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Campus Book Store Funds Nova Southeastern Projects

**Nova Books Bursar’s Office Result of Philanthropy, Off-Campus Sales**

by Jason Domasky

Nova Books, Nova Southeastern’s on-campus book store, pledged between $25-50,000 dollars last year to fund the recently constructed Horvitz Administration Building at NSU’s main campus. The gift, which can be paid over five years, is characteristic of the $3.5 million fundraising effort spearheaded by the Office of Development, in concert with the university trustees and administrators.

According to Vice President for Development Leslie Brown, “Gifts and pledges were given over a three to five year period in the range of $25,000 to two million dollars to respectively name offices, areas, wings, and the entire building.”

Associate Vice President for Administration John Santulli revealed that donors to the building included trustees, Broward corporations, friends of the university, and companies NSU works with.

Describing the necessity of the new building, Santulli explained, “In most institutions, you find the central administration in one building. It’s good for the students, because they have to go to only one physical location to transact most of their business.”

Undergraduate admissions and student advising still reside in the Parker Building. Executive and management offices have been moved from the Parker, Mailman-Hollywood, and Westport Buildings, and the Administration Trailer, to the Horvitz Building.

“It’s good for the university administration, because instead of walking from one building to another to meet someone, it’s much more convenient if you can just simply walk down the hall or up and down the stairs.”

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**Academic Support Center Trailer Burned During December Storm**

by Heidi Palmer

The Academic Support Center (ASC) trailer experienced a fire December 4th, 1994. Lightning struck a converter box, causing the fire.

Dr. Stephen Levitt was in his office in the nearby NC/SSS trailer earlier in the evening. He said the storm’s thunderclaps sounded like “bombs dropping,” so he decided to leave his trailer because of possible danger.

Language Arts Director Marsha Sinagra’s office was completely destroyed. Math Director Gail Levine’s office experienced extensive losses due to the smoke damage. Almost all of the Center’s books, handouts, and computer software were destroyed.

All the computers were demolished in the fire as well. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

The ASC has relocated to the CCIS module, located across from the NC/SSS trailer. Tutoring has not been cancelled.

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Nova's Ark
Our Experience With Tropical Storm Gordon

by Michelen Holiday

The week of November 14-17, 1994 was like a nightmare for many and to others a recurring one. The nightmare was Tropical Storm Gordon. Gordon whipped through South Florida with hailing rains and forceful winds. Some commuters lost pieces of their fences, limbs from trees, and access to the outside due to the heavy flooding.

The focus of student concern. Personal safety on and along the road has been a recurring concern. Our Experience With Tropical Storm Gordon was like a nightmare. Some commuters lost pieces of their fences, limbs from trees, and access to the outside due to the heavy flooding. The wipeout of tropical storm, South Florida was put on warning. Colleges such as Broward Community College (central campus), St. Thomas University, Florida Atlantic University, and Florida International University closed their doors. However, Nova Southeastern chose to remain open. This decision caused a mixed reaction among NSU students and faculty.

To some, the concern was about the safety of commuters who travel a distance to their classes. According to undergraduate Joel Natt, "I believe that NSU's choice not to close down its doors during Tropical Storm Gordon was a poor choice. Being that approximately half of the students enrolled here are commuters and had to either drive to school or miss class."

Nova College Student Government Association Commuter Representative Herve Jean-Pierre agrees, "I feel it was wrong because it was dangerous for those who have to commute. Most of us come from far away."

However, not all commuter students had this opinion. Elias Bias III, who is also a commuter student, said, "I felt it was okay for me because Nova was open with this weather. I was driving and it was dangerous. But the professors were in the school."

Yet Bias pointed out, "Not all students came. Some people were afraid to drive, it was dangerous. But this is a private school, and a decision had to be made."

Another concern was about the flooding situation that prevailed on the main campus. Mona Lai, a resident student, said, "Sure, it's okay to walk in the flood water; it's no big deal, except that someone may get sick because of the germs in the water."

Commuter student Angelina Herard agreed, "I think it's kind of dangerous. The rain was difficult to deal with, but there is also the fact that the flood water could be contaminated."

Student Tina Watkins suggested, "NSU must establish, implement, and communicate guidelines for tropical storms and other severe inclement weather as well. We must remember that ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and employees outweigh the inconvenience of rescheduling classes and other campus activities."

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Novalert Patrols 75th Avenue
Safety Concerns Unfounded

by Jason Domasky

75th Avenue, a road dividing the west side of Nova Southeastern's main campus from the soccer fields and basketball courts, has recently been the focus of student concern. Personal safety on and along the road has been questioned due to confusion over whether the Office of Public Safety monitors that part of the campus.

Novalert has not stopped patrolling the area. Novalert Officer Randy Rosenberg said the 4 PM to midnight shift patrols the "South Zone," which includes 75th Avenue, the Baudhuin Oral School, the Lower School, the small houses, and all dormitories.

Novalert's primary concern is the safety of students and the cars in the parking lots. When not roaming through a zone, officers usually wait in the parking lot adjacent to the sports fields.

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Student Life Watchdog
Activity Reports of Student Life Staff and Assistants

by Jason Domasky

The Office of Student Life compensates students as assistants, liaisons, and presidents of specific areas of operation. Students are hired for two semesters and receive a private dormitory room and a cafeteria meal plan in return for fulfilling important roles in undergraduate student activities.

Reported here is the activity or inactivity of these well-compensated individuals. The offices of most SLA's are on the 2nd floor of the Rosenthal Student Center at the main campus.

The Greek Affairs Advisor

Scott Chitoff, a Student Life senior staff member and Director of Greek Affairs, is on the National Task Force on Community Service of the National Association of Fraternity Advisors.

