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Students React to Recycling Outrage

by Nathan Burgess
Editor in Chief

The time was just past 10 a.m. on December 5 in the Parker Building. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a line of blue bins began their trek. Where they were going was anyone’s guess. Escorting the students of Dr. Barry Barker’s Living Earth Class, all of the bins ended up in the office of Stuart Horn, Dean of the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. The purpose: To protest the lack of recycling on campus. We’ve all seen it. The maintenance crews come around to the Rosenthal Building, the Parker Building, Microlab, or any other office on campus. The paper goods and trash have been separated into their blue and beige trash cans respectively. But when the crew picks up the trash, the contents of both bins end up in one large bag or trash can. Was the effort to separate the trash futile? Will they separate it? If they do not separate it, then why bother even beginning the process at all?

Approximately two years after the blue bins first found their way on campus they have transformed into glorified trash cans. In fact one that was brought into the Dean’s office even had the recycling information crossed out and the word “Trash” written across it. The spokesperson of the group, Hong-Nhan Cung, began the protest with the following statement: “The students at Nova Southeastern University have become aware that the blue recycling containers are misleading and not doing the task that it advertises. We believe that they should be recycled or recycling should be started again. Therefore we will form RBC [Recycling Blue Container].”

Also present at the meeting were

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dog named "Babe." They moved huge five-gallon jugs from the water storage room to water dispensers, fueled the diesel generators twice a day, and ran odd jobs everywhere. Such jobs ranged from recycling cans and newspapers to transporting the teams to Sawgrass Mills and Desperado's.

In addition, each member of Alpha Phi Omega on staff got to know the teams quite well and learned much from the experience. In fact, pins from jugs from the water storage room to residence jobs everywhere. Such jobs ran ged Saudi Arabia's considerations for the teams. They endured, these intrepid adventurers compiled over 600 hours of community service. All they wanted was free meals to pins from the athletes to even those really cool admission passes. All in all, they considered the event a success.

Some, like Saudi Arabia, were glad to be gone from Goodwin, the residence hall for the teams. They had their luggage sniffed by Babe, which was considered an insult since Saudi Arabsians consider dogs to be the lowest form of life.

Despite the hardships and friendships they endured, the Psychology Club members welcomed the kids by introducing themselves and offering them a name tag to ease the tension.

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Psychology Club Hosts Picnic for Covenant House

by Christine Salas
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, November 9, the Psychology Club held their Second Annual Covenant House Picnic. Students and other volunteers arrived shortly before 10:00 a.m. to set-up for the day's activities.

Each person helped set-up the picnic and organize the games and prizes. It all began at 12 p.m. when the bus from Covenant House arrived. There were about twenty kids who came to join us for the day. The Psychology Club members welcomed the kids by introducing themselves and offering them a name tag to ease the tension.

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The most fulfilling part was the interaction between the Covenant House kids and the Psychology Club members, which was our purpose. Everyone just seemed to blend together very well.

We offered the kids a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs and delicious home-baked desserts. Boy, did they enjoy our spread! While everyone was filling up on the food, our members used this opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with some of the kids. The kids were willing to disclose a lot more of themselves because they felt we could relate to them without being judgmental. The Psychology Club members discussed beforehand how to be receptive to the kids and not pry or force any information from them.

After lunch we held a dance contest, which seemed to be everyone's favorite activity. Even our president and vice-president, Joanie and Dennis, joined in on this event!

We gave out T-shirts and gift certificates to some of the winners and realized that there were so many excellent dancers that we have to get more t-shirts next year!

It turned out to be a wonderful day and we enjoyed this opportunity to contribute our knowledge to the community. We all really empathized with these kids. We also realized how fortunate we are to be students of Nova Southeastern who are able to provide a day of fun for the teens of Covenant House and make them feel special.

Izzy and Gale Schumanski, Director of Olympic Village.
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Students Invade Dean’s office in Hopes of Changing Policy

Richard Komosky, Director of Physical Plant, and Brenda Shaffer, Chairperson of the Environmental Committee on campus.

Mr. Komosky is responsible for the waste management on campus, including recycling.

