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Generations mingle at the 4th annual ‘Senior’ Prom

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Chad Turnipseed, a 19-year-old sophomore, spent an unconventional Monday night sharing the dance-floor with his 72-year-old date, Marleen Jennings.

They made small talk and he spoon-fed her dessert.

“It’s okay, I got it,” Turnipseed said as the wheelchair-bound resident of Harbor Beach Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center reached a shaky hand toward her spoon.

“Do you want another piece of the apple pie or the peanut butter?” he asked.

“Let’s finish the peanut butter first,” Jennings said.

Jennings smiled and said, “I wish I could take him home.”

Turnipseed was one of 20 NSU students who volunteered to entertain residents of two Fort Lauderdale nursing homes at the Dec. 5 “Senior” Prom, an annual event hosted by the Office of Volunteerism.

Students, dressed in formalwear, acted as dates to the 48 residents of the Sunrise Health & Rehabilitation Center and the Harbor Beach nursing home.

The event was designed to get residents of the nursing homes—who rarely venture out—to interact with the outside world, said Jennifer Bowman, graduate assistant of volunteerism and

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Mini Shark Rally Draws a Crowd

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Students leaving classes in the Alvin Sherman Library on Dec. 8 witnessed an unusual sight: a large mound of snow sat on the library quad, emanating a chilled mist as people quickly gathered to pelt each other.

The snow was courtesy of the NSU Student Government Association, who hosted the event from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Based on the event’s attendance and the enthusiasm put forth by students and Senators, Commuter Senator Besty Jacob agreed that this Student Action Committee Day was “definitely the most successful.”

Many of the SGA’s Senators were present to help

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Crashing Xbox 360s Lead to Lawsuit

Microsoft's newest console, the Xbox 360, released on Nov. 22, is already causing trouble. Amidst reports of overheating and crashing consoles, Chicago resident Robert Byers has sued Microsoft in a class action suit claiming that the company released the game system with defects in order to beat competing machines from Sony and Nintendo. According to Reuters, the suit claims that the "power supply and central processing unit in the Xbox 360 overheat, affecting heat-sensitive chips and causing the console to lock up." Numerous reports have surfaced on various Xbox fan sites, such as the TeamXbox.com forums, where a posting about defective systems has gathered over 1,000 replies. Microsoft spokeswoman Molly O'Donnell said that "We have received a few isolated reports of consoles not working as expected," adding that it is a "very, very small fraction." The Xbox 360 is in high demand this holiday season, with many retailers unable to meet demand. According to Next Generation, eBay's CEO said that 40,000 consoles were sold or resold on the auction web site representing 10 percent of all Xbox 360 sales.

New Mammal Discovered

The forests of Borneo are home to a newly discovered species of mammal. According to BBC News, WWF officials said that "two images of the animal, which is bigger than a domestic cat, dark red, and has a long muscular tail" were captured in the Indonesian Kayan Mentaran National Park. Callum Rankine, head of the species program at WWF in the UK said that "You don't find new mammals often, and to do so must be extraordinary." While the photos depict a creature that appears similar to a lemur, Nick Isaac of the Institute of Zoology in London claims the creature must be a new species, as "there certainly shouldn't be lemurs in Borneo." Plans for the animal's capture are being considered so that it can be studied.

Singing Sandwiches Brighten Lunch

A London supermarket is introducing a musical sandwich which will play a selection of seasonal music, according to Reuters. For this winter, a medley of Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas will be played. The technology used is similar to that of musical greeting cards; as the box housing the sandwich is opened, the song will begin to play, potentially annoying anyone located near the meal. Singing sandwich spokesman Jonathan Church said that "It's designed to provide busy office workers with relaxing music to make eating lunch at their desks more enjoyable than ever before." He hopes to make contracts with record companies and include songs by new artists in the future.
Lights, Camera, Fashion

Delta Phi Epsilon presents its first annual fashion show

By Danielle Garcia
Contributing Writer

The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon teamed up with the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale to present the First Annual "Luxe Life" fashion show on Saturday, Dec. 3. As curious fashion-goers packed into the atrium of the Carl DeSantis Business Building, they were greeted by the show's urban vibe and numerous styles. Fashion designers Maria Anzalone and Shellyann Spencer introduced guests to the hip-hop inspired show, and a performance by NSU's step team Chicks on Point signaled the beginning of the evening's festivities.

Models donned clothes that were all about "Luxing it up," bringing beautiful colors and daring designs with an urban theme to the runway.

As the "Love 2 Luxe Me" section approached, the models stepped up their game by walking the runway in some tantalizing two piece swimsuits.

After a performance by two local break dancers, which served as an intermission for models, the ladies finished out the night with "Luxe for Life," giving the audience one last look at their trendy hairstyles and ultra sleek fashion.

The models, who represented every nationality and body shape, captivated the audience as well as the designers of the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale.

Clothing styles combined Miami spice with trendy class. Designers pushed the limits with hemlines and structure that caught the attention of many fashion connoisseurs. Some of the many designers in attendance included Maria Solis, Jacinta Ligon, and Eduardo De Las Casas.

The fashion show was a chance for many to check out the talent of some budding designers while supporting the Pediatric Cancer Foundation, which aids children and families who have been afflicted by cancer. Proceeds from the event will help the foundation purchase state-of-the-art equipment, support research projects, and bring exceptional fellows to both the surgical and oncology department.

Attendees of the show found it to be a well planned and skillfully executed student event. Kyle Patton, Graduate Assistant for Greek Life at NSU, was impressed with how everything "came together."

