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Judge, Jury and Executioner
- SGA Impeaches Former Judicial V.P.

By Angel E. Sanchez
Editor in Chief

Two impeachment trials in two years, the NSUSGA has been extremely busy. In a twenty-minute trial, nine senators decided the fate of an already resigned student government officer.

Six Senators, Arik Chellew, Jared Tacher, Danny Flynn, Debbie Baker, Chris Hannon, and Chris Blackwell charged Alyson Dion, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, with 8 charges. See the sidebar for a direct excerpt from their written complaint delivered to the Organizational Standards Board (OSB).

Despite Dion's absence, the OSB made a decision to proceed with the impeachment. Dion resigned from her position to avoid a full trial. This decision raised questions about the due process and the allegations against Dion.

Before the trial, Dion had the opportunity to present her case and respond to the charges. The trial was conducted in a closed meeting, and Dion was given the opportunity to attend and contest the charges.

During the trial, Dion's attorneys presented her defense, and the Senate members listened to the evidence. After the presentation, the senators deliberated and voted on guilt or innocence over the charges.

After hearing all the evidence, the senators decided in favor of Dion's innocence on four charges. However, the Senate voted to impeach Dion on four other charges.

The impeachment process was detailed in the NSUSGA's Constitution, and Dion had the right to a fair trial. Despite this, the Senate's decision went against her, mandating her removal from her position.

Dion's resignation was voluntary, and her challenge to the Senate's actions continued. She took her case to extrajudicial means, filing a complaint with the Judge of the Judicial Branch.

The Judge of the Judicial Branch is an independent entity, responsible for reviewing cases and ensuring fair and proper procedures. Dion was granted this opportunity to appeal the Senate's decision, and the Judge's review is ongoing.

The Senate's decision to impeach Dion is not final without the Judge's determination of its constitutionality and fairness. The case is pending further action, and Dion has the right to appeal the Senate's decision in the appropriate judicial forum.
Clubs and Organizations

Alpha Phi Omega
This organization is a national co-ed service organization. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in The Flight Deck, second floor of the Rosenthal Student Center. Please contact Meredith Shapiro by e-mail at shapirom@polaris.nova.edu or apo@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

Beta Theta Pi
This organization is a social fraternity dedicated to the cultivation of the intellect, unsullied friendship, and unfaltering fidelity. Plus, we are the coolest! Contact us at beta@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

Delta Phi Epsilon
This organization is a national sorority. Contact dpe@polaris.nova.edu for general information, or Melissa at hellermm@polaris.nova.edu for rush information.

Free Movies
All of your favorite movies are playing in The Flight Deck Movie Theater every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 p.m. Visit The Flight Deck or call 262-7288 for movie releases.

Inter-Organizational Council (IOC)
Meetings are held every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. in The Flight Deck’s green room. Contact Chris at blackwel@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVC)-for Graduates
Meetings are held every Thursday at 9 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Kayla at 262-6598.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVC)-for Undergraduates
Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in The Flight Deck and Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the Goodwin Residence Hall in the East Lounge on the 3rd Floor. Please contact Jessica at riveraj@polaris.nova.edu, or Justin at kuruvill@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

N.A.T.U.R.E.
Meetings are held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in The Flight Deck conference room. Contact Angelique at nixonang@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association (NSUSGA) Senate
Meetings are held every Sunday in The Flight Deck’s red room at 2:30 p.m. Please contact Paul at wisiensk@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

1998 Fall Leadership Symposium is a Success

By Louis Gittens
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, October 17, 1998, the NSUSGA Leadership Development Committee held their first Fall Leadership Symposium. The goal of the symposium was to help students develop leadership skills related to “Juggling College Life.”

The morning began with a brief activity that dealt with an introduction of each participant. Brad Williams, the Director of Student Life, started off the first interactive learning activity which taught us how to juggle with scarves, then tennis balls.

The next activity involved “group juggling,” and participants were divided into three groups. The main objective of the activity was to maintain handling as many tennis balls as possible without dropping them. The final activity, the “prisoner’s dilemma,” allowed students to work as a group, while learned how to understand and process other’s opinions and needs. All activities dealt with time management, effective communication skills, trust, group decision-making, taking risks, and learning how to place limits.

The second part of the symposium included the Adventure Learning Ropes Course at BCC. This allowed the attendees to implement the ideas stressed in the earlier portion of the day. The day closed with a big risk taking task: walking a tight rope thirty-five feet above ground. Attendees described the day as “well worth while,” “the best learning experience they have had at any leadership conference,” and “very powerful information.”

The participants included members from the Pre Med Society, the Psychology Club, NATURE, Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega, Theta Delta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and the NSUSGA. In addition, there were several other attendees who were not part of an organization at NSU.

The Leadership Development Committee is open to any undergraduate activity fee paying student interested in contributing ideas and time into future leadership events. Contact Louis at gittensl@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

Toys for Tots

By Fran Baldasare
Contributing Writer

Help make a child’s holiday season special by donating a new, unwrapped toy and become eligible to win a Nova Bucks in the process! Anyone can participate including students, faculty, or organizations. Individuals who donate a toy are entered into a drawing to win 250 Nova Bucks. Organized groups such as clubs, organizations, residents of a particular floor, et cetera, compete to donate the most toys; the group that donates the most earns 1000 Nova Bucks. Each organized group must donate a minimum of 5 toys to be eligible.

Toys will be accepted until December 4, 1998, and can be dropped off in the Campus Volunteerism Office located on the second floor of the Rosenthal Student Center. Call the Campus Volunteerism Office at 262-7290 for more information.
Free CPR Classes Offered
By Aysen Gurrea
Contributing Writer

Ever want to learn how to give mouth-to-mouth without getting slapped? The Pre-Med Society is sponsoring FREE CPR classes to all faculty, staff, students, or any guests who would like to learn CPR. Training dates are on November 8, November 14, and November 21. These free classes, staffed by certified CPR instructors, are being held in the Parker Science Annex 6 from 9 a.m. until around 5 p.m. The same material will be covered all three days, so you only have to attend once to gain certification. For more information contact Aysen at (954) 262-3110.

