Dating Game: You Kiss Like A Microwave

by Caleb Kennedy
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On Friday February 9, 2001, the Office of Recreation and Wellness held its annual Valentine's Dating Game. While there were only about half as many spectators at the event compared to last year, the event was as exciting and as fun as ever.

In the first game, Colin Jones was asking questions of three bachelorettes. He asked the contestants to sing him a lullaby. Apparently, Stacey Brown's singing and answers were the most agreeable to him as he chose her.

Sheila Zolnoor was the next contestant. Her bachelors were very confident. When asked how they describe themselves, they responded with, "I am Superman," "Incredible," and "Great." Sheila Zolnoor chose Theta Delta Chi Pledge Wes McCully.

Shawn Mostal kept the bachelorettes on their toes with questions like, "How would you finish this rhyme: at night I shave with a [malegenitalia], it is a prick," and "You make me sick." Shawn also shared that he is training to box and he posed this question to the ladies, "How many rounds could you last with me?" One contestant said, "All night long." Another said, "You wouldn't last one round with me." Mostal chose Laura Reyes with the crowd's approval.

The final contestant was Jessica Davis. Jessica asked the contestants to tell her which kitchen utensil most embodies their kissing style. Answers ranged from "A blender because it has different speeds" to "A fork and I don't know why" and even "a microwave" (not a kitchen utensil but who cares!) "because it won't take me long to heat you up," Jessica picked Enis Chellew.

This year the couples sat together and watched the activities while getting to know each other better and sipping on sparkling cider; which at first glance some individuals mistook for champagne.

In between shows the crowd was asked questions about safe sex, and sexually transmitted diseases. The hardest question was, "How many people will contract a sexually transmitted disease this year?" The answer is 14 million new people. Anyone who answered the question correctly got a t-shirt with a smiling condom.

This event was a mere shade of what it was last year. The Office of Recreation and Wellness (they really need an acronym if they don't have one already) cannot really be faulted for the poor turnout. Not as many sorority and fraternity members attended the event. The Greeks are usually out in force at most events. It could be that with Rush Week recently ending many Greeks were otherwise engaged. Once again the student body shows how dedicated they are as students; only a very serious student body would barely attend every event.

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Alpha Phi Omega Updates

by Michael Brown
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During Christmas vacation, four members of Nova Southeastern University's Alpha Delta Tau Chapter attended the biennial National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, the National Service Fraternity. They joined 3,000 other Brothers from around the country for four days of workshops, service projects, social events, banquets and more in the city of Philadelphia.

Joel Natt and Lila Brinkman served as voting delegates of the chapter at the fraternity's Legislative Session, also held at the convention. Shannon Vetter and Michael Brown attended as non-voting delegates. In addition, Michael Brown gave two workshops on the "History of Scouting." During this convention, National Officers were elected, and decisions affecting the entire fraternity were made.

In addition to the Convention, APO was also concluding its yearlong 75th Anniversary celebration, since being established at Lafayette College, in Easton, PA, as a National Service Fraternity. Since then, Alpha Phi Omega has grown to over 350 active chapters at numerous schools and universities including large state schools, traditionally black schools, and private and church schools. It was established on the principals of leadership, friendship and service. In its existence, over 250,000 students have joined, making it the largest Greek-name organization in the country. Membership is open to all students, regardless of sex, race, religious belief, or national origin.

In recent months the chapter has been involved with volunteering at the Love Jen Festival, helping out at Covenant House, volunteering at the annual Y-100 Wing Ding, and other service work. Currently the chapter is hosting a clothing drive to benefit the Jack & Jill Nursery. Collection bins are located in Goodwin and Parker. Please help out by contributing old clothing, as well as books, toys, and similar items.

We are planning more service projects over the next couple of months. We will also be attending our Sectional Conference in Daytona Beach in April.

At present, the chapter is recruiting new members. Those wishing to learn more about the chapter should stop by our meetings held on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Flight Deck, or join us at our service projects or fellowship events. Visit our website at www.nova.edu/~aphio or our bulletin board in Parker for more information.

