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On the night of Tuesday, April 20th, NSU honored its best and brightest during a spectacular three-hour award ceremony that boasted the finest of entertainment, food, and fashionable gowns. In a packed room of several hundred, Kathryn Blanco, a law student of the Shepard Broad Law Center, was named NSU Student of the Year. Blanco became the fifth such person to receive the prestigious honor, and found herself among more than a dozen other students, administrators, professors, and organizations to be named the best at NSU’s Fifth Annual Student Life Achievement Awards.

At the event, which is commonly referred to as the “Stueys” around campus, individuals and groups were honored for reflecting such qualities as leadership, service, integrity, involvement, commitment, scholarship, and responsibility. Some of the award categories also included corporate partner, professor, academic dean, alumnus, staff person, administrator, graduate organization, undergraduate organization, Greek organization, female athlete, male athlete, and extended community member.

For Albert Pusey, whose grandson attends NSU, the event was really enjoyable. He said that he was visiting from Jamaica and he enjoyed the opportunity to intermingle with the people at the university.

"The people look lovely. They are so excited," said Paul Kovacs, a contractor for the university, "They are enjoying the occasion, reacting with each other; sharing joy, sharing accomplishments," Kovacs noted.

"It's such an exciting time for them," Angela Hoffer, a former Stuey recipient said, referring to the students. "It's such a wonderful start for them!" Angela and her husband Marty, who were both present that night, are alumni of NSU, and they said they have attended the event the last four years. She said they come each year "to share the moment with all the winners."

For Blanco, the winner of the overall student of the year award, both her nomination and ultimate crowning were surprises. On stage she expressed it, and later added that, "there were so many people; it could have been any of us." She completes her studies at NSU in less than a month and said that she plans to practice law in Florida.

For Dr. Debra Nixon, who was nominated for the NSU Co-curricular Adviser of the Year Award, it was a beautiful night. She said that for anyone to be nominated is an acknowledgement, because it means that someone recognizes that this person is doing something good. "It's an honor. I really enjoyed tonight, and I enjoy working with the students," she said.

The evening had many memorable moments, including some excellent entertainment and the acceptance speech of Karen Crosby, who won the NSU Administrator of the Year Award. She accepted her award in an Academy Award fashion as she asserted, "This is the closest I will feel like Julia Roberts."

And when Jessica Pete won the NSU Female Student Athlete of the Year award, her teammates kept shouting, "Jessie!"

In presenting the Student of the Year Award, NSU’s president, Ray Ferrero, spoke about NSU producing the best and brightest in the community and the nation, and he said Tuesday was "truly a great evening for the university."
Editor's Note—

Dear NSU Community,

Since the summer of 2003, I have been on staff for The Knight, and the improvements from then to the present are amazing. During the summer of 2003, there were only two people on staff. Now we have seven. Only 1,000 copies of the newspaper was printed each month. Now we print twice a month with 3,000 copies. There was no webpage, but now we have one. There was no sports coverage; now we have a Sports Editor. I could go on for pages about the improvements, but I'd rather focus on plans for the future. We need around 14 employees for next year, so if you are at all interested in expressing any of your talents, be sure to let us know that you would like to work for The Knight.

In closing of the school year, I would like to thank everyone at Student Services for their guidance, support, and praise. Specifically, I would like to thank Brad Williams, Terry Weech, Collette O'Meally, and our Faculty Advisor, Jennifer Reem. Of course, the newspaper would not be possible without the small but efficient staff. So much praise goes to all the staff members. Gratitude is also due to our two columnists, who have never failed to meet the deadline: Eugene Morrison (Live and Learn) and the Dear Therapist writer. The whole staff appreciates the positive feedback we have received from various students, administrators, faculty, and community members.

Be sure to look out for future improvements to The Knight next year and feel welcome to send letters to the editor, contribute articles for pay, submit creative writing, or become part of the team.

Thank you all and have a restful summer!

Amanda N. Brown
Editor-in-Chief

Letter to the Editor—

Hello Amanda,

I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the great improvements to the Knight Newspaper. I have observed the change and have seen a few more students willing to grab a Knight paper on their way to class.

There is always room for improvement, and things I would recommend the newspaper have are college personals to improve the campus social environment and students' interaction, activities sections, essays and poetry submissions, and many other creative attention-getting things.

Congratulations, and I hope my input is appreciated.

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Donovan,

Your comments are certainly appreciated. We always encourage such contributions and will continue to do so. Thank you.