The Wellness Center’s Smart Drink Off
By Vanessa Leret
Contributing Writer

Undergraduate students got together on Thursday, October 22nd, to celebrate National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week with the Smart Drink contest that has become a campus tradition over the last five years. Eleven teams competed this year to make the tastiest “smart drink.” Each drink was made of a wide variety of ingredients with no rules and no limitations... except no alcohol. Some of the ingredients in these drinks were as sweet as Oreo cookies to as sour as Tabasco sauce! Drinks were judged on four different categories including originality, taste, appearance, and creativity of the name. There were four smart drinks in this year’s competition. The third runner up was the “Witches’ Brew,” made by Steve Warrick and a group of resident advisors. The second runner up was the “Cherry Popper,” by Mame Graden and a second team of resident advisors. The first runner up was the very “Sinful Desire,” made by Alison Dion and the Cross Country Women’s team. Finally, this year’s winning smart drink was the “Kiss of Mint,” made by Sherrie Helms and the staff from the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center, however, gave the T.G.I.Friday’s gift certificates to the other winning teams. The event was lots of fun and a great success. The Wellness Center thanks all of the people who were involved and looks forward to next year’s competition.

A Helping Hand
By Maysel Correa
Contributing Writer

Nova Southeastern University and the S.C.O.R.E. Program are working with the San Martin Zoological Gardens in Ecuador to raise donations for the care of injured wildlife at the Zoological Gardens. The San Martin Zoological Gardens is a non-profit organization located in Banos, Ecuador, about four hours from the capital city of Quito. The Zoological Gardens cares for injured and neglected wildlife in the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest Region. The zoo’s mission is to educate the public about the native wildlife, conserve species and rehabilitate injured animals. The Gardens has over 100 species of birds and animal in its care.

The Zoological Gardens is in need of donations of medical supplies and money to help treat and rehabilitate the injured wildlife. Our hope is to raise enough money so that a U.S. Veterinarian can be sent to Ecuador to care for and examine the animals in the Garden. If you are interested in donating medical supplies or money to this project, please contact Dr. Barker at (954) 262-8303.

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Once is Too Much

By Ben Levy
Contributing Writer

The month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Nova Southeastern University along with Hillel and other local organizations conducted events to promote awareness, honor survivors, and remember those who did not survive battles of domestic violence. The Office of Residential Life at Nova took part in three projects to promote the fight against domestic violence.

On Friday, October 16, 1998, Hillel and Residential Life sponsored a shabbat dinner. All students were invited to come and learn about the Jewish shabbat. The highlight of the evening was a speech given by Jay Leen, a survivor of domestic violence. She spoke about her personal struggle, the need for an end to domestic violence. She also presented facts and answered questions. She said, “If one woman is abused, it is too much. It should never happen.”

A traveling exhibit, referred to as the clothesline project, was exhibited at the dinner held in the Law School Atrium. The following week Goodwin Residence Hall housed the exhibit. This clothesline contained T-shirts made by survivors, expressing their emotions involved with their violent situations.

On Monday, October 19, 1998, a county-wide event known as “Light a Fire, Share a Vision,” was held in honor of all the people previously involved with domestic violence. This event, sponsored by Women in Distress, Jewish Women International, and the Domestic Violence Council, first gathered at the Broward County Courthouse. As the event progressed, notable members of the county, such as the Chief Judge, Senator, District Attorney of Broward County, and Presidents of all the organizations involved, spoke about their personal efforts towards the fight against domestic violence. The day commenced at the Women in Distress clinic where the voices of survivors were heard. Children victims, as well as women, spoke on their personal battles and the necessity for such atrocities to be stopped. The gay chorus of Broward County chanted beautifully as a candle was lit for each person that died from abuse, every person affected by abuse, and every person that has not had the courage to come forth and confront their battle with abuse. There are so many victims that they ran out of candles.

At Goodwin Residence Hall, a table was set up for the past week with information about domestic violence. In Broward County a case of domestic violence occurs every 30 seconds. Domestic Violence accounts for approximately 35% of all homicides. At Goodwin Residence Hall, a table was set up for the past week with information about domestic violence. In Broward County a case of domestic violence occurs every 30 seconds. Domestic Violence accounts for approximately 35% of all homicides.

P.A.S.A.

By Keisha McCarthy
Student Government Editor

The Pan-African Student Association (P.A.S.A) is one of the first clubs formed at Nova. Previously called Nova Black Student Association, PASA has been at Nova for the past twelve years and is an extension of the Florida African Student Association (F.A.S.A). PASA’s aim is to encourage political and economic awareness, along with cultural and community awareness and academic standards.

In the past, PASA has been active both on and off-campus. Some events sponsored by PASA include step shows, gospel extravaganzas, pajama jams, marches, cleaning up the Davie community, tutoring for the Boys Scouts of America and cultural food fairs.

PASA meetings generally start with libations, a drink offering ritual in which water is poured on a plant in memory of a past ancestor. Although most of the members in PASA are of African decent, the club welcomes all ethnic groups and is geared toward cultural diversification.

Voting and the majority rules make decisions in PASA. Meetings are held on Tuesday at 5:15pm in the reception room of the Flight Deck. However, every other week the executive board of PASA meets to make decisions and plan upcoming PASA events. This meeting is usually a closed meeting.

Members of PASA must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.3 on a 4.0 scale. The clubs current President is Tamara Sands and the advisor is Miss Boyd.

Is Everyone at Risk for AIDS?

