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Students Choose New Constitution

by Nathan Burgess
Editor in Chief

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So what does this ratification mean to the students?

The NSUSGA, besides its stated purposes, acts as a liaison between the administration and the students. If you have a concern that needs to be administratively handled, whether it is academic, extra-curricular, or co-curricular the NSUSGA is there to serve you.

The new Constitution gives the students more representation in the NSUSGA.

The government is now officially divided into three separate branches: executive, legislative, and judicial.

The executive branch is composed of President, Vice President of Legislation, Vice President of Judiciary, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Director, and Campus Entertainment Director.

The Senate is elected by the student body. Each Senator represents a certain constituency. Each student has at least one Senator, and may vote for only those Senators that represent his or her constituency. The constituencies are as follows (the number in parenthesis indicates the number of Senators for that population): Freshman (2), International (2), Minority (2), Inter Organization Council (1), Nontraditional (1), Residential (1), Commuter (3), Athletic (2), Interfraternity (1), “NSU Recognized Sorority” (1). The VP of Legislative Affairs also sits on the Senate and acts as chair and presiding officer. The VP only votes in case of a tie in the Senate.

So what does this all mean? Simply, find out who your Senators are, and when voting occurs, vote for one. Then, when you have a problem, go to your Senator — he or she is there to represent you and your peers. Ask what happens at Senate meetings — they are representing your voice. What else can you do? Attend Senate meetings, ask your Senator when they are.

One change for the Judicial Branch is in the "Verdict and Judgment" section of the Constitution. The change requires a 2/3 vote of the High Court of Impeachment to have a finding of guilty. The Court can then sentence, “sanctions up to and including removal from office and permanent disqualification” from further office holding.

This marks the first time in a yearlong battle that the administration and the students have both approved of the new structure of the SGA. From here, we can continually refine it and change it as necessary. Got an idea... write your Senator.
I Found the Love of My Life From the Wellness Center Dating Game!
by Andrea Solheim
Campus Life Editor

Nova Southeastern University’s Wellness Center’s Dating Game has become a fun filled tradition during National Condom Awareness Week. On Friday, February 13, the Dating Game took place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rosenthal Building. The game involves one individual asking questions that might give answers that appeal to his or her interests. The individual asking questions, has no idea who is answering the questions except by “Bachelor number one, two, and three.” He or she asks a series of questions to each Bachelor and at the end of the questions he or she picks which Bachelor he or she wants. The match might not always turn out to be the best, but two years ago, it brought two people together who ended up being soul mates. Reagan Hughes and Matt Bennett participated in the dating game February 1996 and since then, they have been together and will get married in October of this year! So can these dreams come true for Helena Iouanna and Patrick Leonard, Carrie Hall and Rafael Ayar, Craig Goodman and Kim Carlson, and Louis Gittens and Ashley Hicks? Time will only tell! Until then, the Wellness Center started off the process with giving each couple a $50.00 gift certificate to the Maccaroni Grill. A special thanks goes out to all participants.

New Rules- Huge Apology
by Andrea Solheim
Campus Life Editor

On behalf of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority and Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, I would like to apologize to the student body at Nova Southeastern University. On February 7, 1998, Velvety Valentine IV was supposed to be a huge success, as it was in the past. This party has been a tradition on this campus since the Greek system was implemented on campus. Although it has always been open to all students on campus and even people off campus, this year the rules were changed. This is why the apology needs to take place. Since organizations were going by the rules set in the past, there was a different understanding of the invite list. Both organizations thought members could invite anyone they wanted.
by Kai Thorup
Contributing Writer

HEAL's (Health Education AIDS Liaison) first AIDS seminar since becoming a student organization at NSU was a resounding success. World-renowned scientist, Dr. Peter H. Duesberg, lectured to over 115 students and faculty in the Health Professions Division Central Auditorium on Friday, February 6th.

Duesberg, a professor of molecular and cell biology at the University of California at Berkeley, was the first scientist to map the genetic structure of retrovirus (the class of virus in which HIV belongs), earning him the title Father of Retrovirology. In 1968 he demonstrated that the genetic material of influenza virus was segmented. In 1970, he discovered the first cancer gene, which resulted in his election to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. He is also the recipient of a seven-year Outstanding Investigator Grant from the National Institutes of Health.