Beta Theta Pi

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Although Beta Theta Pi seemed to come back less rowdy than last semester, the reason is very clear: to prepare to end the year with a bang! The brothers are all preparing their usual workshops and events that make Beta a strong organization. Beta is focused on educating and preparing their seven newly initiated brothers to step up and become better leaders in and out of the fraternity.

But while they are trying to do this, Beta has taken up a new task: new pledges. This winter, rush chairman Eric Eiselman seems to have done a good job. Beta Theta Pi bided seven new members: Micheal McDonald, Mathew Navarreta, Casey Jergenson, Kareem Shaker, Brad Klepsor, Jose Alva and Chad Nochinson. In response to the great turnout of new pledges, Eric Eiselman said, "Planning is the key!"

Planning is what Beta is great at doing. They have three educational programs planned for the month of February. The first was a Gender Equality Workshop on the 8th of February at 9:00pm in the Flight Deck.

Beta is also busy working on a Mardi Gras Party in conjunction with SGA. Keep an eye out for your invitation to the best party of the year. Beta might not seem as outgoing this year, but it is busy. The brothers would like to congratulate the other Greek Organizations on their successes during their rush period. Don't forget to keep an eye out for your invitation or to inquire about your invitation to Beta Theta Pi's Mardi Gras Party.

For party information, please write to roar@nova.edu.
How To Be A Better Lover
by Jennifer Whitesel
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Sound interesting? Being a better lover, that is. Marilyn Volker knows how to keep the interest of any crowd. And she made sure to do so with her interactive lecture “How to be a Better Lover” on Feb. 6th in Mailman 309, here on NSU’s main campus.

Volker was not going to allow anyone to fall asleep at her presentation here at NSU. She is open and honest with her language and she encouraged her audience to do the same.

Volker first asked the audience what and where they had learned about sex in the past week. Answers ranged from “different positions” in the Kama Sutra to “sex sells” and “practice makes perfect” in magazines and movies. Volker tossed condoms and flavored water-based lube to the audience members who took part in the conversation.

Volker had visuals and lists to better illustrate her presentation and to increase the retention rate of the 35 plus member audience. She started off mentioning that to make our lives easier and more truthful, we should be aware and refrain from developing assumptions. For example, many people think that everyone is or wants to be in a monogamous relationship. “Not true,” she said, “We see the world as we are, not how it is.” She explained that she was teaching “How to be a Better Lover” in the context of our culture.

Volker stressed that there is more than one type of intercourse and various types of outercourse. She defined outercourse as making love through the outside if the body by touching. Volker pointed out five types of touching: observational, play, sensual, nurturing, and sexual. To be a better lover, one must “know his or her product” and through learning about inter- and outercourse, one can develop a healthy love life.

Volker used an analogy, comparing a relationship with a restaurant. We are specific and able to communicate about the types and variations of the food that we desire in a restaurant, then why can’t

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we be so at ease with our physical and emotional desires in a relationship? There are definitely taboos in our society that muffle our motivation to talk about sex with our partners. She advises that communication is the key to a successful relationship. We should be able to tell our partners exactly what we like and dislike with comfort.

Volker spoke about the seven types of intimacy: social, emotional, aesthetic, physical, intellectual, sexual, and spiritual. She says that everyone places a different amount of importance on each and we all have our favorites. Find out what yours and your partner's are and work towards fulfilling them.

Besides all the truly helpful information that the audience all learned — where else are you going to learn that turtles have sex for hours (wow!) and that elephants have four-foot, hundred pound penises (ouch!). Volker reminds the audience to relax, keep the communication open and honest, and be creative.

Volker did not always envision herself as a sexologist. She completed graduate school with a master's degree in education. She intended to enter the school system and teach deaf children. (This was apparent throughout the lecture with Volker's vivacious signing.) During her first year as a teacher for young deaf children, Volker had an epiphany. A nine-year-old boy asked her the meaning of the writing on the bathroom walls. Volker realized that, besides the fact that she didn't know the vulgarities, she wanted to make a positive impact on people and their attitudes about sex. Sexology was the way to go.

Within her profession as a sexologist, Volker has worked at hospitals, nursing homes, schools and now at her own private practice. This minister's daughter even had a radio show titled “Sex with Marilyn.” Volker wanted to clear one thing up; she didn't come up with the title!

