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A Taste of Spain
Flamenco, Spanish Cuisine
Highlights of Spanish Club's Annual Dinner

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

More than 50 students and a handful of faculty members enjoyed Spain's traditional dishes, dancing, and music at the Spanish Club's Nov. 10 annual dinner.

Copies of Miguel de Cervantes Sazvedra's Don Quijote were displayed on tables, commemorating the 400th anniversary of its publication. Also on display were statuettes of Don Quijote and a flamenco dancer wearing a red and black dress. Spanish music streamed from a boombox.

Risel Borrego, the club's vice-president, and Giselle Contreras, treasurer, said they were inspired to pay homage to Spain's history and culture after spending a summer abroad in Spain and staying at the Universidad Complutensa de Madrid.

“We had such a wonderful experience we had to share it with everyone through the club,” Borrego said. “The highlight of the event was the flamenco dancing. Professional flamenco dancer Vanessa taught the attendees a few steps before performing her routine.”

“I think it’s a great opportunity to bring culture, taste, ideas, and flavors to the university,” said Demi Martinez, the club’s advisor.

The event was originally planned for a much earlier date, but Hurricane Wilma pushed it back to Nov. 10. This is the second year the club has hosted an event designed to celebrate the history and culture of Spain and Latin America.

Students and faculty alike also got to experience some of Spain's native dishes such seafood paella, tortilla Espanola, and pan con aceite.

Students Upset by “Necessary”
Parker Microlab Closures

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

The removal of the public microlabs from the Parker Buildings is forcing some dismayed students to go elsewhere for their technological needs.

According to Don Rosenblum, Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, the decision to remove the labs and make room for additional offices and classrooms came from the President's office. Additional microlabs are open throughout campus, according to university officials.

As more students enrolled at NSU, the need for more microlabs was identified, therefore the decision to convert the Parker microlabs into classrooms and offices, said Rosenblum. The dean explained that "nobody was excited" to remove the labs, but added that a "question of priorities" existed and the conversion was a "necessary decision to provide teaching space." Rosenblum noted that in speaking with students, he has not encountered many concerns with the labs' removal.

Toni McLeod, Executive Director for Educational Technologies and Media Services, echoed Rosenblum's concerns, saying "even though we hated to close the Parker labs, it was for a good reason," the needs of an expanding student population had to be met.

Some NSU students, however, are dismayed that they no longer have a lab close to where a majority of their classes are held.

Damian Black, a junior with a busy schedule that includes tutoring students between class hours, found that this schedule makes traveling from Parker to the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center to complete computer work difficult. He believes others share his concern.

"I think that a lot of students would appreciate having the microlabs back in Parker where most of their classes are," said Black.

Jason Lakritz, a senior, was upset "because all of my classes are in Parker and it was very convenient to have a lab in the same building." Now, students must travel to another lab on campus in order to use a

Possible Academic Schedule Changes Prompt Open Forum for All Students

By Alisha VanHooze
Editor-in-Chief

All undergraduate students are invited to attend the IOC meeting in the Goodwin Classroom at 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 21 to hear Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Don Rosenblum speak on the proposed new academic schedule.

The proposed schedule, which cuts 16-week classes to 14 weeks and 8-week classes to 7 weeks, will mean the semesters begin later and end earlier in the year. If approved, the schedule will go into effect Fall 2006.

"I would strongly urge any student that does not have class to make this meeting a priority," said SGA President Jason Peebles, "as it could affect your entire future here." This meeting will be the first time the proposed schedule will be presented to the student body. Sources said that the schedule should be either approved or denied by Thanksgiving.

While the IOC meetings are usually open only to club representatives, Peebles "invited the club senators to open the meeting to the entire undergraduate population." The senators agreed.

Rumors had been circulating earlier in the semester that a committee had been set up to develop the new schedule, but Dean Rosenblum asserted at the SGA meeting on Sept. 21 that "the academic calendar is not going to be changed any time soon ... a committee has not yet been formed to discuss the topic. Discussion has just opened and will not continue without student and faculty input."
Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyrilakos

Gravity Defying Spacecraft Patented, Yet Impossible to Build

Despite concern from scientists that such a device will not exist for some time, Indiana inventor Boris Volfovson has his "antigravity space vehicle" patented by the U.S. patent office. According to National Geographic News, the spacecraft, considered by scientists to be impossible to create, "is theoretically powered by a superconductor shield that changes the space-time continuum in such a way that it defies gravity." A consultant with the American Physical Society warned that "Applying these kinds of patents can make it easier for scam artists or con people—if they can get patents for screwball ideas," since investors can be conned into thinking that such a creation is possible. Staring in 1911, those applying for a perpetual-motion machine patent had to show a model to the patent office that would run for one year, but that provision has since been scrapped.