Mr. Komosky stated that “What we do with recycling, is work with Southern Sanitation and collect cardboard, aluminum cans, paper and commingle that into the dumpsters outside that say cardboard only. But there’s also a lot of commingling of any of those products and they will pick those up and separate them at their plant.”

Mr. Komosky further clarified the use of the blue bins. He stated that the information on the side of the bins is misleading, since the cans are pre-purchased, and that commingling is allowed in the blue bins as well. He further stated that he is not always satisfied with the way he sees the waste picked up. He would like to see the custodial staff with two garbage bags — one for trash, the other for recycling. The main problem is that it is a learning process, according to Mr. Komosky, for his staff members, and due to a high turnover rate with custodial workers they are constantly bringing in new employees that need to be trained.

As well, Mr. Komosky said that there were many other factors that may be hampering the process including motivations. Since many of the custodial workers are holding down multiple jobs and getting paid, “Four dollars an hour,” he does not have enough money in his budget to provide supervisors for all of the staff.

Last year, the school saved approximately $60,000 through cost avoidance, according to Mr. Komosky. This implies that even though recycling may not be at its best, it is nonetheless working to benefit the school.

Ms. Shaffer added that the environmental committee is working on getting new stickers made up to be adhered to the bins so that the correct information can be posted. They are also submitting in their budget, a request for a full time position for an environmental specialist on campus. The funding for this position would be produced through cost avoidance, therefore not costing the University any money in the final breakdown of it all.

Among ideas brought up at the meeting were: changing the responsibilities of the custodial staff so that part of the staff would only be responsible for trash and other parts of staff responsible for the recycling, hence not mixing together what should not be mixed together. The best idea of the day was having the students get involved.

Dean Horn was quite enthused that the students took the initiative to get involved in the issues of the day, showing that they did care about what was going on campus and in the world. The environmental committee, explained Ms. Shaffer, is composed of staff members and students. However, the students that get involved often don’t stay involved due to either moving on to other universities, graduating, or other similar reasons. The students have voting rights at the environmental committee meetings, and unless the students are present to exercise their rights, the committee cannot hear the students’ concerns.

One problem is that students quite often feel that they cannot make a difference in the policy around them, and therefore do not show up for or even inform themselves about these meetings.

On the other side of the issue, the staff members and administrators do not see students attending and it seems that the students could not truly care either way about the Environmental Committee, or what they do. This is truly the most unfortunate part, since the committee does report directly to the President and does have impact on policy on campus.

There are still many questions left unanswered. Will environmental changes actually be made? What can we expect when we arrive back next year in regards to recycling? How can I get involved?

The Knight will continue its investigation into recycling on campus and bring you more information, including how to get involved (in an upcoming issue.)
January at-a-Glance

by Christina Gay
Campus Life Editor
Wonder what the future holds? Just look below to find out.

Wednesday, January 1
New Years Day - University Closed

Saturday, January 4
Alpha Phi Omega Meeting at RSC

Sunday, January 5
Alpha Phi Omega Service Project - Volunteer Broward Fair

Wednesday, January 8
Classes begin

Friday-Sunday, January 10-12
Alpha Phi Omega Retreat - Key West

Monday-Saturday, January 13-18
Alpha Phi Omega Rush Week

Wednesday, January 15
PASA - Martin Luther King Parade
Alpha Phi Omega Fellowship at Jaxsons

Friday, January 17
TGIF at RecPlex
PASA - Meeting at RSC at 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 18
Alpha Phi Omega Service Project - Senior Clean-Up

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Day - University Closed

Wednesday, January 22
PASA - Caribbean Day Festival
Alpha Phi Omega Meeting at RSC

Friday-Sunday, January 24-26
Outdoor Recreation Trip

Saturday, January 25
Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Ceremony

Sunday, January 26
Alpha Phi Omega Fellowship - Bayside

Thursday, January 30
Flight Deck - Coffeehouse

“Life is something that happens when you can’t get to sleep.”
- Fran Lebowitz

Rosenthal Rocks

by Christina Gay
Campus Life Editor

On Tuesday, December 3, 1996, the Commuter Involvement Association (CIA) hosted a small party for its members and invited guests at the Flight Deck, Rosenthal Student Center’s new second floor entertainment area.