There are many different types of people who go to see a sexologist. Volker sees couples that start out having fantastic sex and others who start out with a less than desirable sex life. Some people go to see Volker who have discovered that their sex lives are not the same after overcoming a drug or alcohol addiction. She mentioned that sex while on drugs was not sex with another person; it was sex with the drug.

Thank you to the Office of Recreation and Wellness for bringing such an informative and exciting speaker to campus.

This Week In The Business World

by Dan Grenier
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The markets continued to find some ground to stand on, but nothing proved to be able to lift the market. Not even a half-point rate cut brought any excitement to the market.

A rate cut earlier in the year ignited the market to gains near 300 points in one day. However, this rate cut was expected to be a half-point, so when the decision was made to cut interest rates by only a half, the market was disappointed.

Everyone was hoping for a surprise, looking for a 3/4 point cut, but the Federal Reserve thought that would be too much. Therefore, on the day the Reserve made the cut, the market actually fell.

First, in the last two weeks, the Dow pushed ahead slightly, but the Nasdaq continued to fall deeper. The Dow gained 121.47 points to land at 10781.45. The Nasdaq lost 310.33 points, falling to 2470.97.

The Nasdaq is now down nearly 55% from its all time high, which is so far removed that many never remember what it was like. Support levels continue to drop for the Nasdaq. A support level is a value where many believe that the market must reach in order to push further. Many experts now see the support level of the Nasdaq around 2100, meaning that they do not believe that the Nasdaq will gain any significant ground until it falls to 2100 points.

In other business news, Daimler Chrysler is going to cut 26000 jobs over the next three years. The cuts are being made to offset the loss of profits that were never realized by a drastic merger made in 1998 with another car company. The company is going with a complete makeover, cutting down production, advertising, and distribution.

Bill Gates has joined the world fight against AIDS and TB at a recent conference with U.N. health officials. Gates said he was shocked with the small amount of money going into research and treatment for diseases in poorer countries. Gates, therefore, made a $100 million donation for research into an AIDS vaccine, and he challenged other business leaders to do the same.

Consumer confidence has reached its lowest level in four years. This lack of confidence was clearly seen when the interest rate cut failed to move the market. Consumers are pessimistic about business and employment conditions for the coming months. The levels of consumer confidence, as reported by the Conference Board of the Federal Reserve, are the same as the level that was seen during the last recession, with many experts believing that we are headed to another recession soon.

Fort Wilderness is Cool

by Caleb Kennedy
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Looking for something to do for Spring Break? If your idea of fun isn't going to a tropical paradise, drinking until you pass out, and waking up to do it all over again, then go to the Disney Theme Parks and stay at Fort Wilderness.

You might want to try out Disney's Fort Wilderness for an extraordinary camping experience. Once you arrive, you will be greeted by an overly friendly attendant who will direct you to your site. Whether it be a camping site or a modestly furnished trailer. Accommodations depend on your financial situation and what you consider "camping."

There are many outdoor activities to try. Activities at the site range from breakfast with Disney storybook characters to roasting marshmallows at a giant bonfire. You can try horseback riding along the many trails scattered throughout the campground. There are several heated pools, basketball courts, and tennis courts.

This trip is recommended for the individual who wants to get away from the bright lights of the big city. The park also offers admission to "River Country," a water park equipped with slides and other water entertainment. One fun activity is to rent a small boat with an outboard motor. Leaving from Fort Wilderness one can drive the boat close to Disney World and see the castle and other Disney Hotels.

The campgrounds are about five minutes away from Disney World and Epcot Center. They are affordable with the cost to rent a nice mobile home about $270 for three days and two nights during the peak of tourist season. Five people can comfortably sleep in the trailer for about $55 dollars a person for three days. Package deals may be available.

So if you are thinking about saving your liver for Spring Break and haven't been to Disney World in a while, try Fort Wilderness for a nice change.
Five Dumb Blondes: Sex Etiquette

by Dee Wright
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Growing up, teenage girls find it very hard to deal with the prospect of puberty and boys without the advice and horror stories from other girls. Realizing that the time needed was longer than a lunch break, we, being the smarter sex, devised sleepovers. As girls mature to voluptuous creatures, causing men to salivate and shrink to their baser needs, sleepovers matured to "male bashing parties."

