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Do we know the full truth?
Probability of a rape being reported is very low.
Rape is most likely expressed to a friend.
Fear, shame, and peer pressure may prevent reporting rape.

-- Statements expressed by various speakers during
Take Back the Night
2004

Stunning Stats
1 in 4 women are raped.
1 in 9 men are raped.
3 women are murdered by boyfriends or husbands every day.
Over 50% of U.S. marriages involve abuse.

-- Statistics given by various speakers during Take Back the Night 2004
Remember when all that commotion was in the news about America’s meat supply? Just because it is not in the news anymore doesn’t mean the problem doesn’t exist, and it doesn’t mean that the problem wasn’t there well before the news broke.

When I see the words “animal cruelty,” I often think to myself, “Ya, ya, whatever — just a bunch of vegetarians complaining.” Frankly, I love dairy products, and I love meat. Unfortunately, these food products are produced in horrible conditions, which ultimately affect the health of humans, and the way animals are treated so that humans will profit is unknown by the majority of the public.

Cows are crammed into tiny cages, swimming in their own feces, and pumped with antibiotics and other drugs just to keep them alive. Even though this treatment does seem unethical, I am more concerned with how these conditions affect humans after they ingest products from these animals, including pigs and chickens.

There is a big difference between cow farms (cows freely running about) and cow warehouses. The organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), states that cows are injected with growth hormones and are artificially inseminated to keep them pregnant and producing milk year-round.

What’s the big deal? Well, the result is a cow with udders that are painfully heavy, dragging on the ground and prone to infection. This causes the overuse of antibiotics. The milk we drink is affected by these drugs.

PETA bluntly states on a poster that dairy products are a health hazard because they are contaminated with “pesticides, hormones, and antibiotics, and dairy products are linked to allergies, heart disease, cancer, and other diseases.” The poster continues by stating, “The late Dr. Benjamin Spock, America’s leading authority on child care, spoke out against feeding cow’s milk to children, saying it can cause anemia, allergies, and insulin-dependent diabetes.” It even claims that a groundbreaking Harvard study of more than 75,000 nurses found that the women who drank the most milk had the most bone fractures.

Ultimately, we must trust that government regulations are in place to prevent harm to humans, but with these conditions, it looks like regulations are loose, profits are high, and humans are losing in the end.

**The Facts About Eating MEAT**

- **FACT** Nearly 9 billion animals a year on factory farms are crammed into tiny cages where they never see the sun, breathe fresh air, or feel grass beneath their feet.
- **FACT** Farmers slice off baby birds’ beaks with a hot blade, sometimes removing part of their tongues or faces.
- **FACT** Pregnant or nursing pigs are squeezed into narrow metal stalls too small for them to turn around in. Male pigs are castrated without any painkillers.
- **FACT** At the slaughterhouse, some cows have their feet, ears, and udders cut off while fully conscious.

**For More Information:**

- [www.milkSucks.com](http://www.milkSucks.com)
- [www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org)

**Food Alternatives**

**Dairy**

Instead, try delicious soy, almond, or rice milk, soy cheese, Tofutti ice cream, and tofu sour cream and cream cheese.

**Calcium**

The best sources of calcium are beans, nuts, seeds, fortified fruit juices, and green leafy vegetables.

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To Do, or Not To Do: Questions about Student Course Evaluations Explored

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Student Course Evaluations Explored

These questions and more were covered and explained through a one-on-one interview with the Associate Dean of Farquhar College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Don Rosenblum.

As many of you know, each term students are encouraged to fill out course evaluations, which help to provide feedback about the student's experience in the course. These evaluations are also used as a tool to assess members of the faculty. However, keep in mind that this is not the only tool that is used. Other evaluation practices include, but are not limited to, a peer-review process, evaluation of scholarly work (research done by the instructor that demonstrates how current they are in their field), and service done outside the classroom in the community and during events and lectures. When students complete the course evaluations, it makes a great difference in the evaluation of the instructor's performance. It also establishes a voice for the students and strengthens the college.

Dr. Rosenblum further adds that as participation increases in the evaluations, "the more complete the circle becomes and the more you as a student begin to value the experience you receive in each course." So by completing the student course evaluations, you help not only improve the instructor's methods, but also make the course better for students like yourself.

Before online course evaluations were implemented in Fall of 2003, evaluations were done in class, usually a week before the final exam. The switch was made in an effort to give students the ability to fill out the student course evaluations at their own convenience and ensure confidentiality in their assessment. Dr. Rosenblum adds, "You have much greater protection doing the evaluations online, because there is no possible interaction by the professor or department, which removes any possible concerns students may have about their comments being linked back to them through handwriting or other means." He further stresses that, although the online student course evaluations are completed through your NSU Email Account, the instructor will never know whether or not you completed one. With student course evaluations online, there has been a noticeable increase in student' comments, and a turn around period of only two weeks as opposed to six months for instructor's access to evaluation results.