"I've seen a lot of events held by students and they are just put together superficially," said Patton. "I hope to see it done next year because this event can really take off."

One NSU student in attendance was shocked at the great job the Delta Phi Epsilon and the Art Institute did. Radhi Muhammad said he supported the cause and thought the fashion show was a great way to raise money.
NATURE Encourages Students to "Take Action"

By Kristine Belzair
Distribution Manager

"Take Action" was the theme of the teach-in sponsored by NSU's NATURE club in front of the Parker building on Dec. 2, where speakers educated attendees about environmental issues.

Environmental issues such as animal depravity and global warming were among the central topics discussed at the event. NATURE presented guest speakers Valerie Silidker, Vice-President of Rattle the Cage Production, and Drs. Barbara Brodman and Joshua Feingold, both professors at NSU.

Feingold spoke mainly about marine parks and their ill-effects on the environment, including the degradation of the ecosystem and the depletion of soil for crops. Such depletion could lead to a significant decrease of human resources.

Silidker talked about animal rights, saying that animals are sent to marine parks against their will, with some being treated unfairly and cruelly. She called for attendees to stop attending marine parks, for that is the only way for animal cruelty to end.

Focusing her speech on global warming, Brodman addressed the drought plaguing the Amazon. She voiced similar concerns as Feingold, saying that resources will eventually decrease and potentially "end civilization as we know it."

Lauren Adamczyk, senior at NSU and president of NATURE said that the event will "hopefully inform as many students as possible about the environment."

Attendees were served refreshments and given informative brochures about the environment and what can be done to save it.

NATURE is an environment group on campus dedicated to promoting events that will encourage others to take care of the environment. For more information about NATURE, contact Adamczyk at adamiczky@nova.edu.

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All Fun and Games

KAVG-Sponsored YuGiOh! Tournament Packs HPD Cafeteria

By Alisha Vanhoose
Editor-in-Chief

Over 150 people packed into the HPD cafeteria Dec. 2, but they weren't there for anything having to do with the health professions. They were there for a card game.

The YuGiOh! tournament was sponsored by KAVG in partnership with Unity Entertainment, who runs tournaments every two weeks to qualify players for nationals.

Nicola DiGiallonardo, Assistant Director of Admissions for Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and NSU student, started planning the event three months ago. The tournament was intended to take place in late October, but the Hurricane Wilma prompted a reschedule.

The idea for hosting an event like this at NSU came to DiGiallonardo when he heard about a tournament elsewhere this year. "I felt we could do a better job with this," he said. This is the first tournament at NSU this year and was a qualifier for Honolulu Magic: The Gathering tournament.

"There are a lot of YuGiOh! fans here," said Cory Kus, who has been playing for about two years. He also mentioned that the event was very well run, compared with other tournaments he had been in.

Vendors included Tate's Gaming Satellite, Brad's Sports Cards and Collectables, and Dragon's Lair Games, who was also running demos of Dungeons and Dragons and a new miniature game, War Machine.

Sophomore Paul Saneaux, Vice President of KAVG, said that "we basically integrated card gaming into KAVG to expand our fan base. We started out with modern entertainment like video and digital media, but wanted to integrate traditional gaming as well."

Players weren't just teens; a couple of the younger participants, Benjamin Cohen, 8, and James Klaubenbaum, 9, said that even though they had both been playing YuGiOh! for about two years, this was their first tournament.

"I think I'm gonna lose," said Klaubenbaum, but both boys agreed that they were having fun.

"The ulterior motive is to expose these kids to campus," said DiGiallonardo, "and show them that there's a lot going on at NSU."

Above: YuGiOh! fanatics came from all over to partake in the festivities happening in HPD. Photo by

The Encore
Piano Bar

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 p.m.

http://www.geocities.com/bold_and_zesty/main.htm

Broadway-focused Piano Bar with an incorporation of other music, bands, poetry, karaoke, story-telling and anything else you can share!

There will be a professional pianist. This event will be taking place in The Flight Deck.
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"The event was designed to get residents of the nursing homes... [the chance] to interact with the outside world"

community service.

"When they are out like this, they are more alive, full of life, and they know someone cares about them," said Shera Campbell, care plans coordinator at Harbor Beach.

Prior to the prom, cosmetologists from the Hope Center Institute pampered the seniors with free manicures, pedicures and haircuts.

At the Renaissance Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, the music was a mix of Aretha Franklin, Frank Sinatra and disco.

The NSU students and their dates slowly migrated to the dance floor. Those in wheelchairs waved their hands to the rhythm of the music.

Just as is the case in a traditional prom, couples posed for snapshots after dinner.

"This brings back old memories," mused Charlotte Wosenitz, 79, who was accompanied by Alexandra Paroulek, 18.

Paroulek said she enjoyed sharing stories with Wosenitz, and plans to attend the event again next year.

Echoing the sentiment, Wosenitz said: "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

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pass out food and drinks, free t-shirts to the undergraduate population, and to participate in an event favorite: tossing pies at the faces of willing, and sometimes unwilling, Senators.

"This event shows that we're not all business," said Freshman Senator Steven Reddy. "We like to do fun things too, like pie each other in the face."

One of the purposes of the Mini Shark Rally, which was stressed during the planning phases in the SGA Senate meetings, was to increase casual relations between Senators and their constituents. Public Relation Senator Dani Garcia said in an earlier interview that the SGA wants to increase student involvement. Vice President Liz Harbaugh also said earlier the rally would present another chance to "connect with the undergraduate students."