By Kai Thorup
Contributing Writer

Every day in the news we are bombarded with frightening new AIDS statistics. Each story meant to keep the public abreast of the latest group of people most at risk, but are these statistics reliable? Upon closer examination, these stories contradict one another and leave the reader more confused than ever.

On July 23, 1993, the New York Times reported the two groups most at risk for contracting AIDS were homosexuals followed by infants at a close second. However, just a few months later on January 6, 1994, they claimed homosexuals and IV drug users were most at risk.

On January 4th of the same year, Reuters reported people between the ages of 18 to 25 to be the “highest risk.” Meanwhile, on January 10th, the San Francisco Chronicle chose people over 50 as their highest risk group.

Also in January, the largest risk group was young women according to the Washington Post. A change from their report a few months earlier on July 11th, 1993. At that time, it was heterosexual IV drug users and their partners.

The list goes on. On July 20, 1993, the Washington Post claimed teens were most at risk and on July 29th, 1993, it was young women. In November, 1993, Nation’s Health reported that criminals in prisons were most at risk and the Philadelphia Inquirer said it was “heterosexuals - especially black and Hispanic women.”
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Soccer Drives This Man

By Salina Vavia
Sports Editor

The sport soccer runs deep in senior Christian Goffi’s heart. His passion started when he played soccer in the streets of Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the age of five. He did not play organized soccer until he came to the States at twelve.

Starting organized soccer at twelve years old is almost considered late in the United States, when parents are filling teams with players who are only six years old. Goffi’s “late start” hardly affected his development as a soccer player because he is now considered one of Nova Southeastern University’s, as well as the Florida Sun Conference’s, top forwards.

Goffi, from Weston, Florida, is the leading scorer for Nova Southeastern University’s Men’s soccer team. At the beginning of the season, a “Goffi Watch” (appropriately named by Nova Southeastern University’s Sport Information Director Mike Laderman) that would count down the goals until Goffi would break the record (50) for the most career goals. He has since surpassed the record at 51 goals as of 10-28-98.

Goffi is a very strong competitor who keeps challenging himself at every practice and every game. He knows what keeps him focused, himself; “I’m inspired mostly by myself, no matter how good or mediocre I play, I know I can do better. That is all I need to motivate me,” explains Goffi.

Realizing he controls his potential as a soccer player, Goffi has a very powerful personality on the field; however, off the field he is very soft spoken and polite. “On the field, I am a completely different person than off the field. I guess it is the thrill of competition, along with personal challenges that I keep putting on myself.”

Thus, the pressure to score has not been negative. “Being the leading soccer scorer for the team is an interesting responsibility. I am expected to score and when I don’t, I’m not doing my job,” Goffi continues by adding, “That kind of pressure is loaded on my shoulders every game... but that pressure is the most exciting part of the game. It is what keeps me coming back for more.”

As all team players do, Goffi recognizes his teammates. “Everything I’ve accomplished was made possible by my teammates, without them, there would be no me.”

As far as team goals, Goffi states, “we set very high goals, mainly because we know we have a good team and we can play with anyone at any given time and have a good chance to win.” For immediate goals, the squad hopes to win their conference, followed by the regional tournament and end up with Nova’s first-ever appearance at the National Tournament. For Goffi’s personal goals, “I know that this team was good before I got here, and I’m sure it will continue to be good when I’m gone. I’m just happy that we are now a great team, and I am a big part of it,” says Goffi.

As a senior, this is Goffi’s last year playing soccer at the college level. Is he done after this season? No, “In the future, I hope to keep playing soccer professionally either in the U.S. or elsewhere. If not, I’ll have my CIS (Computer Information Systems) degree to fall back on,” explains Goffi.

Go watch Goffi and Nova’s soccer team play at a high level of competition. Hopefully, they will accomplish all of their goals and earn themselves a bid to the big dance, the National Tournament.

She’s Got Game

By Salina Vavia
Sports Editor

Mandi Adams (sophomore from Coconut Creek, Florida) is the leading scorer for Nova Southeastern University’s Women’s soccer team this season. While Mandi is very proud of her successes, she does not forget about her teammates. “Leading scorer is a nice title to work towards and have, but I know, and the team knows, it takes a team effort to score not just an individual effort,” states Adams.

Adams has been playing soccer for over ten years. Her dad encouraged her when she was ten to play. “He started coaching a small team of neighborhood girls. He continued coaching us until I was eighteen.” Although her dad is no longer coaching her on a team, he is still a big part of her life. “He has always played a huge role in continuing my interest in soccer, by keeping me focused on what I need to accomplish,” adds Adams.

Her inspiration starts at home. “My family has always been extremely supportive. My mom and dad have both fueled my competitive drive to play soccer,” Adams continues by saying, “Especially my dad, who helps me prepare mentally and focus on what I need to accomplish during a game.”

Her personal goal for this season is to continue to improve her tactical skills and technical skills, so she can contribute to the team. As far as team goals, Adams says that her goal for the team would be, “...to continue to work hard together and focus all our energy and heart on winning conference, Regionals, and then advancing to the NAIA final four.”

Another important aspect to Adams’ focus is that she notices what will help the team be more successful. “With our team’s character and chemistry, we have no boundaries. We have talent, players, and heart to be number one in the nation,” stresses Adams.

Her strong character determines her abilities on and off the field. Her future is as just as important to her as soccer is. She knows what she wants to do when she graduates. “I’m majoring in Education, but eventually I want to receive my masters in Speech Pathology. I don’t want to jump right into a career after I graduate, I’d rather travel for a while, see what I’ve been missing,” Adams says.

Adams and team are having a successful season thus far. Go out and support your Women’s soccer team!
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Fraternity Member Reports Hazing

By Angel Ali
Contributing Writer

"In keeping with its commitment to a positive environment, Nova Southeastern University has unconditionally opposed any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule." This is the anti-hazing statement at Nova and in the six years since the initiation of Greek Life at the university, it has been upheld. Until this past September that is, when one member of a fraternity came forward with allegations of hazing.

