1	0	3	3	3	5	6	0	.455	29	22
Eckerd	1	1	0	3	1	6	2	8	0	.200	4	33
Rollins	1	3	0	3	4	7	6	5	0	.545	15	17
Florida Southern	1	3	0	3	2	6	3	6	2	.364	18	21
Florida Tech	0	1	0	0	3	5	3	4	1	.438	15	15

SSC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
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Lynn	4	0	0	12	17	4	8	0	0	1.000	30	6
Rollins	3	1	0	9	11	5	6	3	0	.667	26	13
Saint Leo	2	1	0	6	8	3	8	1	0	.889	34	5
Eckerd	2	1	0	6	4	3	4	3	2	.556	9	10
Tampa	1	1	1	4	4	3	4	3	2	.556	16	13
Florida Southern	1	3	0	3	11	11	6	4	0	.600	25	14
Nova Southeastern	1	3	0	3	3	9	5	5	0	.500	18	14
Florida Tech	1	3	0	3	2	16	2	6	1	.278	8	27
Barry	0	2	1	1	3	9	6	3	1	.650	21	15

Women's Cross Country

On September 30, the Nova Southeastern University women's cross country team finished fifth at the frunners.com Invitational on Friday in Dade City, Fla., in a field that included 16 teams, five of which are Division I programs.

NSU had a team total of 138 points to finish ahead of conference rivals Florida Southern (sixth place) and Florida Tech (eighth place). Florida State University's "B" team won the event with 66 points.

Men's Cross Country

On September 30, the Nova Southeastern University men's cross country team finished eighth at the frunners.com Invitational on Friday in Dade City, Fla., in a deep field that included the University of North Florida, the University of West Florida and Florida International University.

Conference rival, Florida Southern College, won the event with a team total of 50 points. The University of North Florida and Clayton College and State University were second and third with 72 points and 89 points, respectively. NSU totaled 216 points to finish two points behind another conference opponent, Florida Tech.

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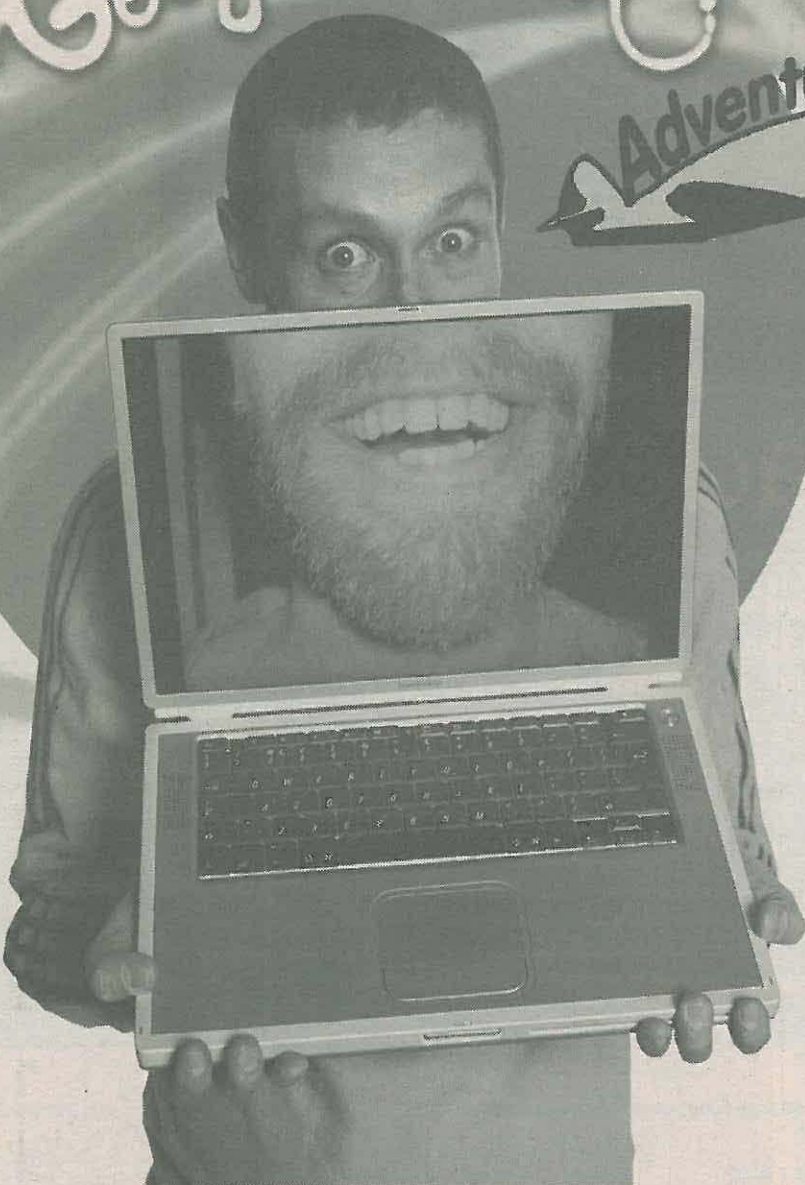
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NSU On The Scene:

“On a scale from 1 to 10, how do you rate your teachers?”