When preparing to fill out course evaluations at your own convenience, be sure it's within the allotted time period, which follows the withdrawal period of the course and prior to the start of final exams. This is to ensure that the student assessment is about the course itself and not the grade given at the end of the course. Students are always encouraged to give additional course feedback to the instructor or to the division director.

Dr. Rosenblum sees the system progressing in the future, and states that although some members of the faculty may have some concerns about initial participation rates, most are absolutely pleased with the quick access to results and the increase in student written comments. He believes that, as the new system becomes more comfortable to use and known every semester, it will simply come to be seen as the normal process. However, he stipulates that "only time will tell." Furthermore, he reminds everyone to have his or her NSU Email Account set up, and to look for the reminder notices regarding the student course evaluations, so you have enough time to fill them out. If you have any suggestions and recommendations to improve student participation or student course evaluations in general, don't hesitate to contact Dr. Rosenblum at (954) 262-8402 or DonR@nova.edu.

Students Speak

Rose Rosario- "Online Course Evaluations help those in a higher authority receive feedback on the professor and the course. However, I'd prefer if they were in class and not online."

Alysha Mammud- "It gives the students who don't want their learning time in class interrupted the chance to do the evaluations in their spare time, so in a way they are good."

Response Rate of Evaluations in Fall 2003
(Implementation of Online Course Evaluations)

Completed by 4,284 undergraduates out of a possible 15,770. That's only 31%!

Responses Rate before Online Course Evaluations Were Implemented

The ballpark figure is that roughly 40% of all undergraduates (on-campus and away from campus) completed the evaluations.
Sex Gone Wrong

DEAR THERAPIST: I am a graduate student here at NSU, and something terrible has happened to me. I met a guy in my program who I thought was a really great person. One day, he finally asked me out, and our first date was wonderful. After the date, we had consensual sex. He asked me out again, and we went out for another romantic date. When we came back to my place, I only wanted to kiss a little. Before I knew it, he was all over me and becoming forceful. I told him that I wanted to slow down and that I didn't want to have sex. He wouldn't listen to me. I am not sure what happened, but I feel like it is my fault. I had sex with him before, but I didn't plan to do it again. I am so humiliated, angry, and terrified. I don't know what to do. Was I raped? Was it my fault?

-HORRIFIED AND LOST

DEAR HORRIFIED AND LOST: It must be difficult to recount such a confusing and painful experience. What happened to you is called acquaintance rape, a forced and unwanted intercourse with a person you know. It doesn't matter that you had sex one time before or even 100 times before. Sexual assault is still a violation of your body and is a CRIMINAL OFFENSE. Unfortunately, acquaintance rape is not uncommon. Approximately 60% of rape survivors personally know their assailants.

As a survivor, there are many options you may want to consider. Your letter is a first step in the healing process, because emotional support is important during this time. You may want to share your experience and feelings with friends and family members. Second, you may want to seek medical attention. Internal injuries are common among survivors of an assault. You may also want to consider reporting this devastating experience to the police and university officials. Reporting the rape doesn't mean you are pressing charges; however, other women in the community may benefit from such a warning.

Many survivors seek professional psychological services to help cope with the aftermath of an assault. Sometimes it may seem overwhelming to endure the emotions you are feeling. NSU Student Counseling is free for every student, and may be a good place to start. You can also call a rape or crisis hotline, or seek services elsewhere in the community.

Remember not to blame yourself! You cannot be held responsible for someone else's behaviors. As I have mentioned, there are many resources to help deal with your experience, but you inevitably are the best person to know what will help you manage this trauma.

- The Therapist

Who You Can Call

NSU Student Counseling: 954-262-7050
Mobile Crisis: 954-463-0911
First Call for help: 954-537-0211

*Do you have a concern or question you would like to ask the therapist? Email deartherapist@mail.com with your story. "Dear Therapist" is a column produced by NSU Student Counseling. It is written by a Doctoral psychology student who is knowledgeable about psychology and student life! No identifying information will be revealed in any publication.

Prevalence of Rape Higher in Heavy Drinking College Environments

College women at schools with medium- and high-binge drinking rates had a significantly greater chance of being raped while intoxicated, study found

Collegiate Presswire
Harvard School of Public Health

Rape is more common on college campuses with higher rates of binge drinking, and alcohol use is a central factor in most college rapes, finds a newly released study.

Overall, one in 20 (4.7 percent) women reported being raped in college since the beginning of the school year—a period of approximately 7 months, and nearly three-quarters of those rapes (72 percent) happened when the victims were so intoxicated they were unable to consent or refuse. These were among the findings of a study of 119 schools nationwide, by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study, Saint Joseph's University, and the University of Arizona, published in the January 2004 issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

Most significantly, women from colleges with medium and high binge-drinking rates had more than a 1.5-fold increased chance of being raped while intoxicated than those from schools with low binge-drinking rates. Other significant risk factors for rape were being under 21 years old, white, residing in sorority houses, using illicit drugs, and binge drinking in high school.