A former pledge of the fraternity Theta Delta Chi reported hazing to the Office of Greek Affairs sometime last month. Due to confidentiality, Ruth Bosch, Assistant Director of Student Life for Student Development, would not release the name of the individual or exactly what had taken place. She did state, "No physical abuse or violence of any kind took place."

Hazing can range from subtle mental or physical abuse to dangerous and even life threatening situations. From 1986 to 1994, twenty-four deaths in the U.S. were attributed to hazing. Interestingly enough, hazing is not a newly emerging problem. Although in recent years reports of hazing have increased, it originated along with Greek life in the 1800's. In fact, the first reported death due to hazing was in 1873. And while reactions to hazing date back to its founding, it was not until the 1940's that universities publicly acknowledged the growing epidemic. Numerous forms of abuse and harassment have been documented through the years. Hazing may include a variety of acts ranging from insults and beatings to drug and alcohol abuse. Alcohol abuse has been a factor in approximately 97% of investigated acts of hazing.

Hazing has and continues to be a major concern for students and parents across the nation. It is, however, one outstanding problem in an otherwise beneficial establishment. Through fraternities and sororities, Greek chapters have played a major role in university life. Their notions of brotherhood and sisterhood have promoted unity and instilled confidence while, in many cases, producing lifelong friendships. They have encouraged leadership and commitment in school as well as in the community and have provided numerous opportunities for involvement and participation for their members. Many of the annual events at NSU and are organized by fraternities or sororities. Mr. Nova Knight, for instance, which took place a few weeks ago was put on by Delta Phi Epsilon and preparations for the upcoming Halloween Party are being organized by Beta Theta Pi.

Theta Delta Chi was founded by Union College in October of 1847. It has been recognized for numerous achievements such as being the first fraternity to publish a magazine as well as the first to adopt colors. Fraternity leader Charlie Miller refused to comment on the reported incident, which occurred in Student Life and was investigated shortly after it was brought to attention. After an investigation, the fraternity readily admitted to the allegations. Currently, the Greek judicial process is underway to decide how the matter will be handled. Guilty parties may be verbally warned or required to attend workshops. In more severe cases, suspension and expulsion may ensue.

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Congrats to Theta Delta Chi’s New Members

Nick Claudio
Doug Grosso
Tommy Harris
Travis Hensley
Brian Korus
Eric Mikolitch
Scot Roseman
Shane Solheim
David Webb

Megan Connors
Alexis Ekberg
Allison Feen
Megan Greenberg
Meredith Millman
Tina Politis
Carolyn Qubeck
Tara Stankiewicz
Christa Witter
Lucia Pantoja
Marya Kosenkov

The friendships and memories you have made will last a lifetime and the best ones are yet to come.
Hazing

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bally warned or required to attend workshops. In more severe cases, suspension and expulsion may ensue. In any case, hazing defies Nova’s Hazing Statement as well as the Student Code of Conduct and sanctions will undoubtedly be imposed.

Domestic Abuse

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emergency room visits by women with injuries. Battering accounts for one-fifth of all medical visits by women each year. Nationally, 75% of battered women say that their children are also battered. How many people have to suffer?

This is an issue that has been prevalent for many, many years. It is only now that people have the strength and support to pursue better lives for themselves.

A special thanks needs to go to the following people that have supported and been involved with these events: Hillel, Women in Distress, Jay Leen, Residential Life, Melinda Luccanese, Theta Delta Chi, and The Knight Newspaper.

Charges

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ticipation in Student Government.

8. The Vice-president Judicial uses her position as chair of the Organizational Standards Board to examine matters that are the concern of other branches of the NSUSGA. For example, making rules that make certain events (Captiva) count as missed meetings. We feel that new rules are the prerogative of the Legislative Branch, and as such, should only become a concern for the Judiciary upon question by the Senate as to whether, or not, any new rule that passes meets the requirements of the Constitution.

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Inside Nova's House
By Keisha McCarthy
Student Government Editor

The meeting of the Senate on October 11, commenced at 2:35 with the usual roll call. Important issues discussed during this meeting included Student Action's success with Restaura. Beginning October 12, 1998 Restaura will be open for lunch from 11 am to 2pm on a permanent basis. Restaura will also be open for dinner for a two week trial period beginning October 12, between 5:00 to 8:00pm. If successful it is understood that the dinner hours will be maintained.

The spotlight of the Senate meeting, however, was Homecoming. Homecoming will be held from November 5 to 7. On the fifth there will be raft racing in the Golden Circle Lake behind The Administration Building from 5:30 to 9:30pm. On 6th there will be bed races and donkey basketball races. Attendance is free. Homecoming will end with a semiformal dance held at the Embassy Suite on 17th Street Causeway in Fort Lauderdale. The dance will commence at 9:00pm and ends at 1:00am. Tickets for the dance are available at the Student Life Office. The cost for each ticket is twenty dollars. Advertisements for homecoming will be aired on Power 96.5 and WNSU 88.5. Ads will also be in The Knight Newspaper and posted around campus.

Other issues discussed during the meeting included the resignation of Sorority Senator, Vanessa Laret for personal reasons. With the fall semester halved and two full semesters ahead the financial budget is currently $17049.17.

During open forum an advisor addressed the Senate about a freshman student who wrote an essay for her Journey class lamenting on how unhappy her experience at Nova has been. However, commuter Senator Brad Fatout quickly guaranteed that he would personally see to it that this student becomes more welcomed and comfortable while at Nova.

There were no reports from the Public Relations committee, the Finance committee and the IFC. Positions have also not been filled for the two Commuting Senators and International Senator. The Senate will not meet on Sunday, October 25, 1998 because the Government will be attending a Dolphin Game. The Senate adjourned at 3:05pm.