Amanda N. Brown
University Center Breaks Ground
By Earl Tinsley webmaster@knight-online.jfu.edu

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What could attract a mob of athletes, students, faculty, and staff all under one tent? Believe it or not, it was one building.
On Wednesday, April 21st, the Official Groundbreaking Ceremony for the University Center took place outside the Rosenthal Center in a large tent. Opening up the afternoon ceremony with a warm welcome was Dr. Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, who said there was only one way to commence the event—by presenting NSU’s 3rd President, Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Addressing the audience, President Ferrero welcomed everyone in attendance for what he defined as “a milestone event, confirming growth in NSU.” The University Center, he said, will bring together the final pieces of infrastructure that will make NSU a whole. It will house conferences, lectures, sporting events, and intramurals. Most importantly, as Ferrero remarks, “This will be your house to work and play hard, and stay together. It will become South Florida’s Student Union.” Following President Ferrero’s speech, Dean Williams recognized the students for their valuable effort with the University Center. He then gave thanks to Tom Vitucci, Director of Recreation & Wellness, for working tirelessly and providing the research that allowed this all to come together. At last, he recognized Nolan Patton for his recommendation on the architecture of the University Center. At the Groundbreaking Ceremony came to an end, Dean Williams invited more people to the podium to share and foster relationships. Kane Bell, NSU Student of the Year of 2004, wrapped up her speech by concluding that “the University Center allows all of NSU to come together not only as colleagues, but as a family.”
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NSU Law Students Help Win Case for State of Florida
By Linda Lahay
During the winter semester, Nova Southeastern University third year law student Adrienne Sampson argued the case State v. Gerald in the Third District Court of Appeal. Her classmate Venus Zilkey wrote the initial brief and Sampson wrote the reply brief. The opinion was issued on April 14th in favor of their client. The Daily Business Review is preparing a story on the case and their certified legal intern experience.
This was the second case that Sampson argued in the Third DCA. The first case was A.G. v. State. The opinions on both cases can be found at http://www.3dca.flcourts.org.
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Environmental Teach-In Examines State of Earth and Animal Nation
By Christie Bailey cbailry@nsu.nova.edu

On the evening of April 19th, the NSU Honors Program celebrated the end of its inaugural year with its “End-of-Year” Dinner. Honors students and faculty were treated to a buffet-style meal, while speeches were made by President Ferrero and several administrators and students, including Dean Goonen and HSA President Micaela Mercado. Awards were presented to the hard-working faculty who were instrumental in making the program a reality. Several students were also awarded for their hard work in the program, and nine students received the Distinguished Honors Student Scholarship for academics and involvement. The dinner was a wonderful close to the Honors Program’s promising first year.

Distinguished Honors Student Scholarship recipients: Vanessa Vasconcelos Vien Tran Angeli Niravel Micaela Mercado Amanda Meier Mary Chrisochos Ted Chamberlain Jacquelyn Blanco Christie Bailey

What is the Resident Student Association?
By Dan Halpert halper@nsu.nova.edu
At times, it seems there are lobby groups representing every interest except for those of Nova Southeastern students. Well, in actuality, there is such a group, and it is located right in your residence halls. It is known as the Resident Student Association (RSA). RSA is an organization that represents students who live on campus, utilizing the residence halls and apartment communities. Its purpose is to provide services and activities for all residents, and to communicate residents’ suggestions and concerns to the Office of Residential Life and Housing. For example, when residents complained that the hours of the computer lab in Leo Goodwin Hall were not sufficient, RSA jumped into action and began surveying residents about their concerns. However, RSA does not solely limit itself to linking the university and its residents. The association also strives to create and provide community development and foster relationships between residents and non-residents. One method of doing this is by the many activities that are sponsored by the Resident Student Association. For instance, some programs that have been put on this year were the 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament, Holiday Decoration, a bowling trip with ISSA, and the “Writing on the Wall Project.” Some up and coming programs that RSA will be involved in are the Spring Fest Community Picnic and the 1st Annual Casino Night. RSA provides excellent opportunities to get involved, while providing valuable leadership experiences. Active participation in RSA offers a great deal of fun, as well as opportunities for making lasting friendships. Moreover, the leadership skills developed are highly transferable to the business world and community involvement beyond campus.
If you would like to be involved in RSA and help mold the university to something that will represent your interests as well as those of other students, then stop by a meeting. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the lobby of Leo Goodwin Hall. You can also contact the RSA advisor, Lindsay Doran, at lindsay@nova.edu or 262-7064. Both undergraduates as well as graduates are welcome, and we look forward to your participation.
Division of Humanities Celebrates Spring 2004 Humanities Festival

By Earl Tinsley
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On Thursday, April 22nd in the Hollywood Mailman Auditorium, the Division of Humanities held the Spring 2004 Humanities Festival Awards Ceremony, presented by their very own Communication Program Coordinator, Professor Jennifer Keating. She opened the ceremony by thanking Dean Norma Goonen and Associate Dean Don Rosenblum along with Dr. Ben Mulvey and others for their attendance and participation in the Humanities Festival. The Humanities Festival presents a way for students here at NSU to get recognized for their extraordinary talents. Starting off the evening was one of three performances. The first, a comedy entitled The Actors, was performed by Jacqueline Bennett and Jennifer Keating. Following the performance, Dr. Suzanne Ferriss presented the winning Literary Analysis entries, which were Elizabeth Harbaugh (Runner-up) and Kenneth Kronstadt (Winner).

The audience then tuned into the second performance, a dramatic monologue about anorexia called The Orange, which was interpreted by Gina Shure. At the completion of the performance, the winning entries for Creative Writing and Radio Performance were announced. In Creative Writing, the awards were given to runner-up Amanda Brown and Winner D.J. King. For Radio Performance, the winners were Runner-up Gina Napolitano and Winner Christine Pantoja.