"This study reveals that a woman's chance of being raped is far more pronounced on campuses where the student body as a whole engages in a high rate of binge drinking and when individuals consume a large amount of alcohol," said Meichun Mohler-Kuo, Sc.D., lead author of the study and research scientist at the College Alcohol Studies at Harvard School of Public Health.

Heavy episodic drinking (or binge drinking) is the number one public health problem among college students—associated with a range of consequences that include lower grades, vandalism, and physical and sexual violence. Indeed, frequent and even occasional binge drinkers were more likely to have been raped while intoxicated, the study found. In addition, this is the first study to compare the incidence of rape among intoxicated women on campuses with heavy drinking versus lower binge-drinking rates.

"This study points to an urgent need for more alcohol prevention programs on campuses, along with sexual assault education," said Mary P. Koss, Ph.D., professor of public health at the University of Arizona and a co-author of the study. "Men need education about what constitutes rape, and women should be better informed of strategies to avoid risky situations. Previous research shows that more women get raped while under the influence of alcohol than under the influence of any other so-called 'date rape' drug, such as GHB and Rohypnol."

According to Henry Wechsler, Ph.D., a co-author of the study and director of the College Alcohol Studies at Harvard School of Public Health, "The findings that some campus environments are associated with higher levels of both drinking and rape can help encourage and better target alcohol and rape prevention programs at colleges."

In the study, a college's binge-drinking rate was calculated based on the percentage of students classified as heavy episodic drinkers on campus. Colleges with high binge-drinking rates had more than 50 percent of students reporting to be heavy episodic drinkers and colleges with medium binge-drinking rates had between a 36 percent and 50 percent rate. Low binge-drinking schools were those where less than 35 percent of students reported being binge drinkers.

College student binge drinking, as defined by College Alcohol Study researchers, is the consumption of five or more drinks in a row at least once in the past two weeks for men, and four or more drinks in a row for women.
WHY ALPHA CHI?
A Member's Perspective

By Patrick O'Dea
Contributing Writer

As a senior with Nova Southeastern University's undergraduate degree program, I would like to bring to your attention the Alpha Chi honor society and its value to members. The driving focus and underlying message is academic excellence. Many of you have probably heard of the Alpha Chi honor society, and many of you have not. Let me answer some common questions regarding this esteemed membership.

What is Alpha Chi?

Alpha Chi is an undergraduate honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines. Membership is limited to the top 10% percent of an institution's juniors and seniors. Invitation to membership comes only through an institutional chapter. A college seeking a chapter must grant baccalaureate degrees and be regionally accredited. Some 300 chapters located in almost every state, and in Puerto Rico, induct more than 11,000 members annually.

Alpha Chi is distinctive in that it involves students in all aspects of its operation, chapter officer leadership, and local chapter events planning. There are also several prestigious members of Alpha Chi that clearly demonstrate the excellence that Alpha Chi stands for. For example, Dan Rather, CBS Evening News anchor and editor, and Clayton C. Anderson, NASA astronaut and mission specialist, are both members of Alpha Chi.

What is the history of Alpha Chi, and is it recognized?

Alpha Chi began in 1915 as a campus honor society at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and grew into a state organization in 1922, a regional in 1927, and a national thereafter. Through these stages, it has kept unchanged its objective – the stimulation, development, and recognition of scholarship and those elements of character that make scholarship effective for good. In addition to working with more than 300 campus chapters in the interest of scholarship and character, Alpha Chi encourages students to continue their development through graduate work, supports a scholarship program, admits students to participation in regional and national programs, and issues publications.

What does the NSU chapter of Alpha Chi do for its members?

As it was previously mentioned, Alpha Chi members are recognized for their academic excellence. Invitations are extended to the top 10% of juniors and seniors in each division. Through national recognition, scholarships and fellowships, as well as a continuing alumni program, this society promotes excellence, graduate studies, and support. Alpha Chi's alumni program continues its excellence, being supported by 39 Universities and colleges in Florida and over 300 nationwide. As you can see, it is nationally recognized.

Who do I contact to participate in this prestigious, nationally recognized society?

Any questions about the organization can be directed to the Dean's Office on campus at (954) 262-8408.

Please see ALPHA CHI Page 7
Here are some upcoming events: There will be a social inviting current Alpha Chi members and high performing eligible students. This will give a chance for the ETA Chapter to socialize with one another and talk about the society with potential future members. Attendees will be notified by invitation.

An induction ceremony will take place in early April for all new members and their families, followed by a chance to eat, drink, and speak with honored guests.

As an Alpha Chi member since April 2003, I take pride in my recognition. I take pride in wearing my Alpha Chi pin on NSU’s campus. I know by being a member of Alpha Chi that I am not only at the top of my class in NSU, but throughout the country as well. This membership gives me pride in my accomplishments. My peers and family also recognize this society and the excellence, which is its foundation. Alpha Chi’s culture will assist me to be at the top of my class now and as I enter into my graduate studies.