Connect they did, as large groups of students swarmed the tent on the quad to fill out surveys, speak with Senators, and play in the snow. The Savvy Scrapbookers' club and the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority were also present. Several Senators, including IOC Senator Jessica Boyd and Minority Senator Randy Rodriguez-Torres, were seen throwing snowballs with students.

Covered in whipped cream and snow, Rodriguez-Torres said the rally was "a great opportunity to break up tensions and let the students get to know [the Senators] on a personal level." Content with the turnout, he also added "there is more to come."

"I think it was really fun," said Junior Jey Lin. "We don't get snow in Florida, so that was cool to see."

Sophomore Karoline Korah, who attended several SAC Day events before, said it was "nice to see so many people out, especially since finals are so close."

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The Do’s and Don’ts of Protecting Yourself from Colds and Flu

When antibiotics should and shouldn’t be used and other tips for getting well and staying healthy

Ah-Choo! You know what comes next—a runny nose, a stuffy head, maybe even fever, body aches and a sore throat. You want relief, and you want it now. But think twice before asking your doctor for an antibiotic. In the long run, not taking an antibiotic could save your life.

Here’s why. Antibiotics don’t cure colds or the flu. Ever. Antibiotics are “anti-bacterial,” which means they kill illnesses caused by bacteria. The cold and flu are caused by viruses, so antibiotics aren’t needed and won’t work. That’s right. Despite what many people think, taking antibiotics for a cold or the flu won’t make you feel better any faster. And, it may actually do more harm than good by contributing to a growing health problem called antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotic resistance occurs when antibiotics are used unnecessarily or incorrectly, and some bacteria become resistant to those drugs. In other words, the drugs don’t work as well to stop or kill the bacteria.

The first step in fighting colds and flu is not taking antibiotics. This rule also applies to other illnesses caused by a virus, including most sore throats, coughs and bronchitis.

Do You Need an Antibiotic?

If you’re sick, you should check with your doctor to determine if you need an antibiotic; but here are some basic guidelines:

• Cold and flu – No. Viruses cause colds and flu. Viruses can’t be cured with antibiotics. Even if you have a mucus coming from your nose that changes from clear to yellow or green, it does not mean you have a bacterial infection. It is normal for mucus to get thick and change color during a cold.

• Sore throats – No, unless you have strep throat. If you have a runny nose and a cough, your sore throat is probably caused by a virus and can’t be treated with antibiotics. However, strep throat, which can be determined by doing a lab test, is caused by bacteria and requires treatment with antibiotics.

• Cough or bronchitis – Maybe. Most coughs and cases of bronchitis are caused by viruses and antibiotics aren’t needed. However, if you have a lung condition or the illness lasts a long time, your infection may be caused by bacteria and your doctor may give you an antibiotic.

• Ear infections – Maybe. There are several types of ear infections. Most need antibiotics, but some do not. If you or your child has an earache, ask your doctor if antibiotics are needed.

• Sinus infections – Maybe. Antibiotics should only be used for severe infections or infections that last more than two weeks. As a cold, yellow or green mucus coming from your nose does not necessarily mean you need an antibiotic.

Taking Good Care of Yourself

Fortunately, there are lots of things you can do to feel better if you do catch a cold or flu, and to prevent you and your family from getting sick in the first place.

If you develop a cold or the flu:

• Get lots of rest and drink plenty of fluids.

• Take over-the-counter medications for symptoms such as a runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, aches and pains. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for the best medication for your symptoms.

• Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly to help prevent the spread of the illness to others.

• To feel more comfortable when you’re stuffy or congested, try using a cool mist vaporizer while you sleep or rest.

To help protect you and your family from getting sick, you should:

• Check with your pediatrician to confirm that your children are up to date on their immunizations.

• Get a flu shot, and while you’re at it, check to see if you need a booster shot for diptheria or tetanus. Adults should get them every ten years.

• Eat a balanced diet.

• Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly to eliminate germs. Just rinsing them quickly is not enough. You should use soap and warm water and rub your hands together for at least 10-15 seconds.

• Experts recommend that healthy individuals should not use antibacterial soaps, as they may contribute to the development of germs that are resistant to antibiotics.

For more information about the proper use of antibiotics, visit www.caqh.org/antibioticsinfo or www.cdc.gov/getsmart.

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FACT SHEET

Key Facts about Influenza (Flu) Vaccine

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each fall.

There are two types of vaccines:

• The ‘Flu shot’—an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle, usually in the arm. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions.

• The nasal-spray flu vaccine—a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu (sometimes called LAIV for “Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine”). LAIV is approved for use in healthy people 5 years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

Each vaccine contains three influenza viruses—one A (H3N2) virus, one A (H1N1) virus, and one B virus. The viruses in the vaccine change each year based on international surveillance and scientists’ estimations about which types and strains of viruses will circulate in a given year. About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies that provide protection against influenza virus infection develop in the body.

When to Get Vaccinated

October or November is the best time to get vaccinated, but you can still get vaccinated in December and later. Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

Who Should Get Vaccinated

In general, anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. However, certain people should get vaccinated each year. They are either people who are at high risk of having serious flu complications or people who live with or care for those at high risk for serious complications.

People who should get vaccinated each year are:

1.) People at high risk for complications from the flu:

• People 65 years and older;

• People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities that house those with long-term illnesses;

• Adults and children 6 months and older with chronic heart or lung conditions, including asthma;

• Adults and children 6 months and older who needed regular medical care or were in a hospital during the previous year because of a medical condition like diabetes, chronic kidney disease, or weakened immune system (including immune system problems caused by medicines or by infection with human immunodeficiency virus [HIV/AIDS]);

• Children 6 months to 18 years of age who are on long-term aspirin therapy. (Children given aspirin who have or are at risk for Reye’s syndrome should not get flu vaccine.); and

• Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;

• All adults 6 to 23 years of age.