As the end of the program was nearing, the audience was presented with the last act of the evening, a comedy called Family Names, which was performed by Gina Shure and Katherine Connolly.

The winning entries for the Journalism category were announced last. They were Runner-up Amanda Brown and Winner Christie Bailey.

Shortly after, the program came to a closing as the audience congregated outside the Hollywood Mailman Auditorium for refreshments. A special thanks was given to the Deans' Office for providing the refreshments and the monetary rewards for the winners of each category, and to the coordinating committee, Dr. Suzanne Ferriss, Dr. Marlissa Santos, Dr. Ed Stieve, Dr. Karen Tolchin and Dr. Kate Waits.
April 27, 2004

Dear Therapist...

Your Questions Answered

The Dark Cloud

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-Sad and Blue

Dear Sad and Blue:

It is clear that these past 3 months have been extremely painful for you. It is normal for us to feel sad or blue when stressful or difficult times arise. However, when you feel this way for more than a few weeks, it may be reasonable to seek some support.

Many people experience the same feelings you described, and it is possible that you could be experiencing depression. Crying spells, avoiding your loved ones, and difficulty concentrating are all common symptoms of depression. In fact, one in every seven people is depressed. That's more than asthma!

Fortunately, depression is treatable. Between 80 and 90 percent of all depressed persons respond positively to treatment. Talking with a professional who can provide support is an option you may wish to consider. Some things to expect in counseling are: learning to challenge negative and self-defeating thoughts and replacing them with more realistic ones, reframing unrealistic expectations of yourself, and learning relaxation techniques to help reduce stress and anxiety.

Often, counseling and lifestyle changes (e.g. reducing stress, cutting down on alcohol, eating right, and exercising) are useful for helping depression. Additionally, medication is an option that may benefit when combined with counseling.

You are not alone, Sad and Blue. Consider your options and take advantage of the resources available to you. NSU Student Counseling is free for every student, so don't hesitate to call us. Seeking support now before a small problem becomes a larger one is a healthy idea. Remember, above every dark cloud lurks clear skies and sunshine!

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There are approximately 650 undergrad students graduating from Nova Southeastern University this spring of 2004. From this multitude of graduates, we have managed to get 5 of them to share some of their thoughts and reflections on their experience at NSU.

Priscille Michaud
Major: Elementary Education
Age 22
Campus Activities: P.A.S.A. member, Kappa Delta Pi member, Circle of Excellence Secretary, Florida African American Student Association V.P. of Programs, Member of National Dean's List.

What, besides an education, did you gain from your time here at NSU?
"I gained independence from the college experience. Living on campus and being away from home taught me to be an independent adult. I also became more open towards different ethnic groups and backgrounds."

What advice would you give the entering freshman coming to college for the first time?
"Go to class if you want to pass. Make use of the library, free internet, and each other. Be alert and receptive to everything."

Now that you have come this far, what are your future plans?
"I will be continuing with NSU for my Masters in Reading and a Doctorate in Education Leadership to fulfill my dreams of becoming an elementary school principal."

Rovine Narine
Major: Environmental Science
Age: 25
Activities: RA, Beta pheta pl, member of CSA, member of FNISA, International Senator for SGA

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"I gained leadership skills through being a Resident Advisor and being a part of SGA. I also learned how to communicate and deal with other personalities from being on a team."

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"I am going to grad school at East Carolina University for my Masters in Clinical Psychology."

Selena Aguste
Age 21
Major: Psychology
Activities: Women’s Basketball Team, Student Government Association Minority Senator, V.P. of Legislative Affairs, Resident Advisor.

What professor influenced you the most?
"Dr. Michael Reiter was the most influential because of his teaching style. He motivates you to learn and keeps you interested in the topic. He makes everyone interact by making the classes hands on. It’s not just another boring psychology lecture."

What advice would you give the entering freshman coming to college for the first time?
"Don’t just go to class and go home. Be active. Join a club or two. If not, you’ll hate this school."

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Chrissyl Shaw
Age 19
Major: Psychology
Activities: Orientation Leader, Actress in three NSU Performing Arts productions, Member of S.A.L.S.A., President of P.A.S.A. for 2 years, Caribbean Student Association member, Psi Chi Honor Society member, Program Assistant for Performing Arts Program, Founder of C.O.P. (NSU’s first step team).

Sheryl Montour
Major: Legal Studies
Age: 22
Campus Activities: Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

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“Use the college system, don’t let it use you. Keep in mind the delayed gratifications during the process of obtaining a college degree. Know what your goals are and make sure you do everything possible to achieve them. Also, try to plan your semester schedules with a specific time frame in mind, because last minute decisions can have a ripple effect on your future plans.”

Now that you have come this far, what are your future plans?
“I am attending the Psy. D program for a concentration in Forensic Psychology here at NSU’s Maltz Psychology School. After that, I aspire to work for the F.B.I.”

