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Imagine: men in dresses singing, dancing, and even giving birth to a baby tiger on stage at NSU! On March 10, 2000, The Flight Deck and The Women’s Resource Institute sponsored the “Funniest Woman” and “Possum Queen” events. Many students from different programs of study came out to see this cross-dressing, joke-telling extravaganza.

The night kicked off on a comedic note with the “Funniest Woman” contest. It certainly was the icebreaker of the evening, bringing the audience to the edge of their seats with much comedy on such topics as the daily life of a Nova student and experiences in the South Florida area. The contestants were Noel Barrera, Tiffany Gibeaut, Monica Mozon, Jamila Williams, Ileana Kyriakides, and Suzzette Creighton. The comedians showed a lot of courage by taking center stage and making light of their situations. It is not easy to get up onstage to try to make a crowd laugh, running the risk of humiliation. Of course, it was easier with alcohol in the building, which made the audience laugh without much prompting.

Noel, the first contestant, said she was a little nervous at first but was able to see through to page 2

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to calm down and just enjoy herself. “I felt so natural. I was in my prime and took it in stride.” In the end, Ileana’s jokes of New York life and the old people in Florida won over the judges. But, the night was not yet over.

The “Possum Queen” contest, the highlight of the evening, was next! The six contestants really showed their stuff right from the beginning. The contestants were Alexus, Koho, Bubba Luscious, Big Mama Crunch, Anita Dildo, and Chyna Brown. All of the contestants really worked the crowd and the judges. First, they came out onstage and showed off their outfits in the formal wear portion of the competition. They were judged on their looks and stage presence. The next event was the talent portion of the show. Each contestant came on stage and performed his own special talent for the audience. Some of the highlights were juggling, whistling, and grinding a beer bottle. After the judges tallied up the final scores, the winners were: 3rd place prize of $50 to Bubblicious, 2nd place prize of $150 to Koho, and 1st prize of $250 to Alexus.

The overall atmosphere of the event was awesome! The food was great, and even when everyone ate everything, Nova called for reinforcements so no one went home on an empty stomach. The evening was completed with a raffle and all proceeds benefiting the Women’s Resource Institute, which helps students and faculty members in time of need. Some of the prizes were a scanner, a radio, and a trip for two anywhere in the United States.

This event produced the largest TGIF turnout of the school year. Audience member Damian Cabrera said, “It felt like a club at the Flight Deck. [There were] so many people bumping into each other. I really enjoyed the night and hope Nova can be able to continue to have events like Possum Queen that will draw everyone from Nova.”

The Career Corner

Press Release From
The Career Resource Center

Internships: Getting What You Want

Adding an internship to your resume can only bring positive reviews by future employers. You not only gain professional skills, but also gather insight into a particular industry or organization. You also establish connections that could lead to a permanent job. Before plunging into that great internship, investigate your options. Internships vary in amount paid, academic credit, types of supervision you receive, length of time you’re expected to work for them, and the amount of learning you will receive. Here are FIVE criteria you can use to evaluate future internships.

Paid vs. Non-paid:
Majority of paid internships are offered in the big-business world like consulting, investment & commercial banking, accounting, and marketing firms. Still, almost all companies have some paid internships to attract talented students. However, if you can’t find a paid internship you’ll still come out ahead with great connections and valuable experience with possibly school credit.
Nova Online

from cover

catalogs and schedules are available as well.

Nova Southeastern University is striving to become a more computer friendly university with the well-anticipated building of the new "high tech" library for the students and faculty members. By giving students the ability to view all their personal information online, Nova joins such elite Florida schools as the University of Florida and the University of Miami.

Obtaining final grades from last 8-week term without having to wait in line and deal with the Registrar’s Office was refreshing. By Spring 2000, the Web for Student registration process will be opened to doctoral students in the Higher Education and National Education Leadership programs. Soon, Web registration for students in other programs will be made available. Your personal information is secure, yet within your reach because each student can access only his/her information via the Internet.

Let’s Talk About Sex

by Alyson M. Dion
Editor in Chief

Marilyn Volker, a sexologist, candidly spoke to NSU students during Sexual Responsibility Week about, what else, sex. Her soothing voice penetrated the Mailman Auditorium making this seemingly embarrassing topic easier to discuss. Volker came off as motherly, yet this was no parent to child talk about the birds and the bees.

Through many interactive activities and personal narratives, Volker hammered home one important point: Communication is the key to any relationship. She remarked that when women order food from a restaurant, they are extremely picky and make sure to get the item exactly how they like it. So, why shouldn’t it be like that behind closed doors? In order to keep sex safe, interesting and fulfilling, couples need to communicate about everything from how and when to where and with what protection. Also, she stressed that protection should not be seen as a chore. Instead see SEXOLOGIST on page 5

Eat Healthy and Celebrate National Nutrition Month

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

March is “National Nutrition Month”. The Wellness Center is overseeing the activities and events for the month by having information tables at different locations around campus. On March 16, a dietician came to HPD to speak with students about the benefits of healthy eating.

Mohammed Ayaz Khan said, "I really appreciate the effort that the Wellness Center is making to host these informative events on campus." The dietician will also be at the cafeteria on the 23rd to speak with students. On Wednesday March 15, Colombo Yogurt came to the HPD from 11-12 p.m. and to the Parker building from 12-1 p.m.

The most beneficial event that the Wellness Center has planned is the Diabetes Screening on March 28 from 12-1 p.m. at the cafeteria. If you cannot make it then they will also have the free diabetes screening on March 30th from 11-2 p.m. Additionally, the Wellness Center is having a raffle. The prize is for a Healthy Fitness Basket.

For anyone who is trying to lose weight or eat better, March is the month to start. The Wellness Center has many informative and helpful brochures that are readily available to students. The Wellness Center is also making its Third Annual Healthy Recipe Cookbook with recipes supplied by members of the NSU community; recipes are due March 24. Also, they are hosting a Positive Lifestyle Essay Contest where the winner receives a $100 cash award. Nova students and employees are encouraged to share their positive life experiences in this essay contest.