Chitoff is writing a manual for developing community service for Greek organizations, assisted by Liaison for Campus Volunteerism Sarah Polo. Chitoff is planning the February 25-26th "24-Hour Softball" event, co-sponsored by the Greek Council and the Campus Entertainment Board.

The Liaison for Campus Volunteerism

The Campus Volunteer Board, headed by Liaison for Campus Volunteerism Sarah Polo, currently has three members. Having recently adopted the Office of Student Life's new board structure, the potential exists for five more members to join.

Few, if any, instances of non-Greek volunteerism occurred during the Fall Semester. An April Hunger Clean-Up is in the planning stages.

The Liaison for Public Relations

Liaison for Public Relations Mikey Betesh has pushed back the start-up date for Accent TV, a student-run television project, from January 30th to a date to be announced.

Fourteen students currently participate in the project. Financing concerns and lack of involvement were cited.

"Nova Extreme," an action documentary show planned for Accent TV, is currently producing a debut featuring alligator wrestling. An Accent magazine/yearbook publication is planned for late April.

The Liaison for International Student Affairs

Liaison for International Student Affairs Juan Pablo Correa is planning an International Festival for February. The event will be co-sponsored by the Nova International Student Association and will feature a United Nations theme, with booths for participating countries and travel agencies.

International Students Advisor Debra Puzzo currently refers new students to Correa for orientation at NSU and in the local area.

The Campus Entertainment Board President

Campus Entertainment Board (CEB) President Danielle Daulerio adopted the new, eight-member board structure of the Office of Student Life. Five members currently sit on the board, with the potential for three more to join.

Advisor Stephanie Castonguay assisted the CEB with research and planning for second-semester events.

New ideas include "theming" Thank Goodness It's Friday events (mystery, caricatures, "Hollywood Squares"), showing recent and classic movies, setting up a "coffeehouse" (with espresso machines in the Rosenthal cafeteria), arranging for rock bands to perform, and bringing more "college circuit" performers to NSU.

The Liaison for Commuter Affairs

Liaison for Commuter Affairs Gayle Applebaum is creating a newsletter for commuter students to inform them of campus events and commuter-related issues. The first-semester "buddy program" paired 65 experienced students with new students, but saw only limited follow-up efforts.

New Student Government Association (SGA) Commuter Representatives Herve Jean-Pierre and Kim Fitcher may participate in Applebaum's efforts. Applebaum's current thrust is toward visibility, following recent complaints over commuter representation at SGA meetings.

"Disk Resume" Broadens Horizons
by Cheryl Krueger

Nova Southeastern's Career Resource Center (CRC) features the new "Disk Resume." "Disk Resume" offers students direct access to job openings via computer. The service allows students to conduct a quick computer search for positions in their field.

With "Disk Resume," there will be no paper registration forms to fill out for the CRC. The service forwards your resume to employers looking for people in your field as soon as you purchase and complete it.

"Disk Resume" is for part-time and full-time positions while you are still in school and for those great full-time positions after graduation. Stop by the CRC with a check for $10.00 receive a copy of "Disk Resume."

Any questions? Call (305) 475-7504 or stop by the CRC in the Horvitz Administration Building.

Storm Brings Action, Reaction at NSU

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Many faculty members showed overwhelming support for the school's decision.

Dr. Steven Levitt said, "I do not think that the storm was of sufficient strength to warrant the closing of the university. I taught all of my classes and a majority of students were in attendance."

Levitt added, "This is a case where the administrators of NSU were absolutely right. It is a bad idea to give students the message that classes are cancelled the minute conditions are no longer perfect."

Joshua Feingold also felt that closing the school would have been unnecessary.

He said, "It is a disservice to close the school when it is not necessary."

However, Feingold was quick to point out, "It is important to acknowledg-
Florida Future Educators of America Collect a Library for Bahamian School

by Michelena Holiday

Florida Future Educators of America is a club at NSU designed for believers in education, whether members are education majors or not. According to FFEA President Joe Balchunas, the organization provides a forum to discuss education-related issues.

Balchunas pointed out the important aspects of FFEA. "There is a lot of networking outside of the classroom with the faculty and administration, as well as representatives of Broward and Dade County Boards of Education."

Balchunas added, "We also want to make known the importance of education, especially for the children."

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Pan African Student Association Comes Home With Trophy

by Michelena Holiday

On November 10-13, 1994, members of the Pan African Student Association (PASA) took a trip to Jacksonville, Florida to attend the Florida African American Student Association conference. During this trip members attended informative and enriching workshops and luncheons.

These NSU students were able to attend workshops on team building, political empowerment, the effects of self-hatred, health, history, education, and leadership. Speakers and presenters included influential African-American educators, politicians, and businessmen and women.

Among the activities PASA participated in, the highlight was the victory won in the Pan-African History Quiz Bowl.

The NSU team of Tamara Taylor, Christie MacDonald, Coeurlande Carry, and Owen Huntley answered questions on African history, African-American history, religion, literature, and inventors.

The NSU team received individual trophies during the Presidential Banquet. Congratulations, PASA!

Nova International Student Association Sponsors Akido Demonstration

by Michelena Holiday

The Nova International Student Association (NISA), with the assistance of the Office of International Student Affairs, sponsored Japanese Cultural Day. On November 30, 1994, "Akido of South Florida" demonstrated their art in front of the Parker Building.

Akido is based on the spiritual teaching and religious devotion of Master Morhei Ueshiba, O'Sensei, who founded the art in 1883 in Western Japan.

Akido maximizes self-defense with minimal force. Akido's goal is to achieve harmony and redirect the opponent's energy against them.

Akido not only uses open hand techniques, but the wooden sword and staff as well. In this art, extension and focus are emphasized principles.

