Nova Southeastern Basketball Kicks off its Season

by Michael L. Citron
Associate Editor

Both the women and men’s team kicked off their season Saturday night (11/20/99) at Broward Community College’s Central Campus George Mayer Gymnasium. A large crowd came to see the two teams’ first regular season games. The cheerleaders as well as the fans were zealous and ready for Nova basketball.

The first opponent of the season for the Lady Knights was Florida Southern College. The women’s team struggled in the first half. They seemed sluggish and out of sync. First game jitters certainly played a part in the disappointing play. It seemed like the Lady Knights could not break the press and had trouble getting the ball past half court. Tajuana Lee played well in the middle, grabbing much-needed rebounds and put backs to keep the Knights in the game. Both teams struggled to put points on the board. Little Yashica Burgess provided the spark before the end of the half. The score was Knights 32 Florida Southern 33. The Lady Knights trailed by only one point going into the locker room.

In the second half, the Lady Knights played well. Guard Meghanne Hickey hit some nice outside jumpers to keep the team in the game. Unfortunately, Florida Southern kept putting on the pressure with their outstanding defensive play. Lead by forward/center Tasha Smith and guard Melissa Brown, Florida Southern kept getting easy baskets and out-rebounded the Knights. The final score of the game was Knights 58 Florida Southern 67.

The Lady Knights will certainly use this game as a learning experience. They did shine at times during the game but just seemed to lose their composure once Florida Southern kept pressing and stealing the ball from the Nova guards.

This is a Test of Nova’s Emergency Call System

by Kyle B. Washburn
Contributing Writer

In case of an actual emergency, NovaAlert will respond? This may be true at some parts of the campus, but if there was an actual emergency in front of Parker’s modulars (trailers), you could wait until pigs fly for help to arrive. The emergency call box #7 in front of the trailers has not been working for weeks. This is simply unacceptable for the safety of our students and faculty. After a call to Public safety from Alyson Dion on the thirteenth of November the problem should have been eradicated. This did not happen.

I decided to investigate this situation further by directing my attention towards Public safety. Instead of calling and getting the runaround, I went to the Public Safety building to speak with officer, John Yessman. After I confronted him about the broken call box, he said that he was not aware of the problem. I then told him that a student had called and complained about the problem after the unanswered call on November 13th. He then offered to do a personal test of the emergency call system. First, he took me to the first call box located at HPD (Health Professions Division) Building and we did a test to find out if it worked, which it did. I then asked John what would happen in the event that the person with an emergency could not speak to the dispatcher on the other end. John explained the process of the emergency call system to me by showing me the dispatch office.
Knight Life

Club of the Month Award for September Goes to PreMed Society
by Deatrice Adderley Contributing Writer

PreMed Society won the award for club of the month for September from the Office of Student Activities. Mr. Damian Cabrera, President of PreMed Society, said that it feels good to win club of the month, and it shows that PreMed's events have been successful. He is very proud of the club as a whole: Pre Med has sponsored a number of events to promote campus unity and encourage a healthy lifestyle. PreMed meets every other Wednesday upstairs at The Flight Deck, and their mission is to unite a diverse collection of students who possess the same goals and are willing to give something back to the community.

According to Mr. Cabrera, PreMed has approximately 75 members who work together to improve the quality of life at NSU. In September, PreMed organized a beach clean up program at John U. Lloyd State Park, where they cleaned 2 miles of beach. Upon completion of this program, the members of PreMed Society celebrated with a BBQ and various games. PreMed is organizing a CPR training program; they will go into the community and train people in CPR free. In addition to the CPR training, the members of PreMed do volunteer service at various hospitals.

Ms. Rabia Halim, IOC Senator and President of Iman, was pleased to have PreMed win the club of the month award for September. She stated that PreMed Society has worked very hard to teach their members and the rest of the NSU Community about the health professions. She congratulates the officers and members of the organization and wishes them good luck in the future.

PreMed Society has planned a number of future events like their Thanksgiving Day Food Drive where they will collect non-perishable items for Women in Distress Charity. The food items collected will be delivered the day before Thanksgiving.

Giddey up Horsey
by Aliya Hosein Contributing Writer

We were on a ranch, The Barb Ranch. Four-legged animals with saddles surrounded us. We were ready to kick up the dust and gallop away into the horizon, but since we didn't have our cowboy hats on, we gave up that noble idea.

Unlike the other 20 female students who went horseback riding with the Rec-plex, I had the pleasure of not being able to breathe in and out like everyone else. My nose was clogged (the effects of the common cold), so while everyone complained about the stench of horse poop, I made up a mental will – just in case I ended up in a worse situation than Christopher Reeve. Of course, all that ruminating was useless since I came back home alive.

Most of us were amateurs in this field and, until November 13th, we had only seen horses on TV shows like Bonanza or movies like Zorro. However, after one hour of sitting on those hard saddles and fiddling around with the reins, we all came back with a sense of riding mastery. Through very simple instructions, we were able to control these dusty animals and make them go where we wanted them to. Very gentle taps on the horse's lower abdomen made them speed up, and a pull on their reins made them halt. Of course not everything went as planned. Sometimes, although none of us had given the "giddey up" command, the horses still sped away, throwing us up, down and sideways. But at least we didn't fall off!