In the spirit of National Nutrition Month, here are a few fun facts to ponder:

Americans consume 5.6 billion pounds of snack food each year.

The first chocolate chip cookies were baked around 1930 at the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts.

The ice cream cone was invented in 1904, when Arnold Fornachou an ice cream vendor ran out of paper cones; he rolled thin wafers into cones.

PASA Attends Leadership Conference

by Nicole Rasa Robinson
Contributing Writer

On March 2-5, the Pan-African Student Association attended the 25th Annual Spring Leadership Conference at Miami-Dade Community College. The theme of this event was, "The Power of One: Heart, Voice, Mind & Vision.

The first day of the conference began with the opening session and followed with a "Uniquely AfriQuie" fashion show. On Friday, we volunteered to serve food at Camillus House, a homeless shelter. We also had an NAACP and voter registration drive. In the afternoon a luncheon was prepared for us with a wonderful speaker, Bishop Victor T. Curry, who is the president for the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Memorial College. Bishop Curry has won numerous awards and honors, such as Citizen of the Year in 1989 for the city of Miami. Later on that night we participated in a talent show, which featured BET Comic View's Benji Brown.

On Saturday we had a political roundtable where we discussed affirmative action and the One Florida Initiative Plan, which was followed by elections for FAASA and workshops on leadership, college success, African history, and how to manage money. To finish the day, we had a formal banquet. The conference concluded on Sunday morning.

This was an extremely uplifting experience. We learned some new techniques for fundraising and how to run meetings within our club. We were also able to discuss some political affairs and how these affairs affect us. We had the opportunity to meet and interact with other schools. We saw the problems that each organization faced and tried to resolve those problems. This conference was a truly honorable experience. We wish all of the students at Nova Southeastern University were able to join us in this inspirational conference.
The New Curriculum

The New Curriculum from cover page
Mathematics, 15 credits in Humanities, 9 credits in Social Science and 6 credits in Physical Science. There will be further changes along the way as the needs of the students are assessed further. The changes will be implemented in the fall. No Core courses will be offered after summer, except for a few sections of Journey II for those students who are close to graduation.

These changes will hopefully help the University's reputation. Day students and night students both graduate with a degree from Nova, but slight differences in the general education programs could make some people suspicious of the value of an NSU diploma. Those differences will be eliminated when the new curriculum is implemented. Also, anyone who looks at a Nova transcript will be able to immediately understand the skills of the student, instead of trying to figure out the meaning of "Journey I."

Internship Information

Mentor Lead vs. Self Directed:
The difference here is what motivates you to work. If you like structuring and monitoring your own work then you should find an internship that's self-directed. If you want to learn more about a particular technique or product but have no idea where to start then seeking guidance from a mentor is best for you.

Credit vs. Not-For-Credit:
Some colleges grant college credit toward internships while others require internships as a part of their curriculum.

Term-Time vs. Summertime:
Most internships are only available in the summertime. This is because companies want to make sure they have enough work for their interns while not compromising the quality of their student's academics. However if working during the school year is for you then look for employers who hire interns year round.

Part-Time vs. Full-Time:
If you are interested in taking a break for a year or semester from school, interning full-time can offer you the chance to refocus your career goals and align the rest of your education with these goals. However part-time internships can extend through the academic year and summer. They can offer you the chance to assess whether or not a particular career is for you and still feel challenged. Best of all, you don't have to take a full year off from school to participate so you still graduate on time.

(Information provided by WetFeet.com-Career Management)

For more information about internships and co-ops, visit the Career Resource Center in Modular 1. Come by to get registered to get access to co-ops and internships online and in the binders. Speak to a Career Advisor to learn more about what an internship can do for you!

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Sexologist
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the partners should make it more interesting by making a game out of it.

She also explained that intercourse is not the only way to 'have sex.' 'Outcourse,' as Volker called it, is the safest way to 'have sex.' With intercourse, penetration does not occur. Instead, the couple spends time touching each other through massages and other creative methods.

Volker invited students to answer a wide-range of questions and rewarded them with different styles of condoms, spermicides, lubricants, and other safe sex paraphernalia, but not without first explaining their uses. At the end, students anonymously submitted their questions ranging from Tantric sex to having sex during a woman's period, which she unhesitatingly answered.

Volker not only explained the basic ins and outs of sex, but spent time discussing the differences between men and women and sexually transmitted infections as well. She talked about safety both emotional and physical. No matter how serious the topic, Volker always kept the discussion light and the audience giggling. As students left with newfound relationship information, they visited the Wellness Center's information tables and picked up informational brochures, condoms, condom keychains, and other Sexual Responsibility Week-related items.

Other Sexual Responsibility Week activities, also sponsored by the Wellness Center, included the annual Dating Game, information tables, and free HIV testing.

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S.A.E. is Back On Campus

by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 15, 2000, Nova’s undergraduate Greek life represented itself in front of the Parker Building. All the fraternities and sororities were there for an “interesting drink” contest, with several sororities members dressed up in Hawaiian style clothing.

One new fraternity was represented at the showing: SAE, or Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This fraternity is a new group on campus that started last year, but was unsuccessful in gathering prospective members. Now the fraternity is running strong with hopes of being chartered in the very near future. Several undergraduate and graduate Health Professional students make up the new group. The group has alumni that include many local practicing physicians, as well as several prominent members of society. Among them are actor Beau Bridges UCLA (CADE ’64), football star Ed McCaffrey (CAAL ’91), entrepreneur Chris Sullivan (KYE’P 70), and comedian David Spade.

Sigma Alpha Mu News

by Brother Sean Leahy
Public Relations

As the final weeks of school fly by, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu are still hard at work to finish the year on a high note. The brothers and Zeta Pi will be sponsoring a pie-throwing event where for $1 a pie, students will be able to toss whip-cream pies at administrators, teachers, and even other students. The event will take place on April 5th, from 10-2 p.m. outside the Parker Building. All proceeds will be benefiting the “Make a Wish Foundation”.