Unlike other martial arts, Akido is not a competitive sport. In fact, all forms of contests and tournaments are rejected.

O'Sensei believes that such things fuel egoism, self-concern, and disregard for others.

O'Sensei wants Akido to be known as a way of life and an art that demands self-discipline, harmony and peace of movement.

Akido in South Florida is instructed by Stephanie Yap with the support of Morihiro Saito Sensei 9th dan, who was present at the NSU demonstration.

Members of NISA served Japanese food during the presentation. For further information on Akido, contact Yap at (305) 434-8268.

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Kwanzaa: The Celebration of African Heritage

PASA Workshop Influences NSU Student

by Tamara Taylor

On October 8, 1994, NSU’s Pan African Student Association held a workshop on the Kwanzaa holiday. The workshop was facilitated by Donald Cleveland, the Director of the Academic Intervention Program at Broward Community College.

Kwanzaa is a holiday celebrated by 5 million people of African descent throughout the country from December 26-January 1. Created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966, Kwanzaa is a celebration of our African heritage and our families.

In Swahili, Kwanzaa means “first fruits,” and the practices of “first fruit” were adapted by Karenga for this celebration.

Cleveland’s first lesson was that of preparing your table with the symbols of Kwanzaa. Within each household, there should be a table set aside with the symbols of Kwanzaa, which all have a special meaning and place during the celebration.

The first thing in preparing a table is laying the “foundation,” or the Mkeka, which means “mat.” Upon the Mkeka, the Kinara is laid. The Kinara symbolizes our roots or our parent people-Africans.

Within the Kinara we place Mishumaa Saba, which means “the seven candles.” These candles symbolize the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Mazao, which means “crops,” are laid next. The Mazao symbolizes the rewards of fruitful and unified labor.

Once the Mazao is placed, we then place the Muhindi ("corn") upon the mat. The Muhindi symbolizes our children, who are our future.

We then lay the Zawadi, meaning “gifts,” upon our table. These gifts symbolize the love and hard work of our family and friends.

The last thing on the table is the Kikombe Cha Umoja, which means the Ma~ which means “rop”

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Psychology Club Hosts Graduate School Speakers

by Lena Hall

Nova Southeastern’s Psychology Club is on a roll. This January we will have two professors from the Graduate School of Psychology come to speak with us.

On January 25th, Dr. John Lewis will speak about multicultural issues in the field of psychology. Also, Dr. Bady Quintar will be coming to speak about short-term psychotherapy.

The club is also involved in its own research study titled “The College Experience.” The club also conducts community volunteerism.

Drop by one of our meetings. They’re held every Wednesday at 4:30 PM in the Rosenthal Student Center at NSU’s main campus, on the second floor.

ASC Language Arts Center Offers Resources, Workshops

by Marsha Sinagra

The Academic Support Center’s Language Arts Center, newly relocated in the CCIS modular trailer, is a multifaceted center which provides students with the academic support necessary to succeed in college.

The Language Arts Center is designed to help students by providing individualized instruction in reading, writing, study skills, computer literacy, and CLAST and SAT preparation. Supportive faculty and tutors aid new and returning students in making the transition into academic life.

The Language Arts Center’s faculty and tutors offer assistance with all phases of the writing process—planning, organizing, researching, documenting, writing, and editing.

Students can review English grammar, structure, and pronunciation through programs designed to meet their specific needs.

Computer-assisted instruction, practice exercises, and videos are available to help students master these important skills. Additionally, students are invited to attend one of the many study skills workshops that are offered throughout each semester.

Workshop topics include goal setting and time management, note taking strategies, reducing test anxiety and test-taking strategies, concentration and memory techniques, and APA documentation style.

International students and speakers of other languages may attend a series of conversation workshops designed to help them develop and refine their communication skills.

The Language Arts Center computer lab has computers and programs available for students to use when writing papers, accessing e-mail, or working with the Computer Literacy (CAP 111) tutor.

The Center is open Monday through Saturday. Students are encouraged to make an appointment by calling (305) 475-7479 or stopping by the CCIS modular.

“Help us, help you, help yourself.”

Resident Advisor Positions Available

Informational Sessions January 18, 19, 22, 24

by Heidi Palmer

If you are interested in becoming a Resident Advisor for the 95/96 Fall term, you must attend one of the four RA informational sessions.

You can pick up the application at the sessions. They will be held January 18th, 19th, 22nd, and 24th at 8:00 PM in the Goodwin Hall first floor classroom.

If you have any questions, contact Rick Mayfield at the Office of Residential Life, at (305) 475-7052.
NSU Recycling Back on Its Feet

by Heidi Palmer

This September, the recycling program got back on its feet here at Nova Southeastern. NSU has contracted with Southern Sanitation. Outside, metal white dumpsters have been provided for paper and cardboards while the burgundy dumpsters serve for regular trash such as banana peels and wax paper. Also, small blue deskside recycling containers have been distributed in offices. If you haven't received a blue container, contact Physical Plant, 452-1570.

One of Charlene Swanson's goals for NSU is for the white bins to get larger and the burgundy bins to decrease, thus encouraging more recycling on campus and less throwing away of trash.

Watchdog Reports on Student Life Liaisons' Activities, Inactivity

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The Nova College Student Government Association President

NCSGA President Shaji Eappen is a compensated Student Life assistant like the liaisons and others described here. The NCSGA's activities are an independent endeavor of concerned undergraduate students, but certain relations develop with Student Life.

Eappen, currently working with Liaison for Campus Volunteerism, Sarah Polo to coordinate the "volunteerism grant" awards for community service, arranged through her office. Other developments include a Student Life-sponsored NCSGA retreat to take place January 14th-15th to discuss changes in the Office of Student Life related to the NCSGA.

