A Sneak Peek at The Flight Deck

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Many of you are probably wondering what's happening to the second floor of the Rosenthal building. You've all seen the "No Access" sign, but you might be wondering, what is the Flight Deck, anyhow? The Flight Deck is designed to become "Nova's living room" according to Reece Roberson, graduate assistant for Student Life, who is also in charge of the renovations.

What will this living room look like? It will have a sports bar atmosphere while maintaining an aviation theme. The idea originated from the 1940's when this land was used as a Navy Airfield training center. Apparently, former President George Bush even trained in the Fort Lauderdale area.

To get the Flight Deck look, objects will also represent the aviation theme. These include aerial photographs of the school campus, model planes, and special edition drawings of planes. They are also planning for a mural of clouds in the skylight area.

Why the change? The room wasn't being used to its full capacity.

Reece hopes it will be "a place where people might want to hang out and kill a few hours."

He would also like The Flight

To get the sports bar look, Nova has painted the walls a dark hunter green. Wood paneling has been added to the lower half of the walls for a cozier appearance. A concession stand is being built and will sell small snack foods. Barstools and high tables, along with a few wooden booths, will also be added. The lighting has been rearranged to create a non-academic mood and there will be a television in every corner and then some. Over the pool tables, Reece plans to install brass pool table lights. However, the redecorating doesn't stop there.
Susie English Enlightens SCORE Students

by Jessica Capote
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On October 29, 1996, NSU students were given the opportunity to meet with an International Partner of Habitat for Humanity—Susie English. Susie’s service through Habitat has opened her eyes to the global nature of poverty housing.

She spent three years in India aiding in constructing decent living quarters for many families. Susie’s message was an important one. She found a service that gives her a sense of accomplishment. She believes that working for Habitat is her calling.

Aside from helping impoverished families, Susie gained a cultural awareness through her three-year journey. She spoke of the striking differences in the way people treat each other in India, especially the oppression of women. As a young and single female, Susie found it difficult to gain respect in this patriarchal society, yet she managed to prove herself as a female capable of being an individual.

In this way, Susie may have been an outcast at first, maybe even the model of what women in India are not supposed to be like. However, throughout her stay Susie made a difference in many people’s lives and made many friends.

Susie spoke at the monthly SCORE meeting on October 29 and later attended a lunch where Indian cuisine was served. Susie explained many aspects of the culture including the preparation of foods which are known for their spices.

Susie English is a partner with Habitat at a local and global level. Her service has provided her with many experiences and opportunities to help others in need. Susie’s experiences were inspiring. The importance of service in an emerging global community could be a model for many to follow.

 Theta Delta Chi, Almost Back

by Jeff Dew
Theta Delta Chi Vice President

The Theta Delta Chi fraternity here at Nova Southeastern University would like to congratulate its new pledges. After being stripped of our new member rights, the Eta Triton charge was granted permission to take in new members. Immediately, five men were given bids. We would like to congratulate the following pledges:

Nick Catalfamo
Jason Gavril
Damian Velez
Andy Wentel
Jessie Ziphotz

Congratulations on a great Halloween Party!

Thanks to all of you who attended the program on Alcohol Awareness.

Good luck to all on upcoming finals.
"Nova's Living Room" To Open In November

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Deck "to unify the Nova campus." The new Flight Deck is open to all. It will hold special events such as small acoustical groups (as in coffee houses), darts, pool, ping-pong tournaments, and other events such as "movie night."

The Flight Deck is intended to be the place where people can hang out and maybe watch "ER." It's a rendezvous point before going out, and then a place to hang out after you come back.

As Reece would say, "It is a gathering place for the Nova family."

Students who have seen the renovations made so far on the Flight Deck like the change. "It's more of a home environment," says Michelle Smith who has seen the day by day changes due to her commitment with SGA.

Mike Fischer, SGA President says, "It will bring an atmosphere of an environment that will bring the campus together."

Alyson Dion says, "It will be interesting to see how it turns out."

So, you ask, when will it open?

If the schedule is followed, Reece hopes that it will open in late November. The snack bar will be open from noon to 11 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday, and even later on weekends.

Future plans include the installation of a large screen movie theater in an adjacent room, (yes, even with a declining floor and movie seats!) and the installation of a glass elevator, so all activities are equally accessible.

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Boxing's Real Deal!

by Dan Illman
Sports Editor

The Crusades were fought again Saturday night on the neon battlestrip of the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada. World Boxing Association heavyweight champion and defender of Allah, "Iron" Mike Tyson, took up arms in defense of his coveted championship against the stouthearted Christian soldier, Evander "Real Deal" Holyfield.