Key Facts about Flu Vaccine (continued from previous page)

• People with any condition that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions (that is, a condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow, such as brain injury or disease, spinal cord injury, severe difficulty with normal breathing); and

• People who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously. (See www.cdc.gov/flu/about/gbs.htm.)

• People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.

2.) People 50 to 64 years of age. Because nearly one-third of people 50 to 64 years of age in the United States have one or more medical conditions that place them at increased risk for serious flu complications, vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 50 – 64 years.

3.) People who can transmit flu to others at high risk for complications. Any person in close contact with someone in a high-risk group (see above) should get vaccinated. This includes all health-care workers, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children 6 to 23 months of age, and close contacts of people 65 years and older.

Who Should Not Be Vaccinated

There are some people who should not be vaccinated without first consulting a physician. These include:

• People who have a severe allergy to eggs.

• People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past.

• People who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously. (See www.cdc.gov/flu/about/gbs.htm.)

• People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.

• People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever who should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms lessen.

Vaccine Effectiveness

The ability of flu vaccine to protect a person depends on the age and health status of the person getting the vaccine, and the similarity or “match” between the virus strains in the vaccine and those in circulation. Testing has shown that both vaccines are effective at preventing the flu.

Vaccine Side Effects (What to Expect)

Different side effects can be associated with the flu shot and LAIV.

The flu shot: The viruses in the flu shot are killed (inactivated), so you cannot get the flu from a flu shot. Some minor side effects that could occur are:

• Soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given

• Fever (low grade)

If these problems occur, they begin soon after the shot and usually last one to two days. Almost all people who receive the flu shot have no serious problems from it. However, a vaccine may rarely cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. LAIV: The viruses in the nasal-spray vaccine are weakened and do not cause severe symptoms often associated with influenza illness. (In clinical studies, transmission of vaccine viruses to close contacts has occurred only rarely.)

In children, side effects from LAIV can include:

• Sore throat

• Headache

• Fatigue

• Vomiting

• Muscle aches

• Cough

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu, or call CDC at 800-CDC-INFO (English and Spanish) or 888-232-6358 (TTY).
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Holiday Hours – December 2005 / January 2006

Rosenthal Dining Hall
Closed - Saturday, December 17 – Monday, January 2
Re-Open – Tuesday, January 3 – Regular Hours 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

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Open – Saturday, December 24 – 9 am to 12 pm
Closed – Sunday, December 25 and Monday, December 26
Open – Tuesday, December 27 – Friday, December 30, – 9 am to 4 pm
Open – Saturday, December 31 – 9 am to 12 pm
Closed – Sunday, January 1 & Saturday, January 2
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Closed – Saturday, December 24 – Monday, December 26
Open – Tuesday, December 27 – Friday, December 30 – 8 am to 6:30 pm
Closed – Saturday, December 31 – January 2
Normal Hours Resume – Tuesday, January 3 – 8 am to 9 pm

Connections Café
Open – Monday, December 19 – Friday, December 23 – 9 am to 2 pm
Closed – Saturday, December 24 – Monday, December 26
Open – Tuesday, December 27 – Friday, December 30 – 9 am to 2 pm
Closed – Saturday, December 31 – Monday, January 2
Normal Hours Resume – Tuesday, January 3 – 8 am to 8:30 pm

Supreme Court Café
Closed - Tuesday, December 20 – January 8
Normal Hours Resume – Monday, January 9

HPD Café
Open – Monday, December 19 – Friday, December 23 – 7 am to 2 pm
Closed – Saturday, December 24 – Monday, January 2
Normal Hours Resume – Tuesday, January 3 – 7 am to 3 pm

Alvin Sherman Library
Winter Break Hours
December 18 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
December 19 thru December 23 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
December 24 thru December 26 - CLOSED
December 27 thru December 30 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
December 31 thru January 2 - CLOSED

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December 17 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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December 30 thru January 2 - CLOSED

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Movie Review

The Chronicles of Narnia

The "Lion" Roars, The "Witch" Frightens and The "Wardrobe" Lights Up Theaters

Rating: $5.50

By Marines Alvarez

It is interesting to wonder if the late J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis could ever imagine their books would impact millions. Now, both Middle Earth and Narnia have made their way to the big screen, and all there is left to see is if a messianic lion can match the success of a few hobbits.

On a literary basis, Tolkien's and Lewis' books can hardly be compared. Lewis weaves an effortless, imaginative tale clearly targeted to young readers but still magical for the young at heart. Tolkien's intricate tale and long ramblings can often only be appreciated by the most faithful of followers.

Thus, director Andrew Adamson's (Shrek and Shrek 2) job was not to make Lewis' classic more approachable for the masses, but rather to preserve the simply written tale while filling the gaps Lewis left up to the reader's imagination.

Fans of the book will be pleased to know that the story was mostly preserved on its way to the theater. If anything, the writers do a great job of fleshing out the characters, especially Edmund, whose alienation from his brother and sisters is more pronounced in the film version. A few scenes are added for the sake of action and character introduction. While the book opens with a rainy day at the manor, the movie starts with bombs dropping over the Pevensie's house, a detail instilled but never discussed in the book.