The get-together was organized by Mari Chamberlain, the Student Life Graduate Assistant for Student Services. It lasted from 7:00 p.m. until about 9:30 p.m.

Like many holiday parties in our new age of togetherness, it catered to both Christians and Jews. There were little cookies shaped like dreidels and Hebrew letters and little bags filled with Christmas Hershey’s Kisses.

Plates of finger foods like sandwiches and chicken fingers, cans of soda, and bottles of water loaded down tables in the room just off the bar.

A Christmas tree stood in the corner and partygoers were encouraged to decorate ornaments with their names in glitter. The bar was open to those of all age and wine and beer flowed freely. Literally, it was free.

If you haven’t heard of the Commuter Involvement Association, don’t worry. They’re new on campus as a part of the University’s continuing efforts to reach out to commuter students.

The CIA will focus on commuter-oriented programming, such as discounted tickets to football and hockey games, commuter lunches in front of the Parker Building, and ensuring that every commuter receives a copy of the Heatwave, the Student Life monthly publication.

Since commuters represent a significant part of the undergraduate population, one-half of Professional Studies day students, their voice can be very strong, but their participation is minimal. One student who lives 45 minutes away complained that activities just aren’t catered to commuters.

“They schedule things at such inconvenient times. I want to stay and do things, but I have a long way to go home and it’s not worth it.”

Ms. Chamberlain is very excited about where the CIA can go and hopes that it encourages more commuters to get involved on campus.

If you want to become involved in the CIA, contact Ms. Chamberlain at (954) 475-4174 or stop by the Graduate Assistants’ office, located on the second floor of the Rosenthal Student Center.
HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

by Christie MacDonald
Associate Editor

Every wonder about the origin of favorite holiday traditions? Read below to find out.

Chanukah and The Menorah

Every year around this time, between the end of November and December, Jewish people celebrate the holiday of Chanukah or the Festival of Lights.

Chanukah begins on the 25th day of Kislev on the Hebrew Calendar. The starting date varies from year to year on the western calendar. The purpose of the holiday is to celebrate events that occurred 2,300 years ago in Judea, which is now called Israel.

Over 2,000 years ago, in Judea, there lived a Syrian king called Antiochus. The king ordered Jewish people to reject their God, religion, customs, and beliefs to follow the Greek gods. Many obeyed but many resisted. One resister was named Judah Maccabee.

Judah and his four brothers formed an army and called themselves “Maccabees.” Maccabee means hammer. After three years, the army drove the Syrians out of Israel and reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem. The Maccabees then cleaned the building and removed all signs of the hated Greek symbols and statues. On the 25th day of Kislev, the temple was rededicated.

After they cleaned the temple, they lit the eternal light. The light, known as N’er Tamid, exists in every Jewish house of worship. Once lit, the oil lamp should never be extinguished.

Judah and his followers found only a tiny jug of oil that would last for a single day. They filled oil lamp with the small amount of oil. Miraculously, the oil lamp stayed lit for eight days.

Therefore, Jews celebrate Chanukah to mark the victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Temple. Chanukah lasts for eight days to honor the miracle of the oil. The word Chanukah means rededication.

The Chanukah menorah is called a Hanukiyah. It contains nine candleholders and eight candles for each night of Chanukah. The ninth candle is called the Shamash.

The Shamash is lit first and then used to light the other eight candles. The candles are placed in the Hanukiyah from right to left but lit left to right. This year the first Chanukah candle was lit at sunset Thursday, December 5.

Source: www.jewishpost.com

The Christmas Tree

The origin of the Christmas Tree, undecorated, began in Germany in the first half of the 700’s. British monk and missionary St. Boniface (born Winfrid in A.D. 680) was preaching a sermon on the Nativity to Germanic Druids outside the town of Geismar. In order to convince the Druids that the oak tree was not sacred, the “Apostle of Germany” felled one on the spot.

As it fell, it crushed every shrub and bush except for a small fir sapling. Boniface interpreted the fir’s survival as a miracle and concluded, “Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child.” Later Christmases in Germany were celebrated by planting fir samplings.

