Phi Sigma Sigma

by Candace Kehl

"WE DID IT!" The Phi Sigma Sigma (ΦΣΣ) Colony is no longer. Rather we are now the THETA XI (ΘΞ) Chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma. March 2, 1996 marked the date of the chartering/initiation of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority here at NSU. The women of Phi Sigma Sigma have worked long and hard to live up to the mission statement of the sorority of "the Advancement of Womanhood." Our recognition as worthy sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma was made known March 1-3rd, 1996. Our perseverance and dedication helped us attain the goal of becoming a chapter, and becoming leaders see Telet on 6

RecPlex Unsafe for Use?

by Nathan Burgess

Once upon a time, in a land very nearby, a group of students wished Nova Southeastern University had a pool of its own for undergraduate use. It was a hassle to go across the street to Rolling Hills Country Club, and Nova students were not always welcome there.

Last year, the final part of a large production for a recreation center, pool included, was begun, and so the wish began to be fulfilled. In October of this year, the dream was realized and on November 17, 1995, the long-awaited RecPlex finally opened—A little late but better late than never. Or is it? What if it endangers the health of students?

The RecPlex is a wonderful place for students to meet, talk, get some sun (for the "chalk people" like myself) and generally enjoy themselves in an academic surrounding. Some very disturbing information stopped this dream.

I heard a conversation about the pool chemistry not being up to normal standards for use. How could this be? The RecPlex is the newest building on campus and there are already problems? This problem has got to be a hoax. There's only one way to find out for sure. I decided to get a water sample and have it analyzed.

So the next day I went over to the tranquil pool, and retrieved a sample of water in much the same way we have all seen pools tested. The only difference was I had a clean disposable cup in my hand (one my pool consultant told me would be acceptable), instead of a clear lucite container with little gradients of color on the side.

My assistant, Campus Life Editor, Christie MacDonald and I drove to Guardian Pool on University Drive, and asked them to run one of their tests on the sample.

The kind man took the water, placed it within an electrical apparatus hooked up to a computer, and within a few minutes we had our results. Sadly, what I had heard was true. You judge for yourself. [See Chart to Day 1--p. 12]

Christie’s Cyberroom: Java is Changing the Face of the Internet

by Christie MacDonald

With the predominance of the Internet in business, school, and personal life, Web pages are no longer an option but a necessity. The main programming language of HTML is easy to learn but a bit long to set-up for a Web page—especially for an extensive one.

However, Java has come to the rescue! No, it’s not those beans that Juan Valdez grows but a new, easy-to-use programming language for the Internet.

“Java (tm) is a simple, object oriented, distributed, interpreted, robust, secure, architecture-neutral, portable, high-performance, multithreaded, dynamic, buzzword-compliant, general-purpose programming language.”

Java supports programming for the Internet in the form of platform-independent Java Applets.

In other words, Java can help us laymen computer users create a web page without learning the complicated codes of the HTML language.

Similar to how the Pagemaker program helps one format brochures or works, Java also aids the creation of Web pages without having first to earn a B.S. in computer science.

What makes Java so nice-and-easy?

Little code packets of information called Applets are the key. Each Applet is a preset program with codes already written for different parts of a web page.

Applets can preset forms of a page like the borders, background, tables, how the words scroll, and many other options.

All the user has to do is fill in the missing information.

Applets are also available for new, exciting bells and whistles for pages.

Animation, sound bytes, and blinking words are a few of the new, exciting things that the ordinary person can put on their web page in a matter of minutes.

When asked about Java, avid computer user Joel Natt replied, “Why use the short-cut when you can know the nuts and bolts?”

Apparently Mr. Natt loves the science of computers. But personally, I don’t want to know how something works—I just want it to work! If you’re like me, then Java would probably be a better alternative. Mr. Natt explained that it changes the time of creating a Web page from one day to five minutes. Five minutes sounds better to me (although we laymen wouldn’t be able to do everything like a computer science major).