While trotting through the trails between the green bushes and low grasslands, the NSU group noticed that horses have some issues they need to deal with. When they were not stopping to fill their bellies, they were sniffing their comrades' behinds! Yeah, talk about the power of scent! The ironic thing is that although they dug their nostrils into

Dr. Jackson Publishes Mystery Novel

by Jessica Montes Contributing Writer

Dr. Christine Jackson, a literature professor at NSU for the past 10 years, has written a series of mystery novels. She is currently working on her fourth book entitled, Night Mirage, which she hopes will be published sometime next year.

When asked why a mystery novel and not a romance she stated "I love reading mysteries, and I just wanted to write something that I would like to read." She started writing this series in 1995 after she went to a mystery conference in Milwaukee, where Sue Grafton was the main speaker. Sue Grafton, an author of several mystery novels such as A is for Alibi, B is for Burglar, C is for Corpse, etc. There, Dr. Jackson decided to participate in a contest for the best mystery novel. She says that her interest in reading mystery novels lead her to want to write one.

Dr. Jackson's current novel is about a woman in her early thirties who is a homicide detective and leaves the police force to open her own agency called The Last Resort Agency. The catch is that the character's father was a cop who was shot and had to leave the police force. Thus, she has become determined to make the bad guys pay.

Dr. Jackson is currently under contract with a literary agent until November, and when that is up, she has another agent who is interested in her novels. Jackson admits that each book takes about a year to write since she cannot work on it constantly, so she gets most of her writing done during her summer vacation.

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After she finishes her series of mystery novels, she is working on a morality tale about the worst thing someone can do and still forgive him or herself. She wishes to explore the moral and ethical dimensions of life.

Dr. Jackson is originally from Rhode Island and moved to New Hampshire and then New York to pursue her education. She originally wanted to major in Piano performance and attempt a career as a concert pianist. However, her love for reading and writing drew her to teaching. After college, she moved to Maine, where she taught cultural studies for 10 years. Later, she moved to South Florida to get away from the cold weather.

Here she has been keeping herself busy by writing mystery novels and teaching classes such as Music Through History; Journey I and II; Other Voices, Other Visions; Language 2000: Public Communications; and American Literature. She also plays the piano, runs a book club at Barnes and Noble, and speaks at conferences whenever given the opportunity. She has even taught in Jamaica and South America for Nova where she learned to speak some French and Spanish.

Dr. Jackson has had to overcome many obstacles, but one of her most critical was a childhood speech impediment until she was ten. She overcame a pronunciation problem cured with speech therapy to become not only a teacher, but also a lecturer at many conferences. Dr. Jackson believes that if she could do it, anyone could do it.

Her advice to aspiring writers is to “keep at it” and try to discover what it is they are trying to say and work toward that. “Keep your rear end in the chair, and don’t keep standing or going places.”

Human Fusball

by Angel Ali
Staff Writer

Have you ever played Fusball? You know, that game where you spin the revolving sticks with the little men attached to them. Yeah that one. The objective is to try to get the ball into your opponent’s goal while defending your own goal. Now, imagine a life-size version of that. That’s right. Just get rid of the sticks and replace the little men with real people and you have...Human Fusball!

Nova students had the opportunity to be a part of the Human Fusball experience right here on campus. Those of you outside of the Parker Building on Wednesday, November 17 were without question aware of this event, which generated much attention from the student body. And how could it not, with the big, red inflated device that Fusball was played in and the people inside shouting phrases like “Watch it, watch it!” or “Kick the ball!”

Said Zady Musa, one young woman who participated, “It was a really enjoyable experience. I had a fun time playing. There should definitely be many more activities of this kind.”

There was also a lot of food being served and a lot of entertaining music. All this was enough to get people’s attention and the event drew a big crowd. “I think the event was good for students,” stated Courtney Hazel, who was DJ at the event, “The people who put it together helped the student body get a feel for campus life. It made the campus really feel like a campus.”

Memolink and Kellogg’s sponsored the event and offered free message boards and boxes of cereal to those who took the time out to see FUSBALL on page 15.
Get a Campus Life

Alpha Phi Omega
This is a co-ed National Service Fraternity based on the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. The organization conducts many service activities throughout the year and increases campus awareness about volunteer opportunities.

IMAN
(International Muslim Association at Nova)
This organization focuses on the Muslim culture and helps enhance cultural experiences within the NSU population.

ISA
(Indian Student Association)
This organization focuses on the diversity within the NSU campus and holds educational and cultural programming such as dance lessons, cultural nights in The Flight Deck, and educational seminars.

NATURE
(Nova's Advancement Towards Understanding & Researching the Environment)
This organization increases environmental awareness through strong programming such as Earth Day celebrations, Coffeehouses, nature lectures, and informational sessions about Earth-conscious efforts in the community. Coffee House Thursday, Nov. 18th at 7:30pm “The Galapagos Experience: A New Field Course” with speaker Dr. Joshua Feingold.

NSUSGA
(Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association)
This organization consists of three branches: an executive board, a student senate that represents all constituencies on campus, and a judicial board. The NSUSGA advances ideas and issues of concern of students to the University administration.

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NSU Dives
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sunk by Hurricane Irene. Here we practiced our skills again and then spent the second half of the dive enjoying the fish. I wasn’t as nervous as I thought I was going to be, but I have walked off the beach and snorkeled before, so this was very similar.