The children's performances in this movie were generally good, with newcomer Georgie Henley bringing a cute wide-eyed innocence to the role of Lucy. Henley's buck-tooth smile and interactions with the faun, Mr. Tumnus (James McAvoy) were purely precious. Skander Keynes likewise does a great job as Edmund, portraying his betrayal and ultimate redemption. Anna Popplewell has less to the do as Lucy while William Moseley as Peter, though convincing as the older brother trying to protect his family, was a little less than easy to watch during battle.

The rest of the cast did an excellent job. McAvoy brought a gentleness to Mr. Tumnus, and his opening scene with Lucy set the magical pace to the movie. The beavers, voiced by Ray Winstone and Dawn French, were incomparably cute with their one liners and interactions.

Now, onto the title players. The Lions In a letter, C.S. Lewis made it clear that he was "absolutely opposed" to a film version of his book. He went on to quote playwright Peter Shaffer: "If they do a film version of it, I don't want to see it."

Where Has Good TV Gone?

The cast of "Arrested Development" joins the unemployment line. Photo from Fox

By Greg Kyriakakis

A television show's life is dictated by its ratings and ability to earn money, not by its quality. Fox's struggling "Arrested Development" is proof that money, and not creativity, is the deciding factor in keeping a show alive.

Despite having won five Emmy Awards in its first season, including top honors such as "Outstanding Comedy Series" and "Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series" plus eleven nominations for its second season, "Arrested" had its episode order cut from 22 to 13, replaced by "Prison Break" during the crucial November sweeps period, and is likely lost forever.

Why haven't audiences caught on to the show? It may be the intricate storylines that encourage repeat viewing but reward careful viewers with hilarious payoffs. Perhaps its lack of a typical sitcom formula -- a stupid, usually fat, obnoxious husband and bossy wife with mischievous adolescent children -- turned off traditional television viewers. Michael Bluth doesn't even have a wife! She's dead, but still fair game for comedy. It could be the topical humor, such as George Sr.'s ties with Iraq, which often mocks the Bush administration. That may not sit well with mainstream America. Of course, it could also be the lack of a laugh track, which might confuse audiences who won't know when they're supposed to laugh.

There's little hope that "Arrested" will survive and continue into another season. If it does, it will likely be on another network. Reports are circulating that producer Brian Grazer is in talks with other outlets to pick up the show, with cable network Showtime being frequently mentioned. TV Guide reported that the show itself will poke fun at its potential demise in an upcoming episode, in which the Home Builders Organization, or HBO, might bail out the financially struggling Bluth Company. But George
**Movie Openings**

**December 14**

*King Kong*
- Starring: Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody
- Director: Peter Jackson
- Genre: Action, Adventure, Thriller
- MPAA Rating: PG-13

When an unscrupulous film director takes his crew to an uncharted island to shoot a movie, his leading lady is offered up by the villagers as a sacrifice to the 25-foot tall gorilla that lives in the jungle. The actress and the ape develop a bond, and when the big ape is captured and put on display in New York, he does what all tourists do - he takes his gal for a date at the top of the Empire State Building.

**December 16**

*The Family Stone*
- Starring: Claire Danes, Tyrone Giordano, Diane Keaton
- Director: Thomas Bezucha
- Genre: Comedy, Romance
- MPAA Rating: PG-13

The comedy revolves around the annual holiday gathering of a Bohemian family that's thrown into turmoil when the fair-haired son introduces his fiancée, a high-slung New York businesswoman whom the family hates.

**Album Releases**

Available December 13

- The Real Thing by Bo Bice
- Gasoline by Beck
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Soundtrack
- King Kong Soundtrack

**Book Releases**

Available December 13

*Presumed Guilty* by Matt D. Dalton
- Not much is known about this book except that the struggle between Scott Peterson and his former lawyer and author of this book was very public. Dalton was removed from the case after he violated the court's order not to speak to the media. Before he was removed, Dalton floated a human-sacrifice theory in relation to the killing of Peterson's wife. The sub-title of this book is "What the Jury Never Knew about Laci Peterson's Murder and Why Scott Peterson Should Not Be on Death Row."

**DVD Releases**

Available December 13

- Steve Carell in *The 40 Year Old Virgin*
- Billy Bob Thornton in *The Bad News Bears*
- Ewan McGregor in *The Island*
- Gary Chapman in *Vendetta*

**Entertainment**

**December 13**

Rob Thomas at the Hard Rock in Hollywood

**December 15**

Tutankhamen & Golden Age of Pharaohs at the Museum of Art in Ft. Lauderdale

A Christmas Carol at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale

**December 17**

Y100.7 Jingle Ball Will Smith, Shakira, Ricky Martin, Chris Brown at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise

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

Book synopsis courtesy of www.barnesandnoble.com

Compiled by Marlines Alvarez

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**ARRESTED**

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"Arrested Development" is proof that money, and not creativity, is the deciding factor in keeping a show alive.

Sr. disagrees, saying, "I guess it's Showtime."

Fox may have given "Arrested" a few extra years to find an audience - it never did well in the ratings - but the network usually promoted its other shows over it, such as "Family Guy" and the new "Prison Break." Fox abandoned *Family Guy* (although DVD sales and high ratings on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim helped resurrect it), much like it abandoned "Futurama," "Firefly," and a host of other shows despite their acclaim.

What if NBC had given up on "Seinfeld" (which became one of that network's top shows) during its weak premier seasons? "Arrested" fans may be left to wonder what the show could have accomplished in time.

The most disturbing indication of what type of shows audiences would rather watch came when ABC's "Freddie," starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Brian Austin Green, was renewed for an entire season on the same day "Arrested" was effectively cancelled.