Open Forum
By Jennifer Szczech
NSUSGA President

Questions about the new library? Complaints about parking? Want to know what happened at the last Senate meeting? If you're looking for answers, or a place to voice your thoughts, concerns, or opinions, here is your opportunity!!! In each edition of The Knight, be sure to keep your eye out for the "Open Forum." This column will be a column written specifically for you in response to your questions or concerns about The NSUSGA. As the President of the Student Government Association, I want to know what you think and what issues need to be addressed. I'm sure that there are lots of students with the same questions or points to make, so why not address them in The Knight? I know that there are often misunderstandings that can fly across campus like wildfire; this is one way that we can clear up those issues for everyone. This is also your opportunity to find out what's really happening on campus. Be sure to make use of this column, don't let this opportunity pass you by.... Send your letters to:

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S.G.A. Minutes 10/18/98
By Yiselk Enriquez
Contributing Writer

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of the Minutes
3. Homecoming events
   A. Nominations start 10/26/98
   B. Raft Race 11/5/98
   C. Bed Race 11/6/98
   D. Dance 11/7/98
4. Discussed coin machine issue
5. Proposals
   A. Nature - Approved 8 to 0
   B. Beta - Approved 11to 0
6. Proposals were passed to President
7. SGA Retreat - Tabled
8. Open Forum
9. Roll Call
10. Established Office hours
11. Discussed proper procedures of senators
12. Discussed Library - Should be public or just for Nova students?
presented, “During that meeting the question was addressed that we are concerned with today concerning the VPJ and her calling Brad Williams and informing of a student’s academic probationary status. Do you remember his response to that?” This question was in reference to an “impromptu” meeting held on August 21, 1998. This impromptu meeting was called by James and Debbie Baker. All three witnesses, D. Baker, Amy Turner, and Jennifer Szczecz, stated that Williams told them that Dion had asked him to check grades, which student government members are required to maintain a minimum GPA. However, Williams was never called to the stand.

Despite the lack of evidence, the jury composed of Debbie Baker, Arik Chellew, Brad Fatout, Chris Hannon, Jessica Rivera, Christa Shea-Whitters, Jared Tacher, Allyn George Thomas, and Chris Zapalski, unanimously found Dion guilty as charged.

On a side note two senators, Chris Blackwell and Danny Flynn, who were part of the group that originally brought the charges were not part of the jury.

Despite the agreement made by the jurors not to speak to the press about this matter, a few willingly answered the question as to how they felt about the trial. Arik Chellew, Athletic Senator, stated, “OSB did a good job of taking charge and following through with it.”

Jared Tacher, Minority Senator, stated, “OSB did a good job of deciding admissible evidence... it was run responsibly.”

Jessica Rivera, International Senator, offered no-comment. Christa Shea-Whitters, Freshmen Senator, said that she was “told to refer all questions to Remi.” When Wisniewski (“Remi”) was called, he stated that “all questions will be answered by my PR [public relations].”

Yiselk Enriquez, Public Relations Director, stated that since she was not present at the trial, she “did not have knowledge” of what happened. She said that she would contact Wisniewski and get back to The Knight. She did. However, she stated that she could not contact him. She stated that he would be available for questions the following day at the SGA office.

Jennifer Szczecz, President, stated, “It [the trial] was quicker than I thought... I am glad that it is over.”

Brad Fatout (Commuter Senator), Chris Hannon (Athletic Senator), Chris Zapalski, (Commuter Senator), and Allyn George Thomas (IFC Senator) could not be reached for comment.

However, student government officials not present at the trial did not share the same enthusiasm as the Senators mentioned above.

Cristina Groschel, OSB Justice, stated, “It is obvious there are problems. Changes need to be made.”

Elizabeth Frazier, NSUSGA Faculty Advisor, did not understand what purpose the trial served. She is concerned about the SGA because a person was convicted for something minor. She stated, “I am very disappointed with the outcome... I do not understand why the charges were brought in the first place. It surprised me. It was vague without basis or facts. The trial could have

In response to NSUSGA’s invitation...

The Knight has the following questions:

1. Why doesn’t the SGA notify the students about meeting times and locations?
2. Why hold closed meetings to discuss student issues and the allocation of activity-fee money?
3. Why isn’t a detailed copy of the minutes of all SGA meetings readily available to students? How can we get copies of Senate, OSB, and Executive Board minutes?
4. If SGA is sponsoring homecoming, why is Student Life paying for it? Furthermore, why don’t the advertisements mention Student Government’s involvement?
5. Why do all the signs posted say “contact Student Life for more information?”
6. Why is Student Life selling the tickets for the homecoming dance?
7. How do clubs get money from the Senate for projects?
8. Why is SGA money going to fund closed parties when the bylaws specifically forbid it?
9. Who is paying for all the leadership conferences?
10. What is learned at these conferences? What are the concrete results of these conferences?
11. Who benefits from these conferences other than the senators receiving a free trip?
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The Florida A&M University Newspaper
There's No Spell on Practical Magic... Only Great Casting

By Deana Daneau  
Entertainment Editor

In one film, mix a spooky subject; two young and beautiful actresses, two accomplished, veteran actresses; one attractive male actor; and a mediocre storyline with a dash of humor (not enough to taste). Edit in a Warner Brothers' cauldron, release slightly before Halloween, and what do you have? A very "Hollywood" tale of the lives and loves of modern-day witches.

Practical Magic is the story of two sisters, Sally and Gillian, born with the gifts of the family business—witchcraft. However, due to a family curse that brings death on any man that might love them, Sally and Gillian try abandoning their gifts and head off in different directions in hopes of finding lasting love and normalcy. Soon enough, Sally and Gillian realize the curse is all too true when they cause the death of Gillian's lover. Through this, they reunite with each other and their craft to bail themselves out of a murder investigation.

Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman are wonderful as Sally and Gillian respectively. Bullock fits very well into the role of "the-girl-next-door-although-she's-a-witch" Sally. Actually, almost too well, for this role is no deviation for Bullock and is not demanding of her talent. Nonetheless, Sally is played well and is still enjoyable.

Kidman's portrayal of Gillian, however, seems to be quite a deviation from the more reserved, proper characters the actress tends to take on. Gillian's provocative free spirit is not only entertaining but also allows Kidman to reveal great versatility.

Sprinkled in the mix are big names like Stockard Channing and Dianne Wiest playing the sisters' spinster aunts (also witches) quite delightfully. Aidan Quinn also appears as an out-of-town police investigator as well as love interest for Sally. Other than that, does the film meet all expectations? Not really. The film is promoted as a comedy. Either Warner Brothers or director Griffin Dunne should have noticed that there aren't many humorous lines in the script and considering that the film received an R rating anyway, Dunne sacrificed the chance to inject some off-color humor. Stylistically, Dunne's direction was less than spellbinding, lacking originality as well as decent special effects.

Despite these shortcomings, the film is not bad and WB studio heads must be pleased. On opening weekend, Practical Magic opened at number one with $13.6 million, according to Exhibitor Relations. It seems that Warner Brothers has the perfect potion for another box office bread winner. With Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman, no crystal ball is needed to figure that out.
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been run better.

Toni Vigliotti, OSB Justice, stated, "The trial was divisive, malicious. a gross waste of resources, resulting in very little, if any, benefit to the student body." She also stated that despite her presence at the "im­promptu" meeting called by James Baker, she was not called as a wit­ness.

Brad Williams, Director of Stu­dent Life and NSUSGA Student Life Advisor, stated, "I have to ques­tion whether or not the charges war­ranted a trial. I clearly question the value of the time and energy that was expended on this because I look at a student government . . . they only have so much time to give to the ef­fort. The question becomes one of where do they spend that time? It is not like they don’t have anything else to do with their lives. Where do you focus that time and energy? That’s what I was curious about throughout the process."

Erick Torres, former Minority Senator, stated, "I thought that it was wrong and a waste of time and student energy. They [NSUSGA] have not done as much as they could have for the students] if they had focused on what is important—which is ba­sically helping students have more activities on campus." Moreover, he stated that the trial was not fair be­cause "the jury was the same people who brought up the charges and that the prosecutor was married to one.”

Torres resigned from his position on October 26, 1998. In his resigna­tion notice he stated, “When I joined the SGA it was with the purpose of making a difference for all the people that I represented. Now, months have gone by and I look at where I stand and I am disappointed. All the bickering and problems con­tinue no matter what is said or done. At times people forget what their purpose should be and let their feel­ings cloud their judgment.”

So why did Dion resign from her position? "I did not resign because of the charges brought against me. I resigned because students’ needs were not met and voices were not heard, and procedures were not followed. My time will be better spent in other endeavors, hopefully improving campus life.”

King’s Apt Pupil

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Dussander did in the war in exchange for his own silence. Dussander agrees for fear of Todd going public. As the movie moves on, strange things start to happen. Todd forces Dussander to wear a Nazi uniform and goose step around the house. (Once you see McKellen in this scene, you will know why he was cast as a Nazi) This scene is espe­cially eerie as Dussander becomes entranced by the marching and won’t stop when ordered.

As the film moves on the char­acters engage in a bitter feud and Todd becomes a victim of the same blackmail game he pulled on Dussander. The results are horrify­ing as Dussander reverts to his Nazi ways, and in a tense filled scene he tries to roast a cat.

Renfro and McKellen both play there parts well, respectfully. As Todd loses control, Renfro’s inner psycho comes out. Renfro stares at the camera with very cold eyes and comes across as a very deranged kid. McKellen plays his part well and provides some of the most chilling moments in the movie.

The biggest problem with this movie is the ending. It provides no answers and leaves the watcher hanging. Please god, not another se­quel entitled Apt Pupil Two.

This film is above average and can be very intense in spots. It is more of a psychological thriller than a horror film. King fans can also leave this film satisfied as it stays true to the short story until the end, which has been modified to be more upbeat. Either way this movie is worth viewing at least once, and leaves you wondering how did Stephen King become so twisted.

YOU LOVE THEM. YOU HATE THEM. YOU SCHEDULE YOUR CLASSES AROUND THEM.
This is Your Forum

By Alyson M. Dion
Campus Life Editor

A member of high rank in the NSU Student Government Association approached me after the distribution of the October 21 issue of The Knight Newspaper. In a rather sarcastic tone, the officer asked me if I “congratulated” the author of the “Undergraduate SGA Does it Again . . .” article. My reply was, “No, why?” The response, again in a sarcastic tone, was, “Well, you should.” The person then sped down the steps of The Flight Deck.

So, please remember that the one thing Student Government may not do is take away one’s rights to freedom of speech and press.

This article was not fallacious and, therefore, suitable to print. The Office of Student Life did indeed spend “approximately $7,000” on a leadership retreat in Captiva Island. Despite the attempts to hide it, serious infighting has been prevalent since the return from the Captiva retreat. Also, at the time the article was written, dinner hours were only extended for 15 minutes. Please note that they have since been extended for a full-hour, until 8:00 p.m., until otherwise specified. Furthermore, none of the above information is confidential and the gathering of the said material was not done maliciously.

Students are indeed entitled to their opinions and if they wish to express them in this paper, they are most certainly entitled to do so.