The boat dives were very different. After loading our gear on the boat, we set out for the reef. After we reached the reef, the dive instructor dove to the bottom and secured a line for us to use on our descent. At this time, I started to breathe heavily. It’s a big ocean, and I was a little nervous and excited. I took a few deep breaths and then started my descent. Once I started my descent, I calmed down and I was fine. I could never have imagined what was waiting for me at the bottom. It was a beautiful sight. The highlight was a stingray with a seven-foot wing span. These are very friendly creatures that can just take your breath away when they swim right by you. Some of the dive instructors caught lobsters and gave them away at the end of the trip. I reflected on the day while I ate my lobster covered in melted butter and seasoning. It was delicious and the perfect ending to a trip to heaven. I look forward to visiting other breath-taking sites in the future.

Campus Sports and Recreation will offer more scuba certification classes next semester including an advance open water certification. They will also offer scuba diving trips and hope to start a scuba club. If you are interested in learning more, call ext. 7306.

Ex-Cretins, Live, Local Band at NSU
by Angel Ali
Staff Writer

On Thursday, November 18, NSU’s Live Local Show had yet another newly emerging South Florida Band on the air. I had the opportunity to ask them a few questions prior to the show starting. The band consists of three members, all males, who perform under several aliases according to the task at hand. When asked what their names were they answered consecutively “New Skinless Paul,” “Master of the Uniform,” and “The Reverend Felcher.” The three gentlemen were dressed in casual clothing that looked somewhat disheveled. Yet their appearance only served to illuminate the group’s unmistakable individuality, which became apparent only moments after meeting them. There was a dry humor that enhanced this style and became apparent in their method of answering questions. For instance, when asked where they found the inspiration for their music The Reverend Felcher claimed with a smirk, “I found some in my pocket.” This unconventional style also finds its way to their music. “We write all of the songs,” said Master of the Uniform. They also play all of their own music. And another interesting fact is that they all play vocals, guitars, bass and drums and trade off each of their positions routinely at live shows. Stated Master of the Uniform, “We rotate every couple of songs.”

Originating in Deerfield, the three were good friends when they formed the band Postface, an alternative music group no longer together. The Ex-Cretins was formed next consisting of music with a wild blend of styles that fits no valid description. They play live shows all across Florida and in local places such as Churchill’s in Miami, Surf Café Boca and The Swarm at Elwoods in Delray Beach. As far as their appearance on Nova’s Local Show, New Skinless Paul said, “We need to get the message out. We want the public to know about us.” And for those of us who can appreciate it, their music is definitely worth giving a chance. Their CD entitled Apocalypse Later is soon to be released and their web site, www.ex-cretins.com is informative. With a name like Ex-Cretins, which The Reverend Felcher stated was thought up as “a stroke of genius over whiskey,” song titles such as “The Strange and Sad Tale of Lester Glass the Midnight Mysongonist” and “Nobody’s Ugly After 4 P.M.” and the members’ aliases, this group is definitely not your ordinary band and no ordinary outlook. Stated The Reverend Felcher “It’s all about having fun. It’s a party!”
Intramural Basketball in Jeopardy of Being Cancelled Due to lack of Officials

by Jaron Rider
Contributing Writer

What would your semester feel like if you didn’t get the chance to play intramural sports? What would you talk about with your otherwise teammates? I’m sure you could find something to talk about, but one thing you won’t be talking about is how you drilled that last second shot to win the game. Those of you who have already participated in intramurals this semester are able to answer that. For those of you who were looking forward to intramural basketball, you might be out of luck.

Currently there aren’t enough refs to officiate the games. “If we don’t have a sufficient number of officials by the first week of the New Year, the intramural basketball season will be cancelled.” Said Tom Vitucci, Director of Campus Sports and Recreation. Maybe now you understand the extent of the problem. In fact, pick up basketball is becoming your only other alternative.

Let’s be realistic, where is the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat, where is the championship or a 7-0 record to brag about, where is the team unity or the bitter rivalry? You don’t find these things in pick up basketball, but they can all be found in intramural sports.

Intramural Sports is more than just fun and games. It provides an outlet for students, a place to get away from everyday academia. There are even studies that show that people who are involved in recreational sports on their campus have better grades and are retained at a much higher rate than students who don’t participate. When Jen Joseph from Beta Theta Pi was asked how he would feel if he had not gotten the chance to play intramural flag football, he said, “My college experience wouldn’t have been complete, and I would be irate if they canceled intramural basketball.”

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Emergency Call System Tested

This office is monitored 24 hours a day 365 days a year. I thought this was reassuring. Then he showed me how the cameras located at various locations all over the campus could actually zoom in on any one of the 11 emergency boxes. These high-tech cameras can zoom in on a license plate number or any one of the parking lots. There are also cameras located in the HPD parking garage at every stairwell and the entrance as well as the exit for the parking garage. The cameras are panning and scanning constantly while being watched all the time. Not only are they the cameras watched, but they are also taped continuously. In case of an accident or a burglary, the tapes can be viewed to find out who was responsible.

Yessman explained how the emergency boxes have their own telephone number. This answered my question in the case of two boxes being used simultaneously. If this were to happen, both calls could be answered. There would be no busy signal. I then asked if there would be any way to detect a broken call box. He stated that there is no way of telling, but the call boxes are tested monthly. He then offered to test the call box #7 in front of the trailers.