Aiman Hamdallah
Sophomore
Public Admin., Masters
St. Croix, FL

7.5; some of them made the class challenging and others just made it ridiculously easy.



Jaymie Brooks
Sophomore
Athletic Training
Miami, FL

9; my teachers know what they are talking about, and they're great!



Lisette Eusebil
Junior
Paralegal
Dominical Republic

8; because they always know how to explain whatever question I ask and they go by the syllabus.



Romain Auguste
Sophomore
Finance
Haiti

5; they don't get down to the student's level enough.



Milana Backo
Freshman
Business
Miami, FL

6; because in one of my classes I don't think my professor is very clear and the tests are really hard.



Robert Martinez
Sophomore, Nova High School
FL

8; because they teach well, their experienced and they know what they are doing. They are strict sometimes, but they only want you to learn and they're only human.



Thomas Harland
Senior
Biology
West Palm Beach, FL

10; I have been satisfied with all my teachers thus far. The adjuncts weren't as prepared and structured, but the regular faculty seems to be doing well.



Mirtha Rivera
Senior
Criminal Justice & Psychology
New Jersey

9.5; overall they have been great. They are easy to talk to and they are very helpful. They also make class really interactive.



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The Phantom of the Opera Still Breathtaking

By Danielle Garcia
Knightwriter

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* is captivating nearly sold-out audiences at Fort Lauderdale's Broward Center for the Performing Arts with an all-star cast of Broadway alums.

Cameron Mackintosh and the Really Useful Theatre Company, Inc. opened *The Phantom of the Opera* on Wednesday, September 28 for a month-long run that is part of the Broadway Across America Tour. Fans are flocking to watch this amazing spectacle of special effects and breathtaking performances; true to the original *Phantom of the Opera*, which this January will become the longest running Broadway performance, the show duplicates all the special affects and costumes especially for South Florida audiences.

The Phantom of the Opera is a musical adaptation of Gaston Leroux's *Le Fantome de L'Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It tells the story of a dejected phantom who falls for a young soprano in the choir of the Paris Opera. The phantom turns her into a headliner but becomes enraged when she does not return his feelings and chooses an old friend, Raoul, as her companion instead.

This rendition of *The Phantom of the Opera* is highlighted by an astounding cast. Five of the six lead characters are Broadway veterans: both of the women who play the lead love interest, Christine Daae, have performed in *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway. Gary Mauer, the Phantom, sang with such passion

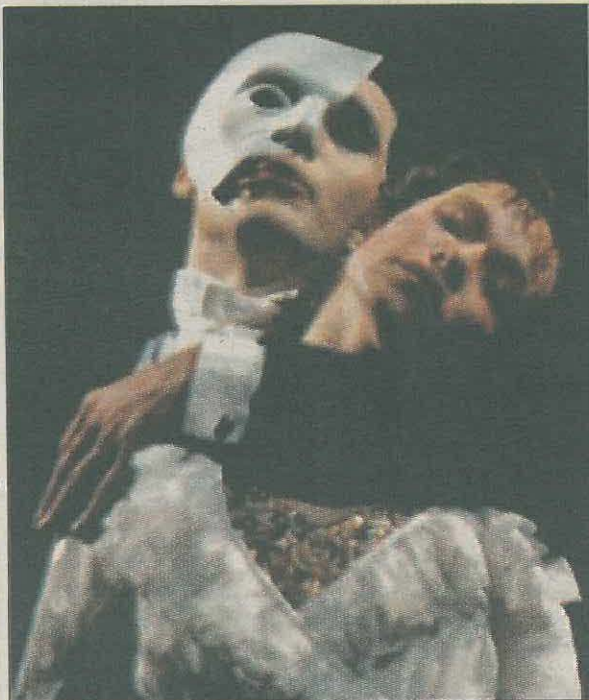
that it brought everyone to their feet at the final curtain call. The intensity of the casts' voices had the audience from the beginning number, and while the entire cast sang in a perfect harmony of horror, pain, and love, Mauer's depiction of the Phantom takes the cake.

If anything could outshine the Phantom's performance it would be the magnificent set and special affects. Some could argue that the star of the show is the half ton chandelier that towers over the audience in the first five rows and ascends to its position high above the audience in the opening scene. When it crashes to the stage floor during the Phantom's rage, it sent waves of terror through the audience.

In addition to that, there are amazing pyrotechnic displays. Just imagine a wall of fire on stage, a skull topped staff that spits fire balls, and candles rising from the stage floor. There was even a moving bridge located fifteen feet above the stage floor that moved to simulate a descending stair case and a riveting disappearing act by the Phantom. One cannot forget the Phantom dangling over the audience as he stands atop an Angel sculpture that descends toward the audience as he performs "All I Ask of You".

The entire performance is nothing short of amazing. Whether seeing *Phantom of the Opera* for the first time or for the fifth time, the cast and crew make this trip to the Broward Center well worth it. The two-and-a-half hour production does not for a second lose the audiences' attention and repeatedly provokes gasps, laughs, and roaring applause. The witty humor and dramatic performances make this *Phantom of the Opera* a must see.