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**Shark Note**

You are reading the very last issue of The Knight Newspaper. When we return on January 9, 2006, you will be looking at the premiere issue of... well, you'll just have to wait and see.
The movie incarnation of the Chronicles of Narnia lives up to exciting elements of the book

Much has been said about the religious elements the story, centering on the Christ-like lion. As a fan of the book in its entirety, (mesianic lion included) I was afraid that the religious ingredient would be cut. My fears soon did an about face when marketing became targeted to churches, and then I feared the allegory would become something ham-fisted. The final result was a mixture of: through most of the scenes in the movie, there were no signs of anything remotely religious, but suddenly when it came to scene at the stone table, it seems to hit you in the face. To me it seemed awkward, but to moviegoers solely there for the religious aspect it will satisfy and for those looking to avoid the religious aspect it is bearable. One reason the sacrifice of Aslan is a bit awkward is because the movie doesn’t seem to embrace the character as well as the book did. It is easy to see why he is admitted, respected and loved, and Liam Neeslon does a great job voicing him, but his screen time is sparse. Narnia lovers already have a place for Aslan in their heads and hearts, but newcomers might find it difficult to accept the Lion as one might accept a Dumbledore or a Gandolf.

The Witch: I was at first reluctant to see Tilda Swinton as the White Witch, because although the character is evil she was always unearthly beautiful in my head and Swinton is not (sorry). I was wrong. Swinton’s portrayal of Jadis is a far cry from the cliché witch complete with evil laugh and wart. Her performance was undoubtedly the best in the movie, and she stole every scene she was in. Just looking at her made me shiver. Everything from her ornate costumes to her regal features and presence made this the best rendering of a villain I’ve seen in a long time.

The Wardrobe: The movie did an excellent job of just letting Narnia be. Much like Hogwarts and Middle Earth, Narnia just is as opposed to be something from one of the kid’s imaginations. Although the story in itself did not do much to stir hunger for a next movie (I hope there is one) the depiction and beauty of Narnia is sure to call the audience to visit again.

The time is right for this movie, as Harry Potter and The Lord of the Rings have made a market for fantasy. As I have done repeatedly throughout this review, The Lion will undoubtedly be compared to its silver screen predecessors and there are slight similarities. Though it stands its ground as a visually appealing and thrilling movie, the bar in this genre has been set high and there are times when The Lion comes up short, especially when it comes to the pace of the story.

While sitting through the movie, it may seem to newcomers as if they have seen it before, but that doesn’t make Narnia any less impressive. Fans of the book will find it preserved and interpreted beautifully. All is well in the land of Narnia and I look forward to repeat trips.

Showbiz Bits

Compiled by Nicole Garber

King of Goth Finds Queen

Okay, this marriage is hard to figure out. You have a burlesque dancer and Marilyn Manson, Marilyn Manson...and a burlesque dancer. Manson and the beautiful burlesque superstar Dita Von Teese exchanged vows at Castle Guneen, a friend’s place in Ireland, on Dec. 4, 2005. The notorious rocker, known for his controversial music and ‘Boy George meets death’ appearance, wed Von Teese in a non-denominational ceremony after dating for four years. I’m not being facetious when I say that I believe this marriage will last for a while. Gothic love is so much more complex than pop-star love or movie-star love. According to The Age, it was a first marriage for both. Manson was engaged to actress Rose McGowan a while back, but two split up due to a difference in lifestyle. If this marriage doesn’t last, I’m throwing myself into a pit of hot molten lava. Seriously.

He's Not My Baby's Daddy

Michael Jackson's ex-wife, Debbie Rowe, claims that Wacko Jacko is not the father of Paris and Prince, two of his three children. According to The Age, Rowe says “they were conceived using semen from a sperm bank.” Lately, Rowe has had trouble seeing the two children, says The Age. Rowe also says that the sperm donor is unknown, and that the information is strictly confidential. I honestly do not care whether it is true or not, but Rowe is just so very wrong for making physical, verbal, metaphysical, and/or metaphorical contact with Wacko Jacko, who can’t possibly have children anyway, because alien DNA cannot reproduce with human DNA. And that’s a fact.

Dumped, Divorced and Exposed

Jennifer Aniston is 36 years old, has been dumped by her handsome husband Brad Pitt for the sultry Angelina Jolie, and is now in a war against her breasts. Well, not against them, but against a photographer that shot her topless without Aniston knowing. According to E! Online, the photographer, Peter Brandt, stealthily captured Aniston’s breasts but told reporters that he didn’t mean to because he knew it would get him in trouble. Okay, he didn’t mean to, but he did anyways. Shucks, he just wanted to see her goodies and frame them on his wall so every morning he could get up and say “hello, dear.” Sue him, Aniston, sue him good. Thanks to this lawsuit against the photographer, Aniston’s publicist has got the word out to every photographer, which I will sum up as best I can: Photograph Jennifer topless and DIE. Emphasis mine, of course, but I think you get the picture.

DiCaprio's New Role as Captain Planet

Leonardo DiCaprio is now an advocate for environmental preservation. He just came out of nowhere and said, “Global warming is not only the No. 1 environmental challenge we face today, but one of the most important issues facing all of humanity. We all have to do our part to raise awareness about global warming and the problems we as a people face in promoting a sustainable environmental future for our planet.” Who knew DiCaprio was interested in anything but himself? So as of now, DiCaprio is producing and narrating a lengthy documentary called “The 11th Hour,” which will offer solutions to restoring Earth’s neglected ecosystems. Unfortunately, it will not feature a really big boat and steamy sex scenes, which might make it a little less of a hit than that other movie he starred in.
What Will Roger Clemens Do?
By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Roger Clemens doesn’t know what he’s going to do about next season, which worries the Houston Astros. His agent Hendricks said, “Today, he would retire if he had to make the decision,” but he still wants to play the game. With the Astros getting ready for next season, it’s hard for them to decide what to do as well, since Clemens isn’t giving them a definite answer.

