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Free as a Bird (And the Bees)?

by Karina LeDzema

How free do you think you are? Perhaps you think freer than most world citizens. And what about all those liberties you don't have? You might think that any liberties you don't have in this country, in this decade, are those personal liberties that infringe on the welfare of others. Right? Perhaps you've failed to check the law books lately.

The sodomy laws, still implemented in the United States of America, in at least thirteen states, gets its name from the reputed sexual lifestyle of French writer, The Count Donatien Alphonse Francois de Sade (1740-1814), or the Marquis de Sade. Marquis de Sade stood out in 18th century France because of his Exotic freedom of expression. Among his publicized works, Marquis de Sade would write about sadomasochism, pornography, and pedophilia. "Dialogue entre un petre et un moribund" (Dialogue between a priest and a scoundrel).

His liberated publication of these non-innovative extraoital practices were the cause of his various arrests, which would take him through twenty-seven years of incarcerations and escapes. Eventually he would die in a lunatic asylum. It would be these taboos, and social hypocrisy which would keep the Marquis's works unpublished until after his death. But it would ironically become synonymous with the modern-day interpretation of "The perversion of deriving sexual satisfaction from the infliction of pain on others." Thus, with this label, the Marquis de Sade would become a source for the eccentric sexual practices frowned upon by social theories of ordinance. Two centuries later, when sexually transmitted diseases revealing the human race's vulnerability plunder our future, "sex" is still a taboo and a faux pas in expression.

This brings us to how this issue concerns you today. In the mid-nineteenth century, Brazil abolished laws condemning homosexual practices. The United States of America, on the verge of the 21st century, still recognizes THE SCARLET on 6

Powderpuff Softball?

by Candace Kehl

Once again, NSU's Greeks host Powderpuff Sports, a game where Delta Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma compete against each other. The mood was different this year. When the Greeks decided to make Powderpuff a tradition on this campus, it caused unneeded tension between the sororities, but attitudes changed for the better this year and both organizations set out to start the tradition of friendly competition.

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While You Were Out: World News

Colombia:
Buga, Colombia was the scene of a gruesome accident that occurred that December. An American Airlines Boeing 757 crashed in the mountainous region of the Andes at 9:45 PM on Wednesday December 20th. Flight 965 departed two and half hours late from Miami International Airport destined to arrive in Cali, Colombia at 9:50 PM.

However, the airplane deviated 13 miles from its course and crashed into a 12,000 foot mountain while traveling at 9,000 feet. From the 156 passengers and 8 crew members there were only four passengers and a dog that survived the accident.

Rescue attempts went on well past the days of the search and the first responders were due to arrive. The black box was recovered on the third day of the search and the investigations are still pending, however there have been many attempts at assessing the cause of the accident. Originally it was thought that flight 965 had been the target of a terrorist attack, because of a bomb threat received by American Airlines on airplanes departing for Miami to the northern region of South America.

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As described by Francisco Fere, son of the former Miami Mayor Mauricio Ferre, his wife and eight month old child. The crash site was a massacre. The scoreboard was restored to the cause of the tragedy. A special mention was made of one of our students, Carolina Hernandez, a ninth grade student at the University School, and her mother, Rosemary Sanchez perished in the tragedy of flight 103.

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France:
Frustration mounted in France as the transportation systems entered their fourth week of standstill on December 15th. Parisians were using any way possible to reach their destinations since the longest strike of the decade threatened to continue. The commute stoppage protests were because of the government's minimum salary freezes and benefit cuts.

The strikers were encouraging other public servants to join in on the strike. However, the strike euphoria diminished. The percentage of strikers in the post office went down from 6% to 3%, and the percentage of general civil servants on strike diminished 15%. The convened day to resume work, by Worker's Force and General Confederation of Labor, was December 15th. However, when subway cars were being tested for resumed business the strikers were still laying on the tracks. These actions threaten the future transportation status of France, as it has managed to close schools, slow the mail, and traffic jam Paris. (The Sun-Sentinel, Friday, December 15, 1995)

Israel:
Jerusalem received Secretary of State Warren Christopher to participate in Syrian-Israeli peace-talks. Christopher was going to announce Israel's recognition of Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights. (The Sun-Sentinel, Friday, December 15, 1995).