When we tested the call box and found that it really was not working, I then asked what could be the problem with the box? He said either it could be electrical or there could be a problem with the telephone lines. Yessman then stated that he would put in a report to Nova's Physical Plant to have the problem addressed. As of Friday November 27th, the box is still broken. This was five days after my initial test with Yessman.

This is unacceptable for the safety of everyone on campus. At the very least, there should be a sign saying "Out of Order." Next month I will be following up with a full safety inspection of Nova's security and the steps the school is taking to ensure the safety of our campus.
Nature is selected as Club of the Month for October

by Deatrice Adderley
Contributing Writer

Nature was selected as club of the month by the Office of Student Activities for their efforts in creating a sense of campus community through the events they sponsored. October was a busy month for Nature, which spearheaded a number of events to make people more aware of what was happening in their communities and to encourage everyone to get actively involved. Dr James Thomas, Nature's Advisor said, "It was real good that Nature was selected as club of the month for October because Angelique worked very hard, and Nature has a good core group of people who really deserve it." Dr Thomas referred to Angelique as the "spark plug of the organization," who ensures everything gets done.

Nature along with Pre Med. and ISA organized a successful beach clean up at John U. Lloyd State Park in Dania. They also sponsored a campus clean up program to promote environmental awareness and to encourage students to keep our campus clean. In addition to this, Nature organized a tree drive to make students aware of the importance of trees. The funds raised from this event were used to support a tree-replanting program in Israel.

Nature in conjunction with Hillel and Residential Life organized an Environmental Fair. They received support from Touch Research Institute who gave massages, and the Oceanographic Center who discussed the program the University offered.

Nature held its Coffeehouse with Dr Brodman in commemoration of the field trip to the Peruvian Rainforest at the flight deck. Members of Nature who went on the trip to the Peruvian Rainforest shared their experiences, videos and tried to encourage more people to take advantage of this wonderful experience. They also highlighted Peruvian food, music and discussed Peru's environmental problems.

Miss Angelique Nixon, President of Nature, was honored that Nature was selected as club of the month. Ms Nixon said that "Nature truly deserved this recognition because they had worked so hard despite their few members." She also stated that Nature is dedicated to getting other clubs and other organizations working together. Ms Nixon said that there is too much competition between the clubs.

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Two Can Sam

by Peter Salerno
Campus Life Staff Writer

On Saturday, November 20, Sigma Alpha Mu (Sammy) and the NSUSGA Freshmen Senate cosponsored an event at Flight Deck located in the Rosenthal Student Center. To gain access to the Flight Deck, students brought two cans of food or gave a monetary donation. The event was designed to collect money or canned foods for Kids in Distress. Freshmen Senator, Jessica Montes will deliver the proceeds to Micky Quezada, president of the South Broward Jaceyes.

The party at the Flight Deck was a great hit. "Sophomore treasurer, Mike Davis said, "Even though he can't dance, he still had a great time!" Food included medium and mild chicken wings donated by Lefty's Bar and Grill. Flight Deck plane launcher, junior, Tomor Hanina carded the students who wished to drink alcohol as security member Mel Lewis ensured everyone's safety. According to Sigma Alpha Mu president, junior, Shawn Mostal, "This is a great social function to bring university students closer together to benefit a great cause. It is unfortunate that more people did not come out to enjoy the event." Sammy members wondered why more students did not come out to the event because they had advertised quite well around campus.

More charity events like this one should take place here on campus. As the holiday season approaches, we are all reminded that there are people of all ages who are less fortunate than we are. No one should be alone or hungry during the holidays. Even if it is a small percentage, it is nice to see that people do care and are concerned about others. Remember, even a small gesture can mean the world to someone who does not have that toy or bite to eat.

A special thanks is extended to the Freshmen senators, Jessica Montes and Candice Carreno for their time and efforts in sponsoring an event that will result in a young child's happy smile.

The Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon invite you to help them to crown this year's Mr. Nova Knight. The event will take place on the grounds of the Rec-Plex at 7pm on Friday December 3rd. See the sexy men of NSU compete in formal, casual and boxer competitions. All proceeds will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, and the Delta Phi Epsilon Scholarship Foundation. We hope to see you there.
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Boisterous Bridesmaids Take the Nova Stage

by Piper Griff
Layout Designer
Staff Writer

What do you get with an ostentatious wedding reception, five pink satin horror dresses, and some incredible Nova entertainment? Five Women Wearing the Same Dress. The play is exquisitely written by Alan Ball and directed by Jeanne Gallo. The show ran from November 18th through 20th and sold out days before opening night. The acting is top-notch and the set, simple but effective, is a white box room with Rosenthal stairs just under the Rosenthal stairs just before the show.

The play is an interesting comedy of southern women and their trials and tribulations in life. During an afternoon wedding the five bridesmaids seem to all have their own reason to escape to an upstairs bedroom where the entire play takes place. The women each fit into particular stereotypes: the bride's uncertain little sister, a promiscuous retired cheerleader, an unfulfilled wife/mother, a liberated lesbian, and virginal Christian. These ladies are thrown together and each soon admits to a hidden hatred for the bride who is downstairs at the wedding reception with the rest of the guests. The southern dialogue between the women is filled with foul language and sly remarks. There is hardly a subject left unmentioned by these five women. In this modern play, the women bring up issues such as AIDS, sexual abuse, and drug addiction, and each presents a different view from the next, if they happen to be in the room at the particular time.