Please keep a lookout for your invitation to this esteemed and nationally recognized society, and don’t pass up this wonderful lifetime opportunity. I look forward to meeting you in person in the future. The Alpha Chi national website can be found at www.alphachihonor.org.

NSU Public Interest Law Society to Host Charitable Auction

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The Public Interest Law Society Chapter (PILS) for Nova Southeastern University’s Shepard Broad Law Center will host its 11th Annual Public Interest Law Auction on Friday, March 19. A silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a live auction beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Law School’s Atrium, 3305 College Ave., on NSU’s main campus. Some of the items available at the auction include an autographed Mike Lowell baseball, an autographed Pete Rose baseball card, and tickets to various professional sporting events. The list of valuable items continues to grow as the auction date approaches. Monies raised at the auction will fund fellowships for students who dedicate their time working as legal interns for public interest organizations.

Due to budget constraints, most organizations that assist the indigent and poor are understaffed and unable to compensate legal interns. Proceeds from the auction will enable law students to aid local organizations in providing quality legal services to those who would otherwise be unable to afford it.

Admission to the Public Interest Law Society Auction is free. Refreshments will be available, with musical entertainment to be provided by Caution Automatic. For more information on the auction, please call (954) 262-6126.

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New Master’s Program in Cross-Disciplinary Studies Officially Opens April 19

By Susanne Marshall
Contributing Writer

The Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies (MACS) is an innovative, student-centered degree program. MACS students design their own curriculum in exact response to their individual professional needs and academic interests. The program is based upon a core of four required courses and students' design of an individualized concentration track. The concentration tracks consist of electives students choose and a practicum sequence students develop according to their own academic and professional goals. The following suggested concentration tracks are currently available:

- Culture and Society (at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Health and Society (in partnership with the College of Allied Health and Nursing)
- Information Systems and Society (in partnership with the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences)
- Environment and Society (in partnership with the Oceanographic Center)

The program is based at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS). It is available entirely online. In addition, select courses are available in the traditional classroom format at SHSS and at NSU cluster sites. Completion of a Master's Thesis is optional. A total of 33 credit hours must be completed for graduation (36 with a thesis).

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**Men’s Golf Finishes 2nd at the Fort Lauderdale Spring Classic**

On March 4th and 5th, the Nova Southeastern University men’s golf team competed in the Fort Lauderdale Spring Classic at Grand Oaks Golf Club in Davie, FL. This was a 2-day tournament with a total of 6 teams.

Loyola University took 1st place as a team, shooting a 587 two-day total. The NSU men’s team took 2nd place with a two-day total of 612. Competing as an individual in this tournament, Mike Wangsness (Fr., Garreston, SD) took 2nd place honors, scoring a 1 under 69, 72.

Leading the Knights was Freshman Steven Conrad (Syracuse, IN) with 2-day total of 152 (73, 79). Michael Davenport (Fr., Kent, England) shot 76, 77, and Julien Noel (Fr., Quebec, Canada) shot 76, 79. Brian Macho (Fr., Centerville, OH) shot 82, 75, and Josh Greene (So., Tom’s River, NJ) shot 76, 84.

**Baseball Defeats Lewis University**

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team (12-6) defeated the visiting Lewis University Flyers (3-5) by a score of 5-1 on Wednesday evening at the NSU Baseball Complex. The win was the Knight’s fifth in their last six contests.

NSU C Kyle Bone (Cooper City, FL) and 2B Sean McFadden (So., Hollywood, FL) led the Knights as each went 2-for-3 in the game. Bone also had 1 RBI and a pair of runs scored, while McFadden scored one run in the Knights win. NSU 3B Mike Pellerito (Jr., Coral Springs, FL) went 1-for-3, and also recorded his team-leading 28th RBI in the game.

The Knights scored three runs in the fifth inning, and added two more runs in the sixth to off-set a fourth inning solo homerun by Lewis 1B Chris Carbonaro. Pellerito’s RBI single got things started in the fifth inning, and an RBI triple by Bone in the bottom of the sixth sealed the win for NSU.

Five Knights pitchers combined to four-hit the Flyers, as Ross Cummings (So., Jupiter, FL) picked up the victory to improve to 2-1 on the year. NSU RHP Kyle Rawe (Jr., Sunrise, FL) earned his second save of the year as he struck out one and forced a pair of groundouts in the top of the ninth inning.

Lewis starter Greg Moss was the losing pitcher, as his record fell to 0-2.

**Softball Defeats Salem International and Dubuque in 1st Day at Gene Cusic Classic**

The Nova Southeastern softball team (16-7) swept a pair of games Friday morning at the Gene Cusic Classic in Ft. Myers, FL as it defeated Salem International University 13-4 in the first game of the day, and they edged the College of Dubuque by a score of 3-1 in the second game. The Knights have now won 12 of their last 13 games and are a perfect 2-0 thus far at the tournament.