By the sixteenth century, fir trees were decorated to commemorate Christmas in Germany. The decoration hung at the time were “roses cut of many-colored paper, apples, wafers, gilt, sugar.”

Martin Luther, sixteenth-century Protestant reformer, first added lighted candles to a tree. Walking home from a sermon one morning, he was inspired by the stars twinkling among the evergreens. He recaptured the scene for his family by erecting a tree in the main room and wiring its branches with light candles.

The Christbaum, or “Christ tree,” was an established tradition by the 1700’s. The custom spread from Germany to other parts of Europe. It began in England through the influence of Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's German consort. Since he had decorated Christmas trees his entire life, he per.

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Student Surveys Opinions on Bookstore

by Caroline Ramkisson
Contributing Writer

Nova Southeastern University students complain that prices of books and other related materials at Nova Books are too high. Textbooks for classes at Nova are a requirement. The vast majority of professors use them during the courses and also give assignments directly from them.

I conducted a survey at the University's Undergraduate Center. This survey was designed to get the students' responses regarding their opinion on the prices of books at Nova Books, and what they think should be done to control the situation. I purposely distributed my survey to students individually; this way the opinion of one student would not affect that of another.

From the survey, eighteen out of twenty students agreed that the prices of textbooks at Nova Books are too high. I did not only want to get the views of full-time day students, but also older, working, career students. Of the thirteen career students in the survey, eleven also agree that the prices of books at Nova Books are too high.

Clearly, for ninety percent of students to think that prices of books are too high, then there must be some level of truth in it.

In addition, I tried to get input from students concerning their experiences in returning second-hand books. Of the students surveyed, half of them said they have tried to trade in their used books at Nova Books. Out of those ten students, eight strongly agreed that the prices the bookstore quotes for returning used books are extremely low.

One of the students said, "If you pay fiftyfour dollars for a book and get back five or ten dollars, that's not reasonable."

Other students said that they do not get back half of what the books are worth, even if they are in perfect condition. One of the students said that they found the same used textbook at another bookstore for ten dollars more for the same used book if they buy them next to nothing. Students strongly agreed that the sell back policy for used textbooks should be fair, and not only provide a benefit to the bookstore which is to earn high profits. As alternatives to buying books at the bookstore, some of the students who have the opportunity, buy the used books from other students. Others try another bookstore, and some borrow the books from friends who have previously completed the courses.

I wanted to further investigate the University's position on this issue. I contacted Mr. John Santulli, who is in charge of Business Services at the university, and the Associate Vice President for Administration.

Mr. Santulli told me that the university never had a bookstore on campus until 1992 when the Rosenthal building was converted to a student center. There was a need for an on-campus bookstore to serve the students. Petitions were made to the conventional large bookstores usually on university campuses, like Barnes and Noble.

However, they were not willing to invest in the refurbishing of the bookstore, nor in the shipping of books to students in cluster programs across the country, which accounts for more than half of Nova Southeastern University's students.

Nova Books, a small, privately owned bookstore in Davie, was familiar with the university's shipments to cluster program students, and was willing to invest in the new bookstore. As a result of this agreement, a contract was drawn up.

According to Mr. Santulli, about a year ago, the contract was modified because the addition of the Health Professions Department required the bookstore to have greater capacity. This expansion also required the university to extend the bookstore to accommodate the growth of the university.

However, Mr. Santulli said, "There is an affirmative obligation in the contract that requires the bookstore to price textbooks and related materials to be competitive with the other colleges and university bookstores in our general geographic area. We do not stipulate that [the bookstore] has to be the lowest, but the language does say very clearly that the bookstore has to be competitive."

This means that Nova Books has a legal obligation to sell the same texts as other universities at around the same prices. He also added that Nova Southeastern University periodically carries out a full-scale comparison of prices between Nova and other universities.

Mr. Santulli mentioned a double money back difference policy, which is interesting because I don't think many students are aware of it. He said that the bookstore, over time, has developed a policy where it guarantees the lowest price. If you go to another university within South Florida, and you buy the same textbook with the same publisher and edition for a lower price, the bookstore will take your book back. In addition to this, they will give you cash double the difference in prices. I strongly urge students to take advantage of this policy if prices here are much higher than at other universities.