Kwanzaa Celebrates Roots

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"unity cup." The unity cup is a symbol of the practice of unity which makes all things possible.

Cleveland explained the Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles of Kwanzaa. On each of the seven days of Kwanzaa a principle is appreciated.

The principles are Umoja ("unity"), Kuumba ("self-determination"), Ujima ("collective work and responsibility"), Ujamaa ("cooperative economics"), Nia ("purpose"), Kuumba ("creativity"), and Imani ("faith").

Cleveland did a good job informing and educating the group on Kwanzaa and its meaning to the African diaspora. Cleveland also stated that Kwanzaa is a celebration of true love, encouragement and togetherness.

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Library Welcomes New Librarians

by Harriett MacDougall

The Einstein Library has two new reference librarians, Kathleen Dunleavy and Ann Decherd.

Kathleen Dunleavy has been with NSU for 12 years of teaching experience and eight years of experience as a librarian. Kathleen has an undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts in Comparative Literature and a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill.

She worked in the Peace Corps in Ecuador and has international library experience.

Ann comes to NSU with seven years of experience in science and engineering librarian ship.

She has an undergraduate degree from Florida State University in English and a Master's Degree in Library Science, with a specialty in Information Science, from the same institution.

Tropical Storm Swamps Broward, Business as Usual at NSU

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edge that severe weather can compromise the safety of the students both on campus and those who need to commute. But at no time did I personally feel that Tropical Storm Gordon represented a significant threat to safety.

Amidst the concerns, it has been maintained that the decision to keep the doors of Nova Southeastern open was based on the best interest of the entire college.

Dr. Stuart Horn, Dean of the Farquhar Center, commented, "the decision-making process was thoughtful, not made at the spur of the moment, and was shaped by the input of many individuals including what type of information the radio would permit."

Dr. Horn was supported by Rob Seitz, Director of Public Affairs. Seitz said that there were 'point people' monitoring the storm, people such as administrators Joe Lakovich, Steve Bias, and John Santulli.

A determination was made that no danger was involved. According to Seitz, this was because, "Broward County schools remained open and they have a younger student popula-

The Poll Line Results

The Knight Poll Line for last issue (Vol. 5, Iss. 6) asked, "Do you believe Nova Southeastern's main campus should have been closed during tropical storm Gordon?" The line received 19 responses.

15 callers said, "Yes," the campus should have been closed, with many strong affirmations saying, "Yes, absolutely." 4 callers believed NSU made the right decision by staying open during the storm.
Educators Stock Bahamian Library
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who will one day be our leaders.

FFEA conducted the Bahamian Book Drive at the end of October. Books were donated to the North Andros High School in the Bahamas to start a much-needed library.

Balchunas explained, "It was an original idea of the club to have a regular book drive. After speaking with Dr. Darvas [FFEA's advisor] and Dr. Clarke [Director of the Education Dept.], we expanded to the Bahamas.

"Since the school does not have a library system, we felt it would be a great idea to send them there."

The successful drive delivered over twenty-four large cases of books. The added plus is that FFEA found a company that will ship the books free of charge.

FFEA received a letter a from the school's principal thanking the organization. Balchunas says the biggest project in late January or early February.

Also to a lot of the faculty who took books from their shelves.

Another FFEA success was the Book Fair sale December 1-3. FFEA raised $300 and sold 1,200 books, but Balchunas was quick to add that the Scholastic Company takes a large portion of the funds.

However, the fund-raised monies will help bring prospective FFEA high school student members to NSU for a day of tours and speeches, and a luncheon. Balchunas named the effort "Bridging the Gap."

The organization hopes to start the project in late January or early February.

Book Store
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The Nova Books Bursar's Office in the Horvitz Administration Building features its name in prominent lettering on the lobby wall. Bursar Tamela Orefice is pleased with the new office, especially the improved storage space for students' records.

A number of students, who wish not to be named, expressed outrage that the book store is sponsoring office construction rather than lowering costs to its customers.

Director of Nova Books Ed Panariello countered these suspicions. "There is genuine gift-giving going on."

Nova Books profits from a hemisphere-wide sales strategy which conducts 60% of its business off-campus. All of the store's philanthropic donations benefit NSU directly.

Last May, Nova Books helped raise over $60,000 at the 9th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic for under-graduate athletes. Each year, the store donates funds to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Nova Books donated to the construction of the Shepard Broad Law Center.

A "double the difference" guarantee against competitors' prices gives Nova Books' customers an advantage over other college store patrons.

Panariello explained that most campus stores are run by interstate corporations such as Barnes & Noble, who do not invest profits into the universities they serve.

Nova Books may sponsor the soon-to-be-constructed pool, cabana, and recreation area. Nova College Student Government President Shaji Eapen confirmed that the plans for the area will be finalized by February.

Panariello said, "To say it's the book store against everybody else is ridiculous. In my heart, we gave money to the university to do the most good for everyone."

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Lightning Strikes Academic Support Center Trailer
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The complete staff from both the Math and Language Arts Centers are still running business as usual. The phone number remains the same, (305) 475-7479, along with the staff's Internet e-mail addresses.

It will take many months to restore the materials that the ASC lost. Eventually, the center will move to the third floor of the Parker Building.

You can help. If you have taken any of Sinagra's classes in the past, and you kept some of the worksheets and handouts from the class, your old papers can be photocopied to help restore her files.

Contact the ASC for a tutoring appointment or contribute some of your spare time to help photocopy old handouts.
Vacation

Poetry by Christopher Kehl

Tattered sweaters reborn, shattered emotions stitched. Dead end extending miles north, gray rainy skies bring forth blue grass. Foggy canals fearing albinobovine, Recycling Ginger Ale during a late one. From los negros gato to a twangy ashem mutt, starting in Barrel Town and leading to Gun City. Hypnotical washes wipe away my fear. Virgin sheets embrace me home slate and cold back at home.

