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Pulitzer Prize Winning Safire Lights Big Fire At NSU

By Eugene Morrison
Contributing Writer

On the night of Tuesday, March 16, William Safire—the prolific author, journalist, and former Nixon political speechwriter—stimulated an audience of several hundred with his clever, funny discourse and stark partisan look at the American political system and lifestyle.

Safire, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1978 for his distinguished commentaries, spoke about issues ranging from foreign affairs to the upcoming November elections in a two-hour presentation that reinforced the conservative stance of his life and the political view he has taken in his commentaries for years.

In his introduction, he reminded the audience of his "rightwing" position, and immediately delved into backing it up. He forecasted that the upcoming elections will wind up with a comfortable 53-47 percent win "for one or the other"—either Kerry or Bush. He didn’t say which one, but suggested that the start of the 2008 elections will be the end of the Bush administration and the start of a new battle between Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton for the White House!

A question and answer session was held during the latter part of the presentation. To one question, which asked him to share his views on a certain subject, he wittily replied, "I resent that phrase 'share your views.' I don't share views. I tell them on people!"

When asked about the role of the press in the upcoming elections, he said it will lean to the person who is ahead and then fear that person down later. When asked who will be the next Chief Justice, he said Justice Scalia, because he thinks that "Scalia has the best opinion of the Supreme Court."

For Raul Alvarez, a Miami-based corporate vice president who attended the event, the lecture was "interesting." He said that he disagreed with much of what Mr. Safire said, but enjoyed the evening, and thinks of Safire as a great presenter. "Particularly lots of humor," Alvarez noted. "His ideas were well articulated, his conservative dialogue. It was not a speech; it was a talk—conversing.

Alvarez said that he has been reading Safire's commentaries in the Times for a while now, and that he enjoyed the intellectual interlude tonight.

For Pepi Granat, another attendee, the night brought a bit of a surprise. She had hoped that Safire would talk more about words, a topic for which Safire is said to be among the best in his field, but instead he focused more on politics.

Safire is one of the most read authors on the English language, and Granat said that she reads all of his columns and was looking forward to hearing more on language. During the presentation, Safire himself said that he is "very interested in words." He has produced more than 10 books on the English language, including a book of quotations called "Good Advice."

Regardless of the path Safire took that night, he was on fire, and made use of words as abundantly and skillfully as in his many books and in the speeches he produced for his former boss, Richard Nixon.

Even though he seemed for some people to be less serious in person than in his column, he was the "exact man behind the column" for one observer who asked not to be named. "I think that's why he is called a political pundit," this observer said. "He was stimulating and thoughtful. He told us who is going to win the election. That's an important thing!"

In addition to his writing achievements, Safire has a string of credits in other areas, including bringing his former boss, President Nixon, and the former Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, together in what has become known as the famous "Kitchen Debate." In 1975, Safire produced a book, "Before the Fall," which described the pre-Watergate White House.

Currently, Safire is a New York Times columnist and a well sought after public speaker, among other things.

The event was sponsored by the The DaVinci College of Arts and Sciences here at NSU, and was free and open to the public. It was held in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.
Editor's Note

Dear NSU Community,

The Knight is beginning to receive more criticism, some constructive, some destructive. As our distribution area increases, so do the critical emails, phone calls, and meetings. As a result, some of The Knight's staff members have become periodically disheartened. But as some mentors have expressed, criticism is a good thing.

If we do not receive any response from our audience, we either do not have an audience or they do not care enough to respond. Therefore, the increased response proves that the NSU community is beginning to pay more attention to what is published in The Knight. The staff has received an abundance of praises, and I thank all of those people who have taken the time to compliment us. I am elated to see that some mentors have expressed criticism is a good thing.

Constructive, some destructive. As our distribution area increases, so do the critical emails, phone calls, and meetings. As a result, some of these critical emails are often vague and do not refer to any specific examples. We ask that our readers not denigrate the entire staff and publication based on one or two articles. There will always be a difference of opinion in what is published.

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The Knight welcomes comments and suggestions, but a troubling trend has begun with the few disapproving comments we have received. The comments are often vague and do not refer to any specific examples. We ask that our readers not denigrate the entire staff and publication based on one or two articles. There will always be a difference of opinion in what is published.

The New York Times and every other newspaper have a "Corrections" section. It is simply impossible for errors not to occur. So, if you report errors, we thank you, but do so constructively.

Also, The Knight is a publication produced by students, for students. It is not a NSU public relations device. It is our duty to publish the students' opinions about the affairs on and off campus, whether through opinion pieces or quotes within balanced articles. Sometimes, the opinions are controversial, but opinions have the right to be published.

Respectfully,

Amanda N. Brown

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Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has been chosen as the site for the new business office of The National Career Academy Coalition, Inc. (NCAC), a grassroots organization dedicated to transforming large impersonal high schools into smaller career-oriented learning communities. NCAC's office is located at the National Institute for Educational Options (NIEO) at NSU's Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services (FGSEHS).

H. Wells Singleton, Ph.D., Education Provost and University Dean, welcomed the board executives of NCAC to NIEO at the FGSEHS campus in North Miami Beach, and said that a strategic alliance with NCAC is a win-win-win situation for student schools, and NSU. "NCAC fits right in with NSU's goals of serving the educational community and assisting K-12 schools," he said.

Career academy schools are intended to assist in the improvement of student achievement and educational goals, increasing graduation rates and self-esteem, and improving student behavior by relocating them from large comprehensive high schools to small educational college preparatory academies with career concentrations in subjects such as business and finance, medical care, and graphic arts.

The office is currently planning its first major event for the organization, and is recruiting members. The first event will be the 2004 Technical Assistance Conference on "Writing the Next Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) Grant Application for Career Academies," to be held at NSU's North Miami Beach campus March 21-23, 2004.

