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## Life 101.....Personally Speaks to Jason Taylor



Life 101' Personal Speaker Jason Taylor signs autographs for attending guests. **Below:** Jason Taylor during the show. Photo courtesy Gerlinde Photography

By Kristine Belizaire  
Distribution Manager

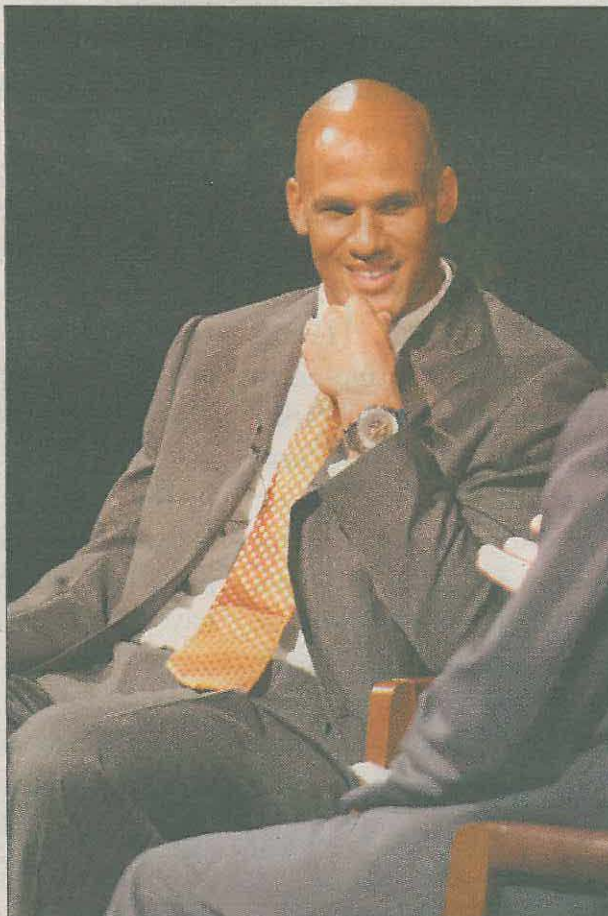
Hundreds of people gathered in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on October 10 for the Life 101: Personally Speaking series, hosted by Mark Cavanaugh, PH.D.

Life 101, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, is a series which brings people who have shown dedication, perseverance and success to speak to the NSU community. On Oct. 10, NSU welcomed Jason Taylor, the defensive lineman for the Miami Dolphins, three time champion of the NFL's (National Football League) Ultimate Defender competition, and three time honoree as the Most Valuable Player for the Dolphins.

Jason Taylor is not only a superb athlete, but a pillar of the community. Taylor has contributed to many charitable organizations, including the Urban League of Broward

County and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Taylor has also founded his own organization: the Jason Taylor Foundation. The Jason Taylor Foundation's mission is to build better futures for the children in South Florida; in less than one year, Taylor's organization has raised over \$300,000 dollars.

During Life 101, Taylor spoke about his background, which included his religious family and the hardships of moving from home to home in low-income parts of Pittsburgh that were surrounded by gangs. Taylor also spoke about his history with sports, saying



that he originally liked basketball, but joined the football team his junior year of high school. Taylor also praised his high school and

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## No Music Mandate Affecting Parker Exists

By Greg Kyriakakis  
Staff Writer

An alleged mandate banning music in front of the Parker Building has been declared to never have existed by NSU officials, despite the ongoing inability to find the source of the rumor. Clubs and organizations are thus free to play music in front of the building, although a new policy will be implemented in the future.

During the Sept. 21 NSU Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, Don Rosenblum, Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said that there was never a mandate prohibiting music near Parker.

Confusion arose after the Sept. 7 SGA meeting, in

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# NSU Bike Rental Program Off to a Good Start

By Greg Kyriakakis  
Staff Writer

NSU's free bike rental program, lead by the Office of Residential Life and Housing, has received much attention since it began on September 19, according to Residential Life officials. One of the 20 available bikes can be checked out by anyone with a valid NSU ID card for a period of 24 hours by visiting the front desk at the Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall.

Director of Housing Anthony DeSantis said that the program has been successful thus far. He indicated that during the first week of the program, bikes were signed out 28 times by students. Some renters renewed their bike rental three consecutive days, which is the maximum set by Residential Life.

Victor Calderin, Front Office Assistant for Residential Life, checks out numerous bikes each week, many of which are renewals. He said that students are "enthusiastic" about the program and that demand has become high enough for the staff to "have to tell people that there aren't enough bikes." DeSantis hopes to add



A rented bike, with bright orange tape, is locked up at a bike rack outside of the Parker building. Photo by Greg Kyriakakis

20 bikes each year, as well as install additional bike racks throughout campus to accommodate bikers.

Although operation of the program has been smooth for the most part, some problems did arise. According to DeSantis, the program's start was delayed a week while the agreement form was crafted and bikes were outfitted

with bright orange tape and locks. In the few weeks that the program has been operational, DeSantis also reported that two seats were stolen from the "nicer" bikes.

DeSantis sees the program as another way of enhancing students' experience at NSU. "Hopefully it will keep students fit and get them to class quickly. It gives them another

way to get through campus." He also believes that bike riding students will provide for more interaction around campus.

Bikes can be rented for reasons other than traveling to class. NSU sophomore Ed Fletcher enjoyed his rental bike to tour the areas around campus with a friend. Fletcher feels that "the bikes are a good start to help the residents get around," instead of waiting for the campus shuttle.

There are rules placed on rented bikes. The NSU Bike Program Student Agreement contains a number of provisions students must agree to before using a bike. They include taking responsibility for damages to the bike while in their possession, incurring a minimum fine of \$150 and a judicial hearing if the bike is stolen, and that deadlines for returning the bike must be respected.

The rental program was started with the help of automobile dealer Rick Case. Refurbished bikes were donated by the company in exchange for an advertisement in an NSU off/on campus housing guide.

## MUSIC

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which SGA President Jason Peebles announced the alleged mandate. According to Peebles, the mandate came from Naomi D'Alessio, Associate Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Science. Peebles later said that he learned of the mandate from Terry Morrow, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

Morrow said that the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences did not want music outside of Parker since faculty found it distracting. Morrow's office will be creating a policy which will most likely have students migrating away from Parker and into the quad area — the current location of "Quad Thursdays." As of now, Morrow said that her office "does not say no music" but requested that Radio X does not play in front of Parker.

After being named as the originator of the mandate, D'Alessio said that she is uncertain about how her name became associated with the issue, adding that "I've never spoken with anyone" about a mandate. She does feel that as Parker is

an academic building, loud music outside "would be disturbing" to the students inside, but confirmed that "there is no mandate."

Peebles indicated that the issue "has people thinking, but I don't know what will come of it." He is in favor of clubs continuing to play music in front of Parker as long as the volume is kept at a reasonable level. "Music helps create events. It helps draw attention," Peebles said, adding that events with music are the best way to grab the attention of commuters who are prone to leave campus directly following class.

Those attending the SGA meeting at which the mandate was announced were "astonished" by it, according to Peebles. He feels that this situation showed a lack of communication between the students and administration. Peebles added that if a true mandate banning music is enacted, the SGA will join with Radio X in an attempt to have it reversed.

SGA Public Relations Director Danielle Garcia, who also works for Radio X, said that the radio station "was handed this information from Student Affairs." After learning of the alleged mandate, Garcia said that Radio X "started a petition to see if students wanted the radio station to play in front of Parker, and they signed it." According to Garcia, Radio X has not been greatly affected by the confusion "because we are still being hired by many, just events in front of Parker have been dwindling."

Plans to assemble a group of undergraduate and graduate students to share thoughts and research other universities' music policies are being determined by Morrow. From there, a new policy regarding music for NSU will be announced. Students interested in sharing their views on the subject can contact Morrow through email at [tmorrow@nova.edu](mailto:tmorrow@nova.edu).

With additional reporting from Paul Saneaux.

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### Money For College

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# Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

## Smoking Lowers IQ

Although the tie between alcohol and low IQ has been known for some time, researchers have discovered that cigarette smoke has similar effects. *Health and Medical News* reported that an upcoming article in the *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* journal conclude that "smoking is associated with diminished thinking ability, even among men without alcohol problems." Robert Zucker, senior author of the article, said that "The exact mechanism for smoking's impact on the brain's higher functions is still unclear, but may involve both neurochemical effects and damage to the blood vessels that supply the brain." The ongoing study has been running for 15 years, and has been funded for another five. Smoking was found to have the biggest impact on memory, problem solving, and IQ.