On one particular night, I and the other four blondes high off of vodka, margaritas and purple orgasms came up with a list of all the weird and terrible things men do that they really should not. This was the start of our very own sex etiquette journal.

With all our stories combined, here are the rules and no-no’s:

1) Ignoring the other parts of women’s bodies. We are not highways with only three turnoffs: “Breastville east and west and the midtown tunnel.” We have at least seven, not three, erogenous zones.

2) Stopping for a break. Some men act as if it’s the Superbowl and in between there is a halftime. Word of advice: THERE IS NO HALFTIME. Women, unlike men, cannot pick up where we left off. We have to start from first base all over again.

3) Not coming soon enough (here I stop to tell you a story): Karon on her usual "see and taste" excursions picked up a frat boy who told her she would have the time of her life with him. Instead, he ended up having sex with her for three hours. To some men this may seem like an achievement, but for women it’s more like a numb vagina. And then to add insult to injury, he turned to her with a smirk on his face and said: "Oh, I knew you couldn’t handle it.” It was then and there that Karon lost her mind and literally kicked him out the door.

4) Nudging women’s heads down (classic): Men, most women hate this. If this is some sort of communication, my advice is to STOP it. Oral sex, like intercourse, must be verbally agreed upon. If you want her to use her mouth, try asking. If you don’t you may meet up with one of us blondes who have sworn to bite your heads off, LITERALLY.

5) Not thanking her. The scum balls who have the privilege to be with a woman, any woman, must know that she above all else is a goddess and should be treated as such. So, even if it’s dirty sex, always remember to thank her.

6) I promised myself, that when I wrote about sex etiquette I would always end with a safety feature. The safety feature for today is: Always wear a condom. The wellness center has them for free.

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Darwin Awards: Close Encounters of the Feline Kind

by Erika Diaz
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1996 Darwin Awards Runner-Up

On 2 January 1996, a tiger killed one man and maulled another at the Calcutta zoo, in India, when they tried to put a marigold garland around its neck in a New Year’s greeting.

Prakash Tiwari and Suresh Rai had been drinking before they bought the floral garlands and crossed the moat around the tiger’s enclosure, authorities said. “I was shocked to see the two young men weaving about in front of a tiger with garlands in their hands,” said Rakesh Banerjee, who witnessed the attack that triggered panic and a near stampede in the zoo.

The men, both in their 20s, were trying to put the garland on a 13-year-old male Royal Bengal tiger named Shiva (after the Hindu god of destruction). When Rai threw the garland around Shiva’s neck, the tiger attacked him. His friend Tiwari intervened, kicking the tiger in the face. The tiger released Rai, and attacked and killed Tiwari.

“I saw it all; the tiger turned and jumped on the other young man and put its head on the man’s neck, and within moments, the man was apparently dead, his head dangling,” Banerjee said. The two were reportedly devotees of the goddess Durga and had gone to “worship” the tiger.

Immediately after the incident, an angry crowd went on a stone-pelting spree in which two children and a woman were injured.

“No, Kitty, that’s a BAD KITTY!” — Eric Cartman
Movie Mistakes: X-Men:

by Erika Diaz
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I think I’ll start this movie mistakes with a message to my readers: if you haven’t seen X-Men, don’t waste your time. I’m sure you can all find something more constructive to do than waste two hours of your existence.

For those of you who did bother to see the movie (myself included) I’m sorry for your loss. I’ve spent two hours watching my screensaver and had more fun. For those of you that disagree, you have a right to your opinion. Nonetheless the movie had some serious continuity issues that I’d love to address, so enjoy!

The “copper” straps used to restrain the heroes in the Statue of Liberty are actually made of foam or some other malleable material. They flex considerably as the characters struggle.

When Wolverine stops his truck to check out the funny noise, there are no tracks in the snow behind his car, but when he begins to leave after ditching Rogue, the tracks are visible.

When Wolverine stabs Rogue, her night-gown is conveniently ripped away in the back so we can see the claw punctures, but as she backs away there are no holes in the front.