I questioned Mr. Santulli about the policy the bookstore has regarding buying back used books. He said that he was not very familiar with that. He said that he is more familiar with the pricing strategy of new books, but not with used books. I told him about some of the cases where students have traded in their used books and received less than half the price they originally paid for the books when they were new. He was not aware of this, and said that he would look into it because he was curious as to what methodology the bookstore uses to price the books.

In spite of the students' views that the prices of books at Nova Books are too high, there is really nothing that can be done about it unless evidence shows a disparity in prices among similar universities. I would suggest that the campus newspaper, The Knight, conduct a comprehensive research, and compare the same books at different universities, instead of the haphazard work done for the article they published in the fourth issue (September twenty-five).

For the students, I would recommend trying other bookstores, buying from students, taking advantage of the "double money back policy," or borrowing the books from friends who have completed the courses. I would however, like to see the student government start up a book exchange program that would help students attain textbooks from other students.
Commuter Issue: Parker Student Lounge

by Michelle Bernard
Contributing Writer

Many NSU commuter students do not have anywhere to go on rainy days to stay dry and to get comfortable. These same students do not have anywhere to relax on hot summer days. Solution: commuter students should have a bigger lounge in the Parker Building. This would provide a relaxing atmosphere that is air conditioned and has a television and a microwave.

I surveyed eleven students outside Parker on this issue. Seventy-three percent of respondents were commuters and twenty-seven were residential students. Seventy-three percent said they wanted a bigger lounge in the Parker Building and twenty-seven percent disagreed. Therefore, the majority of the students liked to sit outside and relax, but on the condition that the weather is nice.

I asked the students if they felt comfortable going upstairs to the mini-lounge next to the 2nd floor elevator when it’s raining outside. Eighteen percent of the students said “yes,” seventy-three percent of the students said “no,” and nine percent said that it was “not applicable.”

Where do the seventy-three percent of the students go when it’s raining outside? Some said they go to their cars or sit in the hallways in the Parker Building.

Students pay a lot of money to go to this university. The least the university can do is provide a relaxing atmosphere for the commuter students.

The fourth question I asked was, are you aware that there is a mini-lounge on the 2nd floor of the Parker Building? Seventy-three of the students said “yes” and twenty-seven percent of the students said “no.”

The lounge upstairs in the Parker Building seats about eight people comfortably. I believe that we have a lot more than eight commuter students at this university. To make matters worse, the lounge upstairs in the Parker Building was bigger last year. The university made it smaller by putting an office there and taking up most of the space. That implies that the university cares more about office space than its students.

One-hundred percent of the students said that they would like a lounge in the Parker Building similar to the one in the Rosenthal Building.

For my last question on the survey, I asked, ‘Would you be willing to get a lounge in the Parker Building? Ninety-one percent of the students said that they would petition to get a lounge in the Parker Building and nine percent said that they wouldn’t petition. I feel that if the students pulled together and petitioned this issue, results would follow.

In doing some research on this topic, I interviewed Dr. Chris Childree. First, I asked her if she felt that there should be a bigger lounge in the Parker Building.

Dr. Childree responded by saying, “The university needs more facilities in order to create a bigger lounge in the Parker Building.”

She also said that we needed more classroom space. The professors that are in the trailers are moving into the Parker Building. In other words, some of these classes will be moved into offices.

Next, I asked Dr. Childree what steps one would have to take in order to get a bigger student lounge.

She responded by saying, “The University needs to build more classroom buildings before we can take steps to open another student lounge.”

I responded by asking her how long should students be expected to wait for a better place to relax, other than the outside of Parker Building and the upstairs student lounge. She obviously doesn’t know that some of us don’t have time to walk all the way over to the Rosenthal Building when all of our classes are in the Parker Building.

My next question asked if she would join the students in a petition to get a bigger student lounge. Ms. Childree said that there was no use in petitioning the issue because of the limited space.

My last question was, what measures have already been taken, if any, to improve the student lounge?