al-Zarqawi – The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy

In an attempt to create a link between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda leading up to U.S. military action in Iraq, Secretary of State Colin Powell exploited Abu Musab Zarqawi to make a case. UP reported that terrorism expert Loreta Napoleon believes that "he became what we wanted him to be. We put him there, not the jihadists." That is, Zarqawi, through a self-fulfilling prophecy instigated by U.S. officials, became a myth that helped transform al-Qaeda "from a small elitist vanguard to a mass movement." Napoleon argued that "With Bin Laden trapped somewhere in Afghanistan and Pakistan, al-Zarqawi last became the new symbolic leader in the fight against America and a manager for whoever was looking to be part of that struggle.

Virtual Real Estate Boom

Selling virtual property on the internet can earn gamers real money. Deathifer, a 23-year-old Project Entropia player, spent €15,000 on a virtual island in the role-playing game, which allows gamers to buy and sell items using real money. According to BBC News, he has since recouped his investment. Deathifer said that "the money made to date is only a taste of what can be achieved with my virtual island purchase." There are 300,000 registered users who play the RPG, which has a "boomming" housing market, said Neverdie, the winner of a €57,000 space station. He hopes to use his space station as a "night club," where gamers can buy music and videos. Or perhaps Neverdie is just hoping to hit on virtual girls in his club.

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computer.

Junior Arpit Patel shared similar concerns, saying that "it is very inconvenient because now I have to go to the library to print out assignments in the morning."

Josie Cuevas, Manager of Technology Facilities, said that he is "aware that students are complaining" and noted that there are a number of other microlabs students can utilize. Cuevas said that there are multiple labs in the library, as well as at NSU's University Park Plaza location.

Computer labs in the library experience heavy traffic because it is a joint-use facility shared between Broward county residents and NSU students, according to Cuevas. Students agree that the library's labs are often busy.

"The library is very crowded," said Lakritz. He explained that it is especially difficult to find two open computer networks to connect to each other, which is necessary when working on a project with a partner. Patel expressed his frustration with the library printers, saying that they can be unreliable. Cuevas said that a dedicated print station has been installed to help expedite those students who only need to print, rather than use other computer applications.

A small, largely unknown micro lab is available in the Academic Services area of Parker, but computers and space are limited. Junior David Palamme said that it "doesn't matter too much" to him that the larger labs are no longer in Parker and is content with utilizing the smaller lab.

Cuevas said that two other labs maintained by the Office of Information Technologies remain in Parker, but they are reserved and tailored especially for Computer Science and Computer Information Systems students. The Academic Services lab is not regulated by OIT.

Cuevas explained that computers once used in the Parker micro labs have been moved to the UPP location, into Parker classrooms as instructor stations, or, in the case of older machines, are being stored until needed.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Birth control patch causes health risks

According to the Associated Press, Ortho McNeil, the maker of the birth control patch Ortho Evra, announced last Thursday that "women using the patch will be exposed to about 60 percent more estrogen than those using typical birth-control pills."

Dr. Leslie Miller, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Michigan, said elevated levels of estrogen "may be high enough to increase some women's risk of blood clots." Several lawsuits have been made against Ortho McNeil due to suffering and death by users of the Ortho Evra patch. Ortho McNeil spokesman Bonnie Jacobs said the company is working closely with the Food and Drug Administration, which issued the warning to health care providers.

For more information visit www.cnn.com.

Middle East

Palestinians ask UN to investigate Arafat's death

Farouq Kaddoumi, head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, has asked for a United Nation's investigation into the death of Yasser Arafat. Kaddoumi claims that Israel poisoned Arafat "because he was a stumbling block to Israeli plans." Similar claims have been made before, and Israeli officials have continuously denied them. Kaddoumi told Associated Press reporters that he will ask the U.N. Security Council "to form an international investigating commission" for the supposed "assassination."

Arafat died on Nov. 11, 2004, and the medical reports from Percy Military Hospital in Paris were inconclusive as to the cause of death.