After Toad spits his slime at Jean Grey, he falls to the floor. You can see the tether that was holding him in mid air.

In the opening scene in the concentration camp, three Nazis are trying to hold back Erik Magnus (Magneto’s real name) but characteristically, they would have just shot him and not bothered trying to stop him. Don’t pretend you didn’t see Schindler’s List.

Senator Kelly makes a phone call while he is in the helicopter, unaware that Guyrich is really Mystique. Before she transforms to her normal form, Kelly hands her (still in the form of Guyrich) his phone, which is placed in a pocket. Mystique transforms and... TADA! The phone is gone. Where would it go?

If the wind that Storm controlled was responsible for making her fly, where did the current come from if she was inside an elevator? She had to pull the air from somewhere, right?

During the final scene with Xavier and Magneto playing chess, there is a pawn missing from the board after Xavier leaves and Magneto pushes over his King. Checkmate.

When the bullet is hovering in front of the policeman’s head near the end of the film, why doesn’t he just duck rather than staying still, staring at the bullet? My guess? For the same reason the girl always trips when running away from the bad guy, the same reason she answers the phone, and the same reason she runs upstairs instead of out the front door. They’re all Darwin contenders.

In the beach scene when senator Kelly is watching the news at the hot dog stand, we can see a big chain behind it; the next shot shows Kelly taking some clothes than were hanging on the chain; those clothes were not there in the previous shot.

At the end, when Rogue and Wolverine are saying goodbye to each other, she runs after him and stops suddenly, and there are several strands of hair stuck across her mouth. It cuts to Wolverine quickly, then back to her, seemingly in the same position, and her hair is straight.

When Logan is getting the life force sucked out of him by Rogue at the end of the film on the Statue of Liberty, all of his recently healed wounds are coming open. Why didn’t this happen the first time and why aren’t his knuckles bleeding from where his claws always come out?

Why is Magneto trying to abduct Rogue at the beginning of the film? At that point all anyone knows about her power is that she sucks the life out of people. Nobody knows about her ability to absorb other mutants’ powers until she touches Wolverine, yet by that time Magneto is already putting the finishing touches on his torch and has made an attempt to take her away. Maybe Magneto is psychic.

And just how did Sabretooth know where to find Rogue? Even if she was on Kelly’s list of known mutants, she’d be listed as living in Mississippi. Why would he look for her hitchhiking across northern Canada?

Much is made of Magneto’s helmet which stops Professor X using Cerebro to find him. However, he can control Sabretooth and Toad (at the train station) and presumably knew that Sabretooth was about to attack Wolverine and Rogue. So why didn’t he find Magneto’s base by tracking one of his followers? Even if the base is shielded, he could still follow them until they disappeared, and it would be pretty simple to work out where the base was after that...

Just before the tree crashes down on Logan’s truck, Hugh Jackman says the line about driving safety in his natural, Australian accent.

In the scene in the statue of liberty where Toad has shot his slime at Jean Grey’s face, we see Cyclops shoot his optic beam to free himself from the room he was trapped in. Then he rushes to Jean’s aid. If you look closely you can see that the gloves he was wearing as part of his costume are no longer there when he takes the slime off of Jean’s face.

Logan flies through the windshield of his truck and skids on the snow, but when he stops, his left palm is facing up, then it flashes to Rogue, then back to Logan and his palm is down.

When Rogue is sitting on the bench outside, Bobby comes by and says hi. When Rogue says “Hi Bobby” her mouth doesn’t match what she says.

After Wolverine wakes up and grabs Jean’s throat he walks down a hallway ripping off the little circular probe patches from his chest. You can clearly see the red spots on his body for several minutes afterward. Wouldn’t this healing powers fix that much faster?

When Logan/Wolverine is in the bar after his cage fight with the big guy at the beginning of the film, Logan pins the guy up to the wall and we see his third claw retract from his hand. The claw comes from in-between his knuckles. But when he stabs Rogue by accident in the middle of the film, his claws come from half way down his hand. When he is in the plane towards the end of the film and he pops his claws through the sai gloves, they come from in-between his knuckles again.