Hey, Java is no small phenomenon. Such impressive companies as Microsoft and Netscape have hopped on the wagon and have chosen Java as their primary programming language for the Internet.

Java can only be observed with a Java browser. Many internet programs, like Netscape, have them included in their program. Although Java doesn’t have the newest version of Netscape that can view Java objects, the browser can be downloaded.

Java is the new rave for Internet programming. But hold onto your skimpies—I predict that another and even better language is soon on its way. Boy, the computer age moves fast!

Next Issue: Cyber-Shopping
Dear fellow students,

In my four years here at Nova, I have had the opportunity to grow with the school in a way I never thought I would. I have seen this University transform itself, almost overnight into the ever growing institution you see before you now.

The transition to a highly respected University on its way up the ladder to national recognition is unfolding before your very eyes. The jokes and laughs people made years ago when someone said "I go to Nova" are long gone.

The time has come for N.S.U. to take its place in line as one of the most honorable schools in the country to attend. In order to keep the pace with the rest of academia, Nova relies on strong students willing to make a difference. This is something your Student Government leaders recognized and embraced throughout the year.

Change must start at the top and work its way down the line. As your campus representatives, we needed to set the example for excellence. When we came into office a year ago, we knew what needed to be accomplished. We knew it was going to take a lot of our time and energy to put S.G.A. where it should be in this University. We had many highlights to be proud of.

One of our greatest efforts this year was the tremendous push to reaching out to the students. Whether it was sponsoring an awareness campaign on campus or providing a free lunch to all students at our monthly S.G.A. Days, we came to you to get your opinions on issues on campus. This was designed to show the students that this was a different S.G.A. than any other seen here on campus since our existence. We were willing to come to you instead of waiting for you to come to us. We wanted you to see we did care.

My one and only disappointment this year came early on in my term in office. Discrimination happens on all planes in this world. Some are discriminated against by color, by race, or by religion. Never did I expect to be discriminated against simply by principle. Some judged me on ridiculous accusations before ever hearing what I had to say.

Many knew what I wanted to accomplish was best for the students but were told to believe otherwise. I held no grudges nor do I seek vindication.

I only hope I was able to prove to those individuals through our accomplishments that there is more to a person than what isn't on the outside. The lesson I hope learned here is "Judge with your hearts, not your eyes." Maybe if we treated others with a little more respect and understanding, the world would not be such a bad place.

Personally, I have learned a lot about what it means to run such a powerful organization, working with a fine board of volunteers, and how important it is to have a defined mission and believing in it. All things considered, I think I learned more about myself during our administration. I learned how to empower people, how to listen more closely, how to communicate my enthusiasm to others, and how to believe in myself.

I never thought I could do this and so much more. This job has brought things out of me I never knew I had. Looking back at all that has happened, I would do it all again the same way, honestly.

Finally, I want every one to know this year was a success only because the Senators, Representatives, and Assistant Senators gave 110% of their time and effort in making this S.G.A. work. I am deeply thankful to each and every one of them for making my term in office the most enjoyable experience of my life. I will forever be proud of what we accomplished this year.

It goes to show why we were named "Best Student Government" among all private schools in the state of Florida by Florida Leader Magazine (March 1996). I hope the experiences we enjoyed together will forever remain fresh in your minds wherever our paths take us next year. And I thank you, the student body, for standing beside us, lending us your support, and showing us you appreciated all that we did for you. Remember, a Student Government can only be as good as the students they represent. Best of luck and my eternal gratitude to everyone who afforded me this opportunity to serve you, the students.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dominici, President
Nova College Student Government
NSU to Offer Dual Admission into Undergrad, Grad, and Professional Degree Programs

The Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies offers undergraduate degrees in accounting, administrative studies, applied professional studies, business administration, computer engineering, computer science, computer systems, elementary education, exceptional education, general studies, hospitality management, legal assistant studies, liberal arts, life sciences, ocean studies, professional management, psychology and secondary education. It also houses the Institute of Retired Professionals and the Institute for the Humanities. The Center delivers programs at sites throughout Florida and the Caribbean.