Tickets range for \$20-63 and can be purchased at the box office or on www.ticketmaster.com.



Phantom of the Opera

Running in Fort Lauderdale's Broward Center of Performing Arts now through October 29, with the exception of October 17

Showbiz Bits

Compiled by Nicolle Garber

Guess we're just "Friends"

Jen and Brad are finally divorced--legally! You've heard the rumors and the stories, but now everyone in the world, in the universe, knows that Jen and Brad are finally, finally, finished. The divorce papers were signed during August, but were not finalized until October 2, according to Yahoo! entertainment. Their marriage lasted approximately five years--hey, isn't that some kind of Hollywood record!? Many tabloid and rumors blame the sultry-faced Angelina Jolie for their break-up, which isn't too far-fetched. Jolie, who has starred as a gun-toting treasure seeker Lara Croft in both *Tomb Raider* movies, played Brad's sexy assassin -for-hire-wife in *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, when the rumors about their alleged affair appeared in every tabloid on the face of the earth. Hopefully Brad likes international babies, since Jolie apparently has a soft spot for adopting them.

Lindsey Lohan chased down by paparazzi

The paparazzi has caused Lohan to crash *another* Mercedes.



According to the Insider, who had an eyewitness account from one of their own team members, Lohan was being hounded by the paparazzi after having lunch at a celebrity dining hotspot called Ivy. Her Mercedes convertible SL65 collided with a red Astro van whose driver suffered mild injuries. Lohan and her female friend were whisked away by an ambulance with some bumps and bruises, but nothing too serious. Lohan was said to be released later that evening, sadly, she still looked like a starving and very underfed

teenager. Lohan recently starred in *Herbie: Fully Loaded* where she dealt with a lively car; maybe next time Lohan will choose the bug instead of the Mercedes to evade future collusion.

Nicolas Cage makes Superman Proud

Cage and his young and beautiful wife Alice will be hated by their newborn baby boy when he is old enough to realize that he was named after a fictional super hero from a fictional planet called Krypton. His name, Kal-el Coppola Cage, is a testament to Cage's undying love for Superman. Kal-el was born on Monday, October 3 in New York City. This is Cage's second child: he has another son, Weston, 14, from a previous relationship with actress Christina Fulton. According to People News, Cage met his bombshell wife at a Los Angeles night club Le Prive. She was a sushi waitress and he was an A-list actor; their eyes met and soon, Cage was naming their newborn baby after Superman. Now Kal-el can join Gwyneth Paltrow's daughter Apple in group therapy for children with weird names.

Second time's a Charm for Simpson

This time, Ashlee Simpson is bringing her gang of leprechauns to assist her while she dances her eclectic Irish jig when the crowd realizes she's lipsynching. Well, not really. But she is making a second appearance on the legendary comedic show Saturday Night Live, where this time (hopefully) she'll get it right. On a performance on SNL in front of the whole world, Simpson's alleged sore throat disabled her from singing...so she resorted to lip-synching...which was revealed by a technical mishap with the equipment. Out of nowhere, a frightened Simpson danced a weird dance with Irish, Hispanic, and African influences. Now, facing her fears and recently turning 21 on October 3, the singer is taking on SNL once again, with a brand new song and a brand new hair-do.

This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

October 14

Domino

Starring: Keira Knightley, Lucy Liu, Christopher Walken, Mena Suvari

Director: Tony Scott

Genre: Action, Thriller

MPAA Rating: R

A trademark Tony Scott (*Man on Fire*, *Beverly Hills Cop II*, *True Romance*) film, *Domino* presents an entertaining mix of gritty action, biting comedy and sharp visuals. The film tells the true story of Domino Harvey, daughter of legendary actor Laurence Harvey and a former Ford model who rejected her privileged Beverly Hills life to become a bounty hunter.

Elizabethtown

Starring: Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Susan Sarandon, Alec Baldwin

Director: Cameron Crowe

Genre: Comedy, Drama, Romance

MPAA Rating: PG-13

Cameron Crowe's *Elizabethtown* follows the story of Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom), a man down on his luck, as he journeys to his roots in small-town Kentucky to bury his father. Drew finds new life in his interactions with his colorful extended family, and in his unexpected romance with Claire (Kirsten Dunst), a quirky and persistent airline stewardess.

The Fog

Starring: Tom Welling, Maggie Grace, Selma Blair

Director: Rupert Wainwright

Genre: Horror, Thriller

MPAA Rating: PG-13

One hundred years ago, in a thick, eerie fog off the rocky coast of Northern California, a horrible shipwreck occurred under mysterious circumstances. Now, shrouded in darkness, the ghosts of the long-dead sailors have returned from their watery graves to exact their bloody, merciless revenge.

Book Releases

Iron Orchid by Stuart Woods

Holly Barker, the small-town cop turned CIA agent, tracks a master of disguise—and a consummate killer. *Iron Orchid*, Stuart Woods's latest in the Holly Barker series, pits the no-nonsense cop against a very elusive killer—Teddy Fay, a villain first introduced in *Capital Crimes*—and the sparks fly.