What, besides an education, did you gain from your time here at NSU?
“I have gained knowledge of the importance of networking and the value of what it can mean to my future. Meeting other people, I learned the different paths I can take with my Legal Studies B.A.”

What advice would you give the entering freshman coming to college for the first time?
“Go to class. Schedule your time. Make use of NSU’s resources and professors’ office hours. Find yourself, and as one of my favorite artists said, ‘use college, don’t let college use you.’”

Now that you have come this far, what are your future plans?
“I will pursue an MBA in Finance and a J.D. to become an entertainment lawyer.”
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has a number of positions open for next semester and is looking for creative, hard working people to become a part of the voice of the student population.

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Michelle Manley and Janette DeAngel proudly display their awards after the ceremony. Photo by Earl Tinsley.

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development Holds Recognition Ceremony to honor fellow NSU Leaders

By Earl Tinsley
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On April 19th at 5:00 p.m., students and faculty gathered around in the Flight Deck for the Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony, organized by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Before beginning the festivities, attendees were invited to partake in a delicious dinner and drinks. (Needless to say, the dinner table was occupied before and after the awards ceremony.) At approximately 5:15 p.m., the Assistant Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development, Terry Morrow, opened up the floor with a warm welcome and a basic overview of the procedures to take place.

First on the agenda was the recognition of the 2003-2004 Senior SGA members with honorary graduation cords. The honorees included: Janette Del Angel, Selena Auguste, Amanda Patterson, Maria Terneus, Pedro Sam, Ryan Iosco, Lorena Vassallo, Tamara Chase, Michelle Manley, and Rene Griffith. Following the honorary graduation cords, the Student Leadership Recognition awards were presented, with a tie for the Emerging Leader and the Most Influential Student Leader awards.

Once the announcements for award winners came to a closing, Terry Morrow made her closing comments. Morrow thanked everyone for their attendance, and added a special thanks to all clubs and organizations for their dedication and for providing a way for the NSU community to get involved on and off campus. We should also extend a special thanks to Tricia Doud - Graduate Assistant for Clubs, Organizations, and SGA - for handling all the awards given out during the Recognition Ceremony.

And the winners are . . .

Most Ambitious Organization
Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)

Emerging Leader Award
Jackie Blanco
Bret Eigershma

Outstanding Event
International Muslim Association at Nova (IMAN) for Soccer/Basketball Tournament

Overall Programming
Pan-African Student Association (PASA)

Outstanding Service Projects
Best Buddies

Outstanding New Organization
Knights of the Kitchen Table

Influential Student Leader
Pedro Sam
Maria Terneus

Unsung Hero Award
Tamara Chase

Most Committed Leader Award
Janette Del Angel

Most Dedicated Student Leader
Amanda Patterson

Overall Student Leader
Michelle Manley
Another year has passed, and NSU's students have learned, grown, had fun, helped out, educated and spoken up. The following few pages are dedicated to just a few of the things that everyone has had a chance to experience.

Above: The looks on the crowd's faces bely the fact that emotions were running high at Take Back the Night on February 11, 2004 behind the Leo Goodwin Sr Residence Hall. The event protested abuse in all forms and aimed to both educate and empower. Below: Panelists and crowd alike turn their gaze to the podium at the Homophobia Teach in on January 21, 2004. The event, sponsored by the Psychology Club, GSSA and Social Action/Social Awareness, was a part of the Unity Week proceedings. Panelists from left to right were: Carol Benowitz, Edwin Stieve, Kate Waites, Jason McGuire and Nicole Russo. Photos by Amanda Brown
Insets: Bellydancer Amoura Miller makes her appearance at a number of OASIS events, enchanting everyone with her beautiful dancing. Above at the welcome back party on September 27, 2003, center at the HPD Culture Show, and right at an Arab Culture week event on October 9, 2003.

April 27, 2004

NSU’s 1st Annual Community Fest
April 17, 2004

Top: Patty Gonzales-Flynn dips some sugary goodness out of the cotton candy maker at Best Buddies’ booth as Natalia Maldonado prepares to do the same. Left: Neil Mayer, Emilian Gruev, DA Epstein and Shawn Webster gang up on Trey Gillette before a friendly game of laser tag. Below: Blaise Dacosta and Cassandra Voltaire roast marshmallows for s’mores, provided by the Knights of the Kitchen Table. Photos by Alisha VanHoose
Above: Delta Phi Epsilon members Megan Yannitty and Amanda Patterson dunking shirts at their sorority’s tie dye booth. Left: Gina Napolitano paints some pretty flowers on the cheek of Taylor Olmstead at the face painting booth sponsored by Radio X. Below Left: Gina Shure begins to transform Johnson Karan into the Green Goblin. Photos by Alisha VanHoose. Below: Brian Schwartz holds the cute little piglet as Dr. Gary Gershman puckers up for Phi Alpha Delta’s Kiss the Pig Fundraiser. Photo by Amanda Brown.
Laser tag, rock climbing, foosball, food, music, games and giveaways awaited students, staff, faculty and community members at the Community Festival, which also included the first annual Chili Cook-off and the results of Phi Alpha Delta's Kiss The Pig.