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April 19th, 1996

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SGA, Vampires, & Homecoming Given Blue Ribbon

by Nathan Burgess

It began last year, on the first of April, as Anthony Dominici, opened the door to the Student Government office as President for the first time. From that auspicious moment onwards he had a goal.

That goal: To work on improving the NSU Community for the students.

Anthony and the rest of the Student Government officers were rewarded twice over: the first time by actually achieving their goal, and the second time through statewide recognition.

Florida Leaders magazine just re-
see NOVA on facing page
Trivia Tidbits
by Karina LeDezma

Did you know that the human body has over 100,000 genes?

Nová Recognized by Florida Leaders

by Karina LeDezma

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 leased its "Best of Florida Schools 1996" list. This annual list provides the reader with the best classes, Student Governments, newspapers, and other various categories for all Florida schools.

Heading up the list was Nová Southeastern University for Best Student Government of Private Universities, with the University of Miami coming in right behind Nová with an Honorable Mention.

The article mentions that "Nová Southeastern's SGA works closely with campus administrators to address issues including campus lighting, dining-service upgrades, and improvements to laundry facilities."

President Dominici states that the award isn't just an honor for the SGA, but that, "it is an honor for all of the Nová family. I, and the rest of the Student Government, were elected by the people to serve the people, and that is all we did."

Other awards given out were Most Unusual Homecoming Event. Who else but NSU, with our "Anything that floats" raft race would have a chance of winning?

Not to overemphasize the extra-curricular aspects of the college experience, Florida Leaders gave an award out for "Most Vampirish Class." Once again, NSU walked away with the plaque. The "Images of the Vampire" class presented last summer, by Dr. James Doan, won the prize. This is only the beginning of extra recognition for the Nova Southeastern Community.

White House at NSU

by Mary Matos

Correspondent, and author of several books including P.S. A Memoir, had lunch with selected members of Nova Southeastern University's faculty and student body.

It was a humbling experience to sit in a quiet room with the Pierre Salinger. Seldom does one meet a person who has met every major political figure of modern time.

In his blue plastic Tag Huer watch, and soccer inspired tie, he’s a walking history book filled with the biographies of some of the world's most influential people. Thus, it is difficult for him to pinpoint one person whom he admired most. Overall, he feels that most of those involved with the Kennedy administration (of which he was a part) were quite admirable. "We don't have leaders with an understanding of history like we did then."

Others on his list of commendable people include the various French presidents since Charles De Gaulle (all of whom he has met). Salinger, who has lived in France for many years, feels that the French way of electing officials is much more efficient than the modus operandi of the United States. In France, the entire period of campaigning and electing only lasts three months. The candidates are limited in the amount of money they can spend in their campaigns. And the candidate elected must have been elected by a majority (51%) vote.

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In America, we allow candidates to campaign for over one year, we allow them to spend fortunes (literally) on campaigns, and "we keep seeing SALINGER on 8"
RecPlex Water Questionable

from the cover
After seeing these results, I was shocked. I asked Ken, my pool consultant at Guardian Pool, what this meant in regards to people. After all, I took Chemistry II in High School, but pool maintenance was not included in the curriculum.

Ken told me that since the chlorine was used to kill bacteria, any number of problems could occur. Mainly there would be problems with eye and ear irritation. The low chlorine levels were not killing all the bacteria it should and all types of bacteria could be thriving, including hepatitis. My only reaction was, “So this is a bad thing, right?”

He added that any commercially-used pool should have an automatic testing and treatment system.

Surely these must be the results after the pool was in use before its daily check, or treatment, or something... I hoped.

I went down to the pool the next day for another sample in hopes that the previous day had been a fluke. So Christie and I went down to the pool to get another sample. I even had her collect the sample for accuracy. Here are the results. [See Chart to Day 2—p.12]

What’s going on here? Total chlorine is up to where it should be, but free chlorine is still nil, and the water is quite alkaline, or a high pH.