Mejico Grande Delights the Senses

Local American-Mexican Cuisine Tasty

by Billy Cerbelli

Mexican restaurants are getting a hard knock these days from people who want us to live long and worship anything that looks like organic white rice. Yet anyone who frequents the restaurant scene knows that there are as many Mexican restaurants as there are steak houses.

When I want good Mexican food, I look for places that have combined Mexican and American food in the best manner. Chili’s is the best chain provider for such food, but for my money Mejico Grande is at the top of the list of independents.

Mejico Grande is a small restaurant with about 15 to 20 tables. Sombreros and Mexican clothing decorate the walls around you to set the mood. Soft, Spanish music is played in the background for that finishing touch. And of course, the aroma from the kitchen is enough to put you in a trance.

At Mejico Grande, you can begin your taste’s journey with the house specialty, Nachos del Norte. This Mexican special includes crunchy ranch chips smothered with beef, refried beans, cheese, crispy lettuce, salsa, guacamole, and sour cream for $3.25-.6.50. If nachos aren’t your thing, Mejico Grande has many other appetizers to choose from.

Along with the traditional menu items, you may choose from botones (light puffs of pastry filled with finely minced meat and served with cheese dip) and Mexican pizza, which is a deep fried flour tortilla sprinkled with chopped beef and scallions, chili and taco sauce, then covered with layers of cheese ($3.50-$5.25).

I started with tortilla chips served with salsa. They provided the first clue to the kind of Mexican-American food to expect. The chips were warm and crisp. The salsa was loaded with tomatoes and mildly spiced. The chef added peppers with great restraint.

The second clue was the Mejico Grande chili, priced at $1.25 for a cup and $2 for a bowl. There was a bit of a zing to it, but nothing strong enough to knock my socks off or bring on the sniffles.

It was a beanless version and soupsier than most, compared to Chili’s or Garcia’s (State Road 84 and Pine Island). To top it off, the cheddar cheese was added generously. Also delectable was the $6.75 beef burrito, the $7.75 combination of beef enchilada, taco, and tamale, and the $8.95 (most expensive item on the menu) specialty, chile relleno. The green chili pepper was filled with chunks of beef, refried beans, and layers of cheese, then folded into a light pastry shell and covered with more cheese. Alongside were refried beans and Spanish-Mexican-American rice.

There was so much cheese on my plate, I thought I was having fondue. I liked the refried beans though, and the rice was better than most I’ve tried in Chili’s and García’s. The kernels were distinct and almost crunchy.

The tamale was a lightly seasoned combination of ground meat and peppers, then rolled in a coating of corn meal dough, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed.

I would have preferred shreds of meat in the tamale as well as in the burrito and the taco, but the finely ground beef was very tasty.

No feast is complete without dessert, so you had better save room. Some of the incredible dishes you may try include flan, bunuelos (sweet chips), and their special sopapillas, which are pastry puffs topped with cinnamon and sugar, and served with honey: two for $1.75, four for $2.50, and eight for $3.75.

Mejico Grande is perfect for me when I’m in the Americanized Mexican mood. Authentic Mexican decor and the aroma of freshly-made salsa fills your senses and prepares you for a culinary delight.

There is plenty of parking out front, and ramps are available for the handicapped. The staff is young and friendly. They move with confidence as they rush the dishes made to order from the kitchen.

Cooking the food and in charge are Roy and Jan Sykes and Mike and Sig Giese.

Mejico Grande is located in the Lincoln Park Plaza at 6890 Stirling road in Hollywood.

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Poetry by Tracy Froebel

Someone once stated that Life was analogous to a roller coaster ride. How flattering for Life which met the analogy with every stride. Life assumed an identity which could only be captured in a work of art, an identity initiated by strife and turmoil from the start.

The ups, downs, and roundabouts an individual ensues are indications of what Life is and how it is misconstrued. Life embarks on a journey with a beginning and an end. It does not make sense to hide from Life as a bear in its den. Unlike the roller coaster,

Life is permitted distractions before the “ride” is over.

Traveling the “straight and narrow” becomes too consistent, and is not a quality of an individual who is persistent. That is, persistence to embark on a variety of paths to gain experience, knowledge, and insight.

Someone once stated that Life was analogous to a soothsayer. Life unfolds, and the individual pays her. However, the future revealed behind the curtain of beads is determined by one’s fortune, fame, and deeds.

Life adopts a persona, as in drama, which escalates, peaks, and plummets as the “character” deems necessary. Life twists and turns in various directions to accommodate the swordsman or his adversary.

One travels through time, physically and mentally, unaware of the “ride” Life has in store.

Sometimes Life seems like a tale out of ancient folklore. An individual sits down, gazes into the crystal ball, and a saddle, but he knows he is not at a loss.

In an attempt to cut loose the reigns of Life, the individual discovers hidden abilities he had never explored.

Though the individual experienced a negative reaction to his rebellion, as the horse galloping from the master who held the reigns, the individual was adored.

Someone once stated that Life was analogous to a carriage ride. Life gradually progresses and the individual leads his life like the horse pulling the carriage: with pride.

Here, the individual lives his life aware that Fate is the boss. The individual feels constrained as the horse adorned with blinders and a saddle, but he knows he is not at a loss.

As you walk the world feeling your empty sockets, remember the gift you have given me, because I will surely not remember you.

You are a beautiful girl. Even as I cut out your emerald green eyes, I can imagine your smile, bright like the summer sun on a Christmas morning. Why do you scream so much?