Letter to the Editor

By Chris Castellano
Contributing Writer

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you regarding an extremely important matter. I am a member of HEAL, a somewhat controversial but scientifically grounded organization on campus. Although I have received some negative responses from students and faculty, numerous students and faculty have responded positively and have been very supportive, for which I am thankful. However, in a college atmosphere, I believe that upon being presented with substantial evidence, professors of a university have a responsibility to investigate every aspect of an issue, especially when this issue is either taught in class or at least discussed. I become annoyed when I see faculty and supposedly “educated” professors dismiss anything that could further their knowledge. This, however, is not the reason for this letter. A small number of faculty have actually threatened members of HEAL and even wish to get our lectures cancelled; lectures which bring noble prize winning scientists to Nova, something that most other organizations have never done. Also, Student Life, who so adamantly advertises most upcoming university events, has not assisted or even been cooperative in any promotion of HEAL events such as Dr. Stephan Lanka’s lectures. Freedom of speech and the exchange of pertinent ideas are the basis of university learning, and it is detrimental to Nova’s reputation if this freedom and exchange is inhibited. HEAL does not promote profanity or similarly distasteful things, which would understandably cause some concern. We merely provide a forum for some of the world’s leading scientists to discuss their findings on AIDS, a topic that I assumed to be important to people. Perhaps, considering the indifference from some professors, I was mistaken in this assumption. However, we have a legal and a moral right to this.

Hey Editor-Who’s Spoiling What?

By Allyn-George Thomas
NSUSGA, Fraternity Senator

The 1998/1999 school year has been the most challenging school year yet in the history of the NSUSGA. The past SGA’s left us with a reputation that has yet to be overcome. Why has our past reputation held us back? The answer is simple; no one recognizes the changes. The Editor in Chief of The Knight Newspaper, Angel Sanchez, feels that we are not doing our job by not providing students with the full “COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.” I would like to disagree with Mr. Sanchez by allowing the student body to know what is happening and what is to come.

GOT WOOD? Well, I did once. I saw the amazing student participation at the “Got Wood” event that took place prior to the first day of school. The Leadership Development Committee, a subsidiary of the NSUSGA, sponsored a “Leadership Symposium,” this past weekend. This event was a great success and made a deep impact on all that attended. Do you have plans on Saturday, November 7th? I am assuming that your answer is yes, and your response would be that you are attending the annual “Homecoming Dance” and NSUSGA sponsored event. But is it just a dance? What else is happening prior to homecoming? On Thursday, November 5th, we will be sponsoring the 8th annual “Anything That Floats” raft race, a “Spirit Contest,” a “Barbecue Dinner” and many other events that will be held throughout the campus. On Friday, November 6th we will be sponsoring our third annual “Bed Race” and an authentic “Donkey Basketball” game. Directly following the “Bed Race” a party will be held in the Flight Deck where we are having a “Comedy Club” featuring the famous Sonia White. This is a night that you don’t want to miss! Last but not least, will be the “Homecoming Dance” at the Embassy Suites in Fort Lauderdale. Homecoming has become a full event.

Sleepless in Goodwin

By Angel E. Sanchez
Editor in Chief

On October 28, students who reside at the Goodwin Residence Halls were disturbed by a fire alarm that went off at 11:30pm. Students were forced to evacuate the building and await the arrival of the Davie Fire Department. Of course this was a normal procedure to protect the students from any harmad. After inspecting the area, the Fire Department concluded that it was a fault in the alarm system and that it would keep setting the alarm off for the remainder of the night. Well, the students were allowed to go inside the Building at around 12:30am and were told to expect to hear the alarm going off the entire night. The alarm did continue to go off for an hour or two thereafter. This wretched alarm disturbed the peace and tranquility of the residence hall. We were glad to know that the problem was finally taken care off and we did not have to lose more sleep over the matter.
Listen up... you can't afford to miss this special event!!!

Career Awareness Week '98
11/9 - 11/13

Stop by the Career Resource Center during the week of November the 9th and pick up all of the resources you will need to get started on the right track. Advisors will be available to help you get connected to WebWalkup so that you can start on your resume or find the job that you want. If you haven't decided what field you want to work in, you can take one of our several interest inventories to see what careers may suit you best. Take a look in our library for the outlook of jobs in the future. If you want it, we have it.

Do you feel as though nobody can give you an honest answer about your field? Come meet employers from almost every field and ask them everything you ever wanted to know. This is a good opportunity to network as well as to get advice that may help you land the perfect job or internship. This event will take place on November 10th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Mailman building Room 309. Refreshments will be served.

So, you think you have a good resume! The truth is there's always room for improvement. Whether you need help starting to write a resume or you just need someone to proofread it, you can stop by the CRC anytime on November 11th and get some help. Advisors will be taking walk-ins all day so don't delay.

Join us on November 12th for a special workshop for ob searches online. It will be held in the Parker Building on the second floor from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Find out the latest browsing techniques and the coolest search engines online. You can even use the internet to find some valuable information about your field of interest.

SEE YOU THERE!!!
S.G.A

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time job for everyone in the NSUSGA, but we still have maintained enough time to start planning other events to come. The “Disney Trip” and the trip to the “Bahamas” previously sponsored by The Student Life Office are now being planned by the NSUSGA. The newly planned dates will be posted as soon as all the reservations are made and the dates are set. Other events that are taking place later in the school year are “J-Prom,” “Hollywood Squares,” and another “Leadership Symposium.” I guarantee you that the future list of events will not be limited to what I have listed, it will only be greatly added to.

Forum

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A forum is a student run publication and is the perfect forum for students to voice their concerns and observations. So, please remember that the one thing Student Government may not do is take away one’s rights to freedom of speech and press.

On a side note, the greatest rebuttal to a negative article, is one that does not attack the original author on a personal level. Rather an article that highlights the positive achievements of the organization proves more forceful. Students realize that problems exist within the organization and that those problems will not go away if simply ignored. That is why students address them in this forum.