United States:
On December 12th the United States Senate rejected the constitutional amendment making flag desecration a crime. The final vote of 63 to 36 was 3 votes short of the necessary 2/3 vote to accept the amendment. Flag burning is still protected as an expression of Freedom of Speech. (The New York Times, Wednesday, December 13, 1995).

Editor's Note: Many would like to believe that the amendment was not passed due to the editorial in The Knight Issue 1, Volume 6, written by Nathan Burgess. There is, however, no evidence that this is the case.

Correction!
There were two mistakes made in the 16 January 1996 issue in the article entitled: "SCORE: What responsibilities are to me." First, the minimum number of hours is 9 per month, not 10; second, the minimum GPA was, at the time of the article, 2.25 for SCORE students who began in 1995, and 2.0 for those who began in 1993. We apologize for any inconvenience.
Dear fellow students,

I firmly believe it is important to show your pride for any institution you are a part of. Here at NSU, I have taken special note to the increased number of Nova related bumper stickers, window stickers, license plate brackets, shirts, hats and cups appearing on and off campus. This is great because it shows we as a community believe in our school.

I make it, as a student, feel important when I see the person in front of me at a stop light proudly displaying their NSU window decal. It is a great feeling to be recognized from people you do not know, for just wearing a shirt with NSU on it.

I love it when a stranger comes up to me and says “Hey, you go to Nova,” after seeing the NSU logo blazing across my chest. Even when you walk in certain stores, wearing a shirt from school, the sales clerk sometimes gives you a 10-20% discount for just being a student at NSU.

It is good to show your pride. I encourage everyone to do it. At some campus events, different types of paraphernalia showing our school’s logo are given out for free, so expense should never be a concern.

What should be a concern is what you do while displaying articles associated with the University. People, not associated with the University, readily recognize our letters. When someone says something vulgar, acts immorally, or intentionally breaks the law, people do not look at you and make a judgment. It is the school, who’s letters you are showing off for all to see, who gets judged.

What I am talking about goes beyond shirts and hats. It goes as far as the things we put on our car to show our pride that also cause negative feelings toward the school. Think of those times, while driving your car, you feel such things as the speed limit and signaling to change lanes is not very important. Think of that guy you cut off this morning because he was doing 50 mph in a 55 mph zone in the left hand lane. He did not say to himself, “I was wrong. I shouldn’t have been in this lane to begin with.”

Instead, he sees you go to Nova by the sticker you proudly display on your window and remarks, “Those damn spoiled Nova Brats! What kind of delinquents are they taking in at that school?” Is that the image you want others to think of when they hear the word Nova? That same person might also be on his way to Nova. Not to further his education but to meet with some of our administrators to finalize the terms of his multi-million dollar donation for student scholarships. I am certain he will rethink his donation now.

So now ask yourself, “Was acting irresponsibly worth the repercussions to you and the other students of NSU?”

Some months ago, in another issue of The Knight, I talked about people parking illegally in fire and handicap zones all over campus. I must admit, soon after the issue came out, I noticed there was a dramatic drop in illegal parking campus.

Much credit and admiration should go to those who put others needs before their own. Unfortunately, as of late, I see the lazy bug has struck the campus again. I urge each and everyone of you to remember those areas are restricted to general parking for a reason. The marked zones are not a place to park so you can run in to check you mail or drop off a term paper. They are there because this world is with people who cannot walk as easily as you and I.

They are there to protect the lives of the individuals who have to use that building. Be considerate of others and think before you act.

I was appalled the other night when I returned home to Goodwin Hall to find a car parked right next to another car that belongs to a legitimately handicapped person.