NSU began a rally in the bottom of the fourth as they posted eight runs off of seven hits. 2B Mary Kate Lavery (Sr., Moline, IL) sparked the Knights offense as she hit her first grand-slam on the year. Seconds later, SS Jessica Reader (Jr., Granite City, IL) tripled to left field, driving in LF Diana Goolsby (So., Ocala, FL) for the score. RF Katie Veltri (Fr., Loxahatchee, FL) rounded out the inning as she hit her fourth home run on the season.

The Knights put the game away in the fifth inning as they scored five runs off a double by 3B Krystal Lamb (Sr., West Palm Beach, FL) and singles from C Janette Rodriguez (Jr., Miami, FL), Lavery, and Goolsby.

Salem International scored their four runs in the top of the fifth inning. Salem P Robyn Swedersky picked up the loss for the Tigers.

In the second contest of the day, the game was scoreless until the fourth inning, when NSU put three runs on the board off of one hit and a series of four walks.

Rodriguez went 5-for-8 with four RBI combined on the day, while Lavery went 3-for-5 with three runs and three RBI, and Lamb went 3-for-6 with two RBI.

RHP Kathryn Jones (Sr., McIntosh, FL) picked up her first victory over SIU (1-0), striking out five batters and allowing just one hit in four innings. Rodriguez went 5-for-8 with four RBI combined on the day, while Lavery went 3-for-5 with three runs and three RBI, and Lamb went 3-for-6 with two RBI.

RHP Jep Garcia (Sr., Miami, FL) improved to 8-2 on the mound as she picked up the win against Dubuque, striking out 10 batters in six innings of play.
Women's Golf Finishes 9th at the Lady Moc Classic in Lakeland, FL

Amanda Brown is Top Finisher at 16th individually

By Alicia Winslett

On February 29 through March 2nd, 2004, the women's golf team finished 9th in the Lady Moc Classic, an event totaling 20 teams. The event was held at Cleveland Heights Golf Club in Lakeland, FL, a 5,997 yard par 72 course. NSU's team totals were 320, 325, 334 for the season thus far. GVSU starter Jenni Mackson pitched a complete-game, while the ball game was ended 2-0 in favor of Grand Valley State.

On March 3rd 2004, the Nova Southeastern University women's softball team (14-7) competed against #11 Grand Valley State University (9-1) in a double header. The women split the double header as they lost 2-10 in the first game, but rallied back for a 10-8 win in the second game. The teams competed at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex on Saturday afternoon.

In the first game, Grand Valley scored their first run in the 3rd inning from a walk with the bases loaded. The next batter hit a pop fly to the left field, but the runner on 3rd scored after the out. NSU's Head Coach, Lesa Bonee, questioned the umpire's call, and argued that the 3rd base runner left before the out. The inning ended with GVSU producing 1 earned run, 2 runs in total, one hit, and 2 left on base. The Knights tried to pick things up in the bottom of the 5th with a hit by Leah Shoats (Sr., Albuquerque, NM), but was unable to get anything out of it. So, the ball game was ended 2-0 in favor of Grand Valley State.

In the second game, the Knights scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to erase an 8-3 deficit. Right fielder Katie Vettri (Fr., Loxahatchee, FL) had the biggest hit of the evening when she slammed a three-run triple to complete the comeback and put the Knights ahead 10-8.

RF Diana Goosby (Jr., Ocala, FL) went 2-for-2 with 3 runs, including the game winning run in game 2. Vettri went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI and one run scored. 1st baseman Leah Shoats went 2-for-3 with one run scored, while catcher Janette Rodriguez (Jr., Miami, FL) went 1-for-2 in the game. This was NSU's 10th win in the last 11 games.

In the second game, RHP Jen Garcia (Sr., Miami, FL) improved her record to 7-2 for the season thus far. GVSU starter Jennifer Mackson pitched a complete-game, while only allowing one hit.

Softball Splits a Double Header with #8 Grand Valley State University

By Alicia Winslett

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Men's Baseball Defeats Wingate University 6-2

By Alicia Winslett

On February 28th, 2004, the men's baseball team (9-5) competed against Wingate University (3-15) at the NSU Baseball Complex.

Junior All-American pitcher Kyle Ruwe (Sunrise, FL) improved to 4-1, as he allowed nine hits and struck out four batters in the game.

Even though Wingate started out with 3 hits and a run, the Knights came back to hit one, and earned one run in the bottom of the inning. The Bulldogs then gave NSU another run in the 2nd after walking Michael Pellerito (Jr., Coral Springs, FL). Then, Chris Reynolds (Pr., Pembroke Pines, FL) hit long ball over the left outfielder's head, and the outfielder was charged with an error as Pellerito scored for the Knights.

Josh Benton home.