## UNICEF Killed the Smurfs

Smurfs are decimated in a new UNICEF ad running on Belgian television. According to the *Associated Press*, the 20-second ad depicts the once peaceful Smurf village being carpet bombed as "The bombs kill Smurfette, leaving Baby Smurf orphaned and crying at the edge of a crater." The ad is hoped to "shock" the public and raise awareness for fund-raising to help "ex-child soldiers in Africa." UNICEF Belgium spokesman Philippe Henon claimed that the ads are working, as stunned viewers log on to the agency's Web site to find out more, and thus donate money. Because of its graphic nature and its likelihood of traumatizing Smurf-loving children, the ad runs only after 9 p.m.

## Laptop Thief Busted by Tech Support

A Lancaster, Nebraska computer thief needed help getting his newly acquired laptop to boot up, so he called IBM's tech support line. According to *Fox News*, the man was asked to provide the IBM ThinkPad's serial number to support staff, and he willingly gave out the stolen computer's ID. Staff then realized that the laptop had been reported stolen and alerted local authorities, who were able to track down and arrest Darrell Brown for the theft. While searching his home, police also found a pistol stolen by Brown in 1989.

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## News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

### Middle East

#### Earthquake kills 30,000

*The Associated Press* reported on October 9 that a "huge earthquake that struck Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan" has killed 30,000 as of press time. A senior official of the Pakistani army told reporters that the most casualties were suffered in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, where the epicenter of the 7.6 magnitude quake was located. He also said that "41,000 people were injured in the tremors across the affected nations." Rescue efforts were hampered by rain and frequent aftershocks that caused more buildings to collapse. Hospitals in the damaged areas also had to be relocated to treat victims with severe injuries.

For more information visit [www.newscotsman.com](http://www.newscotsman.com).

### North America

#### Scientists say flu vaccine supply not enough

A viral disease specialist warned at a medical conference that the "U.S. stockpiles of drugs that could help in the fight against a feared human influenza pandemic are woefully inadequate." Philipp Gollner of *Reuters* reported that the stockpile consists of the antiviral medication oseltamivir, "marketed by Roche Laboratories as Tamiflu, to treat about 2.3 million people." However, it is estimated that another 90 million people would need vaccinations in the event of a flu outbreak. By the end of the year, the stockpile is planned to increase to cover another 4.3 million people. Scientists are worried that the avian flu that has killed millions of birds in Asia could mutate to infect humans and spread through the population.

For more information visit [www.today.reuters.com](http://www.today.reuters.com).

### Europe

#### Turkey, Romania kill birds to stop avian flu

On October 9, Turkish and Romanian scientists "culled thousands of birds and imposed quarantine zones on Sunday to try to stop the spread of avian flu" while researchers worked to discover if the infection was due to the deadly H5N1 strain. According to Gareth Jones of *Reuters* and the local media, 2,000 infected turkeys died at one farm alone, and hundreds of other birds died at other locations. Another case was reported in Romania near the Black Sea. If the viral infection is determined to be the H5N1 strain, it is proof that the virus was spread from Asia.

For more information visit [www.today.reuters.com](http://www.today.reuters.com).

### South America

#### Venezuela seeking nuclear reactor

*Reuters* reported on October 8 that Venezuela has "asked to buy a nuclear reactor from Argentina" in a proposal that has been avoided by many Argentinian officials because of President Hugo Chavez's conflicts with Washington. A South American newspaper stated Venezuelan "state-owned oil firm PDVSA requested a medium-strength reactor in a meeting with Argentine officials in Buenos Aires in late August." Argentinian President Nestor Kirchner also told reporters, according to the *Clarín* newspaper, that his government was divided as to selling nuclear technology to Venezuela.

For more information visit [www.today.reuters.com](http://www.today.reuters.com).

### Africa

#### Botswana accused of ethnic cleansing

A British group called Survival International has accused the Botswanan government of forcibly removing the last living bushmen in the Kalahari Desert from their homes on ancestral lands. Barnaby Phillips of BBC News reported that the Botswanan government has denied the accusations, claiming that the "bushmen have been leaving the Kalahari, but at their own request." Officials do want the bushmen to leave the central Kalahari game reserve and say their presence is a threat to wildlife. Survival International, however, says the government wants to relocate the bushmen in order to exploit diamond reserves in the area.

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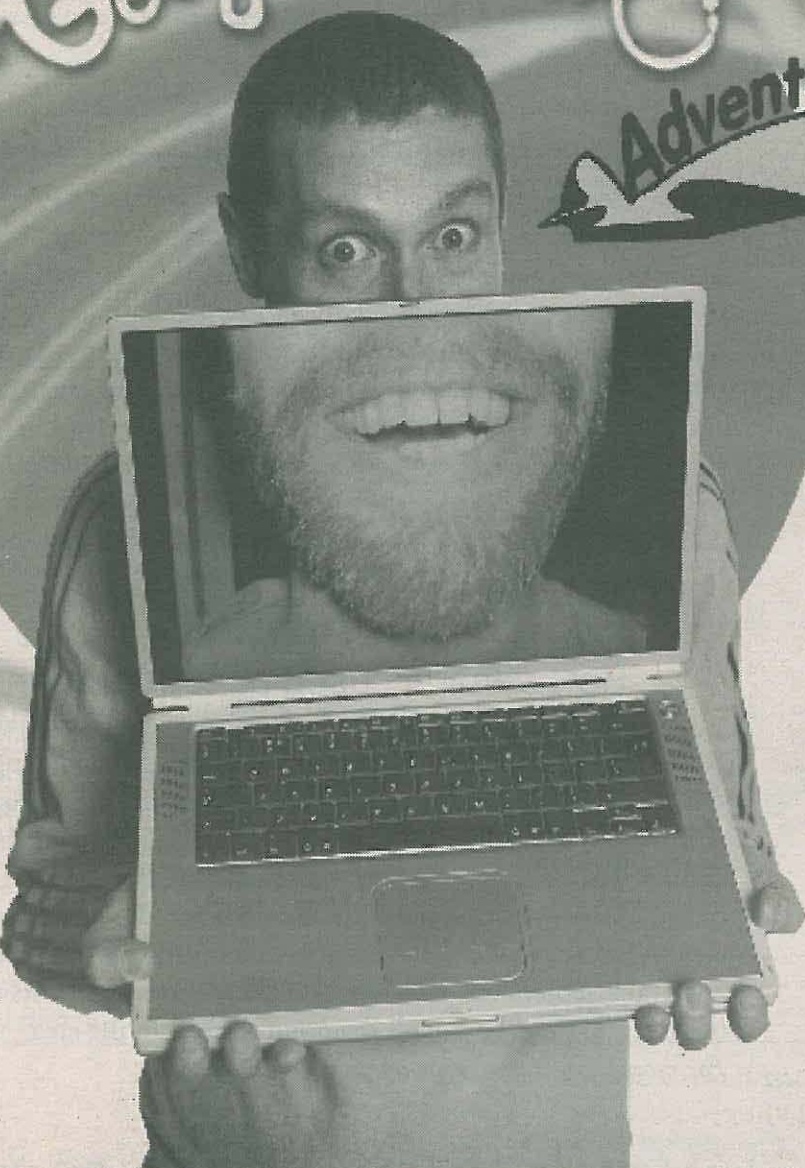
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## First Annual Ethics Bowl at NSU Participants put their ethical reasoning to the test

By Kristine Belizaire  
Distribution Manager

On Saturday, October 08, the first annual ethics bowl took place at NSU in the Wayne H. Huzienga School of Business.

A week of ethics awareness on campus came to a close with the NSU's Annual Ethics Bowl. The Ethics Bowl is a tournament based on ethical reasoning, with questions ranging from special treatment for athlete to privacy rights; teams had to best defend its position in ethical dilemmas.

April Eldemire, G.A for Multicultural and Spiritual Development, said "I felt that NSU needed this because there is so much happening on campus and

ethics is a subject that needs to be brought up. The ethics bowl will also expand students mind about why they are attending university and what their purposes are while having fun"

The ethics bowl began at 9 a.m with breakfast and team registration. Eight teams were formed: the Toscano group, the emerging leaders, the social constructionists, the physical therapy group, The Alpha Kappa Psi, The master debaters, XX + XY<sup>3</sup>, and the NSUSGA. Participants included both undergraduates to graduate students, which gave different



The Social Constructionist received their 1st place trophy in the Ethics Bowl Contest. Photo by Kristine Belizaire

aspects of what different age groups consider to be ethical.

Each team was randomly paired of with another, then asked to answer two questions. The winner of the round was the one whose answer's reflected the best understanding of ethically relevant factors.

The event was separated in to three parts: the first round, semi finals, and finals.

In between breaks, free food and prizes, including watches and portfolios, were given away. The teams that made into the finals were the Social Constructionists and the

NSUSGA. After deliberation from the judges, the Social Constructionists were declared the winners, with NSUSGA as first runner up and the XX + XY<sup>3</sup> as second runner up.