Now I got curious and decided to go to the top, or close, NCSGA see INVESTIGATION on 12.

ΦΣΣ is Aiming High with ΘΕ!

from the cover
Friday, March 1, 1996, all of the sisters got together for a bonding session/celebration at the home one of the new sisters. Saturday, March 2, 1996, was the day every sister was waiting for. All of us were nervous in our white dresses, awaiting the ritual of Phi Sigma Sigma. It was an experience you could never imagine, very emotional and moving.

By 3:30 p.m. we were all officially sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma with badges to show how honored we are to be sisters. March 3, 1996, at 12 p.m., we held our chartering luncheon, where we had honored guests such as our Director of Undergraduates, Liz Rodriguez as well as our central office national personal. The sisters invited family and friends that have remained close to the sorority throughout the years to share in the celebration.

Though there were many ups and downs, we pushed ourselves for something we all believe we share in some shape or form: sisterhood. Each sister of Phi Sigma Sigma contributes a piece of their own personality to create the fun and diverse atmosphere that we are so proud to be known for.

When you meet a Phi Sigma Sigma, you don’t just meet any sorority woman, you meet a well rounded INDIVIDUAL, responsible and confident in herself as well as her organization. As leaders, we have improved our grades, and have begun learning the true value of our college education. New scholarship goals have been set and met for the organization as a whole.

With our development into a chapter, each sister has contributed time and service to NSU and it’s surrounding community. A few of our sisters are involved in the SCORE program, are proud members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity on the rise. They are also involved in an abundance of other clubs and organizations like Student Government, The Knight, FFEA (Florida Future Educators of America), and Alpha Chi that serve the surrounding south Florida community.

The sisters give relentlessly to our national philanthropy. The Foundation, which sends donations to the National Kidney Foundation as well as provide scholarship funds to those sisters with outstanding performance as a college woman and posses the ideals of Phi Sigma Sigma as a whole. For The Foundation, the sisters hold a Rock-A-Thon each semester. Each sister is required to obtain a certain amount of pledges in any dollar amount and rocks in a rocking chair for a certain amount of time.

With all of this and too much more to mention, the Founding Sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma have attained the three goals of National Phi Sigma Sigma: Scholarship, Service, and Sisterhood.

Ronna Avergon, Carol Burgan, Jennifer Blumberg, Shannon Chase, Amy Cotter, D.J. Farawell, Heather Frost, Denise Haltrecht, Candace Kehl, Stacy Kelly, Keri Lawson, Annemarie Mangano, Maria I. Menendez, Rosemarie Rivera, Elizabeth Sparr, Ahisha Valle, Melissa Weiss, and Alexandra Whitney have come a long way, BABY!

It’s time for a new beginning for these women, a new experience, a new challenge, and new sisters, without whom we would not have been able to share our celebration as a chapter with, such as Alison Barker, Stacy Ann Brown, Danielle Buie, Rachel Comensana Garcia, Sylvana Di Fiore, Jinnette Esquivel, Donna Godfrey, Angelic Hainsworth, Amy J. Levine, Valerie Marino, Ivy Schillinger, and Meredith Shapiro.

From all the Founding sisters, “WELCOME TO THE PYRAMID!” Together the founding sisters and the new members brought about this successful outcome, though this achievement would not have been possible without one more important and special sister, our advisor, Darcy Mechling, the Public Affairs Coordinator for Nova Southeastern University. Thanks go out to her for her time, patience, love and most of all her confidence in us. L.R.T.P.!

The bond of sisterhood in Phi Sigma Sigma is strong and will last as members graduate or transfer. Once a Phi Sigma Sigma, ALWAYS a Phi Sigma Sigma! We’ll miss you all!

The Theta Xi chapter starts at a new beginning this semester and is forever AIMING HIGH! DIOKETE HUPSALA!