Authorities thought they had seen the last of Teddy Fay—the ex-CIA tech wizard who kills his political targets for sport—when his plane exploded off the coast of Maine. But they underestimated him once, and they're in danger of doing so again. Now they've found irrefutable evidence that he is alive and on his way to hit a group who will never see him coming.

DVD Releases

Available October 11

"Veronica Mars" – The complete first season

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Kingdom of Heaven

"South Park" – The complete sixth season

Entertainment

October 10:

My Chemical Romance at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale

October 11:

Kanye West at University of Miami Convocation Center in Coral Gables

October 15:

Our Lady Peace/All American Rejects at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton

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Greek 101: Alcohol

NSU Greeks Exposed to the Realities of Alcohol

By **Caroline Cullen**
Knightslife Editor

On Thursday, September 28, NSU's Alvin Sherman Library hosted Greek 101: Alcohol, an alcohol awareness workshop geared toward campus sororities and fraternities.

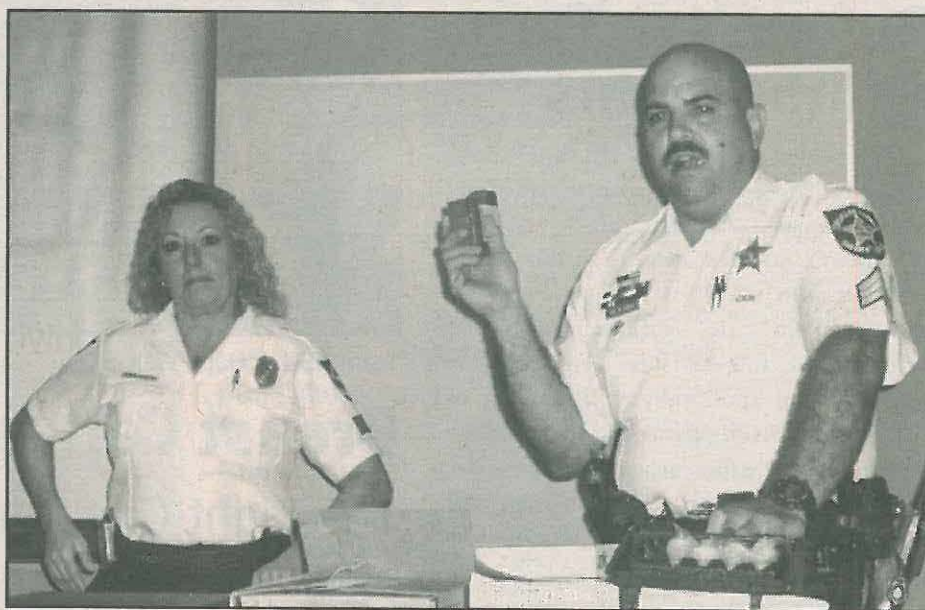
According to the Broward County Sheriff's DUI Unit, Nearly 40% of Florida's traffic fatalities in 2000 were alcohol-related and in the last 20 years, alcohol-related fatalities have increased by one-third. "Anyone can be the perpetrator; we have arrested mothers, fathers, priests, teachers and fellow officers," states BSO Sergeant M. Kogod.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office presented demonstrations that kept attendees wide eyed through out the event. Officers began the workshop with facts and statistics on breathalyzers, blood alcohol limits (.08 for ages 21 and up, and .02 for those under the age of 21), DUI arrests and penalties.

"The real eye opener was the slide show," offers freshman Jennifer Goldstein. A series of real cases were compiled into a slide show by the Broward County Sheriff's Office and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. BSO officer F. Dicienzo warned students with weak stomachs to exit the room before the slide show was to begin. Each slide was a testimony to the dangers of driving while intoxicated, from the twisted metal that was once an automobile, to mangled bodies that were once alive.

The officers simulated a routine DUI test and had volunteers first walk in a straight line, arms outstretched, one foot in front of the other and then had the participants wear a pair of goggles that represented the view of a drunk driver.

In addition to speaking about alcohol abuse and driving under the influence, BSO officers offered students with information on pharmaceutical drugs that



BSO Officer F. Dicienzo and Sgt. M. Kogod demonstrate breathalyzers to the students. Photo by Caroline Cullen

are commonly abused, such as: Rohypnol, Xanax, Oxicontin, Ritalin and Aterol. The use of such pharmaceutical drugs can lead to date rape, overdoses, incarceration, accidents and death.

For more information

www.sheriff.org
www.MADD.org
www.drugfreeamerica.org
www.painfullyobvious.com

OASIS Shows NSU Women How to Belly Dance

By **Kristine Belizaire**
Distribution Manager

NSU students gathered in front of the Parker building on the evening of September 30 and were led to the Athletics and Student Affairs building for the belly dancing class sponsored by OASIS.

Oasis is an organization on campus that promotes Middle Eastern and Arabic culture. The belly dancing class was open to everyone on campus; its incentive was to demonstrate to the NSU community different aspects of other cultures using entertainment and participation.

Half a dozen girls attended the class, where each was given an Egyptian scarf to tie at their waists as part of the traditional belly dancing

attire. Dancing instructor Nilobon Podhipleux, originally from Thailand, instructed the attendees on how to move their bodies to Middle Eastern music and songs by Latin pop star, Shakira; dance moves included circular shimmies and hip drops.