As the event came to a close, the winning team received a fifty dollar gift certificate for each member and an all-expense paid trip to the National ethics bowl in St.

Petersburg, Florida. All the participating teams received a certificate of participation.

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

## Self Exploration

Just when I thought my peer's ignorance could no longer shock me, I was caught with my mouth wide open in disbelief.

I am sure that your dirty little minds are expecting some crazy, over the top sex act, while on the contrary it is very innocent.

Recently, I became engulfed in conversation with a 30 year old woman, who has had more than one sexual encounter and is now married. As this woman and I entertained various sexual topics and my conversation partner became more comfortable and open, she asked me a very simple question, "What hole does a women's pee come out of?" WHAT!? I was convinced that she was pulling my leg. She wasn't.

For the life of me, I could not fathom how a person who has lived 30 years of life with the same body, could be so uninformed of its functions. Now, don't get me wrong, lack of experience does not mean a person is a moron, but self exploration seems obvious to me.

Self exploration is the only way to truly understand your own body and how it works. I recommend that everyone (especially women) grab a mirror one day and "check under the hood." Exploring your own body is the key to helping yourself and your partner realize what you like and how to accomplish it, and you will know which hole your urine escapes you. Opening up to a close friend and asking questions is also a great way to learn about yourself through other's experiences.

Not everyone is comfortable with talking openly about topics that concern their own "private" parts, and that is ok; explore on your own, surf the-net or read a book. Get educated on your body, because it will be yours forever.

## NSU Helps Furry Hurricane Victims

By Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

How can you help the animal victims affected by hurricane Katrina? Simple: relax to live music, have a few cocktails and mingle with the crowd.

Nova Southeastern University's chapter of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund is hosting an Animal Relief event in which all proceeds will benefit the Humane Society.

The Katrina Rita Animal Relief event will be held at the Interlude Bar & Cabaret at Downtown Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk.

The event will include a full bar, free food, a live jazz band and a raffle.

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## NSU to Host Alcohol Awareness Week

Compiled by Caroline Cullen

### Did You Know?

- 23% of NSU students do NOT drink.
- 53% of NSU students designate a driver BEFORE drinking.
- 39% of students do NOT drink before reaching their destination.
- 42% of NSU students drink LESS than two alcohol beverages when they drink.
- 53% of NSU students drink LESS frequently than twice a week.

### Alcohol Statistics

- 1,700 college students between ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries.
- 599,000 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are injured under the influence of alcohol.
- More than 97,000 students between the ages 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol related sexual assault or date rape.
- 2.1 million students between ages of 18 and 24 drove under the influence of alcohol last year.
- Estimated 110,000 students between ages of 18 and 24 are arrested for an alcohol-related violation.
- About 25% of college students report academic consequences of their drinking.
- 40% of college students have "binged" on alcohol in the last two weeks.
- About 10.7 million Americans between the ages of 12 and 20 report current alcohol use, of which 7.2 million were binge drinkers.

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## TAYLOR

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# Jason Taylor shares his comments on the war in Iraq

college coaches whom played a major role in who he is today.

Taylor also commented on the war in Iraq, explaining how important the soldiers are to everyone in America, and that they are the real heroes, not

him or other athletes.

When speaking about success, Taylor says, "Confidence is key; the only way to achieve confidence is through success."

Taylor currently resides in Davie, Florida with his wife and

two sons. He and his wife are expecting their third child.

The next in the Life 101 series will be on November 10 with guest speaker Dan Abrams, chief legal correspondent for NBC and anchor for MSNBC.

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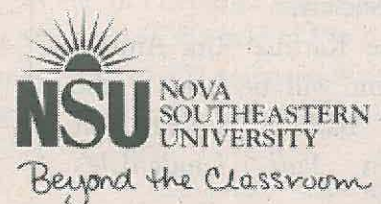
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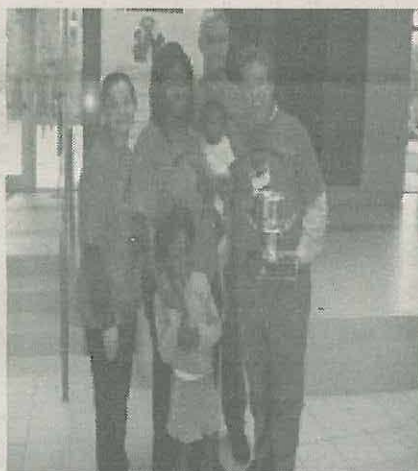


# CONGRATULATIONS!

THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISTS and NSUSGA triumphed and successfully defeated six teams in NSU's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ethics Bowl on Saturday, October 8, 2005

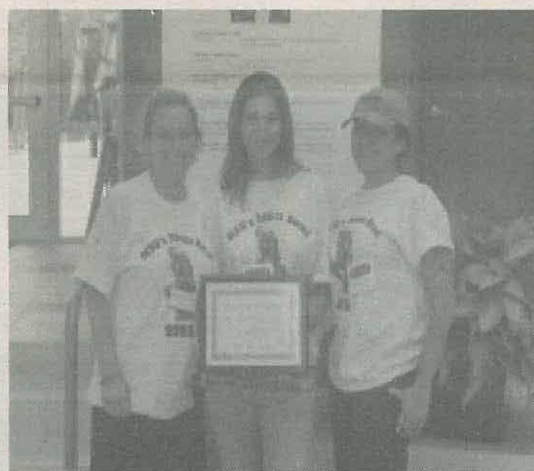
Both teams received gift certificates to Barnes and Noble, and will have the opportunity to attend the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl in St. Petersburg, Florida on November 5, 2005

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development would like to recognize and thank the following people who volunteered and supported the Ethics Bowl:



The Social Constructionists

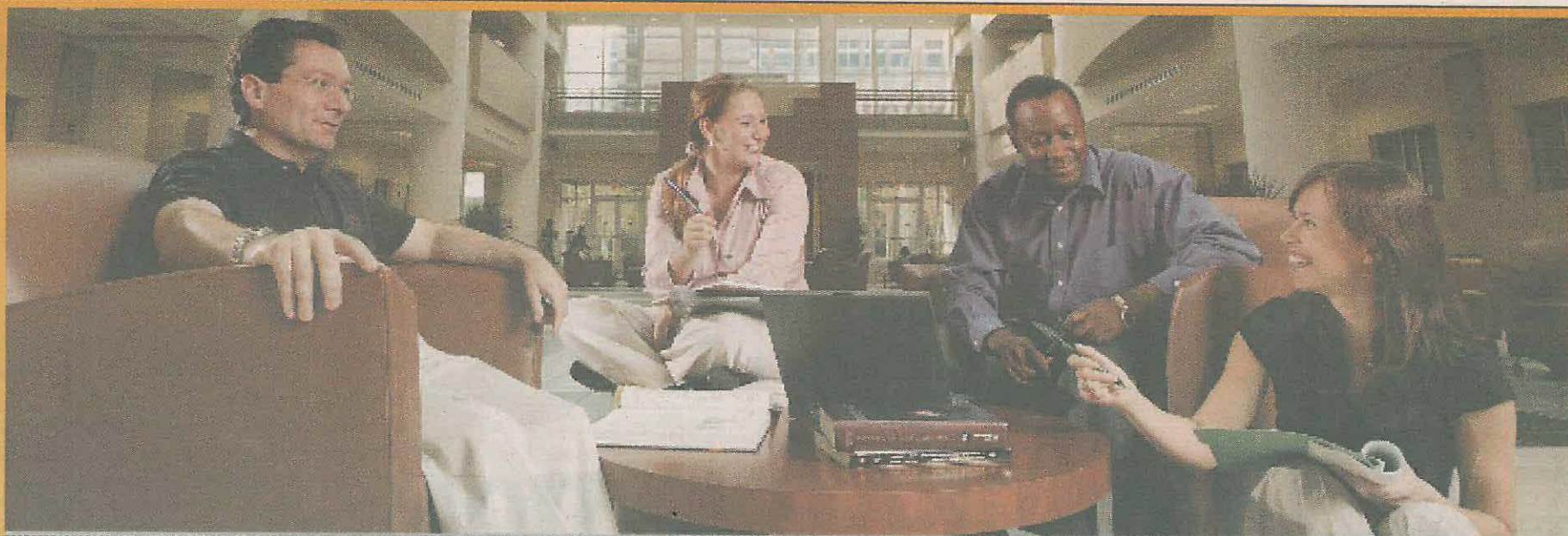
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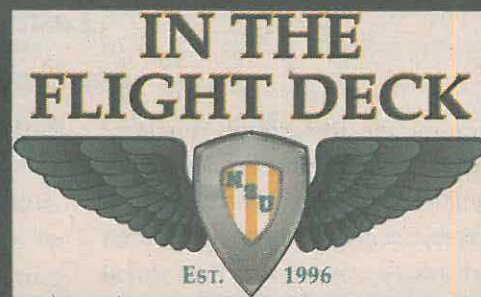
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Malcom (Fillion) and Jayne (Baldwin) check a corridor for those nasty, flesh-eating Reavers. Photo courtesy of [www.movies.com](http://www.movies.com).