Technical assistance conferences assist district personnel and schools in writing federal grants to support school programs, and introduce school personnel from around the country to nationally-known grant writers and members of the U.S. Dept. of Education who oversee grants. The Smaller Learning Communities grant distributed over $473,000,000 for the 2000-2003 budget years.

For more information on the National Career Academy Coalition and its upcoming conference, please call (954) 262-8717, or toll free at (800) 986-3223 x 8717, or send an email to nieo@nova.edu.

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Julia Stiles
This fairy tale is about to get real.

The Prince & Me

IN THEATRES EVERYWHERE APRIL 2
NSU to Participate in National Alcohol Screening Day

By Jessica Parker
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A major study released in 2002 revealed frightening statistics about alcohol use on campus. Some 1,400 students die each year because of alcohol. Approximately 400,000 have unprotected sex because they were drinking. And the numbers are just as chilling when it comes to assault, accidents, and sexual abuse.

National Alcohol Screening Day, held at Nova Southeastern University on April 8, 2004, offers students the opportunity to learn what they need to know to draw the line. A brief self-assessment asks students about their drinking habits and if their behaviors have changed due to their drinking. In addition to taking the written self-test, students will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with a health professional. If appropriate, students will be directed to support or treatment services on campus. Screenings will be held at Nova Southeastern University on April 8, 2004, in the Sherman Library (NSU’s Main Library) from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Office of Residential Life and Housing, Student Counseling Services, and the Guided Self-Change Clinic.

The focus of National Alcohol Screening Day is to give students the facts they need to draw the line for themselves. Most students drink responsibly, but too many do not realize the potential costs that at-risk drinking poses, the signs of alcohol poisoning, or how even a moderate amount of alcohol can interact with common medications and affect academic or athletic performance.

Alcohol abuse and at-risk drinking can cause more than just a nagging hangover. The college drinking study, released by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Task Force on College Drinking (http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/facts/snapshot.aspx ), reported excessive drinking affects all students, whether they choose to drink or not.

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National Alcohol Screening Day is a program of the nonprofit Screening for Mental Health (SMH) funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Just The Facts

Some stunning problems related to drinking include:

- **Academic Problems**: About 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking, including missing class, failing behind, doing poorly on exams or papers, and receiving lower grades overall.

- **Health Problems/Suicide Attempts**: More than 150,000 students develop an alcohol-related health problem, and between 1.2 and 1.5 percent of students indicate that they tried to commit suicide within the past year due to drinking or drug use (Presley et al., 1998).

- **Drunk Driving**: 2.1 million students between the ages of 18 and 24 drove under the influence of alcohol last year.

- **Vandalism**: About 11 percent of college student drinkers report that they have damaged property while under the influence of alcohol.

- **Property Damage**: More than 25 percent of administrators from schools with relatively low drinking levels, and over 50 percent from schools with high drinking levels, say their campuses have a “moderate” or “major” problem with alcohol-related property damage.

For additional information about alcohol or the screening program, visit www.NationalAlcoholScreeningDay.org

What is Phi Alpha Delta up to now?

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They have held bowling nights, movie nights, LSAT practices, and had a successful fund raising event which brought in $175; this event was the annual “Walk for the Animals,” which was sponsored by the Broward County Humane Society. A big “Thank you!” to everyone for their hard work. By the time this edition of The Knight is printed, Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.) will have also held its annual officer elections. The members really appreciate all of the hard work the prior E-board has put into this past year (2003-2004), and are looking forward to working with the new leadership and the new challenges that they will face in 2004-2005. These challenges include the planning of Initiation and the Annual Fraternity Dinner, and participating in the Student Life Awards. Also, congratulations are in order for Professor Dixon, who was nominated for the Co-curricular Advisor of the Year Award.

By the way, why don’t you come and visit P.A.D. at the Annual Nova Southeastern University Community Fest on Saturday, April 17th, to see if Professor Dixon might be one of Nova’s “outstanding finest” professors to Kiss The Pig (K.T.P.). Or who else might it be?

The K.T.P. event will be held in a corner area of the festival. In that area-will be some furry four-legged friends happily representing the Broward County Humane Society. P.A.D. has chosen to support them for its last philanthropic event of the year; it will be collecting donations for their education and pet therapy programs. A dunk tank will supplement the P.A.D. treasury for its pre-law programming in the upcoming year.

To find out more about which professor will Kiss The Pig, look for our P.A.D. representatives at Parker, Rosenthal, and other locations with collection jars to drop in your loose change. Funds raised will support Nova’s P.A.D. Mock Trial Team and the professor who raises the most funds has the opportunity to match them off! Kiss The Pig! (Isn’t he just adorable?)

The answer was, “K.T.P.”

We asked, “What was the question?”

Hey! He’s mine, not yours!

Sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta
Joining efforts and overcoming obstacles is when Art and Passion are the most powerful and useful tools to build bridges and bring towns, cultures, and races together to integrate, develop, and preserve a worthy, safe, and just society.

This is exactly what three professional artists and highly motivated graduate students of the Interdisciplinary Arts Program at the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services of Nova Southeastern University believe. Their names are Patricia Bencomo-Amaro, Shirley Julien, and Roxana Suarez-Gianantonio, and they are all united by the same passion, which is their desire to serve and educate their community through the arts. They are working together to bring a critical issue to the stage: the arrival of illegal Haitian and Cuban immigrants to Miami, and the resulting social impact on our community.

Incorporating the different concepts and skills acquired in the Interdisciplinary Arts coursework, these devoted and talented artists have produced an evening of interdisciplinary arts involving dance theater, visual arts, and music called “In Exile, Echoes form Haiti and Cuba.”

The event focuses on bringing together the different communities that make up South Florida’s society. 