Above: Groups of active students and other festival-goers became part of giant human foosball games several times throughout the day. Right: Two time NSU Idol winner Amber Gongora sings her heart out. Below Left: Mallica Reynolds reaches the top of the rock climbing mountain. Below Right: Jonathan Ingram and James Smith begin their ascents. Photos by Alisha VanHoose.
Above: Rachel Andrady, Cassidy Cantwell and Jordan Robinson busy with their entries for The Knight's logo coloring contest. Right: Alexia Moreno lets the pie fly as Professor Dixon prepares to be hit in the face yet again. Below: Local band FUSE rocks the crowd. FUSE can be found online at www.fuseup.com. Inset: Alpha Kappa Psi President Julieo Thomson brandishes the limbo pole.
¿Que PASA?

The Pan-African Student Association has been busy all year with leadership events, parties and volunteering.

Above: Sorority Phi Sigma Sigma auctions off their pajamas to raise money for The National Kidney Foundation in the week surrounding the PR for All event on February 4, 2004. The winner of the auction received a date with the pajamas owners. Photo by Alisha VanHoose

Left: Jackie Bennet and bellydancer Amoura Miller grooving at A Cultural Taste of NSU during Unity Week on January 22, 2004. Photo by Christie Bailey

Below: Jamie-Lynn DiScala of Sopranos fame signs copies of her book, Wise Girl (published under her maiden name, Jamie-Lynn Sigler) after the year's first Life 101 event on October 20, 2003. DiScala spoke of stardom and her battle with anorexia during the event, providing incredible inspiration for young women. Photo courtesy Gerlinde Photography
Above: During the 1st Annual "Meet and Greet the Knights" event on August 24, 2003, teams raced each other while attempting to hold balloons between themselves and their team mates without the use of hands. 

Right: Participants of the annual Psychology Club picnic at Brian Piccolo Park on November 22, 2003. From left to right: Faculty Advisor Dr. Michael Reiter; Rashmeen Nirmal, Vice President Taylor Liput; Risel Borrego, President Vanessa Vasconcelos and Treasurer Nicole Russo. 

Below Left: Television personality Mo Rocca contemplates a question on stage during the year's second Life 101 event on January 20, 2004. Photo courtesy Gerlind Photography

Below Right: Civil War re-enactors took over the lawn in front of the Alvin Sherman Library on February 7, 2004. Photo by Christie Bailey
"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

NSU's faculty and some of their lucky students go beyond amusement parks and picnics to head for places that are a little more wild

Above: Hiking on Sombrero Chino, one of the smaller Galapagos Islands. From front to rear: Dana Wingate, Gail Hink, Stacy Brown, Liam Murphy, Mary Suppa. Gail, Stacy and Mary are undergraduate students in the Farquhar College; Dana and Liam are from the Oceanographic Center.

Below: Entrance to Galapagos National Park offices and Charles Darwin Research Station. From left to right: Shawn McQuaid, Sarah Maurer, Liam Murphy, Mary Suppa, Matt Mitchell, Maire Cuneo. Shawn, Mary and Maire are undergraduate students in the Farquhar College; Sarah, Liam and Matt are from the Oceanographic Center.

Island Hopping

Dr. Joshua Feingold’s research takes him to the Galapagos and Japan

By Melanie Denny
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Dr. Joshua Feingold will be traveling this summer to the Galapagos Islands off the coast of South America in May to continue his research on the weather phenomenon El Niño and how it impacts coral communities there. He will then go off to Okinawa, Japan, to attend the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium from the 28th June to the 2nd of July to discuss and learn more about coral reefs and their evolutions.

Dr. Feingold has been to the Galapagos Islands before. Last year’s trip involved research and the field portion of a class that he teaches on Galapagos ecology here at NSU (MBIO 4250).

Flying South

Dr. Barry Baker and his students are headed to Ecuador and Madagascar to research endangered species

Dr. Barry Baker, a professor of Environmental Studies and Geography here at NSU, will be going to Ecuador and Madagascar this summer. On his trip to Ecuador this July, he will be visiting a Wildlife Sanctuary for endangered species to do research projects. However, this is not only for his personal enjoyment. Students, teachers, and community members who share his interest in animal ecology, biodiversity, and biogeography are all invited. Dr. Baker goes to Ecuador at least twice a year during spring and summer for photography and research, photos taken are displayed at the photo exhibits in the Alvin Sherman Library every spring. This past spring, pictures from Chile were presented. There are openings for the trip to Ecuador, which counts for three credits towards Special Topics in Geography, GEOG 2910.

The professor and his students will also be traveling to Madagascar from May 6th to the 16th. On this trip, students will visit the Nahampoana Sanctuary for endangered species. Last spring break, students helped get blood from a puma from one of these sanctuaries to do DNA testing. Past trips such as this one included Malaysia, Kenya, and other parts of Africa. Barry Baker himself has been to 110 countries, and continues to travel all over the world to explore animal ecology and environmental studies.
NSU Softball Team Splits Doubleheader with #3 Florida Southern Moccasins

In the first game the Knights win 1-0, ending Florida Southern's streak of 74 games without being shut out

By Alicia Winslett

In the first game of the doubleheader on Saturday, April 17, 2004, the Nova Southeastern University Women's Softball Team (31-24-1) split the series against Florida Southern College (45-5) with a 1-0 win in the first game and a 3-1 loss in the second. The first game was played at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex.