On paper, the contest more closely resembled the Christians being hurled to the lions. Holyfield, whose determination, fighting spirit, and class provide the shady world of boxing with a rare positive role model, was told by critics that he couldn't outpunch Father Time, much less the pitbull-like Tyson.

After Riddick Bowe silenced Holyfield in their rubber match, the Atlanta GA. native "retired" from the sport as a two-time heavyweight champion. Ironically, the heart that enabled Holyfield to dig deep within himself on so many occasions proved his downfall. Doctors recognized an irregular beat, causing shortness of breath and fatigue in the third Bowe fight. Holyfield was advised never to fight again, his destiny unfulfilled.

On November 8, 1991, Holyfield and Tyson, two titans at the peak of their careers, were scheduled to wage war. It was a dream match, a fantasy for enthusiasts who are so used to such debacles as the recent Tyson-Bruce Seldon skirmish. Could the lithe, smooth Holyfield outfux the stocky, powerful Tyson? After an injury knocked Tyson out of the fight, he was convicted on rape charges. The match was off.

Then, Mike Tyson was released from jail. Holyfield, now a venerable 34 year old veteran, could not sit idly by. After a lackluster performance against journeyman Bobby...

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Holyfield Stuns Tyson in 11th

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Czyz, the former champ was deemed
harmless enough to challenge Tyson.
The reformed champion had
steamrolled over all of the patsies
flung at him since his reemergence
into society. Holyfield was given the
same amount of respect from the
public as Peter McNeeley, Frank
Bruno, and Seldon before him.

From the opening bell, it was evi­
dent that Holyfield’s goal was to gain
Tyson’s admiration. Combining ag­
gressive fighting in the trenches with
slippery jabs and holds, the challenger
beat Tyson to the punch in almost
every round. With the crowd firmly
planted in his corner, Holyfield
pounded the top of Tyson’s head as
the smallish titleholder attempted to
get inside. In the third round, their
heads met, two rams determinedly
butting one another. Tyson was
dazed. He was bloody in the sixth, a
result of another headbutt. The wily
Holyfield turned to his jab in trying
to open up Tyson’s fresh cut. Seeing
the opportunity, he cracked the cham­
pion with a left hook, dropping the
“invincible” Tyson on his back.

In the eleventh round, the rabid
crowd sensed the kill. Tyson stag­
gered out to the middle of the ring
where he was met by nine straight
Holyfield offerings. Referee Mitch
Halpern stopped it:37 into the round,
and Holyfield joined Muhammad Ali
in the record books as the only three­
time heavyweight champions of the
world.

The new kingpin eagerly praised
God to anyone who would listen in
the press conference. Tyson surprised
reporters with his gracious attitude in
defeat. “He fought a good fight,”
chimed the ex-champ. “He’s a good
fighter...I take my hat off to him.”

Tyson claims that he doesn’t re­
call much after the butt in round three.
“I don’t remember going down. I
don’t remember the fight.”

Holyfield improved his record to
33-3 with 23 knockouts. Tyson
dropped to 45-2.

Promoter Don King is clamoring
for a rematch, and early indications
are that a date will soon be set.

There was more than one bloody
Crusade in the annals of history.
Tyson, like the Muslim warriors of
the past, will in all likelihood set out
to regain the title that he lost in the
Holy Field. The champion will be
waiting, crossed shield and gloved fist
in hand.
If you are seeking a graphic but comical view on the underbelly of the heroin society, *Trainspotting* is the movie to see. Complete with its foreign, virtually no-name actors, *Trainspotting* paints a vivid representation of drug addicts and their method of survival.

Although the movie was visually disgusting at times (e.g., the toilet scene), it was also emotionally gripping. I thought *Trainspotting* was generally a good movie because it was more believable than the average movie that has a tendency to masquerade behind its "just rosy" conclusions.

*Trainspotting* was more realistic because it displayed ordinary people who were drug addicts, as opposed to using extraordinarily beautiful and popular actors to portray these roles. How the actors looked, dressed, and associated with one another truly displayed what the life of an addict is really like.

All of the characters, who on the surface appear to be friends, are simply associated by drugs, not true friendship...
Speakers Share on Alcohol Awareness

Immediately following the speaker, the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority invited a Davie Police officer to speak to the group about some of his personal experiences with drunk drivers. This ended the evening on a lighter note, because even though his stories were very real, he made them funny as well. For example, he told us about one time where a car was stopped at a red light late at night. When the light turned green, the car did not move. When he approached the vehicle and tapped on the window, the driver snapped out of his drunken stupor and attempted to hand the officer toll money. This man was arrested.