The dialogue’s objective is to inform, awaken consciousness, and create sensitivity to allow for more active participation, integration, and development of a safe, productive, and compassionate society.

This event is made possible thanks to the sponsorship of the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services at Nova Southeastern University, the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on the Nova Southeastern University Campus, the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, Xavier Cortada-Miami Artist, Galerie d’Art Nader, Gingerbread Design Group, Diaspora Vibe, Construction Catering-Cuban Cuisine, Broward Division of Cultural Affairs, Mary Grosso-Artist, Humberto Benitez-Artist, and Ralph Dupoux-Graphic Designer.

Event: IN EXILE, Echoes from Haiti and Cuba
Date: Saturday, April 3rd, 2004
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on the Nova Southeastern University Campus
Address: 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

For tickets and information please contact Roxana Suarez-Gianantonio: 954-262-8680, suarez@nova.edu. Student discount available with ID.

La Historia de la Llegada de Immigrantes Indocumentados Haitianos y Cubanos a la Tierra de la Igualdad y Justicia para Todos

DESDE EL EXILIO, Echoes de Haiti y Cuba

Cuando de unir esfuerzos y vencer obstáculos se trata, no hay herramientas más útiles y ponderosas que el Arte y la Pasión para construir puentes que unan pueblos, culturas y razas en un gran objetivo común —como es el de integrar, desarrollar y preservar una sociedad más digna, segura y justa.

Así lo demuestran Patricia Bencomo-Amaro, Shirley Julien y Roxana Suarez-Gianantonio, tres profesionales, estudiantes de maestría de la escuela de postgrado en educación: Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services, Interdisciplinary Arts Program, de Nova Southeastern University, quienes unidas por una misma pasión como es la de servir y educar su comunidad a través del Arte, vienen trabajando entusiasticamente para traer al escenario un tema muy delicado, actual y de gran contenido social:

El drama que viven los inmigrantes indocumentados de Haití y Cuba, quienes arriesgando sus vidas se lanzan al mar en artesanales embarcaciones para escapar de la opresión, el caos, el desaliento, el hambre y hasta la miseria, en búsqueda de una oportunidad de trabajo y mejor calidad de vida. Estos seres humanos, luego de desatuar la muerte en el mar, tienen que enfrentarse la desigualdad de trato que reciben por parte de las autoridades de inmigración al pisar tierra estadounidense; para los Cubanos significa el inicio del sueño americano hecho realidad; para los Haitianos el inicio de la peninsula Americana, de la cual no tiene cuando despertar.

Aplicando los diferentes conceptos, técnicas y habilidades adquiridas a lo largo de sus estudios de maestría, este grupo de dedicados profesionales han diseñado esta obra teatral combinando diferentes expresiones artísticas, como son danza, música y artes visuales bajo el nombre “DESDE EL EXILIO, Echos de Haití y Cuba” cuyo objetivo es el de informar, despertar conciencias y llegar a la sensibilidad del público a fin de lograr una participación más activa en el proceso de integración y desarrollo de una sociedad más digna, segura y justa.

Forma parte de este importante acontecimiento la exhibición y venta de obras de artistas de Haití y Cuba que se realizará en el lobby del teatro, parte de las ganancias serán donadas en beneficio de las comunidades Haitiana y Cubana en el exilio.

Se ofrecerá también degustación de platos y bebidas típicas de ambos países, culminando la noche con un diálogo abierto entre el público y los directores, artistas y expositores.

La realización de este evento es posible gracias al auspicio de Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services at Nova Southeastern University, Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, Xavier Cortada-Miami Artist, Galerie d’Art Nader, Gingerbread Design Group, Diaspora Vibe, Construction Catering-Cuban Cuisine, Broward Division of Cultural Affairs, Mary Grosso-Artist, Humberto Benitez-Artist, y Ralph Dupoux-Graphic Designer.

Event: DESDE EL EXILIO, Ecos de Haití y Cuba
Fecha: Sabado, 3 de Abril, 2004
Hora: 7:00 pm
Lugar: Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center en el Campus de Nova Southeastern University
Dirección: 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

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College education, like life itself, is a process of moving through stuff. As we become more and more "educated," you could say that we are transforming stuff in our lives from an unfamiliar (or abstract) form, to a more meaningful, "manifested" form.

It's like when I first moved to Florida with my family a year ago. Back then, Broward Boulevard was just a foreign, medium-sized street with lots of small houses and bungalow shops on this side and that. Back then, everything was new to our eyes, and locating the boulevard's intersection with US-441 often involved a giddy experience of trying to determine whether the innocent US-441 was this way or that way.

But today, Broward Boulevard is one of the main streets in our hometown - a major place of commerce, and a familiar, popular thoroughfare to get us and many others to just about everywhere we ever want to go. These days, it is so familiar to me that if I were still a coffee drinker, I could step out of my bed at 3:27 a.m. even in the middle of a sleepwalk and locate the Starbucks located where Broward intersects with US-1.

In the same way that I made it through the Broward Boulevard experience, I have since made it through a lot of stuff here at the college - stuff like "Impost and Export," "Delivering Superior Customer Value," and "ITAMD" (an acronym I use for a course they at the front office have officially labeled "Information Technology Applications in Management Decisions").

And, as with the experience of learning the whereabouts of people, places, and things on the boulevard, I have been inching my way bit by bit to learning a few of those other things that some people may view as esoteric. And in the process, I have been having fun while adjusting my attitude about life, education, and other stuff like that.

Sometimes (although more times than "some," I warn you) the road gets bumpy. Then, there are those times when a curve is just amazingly seductive to negotiate, but I just keep on driving. Broward Boulevard is actually a very nice road!

It's just that effectively getting where you want to get requires careful driving, attention to detail, and one more thing, which I call a constant: if I am to stay in the game, I have to stay on the road. And, if I am to stay on the road, I need some help. Here are just a few pointers that have helped me along the way:

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step - take it!"