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

Europe

French riots declining

Reuters reported on Nov. 13 that French police said nothing "seemed to be wanting." Police made this claim despite continuing violence in the city of Toulouse, where more cars were torched and a school was almost destroyed when rioters drove "a burning car against its gate." The scene at Toulouse marked the "eighteenth consecutive night" of hostility after two teens were accidentally electrocuted while escaping police they thought were pursuing them. Rioters say that unemployment, harsh treatment by police, and poor living conditions are the causes of unrest. The French government has established curfews and banned public gatherings in the large city of Lyon.

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.

Australia

Suspected terrorists arrested near Sydney nuclear reactor

On Nov. 14, the Associated Press reported Australian police stopped three terrorist suspects near Lucas Heights' nuclear reactor last December. A police fact sheet that was handed to Sydney's Central Local Court named Mazen Touma, Mohammed Elomar, and Abdul Rahib Hasan as the suspects arrested. When the men were stopped in their car, they had a "trail bike and claimed they were there to ride it," the document said. However, when the three men were interviewed they gave different accounts of that day. The police fact sheet also "revealed the access lock for a gate to a reservoir of the reactor had recently been cut." The three men where charged for conspiring to plant explosives at the reactor site.

For more information visit www.smh.com.au.

South America

Volcano scare in Columbia

According to BBC News, the Columbian Institute of Geology and Mines said it "detected increased seismic activity around [the] Galeras volcano in the south-east province of Narino." Emergency workers reportedly went to the houses of residents and local farmers, informing them of the mandatory evacuation. The institute issued the evacuation three weeks after activity in the region began. The Colombian government said it would provide food and shelter to those evacuating, but many residents and farmers are reluctant to leave their homes and livestock.

For more information visit www.news.bbc.co.uk.
Test Your Harry Potter Trivia

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

What color are the Gryffindor Quidditch robes? What kind of creature is Norbert the Norwegian Ridgeback? How many players are on a Quidditch team? These are the types of questions that boggled teams in the Harry Potter Trivia Game Show Thursday, Nov. 18 in the Flight Deck. Hosted by Student Union Board, the final result depended on who could complete a Harry Potter jigsaw puzzle the fastest.

Jennifer Bowman, Belinda Pina, and Lauren McElhenny were members of the winning team who won prize packs, which included a Harry Potter DVD set and gift bags.

Above (from left to right): Lauren McElhenny, Belinda Pina and Jennifer Bowman revel in their completion of the Harry Potter puzzle. Right: The puzzle match presented the Residential Life team with the opportunity to make up for their slump during Harry Potter Trivia session and take home the prize. Unfortunately, they were out "Potter"-ed by the Raven Claw team. Below (from left to right): Josh Wentz, Marisa Mingus, and Steve Reddy at the Trivia Table.

Alpha Phi Omega Distributes 22 Blankets to Project Linus

By Danielle Garcia
Contributing Writer

Since the commencement of the volunteer mandate, clubs and organizations at NSU have been volunteering their time in creative ways. One of these is Alpha Phi Omega's task of creating blankets for children through Project Linus.

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets and afghans to ill, traumatized children and orphans. The idea behind the project is "a blanket is like a big hug when you need one most," and the children who are helped by this organization definitely do. As a result, the national community service fraternity organized an event on Quad Thursday and made 22 different-sized tie blankets.

Afterwards, members of Alpha Phi Omega took the handcrafted blankets to a nearby quilting store so that they could be distributed to needy children.

If you would like to plan an event open to all students, think about taking advantage of Quad Thursday, run by the S.A.L.D. office in the Rosenthal building. Quad Thursday happens every week on the library lawn to bring students together through a number of interesting activities.
Florida Tech Gets SERVED
NSU Volleyball Team wins their last game of the season
By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer
The women’s volleyball team finished off their 2005 season with an overall record of 6-19, 2-13 SSC. The ladies ended their season on a good note as they defeated conference rivals Florida Tech in a five game series. Despite the losses, NSU rallied to take the win in the last two games just in time to hand the Panthers their twenty-fourth loss of the season.
Freshman Melinda Gorman had a career- and team-high performance for the evening as she led the Lady Sharks in the first double-double of her career with 16 kills (career-high), and 11 digs, while also notching six service aces (team-high). Fellow freshman Christina Chubb notched 14 kills and four blocks, while Karla Ortiz and Emily Carle finished with 10 kills apiece. Carle and senior Lauren Thomas both finished with five blocks apiece. Setter Jenny Fitch registered 49 assists, three service aces and two blocks.
The NSU Sharks volleyball team will greatly miss their two seniors who played their last game last week; Angela Martinez and Dana Buss.