The evening was a great success, and the room was packed without a seat to spare. S.H.A.P.E. held a raffle at the beginning of the evening, and gave away free tans, movie tickets, comedy club tickets, and a grand prize of two Panther tickets right on the ice (donated by Perez Trading Company).

Thanks to Theta Delta Chi and Delta Phi Epsilon, we are again reminded that alcohol can be safe if the consumer assumes the responsibilities that go along with the territory.
A Beer on the Beach

by Rick Bauer
Contributing Writer

A trip to O'Malley's, on Hollywood Boulevard and the beach, offers more to customers than most would expect of the quaint outdoor bar with its white plastic seats and tables accentuated by the open air. Locals pull up on bicycles and couples walking the boardwalk stop for a drink while live music by premier area talents mixes with the crashing of the waves.

The entertainment and environment available at O'Malley's characterizes the South Florida tiki bar. Sandals and shorts mix comfortably with dresses and slacks as a variety of people intermingle. With the AMC Oceanwalk 10 movie theater and a multitude of shops and eateries only yards from the bar, O'Malley's catches the attention of shoppers, movie-goers, tourists walking the beach and locals loyal to their favorite night spot.

At O'Malley's, the drinks are reasonably priced and a well-rounded menu offers hungry customers satisfactory food for low cost. The bartenders, waitresses and managers mingle with the crowds to create a friendly and accessible environment where the service is delivered quick with a smile.

Whether you are interested in romantic star-gazing, a night out with the friends or a quick stop where you can hear some good music, O'Malley's has what you need.

World's Greatest Party

by Michael Sopher
Contributing Writer

Around 10 p.m. on a recent Friday night, my friends and I decided to check out Baja Beach Club in Fort Lauderdale. We had not been there in a while, so it was about time to experience the craziness of Baja again. When I finished getting dressed, a pair of jeans and a button down shirt, I grabbed my keys and took off for the night.

The club, located on the corner of Oakland Park Boulevard and Federal Highway, beckoned party people from all over Fort Lauderdale into the parking lot. Once in the lot, there is the choice between valet and self-parking. I chose valet, paid three dollars, and walked up to the line. The dance music from inside the club pulsed out the door and down the stairs to where we waited.

At this point we realized something quite odd about the door men. One of them was wearing a hula skirt, and another was dressed like Tarzan entertaining the young ladies. Our ID's were finally checked. Guys must be 21 to enter and ladies must be 18. As for a cover charge, a valid over 21 Florida ID gets you in for free. From out of town or under 21? Then be prepared to pay anywhere from five dollars to ten dollars, depending on the season.

Once inside, it is very difficult to hold a conversation because the music and atmosphere is so loud and crazy. Sirens were going off, whistles were being blown, and bartenders were dancing on bars. Just about any customer would have to have a drink just to be able to take in the chaotic yet fun atmosphere.

With the choice of buying a drink from one of the many bartenders, or maybe one of the cocktail waitresses, or better yet one of the beautiful "Beertub girls," it is hard to decide where to get a drink, let alone what you want to drink. I decided on a simple Miller Lite from one of the Beertub girls. It cost $3.75, pretty expensive for a drink — but it was icy cold.

The dance floor was surrounded by three main bars and an upstairs which had three more bars. In addition, one side of the club was a sports bar equipped with televisions, pool tables and arcade games.

Back inside, the DJ began flashing a red light and playing the song "Wipe Out." All of the staff members jumped up on the bars and began their dance. They call these "dynamics." After the song, business resumed as usual, if you can call Baja usual.

"Shot" people dressed in costumes walk (or dance) around the club selling shooters. Bartenders continue trying to out-do each other with their off-the-wall behavior of throwing napkins and dancing on their bars.

The DJ plays a wide range of music; dance, oldies, hip-hop. The overall atmosphere of Baja is as their motto states, "World's Greatest Party."

If you are in the mood for a loud, wild, fun time, Baja Beach Club is the place to go. Drink prices range anywhere from $3.75 for a bottled beer to $19.75 for the "Bucket," a huge bucket filled with fruit juices and rum.

The staff were more than just bartenders, waitresses, and doormen, they were entertainers. One of the porters (trashmen) was even dancing. The majority of the guests in the club looked to be in the 21-25 year old range but quite a few older men and women were also there joining in the fun. One man, who had to be at least 80 years old, was dancing and spinning around on the dance floor.