"My attitude determines my altitude - believe it!"

And finally, I must refrain from wandering over those words ... Read. Read the text. It's just a book, and books don't bite. LEARN! Stop staring at those words, you. READ, learn, understand!

If I am to get to my destination, I must open up my heart, my head, and my hands to Broward Boulevard: the new world that is given to me through the educational process. If you or I are to eventually move into the future in the "ready position," we must first move through the education given to us in the present.

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The question is...
On the day of Nova Southeastern University's Annual Community Festival... who will be Kissing The Pig?

Hmmmm ... I wonder who my secret admirer is?

Sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta

Deaver Foundation Donates $25,000 to Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation

By Daryl Hulce

The Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation, part of the Fischer Graduate School of Education, recently received $25,000 for the 2004-2005 school year from the Deaver Foundation. The money used to promote the scholarship program was in addition to a $90,000 contribution to support the Model Schools grants overall mission of helping private schools in Florida integrate technology into their schools.

Since coming to FGSE, the Common Knowledge Scholarship program has more than doubled in size, with over 13,000 students registered world wide to test their knowledge and skills through the use of web-based quizzes. The program has garnered attention from NSU alumni from around the country.

By Eugene Morrison
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Tom Wales, one of the five Deaver Foundation Directors, handing Dr. Singleton a check for the Deaver Foundation Model Schools Grant at the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services.
DEAR THERAPIST:
I met a wonderful girl in my program. She's smart, beautiful, and funny. We have so much in common; I can't believe! I'm going home to visit my family soon, and my parents are eager to meet the new lady in my life. I'm nervous, though, because she is Caucasian and I'm African American. My parents have often stated that they do not approve of interracial relationships. They have gone as far as threatening to cut all ties and financial support if we go against their wishes. I am very torn about this situation. Should I give up this great relationship for the sake of upholding my parents' expectations? Do I keep it a secret? What do I do? HELP!

- COLORBLIND LOVER

DEAR COLORBLIND LOVER: How wonderful to have found love! How unfortunate to feel you can't share your experience! It must be so confusing to feel elated about a relationship that your parents ultimately forbid.

Fortunately, our generation has somewhat different ideals of love and relationships as compared to some of our parents. The numbers of interracial relationships continue to rise, and many of these couples are facing less resistance to their relationships.

However, there are several unique challenges that interracial couples face. Your parents' disapproval is clearly one of these challenges. You have several factors to consider when deciding the fate of your relationship. If you talk to your parents and explain the aspects of this woman that you find so endearing, they may respond positively. Sitting down and discussing the issue like adults may prove successful. But it is equally possible that, no matter what you say, they will ultimately reject the relationship.

As far as keeping the relationship a secret, that may have its downsides as well. Choosing not to introduce her to your parents may keep them from reacting negatively; however, your new love may not respond positively to remaining anonymous. Your silence about the relationship becomes less important, and your family may become curious and eager to meet her.

You are in a tough position, Colorblind Lover. Only you can decide the best course of action to take; however, it may be worthwhile to discuss this situation with your girlfriend. Additionally, you could seek the support from other interracial couples and/or friends. Weigh out all factors and options available. But remember, this is your life and only you are living it. GOOD LUCK!

- The Therapist

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A Day with Libby Buck
NSU Student Named Teacher of Distinction for Collier County

By Dr. Beverly Mullings

Libby Buck, a student at Nova Southeastern University, was recently awarded the Teacher of Distinction for 2003/2004 for her district, Collier County. She is currently enrolled in the Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP), and has contributed immensely to students' achievement. Recently, she completed her National Board Certification. Buck is a mentor for intern teachers in Collier County, and also mentors National Board Candidates.

Buck is a charismatic, transformational, transactional teacher. Due to her outstanding ability, she was selected to be a "Reading First Developer" from over three hundred applicants in Orlando, Florida.

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Volunteer For Your Future
Publication of Newspaper Turned Over to Local Squirrels After Series of Bizarre Incidents

String of freak accidents leaves entirety of Knight staff dead

By Pinky

After a series of bizarre incidents that left The Knight without a staff, a team of local squirrels has taken over publication of Nova Southeastern University's student newspaper.

In the first of several suspicious deaths, a bag of peanuts laced with cyanide (a poison commonly found in the pits of fruit) is thought to be instrumental in the demise of Webmaster Earl Tinsley. A number of empty shells at the scene were discovered with tiny teeth marks in them, all of which were found to be untouched by the poison.

The next day brought more consternation for University student employees when recently appointed Editor in Chief Anya Breakey was discovered dead in her office after having been frothing at the mouth for some time, clutching a mail tube full of air holes. The coroner stated that she had suffered from an acute form of rabies, which probably contracted from a number of empty shells at the scene were cut in the Knight office after apparently having fallen asleep at the keyboard during a late night work session. A spilled bottle of apple juice and some very tiny, very sticky footprints were found at the scene.

In what authorities are calling a freak accident, Sports Editor Alicia Winslett and Editor-in-Chief Amanda Brown both died of blunt trauma to the head. Witnesses referred to the incident as 'a crazy re-enactment of some scene from Caddyshack,' only this time the gofer was really small and had a big, bushy tail. Brown and Winslett apparently both lost control of their golf clubs, hitting each other instead of the alleged golfer.

"These weren't accidents!" a distraught Jennifer Reem, Faculty Advisor for The Knight, stated. "I don't believe that there's anyone who can't see that all the evidence points to — ."

Unfortunately, Reem was unable to finish her comment due to a sudden and tragic accident.

The new staff began work immediately on the current issue, producing the finest publication ever to have been put out by a team of squirrels. However, not everyone is completely happy with the changeover.