Basketball Teams Set Up for Season Openings
By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor
The NSU men’s and women’s basketball teams have just gotten their seasons underway, starting with away games for both teams on Nov. 18. The men participated in the Russell Marshall Invitational in Arkadelphia, Ark, while the women headed to Valdosta, GA for the Valdosta Tipoff Classic.
Head coach for the men’s team, Gary Tuell, is entering into his second season this year. The team is returning six players from the 2004-05 season, as well as two starters. They also bring in an astonishing nine new faces to join the team this year, including Division I transfer Kenny Faulk from Georgia Southern University and Kevin Chester from Saint Leo.

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Tampa Wins SSC Championship
Teams receive 3 points for an SSC win and 1 point for an SSC tie.
### Men's and Women's Basketball Schedule

#### Men's Basketball

**Day** | **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Site** | **Division**
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Sat | 11/19/05 | 2:00 PM | University of Miami (Exhibition) | Miami, Fla. | NCAA I
Sat | 11/26/05 | 8:00 PM | Ouachita Baptist University | Arkadelphia, Ark. | NCAA II
Fri | 12/2/05 | 8:30 PM | Florida Gulf Coast University | Ft. Myers, Fla. | NCAA II
Mon | 12/5/05 | 8:00 PM | University of North Alabama | Muscle Shoals, Ala. | NCAA II
Thu | 12/8/05 | 7:30 PM | Northern Kentucky University | Cincinnati, Ohio | NCAA II
Sat | 12/10/05 | 4:00 PM | Miami, Fla. | NCAA
Wed | 12/14/05 | 7:30 PM | Lynn University | Boca Raton, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 12/17/05 | 7:30 PM | Barry University | Miami Shores, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 12/24/05 | 5:30 PM | Eckerd College | St. Petersburg, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 12/31/05 | 5:30 PM | Saint Leo University | Tampa, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 1/7/06 | 5:30 PM | University of Tampa | Tampa, Fla. | NCAA II
Wed | 1/11/06 | 7:30 PM | Florida Southern College | Lakeland, Fla. | NCAA II
Thu | 1/12/06 | 7:30 PM | Barry University | Miami Shores, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 1/21/06 | 5:30 PM | Eckerd College | St. Petersburg, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 1/28/06 | 5:30 PM | Florida Tech | Home | NCAA II
Wed | 2/1/06 | 7:30 PM | Florida Southern College | Home | NCAA II
Sat | 2/4/06 | 2:00 PM | Miami Shores, Fla. | Home | NCAA II
Sat | 2/18/06 | 7:30 PM | Florida Tech | Home | NCAA II
Sat | 2/25/06 | 5:30 PM | Rollins College | Home | NCAA II
Sat | 3/3/06 | 5:30 PM | Sunshine State Conference | Saint Leo, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 3/10/06 | TBA | NCAA Regional Tournament | TBA | NCAA II

#### Women's Basketball

**Day** | **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Site** | **Division**
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Fri | 11/18/05 | 7:00 PM | Valdosta State University | Valdosta, Ga. | NCAA II
Sat | 11/19/05 | 5:00 PM | Lincoln Memorial University | Valdosta, Ga. | NCAA II
Wed | 11/23/05 | 7:30 PM | Palm Beach Atlantic University | Home | NCAA II
Fri | 11/25/05 | 5:00 PM | Lee-McRae College | Home | NCAA II
Mon | 11/28/05 | 5:00 PM | Shaw University (Holiday Isle Classic) | Islamorada, Fla. | NCAA II
Tue | 11/29/05 | TBA | TBA (Holiday Isle Classic) | Islamorada, Fla. | NCAA II
Wed | 12/07/05 | 5:30 PM | Florida Tech | Melbourne, Fla. | NCAA II
Sat | 12/17/05 | 6:00 PM | Tiffin University | Home | NCAA II
Sun | 12/18/05 | 6:00 PM | Kentucky Wesleyan College | Home | NCAA II
Thu | 12/22/05 | 4:00 PM | Ferris State University | Miami Shores, Fla. | NCAA II
Fri | 12/23/05 | 4:00 PM | MIrvaly University | Miami Shores, Fla. | NCAA II
Wed | 01/04/06 | 5:30 PM | Lynn University | Boca Raton, Fla. | NCAA II
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### Eating Disorders in Athletes - How You Can Help

**By Tranell Mesa**

**Staff Writer**

Most people have created a vision of what they think the perfect figure looks like, but what about the perfect figure for an athlete? The entertainment world has taught us that thinner is always better, but is it really? In the world of athletics, it is important to keep a well balanced diet and not get too consumed with dropping or gaining weight, especially during the athlete's season of play. If weight loss or gain is what an athlete desires, they should focus on it during the off-season. People must make sure they are changing their weight the right way, a pound a week is a good guideline to follow. Drastic weight loss in a short period of time is not healthy, and may actually result in weight gain. It is important to eat normally, meaning you eat when you are hungry, and stop eating once you feel full. A healthy diet is all about moderation and having a wide variety of healthful foods.