If the handicapped person wanted to enter their car they would not be able to because the illegally parked car was inches away from the legally parked car. What made this situation even worse was this person proudly displayed Nova decals on their car. So not only were they breaking the law by parking there and made the handicapped person’s car inaccessible, but they were doing it by showing their affiliation with our school. I was ashamed that this person attends to our school.

I would hate to think what outcome of town visitors thought when they saw that scene.

I am working with the administration to stop this abuse at the expense of the handicapped and those using various buildings. A parking plan suitable to meet its goals will take time.

In the interim, I am relying on you, the students, to be responsible and not park where you are not supposed to. I am also counting on you to encourage your friends who you see breaking the law, not to do it.

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Trivia Tidbits: Coincidence??

by Karina LeDezma

In 1972 George Feifer’s novel, The Girl From Petrovka, was made into a movie. The actors hired for the parts were Anthony Hopkins and Goldie Hawn. Anthony Hopkins sought to read the book to better prepare himself for the part. He searched for the book in London unsuccessfully. On his way home, on the subway, he coincidentally found a copy of the book on a bench.

While filming the movie in Vienna Feifer told Hopkins that he had no copies of his own book because he had given his last copy to a friend who had lost it. Hopkins showed him his found copy and with the inscription Feifer had made to his friend they confirmed that it was the same copy.

Christie's Cyberroom: Student Government Goes Cyberspace

by Christie MacDonald

With the explosion of the information superhighway, millions of people around the world travel the World Wide Web everyday. Everyone from major corporations to cyber-minded individuals have created a Homepage on every subject imaginable. The Undergraduate Student Government Association proves no exception in its plan to make their organization accessible in Cyberspace.

S.G.A. plans to have its Homepage up and running at least before the end of this semester. They want their page accessible from Nova’s Homepage which appears on screen when one connects to Netscape in our computer labs. Information that will be included in the S.G.A. Homepage includes the S.G.A. constitution, general information on S.G.A. meeting times and upcoming events, biographies and pictures of all officers, and minutes from meetings.

Student Government won’t just provide information on their organization in their Homepage, but they also want to provide services to the students like information on the many clubs on campus.

In addition, the book exchange, that was previously in paper format in a bulletin board in the Parker building, will be accessible through the S.G.A. Homepage. If a student wants to know information about an available book, he or she would just browse the books and find information on how to contact the owner.

Users will also be able to post their books conveniently from their computer to the book exchange screen. The book exchange will be updated every few weeks so books that have already been sold won’t stay on the program too long.

The Homepage of the S.G.A. is following in their theme of interaction and communication with the students. So far this year, S.G.A. has had numerous S.G.A. days where they have met with the students, provided a B.B.Q., and passed out surveys. The S.G.A. will continue this tradition when students will have the power to offer suggestions or ask questions to the S.G.A. through the Homepage the same way they ask questions now by writing to sga@polaris.nova.edu.

Because of S.G.A.’s receptive nature toward ideas, students will have the power to influence policy at their fingertips. S.G.A. hopes to increase its visibility and communication with the students through their Homepage.

Communication and the exchanging of ideas is the best way, that S.G.A. believes, will facilitate change and provide the best service to the students. Student Government wants to bring “the best quality of life for all students,” says president Anthony Dominici.

The graphically-full S.G.A. Homepage should be operational before the end of the semester. They are waiting for the go ahead from the busy computer officials within our administrative hierarchy to get back. Once approved, the Homepage will be constructed by Commuter Representative, Kim Ficheria, and assisted by Technical Representative, Nathan Burgess.

S.G.A. has gone a step further in their communicative plans for their plans for Cyberspace and fulfilled the last line of NSU’s mission statement to promote creativity “utilizing technology where appropriate.” The world of the net has so much to offer and now S.G.A. will bring students yet another level of informative fulfillment.

(Information taken from an interview with Anthony Dominici.)

Next Issue: Webchat

The Student Communications Organization’s Business Department is looking for an Assistant Business Manager

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**NSU’s Sororities Step up to the Plate**

From the cover

Sigma met out at the fields behind the Dolphin’s Training Center early for a short warm-up/practice. Supporters of both teams sat behind the dugouts cheering them on.