Trish, (excellently played by Aylan Farrell) a twenty-nine-year-old former cheerleader with a quite a rap sheet, soon becomes the ringmaster. Throughout the course of the play she openly admits to having sex with over a hundred men, one who just recently died of AIDS. When speaking to her close friend Georganne (Renee Reiter), Trish assures her that she has been tested, and she's "okay." But the truth remains to be seen, as Trish acts incredibly unsure of her HIV test status. On the other end of the spectrum lies Frances (Megan Greenberg), a "goodie-girl" Christian who ends the play more drunk than any of the other women. Although throughout the beginning of the play, she continuously announces, "I'm a Christian" in objection to every offered vice - from a cigarette to alcohol to a joint. This phrase elicits much laughter from the audience, although the insult seems to become a bit repetitive by the end of the show.

The second act has a much different tone than the first. When Trish makes a skeptical remark about religion, Frances becomes a woman-focused play. Tomasini was obviously uncomfortable with this unnecessary character in a woman-focused play.

In general, The Theater Arts Department of NSU has produced an NSU production. I look forward to upcoming shows, but it it may be difficult to top this one.
Aids Quilt for Hope

Come out this week and view the Aids Quilt for Hope that was created by the students and staff of NSU. It will be displayed at HPD Tuesday, Rosenthal on Wednesday, Administration on Thursday and Parker on Friday.

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Finals-Who Needs to Study?

by Peter Salerno
Campus Life Staff Writer

As this semester comes to a screeching end, I am bothered by the fact that there is no study time allocated for our finals. Nova Southeastern University has an academic system designed around two sections of eight-week classes that run simultaneously with sixteen-week classes. This system allows the general education course work to be completed while fulfilling the required major courses. Nova’s academic system is unique to our undergraduate school and is not seen at any other institution in the country. By convention, most schools have their undergraduates fulfill their general education requirements in the first two years then complete the major in the latter two years. The problem lies in obtaining harmony (a middle ground) between eight-week and sixteen-week classes when it comes time for finals.

Finals are generally administered during the last week of each semester. Here at Nova, many science students typically have their finals during the opening days of the final week, while eight-week courses are still in session. Eight-week courses typically administer their final on the last day of class during the last week of school. This causes several scheduling problems because students find it hard to study for finals while classes are still in session.

Many schools like the University of Florida allocate a week prior to final exams for students to study. This week is known as “dead week” when the university collectively agrees to either cancel classes or hold lectures of review. Professors are instructed not to present any new material to students, but rather answer any last minute questions before the final exam. This system incorporates the normal sixteen-week course plus two more weeks (the dead week plus final week). The only drawback to having a dead week is that students have less time for their Christmas and summer vacations. But when it comes to possibly obtaining a better final course grade, few weeks less of partying per year is all the more advantageous for students.

Changes to our academic curriculum schedule may encourage a better learning environment. For example, it is possible to develop a system where teachers and students can know exactly the time and place of each exam at the beginning of each semester. Knowing the times and places of each final can help students devise a schedule without conflicts. Instead, we have Liberal Art professors conducting class while the science department has students taking final exams on the same day. Devising a more predictable and dependable schedule will also encourage and promote better final course grades for all undergraduate students here at Nova. Every program at Nova can work together as one university instead of different majors and minors working in opposition. A predetermined final exam schedule would benefit the administration and students.

It is also possible for all the undergraduate academic programs to collectively agree on one system either sixteen-week or eight-week system instead of trying to interweave two different types of courses together. The take home message for administration is for all to work in harmony to better serve the professors and the undergraduates here at Nova.

Confusion is time-consuming, and time lost can be equated to lower grades!

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Do we really have to worry?

by Aliyya Hosein
Contributing Writer

I appreciate the article entitled “A Response to A Matter of Death.” I am glad to know that there are students at NSU who actually read the newspaper and take time out from their busy schedules to research matters that directly affect them.

As the author stated, The Humane Slaughter Act demands “no cruelty” to animals and when captive bolt stunning is applied correctly, the animal becomes unconscious instantaneously. However, improper application of this stunning method (a miss on the first shot) results in significant levels of stress and immense pain for the animal. On this note, I will reveal the findings of my own research.

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For those who have never been to an abattoir, but who wish to know what goes on behind those closed doors, I recommend the book, Slaughterhouse. In it, Gail Eisnitz investigates compliance with the “Humane Slaughter Act” at slaughterhouses across the U.S.

We know that under Federal Law animals are supposed to be rendered unconscious by a single application of a stunning device (electric charge or captive bolt gun). Only then, when the animals are unconscious can they be shackled, hoisted and killed. However, Eisnitz reveals that “due to meteoric line speeds, workers are often unable to stun or bleed animals adequately and as a result animals proceed through the butchering process fully conscious.”

Furthermore meat packers disregard the law in other ways. Eisnitz uses federal records to show how packers “smoked rancid meat to cover foul odor, or marinated it to disguise slime and smell...plant employees missed hide, hair, ear canals, and teeth in products approved by the facility...hams were soaked in chlorine baths to remove slime and odor, and red dye was added to beef to make it appear fresh. Plant managers repeatedly fought to allow “some contamination” such as feces, grease, hydraulic oil, maggots, meat, floor residue and rancid meat...”