In his lecture, Duesberg demonstrates that AIDS meets none of the classic criteria of an infectious disease and, in fact, HIV meets all the criteria of a harmless passenger virus. He proposes that AIDS is actually being caused by recreational drugs and antiviral drugs like AZT, DDI, 3TC, and protease inhibitors that are supposed to combat HIV. He further explains that since AIDS is caused by toxic drugs not an infectious virus, then the clean needle and safe sex campaigns will do little to prevent AIDS.

Duesberg was not alone Friday night. Various scientists from around the world were in attendance to offer their support for his critique of the HIV/AIDS hypothesis.

From the University of California at Berkeley, Dr. David Rasnick, a developer of protease inhibitors (used in the new AIDS cocktail) for over twenty years, made an unexpected appearance and graciously offered to introduce his colleague, Dr. Duesberg.

Other scientists attending were Dr. Roberto A. Giraldo, independent AIDS researcher from the New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, previously of the University of London, and author of AIDS and Stressors;" Dr. Henri St. Fleur, a harsh critic of the HIV hypothesis.

Anyone interested in Dr. Duesberg's research can read his books, Infectious AIDS: Have We Been Misled, AIDS: The Good News is HIV Doesn't Cause It. The Bad News Is Recreational Drugs and Medical Treatments Like AZT Do, and Inventing the AIDS Virus. Copies of Friday night's lecture at NSU will be available for a donation of $12.00 through HEAL at 382-9995 or email: kai@thorup.com.

We're Sorry

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and it would be okay. We were wrong. The National Rule states if alcohol is at the party, there must be a list of invited guests, and names cannot be added at the door. This rule was implemented because if anything were to ever happen, the sorority and fraternity can be held responsible. This is for the well-being of the student body. Both organizations would have abided by these rules, had we known of the change. We apologize to the student body of Nova Southeastern that this change affected you. Just know that both Theta Delta Chi and Delta Phi Epsilon wanted to provide this party for the student body for an opportunity to have a little fun on campus rather than off. We hope you all can understand, and we will make the change.

Despite the new rule causing a conflict, we want to take the time to thank the people that came to Velvet Valentine IV! Starting at 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., there was non-stop dancing, eating, drinking, and socializing. Thanks goes out to the social chairs in both organizations. The party was still a success!
HIV TEST: ARE WE REALLY POSITIVE?

by Kai Thorup
Contributing Writer

People are constantly being told they should test themselves for HIV, and why not? It certainly seems like the responsible thing to do if you have been sexually active. But are these tests reliable?

If you pose this question to a doctor who is administering the HIV test, chances are you will be answered with a confidence "yes!" If you press for specifics, you will quickly learn the two HIV antibody tests, the ELISA and Western Blot, are 99.9% accurate.

Well, that certainly sounds comforting... or does it?

Consider this. Baye's Law is a principle of statistics everyone with grade school math skills can understand. It simply states: When you use any test in a population with a low incidence of a disease, you will have a large number of false-positives because no test is perfect.

A false-positive is when the results of the test show you have the disease when, in actuality, you don't. This is particularly dangerous with HIV test because if the test shows you are positive for HIV antibodies, this usually is considered the same as a death sentence.

Now, let's apply Baye's Law to HIV. According to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) statistics, the percentage of the population predicted to be HIV infected is 0.006% based on the screening of the U.S. blood supply. This number applied to a population of 100,000 people would mean there are 6 people with HIV in every 100,000 people:

100,000 X 0.006% = 6

If the HIV are 99.9% accurate, this means they are also .06% inaccurate. If the same 100,000 people were tested, the number of false-positives would look like this:

100,000 X .01% = 100

That is 100 false positives for every 6 true positives!

If we let the accuracy of these tests slip to just 99%, as is sure to happen with the new home test kit, then we have 1,000 false-positives to every 6 true-positives!

These numbers are frightening and yet people are still encouraged to test themselves.

So, if you are considering testing yourself for HIV, please keep these figures in mind. Besides, why test? The test only detects antibodies to the virus, not to the virus itself and there is no precedent in science where a disease only occurs after antibodies are made against it; but that is a story for another time.