 Theta Delta Chi’s, Ernie Defalco and Jeff Dew were the appointed sports announcers and commentators for the game. As Ernie and Jeff announced each member in the teams’ line-up the members of that organization jogged onto the field. The game began and both teams played well.

Phi Sig had fielding problems throughout the game, but they had some major-battling strength, including Ben Blumberg, DJ Farawell, Beth Ann Gregoreski, Stacy Kelly, Candid Kehl, Rosie Rivera and Tracy Handlin. Considering many of the players had never played softball before, they did play well.

Delta Phi Epsilon was in rare form, they had their batting and their fielding down. Some of the major players from D-Phi-E include Rashida Frasier, Natalie DeSilva, Gayle Applebaum, Heather Gates, Mona Lai, Thelma White, Chelsea Bulcholz, and Andrea Solheim.

Melissa Ragonesi and Candi Kehl pitched throughout the game and shared many comedic moments on the mound together. Both stated at least once, “Why the HELL am I pitching?” and laughed together.

Both sororities had a great time, even though Delta Phi Epsilon fared better than Phi Sig by a landslide. Jen Blumberg stated, “Hey they kicked our BUTTS, but that didn’t matter, it was to bring both sororities together in a bond of sisterhood under NSU’s Greek council and for some friendly FUN competition!”

Student Life provided a free BBQ behind the field for everyone after the game. Thanks go out to all those that supported both teams!

On a more personal note I would like to thank those that voted me Most Valuable Player for the game. I think next time we’ll get a little more practice in before hand.

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**The Scarlet Letter Branding Dilemma**

From the cover

The Scarlet Letter, pronounced and enforced such sexually restricted laws, as the sodomy law. The essence of this right to privacy for both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

In the USA, thirteen states and the District of Columbia still condemn fornication. Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia condemn homosexual acts. But sodomy laws, although encompassing anti-homosexual behavior, are not exclusive to homosexuals, but rather are homosexual. The United States Supreme Court has yet to recognize the right to engage in private consenting homosexual behavior. However, some state courts have challenged the essence of this right to privacy for both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Pennsylvania is among the states which still implements the sodomy law, which prohibits: “sexual intercourse per os [oral] or per anus [anal]...” or “deviate sexual intercourse.” In 1980, an unmarried heterosexual couple contested this law in Pennsylvania. Yet the state recognizes the essential irregularity of the law in the USA justice system. The couple’s contention was lost due to their unmarried marital status.

“Fornication” is the main concern of these restrictive laws. Fornication is defined as the sexual intercourse between consenting unmarried persons excluding children. Therefore, sex is only considered legal when sex has “no connection between family, marriage, or procreation...” These anti-fornication sexual restrictions have their roots in the 1650 English strictness on immoral laws. These laws made willful fornication subject to capital punishment. Later, New England’s Puritan colonies would inherit and assimilate this law into their gradual disenfranchisement from the British source.

The punishment for the immoral act of fornication ranged from fines, to corporal punishment, and even forced marriage. However, the ultimate social castigation was the scarlet letter “V,” which the guilty party was forced to wear on their clothing. The “V” signified the uncleanliness and immorality of the violators’ act of fornication.

Now, yes—the law exists, but is it enforced? Perhaps, it’s like jaywalking where you only get reprimanded if you are caught in the act of committing it—right? Not really, a Georgia police officer said, in support of the antiquated law’s invasion of privacy, crimes committed in the privacy of one’s home are not immune of prosecution, as in drug contrabands, or prostitution.

But your calculations are right, these laws are rarely enforced. Mostly they are only used as settlements made to punish greater crimes, that go unpunished through legal loopholes. Still by the time of the Supreme Court’s ruling, on the renown case of Bowers v. Hardwick, in 1986 twenty four states and the District of Columbia provided criminal penalties for sodomy.