Eating disorders are more common than most people think: in fact, 15% of college students have some kind of eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia. These disorders can be caused if an individual has low self-esteem, distorted body image, anxiety, high levels of stress, or other issues. Eating disorders are usually the symptom of an underlying problem or transition such as dealing with the new stress of college by balancing school work, practices, family, and a social life. A person may try to gain control of their life by becoming fixated on controlling what they eat and the way they look.

If someone were to suspect another of having an eating problem, it is important that they go about trying to help that individual in the right way. Listening to them with a nonjudgmental tone and letting them know you are there to talk and are worried about their well being are both good ways to start. Remember, it is a sensitive subject and it imperative to be sympathetic and understanding.

### BALL

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Campbell University. Also included are four players from Australia.

The first ever women's basketball coach here at NSU, Head Coach Marilyn Rule is going into her seventh season. In her time spent here, she has done great things for the program. Last year, the Knights made the transition to NCAA Division II competition, playing one of the toughest schedules in the South Region including 11 games against opponents who made it to the NCAA Tournament. But in spite of it all, the team set a new program record for wins (17) in a single season. On top of that, Coach Rule was named Sunshine State Conference Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. This year, she returns nine players, including all five starters to this year's team. The team consists of three seniors, three juniors, five sophomores, and two freshmen. New players this season are sophomore transfer Amber Bishko from Florida Gulf Coast University and incoming freshman Christie Silva. In the preseason Sunshine State Conference poll, the Lady Sharks were picked second.

The women will have their first home game on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. against Palm Beach Atlantic University. The men's first home game is on Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. against the University of North Alabama. All of The Sharks home games are played at the BCC gymnasium.

Right: Head Coach Gary Tull pulls Kenny Tauck over while the defending team shoots free throws. Photo courtesy J.C. Ridley
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Goblet of Fire: Pure Movie Magic

Need a quick Harry fix between the movie and the next book? Try one of these:

“Life Story: Movie Magic”

Interviews with the cast and director, behind-the-scenes info and some great production stills make this a fun investment for the die-hard fan. Unfortunately, while most of this special collection edition magazine is devoted to Harry, it has to share some space with a few other would-be holiday blockbusters like The Last, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

MuggleNet and The Leaky Cauldron

For the best exclusive interviews, intelligent discussion and well researched theories, these two sites are your best bet. You can find them at www.mugglenet.com and www.the-leaky-cauldron.org, MuggleNet and Leaky Cauldron are the fastest growing Harry Potter communities with the best reputations.

J.K. Rowling Official Site

Not as much info as the sites mentioned above. But Rowling’s site has plenty of stuff that can’t be found anywhere else. Background info that never made it into the books and her thoughts on some of the stupider theories out there will keep you busy and all should be check it out at www.jkrowling.com.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them and Quidditch Through the Ages

These two supplement books written by Rowling are more guilty pleasures than anything else. While Quidditch is good for entertainment purposes only, Fantastic Beasts may actually help you in your next HP trivia contest. The ‘notes’ in the margins are the best part of the text, but the best overall is that all proceeds go to Comic Relief.

Potter Puppet Pals

This silly parody is best left for when you need something totally innate to break the monotony of your work. Found at - you guessed it! - www.potterpuppets.com, these Flash cartoons have been an internet favorite for a few years now.

“Ode to Harry Potter”

While it probably won’t make it onto your playlist, this punky little pop song with the Switchblade Kittens is still better than half of the other stuff the genre has been producing lately. You can download the full version of the song from their Myspace page at www.myspace.com/switchblade_kittens.

Barry Trotter and the Unauthorized Parody and Barry Trotter and the Unnecessary Sequel

Written by Michael Gerber, this pair of parodies are more likely to make you roll your eyes than laugh out loud. The low humor is more likely to appeal to fans of George Carlin than anything else.