For more information about this and other AIDS issues, please contact HEAL (Health Education AIDS Liaison) at NSU by email: kay@thorup.com or by phone 382-9995

Responses to the HIV TEST Article

by Regina Chen, PA-C
Contributor Writer

As to your article. Well, while I agree with the basic premise, that all testing has an error factor involved and that false positive results increases as prevalence decreases, what is the alternative? True, while a positive test result for HIV (true or false) has tremendous implications, the alternative is not knowing, which has greater negative implications. This is why confirmatory testing is essential, and why a DIAGNOSIS of HIV positive is not given based on a single, non-confirmatory test result. There are more sophisticated tests with almost no false positives - culture, PCR, etc, which looks for actual virus. They are more difficult to perform, and cost prohibitive for general screening purposes. So, my bottom line is this. While the author’s point is valid, he does not propose any alternative, let alone a reasonable one. The implications of HIV disease in general is great. It is compounded if fear and panic regarding screening modalities drives people away from testing, especially when we know that the best way to lessen the impact of the disease is to prevent transmission, and you cannot be doing that effectively if you are: 1) ignorant, and 2) scared.

by Angel Sanchez
Associate Editor

To begin, I would like to say that not everyone donates blood - as a matter of fact, the blood banks across the nation are always asking - almost begging - for people to donate blood because they are always low. Therefore, one cannot estimate the HIV population in the United States see ASSOCIATE on page 8

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**Conflict In Iraq**

*by Mikkel Escartin*

*Contributing Writer*

Seven years after the Gulf War, the U.S. may be entering yet another war. Washington’s alleged reason this time - Iraq’s non-compliance to the United Nations’ resolutions. However, the key word here is the United Nations. If it is the United Nations’ resolution that is being broken, shouldn’t the United Nations decide what the consequences should be? Not according to President Clinton and his British counterpart- Tony Blair. Both countries have in the past weeks built up their military presence in the Gulf area.

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**Executive Board Suspended**

*by Nathan Burgess*

*Editor in Chief*

Innocence ended on 22 February at 4:30 p.m. when the NSUSGA (Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association) High Court of impeachment reconvened for a final time to deliberate and deliver its final verdict in the impeachment hearing of the NSUSGA Executive Board.

The High Court had suspended all proceedings until the NSUSGA Constitution could be ratified. The constitution was ratified less than 72 hours before in a general referendum.

All defendants were found guilty of the charges against them. The vote on the verdict passed 7-0 on each article for each defendant.

Tim Connelly, President, is suspended until the end of his term in the first week in April, shall receive a letter of condemnation authored by the Student Action Committee, but shall be allowed to continue to serve on the Dean’s Search Committee. High Court vote 7-0.

Alyson Dion, VP of Judicial Affairs, is suspended until 16 March. High Court Vote 7-0.

Nick Catalfamo, Secretary, is suspended until 16 March, and shall have a letter of condemnation written to him as well. High Court Vote 6-1.

Sola Kotun, Treasurer, is suspended until 16 March, and shall have a letter of condemnation written to her. High Court Vote 6-1.

Kate Moore, Director of Campus Entertainment, is suspended until 16 March, and shall have a letter of condemnation written to her. High Court Vote 6-1.

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**Arts & Entertainment**

The Center for Jungian Studies of Southeast Florida presents: The Way of the Dream - March 21st & April 18th at Lynn University, Boca Raton

**Press Release**

“We dream our questions, our difficulties. When we reach an impasse where there seems no way out, we should seek the facts provided by dreams.”

C.G. Jung

World renowned psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung discovered that, through dreams, people awaken to who they really are. Yet few people ever explore the sometimes bizarre world they journey into every night.

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Here in South Florida for the first time in over ten years is the authoritative film series on the meaning of dreams: *The Way of the Dream*. A professional film crew led by Canadian producer Fraser Boa (Midnight on the Orient Express) traveled over 25,000 miles filming ordinary people telling their dreams - how they fly, kill, make love, laugh, scream and do things no one dares to mention.

Their screenings and discussions will take place at Lynn University in Boca Raton on March 21st and April 18th. The cost to attend both days is $150; a student rate is available for those with a valid identification. Continuing education credits (CEU’s) will be offered for psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors.