Clemens is getting up there in age, and he was struggling in some past games, like the World Series. In Game two against the White Sox, he had a strained left hamstring that left him barely able to walk off the mound. Since this hamstring problem is still a big deal, Clemens probably won’t make a decision until January or February.

The Astros have until Wednesday night to sign Clemens or offer him salary arbitration, but if he doesn’t sign then, he won’t be able to do so before May 1.

Clemens is making it really tough on the Houston general manager because the same thing happened last year, and they weren’t sure if he’d return or not. Last season they reached a deal with Clemens on January 21, just a month before the start of spring training.

Clemens is a big money maker that received $18 million last season. They also have six players eligible for arbitration.

Here are some of the players that are making the payroll unbearable for the Astros: Andy Pettitte, Roy Oswalt, Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, and Lance Berkman. These Astros players are supposed to make $45 million in 2006, up from about $45 million last season. They also have six players eligible for arbitration.

Last season, this 43-year old led the major leagues with a career-low 1.87 ERA, going 13-8. He’s also finished a perfect 2-0 at the UWF Hoop Classic.

In Pensacola, Fla. on Dec. 3, the NSU Sharks played against Ouachita Baptist University (5-4) in the final game of the UWF Hoop Classic. A lay-up by Freshman Point guard Rhys Martin pushed NSU 61-57 to win over Ouachita. The men had erased a 17-point deficit to win the game, finishing a perfect 2-0 at the UWF Hoop Classic.

With just 53 seconds left in the game, Martin made the game-winning bucket. David Naylor from Melbourne, Australia led the Sharks with a game-high of 14 points and a game-high tying 7 rebounds. The reason why the Sharks were down in the first half was because the Tigers shot 54.2% from the field, including 70.0% (7-10) from the 3-point line. The Tigers led by 17 points just over six minutes left in the half, but NSU closed the half on a 16-6 run to leave the half 37-30.

The Sharks took their first lead with 7 minutes remaining in the game, 49-48. Martin ended up making the game winning lay-up and also hit a pair of free throws to fasten the win for the Sharks.

The next game for the Sharks will be on December 12 as they travel to Ft. Myers, Fla. to take on Florida Gulf Coast University at 7:30 p.m.

Rash of Fire Rids Marlins of Top Name Players
By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

Off-season time for fans and players alike is a time of healing – past mistakes are forgiven, while hope and optimism are refreshed. For Marlins fans, this off-season is reviving memories of 1997, but unfortunately, they aren't the particularly good memories.

For the second time last season, the Marlins were decimated, in what is often called a “fire sale.” With a dismal third place finish in the National League East and attendance rates among the worst in baseball, team owner Jeffrey Loria made it no secret that he looked to cut costs. According to the Marlins official website, they have, to date, effectively cut $45 million in payroll.

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Nova Southeastern Season Box Score (Through games of Dec 05, 2005)

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NSU’s Sports Stats for the Week
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dollars from a payroll that was $60 million throughout last season.

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Opinions

In T.V. Land

In the Eye of the Beholder

By Marines Alvarez

CBS recently lured viewers to their station with the return of the “Victoria Secret Fashion Show,” which boasted Tyra Bank’s last stroll down the runway. Okay, maybe “lured” is too strong a word, seeing as how only 8.9 million viewers tuned into the festival of underwear and wings. Maybe America is catching on to what I’ve known for quite some time: Tyra Banks is not the last word in good TV.

Take her other show for example. No, not the one where she is desperately pretending to be Oprah and achieving great feats like, proving her breasts are real and that overweight people get made fun of. I’m talking about “America’s Next Top Model.” For the first time in its five season history, I tuned into every single episode of this show and what I found was disheartening.

It starts with the girls. I wouldn’t advocate the stereotypical views on what beauty is, or what a model should be, but 7 times out of 10, the girls making it on this show are anything but pretty. This season was a shining example. Take Sarah, a.k.a Cantaloupe Lips. I’m surprised her face even made it into any of the shots because her lips just overtook every photo. Then there was Coryn, a.k.a Looks Like a Man. Not that there is anything wrong with that, except that she looks like an ugly man. Trust me when I say that the list goes on. I may not be one to judge (for my beauty is not exactly the stuff of legends) but if a show has the words “top” and “model” in the title, it has got to live up to certain expectations.

It has to be said, though, that not all of the ugly on the show is the fault of the models. When was the last time you saw someone looking pretty while screaming at the top of their lungs? How about looking pretty while being dressed in a warped Rainbow Bright costume? Remember the last time someone looked great after plastic surgery? These are just some of the concepts behind the photo shoots the want-to-be models endured.

Which leads to the issues of judging. Not only do these girls make it on to the show, they stay there for a while. There is no method to the eliminations, and sitting through Tyra on a judging panel would be enough to make me quit the show. Tyra goes from “ghetto” to overdramatic in 0.6 seconds flat. Her husky and quiet elimination voice must scare people away, seeing as how no one is staying tuned to UPN for Veronica Mars, which airs directly after.

As much as Tyra and Co. want to sell 10 frightfully skinny girls in one house as drama, getting into tiffs over stolen granola bars and energy drinks isn’t exactly the stuff that steals ratings (now if the aforementioned stolen food is done in prison or on a deserted island where your plane crashed and there is some monster in the jungle, maybe some more people are tuning in).