According to Mr. Gadh, “…there is no need to worry about the way the animal was killed when you eat meat.” From my own research, I have found that we do need to worry.
Basketball Season Takes Off
from cover page

Senior Shamel Carr and Tajuana Lee combined for 23 points and six rebounds. Freshman Yashica Burgess added nine points, five assists and four steals, while sophomore twins Brieanne and Meghanne Hickey each had eight points. It’s a long season and the Knights will certainly get back on the right track.

Nova Southeastern men’s basketball team kicked off their first game of the season against visiting Florida Tech. The Knights started off slow, letting Florida Tech jump out to an early 16-point lead. Lead by Shevy Akason’s three-point shooting, Florida Tech kept the pressure on the Knights. A blowout seemed inevitable. But, the Knights regrouped, and after a Dyron Curry slam-dunk, the Knights and the fans got fired up! Forrest Snell also contributed to the team’s success by playing well inside and hitting jumpers from outside of the key. The score at halftime was Knights 27 Florida Tech 36. The Knights had cut a 16-point deficit to 9 points. The Knights came out of the see B-BALL on page 16

The Lady Knights’ Star Forward: Tajuana Lee

by Michael L. Citron
Associate Editor

Fans are greeting the start of the Lady Knights’ second season with much anticipation. Nova Southeastern University’s women’s basketball team had a great first year ending up No. 1 in the conference. Even the women’s coach, Marilyn Rule, won coach of the year. But with the team moving into Division 2 next season and playing half of their games against D2 schools this year, the Lady Knights will have to come out strong.

This season, the team has a new face to help try to achieve success. Tajuana Lee, a transfer senior from Valencia College, hopes to provide a better inside game to contribute to the good outside shooters from last season. Lee is a 5-10 forward who is very optimistic about the season. “I see our team going to Nationals. This is of course our No. 1 goal, but little goals must be achieved at practice throughout the year, proving that we are getting better every step of the way,” Lee said. She hopes to provide leadership and experience for the young Knights. Her motto is “Hard work pays off and to never give up in anything: basketball, family, problems, or even school.” She is confident that her hard work mentality will be contagious to her teammates.

Lee plays with a lot of intensity. From the jump ball to the final buzzer, she never takes that focused, determined look off her face. However, Lee also wants everyone to know that she is nice off the court. “I am strictly business on the court, but I do have a sense of humor as well.”

Lee says that she takes her determination on the court and applies it to her schoolwork. Lee states, “I am doing better at Nova than I was doing at my old school. I, like many freshman and sophomores, messed around and didn’t concentrate on my studies. Now, it is like a wake-up call, and time is slipping away, and I better get my act in gear.” She applies her never giving up motto to her classes. “Just like on the court, I never give up when I get a bad grade. I am determined and just work harder to achieve my goals,” Lee stated.

Dolphins’ Camp and Shop
Press Release

When training camp opens in the summer, the public is welcomed to the facility. Dave (Doc) O Conner, Director of Operations, said the people that come out during the hot Florida summer to watch the team practice are true fans. Camp Miami Dolphins can accommodate 2,000 spectators. There is no charge to watch the practices and all seating is general admission. In addition, free parking is available on the NSU campus. The parking garage is off of University Drive.

There is a concession stand for food and drinks and a guest relations booth. Here guests can find answers to their questions and sign up for daily raffles. Prizes include autographed footballs and pennants. At the end of each practice, rookie and veteran players sign autographs for the fans.

While the Dolphins are in training, children throughout South Florida can participate in a Junior Training Camp. The Dolphins arrange for many of the underprivileged children in the community to participate in this fun event. The children watch a practice from their own viewing area and then get to play their own game of football. A Miami Dolphin alumnus teaches the children football-related skills and talks to them about building confidence. All junior campers receive a T-shirt, a rulebook, and a miniature Miami Dolphins football.

During the football season, practice sessions are closed to the public. However, the public is invited to visit the Dolphins Pro Shop located at the main entrance to the camp. The gift shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The shop carries exclusive Dolphin merchandise that you won’t find elsewhere. Dolphin lunch boxes, brief cases, trash cans (several varieties to choose from), calendars, socks, barrettes, blankets, playing cards and jigsaw puzzles are just a few of the many items for sale at the Pro Shop. For the newborn Dolphin fan, you can purchase bibs, bottles, and baby clothes. If you want to outfit your pet with the Dolphin logo, you can do that too. There are pet leashes, bandanas and jerseys.

And, of course, you can find all sorts of clothes, coats, hats and ties for all sizes and shapes.

With Christmas and Hanukkah fast approaching, now may be the time to shop for that hard to buy for Dolphin fan on your list. Whether it is an inexpensive item like a keychain or doormat or an expensive item like a authentic Proline helmet, a set of golf clubs or authentic Dolphins jersey, you will be able to find it at the Dolphin Pro Shop.