In the state of Florida, a newlywed couple was caught on a peeping tom’s video tape while having non-missionary position sex. The tape was turned in to the authorities and charges were brought up on the couple, therefore reverberating its presence. Lately, this law has been used to deny employment but in the past it was used to prosecute inter racial relations.

The sodomy law reflects what generations of sexual ignorance have passed down to our generation. This sexually explicit phobia sequesters our presence in the clandestine expressions of sexuality. The generations of inculcated myths have overpowered the becoming aware of such an antiquated law. More than a sexual matter, the issue should at least be perceived with greater objectivity where the state of government is concerned. We need to go beyond the usual astonishment of first becoming aware of such an antiquated law and take action on our rights.

More than a sexual matter, the issue is a matter of separation between our timid subjectivity and our objective licentiousness. In this way, we can find that articles like these actually mention the word “SEX” in them rather than navigate around it, as does the law.

Experience a New Culture
by Juan Pablo Correa

"Experience a new culture" is the name of the Student Life Office for International Students Services newest program. Engaging the NSU community in activities that profoundly impact the cultural awareness of students is the whole idea behind this effort.

The first official project of the Experience a New Culture program that will take place in Mexico's renowned city of Cancun. There, participants will be exposed to a living, and legitimate introduction to Mexico, Mexicans; and its culture.

While the people going on this venture will have a great deal of fun, they will also grasp a whole array of knowledge that will truly become an important component of their cultural literacy.

This event will take place on the first week of April during Spring Break. The cost is oriented towards a student budget, and the final outcome will be far beyond anybody's expectations.

Should the reader be interested in knowing more about the Student Life department for International Students Services, all you have to do is call its direct line at (954)236-4177. You are also welcome to visit us at the Rosenthal Student Center, room 206.

The mission of this entity is to be a focal point of assistance for the international community of Nova Southeastern University; while promoting cultural diversity and ethnic understanding on campus.

Contact Juan Pablo Correa. email: correaj@polaris.nova.edu

Departmental Update
by Karina LeDezma & Student Life

What: Classic Car Show
When: Saturday, March 9 From 10 AM to 4 PM
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A Necessary Departure

by Gus Bravo

As much as I appreciated Don Shula and everything he accomplished for the Dolphins and the entire South Florida community, his resignation could not have come at a better time. Even the immensely proud Shula could see what this year's disappointing team truly lacked: discipline.

How else could one justify leading a team comprised of 19 (that's right, 19) former first-round draft picks to an overall 9-8 record. Sadly, there were too many instances this season when chiseled-chinned Don, famous for his intimidating jaw, softened his stance when dealing with his undisciplined squad. For example, Bryan Cox's lamentable outburst (when he spat in the direction of opposing fans after being ejected from the field) during the second Buffalo game would have never been accepted by a younger Shula.

Moreover, dissension between players, who often complained about their playing time, or lack there of, reduced themselves to childish levels this year. On one occasion, Gene Atkins, the team's starting strong safety, stood up during a team meeting and threatened to sit out if teammate Michael Stewart was replaced in favor of Louis Oliver. Ironically, Mean Gene should have explained the terms of this "loyal friend" pact with his teammate. Stewart conveniently looked the other way when Oliver took Atkins' spot a couple of weeks later.

Shula's Fish fought with more vigor among themselves than against any of their seventeen opponents lined up across the hash marks this season. Why? Speculation about the Dolphins' lack of intensity and ill-preparedness clogged most media airwaves and newspaper columns throughout the season. Whenever the finger pointing landed on Shula's shoulders, most, including the players themselves, stressed it was the players who were making tackles and assignments, not the coach.

In fact, many traditionalists argued against blaming an individual who single handily placed South Florida on the sports map. Indeed, Coach Shula will go down as the single most successful coach to pace an NFL sideline. Moreover, his 1972 Dolphins accomplished a feat unlikely to be matched ever again; a perfect season en route to their second Super Bowl title in as many years. However, pro football, like all professional sports, is first and foremost a business.

An NFL head coach, as the oft-quoted cliché states, is "only as good as his last game." Not that this need be explained to Shula. The imposing legend earned a reputation as a no nonsense type of coach quick to cut any player for even the slightest sign of misconduct or sub par performance.