Chris Reynolds and Alex Froloff (Jr., Coral Springs, FL) led the way offensively for NSU. Reynolds went 2-for-3 with 2 runs and an RBI double and Froloff went 3-for-4 with 1 run scored. Jeff Rodriguez (Jr., Hillsleahl, FL) also drove in a pair of runs with an RBI single in the key 4th inning.

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After the first day of play, Amanda Brown (Jr., Tampa, FL) was tied for 10th with 80, while Sophie Friis (Fr., Vejle, Denmark) and Rashmeen Nirmal (Jr., Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada) were tied for 29th, shooting a pair of 81's. Emily Sisson (Sr., Charles City, IA) was tied for 38th with 82.

After the third day, Amanda tied for 16th as she shot 78, 79, 79. Sophie Friis tied for 41st as she shot 81, 83, 82. Emily Sisson tied for 64th as she shot 82, 88, 83. Rebecca Pomichter tied for 66th as she shot 80, 84, 90. Rashmeen Nirmal also tied for 66th as she shot 81, 79, 94.

Rollins College earned first place with team scores of 306, 298, and 307. Florida International took 2nd place, shooting 311, 316, and 314. Tied for 3rd place was Florida Atlantic University (324, 304, 315) and Florida Southern (304, 323, 316). Pamela Feggans from Florida Southern took 1st place, individually shooting 72, 78, 71.
Men's Basketball Rallies from 17-point Deficit to Defeat Saint Leo 97-94 in OT

Six Knights Score in Double Figures, as Knights Edge Lions in Overtime Thriller

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern University men's basketball team (9-17) rallied from 17 points down to edge Saint Leo University 97-94 in overtime on Wednesday night at BCC's George Mayer Gymnasium.

The Knights had six players score in double figures, while Saint Leo (4-21) had five as both teams posted their highest scoring outputs of the season. NSU was led by guard Kluis Wimbush (Jr., Ft. Lauderdale, FL) who netted a game-high 21 points, while forward Garth Campbell (Jr., Miramar, FL) and center Marco Meier (So., Nuremberg, Germany) posted double-doubles.

Saint Leo raced to an early 18-11 lead thanks to 10 points from guard Richard Blue. The Knights put together a 6-0 run to cut the deficit to six-points with 4:29 left in the first half. However, Saint Leo closed the half with a 12-5 run to take an 11-point lead into the locker room.

In the extra period, the Knights outscored Saint Leo 10-7 to seal the victory, as NSU senior point guard Zak Kirchgassner (Lawrenceburg, IN) drained a decisive three-pointer with 28-seconds remaining.

Kirchgassner finished the evening with 13 points and seven assists, and was honored before the contest along with fellow senior Ivan Trajkovic (Belgrade, Serbia), as both played their final home games for the Knights.

Women's Basketball Team Slams St. Leo

Three Senior Knights Score in Double Figures

By Alicia Winslett
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February 25th 2004, the Nova Southeastern University women's basketball team (11-15) took down Saint Leo University (0-25) by a score of 87-75 on Wednesday afternoon at BCC's George Mayer Gymnasium.

In the beginning, Saint Leo didn't press NSU, but the Knights gave the Lions heaps of pressure on both ends of the floor. Jessie Pate (Sr., Kissimmee, FL) earned loads of put backs and plenty of feed from the outside guards. Pate has proved herself to be a strong post for the Knights this season. On the defense, NSU played a 1-2-2, as St. Leo rounded out the half on top 39-38.

In the first half, the Lions had as much as a 10-point lead, but the Knights regained their strength at after the half.

The teams exchanged the lead during the beginning of the second half before NSU took over after a 3-pointer from Cathy Lynch (Sr., Sydney, Australia). Pate sealed it for NSU after she hit one under the basket, then made her free throw after a foul. The Knights had a 29-10 run to take their largest lead of the night at 20-points with 5:48 left in the game. The Knights closed the game with a 87-75 victory.

Three seniors led on Senior Night, as Jessie Pate posted her 15th double-double of the season with a game-high of 31 points and 17 rebounds. Guard Marvelous Washington (West Palm Beach, FL) also had a double-double, with 14 points and a season-high of 11 assists. Forward Cathy Lynch also added a career-high of 12 points in the win.

Saint Leo was led by September Harrison, who scored 25 points and grabbed 8 boards, while forward Rosetta Little scored 13 points and added 7 rebounds. Shannon Cummings also scored 11 points in the game.
College Years Can Impact Credit For Life

Smart money management now can save years of headaches later

By Shanell Lee
Contributing Writer

The college experience can be the most exciting years of a student's life; however, college years can be some of the worst years on your credit history.

As we journey through our freshman year to that long-awaited senior year, we need to treat ourselves and our friends well, yet we unconsciously abuse our credit. College students usually receive and accept many credit card offers, not thinking about the bills or the interest adding up on these accounts. We find ourselves using credit cards to buy our books, pay for dates, and pay rent, since we have no cash (perhaps because we haven't yet received our loan refund).