It is the time of giving and this gift you give to me is a good one. I am sorry that your long blonde hair has been stained with your blood, but you will never see such things again. You should thank me.

Your power is sea green and very cold. I wish I had a sweater, but it’s the thought that counts. I leave you now with your mark of shame, because your beauty has faded. As I turn my back, I forget your face.

Oh wait, did I tell you your eyes taste like grape jelly?
Hoops!

Basketball Team Hoping to Rebound From Shaky Start

by Daniel Illman

The Nova Southeastern Knights' basketball squad began its 1994-95 season with high hopes of being a major force in and out of the Florida Sun Conference. Unfortunately with their record standing pat at 3-8 going into the winter break, Coach Jim Michaels' boys had cause for concern when they embarked on their FSC opener on January 13th.

It is not the fact Nova has played badly in most of their losses that worries Michaels. Actually, three of their defeats have come at a combined nine point deficit. Still, a loss is a loss, and costly turnovers have created outstanding scoring chances for Nova opponents.

Nova Southeastern's season began in Jacksonville versus Edward Waters College. The Knights dropped that one in a photo, 72-69. On the road again, the men defeated St. Thomas and Webber College, before journeying northward to Marietta, Georgia. The Knights left the Peach state with a bad taste in their mouths after a woeful 43-35 loss.

The long road swing continued to Savannah, Georgia, where a grueling bucket loss to the Savannah College of Art and Design was followed by a woeful 43-point effort against Armstrong State.

Finally, the Knights returned home and broke their six-game slide by taking the measure of Edward Waters 88-72, in a game in which the unlucky visitors arrived late to the Gloria Dei Gymnasium. Supposedly, the Tigers' left Jacksonville at nine in the morning, but still couldn't make the 7:30 PM post vs. Nova.

After Kofi Bass' 29-point, 10-rebound effort, Edward Waters' trip home was made all the longer.

The Knights utilize a three-guard starting set led by the sharp-shooting senior David Riley, who led this team in points last season with an average of eighteen per game. The wily Riley also led the Knights in steals and free throws made in 93-94. He is joined in the backcourt by the spunky senior Jerome Washington, and Greg Farias, whose specialties include scoring from behind the three-point stripe.

Washington is rather astute at dishsing the ball to his bigger mates who shore up the middle of the floor. Jerome is always thinking as he guides the ball up the court, but his unselfish play leaves himself open for jumpshots that he has not taken.

For Nova to win, Washington must be more aggressive when the opportunity presents itself. Farias is on the other end of the spectrum, altogether. Greg only shot at a 33% clip as a junior for Nova and hasn't bettered that so far in the first eleven games.

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Notables and Quotables

Cross Country, Baseball, and Thoroughbred Racing

by Daniel Illman

Time is running out for the Pick The Pros contest, and quite frankly I'm rather disappointed with the turnout. Frank Majinovich of Student Life has the current lead, and will win the two tickets to a Miami Heat game of his choice, if no one can eject him from the top spot.

Come on, people! I know the Heat stink, but this is the only game in town. I won't mind mentioning that if it weren't for our Student Communication Organization Morality Code, I'd be eligible, and out way in front.

Remember the rules: I need four weeks of selections with the spread posted in the local papers on the Friday before the games. The playoffs have been included.

On the home front, three cheers to Miranda Carberry of the Lady Knights Cross-Country Team. For the second year in a row, she competed in the NAIA National Championships, this year held in Kenosha, Wisconsin after a second place finish in the 3.1 mile in the FSC Cross-Conference Championships.

Congrats to Scott Vrabel, who did an outstanding job as guest on an FM sports-talk show awhile back. Hank Goldberg, watch out!

Quickly, some quips on the world of professional sports. Is it me, or will Jose Canseco hit 60 homeruns in the Sprint as the betting favorite. When last we heard of him he was in some kind of trouble again.

Yes, Darryl Strawberry is in trouble again. This time, for tax evasion. Anyone want his '87 Donruss, cheap?

Who is more boring in the heavyweight division: George Foreman, Riddick Bowe, or Lawton Chiles? Foreman consequently will defend his championship against Tony Tucker in an attempt to find a cure for insomnia. I'd rather watch Big George in a pie-eating contest.

Is this the year for the Orlando Magic in the NBA? With Shaq, Hardaway, and Nick Anderson, the wand-wavers might have the best young talent in the league.

You heard it here first: Phoenix takes Orlando in seven.

Dennis Rodman has a real problem. The colorful superstar was recently suspended for one of his infamous no-shows. Santa should take back the shoes.

Whether the New York Giants make the playoffs or not doesn't make a difference. They still give me ulcers.

A word of advice to Dan Reeves: It's not good when the other team, the fans in the nosebleed seats, a national television audience, and my 85-year old Aunt knows what every first play from scrimmage will be.

Hand-off to Hampton for two.

Florida-breds did rather well for themselves in the Breeders' Cup, Thoroughbred Racing's ten million dollar championship. Cherokee Run and jockey Mike Smith took home the lion's share of the million dollar purse in the Sprint as the betting favorite, while One Dreamer went gate-to-wire in the Distaff at 47-1 for breeder/
Lady Knights Fall in NAIA Regional

by Daniel Illman

The Lady Knights of Nova Southeastern deserve a resounding standing ovation for their efforts in the 1994 season. Ending the year with a 30-10 mark, the champions of the Florida Sun Conference finally were defeated by Montevallo University of Alabama in four games in the NAIA Regional Final.

After an undefeated FSC record of 17-0, the Lady Knights entered the regionals to face Palm Beach Atlantic University in the semi-finals. Nova toyed with the Lady Sailfish for the third time this season, to earn a berth in the finals against Montevallo, who earlier overpowered Southern Wesleyan.