Janette Rodriguez currently leads NSU at the plate with a .462 batting average, followed by Sarah Kohlbrenner with a .447 batting average and 51 RBIs. Stephanie Janette Rodriguez currently leads the team with 62 RBIs, while LF Diana Goolsby leads the team with 7 home runs. Pitcher Megan Lamb tops the team with 7 home runs and 48 RBIs, and is only 2 RBIs shy of tying NSU's single season record for RBIs. RHP Shannon Lynch is leading the team with 130 strikeouts on the season. She has a 1.88 ERA to go along with her 13-13 record, while Jen Garcia has a record of 12-5 and a 2.17 ERA.

Katie Goppert is leading Florida Southern at the plate with a .462 BA. Sarah Kohlbrenner is batting .447 with 51 RBIs, while Stephanie Huber is leading the team with 62 RBIs, with a BA of .390. Pitcher Megan Brown has a record of 27-2 with a .27 ERA and 203 strikeouts on the season.

The Knights had only four hits in the first game, but were able to pull those hits together for a run to win the game. NSU gained the run in the bottom of the 4th inning. Diana Goolsby (Sr., Ocala, FL) hit high to center for a single. After an advancing bunt for Goolsby, Katie Veltri (Fr., Loxahatchee, FL) belted one over the 3rd baseman's head to score Goolsby. CF Angela Martinez (So., Miami, FL), 2B Mary Kate Lavery (Sr., Moline, IL), and Veltri each went 1-for-2, and Goolsby went 1-for-3 in the first game. RHP Kathryn Jones (Sr., McInosh, FL) pitched a complete seven innings, picking up the win on the mound (3-3).

In the second game, the Knights only had four hits in the first game, but were able to pull those hits together for a run to win the game. NSU gained the run in the bottom of the 4th inning. Diana Goolsby (Sr., Ocala, FL) hit high to center for a single. Katie Veltri (Fr., Loxahatchee, FL) belted one over the 3rd baseman's head to score Goolsby.

In the top of the 5th inning, the Moccasins scored 8 more runs. They scored some of those runs by errors, and that sealed the victory for them.

Goolsby went 2-for-3 with 1 run scored, while catcher Janette Rodriguez (Sr., Miami, FL) went 1-for-2 with 1 RBI.

RHP Jen Garcia (Sr., Miami, FL) pitched 5.1 innings, picking up the loss (12-6). The Mocs pitcher Megan Brown improved to 28-2 on the mound.

Number 13 Lindsay Offman is in full swing during Saturday's game. Photo by Alicia Winslett
Women’s Varsity Eight Finishes Fourth at SIRA Championships
Knights Also Finish Sixth in Varsity Pair Race in Oak Ridge, TN

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern Women’s Rowing Team posted a fourth place finish in the women’s varsity eight race at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship in Oak Ridge, TN on Saturday, April 17, 2004.

The Knights, ranked #1 in the NCAA Division II South Region, finished the women’s varsity eight race in 7:15.8, under two-seconds behind third-place Florida Tech (7:13.5) and just ahead of fifth-place Barry University (7:16.2).

Marietta College won the women’s varsity eight race with a time of 7:06.3 with the University of Georgia finishing second in 7:11.5.

The NSU women also placed in the Women’s Varsity Pair, finishing 6th overall in the Grand Final with a time of 10:23.0. The Division I crew from the University of Louisville won the race in a time of 8:32.2.

Baseball Sweeps Doubleheader with Lynn University
Knights Complete Three-Game Sweep of Lynn With 6-1 and 11-2 Victories

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team (25-20) swept Lynn University (20-26) in a doubleheader on the afternoon of Saturday, April 17th, at the NSU Baseball Complex. The Knights won the first contest 6-1 before downing Lynn 11-2 in the second half of the twin bill.

Kyle Bone (Sr., Cooper City, FL) led NSU as he went a combined 4-for-7 on the afternoon with 3 runs scored. SS Geron Sands (Jr., Nassau, Bahamas) went 2-for-3 with 3 RBI in game two, and also scored a run, while Steve Smith (Jr., Coral Springs, FL) was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI and a pair of runs scored.

In the first game, NSU fell behind 1-0 early, but rallied with three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead for good. Knights starting RHP Kyle Ruwe (Jr., Sunrise, FL) threw his eighth complete game of the season, as he surrendered just one run on seven hits to improve to 8-5 on the year.

The second game saw the Knights get on the board first with a run in the second inning, but Lynn then took a 2-1 advantage in the top of the third. However, NSU quickly regained the edge with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning and added two more in the bottom of the fourth before taking control of the game with a six-run fifth inning.

Freshman LHP Chris Reynolds (Pembroke Pines, FL) was credited with the win on the mound, improving his record to 5-1. Reliever Lou Leo (So., West Palm Beach, FL) earned the save, as he went 2 1/3 innings in relief of Reynolds, allowing just one hit and striking out three batters.