Show me a list of admiring former Dolphins and I'll display one twice as long of disgruntled players who eventually became part of Shula's infamous revolving door. Nevertheless, most, if not all of Shula's former players do not hold any grudges or ill feelings towards their coach. Regardless of the player's stature, Hall of Fame Don treated every person with class and dignity in every on/off the field transaction. The former players understood the nature of the business.

Each individual who enters the professional arena is prepared to experience the game's cruelty at one point or another in their careers. Very few athletes, coaches, and administrators leave the sport while on top.

Sadly, too many of our heroes have left their profession under circumstances less than fitting for their past greatness (please see Muhammad Ali or Tom Landry just to name two).

In a couple of years, if not sooner, yet another Dolphin legend will culminate his career. Dan Marino, undoubtedly the greatest pure passer (see Montana for greatest quarterback) is reaching the final stages of his illustrious career. Of course, if true Dolfans had their way, Danny Boy would go out with a Super Bowl ring. All the while two of Marino's favorite mammoths, Richmond Webb and Keith Simms carry the MVP quarterback away from the field on their shoulders. Unfortunately, as demonstrated by this year's underachieving squad, things do not always turn out the way we envision them. Twenty-seven NFL teams fall short of their expectations (winning the Super Bowl) every year.

Normally, a championship team is granted a few minutes of celebration before expectations about next season begin to arise. This might seem ludicrous and highly unfair to pro teams. Nonetheless that's life for a sports franchise where fans, forced to spend hundreds at most sporting events, demand an entertaining (read: winning) product for their money.

Thus, Dolfans, spoiled by South Florida's year-round activities, have not been all that happy with Shula and his underachieving Dolphins. To make matters worse, owner Wayne Huizenga's $20 million shopping spree of free-agent players during the off-season had many fans making Super Bowl reservations. Soon after the humiliating first round playoff defeat at Buffalo, many disgruntled season ticket holders threatened to cancel their contract if the Fins could not produce a winner. Huizenga had to consider these negative responses would affect the renewals of sky box leases when they expire in 1997.

Don Shula, with all of the talent he inherited this past off season, could not produce a winner on the field but, most importantly, in the box office. Therefore, as we enter the Jimmy Johnson era, there are new goals and expectations to be met. Dan Marino wants a championship to crown his career. Dolphin fans want a Super Bowl or another in their careers. Very few ludicrous and highly unfair to pro career. Dolphin fans want a Super Bowl...
Alpha Phi Omega is on the Ball!

by Christina Gay

If you think that the members of Alpha Phi Omega only do community service, then you're right! The only thing is, it comes in different forms.

Over Christmas break, while most of you were all snuggled up in some nice warm place, seven members of the NSU Petitioning Group (PG) were out in the cold serving warm food and drinks (I need a hot chocolate, Brad!) to other equally cold people.

The McKinley Financial Invitational, a high school soccer tournament held yearly at Nova, provided the perfect fundraising opportunity for the petitioners. After shopping around for supplies, the group stocked and manned two concession stands. The tournament, which lasted from December 21-23, 1995, offered soccer fans some really good action.

Twelve grueling hours per day of hot chocolate paid off with a profit of over $1,000. The group of seven had only two days to rest before setting off on a 1-hour, almost 700-mile drive to Athens, Georgia. The Alpha Phi Omega Region IV Conference was held there from December 27-30, 1995. Not that it wasn't fun...

After arriving at the hotel about 4:00 a.m. on the 27th, the gang had breakfast and a little rest. Joel Natt, Tim Connelly and Andy Cole won an Alpha Phi O History Book for their unique rendition of the "William Tell Overture" at chapter roll call. Later, there was time to get to know new people and settle in before the next day's activities. Everyone was up early on the 28th for shifts of service projects at the Athens Food Bank, a local hospital and a highway cleanup.