Pottermania

The writer tries to understand the excitement of adapters. The first noticeable change is that the Dursleys are out completely. Harry is already with the Weasleys when he has his dream. Most references to Sirius are gone and the character of Wormtail is what we’re left with. Then again, Harry and Lupin, the Whomping Willow session changes, the director’s apparent fascination with showing the grass of the inner court is entirely gone, and the extended shot with Buckbeak, which was pretty cool as far as fans go, but really boring really fast, probably didn’t help either.

Goblet of Fire

Order of the Phoenix

With an extra angry Harry, Voldemort supports everywhere, a secret society and a character death that made a lot of readers angry, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix moves even further toward the dark side. A record breaker as the longest and most expensive children’s book in history, it is also the latest installment in paperback.

Half-Blood Prince

Things are getting worse in the wizarding world: rampant demenors and constant disappearances have everyone on edge. Harry’s worries include being Quidditch captain, sorting letters with Dumbledore, and obeying Malfoy’s latest scheme and dealing with the useful-but-dubious advice of the mysterious Aunt, Half-Blood Prince. And you’ll never guess who’s teaching Defense Against the Dark Arts. This one has only been out a short while, but it looks like it’s in for a long wait for a resolution.

Sorcerer’s Stone

While a few things were cut out of the movie to save on time (even with the cuts, the movie runs 152 minutes), most people wouldn’t notice unless they had either just read the book or one of the cut pages contained one of their favorite jokes. They left the best and most important stuff in, although it would have been amazing to see Dudley’s arrival. When Harry was asked if he could help in the kitchen, and bedroom after the arrival of a letter addressed to “Harry Potter. The Cupboard Under the Stairs. Number 4 Privet Drive.” It also would have explained the magic out of the upstairs window at the beginning of the second movie.

Chamber of Secrets

With a longer novel and a new director come a lot of changes. They left out not only some conspicuous scenes but some whole parts of the movie. Even a moreContains only movie-only fans alike lined up in theaters around the country to pant “did I make it for Harry Potter?” Know-Who ... um, make it for Harry Potter?” life story: movie magic, your best bee. Found at www.mugglenet.com and www.the-leaky-cauldron.org, Mugglenet and Leaky Cauldron are the fastest growing Harry Potter communities with the best reputations. But the best overall is that all proceeds go to Comic Relief.
**Miss Saigon Sparkles During Short Stint in South Florida**

By Danielle Garcia  
**Contributing Writer**

Broadway Across America made another stop in South Florida, this time bringing Cameron Mackintosh’s Miss Saigon to the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. The show had a short run from Nov 8 through Nov. 13, captivating audiences of all ages with its heart gripping love story about two young lovers ripped apart by fate and war.

Miss Saigon is one of the most moving musicals to hit Broadway, having received eleven Tony Award nominations and numerous other awards across the world for its powerful storyline and dazzling stage show.

The story opens in 1975 in the final days of the American evacuation of Saigon. Two young lovers, Kim (Laurie Cadevida) and Chris (Alan Gillespie), an American soldier, are brought together at a sleazy after-hours bar. Chris seems distraught over the war, but after he is introduced to Kim, a brilliant love story evolves. Unfortunately, this vividly written love suffers a difficult fate: separation. The audience witnesses the tragic division and the story moves along effortlessly as Kim continues life in Saigon, which fell under Chinese rule.

The play adds another twist when Kim’s cousin, whom she was promised to when she was thirteen, returns to ask for her hand. The audience learns of Kim and Chris’ love child Tam, the driving force behind her unwavering determination to find Chris. Will Chris and Kim be reunited, or will fate determine that they should live separate lives, always pining for each other and a love lost?

The audience gets to follow Kim, Tam, and her old boss from the after-hours bar, the Engineer, as they travel and work to get to America. The production includes beautiful love songs and hilarious charades, but nothing tops the flashing signs on stage, the raunchy but hilarious performances in the streets of Saigon and Bangkok, and unexpected surprises that are usually revealed with a quick crack of a gun.

The characters reach out to the audience. Whether it is done through emotional love ballads or comical one-liners, the character’s interactions with the spectators make a memorable mark. The nearly two-and-a-half hour production is worth every penny and minute spent sitting in the seats.

But do not just settle for a review, go out and experience this modern performance that is uplifting, tragic, breath-taking, and true. The amazing cast definitely lives up to the potential of the play and will leave you singing its famous songs, “The Heat is On in Saigon,” “The Movie in My Mind,” “Why, God, Why?,” “Sun and Moon,” “The Last Night of the World,” “The Morning of the Dragon,” “I Still Believe,” “Bui-Doi,” and “The American Dream.”