To learn more about the Pro Shop call (800) 553-7152 or visit their website at proshop.miamidolphins.com. To learn more about the Junior Training Camp, contact Willis Whalen, Camp Coordinator, at (954) 452-7129. For more information about upcoming Camp Miami Dolphins and the training facility, call (954) 452-7000.
Sports Updates  
by Michael L. Citron  
Associate Editor

November 19, 1999

Volleyball: Despite the solid play of senior Beth Chorzelewski (Deerfield Beach, FL, Cardinal Gibbons High), Robin Snapp (Melbourne, FL, Eau Gallie High), Ro LaHara (Jensen Beach, FL, Martin County High) and Camille Walker (Boca Raton, FL, Spanish River High), the Nova Southeastern University women’s volleyball team’s season came to an end, as No. 2 seeded St. Thomas University defeated the No. 3 seeded Knights, 15-5, 15-12, 16-14, 15-11, Friday evening in the semifinals of the NAIA Region XIV Championship held at Palm Beach Atlantic College. NSU, which had begun peaking in the last weeks of the season, played perhaps its best ball of the season in the two hour and five minute match. Snapp paced the way offensively for the Knights, recording 20 kills, two block assists and one block solo. LaHara also had 15 kills, nine digs and two service aces, and Walker had 11 kills and 17 digs. And then there was Chorzelewski, throughout it all, putting up 63 set assists and 10 digs. Senior Katie Banks (Boynton Beach, FL, Spanish River High), also playing in her final intercollegiate game, added a match-best 18 digs. Sophomore Carol Douglas (Miami, FL, Westminster Christian) added 17 kills and 10 digs. Sylvia Davila led St. Thomas in the win with 21 kills and three digs. Teammate Tanash Lawrence also had 18 kills and two digs, while Amber Schoedel had 17 kills and six digs. Suzanna Pavlov led the match with 65 assists. The Knights had advanced to the semifinal round with its 15-4, 15-6, 15-8 straight-set win past No. 6 seed Barber-Scotia College. Snapp led NSU’s offense with seven kills, while Douglas had five kills, one ace and one dig. Chorzelewski tallied a match-best 17 assists, and LaHara had four service aces. NSU’s season ended at 24-16.

November 22, 1999

Men’s Basketball: Senior Dyron Curry (Miami, FL, St. Thomas University) tipped in a missed free-throw with just seconds remaining, to lift his Nova Southeastern University men’s basketball team past visiting Barry University, 52-51, Tuesday evening at the BCC George Mayer Gymnasium. Curry was the night’s hero when fellow St. Thomas transfer Forrest Snell (sophomore, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Cooper City High) missed consecutive free throws with five seconds left. On the second miss, however, Curry muscled his way above three Buccaneers to tip-in the rebound and give the Knights their second win in three days. Curry also finished with a game-high 17 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field, and also grabbed a game-high nine rebounds. Junior Troy Rialsback (Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Western High) also had nine points, three steals and two assists, while junior Eric Wendell (Coral Springs, FL, Douglas High) had eight points, two steals and three rebounds. B.J. Hill, whose foul sent Snell to the line in the game’s waning moments, led the Buccaneers with 16 points thanks to two 3-pointers and 6-of-6 shooting from the free-throw line. Travon Broadway also had 11 points and six rebounds in the loss. Nova Southeastern University, now 2-0 this season, next competes in the Eckerd College Tournament this Friday and Saturday in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Women’s Basketball Schedule 1999-2000 Season

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*Denotes Florida Sun Conference Match  
# Denotes doubleheader with the women’s team

Human Fusball

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visit their stall and fill out a short form. Many students could be seen carrying these items around campus. Human Fusball was not merely a Nova event. In actuality, Human Fusball has been played by university students throughout the nation: Before Nova, Fusball traveled to destinations like Boston and San Francisco. According to Kevin Gray, a representative of Memolinking, one of the corporate sponsors, “Fusball has been great because I have seen thirty-six states in eight weeks.”

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### Men's Basketball Schedule 1999-2000 Season

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### Nature Club

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Community. Furthermore, she said that Nature worked really hard to get other groups involved. Ms Rabia Halim IOC Senator and President of IMAN said that she was pleased to have Nature win club of the month. Ms Halim stated that Nature is doing a great job with keeping the NSU community aware of current environmental issues. She commended the officers and members of the organization for their hard work and wishes them good luck in the future.

You can also look forward to seeing more innovative programming from Nature like their upcoming coffeehouse under the theme of "The Galapagos Experience" with a presentation by Dr. Feingold. Nature is determined to sponsor and work with other groups to create programs to benefit the university and the community. Ms Nixon said that she is looking forward to working on projects like Unity Month, Black History Month and Women's Month. She also urges others to get involved.

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### B-Ball

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locker room determined to win the game. Eric Windell sure looked fired up as he grabbed some much needed rebounds and hard play. Junior Troy Railsback carried the ball up well breaking Florida Tech's press continuously. Both teams played well defensively. Forrest Snell put the Knights ahead, but the team struggled to keep the lead. Florida Tech cut it to a 1-point game late in the second half. Senior Reggie McNair hit a clutch shot with only seconds left on the clock to give the Knights a 67-66 victory over visiting Florida Tech.

What a game! There was so much excitement throughout the gym. The Knights came back from a 16-point deficit to steal the win. The Knights led by the leadership of senior Eric Windell and Dyron Curry who were not going to give up so easily. The team played together and will take this game as a learning experience for the long season ahead. Senior Dyron Curry lead the way with a game-high 20 points and a team-best nine rebounds. Sophomore Forrest Snell added 14 points and four rebounds in the win. Senior Reggie McNair also had 13 points and three assists, while junior Eric Windell had 11 points, six rebounds, and four assists. Senior Jeff Payanis also had a game-high five assists, along with six rebounds. What a game to start the season!