President of OASIS and Junior at NSU, Elizabeth Darwish, said, "I hope that this class will bring others to join OASIS."

The event came to a close at 7:30 and light refreshments were served to the participants. Alexandra Heron, freshman at NSU said, "I think that it was an enlightening experience and exposed me to an art in another culture."



Nilobon Podhipleux (front) teaches the NSU ladies how to belly dance. Photo by Kristine Belizaire

NSU Honors Student and Student Organization of the Month

By **Caroline Cullen**
Knightslife Editor

NSU's Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development honors one student and one student organization each month; this acknowledgement is based on both their leadership skills and their commitment to building the community.

According to Graduate Assistant for Student Involvement, Stan Kaszuba, contenders are nominated by their peers and reviewed by The Office of Student Activities and Leadership

Development team. The students and organizations that are selected each month receive a certificate as well as a \$25 gift card to either the NSU Bookstore or towards their student organization account.

For the month of September, NSU honors Student of the Month Sami Ray, who holds four titles at NSU, including: SGA Senate Secretary, GSSA Vice President, Diversity Ambassador and FCPC Secretary. Ray's peers nominated

her for her active presence on campus, willingness to help peers, and passion for the organizations in which she is involved. "I was really excited when I first saw it and I feel very honored that I was chosen," said Ray.

The title of Student Organization for the month was awarded to the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. According to Kaszuba, the organization was recognized for fundraising efforts, initiating

the first ever church on campus program, initiating responses from community churches to build college programming in the community, and active involvement with the Quad Thursday program.

At the end of the school year, The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development will sponsor a celebration that will recognize all of the winners from each month.

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

Before You Turn Off the Lights

Is sex just sex? Or are those down with a quickie just fooling themselves? Many of us have struggled with this love vs. lust dilemma in our own lives, or at least know someone who has.

There are various types of relationships, and each one seems to come with its own specifically designed set of "rules," boyfriend/girlfriends, friends with benefits, booty calls, one night stands, etc. The question is, who sets these rules and how are we supposed to know where to draw lines and boundaries?

First we must recognize that we are all individuals with our own life experiences which help navigate us through our lives. Each person has their own perception on who they are, what the person they are with means to them and what they want out of a particular relationship. The hard part is understanding what you want and how the other person perceives it.

Although we all live by our own set of moral codes, casual sex can be gratifying if done safely and for the right reasons. The problem is that many of us are just trying to convince ourselves and others that it is only a roll in the hay that they are interested in, when in reality there are ulterior motives behind the "free loving."

Some people use sex as a trade off for human contact and acceptance; others give all of themselves to some one who doesn't feel quite the same, in order to get whatever little tidbit they can; while some poor fools are being led on by someone with less than honorable intentions.

Who can tell the difference? You can! Although we are not mind readers, we are quite perceptive. Step outside of your self for a moment and take a look from another angle. Let go of your "idea" of your relationships and look at the "reality" of them. Are you doing this for the right reasons? Is this intimacy going to really be gratifying in the long run? What do you expect in the aftermath of this sex-capade?

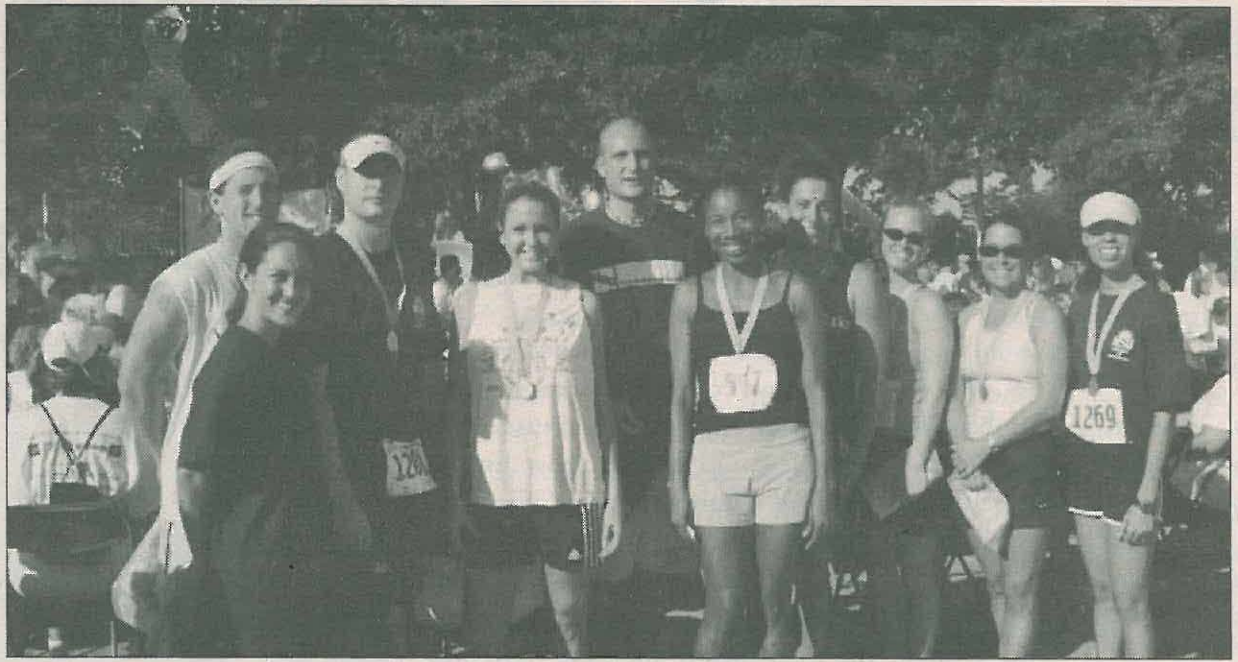
Remember, the question to ponder is not whether casual sex is right or wrong, the question to ask yourselves is whether casual sex is the right decision for you and the person that you plan to get intimate with. You can fool others, but you can never fool yourself.