Montevallo, led by the 6'2 sophomore Markata Campbell, and the 5'11 freshman Chris Pittman proved to be too powerful for the Lady Knights, although a raucous crowd at the Gloria Dei Gymnasium stood stoutly against the Alabamians.

The visitors took the first two games on the strength of Campbell and Pittman in the middle. While Sherri Waddell and Thelma White being held in restraint, the powerful outside hitting of All-American Vanessa Gutierrez, Jennifer St. Thomas, and Anni Palacio were kept in check by the Montevallo backline.

Then, for one glorious game, it all came together. The Lady Knights were poetry in motion, with Waddell smashing winners from her middle-blocking position, and Gutierrez and company finding holes in the defense.

It was, for a brief moment, a chance to show the people how good a team they were in 1994. The 15-4 score at the end of Game Three had some onlookers quoting fans of the 1969 Miracle Mets. "Ya gotta believe."

And then, just like that, Montevallo regained their composure.

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Soccer Squad Squashed In Semi-Finals

by Daniel Illman

The Nova Men's Soccer team ended its 1994 schedule with a loss in the Florida Sun Conference semi-finals to arch-rival St. Thomas, 4-3, on November the third to finalize their record at 7-8-2. The Knights had defeated St. Thomas in a tantalizing 1-0 match at the Physical Plant on September 21.

Coach Thomas Rongen has to be disappointed in the boys' lackluster play down the stretch. The Knights owned a record of 6-2 after they downed Webber College in early October, but only won once in their last nine.

Nova Southeastern ended its regular season with three non-conference games.

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and in a business-like fashion, professionally dismissed the Lady Knights. With their 1994 campaign snuffed out like a candle, the Knights must look to 1995 with even higher hopes.

Gutierrez and Waddell, one-two in the FSC Player of the Year voting will be back along with White, Palacio, setter Leslie Romero, and a slew of young players hungry for a chance to prove themselves.

The Lady Knights will also have to adapt to a new coach as well as Pegie Moran (60-19) has been discharged by the University. (For more on this story, see the next issue of The Knight Newspaper.)

I would like to take this opportunity, as a humble rookie writer and broadcaster, to thank the Lady Knights for a season of thrills and chills.

Besides being outstanding on the volleyball court, they always took time to help out this neophyte with interviews and the like. Thank you, ladies!

Washington and Farias in Knights Basketball Action

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In fact, he was blanked by Edward Waters at home.

Transfer student Kofi Bass and James Johnson are both six feet six inches tall but play very different games. Bass, the second leading all-time scorer in San Bernadino Community College history, is an extremely talented athlete, with panther-like agility, who can score from anywhere on the floor.

Johnson, a well-defined 225-pounder who could intimidate Riddick Bowe, much less any other center in the conference, likes to mix it up with the tall timber in the middle. James played forward for the Knights last season and led the team in field-goal percentage. A powerful presence who bangs the boards with the best, Johnson is needed to stay out of foul trouble, and on the court.

Nova Southeastern also has a very solid bench. Sophomore Derek Francis showed signs that he can run the club when Washington needs a rest. Southpaw senior Jim Amstutz provides a big body and nice outside touch to help out Coach Michaels some quality minutes. Marc Farquarson is a sneaky forward who led the Knights in blocks during last season. He hits the boards very hard.

The Knights are missing one vital cog in their offense. Damian Everett, plagued with injuries throughout his collegiate career, is sidelined again. If Everett returns at 100%, the Knights could contend.

While National Championship aspirations should be locked away until further notice, Nova should continue strongly for the Florida Sun Conference Title.

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owner Leonard Lavin.

Florida-bred Holy Bull will be named Horse of the Year at the Eclipse Awards after a stellar season, winning the Florida Derby, Blue Grass Stakes, Dwyer Stakes, Metropolitan Mile, Travers Stakes, and the Woodward Stakes. The real happy news is that he'll be back to compete as a four-year old making his debut at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale.

It was a good season for sports. See ya at the eighth pole.

Men's Soccer Season Ends

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away contests in which the best they could do was tie. After the draw at Barry University, the Knights were defeated 3-2 at West Texas University, and 4-3 at Texas Christian University before their season-ending defeat. The Knights played well in all of these contests, but the win kept eluding them.

Six hundred strong came out to root on Nova against St. Thomas. Nova struck first, with Eddy Mendez' unassisted tally at 11:53. St. Thomas returned the favor with Alex Hernandez' goal at 18:30. The Bobcats opened up the advantage to 3-1

January Knights Basketball Action

WNSU Broadcast Schedule

courtesy Henry "H.B." Blaufeld

Date         Day  Time     Opponent
17 Jan  TUE  7:30 PM Florida Memorial College *
28 Jan  SAT  7:30 PM St. Thomas University *
* Florida Sun Conference and NAIA District 7 game

after goals by Mike Nicol, and Sheikh N'dure.

N'dure's penalty shot proved to be a major factor in St. Thomas' victory, as infractions have cost the Knights in the past. Gus Bravo scored at the sixty-nine minute mark, but St. Thomas regained the two-score advantage when Freddy Velez booted the game-winner ten minutes later. A late goal by Anthony DelDe Donne was too little, too late for Nova Southeastern.

Eddy Mendez led the Knights in scoring for the season with seven goals and four assists. Warren Bloise had seven scores and two assists. The key blow to the Knights' season was the loss of Brian Hamilton to injury early in the year. Hamilton's two goals were both clutch, game-winners.