Start thinking summer...

Believe it or not, summer is right around the corner! The Career Resource Center has listings of many summer jobs including:

- Summer Camp/School Counselor
- Babysitter/Nanny
- Retail Sales
- And many others, including full-time, year-round positions!

The CRC also has information on summer internships to help you get a jump start on your career!

For more information, please stop by the CRC on the first floor of the Horvitz Administration Building or call 475-7504.
The world is made up of many people with different ethnicity. Most people live in the same location all their lives and never really get to experience other cultures. Patrick Giantoni did just the opposite. He lived all his life in the United States and wanted to know what else was out there.

Patrick decided to take a five year expedition to Africa. While in Africa, he was able to observe other people with cultures different from the US. Patrick concluded that the American culture and lifestyle he was accustomed to was nothing like Africa's.

Patrick lived all his life in Woodstock, NY. When he decided to explore the world, he did not know where he wanted to go. He chose Africa because he had always heard how different their lifestyle was compared to the US.

Patrick had no idea that his journey to Africa was inspired as a child. Patrick's original heritage went back to Italy. Italian culture is said to be very similar to that of Africa's. He was also raised by an African-American woman that lived with his family as caretaker of the house and children.

Patrick's walk throughout Africa began in 1984 and ended in 1988. Patrick wanted to submerge himself completely into this culture. During the five years he relied only on himself, his two mules, and the people he met. He brought nothing with him except recording devices and journals. He wanted to make sure he did not forget anything, after all, five years is a long time.

The walk began in Kenya and went through most of Africa's countries. He found the people in each of these countries different from one another and very different from the US. There were also many similarities between each. Most of these places were very poor and the people suffered from hunger. The African culture struggled to survive.

The US also deals with the same issues, but nowhere near as many people are affected. Patrick found one similarity in all the towns: there are very strong family bonds. Patrick
Salinger Discusses American Politics

And for those who would like to follow in his footsteps, the best advice he can give is to plan for a long career in journalism and get involved as soon as possible in local politics.

Salinger gave autographs after his Author's Day Presentation.

However, he also feels that the increased media coverage has exposed the electorate to whole speeches rather than the inconclusive sound bites that previously influenced voters. Having said this, he is vehemently opposed to the innumerable political commercials being aired during this election. According to him, this negative campaigning only serves to dilute the public's attention from the real issues.

On the Helms-Burton bill, he says that "it is the biggest mistake Clinton could have made."

According to Salinger, the way to effect changes in governments such as Cuba's is through open dialogue, not through embargoes and sanctions.

Of course, a conversation with a Kennedy insider would not be complete without some insight on the enigmatic Jacqueline Bouvier Onassis. According to Salinger, she was never about politics. She played an important role in the preservation and promotion of culture in the United States. She was always very devoted to her husband and children. In fact, Salinger was invited to Onassis's private island to teach the Kennedy children about their late father.

At 70, Salinger says "I'm an old man who's lived a good life."
Softball Squad Sweeps Mercy College

by Gus Bravo

Behind the laudable pitching performances of Kim Eason and Shannon Sawyer, the women's softball team swept visiting Mercy College on Tuesday, March 5. In Game one, Sawyer held Mercy scoreless, giving up just three hits. Thanks to Melissa Carriere's 3-for-4 outing at the plate and Julie Levy's 3 RBI, the Knights defeated the overachieving side New Yorkers, 8-0.

Because of the "eight run" rule, the game was called in the sixth inning. Likewise, Game two also ended prematurely. With Eason yielding one hit and keeping opposing bats at bay, Sawyer and teammate Thelma White

Gus's Sports Update

Soccer Hires New Coaches, Student Participates in Umbro Classic

by Gus Bravo

After an extensive two-month process and search, the men's soccer team has a new coach. Munga Eketebi, a 33-year-old native from Zaire, was named head coach by Athletic Director Corey Johnson. Eketebi, whose playing and coaching resume is extensive, comes to NSU from FIU where he was an assistant coach since 1988. Prior to his coaching stint, Eketebi also played for the Golden Panthers, earning All-American honors (84-86) and won the Florida Player of the Year award (1985). As a member of Scevette Geneva, Eketebi played in Switzerland's highly competitive First Division.