Alpha to Omega

by Aimee Murcia
Contributing Writer

From Alpha to Omega - How much Greek do you know? Many people have preconceived notions of fraternities and sororities as social groups whose main focus is partying. While having fun and socializing are a big part of Greek life, there is more to Greek life that usually goes unnoticed. Greeks help the community by volunteering, providing a “family” for college students away from home, adding spirit to colleges and universities, and helping many students keep focused and do well in school. The Greek system gives college students a chance to make a difference and to be leaders. This is especially important in big schools, where it’s easy to feel like just another number.

Zeta Pi is a new local sorority at Nova Southeastern University. Last year NSU had only two sororities. Laura Wilson, a freshman at NSU felt the need for another sorority at NSU since females comprise the majority of NSU’s population. Currently Zeta Pi has 22 sisters. Within a few months Zeta Pi achieved a lot.

Risk Management is about educating Greeks on the dangers of haz ing, drinking, drugs, and any other major risks involved in fraternities and sororities. Zeta Pi has attended a Risk Management meeting with another fraternity, Sigma Alpha Mu. Also, they attended a workshop for all Greeks about risk management and inter-fraternalism.

Academics come before social events in fraternities and sororities. All Greeks must maintain high academic standards in order to remain in the Greek system. Zeta Pi has a scholarship chair that is responsible for keeping records of all members’ grades. If a member’s grades don’t meet the standards she is put on probation for a few weeks during which she has to get notes from her professors reporting her progress. If progress is satisfactory then she is off of probation.

Some things we have done together as a sorority include the following: We volunteered at a school for kids with special needs by serving them Thanksgiving lunch. The kids were extremely grateful. It was a humbling and awesome experience. We had a successful bake sale for fundraising. We had a slumber party at one sister’s apartment where we had the opportunity to bond over tasty deserts.

Zeta Pi volunteered at the Love Jen Fest. Zeta Pi has two car washes planned for fundraising.

Inter-Fraternity Council, IFC, threw a pajama party for all Greeks in the Flight Deck in December. Everyone had a good time and got to know other Greeks better. We spent the night dancing in our pajamas and slippers and participated in a pizza-eating contest. People won prizes for the best pajamas. Recently, Beta Theta Pi and Zeta Pi had a “Decades” party together.

see ZETA on next page
The sororities and fraternities of the Nova Southeastern University Greek Community would like to announce our winning the battle over driving university vehicles. Mary Ann Galvin met with the respective members of each organization in February to announce the news. The Greek organizations on campus have fought very hard over past six years to achieve equal rights and respect in comparison to other non-Greek organizations on campus and this outcome has proven to be another step in the right direction. It is true that Greek organizations, nationwide, receive bad press when something negative happens. On the other hand, it is very hard to find a sorority or fraternity receiving good press and that it what we are here for. We, as members of the Greek Community are going to gain the respect of university administration, get past the generalizations and stigmas that hold us back, and achieve the status of—The Most Respected Organizations, not only on campus, but also in the greater community.

We would like to thank Mary Ann Galvin and Stephanie Castonguay for their continued dedication to help us re-ensure our vehicle rights! We would also like to thank the respective presidents and members of The Interfraternity Council, The Panhellenic Council, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi Epsilon, Lambda Theta Phi, Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Theta Delta Chi and Zeta Pi for attending the open forum and for achieving another victory on behalf of the NSU Greek community.

Want to Start a National Sorority?

Mailman Room 309
Saturday, March 25
4-5 p.m.

Zeta Pi

from previous page

Zeta Pi had a "Decades" party together.
We got dressed up in fashions from poodle skirts to hippie outfits to bright 80's fashions.
Everyone looks out for each other. Greeks are there to support and encourage one another. Some common goals include forming strong friendships and trusts, being a unified group, making a positive difference in people's lives and the community, and helping Greeks be the best people they can be.
Love Jen & Beta Theta Pi, an NSU Tradition

by Allyn Thomas
Beta Theta Pi
Public Relations

Beta Theta Pi would like to announce our full participation in the Love Jen Family Festival held on February 5th, 2000. For the past five years the brothers of Beta Theta Pi have taken an active role in assisting with the production of the Love Jen Family Festival. The festival serves to raise money for necessities.

The twenty brothers of Beta Theta Pi who participated, worked for a total of approximately 200 hours of community service. Brothers assisted by working concession booths, supplying vendors and booths, and providing the families who attended an atmosphere of community fun.

The brothers of Beta Theta Pi would like to extend congratulations to the NSU Family Center on a job well done. We would also like to congratulate and thank all of the other organizations who worked along side us to make this year's event another memorable and beneficial one.

“Out of the Blue” Sings Contemporary Hits

by Krista Kepple
Phi Sigma Sigma Archon

On Friday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m., if you were not in the Flight Deck, then you missed a spectacular show by Duke University's “Out of the Blue,” an acapella choir, sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma and the Flight Deck. Phi Sigma Sigma's Archon, Krista Kepple, introduced President Ray Ferrero, Jr., who then welcomed “Out of the Blue” to NSU.

The group is composed of 14 women from Duke University. They traveled to sunny Florida for Spring Break and Nova was lucky enough to have them sing at the Flight Deck for TGIF. They performed to an enthusiastic crowd and even hung out singing Karaoke until closing time.

The women sang songs like "That Don't Impress Me Much," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," "Torn," and "You Were Mine." They also have a CD out, entitled House Blend, which is one of the top selling college albums in the nation. It was on sale after the performance for $15.00.

Krista Kepple passes out shirts to the “Out of the Blue” choir.

Phi Sigma Sigma

is sponsoring Dean Norma Soonen and Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Marilyn Johnson, in celebration of the Women's History Month Speakers Series. Call (954) 262-7280 for more information.

March 28, 2000
Norma Soonen, Ed.D.
Dean, Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies
Nova Southeastern University

Norma Soonen is an educational administrator whose experience in higher education spans two decades. She currently serves as the dean of the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies at Nova Southeastern University. She received her B.A. in English and her M.S. in adult education (administration and supervision) from Florida International University, and her doctorate in educational leadership (higher education) from the University of Florida. Soonen has published in her three areas of expertise, has been a presenter and consultant in those fields, and has authored and directed numerous grants and contracts.