Although the Knights were erratic in 1994, they are a young club on the rise, who will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. They must control their temper on the field though, as their six red cards, combined with one from their opponents hurt them in their bid for glory.
WNSU DJ Listening Lists
courtesy Brady Decker

1. Ruby Uroom / Soul Coughing
2. One Step Ahead of the Spider / MC 900 FT
3. Rubberneck / The Toadies
4. Worst Case Scenario / Dess
5. Hungry for Slink / L7

Dementia’s Top Five Groups
1. Nine Inch Nails
2. Ramones
3. The Clash
4. Depeche Mode
5. The Dead Kennedys

H.B.'s Top Five Jazz Albums
1. Body Talk / George Benson
2. Live at the 5 Spot / Thelonious Monk
3. Blue Train / John Coltrane
4. Basie's Bag / Count Basie
5. Box Set / Miles Davis

Jason Evans’ Radio Broadcast
1. Another Night / Real McCoy
2. Flex / Mad Cobra
3. Wild Boys / Duran Duran
4. Situation / Vaz
5. Are You Ready For This? / 2 Unlimited

You can hear Jason Evans’ Variety Show, Tuesdays from 4-6 PM.

Kimbina’s Top Five
1. Together Forever / Lissette Melendez
2. Knock on Wood / Ami Stewart
3. Let The Beat Him Em' / Cult Jam
4. One Way Love / TKA
5. Can't Let You Go / Coro

### The Mathematics Garden 2

courtesy Matthew He

1. The Barr triplets have an annoying habit. Whenever a question is asked of the three of them, two tell the truth and the third lies. When I asked them which of them was born last, they replied as follows:

Mary: Katie was born last.
Katie: I am the youngest.
Annie: Mary is the youngest.

Which of the Barr triplets was born last?

2. Helen Hurry shares a faculty office with three men: Sam Swift, Nick Nickelson, and Peter Perkins. One of the four teachers is a historian, another is a biologist, a third is a mathematician, and the fourth is a chemist.

According to the rumors that I heard when I was a student in the college, Professor Swift, who is the historian, and the biologist were fraternity brothers in college. The historian and the biologist were once legally married to each other. Professor Nickelson and the chemist are engaged to be married to each other. Helen and her boyfriend play tennis each week with the biologist and his wife. If exactly three of these four statements are true, what is each person's subject matter?

Answers to Garden 2:

1. U=1, C=5, A=7, N=2, D=6, O=3, T=9, H=8, I=0 and S+4. Other answers are possible.

### Untitled
poetry by Jackie Luongo

A lizard tans on island sand,
what could he fear, if he spotted a man?
Tiny green feet cruise so fast
a hot speckled gullet is hoisted full mast.
Thank God made that reptile agile,
thrown rocks at his head marked it fragile.
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From: Tammy Pappacoda, Director of Residential Life  
Re: Night Security

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Any resident who has any information about this incident should contact Residential Life immediately. It is important that you share in the responsibility of making Goodwin Residence Hall a safe, secure, and pleasant environment in which to live.

It’s been over two months since this disgusting incident occurred, and yet, not one finger was pointed, no one was accorded, and life goes on. Perhaps it will take the sh-- to hit the fan to make Residential Life sit up and take notice. There have been many whispers as to who did this act, and I have my suspicions as well, but all we know is that there was HUMAN feces present. Did they bring the X-Files crew to verify this?

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Is it fair?

by Daniel Illman

I, Daniel Illman, being of sound mind and body the last time I checked, do accuse The Office of Residential Life for being unfair to offenders of the Residential Life Conduct Code.

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Before one can take any action of this magnitude, we must examine the underlying moral issues in a rational manner.

The actual question debated was, “Ought the government protect the environment?” Two of the speakers, David McNaron and Robert Elliot, spoke from a direct ethical perspective. Joel Mintz, another speaker, spoke from the standpoint of the law. On this I agree with Ms. Palmer’s article. However, that is far as she goes.

McNaron’s position was that we have a responsibility to the moral subjects within the environment. He defined moral subjects as animals that displayed consciousness, exhibiting a learned rather than programmed behavior.

Accordingly, while they have no direct “rights” in the ethical sense, which would make them moral agents, we still have an indirect obligation to preserve their living conditions. For environmental ethics, we have to take a system level approach to determine what we need to preserve. We need to determine how the moral subjects of a system interact with all around them, and preserve what they need to maintain a quality of life.

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Respectfully,

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Opinion

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Random Thoughts: NSU’s Growing Pains Too Much to Bear


Incident at Goodwin Hall

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for him, he raised his voice during the meeting.

Of course, “It is important that we all share in the responsibility of making Goodwin Residence Hall a safe, secure, and pleasant environment in which to live.” Yelling is prohibited, although feces-throwing will probably be an Olympic event by the time Nova becomes an Olympic Village.

My acquaintance was told that perhaps he should go to the Wellness Center. This is a rather obvious attempt to humiliate the poor student, by saying without saying, that, “You are unstable, therefore crazy, and you need psychiatric help.” Rather harsh, don’t you think?

Heck, I don’t condone it, but at times, we all want to curse out authority figures. And what is worse? A “bleep you, you bleeping bleep,” or getting dumped on the head with human feces?

How about the punishment fitting the crime?

All of us at Goodwin live with the spores, mold, and assorted fungi that houses with us. All of us live with drunken disorderlies yelling obscenities during “quiet hours.” Tone down on everyone, or no one at all. It would only be fair.

African Celebration of Life: Kwanzaa

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ness. It gives an escape from the over sensationalized holiday that Christmas has become.

I found out about Kwanzaa last year from a cousin who started practicing the celebration. I too will begin to celebrate Kwanzaa with my family.

The workshop gave me all the information I needed to begin my celebration. Cleveland also noted that we as families and individuals can celebrate Kwanzaa each day, because all the principles of the celebration are present in everyday life.

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