## SERENITY

### Serene is Not the Key Word

Rating: \$6

By Paul Saneaux  
Staff Writer

Many can agree that George Lucas ran out of steam near the end of his decades of work with the Star Wars saga. Episodes I through III were undoubtedly not on par with the original trilogy. The prequels were marred with script-read acting, melodramatics, annoying characters, and a general loss of excitement. One can go as far as to say that Lucas tried to milk the Star Wars franchise in apprehension of the end; and that he did— to death.

The space opera genre seemed to die off with the demise of Star Wars. There was an unspoken fear of treading in the depths of space once again. However, Wookies and Jedi aside, *Serenity* ventured onto the big screen with surprising success.

The reason for *Serenity's* immediate success was that it did not fail where the last three Star Wars installments did. *Serenity*, based on the short-lived television series "Firefly" that I am very fond of, presented loveable and interesting characters, humor, intense action, and an excellent script accompanied by realistic dialogue.

Ask any "Firefly" fan and they will tell you that the characters are the main reason why the series is so engrossing. Creator Joss Whedon, who also created "Angel" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," transferred the characters' unique personalities effortlessly into the movie version. Malcolm Reynolds (Fillion) is still the tough, yet compassionate down-

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## Showbiz Bits

Compiled by Nicolle Garber

### Unhand that Bra...

Britney Spears is having a garage sale. Well... sort of. According to Yahoo! News, in an effort to raise money for the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery fund, Britney Spears held an auction on Ebay which included furniture, her "I have the golden ticket" t-shirt and — my favorite — a jeweled encrusted bra. The highest bid was at \$47,000 when Spears suddenly pulled it off the market and left fans wondering. Maybe \$47,000 wasn't high enough? Maybe \$47,000 was an insult? Maybe she thought her son could use this item later on in life? But, alas, faithful fans, the advertised bra was pulled because Britney didn't want her fans getting the wrong impression. The secondhand bra was worn during an HBO special featuring Britney, and not from her "Baby One More Time" video. "I don't want any of you to feel misled," said Spears. So for now, the new mommy's shiny underwear that costs more than

most people's entire wardrobe will stay at home. Maybe if she wears it again, its value on Ebay will triple.

### PETA Pies Again!

Anna Wintour, the editor-in-Chief of Vogue magazine, was attacked by the People for Ethical Treatment of Animal (PETA) and their tofu pies. This scenario can't get any funnier or more obvious, seeing as how Vogue supports the fur industry: if you've ever skimmed their Versace-clad pages, you would find every animal that had fur while it was living. PETA pie-throwing specialists in Paris attacked Wintour before a Chloe ready-to-wear fashion show on Saturday, according to [www.USAtoday.com](http://www.USAtoday.com). Vice President of PETA Dan Matthews said the tofu pie was thrown because Vogue refused to place a PETA ad, but chose to run fur ads instead. This isn't the first time Wintour's been hit by PETA, according to USA Today.

### Can't blame this one on any malfunctions...

Once again, the paparazzi have gone too far. A video of Janet Jackson sunbathing in the nude has surfaced all over the web, secretly taken by devious paparazzi who apparently have no shame whatsoever. Jackson's breast and buttocks can be seen in the video while she's humming to herself and tapping her butt as she flips over to tan her backside. I'm sure she isn't very happy about this. The video is 34 seconds of footage and already thousands of people have viewed it on the website [www.ifilm.com](http://www.ifilm.com). If you watch it though, imagine how you would feel if someone videotaped you naked. Creepy... isn't it? I feel paranoid already.

### Suffer in silence and without your medication...

Now we really know that Katie Holmes isn't a virgin. And along that same (disgusting) train of thought we

now know Holmes is carrying Tom Cruise's baby. The odd-couple have only been together for approximately six months, and although they aren't married yet, they have announced the upcoming addition to their peculiar (publicity oriented?) little family. Cruise has two adopted children from his former marriage to Nicole Kidman: Connor, 10, and Bella 12. According to [MSN.com](http://MSN.com), because of Cruises' abnormal attachment to the ill-reputed religion Scientology, Holmes will undergo a "silent birth" which only allows gentle moaning during childbirth. That means no yelling, screaming, cursing, or anything that might cause "trauma and affect the baby later on." Now, I'm sure, if Holmes delivers the baby and gets postpartum depression, Cruise will finally understand why anti-depressants are needed. Or maybe Holmes is just going to have to suck it up.



## This Week in Arts & Entertainment

### Movie Openings

October 21

*Doom*

**Starring:** Karl Urban, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Rosamund Pike

**Director:** Andrzej Bartkowiak

**Genre:** Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

**MPAA Rating:** R

Something has gone wrong at a remote scientific research station on Mars. All research has ceased. Communication has failed. And the messages that do get through are less than comforting. It's a level 5 quarantine and the only souls allowed in or out are the Rapid Response Tactical Squad - hardened Marines armed to the teeth with enough firepower to neutralize the enemy. The research being done at Odluval station has unwittingly opened a door, and all hell has broken loose.

*North Country*

**Starring:** Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand, Sean Bean

**Director:** Niki Caro

**Genre:** Drama

**MPAA Rating:** R

In the wake of a failed marriage, Josey Aimes (Theron) returns to her hometown in Northern Minnesota hoping to build a better life. Encouraged by her friend Glory (McDormand), Josey takes a job at the mine. She's prepared for the back-breaking and often dangerous work, but coping with the harassment she and the other female miners encounter from their male coworkers proves far more challenging. It is through this struggle that Josey finds the courage to stand up for what she believes in - even if that means standing alone.

*Stay*

**Starring:** Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts, Ryan Gosling, Janeane Garofalo

**Director:** Marc Forster

**Genre:** Thriller

**MPAA Rating:** R

In this psychological thriller, a distraught young man announces to his psychiatrist that he plans to commit suicide in three days. The psychiatrist's desperate attempts to help his new patient lead him through the city on an incredible, nightmarish trip to the place between life and death.

### Album Releases

Available October 18

*Timeless* by Martina McBride

*Playing the Angel* by Depeche Mode

*Simplified* by Simply Red



### Book Releases

Available October 18

*At First Sight* by Nicholas Sparks

In *True Believer*, Nicholas Sparks portrayed the budding romance of journalist Jeremy Marsh and town librarian Lexie Darnell. Now Jeremy and Lexie reappear as a blissfully married couple living quietly in a tiny North Carolina community as they await the birth of their first child. That scene of bucolic domestic calm evaporates, though, with the arrival of a troubling, mysterious message that they cannot ignore.

*Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan

On an ill-fated art expedition into the southern Shan state of Burma, eleven Americans leave their Floating Island Resort for a Christmas-morning tour and disappear. Through twists of fate, curses, and just plain human error, they find themselves deep in the jungle, where they encounter a tribe awaiting the return of the leader and the mythical book of wisdom that will protect them from the ravages and destruction of the Myanmar military regime.

### DVD Releases

Available October 18

Christian Bale in *Batman Begins*

*Mad Hot Ballroom*

*Land of The Dead*

### Entertainment

October 16

Grease at the Actors Playhouse in Coral Gables

October 17

Rolling Stones at American Airlines Arena

October 18

Audioslave at the University of Miami Convocation Center

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## Book Review

# Nora Roberts Lights Reader's Interest

By Marines Alvarez

A&E Editor

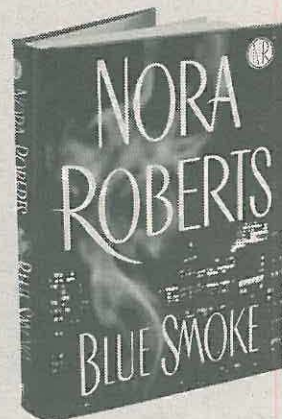
With all the things on the plate of the typical college student, reading for pleasure might seem like a foreign concept. My latest foray into leisurely reading, Nora Roberts' *Blue Smoke*, proved to be well worth the time invested.

Roberts, known mostly for her mastery of the modern romance, adds to her list of 130 printed novels with her latest romantic suspense, "Blue Smoke." The story follows Caterina "Reena" Hale, the beautiful, sharp and witty girl who develops somewhat of an obsession for fire. Reena was only eleven years old when she saw her family's restaurant, a landmark in her neighborhood, go up in flames. It's that fire that sparks her interest in learning everything she can about arson and the way fire works. With a lot of dedication, which results in a limited social life, Reena achieves her goal of being an arson investigator with the Baltimore City Police.