If you feel like you missed out, do not worry. Miss Saigon will return to South Florida in the spring. The show will kick off its spring tour in Coral Springs on Jan. 3 and run through Jan. 5.

For tickets, check out Miss Saigon’s website at www.misssaigonout.com.
Showbiz Bits
Compiled by Nicolle Garber

50 Cents for my books
As if the movie chronicling his life wasn't enough of a laugh - the rapper 50 Cent, known for his many gunshot wounds, is aspiring to write books (who knew he could write?): hip-hop novels, to be exact. "These tales will tell the truth about the life, the sex, guns and cash; the brutal highs and short lives of the players on the streets," remarked the publisher during a press release. Basically, the written word is an extension of his bad rapping career. According to Yahoo! Entertainment, the books are apart of his G-Unit Line, and his pose will be characters in his fictional tales. This is unbelievable and quite unacceptable. There are writers out there with more talent in their nose hairs than 50 Cent could ever possess! Apparently, the person responsible for penning these blasphemous novelas is Nikki Turner, author of The Glamorous Life and A Hustler's Wife. These are the times when book banning should actually be used. Please, someone - anyone - ban these books back to the streets.

Get a dress that fits, Kiera
Keira Knightley has now joined the club of female actresses whose 'goodies' have popped out to say hello to the world - too bad they aren't big enough to say hello to everyone. At the premiere of her new movie Pride and Prejudice, Knightley wore a beautiful deep scarlet dress, and just added an extra touch to make it stand out more. A nipple! Oh my god! The girl is posing there with poucy lips and smoky eyes and - nipple! It's one thing to do a topless scene in a movie, and another thing to have your nipple say "g'day!" to a million spectators. I think she needed bigger breasts to actually wear the dress, if I am not mistaken. I am sure her parents are quite proud.

Can't get enough of Michael
Wow. Michael Jackson just can't get out of my entertainment news. He's just so... entertaining. This time, the singer/zombie with retractable nose walked out of a woman's bathroom at a Dubai shopping mall. But wait, what is that noise I hear off in the distance? It is the squeaky and nervous voice of his publicist Raymone Bain's voice going, "Contrary to published reports, Michael Jackson has not purchased acreage on Bahrain's Amwaj Islands, his children have not participated on any studio recordings, and Mr. Jackson has not put Neverland up for sale." So what are we supposed to believe? Give us something believable! To get back to the first issue of the piece, Jackson apparently can't tell the difference between a man and a woman's bathroom, as he walked into a woman's bathroom and was allegedly seen putting on make-up. Come on, people, we all know he's an alien, okay? Did we not all see him in Men In Black II? Of course he's putting on make-up to cover his scales! And of course he is being completely ambiguous about his whereabouts, because other aliens are after him.

SHARK NOTE
"The Knight" Newspaper will not be published this coming Monday (November 28) due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, but will return to its normal distribution schedule on December 5, 2005.

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The last meeting I attended was like the first: scene and filled with innocent joy. Despite the fact that there were twelve pieces of legislation presented, the meeting progressed more smoothly than I, in my most optimistic of moods, would have guessed. When the Senate gets down to business, they really do, and that is mostly thanks to Vice President of Legislative Affairs Liz Harbaugh and her managerial skills. We actually left the cold and slightly damp-smelling Goodwin classroom before 6 p.m.

What I was content to see was the abundance of club representatives that came to support their bills. In reviewing the bills on the floor, several Senators had many questions regarding specific details that only the representatives could answer. Like I mentioned previously, the Senators have the right to table or deny any bill, or a portion thereof, if there is an aspect of it that is unclear or incorrect. Having a representative at hand is like having a safeguard against condemning uncertainties, unless, of course, that person is grossly misinformed or ventures into their life story rather than answering the question asked. Representatives play an undeniably huge part in the acceptance of a bill.

Moving on, I will mention the most important topic concerning club leaders brought up at the meeting. This is none other than the infamous Saturday morning budget hearings. Treasurer Diane Klein highly encouraged club leaders to attend this meeting, and she could "not stress it enough." This is because, much like the necessity of representing a bill, club members need to represent their budgets. In a sense, budgets need to be defended. Similar questions regarding itemized lists are raised upon the examination of budgets. In this case, however, some or all of a budget can be denied. The fact that I am going to stress is that it can be almost guaranteed that a question will arise to challenge every budget.