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Team NSU at Hope Walk 5K on Sunday, October 2. Photo courtesy NSU Website

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Fight Continues

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

The month of October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for many it brings hope for the fight against breast cancer.

Breast cancer awareness month is a time to educate and raise funds for the fight against breast cancer, bringing both survivors and patients together to find innovative ways of battling the disease.

The American Cancer Society states that every year approximately 270,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer. Education and awareness are the keys to fighting breast cancer. Wearing pink ribbons to promote awareness, along with participating in efforts to fight the disease can bring us one step closer to finding a cure.

Many organizations and institutes, including Nova Southeastern

University, hold events to assist in fight against breast cancer.

Nova Southeastern University is hosting a number of events to commemorate Breast cancer awareness month. On Sunday October 2, NSU participated in a Hope Walk 5K run/run at Aventura Mall to raise money for more research. Hundreds of participants, including NSU students, staff and faculty, walked and ran for 3 and a half mile to show their support.

NSU will be sponsoring another Hope Walk on October 24, at the Sawgrass Mills Mall starting at 8 a.m. To register, contact the office of Recreation and Wellness at 954-262-7040. Registration is \$20; there will be free food, prizes, entertainment, music, and massages.

Facts about Breast Cancer

1. Breast cancer does not only affect women whose families have a history of breast cancer; although women with a family history have a higher chance, the disease can strike any women indiscriminately.
2. While mostly women over 50 get breast cancer; women in their early 20s and 30s have been diagnosed.
3. There are people who survived breast cancer after years of treatment and early detection.
4. Eight out of 10 lumps are not cancer, but you should see a physician immediately if you find a lump in your breast.
5. Every year about 1,600 men are diagnosed with breast cancer and 400 die.

*Compiled by The American Cancer Society

Got a Question for Student Counseling

Fire Away.

- Q:** Between work and a bunch of other stuff going on, I don't have much time for homework. But if I don't start studying more than I am now, forget it—I'm barely scraping by as it is. But I don't see me sitting in the library Friday night, either. I'm too burned out. Something has to give—but I don't even have the time to figure out what.
- A:** You sound pretty stressed, with no time to spare, so let's make this fast. To fit more studying into your life, you need to steal time away from something else you're currently doing, or you need to use your existing time more efficiently. Or both. Here are a few suggestions. If they aren't enough, call us for an appointment (954-262-7050).
1. *Allow your television to get some sleep.* If you watch this week's episodes of your favorite shows, you'll feel compelled to tune in to next week's, too. But if you let your poor TV get some much needed rest, then you'll scare up a few extra hours you thought were not there.
 2. *Allow yourself to get some sleep.* It's easier to read your textbooks when your eyes are open, and it's easier for them to be open now if they were blissfully closed last night. Having trouble sleeping? Get some exercise and/or come and see us in Student Counseling. We can help you to get your mind to quit racing when your head hits the pillow.
 3. *Treat yourself to studying time.* You tell yourself all the time, "I'm too stressed out. I need to chill. Hell, I deserve to chill." And when you deserve it, you make damn sure it happens. So what would change if you decided to treat studying as a privilege, rather than an obligation or a sentence? If you were living in a country where your textbooks were banned and studying was a crime, you'd fight like crazy for the right to learn. No need to fight here, at least not at the moment, but that's no reason not to tell yourself, "I need to study. Hell, I deserve to study."
 4. *Schedule studying time.* What is it about writing down a commitment that helps make sure it happens? Once you've blocked out your work schedule and your classes in your Palm Pilot, you don't double book yourself, right? So if you were to protect, right now, a few extra hours a week for hitting the books, you'd just fit your other stuff around them.
 5. *Go for snippets.* If you're reading an exciting novel and don't have enough time to get through the next 100 pages, do you avoid picking it up? No—you steal whatever snippets of time you can scare up. So if this strategy works for novels, why not for studying? Ten minutes here and 20 there add up.

Have a question you'd like answered in this space? Fire away: Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentcounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).



Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

We're currently in the middle of the proverbial cold and flu season, and it's pretty apparent that students and faculty alike are being hit hard.

While this is a normal occurrence – that is, it happens pretty much every year – I think that we have a tendency to make things worse than they are.