Baja has something for everyone — crazy employees, a wide selection of drinks, and a decent music mix by the DJ. The club cohesively highly recommended for a night out.
by Jennifer Lenz
Contributing Writer

For many college students, Homecoming is the most exciting event of the year. The pep rallies, parties, the victory of the football team and the dance are all aspects students look forward to with great anticipation.

Even though Nova doesn’t have a football team and there are rarely any parties on campus, I was still expecting a “similar” Homecoming experience. There weren’t too many events at last year’s Homecoming, but somehow having the dance at a Ft. Lauderdale Beach Hotel made up for that. However, I was extremely disappointed in the way Homecoming was planned and organized this year.

This year, I was not aware of many Homecoming events. As a sister of Delta Phi Epsilon and a member of the Greek Council, I consider myself to be a very involved person on campus. I commute, but my involvement with campus events gives me an extra advantage over commuter students who just come to campus to attend class.

Even though I am involved, I did not know about half of the activities during Homecoming week. Who was responsible for the advertising?

For example, how many people knew about the bed race and the fishing contest? Brad Fatout, a sophomore and a member of SGA, admitted that the only way he knew about these events was because of his involvement on the Student Government and through Beta Theta Pi, the fraternity he plans to join. He did not have the opportunity to advertise his event if he didn’t use SGA’s advertising platform.

The fishing contest posters were hanging in the cafeteria. This is great for the residents who eat there every day, but what about the commuter students who never eat on campus? The Homecoming dance was advertised all over the dorms, but how many off-campus students visit the dorms? We want the commuters to become involved, yet we are making it impossible for them to feel a part of this university.

The location of the dance was another thing that upset me. Compared to last year’s hotel, The Yankee Trader, Rolling Hills just didn’t measure up. Again, there was a lack of planning and communication. At the last minute, individuals in charge discovered that all hotels on the beach were full. Reservations for our Homecoming were made at a country club directly across the street from Nova. This upset many residents because they were not interested in renting a room or a limo when they could go back to the dorms, right around the corner.

We are always complaining that Nova doesn’t have enough school spirit, that it will never be like a “normal” university. How do we expect students to have school spirit when even Homecoming volleyball games are scheduled to be away at another school? The point of Homecoming is to have games at home where the university can support their team.

I am not directly blaming anyone, but I believe that the entire student population at Nova would like some answers. Nova needs to take into consideration that it will never grow if it doesn’t start doing things like a “normal” university. Hopefully this article will force those in charge of this year’s event to take these concerns into consideration next year.

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The Women’s Volleyball team was scheduled for away games at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical School in Daytona Beach and Flagler College in St. Augustine. The Cross Country team ran at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and the Women’s Soccer team played Homecoming weekend’s games at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

One player, a Law Student at Nova Law, graduate and former athlete of Nova College, says, “It’s extremely disappointing when NSU students are lethargic in their support of our athletes and school spirit in general. But, it’s a sad state of affairs when we can’t depend on our own Athletic Department to support our athletes during a time when they should be supported the most. I believe that efforts should be made to have our athletic teams at home during Homecoming, and our Athletic Department should lend a little more support for the athletes they claim to care so much about.”

“Homecoming” implies sporting events, as well as other events will be at “home.” Next time, collaboration on the part of the Athletic Department, Student Life, and SGA, in deciding a more cohesive schedule for athletes, would ensure games during Homecoming will be played at home. Some possible suggestions: make Homecoming plans one year in advance.

I spoke to Corey Johnson, Athletic Director of NSU. He stated games were scheduled a year in advance, and they tried to reschedule the Women’s Volleyball Game on Homecoming Weekend. Unfortunately, it conflicted with the other team’s schedule. Yet, he also stated that efforts are made so the first weekend in October is reserved for home games due to Homecoming. If this were true, our sporting teams would be at home this Homecoming instead of four to six hours away.

It was very disheartening to the Women’s Soccer team because they did not have the opportunity to attend the Homecoming dance.

A woman soccer player stated, “Out of the 18 soccer players we have, 14 of them wanted to attend the Homecoming Dance.”

For the seniors, it was upsetting because they will never have that opportunity again.

Better planning by all three parties would ensure Homecoming to be the success they want it to be. There would be better turnouts in all facets of Homecoming, including sporting games. It is a shame those who were participating on behalf of Nova Southeastern Athletics were reprimanded for their hard work by not being able to attend Homecoming festivities.