"The new staff is but a shell of the old one," said Terry Weech, Director of Student Activities. "Frankly, I think they're all a little nuts. And even they have to admit that they've got big shoes to fill, which will be difficult, considering the size of squirrels' feet."

Nuts About Nuts

By Squeaker

People say I love nuts they are correct. I love all nuts, big nuts, small nuts, soft nuts, hard nuts. (But not Brazil nuts they're squarish and have weird texture and really hard to crack open.)

Nuts always have been favorite food of mine. Ever since I was little Squirrel pup I, eat nuts and play with nuts. Mom says, "Don't play with your food", but I taught myself to juggle the hazelnuts anyway. I can juggle to four nuts. I have eight in reality like the peas and beans and coco-seed. Try nuts you may never want meat again!

Nuts are Natures wonder. Their food of mine. Ever since I was little Squirrel taught myself to juggle the hazelnuts any-Plant. I love all nuts, big nuts, small nuts, up to twelve at once. Nuts are not only delicious but are from palm trees. Did you know water from coconuts are a lot similar in chemical nature to blood plasma and has more electrolytes then Gatorade and shown to maybe lower viral load of HIV? But you didn't know that!

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Editor's Note

By Brownie

Words cannot describe the feeling of pride I feel at the moment. In the course of a week, I have not only become the first squirrel editor-in-chief of a human publication ever to preside over an all-squirrel staff, I have overseen the production of an edition the likes of which Nova Southeastern University has never seen before.

Truly, I couldn’t have done it without the aid of my talented and hard-working staff. Despite some trouble with the initial execution, we were able to quickly take over after the unfortunate passing of all the members of the previous staff. It took some real team effort to operate the computers. Typing was an exercise in patience; the keyboard was our stairmaster to success - the first few steps were arduous, but once we got used to using the over-sized keys, it was simply a matter of putting one paw in front of the other to complete the steps.

I’ve taken the liberty of renaming the newspaper The Acorn to reflect that the paper now serves as a voice of the squirrels - which do, after all, represent the majority of the campus population. In the past, I’ve noticed that the Knight staff had to continually beg the human students and faculty to speak out and submit articles and opinions. Now that squirrels run the show, the newspaper will improve tenfold, due to the enormous dedication and involvement of the squirrel community (as exemplified by this premier issue). Frankly, squirrels are nuts about getting their voice heard. Hopefully, the enthusiasm of us squirrels will inspire the apathetic student body to follow our passionate lead.

I really look forward to continuing to work with my wonderful staff, although I truly lament from the bottom of my heart the terribly unfortunate circumstances that allowed for our takeover.

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Tree-Tag Defeats BCC

By Putter

The Nova Southeastern squirrel tree-tag team (6-2) overcame the BCC campus-spanning game.

The win came after two hours of intense play. As the visiting team, the NSU Squirrels started the game off as "it," although freshman Scrabbler quickly passed the "it" off to the Leapers' Tanstreak, a sophomore from East Broward. Players leaped from tree to tree, practically rels as they raced to pass the tag. In the first quarter, only one player, the Squire Yammer, was pulled out of the game because of a foul. The foul came as the senior attempted to span a particularly wide distance between tree branches with an uncharacteristically clumsy leap. It was her first foul of the season. Yammer, a talented leaper, rarely falls from the trees, and in fact held a spotless record last season.

Despite the loss of a key player, the Squirrels managed to stay untagged for a long, eighteen-minute stretch in the second quarter, and for several ten-minute stretches in the last half. All in all, they managed to clock sixty-five minutes of untagged time, making the win a close one.

Coach Chitter commented that "the team made some great moves. They played like flying squirrels, they played like a team, and - most importantly - they played like their lives depended on it. If that were a gluttonous owl were on their tails, and not squirrelly members of the opposing team, I'm confident that they'd live to see the light of the next dawn. These are great acrobats, and great squirrels. They really know how to kick some tail."

Trip to the Beach Found Everything It Was Cracked Up to Be

By Crispy Bayleaf

I'd heard stories of the shore before, of the never-ending stretches of alabaster sand, of the jeweled green and blue of the water, of the man-made trees (called "condominiums") that towered nearby, scraping the sky. It was like a place out of mythology, this far-away land of branchless, coconut-bearing trees and foaming waves. A place out of dream - except that it's real. And I went there over spring break.

It took a lot of planning and preparation, but this spring break, several friends and I took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the beach. The trip took several hours, and we made it by taking the city bus. (It seems humans are useful for some things, after all - like providing free food and transportation.) Actually, we took several city buses; there was no vehicle that went directly there (because stupid humans have to make everything complicated).

We were thoroughly tired and at the ends of our nerves from dodging and leaping and clinging to bumpers for dear life, but the trip was well worth it, because as soon as we passed through the tall, brown grass and stepped paw to sand, there it was, stretching out before us: the ocean. It was all there, just like in the stories: the ocean, the beach, the palm trees. And, unlike in the stories, there were lots and lots of humans. Doing lots and lots of stupid things. (Like actually immersing themselves in the water! But hey, if they want to endanger their lives like that, I'm not going to complain; a drowned human is one less human to have to deal with).

We napped for a little while in the sand at the edge of the grass, winding down and soaking in the warmth of the sun. The sun began dipping toward the horizon, and the humans disappeared slowly, leaving at exactly the best time to be at the beach: sunset. My friends and I ambled down to the shoreline, leaving tracks in the wet sand, and dancing back and forth in an attempt to avoid the breaking waves. Despite my best efforts, I got doused good. Wet fur, it seems, is a magnet for sand; it would take me days to clean off all of the sand I attracted. But I found I actually enjoyed the salt water, and spent some time jumping into and out of the foaming waves.