If people stayed home from school or work for a day or two when they were ill, they would recover faster, get more work done when they returned, and spread the illness to fewer people. However, it seems that it's unacceptable in our culture to stay home and take care of ourselves. Why is that? Certainly, I think it ought to be less acceptable to bring your contagion with you to places where large groups of people will be exposed to them.

Apparently, not everyone holds the same logic as I do. We're penalized for missing classes, even sometimes when we have a legitimate excuse, and when calling in sick to work, the people in charge are sometimes less than understanding. In fact, they even sometimes lay a guilt trip to get you to come in anyway.

Now, missing classes or work mostly affects the grades or paycheck of the one who's not showing up. If someone abuses the system and simply doesn't show up most of the time, they're the one who will ultimately suffer. However, if the person is genuinely ill, I would rather pick up a little bit of their work load at the office than have them come in and give me something that I don't want. The last thing that I need is for a colleague or classmate to show up, be miserable the whole time, and make me sick so that I feel that I have to show up, be miserable the whole time, and give the germs to somebody else.

Perhaps people don't want to miss out on material, can't afford a day less of work on their paycheck, or just have too much work to do to stay home. I suppose that says something about us as a whole— maybe that we're a bit too preoccupied with work.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly on the Wall: Changes in the Air

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

NSU is transforming so quickly that soon it will seem like a completely new university. Construction is literally remaking the scenery that many freshmen have not become familiar with yet and that returning students already see as customary. Furthermore, students will be seeing the new mascot as early as this month instead of next Fall semester, as originally planned by the people upstairs (on the administrative ladder obviously).

All of this is corresponding lovely with the arrival of the fall season; the days are shorter, the nights are longer, the trees are gradually turning brown with the leaves creating a mosaic carpet on the grass, the cool air blows nicely during the afternoon, and the aromatic scent of autumn perfumes the breezes.

I am being overly optimistic, of course. The days are shorter because the impenetrable, dense storm clouds blot out the sun, the leaves are being torn from the arms of their loving branches by the gale-force winds, the air is cool only when accompanied by huge, stinging drops of rain, and the only scent I detect is the mold collecting on the Goodwin classroom floor during the SGA Senate meetings.

Nevertheless, the campus is changing and that is enough excitement and suspense without the torture that Mother Nature has devised in pure contempt of people without umbrellas (like myself).

I am going to give the public the lowdown on the change

of the mascot that wasn't on the down low. "Down low? What are you speaking of, Paul? What information could the paying NSU community possibly not have the right to know? I don't understand? Tell me more, tell me more."

I will; that is why I am here. As I mentioned in the last issue, the resolution by the School Pride School Spirit Task Force stated that "both Dean Williams and Coach Mominey think that the energy currently surrounding this initiative will be virtually impossible to place" and therefore the mascot will be changed the Monday immediately after Homecoming: October 24. Kathryn Blanco, Director of Student Engagement, represented a bill by the SPSS Task Force that requested funds in order to buy promotional items, athletic gear, and propaganda of the like.

What was to remain "confidential," as Blanco requested, was the exact amounts that the SGA approved for the purchase of these items. Now why would that information need to be undisclosed? SGA President Jason Peebles asked exactly that question, seconding my curiosity. Blanco answered by saying that the figures must remain confidential to deter potential theft of equipment and items. What? It makes sense that if a thief knew the value of an item it would be more desirable, but how many people would go as far as to steal a banner, sign, or mug, let alone a rower's unisuit?



Additional Notes

- \$ Tailgate parties for Men's and Women's Soccer are usually scheduled for Saturday home games next to the soccer field. Check the athletics website online and come out to support your teams!
- \$ The mascot will be announced on October 24, the Monday after Homecoming, instead of next Fall semester as originally planned.
- \$ The SGA will definitely fund \$100 for 20 shirts for clubs and organizations that are in good standing and follow the budget guidelines; each additional requested shirt will have to be bought by the organization for \$5.
- \$ SGA does not fund organization events that are open to members or E-boards only; they must be open to the entire NSU public and follow the proper guidelines as mentioned in Issue 5.

How valuable are these items that they would produce thievery? My thought is that a thief would steal it anyway, because he or she is a thief, so let the figures be known. Keeping the numbers under wraps increases controversy and doubts in the first place. People want to know where their money is going, just like in the case of the student service fee. Confidentiality, in this instance, is unnecessary.

College, Middle Schools, Its all the Same to Some

By Nicolle Garber
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I vividly remember the times in middle school when others relentlessly made fun of me and other seemingly dorky students. Well, those days of torture, teasing, and traumatizing moments have been over for quite some time. Or have they?

In middle school, I could understand that bullying others is natural—middle school is all about making others feel suicidal, apparently—but now in college, I expected things to be different. I am referring to this woman in one my classes. I will neither disclose the name of the woman nor the name of the class, but instead I will call her Jane, and call the

class underwater basket weaving to utterly confuse you all.

Now, Jane is visibly 10 years older than the majority of the class, doesn't seem to be from around here, and exhibits a less-than-fully-developed knowledge of semantics. This class we are in, underwater basket weaving, is not an easy class, nor is it easy for those who, like myself, are not very strong in efficiently learning critical thinking skills. Because this 'weaving' is complicated to many, one would expect that those who are not so inclined as to understand it quickly would ask many questions.