But while Reena succeeds in her career, she fails in her love life. With her two sisters and her brother and married and giving their already large Italian family plenty of new babies, Reena jumps from man to man and those she gets close to get burned. Literally. It isn't until she starts dating gorgeous guy next door Bo Goodnight and his truck is torched that Reena puts together that someone is out to get her, and is going after the ones she loves.

The novel is categorized as a suspense but it doesn't quite fit. The suspense is for Reena, but not for the reader. The story unrolls nicely, but any astute reader can see what, or better said who, from a mile away. The story seems to happen just like you would have expected the first time you encounter the psychotic pyromaniac who is stalking Reena. You keep expecting a big twist to jump out at you, but are left waiting for something that never comes. The biggest surprises are who the stalker goes after and what he does to them.

The story that Roberts creates is good, but her characters are what kept me turning the pages. I knew who was going after Reena, but I was cheering for her so much that I had to find out what



happened. Her interactions with the other characters, including Bo Goodnight, are so realistic that they engross you in the story.

Don't let the thought of this book being a maudlin romance novel scare you away. It wasn't until someone informed me that Roberts was a romance author that it clicked in my head. I was so focused on the arson and investigative part of it that her developing relationship with Bo, which doesn't develop until the second half of the book, serves to accentuate the story. The only remnants of the typical romance story were the sometimes graphic tellings of Reena's relationships. Don't worry; if that isn't your cup of tea, they are easy to skip over.

Another interesting element to the book was the way that Roberts digs into the mind of Reena's stalker. Her obsession with fire mirrors his, except that he's completely crazy. His voice, which Roberts interweaves into the story, is scary and disgusting at times, but as a reader you can't look away.

The book moves along easily, though you want to scream at Reena sometimes and ask her why she can't see what's going on. There are never dull moments, and everything builds to a great climax that has police and fire fighters running around the entire city. My only complaint is that the resolution to it all was fast. One minute, you are biting your nails and the next minute everything is fine and dandy. It is resolved well, but if you blink, you might miss it.

In all, Roberts adds a fine piece to her lengthy and impressive repertoire. The book's characters drive this appealing tale of arson, romance, family, and food. If you can manage to break away from your daily routine, pick up Nora Roberts' *Blue Smoke* and enjoy a very good read.





A race of cannibalistic humans, called Reavers, attack unsuspecting towns looking for a bite to eat. Photo courtesy of www.movies.com

**SERENE**

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**"Serenity presented loveable and interesting characters, humor, intense action, and an excellent script accompanied by realistic dialogue."**

to-business captain and River (Glau) is still a timid and mentally unstable teenager with lethal fighting skills. Since all the main characters retain their original personalities during this transition to the big screen, their interactions during the movie remain completely realistic. And that realism leads to some very humorous dialogue.

Natural and unforced is the way to describe the script of *Serenity*. Because of this quality, you can tend to lose the dialogue at times, especially since some of the characters speak like cowboys.

Yet, it is easy to catch on and I would much rather have flowing conversations than the stiff dialogue of *Star Wars* that Bob Dole could've recited with more feeling.

The natural dialogue also lends itself to creating humor and realism of situations. Who says that in the future people have to speak like robots and with no emotion? Five hundred years from now, during which *Serenity* takes place, personality will not cease to exist, and so the film is not presented in that way.

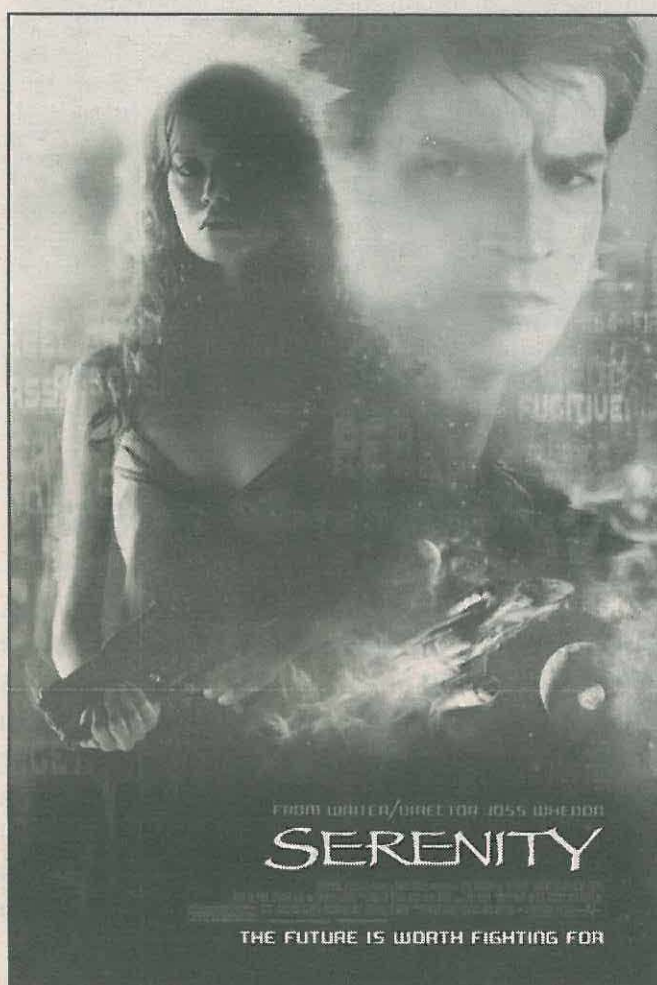
Since *Serenity* is adapted



from the television series, fans will, of course, have more of a connection to the film. That is not to say, however, that newcomers will not enjoy this sci-fi western as much as a devoted fan. *Serenity* stands alone as a great film and does not require any prior knowledge of the series. Of course, a fan will more readily believe that the Reavers are vicious and understand the characters' terrified reaction to their mentioning, but a newcomer will know what is meant when they see the Reavers for the first time.


Much like how the success of the *Star Wars* franchise lies in its


originality, *Serenity* has a great amount of appeal due to its original concepts. The film is set in the future but there are western-styled boom towns on most of the planets, people still carry six-shooters and have ranches, and the costumes consists of boots, dusters, and gun belts. All of this blends nicely with the spaceships and advanced technology to create a memorable movie. It is interesting just to see how this all fits together as the film plays out and it does— with style.


*Serenity* is the first movie of the year that I have no qualms about. This film is a nice collaboration between what makes the series great and what makes a movie irresistible. What could be better than watching a long version of your favorite television series? This is exactly what *Serenity* is— a long rendition of "Firefly." Unlike with what happened to Darth Vader, I yelled an unnecessarily prolonged "no" when *Serenity* came to an end. Do yourself a favor and catch this film.






**MOVIE REVIEWS**




**\$6- BRAVE THE LINES OPENING NIGHT!**


**\$5- SEE IT NEXT WEEK.**


**\$4- BORED? AFTERNOON MATINEE.**


**\$3- NO HURRY, RENT IT.**


**\$2- ACCIDENTLY CATCH IT ON HBO.**


**\$1- WALMART DVD BARGAIN BIN.**

**Writer:** Joss Whedon  
**Director:** Joss Whedon  
**Starring:** Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres, Alan Tudyk, Adam Baldwin, Summer Glau, Jewel Staite  
**Rated:** PG-13



## Men's Soccer Takes on Bentley

By Tranell Mesa  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team faced off against DIV II Bentley College Friday, October 7 at 7 p.m. at NSU, but played on their practice field due to poor weather conditions affecting the regular game field.

The first goals of the game were made by NSU seniors Adam Ludden, and Secquay Gordon, keeping the Knights in the lead 2-1 until half time. Bentley worked hard and towards the last 15 minutes of the game finally pulled another goal through, leaving the score 2-2.

The two teams were then forced to head into overtime, which ended in the 99th minute when Bentley scored on a header off a corner kick. The Knights are now 6-6, 1-3 in the SSC. With just 5 games left in their conference, the boys are working hard to get their wins in and pull through by the end of the season.

## Golf Takes Third at Myrtle Beach

By Valen Eberhard  
Staff Writer

Sophie Friis and Elizabeth Bond helped lead the Lady Knights to a third place finish at the annual Lenoir-Rhyne Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate Women's Golf Tournament in South Carolina. Both shot a 151 total on the par 72 Gold course at the Baytree Plantation course.

The tournament was held over a span of two days. Individually, Nova Southeastern placed two in the top ten, while each of the five-man squad shot a well rounded number. Friis and Bond both put up 151 while teammates Lina Bjorklund shot 158 (82-76), Jenna Mostrom tallied 160 (82-78), and Andrea Maldonado finished with 163 (82-81).