Later, we camped in a palm tree. We cuddled together at the base of the friends, sharing warmth and companionship. Content, I fell asleep to the swaying of the tree in the night breeze, which smelled of salt and carried promises of adventure.
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If you haven’t embraced The Passion of the Christ, it’s not too late to go and see what all the hype is about. This very emotional story is about Jesus’ last 12 hours of living here on Earth before he is brutally put to death. The scenes are extremely graphic, and the emotion is incredibly real. This movie almost brought me to tears; it is no wonder why some critics say it may change your life forever.

Based on the Bible, The Passion of the Christ brings several stories of the New Testament to life, hitting home with Christians and believers everywhere. As the religious story goes, Jesus is in the garden of Gethsemane and is tempted by the Devil before his persecution. As he is given up by his own disciple Judas, the soldiers come and capture him from the garden. While in captivity, Jesus is constantly beaten unbearably, then forced to carry the cross throughout the town and to the mountain top where he would be crucified. Meanwhile, his mother Mary and his followers watched in tears, along with many members of the cinema audience. After watching this film, the depiction of Jesus dying on the cross has all the more meaning to Christians; for nonbelievers, this film may or may not have been an eye opener to Christianity. Some see it for just what it is and nothing deeper: another Hollywood movie. Director Mel Gibson definitely tries, if nothing else, to make viewers think and ask more questions. This was particularly emotional for him personally, as he himself is religious. "When you tackle a story that is so widely known and has so many different pre-conceptions, the only thing you can do is remain as true as possible to the story and your own way of expressing it creatively," Gibson says. "This is what I tried to do."

Many wonder, "Is this really how Christ was treated?" "Is the human race really capable of such inhumane behavior?" These scenes were definitely the most realistic and graphic I have ever seen, but I question if Gibson even had to take it to that level of gruel. He definitely tried to make an impression on those watching it, and succeeded. There is no question as to whether or not this film will be remembered for a very long time and fuel many controversies. Some say it is so violent that it surpasses the message of love and turns it into hate. David Denby of the New Yorker thinks Gibson is too fixated on the crushing of Christ, and doesn’t even portray the story, which is supposed to be based on love. Christy Lemire of the Associated Press is concerned with the viewing of this film by children, as churches are setting up trips to see The Passion of the Christ for the young ones. She states, "Grown ups - even true believers - will have difficulty sitting through the film. Just think of trauma it will inflict on kids."

The dramatic production has made $19.1 million in its first weekend. And this number is rising. No matter your point of view, this movie is heart wrenching, riveting, and definitely worth seeing.

**IMAN Hosts Annual Muslim Student Association Sports Tournament**

On January 24th, IMAN hosted the 2nd Annual Muslim Student Association Sports Tournament. It was open to both Muslims and non-Muslims. Students from various high schools and colleges participated; ages ranged between fifteen and twenty-five. The men played basketball, while the women played soccer.

Prayers and lunch were held at the Flight Deck. After the tournament, there was an award ceremony, in which the IMAN girl’s soccer team was awarded first place, and UM second place. After the ceremony and dinner came entertainment. IMAN put on a hilarious skit.

Farheen Parvez, president of IMAN, said, "The purpose of the January 24th MSA tournament was to unite everyone and have a good time."
March was National Best Buddies Month. A St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser to raise money for Best Buddies Florida Colleges was held in front of Parker; candy grams with clovers were sold. On March 27, Best Buddies held a barbecue picnic at CB Smith Park. “The buddies were very happy, and appreciated our care and friendship,” said Bijou Stoc.

**Upcoming Events**

On April 4th, Best Buddies will be attending a Panthers game. Free tickets are available to NSU students and faculty. For more information, contact stoc@nova.edu.

During the month of April, Best Buddies will be having a pet canned food drive as a part of their National Youth Service Project. Please look out for boxes with Best Buddies stickers on them to donate pet canned foods (cat food or dog food). Boxes will be located in Parker, the undergraduate and graduate dorms, the Flight Deck, Mailman, Horvitz, and graduate schools. All donations will be given to the Humane Society of Broward County.
On Friday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m., Nova Southeastern University celebrated the 13th Annual Hollywood Squares outside the Rec Plex with host Dr. Brad Williams. The show consisted of six individual games, where each opponent had to use their mental intelligence to get an X or O in their respective boxes. Each opponent knew that the power of two words - "agree" and "disagree" - could impact the course of the game forever. Here’s an example question quoted from the 4th game:

HOST: What is the oldest known word in the English language?

PERSON IN SQUARE: (after much thought) Apple.

CONTESTANT: I disagree! Well, if you also disagree with this statement, then you are absolutely...incorrect. Apple is the oldest known word in the English language, existing since the time of Adam and Eve. Perhaps the pressure of the spotlights clouded the contestant’s memory. Despite that oversight, the contestant was successfully able to maneuver himself through the rest of the game. Nevertheless, the first game of the show was the fiercest; it took four additional questions before the tied match was settled. A quarter of the way through each game, NSU showcased some wonderful talent with the top seven finalists of the NSU Idols. Of course, the one who really got the crowd going was the infamous Mary Nocchinson, who worked the stage and then her way around the host, leaving several members of the crowd screaming for Pepsi. It was really no surprise that she won 1st place in the Dance Category and walked away with $1,000 dollars.

All in all, the event sparked quite a turn out of faculty, staff, students, and extended community members. All the fun came to an end shortly before 9:00 p.m., and host Brad Williams concluded with hopes of seeing everyone at the 14th Annual Hollywood Squares next year.