Cycle 5 of “ANTM” ended on Thursday, Dec. 8 with contestant Nicole winning the contract with Cover Girl and some other “great prizes” that get bashed over the head of the audience every week. The tall and pale Nicole did an okay job from week to week in her pictures, but from what the episodes showed us, that girl is as boring and slow as molasses. Good luck to her in the bright and shining “career” that “ANTM” provides.

Um, what were the names of the other winners again? I guess it doesn’t really matter.

Letter to the Editor.

Lauren and NSU Newspaper

Today I picked up The Knight and read your article on “Where did the trees go?” As the Director of Housing I wanted to reply to your concern. As of December 19th, the Office of Residential Life and Housing will be planning for a new residence hall on campus. In order to prepare for the new residence hall many of the trees needed either be removed or replaced around campus. The original plans for all the trees in between Leo Goodwin Residence Hall and CLC were to be removed and replaced around campus but due to Hurricane Wilma, many of the trees were damaged.

I can assure you that the new residence hall that will be placed in this area will be surrounded by new trees and plants. I appreciate your concerns and I have attached a design of the new residence hall so you are aware of all the new trees that will be replaced.

Have a great week and good luck on your finals.

Sincerely,

Anthony DeSantis
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Alisha VanHousoe
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Change bring more change, and just as the Knights stepped aside for the Sharks earlier this year, so also must we replace The Knight.

The change in name has required a lot of thought, and while it’s no where near the production that the change in mascot was, it still had us furrowing our brows for a few months now. To change the name of an established publication is a big deal too—there are just too many people involved with the decision. Whatever is chosen needs to reflect the publication and its audience, just as a mascot needs to reflect its University and community, so it’s not just a matter of what seems to sound good at the moment.

Needless to say, plenty of names passed my desk and the desks of everyone else involved with the decision. I mentioned The Chum Bucket a few issues ago—that silly name cropped up every time the change was mentioned until the day it was finalized. (Needless to say, it was vetoed every time.) Other suggestions included The Bite (someone’s personal favorite, which also cropped up until the end but was never vehemently pushed aside like The Chum Bucket was), The Navigator and The Spyglass (both of which I really liked for about a day and a half before changing my mind), and a number of others, nearly all having to do with sharks, oceans, or sailing.

And what did we end up with? Only a select few (who hopefully won’t tell) know; everyone else will have to wait until Jan. 9 to find out. At that point, the first issue of 2006 will be on the stands, and NSU will have a publication much more current than our poor, outdated Knight.

So this is The Knight’s final goodbye (I’d be playing taps if I had a bugle), and I’ll see you next year.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHousoe

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Finding Your Sense of Self

By April Eldemire
Contributing Writer

College students’ lives are forever on the go. Finals, papers, and classroom presentations are a constant reminder, like a summer rain cloud that looms for weeks on end. With their overwhelmingly exhausting schedules, students often find themselves devoid of social interaction, extracurricular activities, and personal fulfillment beyond their incessant academic responsibilities.

It is easy to get immersed in the everyday obligations of school and somehow lose oneself in the process. And when graduation rears its frightening head, the realization hits that you are no further along than when you started.

Finding ways to successfully achieve your sense of self and a better balance in life seems like a daunting task, but one that can be accomplished. The key is to know the resources that are readily available to you as a college student. By gaining experiences outside of the classroom, you have a greater chance of fulfilling your goal and quest for a sense of self.

I had the good fortune of attending two campus programs this past week that opened my eyes and enlightened my mind. The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences invited students to attend an International Luncheon, where students could share holiday stories and traditions from their country of origin. It was so gratifying to hear their stories, and I even had the opportunity to share a tradition of my own. I left the luncheon with a greater understanding of different cultures, and I was able to meet new friends that I would not have been able to do in the classroom.

World Aids Day is another one of those days that many let fall by the wayside. I attended the World Aids Day Celebration, and it resonated with me just how valuable it is to hear another’s life story. Listening to others’ life struggles, achievements and dreams helped to better understand and fulfill a sense of my own destiny.

In being a part of two immensely worthwhile campus programs, I felt my worldview expanding. I realized who I was and who I wanted to become better than I ever have in any classroom experience thus far. Don’t get me wrong, classes and school work are imperative to one’s life journey, but it is just as important to gain other experiences outside of the classroom; I find that is when you achieve a more holistic outlook about yourself and your chosen life path.
"On a scale from 1-10, how stressed are you?"

Jessa Lagon
Freshman
Accounting
Miami, Fla.

"I would say a 9.5, especially because finals are coming up. I haven't started studying, though."

DJ Rico
Freshman
Criminal Justice
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"A 10 right now. It's been hell. And I still look fabulous."

Turtle Philips
Junior
Athletic Training
Bradenton, Fla.

"On a level from 1-10, I'd say a 7 or 8."

Steve Reddy
Freshman
Biology/Awesomeness
New York, N.Y.

"A 7.5. Being awesome takes away the stress."

Jessica Arbelaez
Freshman
Biology/Pre-Med
Queens, N.Y.

"A 9. Work, School, personal life all together...it's just too much."

Ben Gutknecht
Freshman
Marine Biology
Chicago, Ill.

"I'd say, as soon as I'm done with my Bio exam, a 6. But right now, probably an 8."

Sean Hodges
Freshman
Business Management
West Palm Beach, Fla.

"Probably about a 7 or 8. I haven't been in my normal state of relaxation."

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