As a team, the Knights placed third overall, beating out number four ranked Drury University, who finished with a score of 636. West Florida went on to win the tournament by shooting 615, and number seven ranked Grand Valley State University squeaked by Nova with a score of 619; the Knights were only one shy of a second place finish. The Lady Knights will get back into the swing of things on October 23 and 24, when they host an 18 hole round at the National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens.

## Volleyball Team Falls to Florida Southern

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

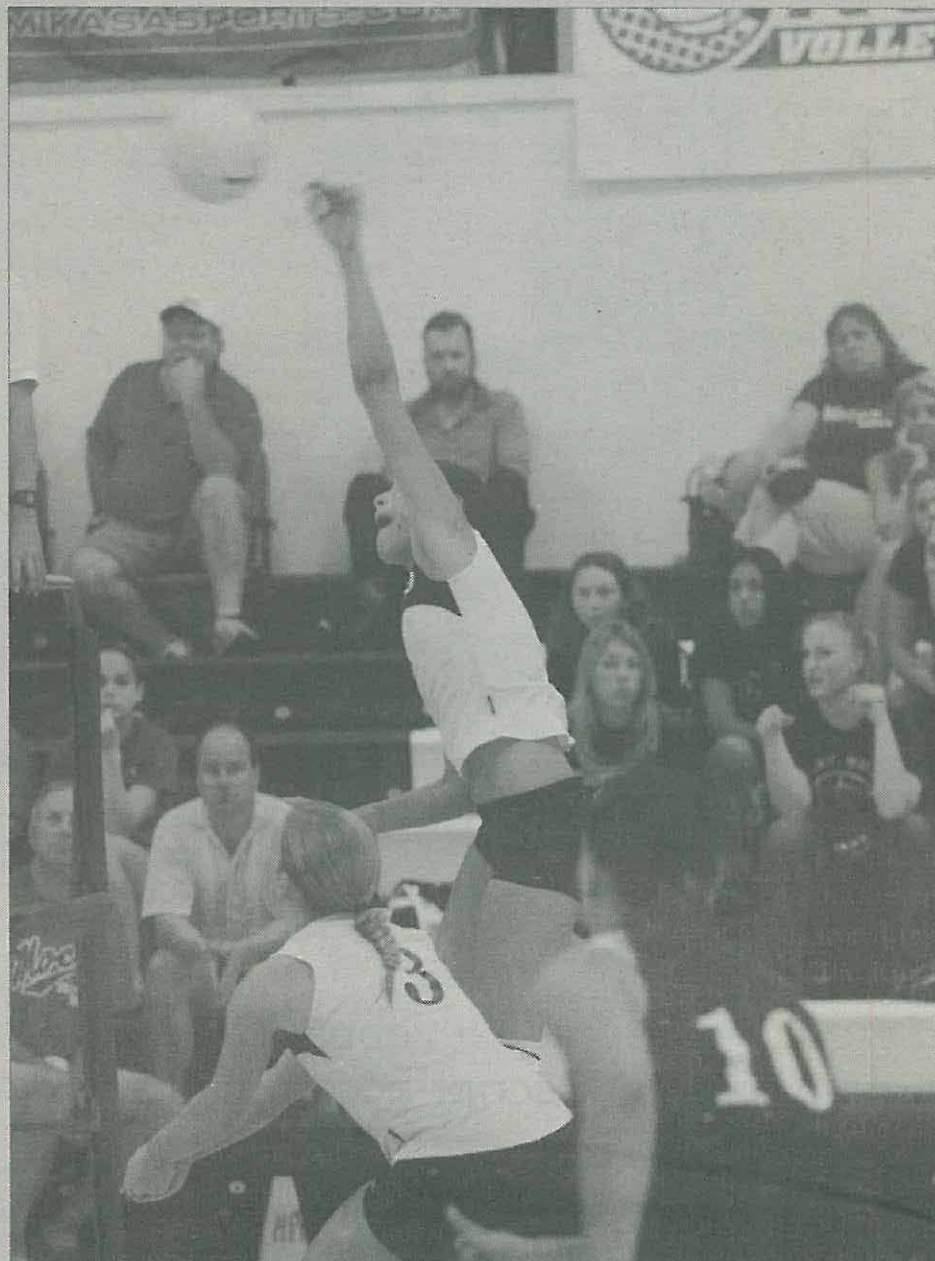
On Oct. 8, the Nova Southeastern University volleyball team was defeated 3-0 by rivals Florida Southern College. That takes the women's volleyball team to 0-9 in the SSC. The games took place at Jenkins Field House in Lakeland, FL. In the 3 games, NSU fell 30-21, 30-22, 30-20.

Freshman Christina Chubb really stepped up and led NSU with nine kills and three blocks. Melinda Gorman has been consistent this season; in this contest, she and Karla Ortiz had eight kills apiece. Senior Dana Buss pulled together 19 service receptions, while Ortiz followed with 11 digs. Also, setter Jenny Fitch distributed 25 assists and 8 digs.

Leinani Bernabe led the Moccasins with eight kills, and teammate Christina Cooper followed with seven kills and two blocks.

**Below:** Freshman Andrea Irrarazabel spikes the ball.  
**Left:** Senior Dana Buss saves the ball from hitting the ground.

Photos by Gary Curreri.



## Knights Place at Disney's Cross Country Classic

By Valen Eberhard  
Staff Writer

Oct. 8 turned out to be a highly productive day for Nova Southeastern's Cross Country teams at Disney's Cross Country Classic held in Orlando, Florida. Thirty-three teams participated, thirteen of which were Division II schools. The Knights placed 16 in the field of 33 and 6 out of 13 in Division II with a point total

of 421.

Freshman runner Bethany Brenkus finished first for NSU and 78 overall with a time of 20:23:13, and was followed by teammates Courtney Clearwaters and Heather Sternau, who crossed the line 86 and 87 with times of 20:35:88 and 20:42:12.

The University of Florida went on to win the meet with only 39 points.

The men's team also did well. The team finished 17 out of a field of 30 of Division I and II schools and 8 of 13 in the field of Division II with a total of 472 points, behind conference foes Florida Tech and Florida Southern College.

Freshman Eskender Abdalla led the team by finishing 65 with a time of 27:37:50.

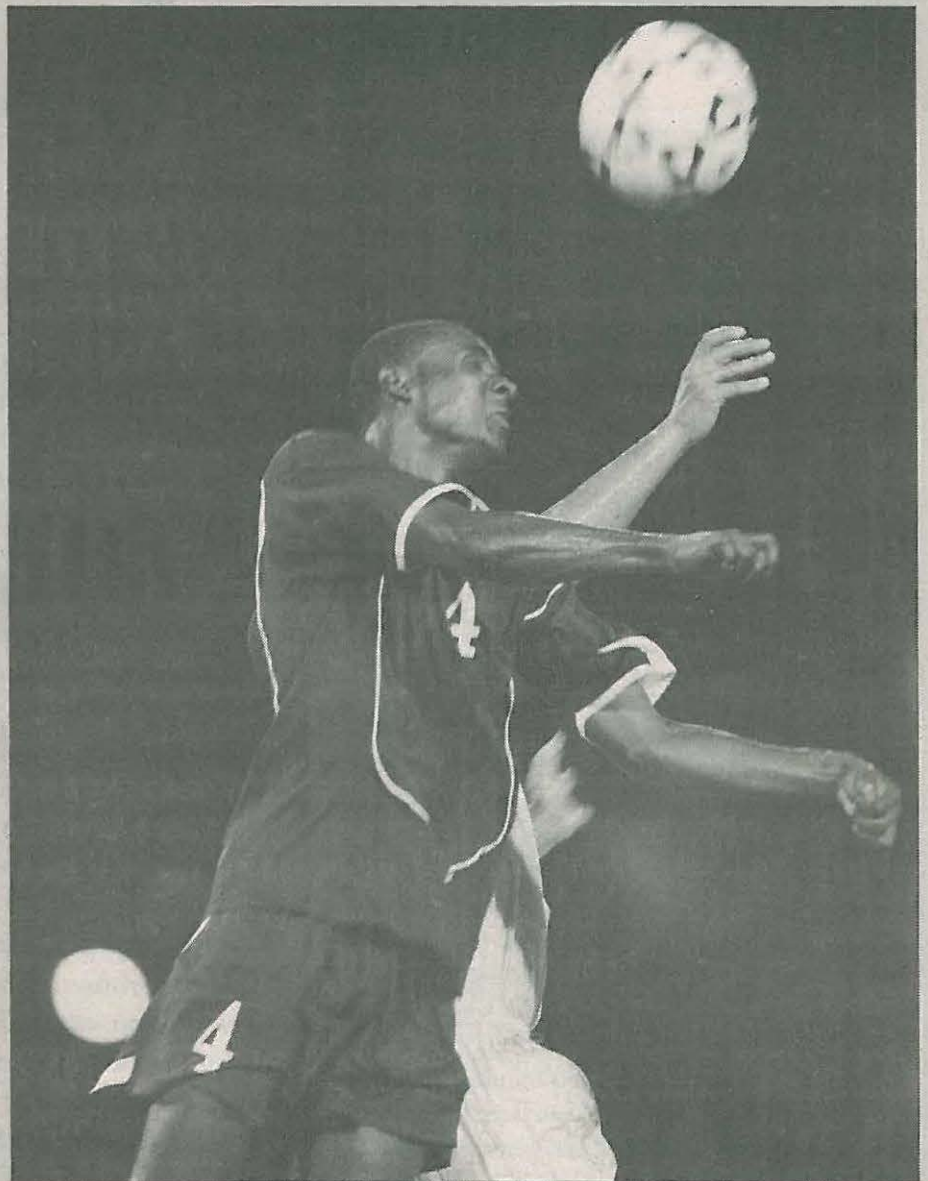


# NSU Sports Stats for the Week

## Men's Soccer

On October 7 the Nova Southeastern University men's soccer team (6-6, 1-3 SSC) fell 3-2 in overtime to the visiting Bentley College Falcons (4-7) Friday night in a non-conference match at the NSU Soccer Complex.