For further information and registration, please call (954) 527-5667.
B-Ball Highlights

by Kristen Phass
Sports Editor

January 31st brought Nova Southeastern University to a 73-62 win over Florida Memorial College. This Florida Sun Conference regular season game gave Charlie Maison an opportunity to shine while scoring 22 points over Flo M, 10-of-19 from the field. Maison also added 10 rebounds (5 offensive, 5 defensive), and 1 block shot to his record.

Robert Robinson contributed to the win with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Chad Bobik came through with 11 points and 1 steal. Jeff Payanis was all over the court in every aspect of the game scoring 9 points, and contributing 12 assists, 4 steals, and 3 rebounds to the win.

Nova Southeastern now stood at 11-14 overall, and 4-4 in the Florida Sun Conference.

The following game gave Flagler a chance to redeem themselves after their 82-81 loss to NSU on January 24. By the time the game was over it was Nova:1, Flagler:1. Flagler College defeated the Knights 71-67 on February 6, not to say that the Knights didn’t put up a fight for this game. Sherard Hernandez led NSU with 21 points, 9-of-13 from the field, and 9 rebounds. Robinson scored 14 points with 6 rebounds and 1 block shot, and Bobik added 10 points to the game.

On the defensive end of things was Troy Railisback with 5 rebounds and 4 assists, while Jeff Payanis had 10 assists.

Florida Memorial here we come again!!!! February 10th brought NSU back to face Flo M...yet again. Little did they know that Nova would come out on top...yet again. Chad Bobik passes to Robert Robinson who makes the layup which would seal the win in the last 21 seconds of the game. THE CROWD GOES WILD!!!!!

NSU should have made a special effort to thank Florida Memorial for their help and carelessness after missing a 3-pointer, a layup, and a free throw all in the last, and most crucial, minute of the game.

Robert totalled 12 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 assists. The top scorer in this game was Hernandez with 20 points, 10-for-10 from the free throw line, 1 block, and 2 assists. Andy Platt also came through with 10 points and 2 steals. The win v. Florida Memorial College left NSU with an overall record of 12-16, and 3-6 in the Florida Sun Conference.

World News

However, it is unclear this huge waste of tax payers’ money will have much more of a positive effect than that of taking away publicity from Clinton and Lewinski’s alleged sexual relationship.

Indeed, this Anglo-American stand off with dictator Sadam Hussein has spilled near disaster for the United States’ foreign policy in the past weeks. Three fifths of the United Nations Security Council is against these proposed attacks. Also opposing a possible military strike are the United States’ former allies during the Gulf War—including France, Italy, Saudi Arabia and most of the Arab League nations. All these countries prefer to continue a diplomatic dialogue to mend the fragile situation. Actually, less than a dozen countries in the world are in favour of such a proposed military strike.

Even if there where a military strike by the two nations mentioned above, what would they strike and what would they achieve? The United States has already made it clear that its intentions are not to get rid of Sadam Hussein. Would the Anglo-American powers strike at any of the 68 installations in the presidential residences now opened up to international observers?

Even if the United States possesses the most modern of all weapons, how are the U.S. and Great Britain going to destroy the alleged Iraqi lethal weapons that even the spy satellites, that have the ability to read a car’s number plate, have not been able to locate? Even if Iraq does have weapons of mass destruction (like probably all other nations in the world), it seems unlikely that these pose a real threat, except for its own citizens. However, this is another story that only a few people want to remember or care about......
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Associate Editor Responds

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from information released by the blood banks.

Furthermore, a 99.9% accuracy test for HIV is better than not testing at all. I would rather take an HIV home test and have a 0.01% chance to be infected with HIV without knowing it than to continue with my life until it is too late to seek for treatment, or worse infect my love one.

Most importantly, antibodies are very essential in detecting any virus or disease because one of the first ways that the body defends itself is by making antibodies against the virus. This will allow the body to build an immune response to the virus when it attacks one's body at a later time.

Since the HIV virus is part of the retrovirus family, it does not allow the body to make an antibody that will effectively work against it - the fact that antibodies are present shows that the virus is within one's system, thus it proves that there is a risk if being HIV positive.

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