A past Fulbright recipient, and a member of the 1998 class of Leadership America, she serves on several professional associations and boards, including the Florida Association for Women in Education (FAWE) and Friends of WLRN Radio and Television in Miami, Florida.

March 29, 2000
Marilyn Johnson, M.S.
Vice President of Institutional Advancement
Nova Southeastern University
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Now in her fourth year as vice president for institutional advancement, Marilyn Johnson continues to take a lead role in guiding Nova Southeastern University into the 21st century. Johnson is a veteran of the education circuits, having been an active contributor to higher education for more than 26 years. She has made her mark on multiple university campuses, serving in positions such as dean of students (SU), associate vice president for university relations and development (CSU, Long Beach), and vice president for institutional advancement (CSU, Los Angeles). Johnson earned her B.A. in education from California Polytechnic University, Pomona; her M.S. from San Diego University; attended the University of Southern California for her Ph.D.; and is currently finishing her course load for a doctorate degree in NSU's Programs for Higher Education. In addition, she has been involved in projects to help provide opportunities for minority populations, specifically scholarships.
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"The Story of Us"

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

"The Story of Us" will either make you want to immediately call your girlfriend/boyfriend and promise to never fight again or compel you to never go out with anyone again. The former happened with me. What do you do when the person you love just pisses you off entirely and not just once but repeatedly? Or more importantly how do you live with the one you love after you discover their flaws? This is essentially the plot of the movie.

Ben (Bruce Willis) and Katie (Michelle Pfeiffer) are a successful upper middle class married couple with two kids. Initially, I thought how the hell could you ever fight with Michelle Pfeiffer, or at least someone who looks like her, but with a different name. I soon learned how Katie and Ben met when they were young, presumably in college. Katie loves that Ben is imaginative and spontaneous. She soon finds out that the qualities she likes in her boyfriend are not the qualities she would like to have, or at least to the same degree, in her husband.

Bruce Willis Michelle Pfeiffer
Can a Marriage Survive 10 Years of Marriage?
The Story of Us

"The Bone Collector" Does Not Collect

by Deana Daneau
Staff Writer

In a world where a brilliantly skilled homicidal maniac is terrorizing citizens of New York City, only one cop can figure out his plan and save the day. Lincoln Rhyme is an accomplished forensics investigator who relies heavily on the facts, his fortitude, and "the force," though no longer has the physical faculties for the daily beat. Paralyzed in the line of duty and left with only a working "finger, two shoulders, and a brain," Rhyme quickly recruits a feisty young rookie to take his place in the field. Officer Amelia Donaghy (Angelina Jolie) has a natural instinct for forensics evidence and, with Rhyme's expertise, will bring this case to a close and perhaps find love on the way.

Velveeta come to mind? Yeah, I thought so, too. The Bone Collector, now available on home video, is a thriller that attempts to be as provocative as Seven but plays out like an episode of Scooby Doo. Screenwriter Jeremy Lacone based his story on the character of the Superior Officer is continually proven to be wrong, he also consistently decreases and threatens the "inferior woman" who is only guilty of stunning police work. The audience can surely see through this film of suspicion.

Second, Amelia is a rookie and is put in charge of the most important part of such a horrific case: the integrity of the crime scene and its physical evidence. Let me reiterate: She is a Rookie and she is in charge. Lastly, an odd romantic attraction develops between Rhyme and the subordinate Amelia, yet is never discussed and is barely evident. If it weren't for the steamy 30 second intimate interaction between Amelia's caressing hand and Rhyme's only working appendage below the waist (I told you it was his finger!), then I would have totally missed it.

So, with all told, The Bone Collector is evidently not the most well-crafted thriller. However, the cast is truly a treat and therefore affords the film a "rental worthy" accreditation. Angelina Jolie is a wonderful new Oscar nominated actress that makes the most of her character; and Denzel Washington as Lincoln Rhyme proves he has more talent in his "little finger" than most actors on the screen today.

When I was preparing to write this article, I wanted to see what respected film critics like Roger Ebert thought of the movie. He gave the movie 1 star out of 4 and commented that the constant bickering was trite and that he would have rather had some of the dialogue from Bruce and Demi's marriage. I do not agree totally with him, but I think the audience would pay to see the film adaptation of the Bruce and Demi fights.

The movie was good and I did not regret paying the rental fee for viewing this movie. I would recommend this movie if you are looking for a movie and are not sure which one you want to rent from Blockbuster.
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The Knight’s Court

Senior Court

*pictured from left to right:* Arik Chellew, Alyson Dion, Stefanie Maltese, Isabelle Biamby, Sammy Ventura, Ashley Cullen, Melissa Hellerman, Francisco Gonzalez, Michelle Hansley

*not pictured:* Megan Conneely, Coquito Cubillas, Blake Paynter

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Junior Court

*pictured from left to right:* Laura Prill, Kayleen Quinones, Eric Windell, Jen White, Allyn Thomas, Lisa Meadows, Aylan Farrell, Shawn Mostal

*not pictured:* Doug Grosso, Jason Wagner, Richard Williams

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Sophomore Court

*pictured from left to right:* Krista Keppl, Christa Witter, Marquise Kiffin, Roger Roa, Carol Douglas, Gadith Uzcategui, Joel Johnson

*not pictured:* Andrew Sacher, Mauricio Solano

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Freshmen Court

*pictured from left to right:* Ogine Lo, Abbe Loewenthal, Brandon Weiss, Candice Carreno, Monica Garrido Ryan Forkey

*not pictured:* Frank Galimidi, Fred Guidotti, Greg Jorgensen, Courtney Waldron

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*Special Thanks to Victor Garcia and the Office of Student Life for providing the photos for this special section.*
The Student Communication Organization (SCO), which consists of WNSU and the Knight newspaper, is the NSU student's link to the campus and the South Florida community. The members of the SCO formed the Speak Out Awards as a way to give students a voice to recognize those people who enhance campus life and the overall NSU experience. The Speak Out Awards would honor students, professors, clubs, and advisors for their outstanding work at NSU.