Well, every time Jane asks a question, snickers, giggles and annoyed faces suddenly erupt within the class. Jane tends to ask

the same question over and over, and the teacher answers over and over because she doesn't necessarily comprehend what the teacher is saying the first time. These reactions of eye rolling and head shaking are not overly conspicuous, but almost everyone in the class notices each other's public display of annoyance.

I forget sometimes: am I in college, or back in middle school? Back in the day, I used to make fun of others with merciless contempt, but I learned my lesson. Being teased made me understand how others felt, therefore I stopped—completely. If I do notice something

In T.V. Land

Great Things About Stereotypes

By Marines Alvarez
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Usually, the basis of all comedy is rooted in stereotypes. It is clear in everything from the casting in *The Real World* (the innocent one, the promiscuous one, the homosexual, the country boy, etc.) to the material that makes up 98.7 percent of all stand-up comedy acts.

There are some people who want to avoid these stereotypes and create characters with layers, or ones who are unpredictable or unique. But during the week of October 2, the cable channel Bravo took a different route with their five part series, *Great Things About Being...*

This series takes a self described, "fun, facetious, satiric and sometimes edgy look" at the best things about a group of stereotypes, including being fat, "queer", and "red stater".

Each night (and each of the thirty times they repeat the show), a panel of celebrities and comedians, reminiscent of *vh1's Best Week Ever*, expound on the best things about being categorized in each category.

What are some great things about being fat you may ask? Well, according to Bravo, great cleavage and being everyone's best friend. Best thing about being blonde? You are the perfect homemaker and you always have more fun. Great things about being queer? The parades and the show tunes, of course.

For the most part this show takes all the stereotypes that have been beaten into your head and tries to put a funny spin on them. It isn't that it's distasteful exactly or unfunny, just that it's been done so many times that all it manages to draw from me is a smile, a chuckle or a "I've heard that one before."

So if you're in the mood to be entertained but just aren't quite sure you want laugh out loud funny, this is the show for you. Interesting premise, but like I said before, all these jokes were better the first time I heard them. Let it be a lesson to The Powers That Be in T.V. land.

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somewhat ridiculous or someone being an absolute pestilence, I keep my comments to myself. Or express them amongst my close friends. I guess you can say I became mature...somewhat.

I find it intolerable when Jane does not understand something, the teacher gets a bit annoyed, she asks the same question again, and the class becomes the childish characters I learned to fear from middle school. At this age, I would expect maturity; I would expect them to respect her as one of their peers and refrain from rolling their eyes; I would expect them to act properly and just listen without making remarks.

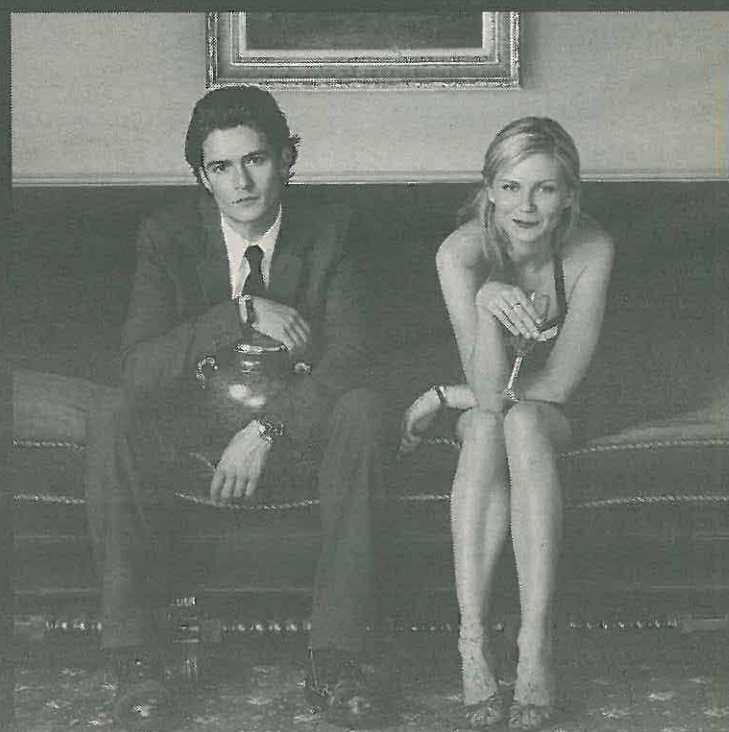
I do not know if Jane notices the other students' reactions, nor do I know if she feels embarrassed by the situation. Ironically, most of the other students in the class are doing poorly, and they rarely ask questions.

I do admit that sometimes her inability to grasp the present subject is a bit frustrating, but I dare not make a face because if she does not understand something, then it is her prerogative to ask until she does, and my prerogative to sit and be respectful towards her. I am no longer in middle school, yet my peers do not seem to know that—and that is what is worth teasing.

Semi-Annual Book Sale

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center will be hosting its semi-annual book sale next week. A large collection of books will be available- everything from children's books to professional journals.

Times the book sale will be open include Oct. 20 from 1 to 6 p.m., Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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