Top: The ‘celebrities’ in their squares as the crowd looks on.
Above right: NSU Idol Carla Barandas shakes it up for an enthusiastic crowd.
Right: NSU Idol Viviana Lee sings her heart out.
Left: Contestants Jeneise McKenzie and Amanda Patterson with host Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs.
The Serious Scoop on April Fools

By Christie Bailey
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When I was little, I used to think that the New Year began in the spring. It seemed natural enough; spring, after all, is a time of rebirth. And, seeming as I grew seasons are “hot” and “hotter”), it’s easy for a five-year-old to confuse what that the New Year began in the spring. It thought that January was the first month months go with what seasons. Heck, I of spring. Imagine my surprise when I found out that it was actually a time of the new year in the middle of winter? ol’ 16th century, people did, in fact, cel­ tion would start on March 2Sth, and would time. Back then, the New Year’s celebra­ Charles IX of France introduced the apparently, my thinking wasn’t too far off. Up until the end of the good the only logical time for a rebirth: spring­end on April l’t. However, in 1582 (or apparently, my thinking wasn’t too far off. Up until the end of the good the only logical time for a rebirth: spring­end on April l’t. However, in 1582 (or too far off. Up until the end of the good the only logical time for a rebirth: spring­end on April l’t. However, in 1582 (or too far off. Up until the end of the good the only logical time for a rebirth: spring­end on April l’t. However, in 1582 (or too far off. Up until the end of the good the only logical time for a rebirth: spring­end on April l’t. However, in 1582 (or
What Makes a Good Educational Experience?

By Maria Sevillano

Education is the process of training and developing character, learning skills, mind, etc. through formal schooling, teaching, and training, which is a systematic study of a method. In a very simple way, education is a constant and on-going activity.

A good education is one of the most important contributions to mankind, because not only is it an increase in knowledge, it also addresses social aspects of development. To be an outstanding leader or a great professional person, we have to transform our developing skills and character formation into a systematic process of learning. The learning society makes life-long learning necessary.

Different influences from the past (for example, economic realities, military and technological superiority, civil rights and women’s movements, different societal changes, and last, but not least, global economic competition) are the final consequences and results of a society that is moving toward constant changes while looking for better choices in education. These changes are not only for teachers, but also as students, to reflect on new ways of learning and teaching techniques.

Today students are demanding new ways of learning and teaching. Examples of these changes are community learning centers with partnerships, extended learning hours, the nature of work, the computer revolution and development of the internet, working while learning, the demand for new skills and tasks, new research that looks to the future. Formal education needs to be an integral part of the whole lifelong process of learning, and constant research which looks to the future. The real teacher of life is yourself.

The student must grasp that everything is interconnected as part of a greater whole. Motivation is another important aspect of education. Teachers have to learn language technology, and they need to be current in knowledge of their teaching area; they need to be motivated to pursue these goals.

It is imperative to look for different methods of teaching, and to motivate students to go forward, supporting the development of leadership. Another very important and influential aspect is the concept of missions and goals.

Students need to learn that life is a challenge, you develop yourself by constantly changing territories, and they need many different tools to succeed. Innovation, interaction, and integrated concepts are also very important. The active learning process, combined with directed teaching, serve as an integrating tool for the students; they learn through concrete experiences. This is very, very powerful, and involves life project management. If we teach with love and motivation, providing real tools for success, we guide students and reduce their frustration level, and they will be well prepared for the future and constantly focused on success - their mission and their goals.

We teach students to be adaptable, to memorize facts, and while that may be one factor, it is more important to teach students to think for themselves. We must teach students to be adaptable, to memorize facts, and while that may be one factor, it is more important to teach students to think for themselves.

The real teacher of life is yourself. You are the one who must decide, of all that comes your way, what is good and what is not, what applies to you and what does not, and what you will learn now and what you promise yourself you’ll learn later. You can make your educational experience one that is great, you are responsible for a good educational experience.

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Recycle? Not on this campus

By Gina Shure

It worries me that at an institute of higher learning, where you would hope that people are fairly well educated, blatant waste is occurring every day. Today, I went into the cafeteria to get lunch to take to the office (being able to take lunch was a fabulous idea, by the way), and I became pretty upset about something. I needed a fork for my spaghetti. Just one, single, solitary fork would have been just fine. However, that was not an option. If I wanted a fork, I had to take a knife and a spoon and a napkin as well, all wrapped up by yet more plastic. So, I unwrapped everything and promptly threw everything but the fork into the trashcan, without using them. Does that seem a little bit wasteful to anyone else but me? Would it really be so difficult to buy separate flatware in bulk and let the diner choose which are necessary? I do understand that this takes organization, but as we are constantly having our tuition bumped up, and since we have to pay to print or copy anyway, I think most everyone would agree that they would rather know that at least the tuition hike and the printing fee were helping to protect the earth - that most academics (and nonacademics with more common sense than members of our own university) are working tirelessly to save. I guess what I'm really trying to get across here is that we should know better than to waste and destroy without giving back.

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NSU Baseball Team
Pounds Eckerd College

All-American RHP Kyle Ruwe Tosses Complete Game Two-Hitter in Victory

By Alicia Winslett

On March 12, 2004, the NSU baseball team (14-9) defeated Eckerd College (9-16) by a 9-2 score in the first of a three game series against the Tritons at the NSU Baseball Complex. NSU All-American RHP Kyle Ruwe Or. (So., Pembroke Pines, FL) threw a complete-game two-hitter with nine strikeouts, improving his overall record to 5-2 this season.

In the bottom of the first inning when LF Chris Reynolds (Fr., Pembroke Pines, FL) doubled to left center field, LF Chris Reynolds (Fr., Pembroke Pines, FL) doubled to left center field, moving his batting average to .373. This was followed by a second baseman single to right, giving NSU a 2-0 lead. The Knights then added another run in the second inning on an RBI single by Froloff. Eckerd closed the gap to 3-2 in the top of the sixth inning and two more runs in the eighth inning on C Steve Smith’s two-run shot for the final 9-2 margin.