Nominations were held March 8th through the 17th. Undergraduate day and night students were able to nominate their favorites in such categories as Most Influential Student, Best Male & Female Athlete, favorite WNSU DJ and more. Special areas were set up in front of the Parker Building and in the Rosenthal Student Center Cafeteria for people to drop off their nomination ballots. Names were checked off as each student dropped off their ballot, as each student was only allowed one vote. After all the nominations were tallied, plans went under way for final voting. Those with the top votes in each category were put onto the special online voting form. Final voting was held from March 22nd through March 28th. During that time, students logged onto undergrad.nova.edu/novaknight to cast their final vote.

Voting online required your Polaris login name and password. This was to ensure fairness, allowing each student only one vote. The online votes will be counted and the winners announced at the first annual SCO Speak Out Awards banquet.

The banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 7 PM in the Mailman Hollywood Building, room 309. Professors, students and faculty have been carefully selected to present the winners with awards. Food will be provided by Aramark Food Services. The banquet promises to be an evening to remember.

You've let your opinion be known by nominating and taking part in the final vote. Now come to the banquet and see how your favorites did. Join us April 5th as we honor those who have changed NSU for the better.

For more information on the SCO Speak Out Awards, contact WNSU at 262-8457 or the Knight newspaper at 262-8455.

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Intramural Basketball Championship

Campus Sports and Recreation Press Release

_Tappa Datta Butta 48 - Beta Theta Pi 43_

Jedd Soto, who was unstoppable with 20 points, missed his last three shots as Beta could not tie the game. It all came down to free throws in the end, but turnovers made the big difference in the game. Beta committed sixteen turnovers to Tappa's five. Protecting the ball is crucial to winning any game and Beta made too many mistakes. Jared Thatcher had an uncharacteristically bad game, turning the ball over 6 times. Beta is usually a team that forces a lot of turnovers, but only had 3 steals in the game. Beta missed the presence of Arik Chellew, who was absent because of injury. Chellew is usually one of the sparks off the bench and would have given the starters some valuable rest. The game went back and forth and no one could claim any substantial lead. Both teams fought till the very end. Rob Scott showed up late for Tappa and almost gave the game to Beta with his cold shooting. Scott went one for sixteen from the floor, but made up for it with his rebounding and defense. Andre Torres was solid as a rock and was named MVP of the game scoring 26 points and pulling down 16 rebounds.

Attendance for the game was a record high as 96 people showed up to watch the game. Crowd noise was definitely a factor in the game as both teams had numerous fans on hand, but Beta clearly had the majority.

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<td>Rob Scott</td>
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<td>13</td>
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Percentages: FG-.333, FT-.571 Turnovers: 5 (Torres 3, Pokraka 2).
Steals: 9 (Scott 4, Torres 2, Galeano 2, Pokraka 1).

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Percentages: FG-.417, FT-.625 Turnovers: 16 (Thatcher 6, Johnson 4, Soto 3, Moratta 2, Stills 1). Steals 3 (Soto 1, Johnson 1, Thatcher 1).

_Beta Theta Pi 34 - Chow Chow 25_

You could have built a house with the amount of bricks that were in this game. Shooting from both teams was dismal. Beta shot 42% from the field and 22% from the line, and Chow Chow shot 29% from the field and 17% from the line. I don’t think you could call it the charity stripe in this game. In all fairness to the players, there was quite a breeze out on the courts that night. With all the misses came lots of rebounds, and Beta took full advantage out rebounding Chow Chow by 9. It was close in the beginning, but Beta slowly extended their lead and the cold shooting by Chow Chow never got them back in the game. Beta was led by Arik Chellew’s 13 points, who injured his knee in the last minute of the game. Another strong point for Beta was Leo Lopez who played point guard and pulled down a game high 7 rebounds and dished out 3 assists while finishing tied for second in points with Ashley Cullen with 6.

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Percentages: FG-.421, FT-.222. Turnovers: 15 (Chellew 4, Holmes 4, Cullen 3, Guerra 2, Lopez 1, Josseph 1). Steals: (Chellew 4, Cullen 3, Josseph 1).

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Percentages: FG-.293, FT-.167. Turnovers: 14 (Barker 5, Chapkis 3, Barlock 3, Crabill 2, Short 1). Steals: 6 (Chapkis 3, Short 2, MacGregor 1).
Sports Updates

Press Release

March 4, 2000
Baseball: The Nova Southeastern University baseball team completed a three game road sweep of conference rival Palm Beach Atlantic College by taking both games of today's doubleheader, 11-0, and, 4-1. In game one, senior pitcher Blake Paynter allowed just five hits scattered over six inning en-route to a complete game shutout as the ten-run ended the game after six innings. The Knights (12-8, 7-2) also had plenty of offensive punch as junior Chris Villano and freshman Richie Gasbarro both went 3 for 4 for the game with Gasbarro driving in two runs. Teammate Ryan Pretz batted 2 for 3 in game one with 3 RBIs. The second game saw junior pitcher Todd Gittleman strikeout 10 batters, including 8 of the first 13 he faced, as the Knights cruised to a 4-1 victory. Gittleman allowed only 3 hits and walked just one in the win. Offensively, Ryan Pretz answered again for the Knights batting 3 of 3 with 2 RBIs and Richie Gasbarro homered in the top of the seventh to cap the Knights' third victory in a row.

March 7, 2000
Baseball: The Nova Southeastern University baseball team fell to the 15-5 Mocsasins tonight 8-4. The Knights (12-9) had six hits in tonight's game, but it wasn't enough to compete with the 16 hits by Florida Southern. The Mocsasins' right fielder Mark Farbush got the big hit in the game nailing a grand slam home run to give the Mocs an 8-1 lead in the fifth inning. The deficit was just too much for the Knights to overcome. Offensively, NSU got a big hit from senior Charles Cerrato, who went 1-for-4 with a home-run. He also had two runs and an RBI. Also hitting well for the Knights was Dennis Melendi who hit a double and brought in one RBI. The Knights showed three pitchers in tonight's match-up, sophomore Kevin Scharman, Jaime Engle III and freshman Dustin Heath. Combined they struck out a total ten players and walked three. The win in tonight's game went to Florida Southern's Kevin Keene with ten strikeouts and the loss was given to Scharman (0-1).