In other news, Johnson also announced that Rebecca Utter, who assisted head coach Akrim Molaka with the women's soccer team last year, would assume the role of interim head coach. Molaka resigned after a highly successful first year campaign, citing his desire to take over the men's head coaching spot as a prime reason.

Senior John Ramos, a four-year standout for the men's soccer team, recently participated in the Umbro Classic held at Ft. Lauderdale's Lockhart Stadium. The inaugural all-star game, which is made up of the best players from NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA schools, offered players the opportunity to display their talents before MLS scouts and coaches. NSU hosted all practices and sponsored the high-profile event. Ramos, selected by a panel of coaches, represented the East team as an outside midfielder.

What's New in the Financial Aid Office?

The office of student financial aid is proud to present the FAFSA express. FAFSA express is a new software developed by the U.S. Department of Education which allows students to apply for federal financial aid from any personal computer equipped with a modem and printer. FAFSA express has an easy-to-use windows format, extensive on-line instructions, and pull down menus.

Students will be able to input their FAFSA application information and transmit it directly to the department of education’s central processing system. The processing time for the student aid report (sar) can be reduced from six to eight weeks to seven to ten days! When processing via the FAFSA express, students are not required to mail the FAFSA application. The software will produce a signature page for students to mail to the department of education.

We encourage students to use this new software. A computer is available in the financial aid office for your use. We look forward to seeing you.
Comparing the USA and Africa

from page 7

Nick Moore Presents . . . "I"

I wonder why Bestara called both of us? I can understand calling me, I'm the second-in-command.

--- but you? Whatever she's doing, it's big.

Tell me, Bestara. What is it?

Normal, the second-in-command wears the rhaksis suit.

But because the person in that position is the one who's being banished, the leader—Bestara—has to wear it—\n\n
Thomas—we're going to be banished!

Uh—excuse me?

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Rahkisis suit of armor—IT'S GONE!

The rhaksis suit is used as part of the (m) banishment ceremony—\n
It dawns on Vesta very quickly—\n
Yes, I know you two joined, you messed with my... uh... eugenics program, now you have your crime to deal with, the scroll, Valynada.

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Defying the Odds
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combined for five hits, a home run, and 2 RBI.
By the fifth inning, Nova’s 10-2 lead was sufficient to send both teams and spectators alike, home early.
The shortened evening along with Friday’s victory over Clarion culminated a much needed weekend for head coach Robyn Handler.
The victories pushed the women over .500 with a 7-6 overall mark. Because of various, and, at times, unwarranted reasons, four NSU players have left the team since the start of the season.
To fill the vacancies, several invitations and flyers have been posted around campus for any interested students willing to try out for the team.
Making matters worse was the loss of Lenore Gurecki, one of the Knights’ key returning players, due to an injured hand.
As a result, the sight of a downed NSU player leaves anyone familiar with the recent events in a somewhat optimistic silence, hoping for the best, but always fearing the worse.
Thus, if any of you women roaming this expansive campus feel the time has come for your hidden softball talents to once again shine inside the cone-shaped surface, then take a jog, actually sprint over to the A.D. Griffith Sports Complex.
Coach Handler and the rest of the nine or so team members desperately need your help to provide depth for an otherwise talented squad. You may end up hopping on a fast moving train that still has plenty of distance to cover.
Perhaps your Ruth-like swing or Ripken-like glove may add ammunition to an already high powered attack.
This team is a couple of players away from achieving greatness. Regardless, the depleted squad continues to defy the odds by overcoming its lack of depth.
With or without any outside help, this year’s softball team has persevered beyond imagination. Perhaps a Cinderella story in the making? Stay tuned.