Baseball Falls 5-3 to Florida Tech
Florida Tech Rallies From Three-Run Deficit to Knock Off Host Knights

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Information

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team (25-21) fell 5-3 to Florida Tech on Monday evening, April 19th, at the NSU Baseball Complex. The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for NSU and evened the season series with FIT at 1-1.

NSU was defeated despite having three players with multiple-hit games, including LF Chris Reynolds (Fr., Pembroke Pines, FL), who went 4-for-5 with 1 run scored. C Steve Smith (Jr., Coral Springs, FL) went 3-for-4 with 1 RBI, and 2B Sean McFadden was 3-for-5 with 1 run scored. In all, the Knights out-hit the Panthers 11-8.

The home team opened the scoring in the bottom of the fourth inning, as Smith connected on an RBI single scoring McFadden from second base. 1B Jeff Rodriguez (Jr., Hialeah, FL) then delivered a sacrifice fly to score Mike Pellerito (Jr., Coral Springs, FL), and give the Knights a 2-0 lead.

NSU added another run in the fifth when Alex Froloff (Jr., Coral Springs, FL) doubled to score Reynolds. However, FIT rallied to tie the score in the sixth inning with three runs, then took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the eighth.

FIT’s Bubba DiFabio and Alex Brown each went 2-for-4 to lead the Panthers, as reliever James Hinkle was credited with the win on the mound.

Knights relief pitcher Harlan Malamud (Fr., Davie, FL) picked up the loss after entering the game in the seventh for starter Joe Norrito (Sr., Pembroke Pines, FL). Malamud allowed three hits and two unearned runs in two innings of work.
The Women's Cross Country Team battled through its season, led by the 4 regular team members, Kara Rice, Jessica Chamberlain, Erin Fuller, and Amanda Sullivan, who were very dedicated and worked hard to represent NSU in a positive way. During the season, they had help from basketball, rowing, and softball athletes.

On the men's side, in the first year "back" with a men's team, the team was in a similar situation; however, they were able to compete with 5 regular team members, Christian Toepfer, Tristan Miceli, Rovin Chonielall, Perry the innen had no idea they would be running in the conference championships as a non-scorer.

The Tree Tops course they set up was closer to home but was welcomed by the SSC to run. Florida, St. Leo, FAU, St. Thomas, and Palm Beach Atlantic teams participated. It provided the team a chance to race on a "home course." The Tree Tops course they set up was closer to home, but they were able to continue to learn the game.

The 2003 Women's Soccer Team scored an 8-7-3 overall record. The NSU Soccer Complex was especially kind to the Knights, as they went 5-2-1 at home. The Knights started the season off in dramatic fashion, with a 90th minute winner by freshman Julie Radford in a 1-0 win over the University of Montevallo. Radford's goal-scoring prowess would continue throughout the year, as the freshman led the team with eight goals.

Among the other highlights of the season was a 1-0 double overtime victory over Florida Tech, as Tatiana Fabricio scored the winner in the 144th minute of extra time. The Knights also scored four more goals in four matches last year, including an impressive 7-3 win over Palm Beach Atlantic University. NSU goalkeeper Katie Wittle was solid between the pipes, as she posted four clean sheets during the campaign. Wittle had a 2.00 goals against average, as she started all 18 games in 2003 for the Knights.

Men's Soccer Recap

Men's Soccer finished with a final record of 12-4-3. The team was ranked as high as 9th nationally.

The season's highlight was a 2-2 draw away to the University of Central Florida. The team didn't know if they were going to win or lose. The NSU squad also recorded wins vs. nationally ranked opponents Franklin Pierce 3-1 (NCAA tournament qualifiers), Central Arkansas 3-1, and a draw against Barry (NCAA Tournament qualifier) 1-1.

Matthew Parry and Rasmus Jespersen were named 1st and 2nd team all region picks, while Tom Gillette was named to the Academic All region squad. Matt Bergantzel broke several NSU goalkeeping records, such as goals against average in a season, and fewest goals allowed in a season.

Men's Basketball Recap

The NSU Men's Basketball Team went 9-18 during the 2003-2004 season. Guided Klaas Wimbush led the Knights in scoring with 16.2 points per game. Wimbush set a number of records during his junior season, as he became the seventh player in program history to surpass the 1,000-point plateau. Wimbush currently ranks fourth on NSU's all-time scoring list, with 1,192 points in his three-year career. A double overtime thriller against Florida Tech on January 5 saw the Knights pull out the victory and Wimbush set a new school record for points in a game, as the hot-shooting guard poured in 36 points.

In NSU's 66-57 victory over Barry University on February 11, senior Zak Kirchgaesser made a little history of his own as he posted a triple-double with 18 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds.

Newcomers Garth Campbell, Marco Meier, and Jeff Arzidon also contributed greatly throughout the year. Campbell was the team's leading rebounder with 7.3 boards-per-game and also the second leading scorer with 13.6 points-per-game. Meier was the Knights' fourth leading rebounder with 4.4 rebounds-per-game, and he also averaged 7.6 points-per-game to lead the Knights in scoring.