On October 5 the Nova Southeastern University men's soccer team (6-5, 1-3 SSC) overpowered the visiting Palm Beach Atlantic University Sailfish (2-9) in a 4-0 win Wednesday night in a non-conference match at the NSU Soccer Complex.



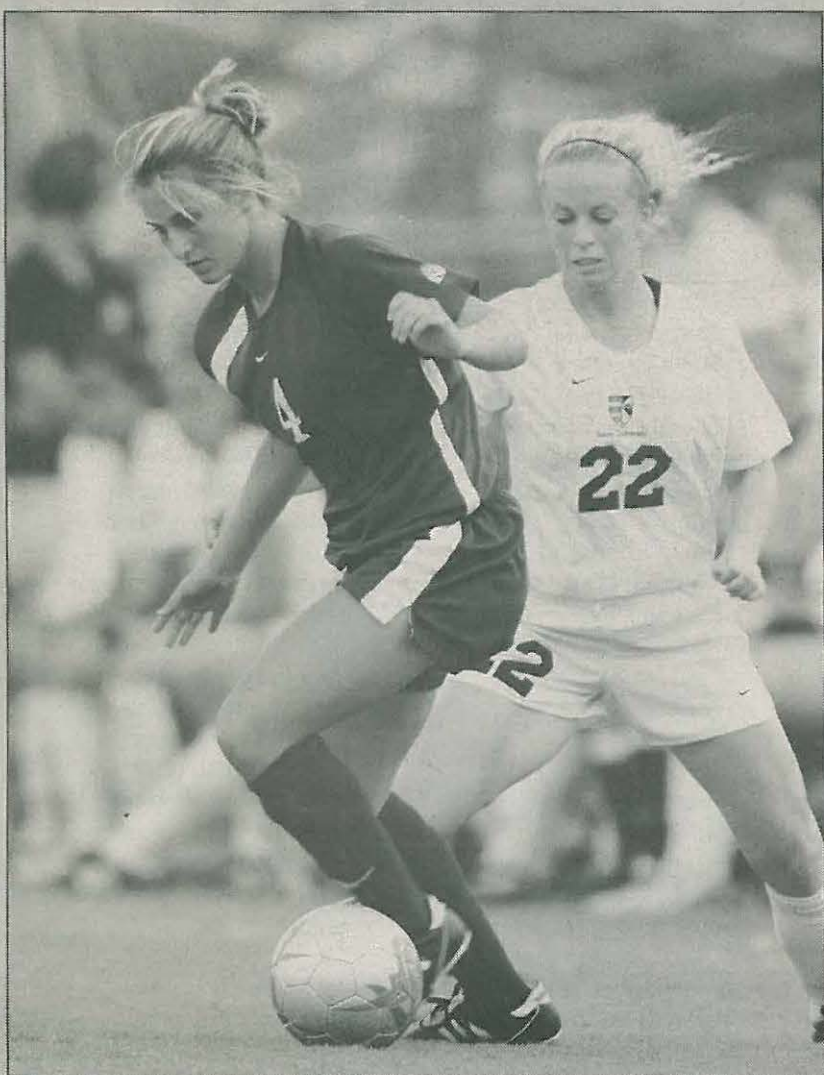
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	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Lynn	4	0	0	12	17	4	10	0	0	1.000	43	8
Rollins	3	1	0	9	11	5	6	4	0	.600	26	15
Eckerd	3	2	0	9	9	5	5	4	2	.545	14	12
Barry	2	2	1	7	7	10	8	3	1	.708	25	16
Saint Leo	2	1	0	6	8	3	9	1	0	.900	37	5
Tampa	1	1	1	4	4	3	6	3	2	.636	20	14
Nova Southeastern	1	3	0	3	3	9	6	6	0	.500	24	17
Florida Southern	1	4	0	3	12	13	7	5	0	.583	28	18
Florida Tech	1	4	0	3	2	21	2	7	1	.250	8	32

## Women's Soccer

On October 8 the Nova Southeastern University women's soccer team (4-6-1, 2-3-1 SSC) was edged 1-0 by the visiting No. 12 University of Tampa Spartans (10-1-1, 4-0 SSC) in a Sunshine State Conference match at the NSU Soccer Complex on Saturday night.

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Tampa	4	0	0	12	20	3	10	1	1	.875	48	7
Barry	4	1	0	12	21	9	10	2	1	.808	41	13
Saint Leo	3	1	1	10	10	7	5	3	2	.600	23	17
Nova Southeastern	2	3	1	7	7	10	4	6	1	.409	19	22
Lynn	2	1	0	6	5	3	7	6	0	.538	36	23
Florida Tech	1	2	0	3	7	9	5	5	1	.500	21	19
Eckerd	1	3	0	3	1	17	2	11	0	.154	4	47
Rollins	1	4	0	3	5	13	6	7	0	.462	17	25
Florida Southern	1	4	0	3	3	8	3	7	2	.333	19	23

**Top Right:** Senior Secquay Gordon hits the ball off of his head. **Below:** Freshman Erin Celia takes the ball away from a defender. Photo by Gary Curreri



## Volleyball

On October 8 the Nova Southeastern University volleyball team (3-14, 0-9 SSC) was defeated 3-0 by conference rival Florida Southern College (20-2, 7-1 SSC) on Saturday night at Jenkins Field House in Lakeland, Fla. NSU fell to the Moccasins in three games (30-21, 30-22, 30-20).

On October 7 the Nova Southeastern University volleyball team (3-13, 0-8 SSC) was defeated 3-1 by conference rival Florida Tech (5-14, 1-6 SSC) on Friday night at the Clemente Center in Melbourne, Fla.

SSC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Tampa	8	0	1.000	18	2	.900
Florida Southern	7	1	.875	20	2	.909
Barry	6	2	.750	11	8	.579
Saint Leo	4	4	.500	8	11	.421
Lynn	3	4	.429	8	7	.533
Rollins	3	5	.375	16	7	.696
Eckerd	3	5	.375	10	8	.556
Florida Tech	2	6	.250	6	14	.300
Nova Southeastern	0	9	.000	3	14	.176





Alisha VanHoose  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

We've all heard the adage – probably more than once – that anything worth doing is worth doing well. While I think that most people seem to stick to that most of the time, even if it is unconscious, there are times when it seems like people have either never heard it or just didn't take it to heart.

Most of us, myself included, have had small bouts of this – there's something we have to do, but just don't want to or don't believe that it's actually worth doing. The key word here is small: they're usually not particularly important things.

However, I see a lot of not-so-small things getting the same treatment, both at school and in the workplace. Retail and foodservice establishments seem to have an incredible turnover at times, and I just don't understand why people would go through the application and interview process for a job, then undergo training, just to quit a few weeks or even a few days later. I suppose the same goes for starting a class, getting partway through the course and doing relatively well, then arbitrarily deciding not to go anymore.

I understand that sometimes, things happen that make people leave their jobs or cut down on classes, but there can't be stuff going on so often in so many people's lives that it accounts for all – or even most – instances of this.

Okay, so people come and go, whether in classes or at work, but what really gets me is the way that people say "I quit" or "I'm not going to come anymore" – or in some cases, the way they don't bother to.

Somebody told me a story last week about a coworker of theirs who not only quit after two weeks of work, but quit by fax. Now, who in their right mind quits by fax? They apparently didn't have the guts to go in and say "Sorry, this isn't working out. I'm not going to be in next week." I guess quitting well wasn't even worth it to this person.