Bad credit makes us our own worst enemy, so we need to be aware of our spending habits; bad credit can be detrimental to our future in more ways than one. Today, people need good credit not only to buy a house, but to buy home insurance and life insurance, as well as to get a decent job, such as with companies like Sun Trust Bank and the Miami Dade Police Department. This is scary, since most of us will be heading out into the workforce soon after graduating. During our college career, we need to be responsible for our credit and finances, just as we are held responsible for completing our assignments in class. Your credit file is constantly changing, so you should monitor your credit file.

Once you have ordered your credit report, you will be able to learn your credit score. Your score tells a potential lender how likely you are to repay a loan or make credit payments. A credit score is based on a scale from 150 to 930, with 150 being the worst. It was told by a representative at Reports.com (877) 863-3067 that an average score is between 600 to 650. These scores and your credit report can affect your future more than you may be able to imagine at this time, so be responsible with your finances. Check your credit report once a year, monitor your credit card usage, and pay your bills on time!

Ten Ways to Improve Your Credit

1. Know what's on your credit report.
2. Dispute any inaccuracies.
3. Pay your bills on time.
4. If you can't afford it, don't buy it.
5. Keep your debt-to-income ratio under twenty percent.
6. Pay more than the minimum monthly payment.
7. Identify ways to decrease your spending.
8. If your debt gets out of control, seek professional counseling.
9. If you have trouble paying a payment, contact your creditor and inform them of the situation.
10. Keep all personal information updated on the credit file. (e.g., address, employment, and name)

Corporate Seminar to be Hosted by Alpha Kappa Psi

“Young Entrepreneurs: making your business vision into a reality and finding funding to do it”

By Julio S. Thompson
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m., Alpha Kappa Psi will host a Corporate Exposure Seminar with the theme “Young Entrepreneurs: Making your business vision into a reality and finding funding to do it.” This event will be held at the Knight Auditorium Room No. 1124 at the Carl DeSantis building, home of the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Conference Speaker Tom Tworoger, a Lecturer at Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, will present on the exciting theme.

Alpha Kappa Psi is Nova Southeastern University's first and only professional co-ed business fraternity on campus. It is a complete, well integrated, and capably administered international organization standing for the highest ideals of conduct and achievement in both university and professional life. Each month, we host professional business events that assist fraternal and non-fraternal members in becoming well-rounded business professionals. Our fraternity uniquely provides membership to on-campus Undergraduate, Master's, and Doctoral students. We seek to become the premier organization at our school.

Synonymous with the objectives of our business school, the program is “designed for individuals who want to enhance their business sense, who want to pursue their entrepreneurial spirit, and who want to be tomorrow's successful leaders and managers.”

Julio S. Thompson, the Executive President of Alpha Kappa Psi says that “many people have great ideas, visions, and business plans, but the number one essential component missing is funding. Therefore, these visions die and will one day be buried in a grave.” He mentions, “our business students are comprised of some of the greatest minds nationally and internationally. Our beautiful new facility is only the start of how futuristic and innovative we can become. This seminar will birth new CEOs, business partners, and ultimately, new businesses.”

Tom Tworoger is “the man with the plan.” He is a former Kenworth truck dealership owner, and has led a group of business professionals in the development of a new specialization in entrepreneurship for the M.B.A. Program at NSU's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Julio comments that “what better speaker to ask to present than our own 'creator' of the entrepreneurship program here at NSU. We have received many bids from the community to present such a topic, but I always strongly believe that we should appreciate our own, and Tworoger is 'the man with the plan.'”

Tworoger believes that tomorrow's business owners must have more than just the desire to operate their own business. The small business owner needs to learn specific, special skills. These special skills are not contained within the community to present such a topic, but I always strongly believe that we should appreciate our own, and Tworoger is "the man with the plan."
Opportunity Knocks at February Career Fair

By Amanda N. Brown
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If you didn’t get a chance to attend February’s Career Fair, you missed out on fabulous career opportunities and skill-enhancing experience. Around 60 businesses and organizations were in attendance, ready to answer your questions and willing to consider you for employment.

Freska Darlion, MBA student of NSU’s H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, said that this year’s fair was better than that of last year, because it had more companies and a better variety of industries. “I’m glad I came, absolutely,” she said.

“I’m really happy with the turnout,” said Christina Ostergaard, manager of a brokerage firm. Ostergaard is looking for motivated people who are willing to work hard. She places more emphasis on personality and confidence than with degree titles. “You can teach anyone anything,” she stated.

The Career Expo of 2004 was hosted by a consortium of private universities: Barry University, Lynn University, Nova Southeastern University, and St. Thomas University.

Characteristics Employers Look For:

- Motivation
- Individuals who go after what they want
- Those who really enjoy life
- Excitement
- Those who are willing to work hard
- Outgoing and positive disposition

How can you prepare for a career fair?