Smith went 2-for-5 with 3 RBIs and one run, while Knights CB Sean McFadden (So., Hollywood, FL) went 1-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs. Eckerd starting pitcher Eric Canestrari was charged with the loss.

On March 16th, the #8 ranked Nova Southeastern University (19-11) defeated Barry University (19-10) on the afternoon of Saturday, March 20th at Feinbloom Field in Miami Shores, FL. The Nova Southeastern University baseball team took the victory at the Fore Golf Magazine Intercollegiate at Verdae Greens Golf Club in Greenville, SC. This was a 3-hole tournament with 13 teams, and NSU took the victory, with second place Southern Nazarene 15 strokes behind. This was the second win of the 2003-04 season for NSU women’s golf team, who moved to #8 in the country last week. Freshman Sophie Friis (Vejle, Denmark) also took individual titles, winning by 12 strokes shooting 73, 74. This is her first individual title, collegiately.

This was a Par 72 course, playing 6,206 and had a slope of 123. Verdae Greens has beautiful Bentgrass greens and Bermuda fairways, and is home to the annual Buy.com Upstate Classic. The Knights shot a two-day total of 631 (313, 318) to seal the victory. NSU’s Amanda Brown (Jr., Tampa, FL) shot 77 in the second round to finish with a two-day total of 161. Rebecca Pomichter (Sr., Poland, NY) shot 78-84 to have a two-day total of 162. Knight Alicia Winslett, playing in her hometown of Greenville, finished tied with teammate Emily Sission (Sr., Charles City, IA) as they both shot 167 in the tournament. Winslett shot 79-88, while Sission shot 83, 84.

NSU Baseball Team Rallies to Earn Split at Barry

By Eddie Kenny

NSU RHP Kyle Ruwe (Jr., Sunrise, FL) shut the door on the Bucs in the ninth inning as he faced just three batters for his third save of the year. Ross Cummings (So., Jupiter, FL) was credited with the win (3-1) as he went 2 1/3 innings in relief of starter Joe Norrito (Sr., Pembroke Pines, FL) who picked up the game on loss (2-3) for the Knights, despite allowing just one run and four hits in 5.0 innings of work.
Women’s Tennis Defeats Saint Leo

Knights Pick Up First Win in Spring Season, as They Sweep Doubles and Win Three Singles Matches

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern University women’s tennis team defeated Saint Leo University 6-3 on Saturday, March 20th. The win was the first for the women’s tennis program after it was once again added to the list of intercollegiate sports offered at NSU prior to this year.

The Knights swept the three doubles matches on the afternoon, as No. 1 doubles pair Michelle Alvarez (Jr., Camarillo, CA) and Stephanie Zevallos (Fr., Sanse, Fl.) combined to defeat Saint Leo No.1 Iskra Nikolovska and Ashley Johansen 9-7. Haydee Fabos (St., Caracas, Venezuela) then combined with Victoria Drescher (Vienna, Austria) to down Katie Kiernan and Nikki Prack 8-5 in the No. 2 match. Sabrina Booi (Fr., Amsterdam, Holland) and Cathy Lynch (St., Sydney, Australia) rounded out the doubles sweep with an 8-2 win over Dacey Mahoney and Stephanie Sonntag.

In singles action, Alvarez fell to Nikolovska in the No. 1 match (6-1, 7-5), with Zevallos losing out (4-6, 6-0, 6-1) in the No. 2 match. Fabos and Booi each won their matches in the No. 3 and 4 slots, respectively, before Drescher fell to Prack in the No. 5 match. Lynch concluded the match with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Morgan Mander.

NSU Softball Team Sweeps Double Header Against American International College

Lady Knights Blank Yellow Jackets 3-0 in Opener and Take Game Two By a 6-2 Final

By Alicia Winslett

On March 18, 2004, the NSU softball team (25-11) swept both games of a doubleheader versus American International College (0-8) at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex. The Knights shut out AIC in game one 3-0, and toppled the Yellow Jackets 6-2 in the finale.

NSU struck for two runs in the bottom of the 4th inning after loading the bases. An infield single by Lindsay Hoffman (Sr., Frankfort, KY) plated C Janette Rodriguez (So., Miami, FL) from third base, and 3B Krystal Lamb (Sr., West Palm Beach, FL) came across to score on a wild pitch. The Knights then added an insurance run in the 3rd inning to seal the victory.

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In the second game, NSU took charge early as they scored three runs on RBI singles from CF Angela Martinez (So., Miami, FL) and Goolsby in the 2nd inning. The Knights added two runs in the 6th inning, following hits by Rodriguez, Goolsby, and Veltri. AIC put two runs on the board in the 7th inning, but could get no closer as NSU recorded the convincing two-game sweep.

Lady Knights starter Jennifer Garcia (Sr., Miami, FL) picked up the win for NSU to improve to 11-3 on the year, as she recorded the convinc­ ing two-game sweep.

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Rowing Wins Women’s Varsity Eight at Rollins Spring Break Race

Knights Also Come Away With Win in Women’s Novice Eight Race Against Rollins

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern University women’s rowing team won the women’s varsity eight race at the Rollins Spring Break Race in Winter Park, FL on Saturday morning, March 20th.

NSU (6:53.6) edged Jacksonville University (6:54.3) and Barry University (6:55.1) for the win in a race that was called a barnburner by many in attendance. The Knights, in their first year of competition, sprinted past Rollins, Jacksonville, and Barry in the last 500-meters to claim first by a deck length in the last three strokes.

“I would call this a monumental achievement by our team,” NSU head coach John Gartin said. "For a novice crew to have such a strong performance in a varsity race is simply amazing.”

The Knights also claimed a victory in the women’s novice eight race later in the morning, as they topped Rollins College in extremely gusty conditions.
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