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DAnta Claus Stocking Stuffers

by Dan Illman
Sports Editor

Tis the season for giving, and no one is more generous than myself when it comes to delivering little trinkets to my favorite sports celebrities. So “On Dasher, On Prancer, On...the little guy with the red nose.” It’s time to fulfill the Christmas (and perhaps Hanukkah) wishes of our athletic idols.

To Jimmy Johnson: A team that is as consistent and unflappable as his oh-so-famous hair.

To Pat Riley: Same as above plus a bunch of injury-free guys, as the Heat has the makings of something special.

To Jim Leyland: Total control of the nine guys he sends out onto the field, and Alex Fernandez.

To Dan Marino: The same thing I’ve forgotten to give him for his entire career: a nice game.

To Tim Hardaway: A chance to prove that he is not just the “other” NBA Hardaway.

To Bobby Bonilla: A time machine set back to the late eighties.

To the entire Florida Panthers organization: Continued success and hard-nosed play.

To Dave Brown: Some guts and courage in the pocket.

To Dan Reeves: A reserved space at the front of the unemployment line, and some creativity.

To Rodney Hampton: A hook in which to hang up his spikes.

To Rich Kotite: What can you give the man who has everything?

To Lou Holtz: Anything but the New York Jets.


To John Elway: What elusive Super Bowl Ring.

To Tom Orlando: A healthy 1996, and a restful off-season so that he can achieve that elusive Super Bowl Ring next year.

To Leon Lett: Let’s make his next “trip” be to Oz. “If I only had a brain.”

To Michael Irvin: Danta gets you nothing this year, you naughty boy!

To Dennis Rodman: A smidgen of humility, and a completely bald look.

To Patrick Ewing: An NBA championship.

To Hakim Olajuwon: A 100% bill of health.

To Jeff Van Gundy and Matt Geiger: Hair.

To Danny Ainge: A year’s supply of lollipops cause you’re such a sucker for trying to turn things around in Phoenix.

To The New Jersey Nets: A one-way ticket to the CBA.

To Jim Leyritz: An opportunity to play everyday in California although you’ll always be an Angel to Yankee fans.

To Greg McMichael: Another identity, perhaps a “change-up” of his persona.

To Edgar Renteria: Continued improvement. Kid, you’re gonna be somebody, someday.

To Albert Belle: All the money you can get in Chicago. You’ll probably need it whenever an assault case comes up.

To Darryl Strawberry & Doc Gooden: A standing O.

To Steve Howe (and if he ever wants back into baseball): A standing NO.

To Frank Thomas: Your due. You’re the most underrated player in baseball right now.

To Evander Holyfield: His greatest victory: Retirement.

To Mike Tyson: Kevin Rooney and the fire that he’ll light under you.

To Don King: Major amount of shares in Velveeta. You’ll need that cheese to serve with your annoying whine.

To The Knights Soccer and Volleyball Teams: Congratulations on a fantastic year, and that little extra that will put you over the top next season.

To NSU Basketball Coach Tony McAndrews: Continued success in putting last year’s woeeful season behind you.

To NSU Volleyball Players Sherri Waddell & Vanessa Gutierrez: More trophy space. Sherri was named NAIA Southeast Region Player of the Year, while Vanessa was named to the Region Second Team.

To Mike Laderman, Mike Geringer, Patrick Smith, and Richard Deutsch: my heartfelt thanks and appreciation in contributing to the sports pages of The Knight.

To all out there, Danta Claus wishes you the merriest of Christmases, the happiest of Hannukahs and a joyous New Year. Happy Holidays!

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Should Athletics Bring Back Cheerleaders?

by Christie MacDonald
Associate Editor

The Department of Athletics would like to know if you, the students of NSU, would like to have cheerleaders return to our campus. The department wants to bring back cheerleaders only if it is the wish of the student body. Refer to the cover on how to vote on this issue.

Athletics, to encourage support, will give away numerous prizes at basketball games. One prize includes a $10,000 shot from 75 feet. Look for bulletins around campus for upcoming games and promotions.

Cheerleading ended at Nova in 1990, after Sandi Frances Katz fell and shattered her right ankle. Her injury required more than six operations. Katz argued that the school was negligent for not providing spectators during practices. In March 1992, a jury agreed with her argument and awarded her $470,000. Nova appealed the case but an appellate court upheld the award in August of 1993.