Kirchgaesser averaged 6.6 points and 4.6 rebounds in his sophomore year. NSU graduated two seniors from its 2003-04 squad, as Kirchgaesser and Ivan Trajkovic concluded their four-year careers with the Knights.

Women's Basketball Recap

This season began the 6th year of NSU Women's Basketball program and 2nd in NCAC DIH membership. This year's team faced the most challenging schedule to date. The season opened up in the prestigious Holiday Classic. The team then went on to play 5 more teams who were ranked nationally in the top 20 in the first 7 games. In all, 14 games were played against opponents who participated in last year's NCAA Regional Tournament.

After struggling early on, this year's team learned the importance and value of perseverance. The tough competition early on proved to pay off as they began the second half of the season, and more importantly, at the Sunshine State Conference play.

This year's 2003-2004 Lady Knights team was a stepping stone of the majority of the first team to gain widespread respect within the conference. In just their first year playing in the SSC conference, the Lady Knights recorded a 9-9 conference record, good enough for a 3rd place finish. In all, the Lady Knights won 10 games, lost 14 games for an over all record of 12-12.

This year's women's team will say goodbye to 7 seniors, who will be missed and wished nothing but the best for. Selena Auguste, Jennifer Heath, Carly Lynch, Zane Hernandez, Jesse Parle, Kirkia Wallace, and Marloie Washington.

Volleyball Recap

The Women's Volleyball Team finished out the 2003 season with an overall record of 13-21. They improved the Sunshine State Conference by splitting matches with several of their conference opponents. The team gained valuable playing experience this season against nationally ranked opponents and continued to excel at the national level.

Looking forward, with strength returning from this team and the addition of a recruiting class for 2004-2005, the future is very exciting for Lady Knight's golf.

Men's Golf Recap

2004 was a rebuilding year for the NSU Men's Golf Team that produced several outstanding individual performances and a glimpse into what could be an exciting future. Consisting of 5 freshmen and 2 sophomores, the men's team reached 33rd in the national rankings, with 2 runner-up finishes in ten regular season events. The Men's Golf Team finished tied for 3rd in the top five Division II recruiting classes of the 2003-2004 season.

In the 2003-2004 season, golf legend Jack Green became the first NSU Men's Golfer to capture an NCAA individual tournament title in consecutive years, with a convincing 6 under par, 3 shot victory, at the Pfeiffer University North Shore Classic in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina. Commendable also was the consistent play of Freshman Stephen Cooper. Cooper earned 5 top 10 finishes in ten events in 2003-2004, and produced one of the lowest full season stroke averages in the country. Rounding out the group was the solid play of Freshman Brian Macho. With 4 top 20 finishes in ten events, Macho, Cooper and Green make a serious claim for individual invitation to the NCAA Regional Tournament in May.

With depth and consistency returning and an excellent recruiting class coming in next fall, the Knights are primed for a breakout season in 2004-2005.

Women's Tennis Recap

The return year for the Women's Tennis Team at NSU was definitely a challenge. After Coach Michael Coleman was hired in July, recruiting on campus began in August. After interviewing over 30 individuals, many wanting to learn the game, they established a starting lineup.

Not only were they up against the idea of building a new team, they were up against the likes of Lynn, which was ranked #2 in the country, Barry, which was ranked #4 in the country, and Rollins, which was also in the top ten. No mercy.

A growing year is what they called it. They did take to the road and took their lumps, as they say, but they did improve. Practices became more positive. After time, everyone began to work together toward a mutual goal: the good of the team. They shall not forget that wonderful Saturday in early March, when they defeated a conference rival, St. Leo 6-3. They played up to the team's abilities for the first season, and finished on a cheerful note.

The future of NSU tennis lies within the hard work and dedication of the individuals who participated in this year's program, as well as the additional number of prospective student athletes considering NSU for the 2004-2005 season.
Above: Taylor Liput, Nicki Felluca, Kelly Harding, and Victoria Corbyons practicing their strokes. The Women’s Rowing Team take their boats out in the wee hours of the morning, when most other NSU students are still sound asleep. Left: Rebecca Pomichter prepares to send the ball flying at the Lady Moc Classic. The team placed 9th in the tournament. Below Left: Marvelous Washington makes her shot during a February game. Washington led the women’s basketball team in assists and steals, and amassed a point average of 16.8 ppg this season. Below Right: Catcher Janette Rodriguez readies her glove. Rodriguez led the team with batting average, hits, doubles and home runs last year. Photos by Alicia Winslett
This Year in Sports

Win or lose, these and many other talented NSU athletes know how to play the game.

Top: Michael Davenport watches his ball sail through the air at the Fort Lauderdale Spring Classic. The NSU men's golf team placed 2nd in the tournament. Right: The men's basketball team vies with the opposition for a rebound in an early season game. Below: Pitcher Lou Leo winds up for the pitch. Leo logged 23.1 innings and 10 strikeouts last year. Photos by Alicia Winslett.
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