The one thing I do have to say about people who quit in irritating ways is that at least they bother to do so. I knew someone who had an employee a few months back who didn't even bother to mention that they were quitting. The person just simply stopped showing up. After a few weeks of not being able to contact the employee, the manager was a bit worried. Not for long, though. They were pretty mad when they found out *third hand* that the person was no longer going to be working with them.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is that a lot of people make commitments that either they have no intention of honoring, or just don't think it's worth the bother. They leave, or just don't hold up their end of the bargain. I suppose at times it's good to test the waters and see if you're interested, but at the same time, I think that if someone decide that it's just not the best thing for them, they should at least have the integrity to say so with grace.

If you have any comments, as always, feel free to send them to [nsunews@nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nova.edu).

Sincerely,

*Alisha VanHoose*

## A Fly on the Wall:

By Paul Saneaux  
Staff Writer

### Round two, negotiate!

Before the ranting begins, I would like to extend my gratitude, as well as the SGAs, I am sure, to the clubs and organizations that represented their bills last week. The repetition of bill guidelines by myself in this column, the SGA, and IOC Senators Jessica Boyd and Mirtha Rivera paid off. Last week's Senate meeting progressed ever so smoothly because the bills were approved with no problem. So once again, I would like to thank those student organizations that followed the guidelines. Those rules are in place for a reason and they make everyone's life easier.

The previous Senate meeting did not end without some bumps and commotion, of course. What's the point of writing an opinion without a topic to have opinions about? The School Pride School Spirit Task Force bill for funding of the early changeover of the mascot returned with another round of discussion and confusion.

In the last installment I was not permitted to publish the preliminary figures for funding discussed at the Senate meeting because revealing them would

have supposedly caused a problem with theft. They were to remain "confidential" and not to leave the room, according Kathryn Blanco, Director of Student Engagement. The Senators were not even able to leave with a copy of the bill in order to peruse it. That is a bit extreme. The situation was ironic though; the numbers were not to leave the room, yet the Senate meetings are open to the public and cannot be closed. So what was the point of being so hush-hush?

Anyway, now that the exact figures have been decided on and now that they are not preliminary, they can be published: \$4,000 will go to the purchase of NSU gear such as promotional items and giveaways; \$2,800 is allocated for the Homecoming Unveiling of the mascot; and \$2,500 is set aside for placement of the mascot logo on the University Center arena floor. The last allotment includes the



stipulation that if the 2005-2006 SGA is not named with the logo on the floor, the SGA will be named somewhere else in the building. Another stipulation was discussed that said this money would be rolled over to more NSU gear if the SGA could not be attributed. However, that stipulation was dropped for some reason or another.

The commotion began when Minority Senator Rodriguez-Torres said, with good reason, that the itemization of the bill was not specific enough as to where certain amounts of money were going. In particular, he mentioned the \$4,000 for NSU gear. He was concerned with percentage of "gear"

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**School Pride School Spirit Task Force bill for funding left Senate members in a state of confusion**

that would actually come back to the undergraduates. Torres also said that the stipulations were too vague— if the SGA is not named on the arena floor, then where exactly will the SGA be named? Specificity was lacking and not enough thought was put into the approval of this bill, was Torres' main point.

Regular bills from organizations require a detailed itemization naming the items to be purchased and their individual prices— with a total at the end. From Torres' comments, I am assuming, since my unworthy eyes were barred from viewing the bill, that the \$4,000 for NSU gear was not itemized the usual way, but rather in a package-type of deal. Why would the SGA allow this when other organizations are required to follow strict guidelines?

SGA Advisor Terry Morrow answered this when she said this bill is too important to undermine negotiations. Commuter Senator Siminovsky also said that the numbers approved do not need to be itemized because all the items under "NSU gear" are in the same category. In other words, it does not matter if it is itemized because shirts, mugs, and other giveaways are interchangeable— funds can be swapped for items under the same category as long as they do not exceed the allotment. In this case, that limit is \$4,000. Torres moved to decline the bill, but the motion died with a vote of two against eight, with one abstention. The bill passed, as moved by Siminovsky, with a vote of seven against two, with two abstentions.

# NSU On The Scene:

"What do you spend your money on?"

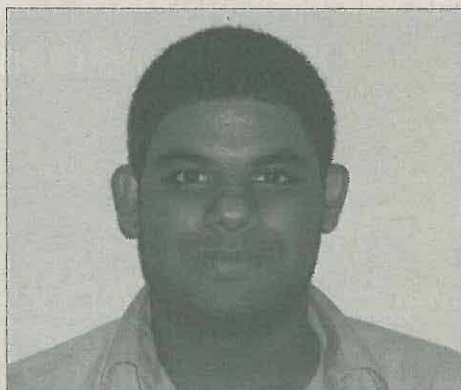
**Alexandra Paroulek**  
Freshman  
Biology  
Miami, FL

Clothes, food and moves, but I try to spend it wisely.



**Joshua Thomas**  
Junior  
Biology  
Coral Springs, FL

I spend most of my money on gasoline. I have to come here from Coral Springs. Long drive.



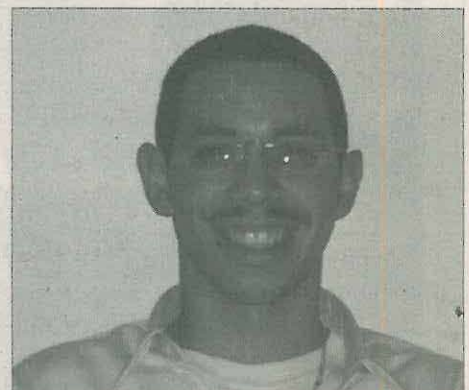
**Vishala Sharma**  
Sophomore  
Biology  
West Palm Beach, FL

I spend most of my money on food ... I'm always hungry.



**Jose D. Peralta**  
Sophomore  
Biology  
New Orleans, LA

All my money goes to gas, gas, gas and clothes.



**D.A. Epstein**  
Senior  
Psychology  
Coral Springs, FL

I'll tell you what I don't spend it on ... shoes. I've had these for 6 years.



**Jessica Childers**  
Freshman  
Marine Biology  
Sevierville, TN

What money?



**Steve Reddy**  
Freshman  
Biology  
Newburgh, NY

Mostly on myself. Gym membership, frat dues, gas and clothes.



**Rima Patel**  
Junior  
Pharmacy  
India

I spend my money shopping at the mall. I love clothes.



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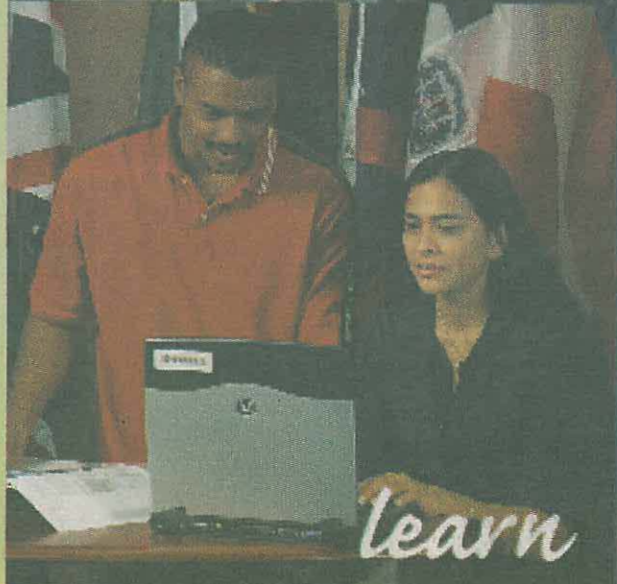
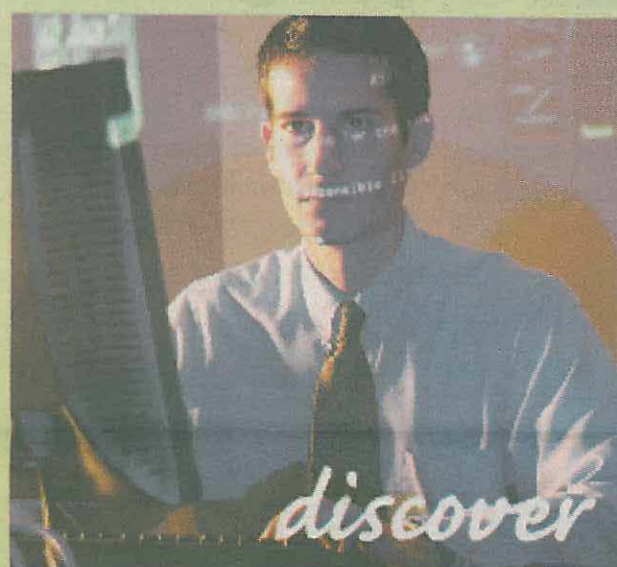
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