March 8, 2000
Baseball: The Nova Southeastern University baseball team rebounded from last night's loss against Florida Southern College to defeat Lewis University (Illinois) tonight at home, 8-7. With two on and two out in the bottom of the ninth inning, junior Brain Needle's clutch single drove in Matthew Buehler and won the game for the Knights who raise their overall record to 13 wins and 9 losses. Needle had 3 hits on the evening along with teammate Chris Villano who went 3 for 4. Senior catcher Ryan Pretz also had a solid night at the plate batting 2 for 5 with a bases loaded double in the fourth inning to bring home three Knights runners. Junior outfielnder Dennis Melendi also went 2 for 5 on the evening with a solo home run in the second inning. For the Flyers of Lewis University, Jeff Johnson went 2 for 4 with an RBI. Pitcher Ryan Morris picked up the win for the Knights raising his record to 1-0, and Lewis' Cole Bertsch was handed the loss.

March 9, 2000
Baseball: The Nova Southeastern University baseball team lost two closely contested games this weekend at Eckerd College, 11-0, and 7-5. In the first match-up, the Knights (14-11, 7-2) battled with the Tritons through nine innings as the game saw four different lead changes thanks, in part, to fourteen base hits by each side. However, the Knights' offensive display would not be enough as the Tritons scored five runs in the final inning to win, 11-10. Leading the slugfest for the Knights was junior second baseman Matt Cleveland who batted 4 for 6 on the day with two triples, two RBIs, and three runs scored. For the Tritons Kevin Kalmin went 3 for 5 with and RBI. The second game saw a close pitching duel between the Knights' Blake Paynter and the Tritons Frank Burke until the bottom of the seventh inning when Eckerd College scored four runs (three unearned) to extend their lead to, 6-1. The Knights rallied in the top of the ninth pulling to within two, but with the bases full and two out they could not convert and lost their second game of the weekend series, 7-5. For the Knights, Richie Gasbarro went 2 for 4 on the game with a double and teammate Charles Cerrato batted 2 for 5. Sophomore Rolando Bello hit his first homerun of the season, a solo shot in the fifth inning. For the Tritons, five batters had two hits including Kevin Kalmin who went 2 for 5. The Knights' Paynter was given the loss dropping his record to 3-4, while the Tritons Frank Burke was handed the win and Andre Gonzalez picked up the save.

Sports Quiz

by Chris Richcreek

1. Entering this season, which major league team was the last to have a no-hitter tossed against it? A) Los Angeles Dodgers B) New York Yankees C) St. Louis Cardinals D) Oakland Athletics

2. Which team prior to Atlanta was the last to lose two consecutive World Series? A) California Angels B) San Francisco Giants C) St. Louis Cardinals D) Oakland Athletics

3. True or False: College football's Rose Bowl has always been played in California? A) True B) False

4. Who had more NBA career points — Larry Bird or John Havlicek? A) Larry Bird B) John Havlicek

5. Which team won eight of the 14 Major Soccer League championships? A) New York Cosmos B) Dallas Burn C) Colorado Rapids D) San Jose Earthquakes

6. How many times has Cale Yarborough won the Daytona 500? A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6

7. Who is the famous golfer known for inventing the sand wedge? A) Jack Nicklaus B) Arnold Palmer C) Tiger Woods D) Ben Hogan

Answers:

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Some Helpful Tax Information For the College Student

by National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)

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The Student: The tax law says an eligible student must be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate at an eligible school during the calendar year and must not have completed the first two years of undergraduate study. The college you attend can help you figure out whether you meet this requirement. You may claim the credit yourself if you are not claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer. (Once again, this means that the eligible student may also be the eligible taxpayer.) Also, you may not have been convicted of a Federal or State felony drug offense before the end of the tax year in which you are enrolled.

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Be counted, US Census!

by Aliyya Hosein
Staff Writer

Most of you may have already received a Census form in the mail, and now is the time to fill it out. The first census was in 1790, and every 10 years since then, a census has been taken.

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5. Help Yourself and Your Family – Individual records are held confidential for 72 years. However, you can request a certificate from past censuses that can be used as proof to establish your age or citizenship, help you qualify for a pension, or obtain an inheritance.

Confidentiality is highly valued. Volunteers and workers are sworn to secrecy and no governmental agency, not even the FBI, IRS, Welfare or Immigration, has access to your answers.

Everyone in the country – citizen or not – should fill out the census form and mail it in by April 1, 2000. Forms are available at the U.S. Census Station in the Law Library. Volunteers and workers are there to assist you if you need help understanding the questions. Please make sure that you, your family, and your friends are counted.

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Malcolm X Experienced the Hajj

by Aliyya Hosein
Staff Writer

There are two major Islamic celebrations: Eid-ul-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast, celebrated in January and Eid-ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, celebrated on March 16.

The Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca, is one of the "five pillars" of Islam and an essential part of a Muslim's faith and practice. The origin of Hajj dates back to the time of the Prophet Abraham*, the patriarch of monotheism - a man revered by Muslims, Jews, and Christians.

For 14 centuries, millions of Muslims, men and women from all over the world, have made the pilgrimage to Mecca, the birthplace of Islam. The Hajj brings together Muslims of all races and tongues for one of life's most spiritual experiences. Each year, over two million Muslims go to Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj. In fact, about 6,000 out of the 6 million Muslims in America took part in this year's pilgrimage alone.

The Hajj consists of several ceremonies that commemorate the trials of the Prophet Abraham* and his family. This is the time Muslims remember Abraham's* willingness to obey God's command when he was asked to sacrifice his son, Ishmael*.