To those brave enough to confront the possible onslaught of questions, the budget hearing will be held in the Goodwin classroom on Dec. 3, beginning at 9 a.m. Yes, I said in the morning—on a Saturday. Do not worry, however. Klein said the Senate would devise some way to let club representatives know when their budget will be reviewed. As Harbaugh said, the hearings are known to progress into the wee hours of the night—like 11:30 p.m., in one instance.

As I have hinted many times before, the Senate does not function solely by itself. Student participation is required at some point if the SGA is to function at all, and the more student input there is, the smoother everything runs for everyone involved. And wouldn't we all love to see that?
Hello My Name Is... and I Watch Fake-ality

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

If you read my last column, you know full well how I feel about reality TV. What were some of the words I used? Despicable? Brain cell eating entertainment? Hateful genre? Well, I take it back. Not all of it, but enough of it to admit that I, against my own will (how does that happen?) watch "Laguna Beach." Before I run away in shame, let me just say that most people I have made this confession to do not point and laugh, but rather hang their head in embarrassment and admit that they are also an unwilling audience. Besides, it's on a million times during the week. Who could miss it?

So the number one question on everyone's mind when it comes to "Laguna Beach:" Is it real? The smooth camera work and ever moving story line make this show look and feel a little "fa-ker" than most reality shows. On the other hand, MTV swears that it is authentic, and even contains a disclaimer at the beginning of each show stating that the "drama is real." What's the story? Come on, people. Have I taught you nothing? It is my firm belief that no "reality" show is entirely real, but "Laguna Beach" is especially contrived.

In an attempt to not completely burst your bubble, I will say that the people on "Laguna Beach" actually exist. They are really high school students who live in Laguna, and who probably undergo their fair amount of drama. Now, in an attempt to continue to burst your bubble, that is probably the end of the realness. "Laguna" stars only work Thursday through Sunday, and thus pivotal story lines are delayed by MTV until then. And when you see the small groups together talking about this or that, chances are MTV is coaching them. Not exactly scripted, but not exactly real.

The verdict? It's fake-ality, and that is okay with me. I have come to the conclusion that real reality shows aren't fun for me because I don't care what normal people's normal lives are like. I get a full dose of my own life everyday, thank you very much. The attraction in "Laguna Beach" is that these kids are not living run of the mill lives and MTV cuts the lazing around the house, pick your nose and scratch your head moments, and coaches these kids during scenes that audiences at home will actually want to see.

It took me two whole seasons to admit the above. It's therapeutic. With my new found peace of mind, I will be able to embark on the third season of Laguna Beach, due out next summer and a new spin-off show, "The Hills" which follows Lauren "LC" Conrad's life in L.A. I am not looking forward to either show, but I know the truth is that it will just suck me in.

Until then, secret lovers of "Laguna," why not play the "spot them if you can" game with your favorite cast members. Kristin is slated to come on the show (she knows how to pick them). Also in the car? Talan’s newly announced fiancé, Kimberly Stewart, daughter of Rod Stewart. These kids are branching out, most of them have moved to L.A. and that means they might be coming to a movie, show, or record store near you. Don’t worry, I won’t tell anyone if you stay tuned.

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Lesa Phillips
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I'm going to stuff the turkey and then stuff myself. I will enjoy spending quality time with my family and friends.

Lesly-Loudmar Mathurin
Freshman
Athletic Training
Queens, NY

Gain 10 lbs of pure muscle instead of fat.

Rebecca Davila
Junior
Psychology
Puerto Rico

I'm going to visit my beautiful Island "La Isla del Encanto" Puerto Rico to spend time with my family, go to the beautiful beaches and El Viejo San Juan.

Michael Alle
Freshman
Pharmacy
Miami, FL

Spend it with my family. I definitely eat more turkey than watch football.

Josh Wentz
Graduate Student
College of Student Affairs
Belpre, Ohio

I will be staying at NSU to help sponsor the Thanksgiving Dinner between Resident Life and the International Student Association.

Tequilla Hill
1st year Graduate Student
Marriage and Family Therapy
New Orleans, Louisiana

I'm going to attempt to participate in the "domesticated" aspect...COOKING! LOL! I also plan to eat until I'm uncomfortable!

Alex Caceres
Sophomore
Biology
Carol City, FL

Eat Turkey, get fatter, and enjoy life.

Shakeena Harkless
1st year Graduate Student
Marriage and Family Therapy
Brooklyn, New York

I'm going to gain about 10 lbs. and love it! Don't be afraid of the carbs.