This was one of the best performances I had ever seen at the collegiate level. I can't wait to catch the next one. Please check out the women and men's schedules in this issue, and make sure you catch all of the home games. I promise you won't want to miss it!
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Success at the Chili Pepper

RADIO X DJs WIN SPIN OFF

By Angelique Nixon
NSU Radio X Station Manager

NSU’s Radio X was delighted to be involved in the second College Radio DJ Spin Off at The Chili Pepper, which started on October 29th and ended on November 20th. In April we participated in the first DJ Spin Off with four of our DJ’s and we made it to the finals with Courtney Hazel. Unfortunately, we did not win, but we put up a really great fight. During this second College Radio DJ Spin Off, we had five of our DJ’s participate: Briana Vannier, Doron Chelminsky, Jen Birchfield, Courtney Hazel, and Daren Nenortas. The competition was held on three consecutive Friday nights on the outside patio of the Chili Pepper. It all started on October 29th with Briana playing techno, and she did a fabulous job considering it was her first time ever performing in front of an audience. On the second night of the Spin Off, November 5th, we had Doron playing a mixture of alternative and techno, and Jenocyde playing alternative for us. They both did fantastic jobs against stiff competition and kept the place alive with great music and creative sounds.

The third night, November 12th was our night to bring as many NSU supporters as possible and we did just that! Our DJ’s spinning that night were Courtney Hazel (DJ C’Smood) and Daren Nenortas (Double Negative). They both rocked the place: DJ C’Smood charmed everyone with his mix of reggae and hip-hop, and everyone was dancing to his groove; Double Negative kept the crowd moving with the dance floor to his mixture of techno and house sounds. Needless to say, they both made it to the finals! Moving on to the main event — yes the College Radio DJ Finals on November 19th! On the finals night, we had a huge turnout from NSU and we would like to thank everyone who came out to support the radio station and our DJ’s. Of course they both rocked the place again and even had some surprises for us! Enough with the suspense, Radio X prevailed at the finals – with DJ Double Negative coming in at 3rd Place and DJ C’Smood in 1st place, that’s right — we won the College Radio DJ Spin Off. Double Negative won gift certificates and day cruise passes, and C’Smood won a DJ Mixer, cruise passes, and gift certificates.

Again, thanks to everyone that came out to support us — especially the NSU students and our very own DJ’s! It was a great opportunity to promote the radio station and we definitely made heads turn with our amazing DJ performances.

Is Third Eye Blind Blue?

CD REVIEW

By Kate Moore
NSU Radio X Program Director

With a quick glance at the song titles on Third Eye Blind’s latest release, Blue, one can say the album is appropriately named. With song titles such as “Wounded,” “Never Let You Go” and “Ode to Maybe,” I expected the album to be slower and mellower than their last self-titled album. However this thought proved to be incorrect when the album opened with the already hit single, “Anything.” The song begins with a slow melodic beat and then quickly kicks into the rhythm that Third Eye Blind delivered on their last album. Needless to say if you enjoyed the music of their last album, this album won’t disappoint you. The band even includes an instrumental track of the controversi­al song “Slow Motion” and ends the album with a twenty minute song enti­tled “Darwin.”

Weird Al Rocks South Florida

CONCERT REVIEW

By Tim Stone
NSU Radio X Music Director

On Wednesday, November 17, the lights dimmed in Sunrise Musical Theater as the crowd rose to their feet chanting "Al" over and over again. Fog swirled around the stage and the lights illuminated the stage as the unmistakable sound of polka starts to blare out of the speakers. No it is not Octoberfest, it’s "Weird Al" Yankovic live in concert.

As the reigning king of parodies, Weird Al has legions of fans cheering at his strange stage antics and hilarious lyrics. Not only did he play all of the classic hits from his many albums, he played a few unreleased songs which drove the crowd wild with excitement. And to top it off, he had numerous costume changes to go along with each song. For example, he dressed as Kurt Cobain for "Smells Like Nirvana" and wore a full "fat" body suit for his Michael Jackson parody, "Fat." Some other songs he performed included "Dare to Be Stupid", "Bedrock Anthem", and "It’s All About the Pentiums", which is a great spoof on the Puff Daddy song. Al put on an amazing show, which really pleased the crowd, and he did not disappoint any of his loyal fans.

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Horseback Riding at NSU
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these strange areas, they avoided mashing their own poop! Makes me wonder how smart horses really are!

Needless to say, after one hour of bouncing around on the stiff, cushion-less, leather saddles, our behinds were in a most unpleasant condition. One student said that even Ibuprofen did not alleviate the pain from her stiff limbs and her sore butt. Anyway, in the end, we sang and danced in the NSU van on our way back to campus. We ended our whole adventure with a sumptuous campus poolside Bar-B-Que. No, we did not eat grilled horsemeat!

Ooops!
Our Mistake
The photograph of Scott Stoddart that ran in Volume 10 Issue 6 was taken by W.T. Pfeifferle for the Liberal Arts Department Webpage. The photo’s poor resolution was the result of blowing up a 100x100 pixel format jpg. We apologize to the subject and the photographer.

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