At the end of Hajj, the pilgrims and the rest of the over 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide observed the Eid-ul-Adha holiday. The holiday was celebrated on Thursday, March 16 with communal morning prayers, small gifts to children, social gatherings, and distribution of meat to the needy.

The Hajj is the most spectacular sight! When Malcolm X returned from the pilgrimage, he said "During the past eleven days here in the Muslim world, I have eaten from the same plate, drunk from the same glass, and slept in the same bed - while praying to the same God with fellow Muslims, whose eyes were the bluest of blue, whose hair was the blondest of blond, and whose skin was the whitest of white. And in the words and in the actions and in the deeds of the 'white' Muslims, I felt the same sincerity that I felt among the black African Muslims of Nigeria, Sudan, and Ghana. We were truly all the same - brothers."

The dream and yearning of every Muslim is to experience the magnitude of Hajj!

Rampant ATM Fees

by Kyle Washburn
Staff Writer

Now that tax season has come around, it is time to start saving money for the up-coming fiscal year. I analyzed my expenses and found that I was paying way too much in ATM fees. Here are a few suggestions on how to save a couple of bucks.

How to reduce your ATM charges:

1. Keep your checking account at a bank that doesn't charge you for using its ATM machines.
2. Don't use an ATM machine belonging to an institution where you don't bank.
3. Consider using a credit union. Its ATMs fees are usually lower.
4. If you use an ATM regularly, withdraw larger amounts of money to reduce the number of times you are charged a fee.
5. Avoid ATMs that surcharge.
6. Use a teller instead of an ATM, especially when lines at the bank ATM are long. Be certain, however, that you won't be charged a teller fee.
7. Consider personal checks, traveler's checks and credit cards instead of ATMs, especially when traveling.

The Hope Scholarship, Is It For You?

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How Do You Get It?

To apply for the credit, the taxpayer must report the amount of tuition and fees paid as well as the amount of certain scholarships, grants, and untaxed income used to pay the tuition and fees. The law says that schools must send this information in the form of a "return" to each taxpayer and to the IRS. For the 2000 tax year, this return will include:

(1) the name, address, and taxpayer ID number of the school;
(2) the name, address, and taxpayer ID of the student for whom tuition was paid;
(3) whether the student was enrolled at least half-time; and
(4) whether the student was enrolled only in a graduate-level program.

Your school will mail this to you by January 31, 2001, for the 2000 tax year. This "return" from the school will also include the phone number of a person you can call at the school if you have questions. You will use this information and your own records about tuition and fees amounts you paid to fill out the IRS Form 8863 to claim the tax credit. You may wish to talk to a tax advisor for help in calculating the amount of your credit.

* - May God be pleased with him.

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S.C.O. Speak Out Awards

... and the Nominees are...

Most Useful Resource at NSU:
Academic Support Center
Microlab
Student Life
Wellness Center

Most Beneficial Service/Volunteer Activity by a Club or Greek Organization:
N.A.T.U.R.E. & The Pre-Med Society - Beach Cleanup
Pan-African American Society - Sistrunk Historical Festival
Sigma Alpha Mu - Bounce for Beats
Theta Delta Chi - Thompson Cup

Most Active Advisor for a Club or Greek Organization:
N.A.T.U.R.E. - Dr. James Thomas
Pan-African American Society (PASA) - Mrs. Mary Boyd
Phi Sigma Sigma - Lynette Herrera
Pre-Med Society - Dr. Robert Pomeroy

Most Memorable Club Activity:
Indian Student Association - Desert Festival for Unity Week
N.A.T.U.R.E. - Peruvian Coffee House
Nova University Theatrical Society - 5 Women Wearing the Same Dress
Pan-African American Society - Inaugural Public Service Award Ceremony

Most Memorable Greek Activity:
Beta Theta Pi - Halloween Party
Delta Phi Epsilon - Mr. Nova Knight
Sigma Alpha Mu - Bounce for Beats
 Theta Delta Chi - Sun Splash

Most Talented Disc Jockey/Radio Show at NSU's Radio X:
Courtney Hazel, Caribbean Superblend
Colin Hurley, Metal Massacre
Tim Stone, Metal Madness/Local Hour
Briana Vannier, Techno

Most Talented Writer for The Knight Newspaper:
Piper Griff
Caleb Kennedy
M. arquise Kiffin
Peter Salerno

Most Influential Professor:
Dr. Barbara Brodman
Dr. Mark Cavanaugh
Dr. Suzanne Ferriss
Dr. William Hannock

Most Talented Coach:
Baseball, Sonny Hansley
Men's Basketball, Tony McAndrews
Men's Soccer, Joe DePilo
Volleyball, Lori Rembe

Most Outstanding Male Athlete:
Dyron Curry
M. arquise Kiffin
James Verdejo
Eric Windell

Most Outstanding Female Athlete:
Jamie Kranse
Heather Rogers
Jenny Saltys
Jen Whitesel

Most Outstanding Male Athlete:
C. oston H. ansley
Men's Basketball, Tony McAndrews
Men's Soccer, Joe DePilo
Volleyball, Lori Rembe

Most Outstanding Greek Organization:
Beta Theta Pi
Delta Phi Epsilon
Sigma Alpha Mu
 Theta Delta Chi

Fresh Face Award - Most Outstanding New Club:
Alternative Break Organization
Pre-Dental Society
Spanish Women Acting Together
Students Officials Association

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James Verdejo
Eric Windell

Most Influential Student:
Arik "Enis" Chellew
Rabia Halem
Nicole N. Robinson (President of PASA) *
Nicole N. Robinson (Secretary of PASA) *
Peter Salerno

* Please Note that we have Five Choices for this category because we discovered that there are TWO Nicole Robinson's on this campus that were nominated with no distinction between these two students, and in fairness we decided to put them both on the voting ballot.

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When Is It Available?
The taxpayer may claim the Hope credit for qualified expenses paid in tax years beginning January 1, 1998, and after, for education furnished in academic periods beginning on or after this date.