“I submit that beyond all rewards . . . we write because we want to change things. We write because we have this [conviction that we] can make a difference.”

- Robert McAfee Brown

Some Thoughts On Teenage Pregnancy

Carl Rowan’s Commentary

The teenager was boasting about the way she had put down a man seeking a one-night stand. “He asked if I didn’t feel the need to prove I’m a woman. I said, ‘Hell, I can stand naked in front of my mirror and see that!’”

I took that as anecdotal though slim evidence that American teenagers are reversing somewhat the sexual revolution that has drawn record numbers of them into unwed and often tragic pregnancies.

I wanted to believe that this girl symbolized a new common-sense knowledge that the sucker — the ultimate victim — in these early sexual encounters (shacking up and adventures into parenthood) is always the female, and then the child produced.

Young men have always been able to walk away from all such events without scars, or certainly with fewer pains than the young woman.

Now comes the Alan Guttmacher Institute with a report that the pregnancy rate of American girls aged 15 to 19 has dropped 14 percent during the 1990s to a 23-year low. The rate — down from 117 pregnancies per 1,000 such girls to 101 per 1,000 in 1995 — is still outrageously high, but the trend is heartening.

Now, “wising up” may not be the primary reason for this drop in teenage pregnancies. Guttmacher says there has indeed been a decline in sexual activity among teens, but it says the pregnancy rate is down because of an increase in the use of contraception along with “greater emphasis on abstinence, more conservative attitudes about sex, fear of AIDS ... and even the economy.”

In recent years many young black women swayed the line that producing a baby out of wedlock would prove their womanhood, would make them more attractive to men, would give them a constant source of love, or something equally absurd. The Guttmacher report says that young black women are the group experiencing the greatest decline in pregnancies, partly because of attitudinal changes, and partly because more of them are using contraception, especially Depo Provera and Norplant.

Many young blacks have found that in this economy a pregnancy in their teens would doom them to an almost certain life of poverty and hopelessness. They may sense that sex isn’t going to vanish from their lives, but they are resolving that they won’t entertain it where the consequences are likely to be so devastating.

So perhaps I was overhearing the voice of social change in that young woman who boasted of her witty rejection of a sexual proposition. It just may be that along with a fear of AIDS and socially transmitted diseases we are seeing a revival of the stigma that once attached not just to promiscuity but to any pregnancy outside marriage.

May that young woman’s tribe increase.

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Heal

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free education and, as a paying student on the Dean’s list, I will not have my education limited to what a few narrow-minded faculty members decide is right for my thought and consideration. I’m sure the rest of Nova’s student body expects the same, even those who do not agree with HEAL in particular.

Thank You
AIDS Facts Everyone Should Know

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Even more disturbing than the lack of consistency is the feeling that these reports read like advertisements to raise money from each demographic. Certainly the confusion surrounding HIV and AIDS keeps the flow of money funneled into research. Over 54 billion dollars already.

A report in the May 1st, 1996, issue of the Wall Street Journal, reported on the CDC's campaign to exaggerate the risk for AIDS in order to do just that. In this article, a CDC official explains that he thought the best way to present AIDS was as “everyone's problem.”

He said, “As long as this was seen as a gay disease or, even worse, a disease of drug abusers, that pushed the disease way down the ladder of people's priorities.”

Also in the article, Don Des Jarlais, director of research at the Chemical Dependency Institute of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, was quoted saying, “There is a real concern that funding won't be shifted, it will be cut, that if most people in the U.S. feel they are at very low risk, there will be little support for any AIDS-prevention efforts.”

So, who is the most at risk? Well, if you bypass the media and go straight to the source - the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) statistics - you will find the groups truly at risk for AIDS.

After 18 years, 97% of all AIDS patients are within the original risk groups. 62% are gay men who use recreational drugs; 32% are heterosexual IV drug users; 2% are blood transfusion recipients; 1% are hemophiliacs and 3% are from the general public.

Also according to the CDC numbers, 90% of all AIDS patients are men and 98% are over 20 years old.

Out of the 2% of all the AIDS patients that are infants, approximately 70% are born to drug addicted mothers and another 13% are born with congenital conditions like hemophilia.

From 1986 to 1996, only 789 American teenagers developed AIDS including 160 in 1991 and 170 in 1990. Before 1993, the year the AIDS definition was expanded, AIDS cases for ages 13 to 24 had decreased each year since 1990. AIDS represents less than 2% of the total deaths for these ages and the majority of this 2% are drug-related.
**Pan-African Student Association (PASA)**
Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in The Flight Deck's green room. Please contact Latoya at williato@polaris.nova.edu or Tamara at sandstam@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

**Phi Sigma Sigma**
This organization is a national sorority. Please contact Erin at mcdoneri@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

**Pre-Med Society**
Meetings are on November 11, at 12:30 p.m., November 23, at 5:20 p.m., and December 1, at 12:00 p.m. All meetings are held in The Flight Deck Movie Theater. The Pre-Med Society is hosting a food drive from November 16-20. Please contact Renee at premed@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

**Psychology Club**
Meetings are held every other Monday at 5 p.m., starting October 26, in The Flight Deck's green room. Please contact Michele at (954) 217-9767 for more information.

**Resident Student Association (RSA)**
Meetings are held every Sunday in the Goodwin Residence Hall classroom at 9:15 p.m. Contact Jennifer at whitesel@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

**Sigma Alpha Mu**
This organization is a social fraternity. Contact Adam at bensona@polaris.nova.edu for more information.

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

**November 7, 1998:** Beach Cleanup with the Pre-Med Society and The Nature club at the Oceanographic Center from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. A free bar-b-cue will be held afterwards.

**November 14, 1998:** Volunteer at the Wildlife Care Center from 1 to 3 p.m. with the Nature club.
For more information about either volunteer opportunity, contact Angelique at nixonang@polaris.nova.edu.