After lunch, there was another round of projects and information sessions. That night, Christie MacDonald, Yirajlynn Ramirez and Christina Gay went out to the toga party creatively costumed as Greek goddesses and draped with Christmas decorations. They won T-shirts and the brothers' hearts with their theme song, "I'll Be A Phi O", to the tune of the "Friends" theme.

Workshops occupied most of the day on the 29th with topics ranging from "Petitioning Group Problems" to "How Committees Work". There was also a 9-5 Leadership Development Workshop for all chapters and PGs.

At the Regional Caucus, the NSU PG was presented with a final award; the "Man Miles" plaque is awarded to the chapter with the most members traveling the most miles, approximately 4900. Later that night there was an optional banquet at the hotel, then the NSU ladies got dressed up to get down at the Mardi Gras party.

The last morning was for goodbyes, some tearful, most with a promised phone call or e-mail. Back home at 1:00 a.m. on the 31st, we cherished our memories and smiled. What a way to end the year!

Dolphins Desperately Needed a New Coach

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Bowl just so they can out brag those snobby Dallas and San Francisco fans. Wayne Huzienga relishes the day when he can market the "World Champion" Dolphins and sell us that "Road to the Super Bowl" video for only $19.95 at any local Blockbuster.

If Johnson can satisfy all interested parties with a Vince Lombardi trophy there will be a plethora of shows, special banquets, interviews, and commercials for him to attend. However, Johnson better live up to those standards year in and year out if he ever hopes to win over South Florida like Shula did.

Even then eventually will come the day when another hot shot young coach promises to win more convincingly, thus claiming the hearts of most band wagon fans in this area. Welcome to South Florida new Dolphins head coach Jimmy Johnson. But please, win and win soon. Just ask Don Shula about the loyalty that exists in this business if you cannot accomplish either of those feats.

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Let's Talk About Ethics, Baby

by Candace Kehl

Across many college campuses students just like you and me break what is called at many schools, a Student Code of Conduct. How, you may ask? They plagiarize. What exactly is plagiarism?

According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, New Edition, plagiarism is "the act of presenting the ideas or words of another as one's own." Pretty simple to understand, but it doesn't end there.

Every student attending Nova Southeastern University's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies should've received what is called the "Nova Southeastern University Undergraduate Programs STUDENT HANDBOOK." Inside this handbook, given to all incoming students at orientation or sent through the mail, plagiarism is described in a more detailed, precise manner under the title "Rights and Responsibilities" on page 17-23 of the 1995-1996 edition of the handbook.

This is where you will find NSU's academic community has drawn out a code of conduct for its students to follow, to further their education here. It states, "The University expects its students to manifest a commitment to academic integrity through rigid observance of standards for academic honesty."

By being accepted into NSU and attending you have promised to abide by the academic codes and to take part in academic honesty as a whole. In attending this institution of higher education, you agree to take part in educating yourself ethically. By ethics I mean, following the rules or standards governing us as students, basic honesty and other moral values. It is unethical to lie, cheat, or steal. For this reason, the Code of Conduct states, "Assignments such as course preparations, exams, texts, projects, term papers, practicums, etc. must be the original work of the student."

I emphasized term papers in my citation from the STUDENT HANDBOOK. See PLAGIARIZE? on facing page.
Knights Clean up the House

by Gus Bravo

After completing successful campaigns that saw NSU bring home three Florida Sun Conference titles, the dedicated members of volleyball and both men and women's soccer are enjoying yet another series of victories.

Nova dominated the fall season with 14 All-Conference athletes, 2 Coaches of the Year, and 3 FSC titles.

The school's commitment to local recruits, of which no other conference school comes to matching, paid dividends this season as no other school dominated the FSC like Nova Southeastern.

In a nutshell, here are some of the post-season awards won by a few of the Knight athletes:

Volleyball
*Won FSC title once again, eventually losing to Montevallo in Regional Finals.
*First-year coach Joanna Sahm was named conference Coach of the Year.

BOOK because here at NSU, I see academic dishonesty dealing with the sharing of term papers and selling of term papers every semester.