Taxpayers may pay educational expenses in a tax year for an academic period that begins following the tax year (e.g., paying in December 1999 for an academic period beginning in the first three months of 2000). Because the law did not take effect until January 1, 1998, you were not allowed to prepay for the first year of the credit.

Can A Family Claim Multiple Benefits?
A family may claim a Hope credit, a Lifetime Learning credit and an exclusion from gross income for certain distributions from qualified State tuition programs or education IRAs as long as the same student is not used as the basis for each credit or exclusion AND the family does not exceed the Lifetime Learning maximum per family. May wish to talk to a tax advisor for help in calculating the amount of your credit.

The Parking Problem

by Angel Ali
Contributing Writer

Tell me if this sounds familiar. An unpleasant clatter fills your room and you cringe upon hearing it: your alarm clock has gone off. One arm waves furiously in search of the horrid sound, your face still buried in a pillow. Your thoughts drift: you hope for the best on the test that you spent three-quarters of the night studying for. Three hours of sleep isn’t nearly enough. Suddenly, even before you stumble clumsily out of bed, the fear strikes. You realize you have precisely fifteen minutes to get ready if you are to make it to your morning class on time. The marathon has begun: you run to the bathroom, search desperately through a pile of laundry in search of something decent to wear, gather the papers that have been scattered on the floor, grab your keys, give yourself a glance in the mirror and run out the door.

In your car, you turn the ignition and speed off. Only a minute into what will become a journey to Nova, you realize that your gas tank is nearly empty. In desperation, you pull into a gas station. You are now four minutes off schedule. Along the remainder of the journey there are obstacles that seem in direct pursuit of sabotaging your morning: traffic lights, school zones, drivers that insist on going 30 in a 45 m.p.h. zone, crazy drivers, road blocks, traffic, traffic and more bumps to bumpy traffic. Finally, after much dodging and yes, admittedly, speeding, you are just feet away from the entrance to Nova’s parking lot with two minutes to spare. Just enough time to park and run to your class, right? WRONG.

Instead, you are left perusing up and down the parking lot in search of some place, ANY place to park your vehicle. Students before you have thought of it all. Those desperate enough are parked where signs clearly state: No Parking. Others have parked along the edges of the parking lot. Some are ingenious in their pursuit, parking over curbs, on the grass, behind other vehicles. In any case, once you do find parking, there is a high chance your choice is illegal, or, if it is not, that you will be forced to park in another lot. You are inevitably late for class and will inevitably be reprimanded for it.

Those who read this article critically might say: just another student complaining about just another issue. I resent such remarks. What, if not voicing one’s views and opinions, can initiate change? Is it not my duty as a student to address those grievances which I feel effect the student body of which I am so much a part. Are these not the very things that we, as college students, are taught by our professors here at Nova: to take a stand on issues which we feel are pertinent, to play an active role on campus, to use sound judgement to come to reasonable conclusions, to provide well-grounded reasons for our views and to argue our points effectively.

I am certain that there are few students who would disagree that parking on campus has become increasingly inadequate this year. I am also sure that the scenario I illustrated in my opening is not far-fetched. Sure, it may have been amusing, but, in actuality, parking problems are quite serious. When students do not have access to adequate parking, many face the difficult choice of being late or getting a ticket. In frustration, many choose to park illegally. This leaves room for many subsequent problems. Parking over curbs and at the edge of the lot increases the potential for accidents. Likewise, No Parking areas, in fire lanes for instance, are implemented for emergency purposes.

I recently parked along the curb at the entrance to Rosenthal because there was no other place to park, and I only had to run in for a second. When I arrived at my car ten minutes later, a Novalert officer had placed a ticket on my windshield and proceeded to work his way down the line of cars along the curb. I walked over to him and said “I understand why I received a ticket...but where was I supposed to park?” Rather nonchalantly, he pointed his finger to the Mailman Building in the far distance and said that I ought to have parked there. Thinking back on that incident, I was disheartened at the officer’s reply. Does our satisfaction as students account for anything? Those who would argue my point might claim that it is a student’s responsibility to be on time or not to park unlawfully - it comes with the package. I will not disagree. Being responsible is part of being a college student. However, where do we draw the line between students’ responsibility and the irresponsibility of administration? When does all the finger-pointing stop to make room for necessary action? We need more parking. Not a whole new lot, although that would be nice, but just enough for students to park comfortably. In all honesty, is that really so much to ask?
Scholarship Corner

by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program
(Administered by the United Negro College Fund, Inc.)

Looking for students who have high academic achievement, severe financial need, and leadership capabilities. Nominees must meet the following criteria:
1. Students must be U.S. citizens and African Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, or Hispanic Americans
2. Enrolled full-time at the time of the award (2000-2001)
3. Demonstrated financial need and have a cumulative GPA of 3.3
4. Demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in community service (leadership abilities)

Application packets: Nadine at (954) 262-8411 or (800) 338-4723 EXT. 8411 (e-mail: nadiner@nova.edu). Completed packets are due March 15, 2000.

The Seattle Summer Film and Videotape Festival

Welcome all student and independent filmmakers, this year’s summer film festival is looking for movies from amateurs. This festival will allow entry winners to obtain global exposure of their works. Entries are to be featured in RealVideo on the festival’s website: http://www.webdavis.com/ssfvf2000 for details. Festival dates are in July 2000 and the submission deadline is in June 2000. This festival will be held in the Seattle, WA area over Independence Day weekend.

Spring 2000 Townsend Foundation Scholarship Contest

Write a personal essay on the topic “Taking Charge of My Life.” This essay should be about your personal challenges you have had to meet in getting to college. Your paper should allow the reader to see, hear, and feel the obstacles, inside and/or outside yourself that you have had to overcome to be in school. The essay should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length. Remember to select the most important points in order to convey your trials and tribulations to your audience. You—not your instructor—must mail the essay. You must be currently enrolled as a part or full-time student at a two-or four-year college. You must attach a complete copy of the entry form to the essay and mail booth no later than May 26, 2000. The winners will be given scholarships ranging from $100 to $3,000. For more details send an email to townsendcs@aol.com

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