- Dress in proper business attire.
- Prepare a professional resume.
- Review interviewing skills.

What can you expect from a career fair?

1. Each participant is required to register with his/her university.
2. Name tags are provided.
3. Rows of businesses are in place with representatives ready to answer your questions and also pose questions to you.
4. A booklet is provided mapping out each business’ location and description.
A Salute to Frozen Foods
and the women they liberated

By Christie Bailey
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March is both National Women's History Month and National Frozen Foods Month. It's sort of an amusing coincidence that they both fall on the same month, I think, considering the role that frozen foods played in the liberation of women from the kitchen. Yes, frozen foods helped free women from the kitchen. I say this with a mixture of humor and seriousness.

It's true that frozen foods have really changed the way we cook and eat. Frozen vegetables keep longer, and are available year around. Frozen main courses and meal starters offer a quick, nutritional meal option.

In the hustle-bustle of modern society – with both sexes busy working one, two, or even three jobs – these are important advantages. People just don't have time to cook anymore. Women don't have time to cook anymore. Frozen foods, along with boxed meal starters and other modern food innovations, have helped make it easier for women to make a transition from the house and into the working field by cutting the amount of time needed to prepare meals.

A bit of history: the modern technique of freezing foods was more or less invented by Clarence Birdseye in the 1920's, although it wasn't until the 1940's and 50's that the business began to really blossom. It began with frozen blanched vegetables sold in select locations in Oregon in 1929; today it has spread to include everything from ice cream to ethnic foods. In the 1940s, the National Association of Frozen Food Packers was formed, and in 1954, Swanson introduced the first TV dinner. (What? You thought they've always existed?) Then, in the 1960's, the microwave oven was introduced.

That is about the time when frozen food sales really began to soar; McDonald's began using frozen patties, astronauts ate frozen meals in space, and frozen dinner entrées became popular.

Incidentally, the 1960's is the time when a series of acts were passed improving women's status in the work field, acts like the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that promised women equitable wages, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which — among other things — prohibited against employment discrimination. Women were becoming a salient presence in the labor force, and thanks to quick-fix options like frozen foods, they could spend less time in the home.

Seems like frozen foods and their quick-fix ilk came into popularity at just the right time, huh?
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Or
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ity in academic excellence.” For instance, Ph.D. students are grouped with lower-level graduate students in certain courses, which may hinder the education of the Ph.D. students. Professors are teaching three or more courses that are twenty-five to thirty students in size, which affects students’ “quality of education.” DCAR students continue to pay high costs, but “academic excellence” is impeded by faculty turnover, class sizes too large to receive a “quality education,” and a lack of faculty research and published works, which could enhance student success. The President of NSU’s message said it better: “Our synergistic, multidisciplinary learning environment depends on the continued commitment of each of us, and allows us to continue to provide the highest quality and most comprehensive education to dedicated men and women, wherever they are located. Everyone associated with this university can take pride in the excellence we have achieved thus far, and look forward to a very exciting future.”

If the President of Nova Southeastern University’s words are to be achieved, then DCAR must be better supported in funding and must search for a director with similar credentials as that of ICAR. These two things will send a message of “quality of education” and “academic excellence.” If constructive action is not executed on these two points, then the NSU’s President’s message, the University’s mission, and the DCAR Dean’s message will be at odds with what the program at the east campus actually delivers.

LEADERSHIP

Informational Sessions:
March 9th- 12:00pm- Flight Deck
March 10th- 5:15pm- Flight Deck
March 11th- 5:15pm- Flight Deck
* one session is mandatory if you plan on running

NSUSGA Elections:
April 5th- 8th.

The following positions are open:
President- VPL- VPJ
* must run on one ticket
Commuter Senator (3)
Athletic Senator (2)
Non-Traditional Senator(1)
Residential Senator (1)
International Senator(2)
Minority Senator (2)

If you have any questions please free to contact me at pattipmpom@aol.com or 954-258-8845.

13th Annual Hollywood Squares
"A Knight of NSU Idol(s)"

Thursday, March 18 2004
"A Knight of NSU Idol(s)"
Friday, March 19 2004
@ 5:30 pm- Hollywood Squares
At the Rec Plex

Don’t miss the most entertaining evening of the year!
Check it Out!
There is a new website for the NSU community to surf. Check out the new website for the Office of Volunteerism and Community Service. Now there is another way for you to get involved with volunteering. See how you can change lives, check it out http://www.nova.edu/volunteer.

Show Your Nova Pride!
On March 14th join the Office of Residence Life and Housing and the Office of Volunteerism and Community Service in making Nova's campus beautiful! Volunteers will attend to the Medicinal Garden and areas around the residence halls. Sign-up or get more information please call Brandi Suttles at 954-262-7297 or email at volunteer@nova.edu.

Looking for experienced, competitive tennis player for the Spring 2004 Season. Please contact Michael Coleman at michcole@nova.edu or call 954-262-8247

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