Any type of assignment that requires the student to do research, understand research, and talk about research is your own responsibility and should be done on your own. For example, you may not know that by going to the library for a friend and getting research for him/her is a violation of the student code of conduct.

In the syllabus, it most likely states that he/she has to find research, understand it and execute the knowledge he/she gained from it. Part of the whole assignment was getting the research itself, the books, the articles, or any other information.

This puts you in violation. For some it's the easy way out of having to discipline themselves, and gain academic integrity, but what they may not realize is it's the easy way of hindering their education, as well as that of others. Dealing with a term paper, one may think “Hey, I already handed it in. It doesn't hurt me to give it/sell it to someone else,” but it does.

The student that gives or sells that paper has no idea what pride in his or her education means, and may be missing the purpose of why we are asked to research, write, and understand. Every word, thought, idea, or sentence that comes from your mind is original, and should be important to you. The student buying or borrowing the paper is getting an easy ride to failure in the future by gaining lack of responsibility.

Tendering of information: All academic work must be the original work of the student. Giving or allowing one's work to be copied, giving out exam questions or answers, or releasing or selling term papers is prohibited.

It is wrong to tender information, as a student here, because it violates the academic standards of this university. Our higher education here at NSU is training us to be moral agents within our society. We should be educating ourselves to improve ourselves and the outside world we live in.

Some of us are taught morals in the home, some of us aren't. It is the higher education institution's responsibility to lead us down the path of the moral life, not to tell us how to live, but aid us in decision making, teaching us the difference between what is right and what is wrong. This is why the NSU academic community has set up a code which we have all agreed to live by as students.

Students attending this University should be here with the understanding that they will leave educated. At times a student may fall behind or hit such a low academically that they will resort to almost anything just to pass a class. I've seen this situation first hand. No one wants to see a friend fail, but helping him or her in such an unethical way, by aiding in any type of cheating or plagiarism doesn't help anyone.

Education Breeds Responsibility. Part of growing up and being a student here at NSU is taking responsibility for one's own actions. Once you interfere with the educational process of another, or your own by breaking the student code of conduct, responsibility no longer exists.

It's a privilege to attend college, one that should be taken advantage of to the fullest, by educating yourself ethically. Start your education now, if you haven't already. Look for the "Student Handbook" or request one at Student Advising if you can't find yours. Learn what responsibility you have as a student attending Nova Southeastern University.

The school's commitment to the post-season awards won by a few of the Knight athletes:

Plagiarize?? How, What, Where, When, WHY?

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29 January 1996

NSU Dominates Post-Season Awards
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*Vanessa Gutierrez, Sherri Waddell, and Anni Palacio were each named first team All-Confer-
ence.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
*Captured conference title in their first year of existence by defeating nemesis St. Thomas in finals. Were downed by Lynn in Regional semis.
*Inaugural head coach Akras Molak was voted Coach of the Year by his peers.
*Beverly Young, a transfer from Lindsey-Wilson, received Conference Player of the Year honors. Young headed a long list of NSU players atop the All-Conference team.
*First teamers were Stacey-Ann Brown, Christy Carone, Ingrid Perez, and Olivia Bernal.
*Carrine Templin and Cathy Crain each placed Honorable Mention All-Conference.

MEN'S SOCCER
*The Knights were crowned conference champs for the first time in four years. Lost 3-2 to Life College in the Regional Semifinals.

Be Proud to be Part of NSU
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Finally, I am asking you to be proud of the school you attend by showing it off everywhere you go. Stand tall when wearing those three letters, N.S.U. with pride. Remember, you are representing the school wherever you walk, talk, drive or park. The reputation of this school rests on what you do and say everyday. You make Nova what it is and what it will be. So show your pride, act responsibly, and when people ask “Hey, don’t you go to Nova?” I hope you will respond, “Yes, I do and proud of it!!!”

Sincerely,
Anthony Dominici
Anthony Dominici, President
Nova College Student Government

Footsteps Into Change
by Madeline H. Penna

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