* Taken from the August 26, 1993 issue of the Sun-Sentinel.
Alpha Phi Omega at the Olympics
by Nick Moore
APO Fellowship Chair

Many will say they were at the Olympics. Birmingham. They will tell you about the little keepsakes of Izzy they bought at street vendors. Orlando. They will tell you of Michael Johnson and how he was “sensational” in the 400-meter dash. Washington D.C. They will tell you about the little keepsakes of that they were there when the bomb went off in Centennial Park. Atlanta.

But only six people from the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega can tell you what it was like to be inside the Olympics as Logistics staff. Davie.

As a group, Joel Natt, Tim Connelly, Mark Reyes, Kathy Klockziem, Neil Zallman, and Nick Moore were unstoppable. They worked with a formidable staff of over eighty people, including chefs, security, administration, logistics, Izzy, public relations, and a guy whose only job was to make sure there was enough Lemon-Lime Powerades and Cokes in stock for the thirsty athletes.

And the athletes were thirsty! Coming from countries with milder climates like Australia, China, Sweden, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and Ghana, they suffered under the brutal July sun, affected by the lack of rain created by Hurricane Bertha’s near-miss of the state. But they showed their determination to win the gold for their team and country. Each team went away knowing that they gave the best they could.

The intrepid six worked hard every day the site ran, from June 28 to July 31. Some took night shifts, and others took day shifts. All of them helped with unloading luggage into the International Zone. This zone was a large tent which doubled as entertainment and the Mayor’s office, and was sniffed by a security

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Winter Break is a GREAT time to “spruce up your job search!” This is your opportunity to take care of all of the details you need for job searching BEFORE graduation! Use this time to:

- Shop for interview clothes
- Get that new suit at holiday sale prices!
- Network with family and friends
- Gain career information and build your network!
- Discuss career goals and aspirations
- Get your “game plan” straight BEFORE the “crunch” begins!

Stop by the Career Resource Center in the Horvitz Administration Building before Winter Break for your FREE Winter Break “Job Search Survival Kit.”

Goffi, Young named FSC Players of the Year
by Mike Laderman
Sports Information Director

Nova Southeastern University men’s soccer standout Christian Goffi and women’s star Bev Young were both named respective Florida Sun Conference Players of the Year, and Rebecca Utter was honored as the conference’s women’s Coach of the Year, the FSC officially announced.

Goffi, a junior forward from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (Western High) rewrote the NSU men’s soccer record book this past season in leading the Knights to a 12-6-1 overall mark, the regular season crown, and a berth in the FSC men’s championship game. He set new NSU records for most goals in a season (27), most points in a season (60), most points in a game (12), and tied most goals in a game (5). Only on the team one season, Goffi’s incredible performance places him 2nd on NSU’s all-time goals scored list (behind Richard Carlsson, who set the mark of 50 between 1986-89).

Other Nova Southeastern men named First Team All-Conference were sophomore defender Jason Morris (Coral Springs, FL, Taravella High) and senior midfielder Eddy Mendez (Coral Springs, FL, St. Thomas Aquinas High). Three Knights also made Second Team All-Conference, including sophomore keeper Michael Rivera (Coral Springs, FL, Coral Springs High), sophomore defender Billy Ramos (Plantation, FL, Taravella High) and junior midfielder Warren Bloise (Montego Bay, Jamaica, Cornell College).

Young, a senior defender from Houston, TX (Elsik High) earned Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive season. She, too, led the Knights to the FSC regular season title and the FSC Tournament championship game. Young scored nine goals and recorded one assist for a team second-best 19 points. She led the team, however, with 3 game-winning goals in leading the Knights to a 9-8 record.

Four other NSU ladies were named to the All-FSC Team, including junior defender Carrie Templin (Plantation, FL, St. Thomas Aquinas), senior midfielder Reonne Cooper (Sangre Grande, Trinidad), senior defender Cathy Crain (East Springfield, NY, Cherry Valley Springfield Central High) and sophomore midfielder Cindy Ojeda (Miami, FL, American Senior High). Utter earned her award by coaching the Knights to a 7-1 record in FSC play this regular season. She is the second consecutive NSU women’s coach to capture the award (Akram Molaka captured it last season).