Fictional Fact or Factual Fiction?
by Sandi Kell
What is Author’s Day? Who are these writers and why are they coming to Nova? These and many other questions came to mind as Dr. Alford introduced Rebecca Browne to the assembled group inside Parker 212. Ms. Browne was quick witted, jovial, and highly receptive to students’ questions. I think that she assumed we would ask her about her motivational techniques and why she started writing; but some of the questions were more specific than that.
One student asked, “Is your writing visual i.e., do you see it as you write it?” She replied, “Yes and no.”
Because my writing is part visual, but sometimes it is too graphic of an idea to be visual.”
She then proceeded to describe an account of a producer who wanted to perform one of her stories. The idea intrigued her and she agreed, until, a line in the story was used visually instead of metaphorically. Basically, she illustrated to the audience that even though the line read, “I would cut off my right arm for you,” it did not mean that she would literally cut it off.
Ms. Browne brought something different and special to the Nova community, and that is the ability to be creative and write freely.

As this writer will tell you, it is quite difficult to write your feelings from experience and not have them questioned as fact or fiction. Her writing is based on people and events in her own life, but it is fictionalized for literary purposes.
Two of the five books she has written were auctioned off after the discussion session. They were Annie Oakley’s Girls and The Gifts Of The Body. Both of these books had a tremendous effect on the audience and their perception of fictional reality because the writing itself stood directly on the fiction to nonfiction line.

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President Anthony Dominici.

President Dominici had never heard about the problems about the pool and commented that, “It’s at a point, now, where things like that—little kinks in the system should have been worked out by now, and that’s not acceptable by any standard.”

By this point I was quite curious and decided to give a call to Tom Vitucci, Assistant Director of Student Life for Campus and Recreational Sports.

As I spoke with Tom, he informed me that NSU has a contract with a pool company, whose name he didn’t know offhand, to come in 4 times per week that the RecPlex staff tests the water for pH, and chlorine levels daily.

Water is being tested daily for chlorine and pH. What standards and techniques are being used to test the pool that I would not get acceptable results and Tom would? More questions were raised then answered.

The morning came, and to verify results, I went to take another sample, once again with the assistance of Christie. Once again things were strange. [See Chart to Day 3]

Suddenly we had too much free chlorine, even higher alkaline and a high level of cyanuric acid.

The next week, we collected another sample on day 8. Similar results were given. [See Chart to Day 8] Now it was time to find out exactly what was up.

I approached Tom once again to find out what he had to say about these problems.

It turns out, according to Tom, that he had known that the pH of the pool was high. However, the County had been down to check the pool and the pool had passed inspection. He added that when he tests chlorine levels his results places the pool in acceptable standards.

The main problem, Tom explained, was that with a pool the size of the one at the RecPlex problems arose that were not expected. Originally it was thought that a pool company treating the pool 4 times per week would be sufficient. However it was soon realized that in reality the pool would need treatment 5-6 times a week.

Currently Business Services, is looking to get another pool company to take over treatment of the pool the required 5-6 times a week.

Tom has agreed to contact me when another pool company takes over the contract for a Knight follow-up of the story. So, use your own judgment. Official word is that pH is not in recommended standards, but still safe, and that chlorine levels are fine. Take your own water sample to a pool company and see what they say.

Ask yourself the following questions: Does the water feel like it should? Does the water smell like other pools’ water? Shouldn’t there be a scent of chlorine on me after I take a swim? Does the water sparkle like it should?

The Knight will continue to update you on this story as updates are available.

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Total Alkalinity: The amount of alkalinity material present and necessary to maintain a stable pH. pH: A measure of the degree of acidity or alkalinity present. Calcium Hardness: Amount of dissolved calcium present and the degree of water hardness. Cyanuric Acid: Amount of a stabilizer that retards the loss of chlorine due to sunlight. Free Chlorine: The amount of active chlorine present to kill algae and bacteria. Total Chlorine: The combined amount of active and inactive chlorine.