Department Dispatch
by Christie MacDonald
Associate Editor

Advising & Admissions
Student Admissions and Advising have moved from the Parker Building to the Mailman Building in rooms #200 and #250 respectively.

If you would like to give information on Nova to interested parties over the winter break, the admissions office would be happy to provide you with brochures. Remember, if someone turns in an application and mentions your name, you will receive a free admissions t-shirt. If he/she decides to enroll at Nova, you will receive a $100 gift certificate to the bookstore.

(Source: Jean Lewis, Director of Admissions)
Liberal Arts
Professor of English, Gordon, and Levitt provided a demonstration of Computers in the Humanities for the University’s Open House on Sunday, November 17.

(Source: Dr. Ed Stieve, Director of Liberal Arts)
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Leapfrog: Acceptance
by Clarissa Scott Martin
Contributing Writer

I want to
flutter,
fly free
soaring with
the wind roaring
in my ears.
Hearing the wingbeats of angels,
their softest
caresses a study in love.
My heart leaps with
flower-like innocent
ecstasy.
Honey is bitter
compared to the eye of God.

Hillel wishes you a
Happy Chanukah!

Poetry

Sorrow Song
by Christina Gay
Campus Life Editor

Death lurks
Just behind my eyes.
Age is learned
In the depth of sighs.
No one gathers
The extent of lies.
As the unborn child
Turns over and cries.

A gasping breath
Tells life’s end.
The barking dog
Betray his friend.
The truth of love
Is mine to lend.
The bridge to forever
Is yours to transcend.
Service Fraternity gets Gold

They moved huge five-gallon jugs from the water storage room to water dispensers, fueled the diesel generators twice a day, and ran odd jobs everywhere. Such jobs ranged from recycling cans and newspapers the lowest form of life.

Some, like Saudi Arabia, were glad to be gone from Goodwin, the residence hall for the teams. They had their luggage sniffed by Babe, which was considered an insult since Saudi Arabsians consider dogs to be the lowest form of life.

Despite the hardships and friendships they endured, these intrepid adventurers compiled over 600 hours of community service. All they wanted they got, from free meals to pins from the athletes to even those really cool admission passes. All in all, they considered the event a success.

Psychology Club Hosts Picnic for Covenant House

The most fulfilling part was the interaction between the Covenant House kids and the Psychology Club members, which was our purpose. Everyone just seemed to blend together very well.

We offered the kids a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs and delicious home-baked desserts. Boy, did they enjoy our spread! While everyone was filling up on the food, our members used this opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with some of the kids. The kids were willing to disclose a lot more of themselves because they felt we could relate to them without being judgmental. The Psychology Club members discussed beforehand how to be receptive to the kids and not pry or force any information from them.

After lunch we held a dance contest, which seemed to be everyone's favorite activity. Even our president and vice-president, Joanie and Denis, joined in on this event!

We gave out T-shirts and gift certificates to some of the winners and realized that there were so many excellent dancers that we have to get more T-shirts next year!

It turned out to be a wonderful day and we enjoyed this opportunity to contribute our knowledge to the community. We all really empathized with these kids. We also realized how fortunate we are to be students of Nova Southeastern who are able to provide a day of fun for the teens of Covenant House and make them feel special.
DR. CHILDREE GIVES OPINION ON LOUNGE ISSUE

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in supporting this issue? Ms. Childree said that there was once a lounge in a trailer but offices took it over.

My solution to this problem is to devote one classroom to the students for a lounge. I feel that if the university really cared about its students, it would help in solving this dilemma. One classroom would not hurt office space. Students pay too much to go to this school to be neglected. My next step in solving this problem would be to go to the President of the University and set up a meeting with him concerning this issue. I feel that I could probably get some results through him.

Origins of the Christmas Tree & Menorah

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suaded her to do the same.

Pennsylvania Germans began the Christmas tree custom in America. The diary of Matthew Zahm of Lancaster, Pennsylvania was the first to mention the Christmas tree in the New World on December 20, 1821.