Right after the scene where Sabretooth dispatches the Liberty Island guard, the camera switches to a head on shot of Magneto’s boat firing the torch. As the camera moves upward, you can distinctly see the head of someone crouching down next to Mystique as she captures the boat.

When Rogue is riding in Wolverine’s truck and he gives her the beef jerky, you
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can hear her lips smacking as she eats, but she is actually chewing with her mouth closed.

Why is Storm only limited to lightning blasts when Magneto traps the X-Men inside the Statue of Liberty? Couldn't she just conjure up a windstorm? And why couldn't Jean Grey do anything either?

In the police stand-off scene, Magneto takes away all the guns from the police and then cooks them. The police would have done that in the beginning.

Logan crashes through the windshield of his truck and lands yards away. The camera shows an undamaged windshield from Rogue's point of view. When watched carefully, you can see that the windshield changes from undamaged to cracked to obliterated and back to cracked several times.

When Cyclops is in the train station looking at the list of arrivals and departures, a kid looks up at him. You see a close-up of Cyclops and then you see a different kid in the close-up. When you can see both Cyclops and the kid it's the same kid that you see in the beginning of the scene.

During the train station scene when Sabretooth is holding Storm up, for a couple frames when he screams, you can see a filling on his back molar. Wouldn't a dentist think something of his teeth or wouldn't he grind/sand his teeth so they are normal? Or was it in the time where humans didn't care about mutants?

This is not really a mistake, but it is a useless tidbit of info. The trucker who drives Rogue to Northern Alberta is the actor who does Beast's voice from the X-Men cartoon series.

In the scene where Wolverine gets thrown onto the hood of the truck by Sabretooth, one scene shows him lying on the hood, the next shot shows him half way in the windshield and then he is back on the hood again.

Why didn't Cyclops destroy Magneto's machine instead of trying to hit Magneto himself? At the very least he could have shot the arms and disrupted the magnetic field.

Toward the beginning of the movie when you first see Toad, he sounds like he has a British accent as in the scene where Professor Xavier is controlling Toad and Sabretooth. But during the rest of the movie his accent sounds more Mexican.

There is no way that Logan could have flown through the front window of his RV. Windshields are made of safety glass, and the glass would spider-web from the impact of his adamantium skull, not shatter.

When young Magneto is struggling with the guards at the concentration camp, the father's star switches from one side of his chest to the other.

Rogue's accent seems very strong for the first part of the movie, but seems to disappear completely after the scene in Logan's truck.

In one scene Jean Grey reads Wolverine's mind. She said she is still developing her power. If she (with the little development that she has had thus far) was able to see those things of his past, then why does the Professor not read his mind? Wouldn't he with all of that great power of his be able to get more out of Wolverine than anybody else?

Wolverine's claws are sometimes drawn with the curved affect of a in-motion slash. But they are not curved and the effect of him doing a 360 on the statue's tiara spike was really cheesy and even comic book impossible. His claws can cut through anything and he didn't have the momentum to do that move. If he were holding on with his fingers, that would be more believable.

During the scene with Rogue in her bedroom, describing her trip through Canada to Alaska, she says that she will stop at Niagara Falls on the way. Niagara Falls is located on the east side of North America on the border of Canada and New York state. On her map of North America, she has a Niagara Falls postcard tacked onto the West side of the country.

At the end where Magneto and Xavier are playing chess, the professor moves his rook in the same row as Magneto's king, Magneto has to either (a) move his king or (b) block it somehow because he is in check, but Magneto instead takes Xavier's pawn with his knight. If they were going to play this game then they should at least learn how to play it.
Finding Forrester is a great movie. Here is the abridged version: a multitalented black man reaches his potential with help from a brilliant recluse, who begins to thrive once again as his friendship grows with his protege.

Jamal Wallace (Rob Brown, first time actor) is a star basketball player living in the Bronx. His own brilliance segregates him from his peers and family. He struggles to fit in at his own emotional and mental detriment. A dare from his cronies forces Wallace to meet the man he later learns is William Forrester (Sean Connery). William Forrester wrote a book that many believe was the last Great American novel since The Great Gatsby. He only wrote one book and then went writing, but only a few have the skill to actually write a good novel. Crawford (F. Murray Abraham) is interesting. Crawford notices the rapid acceleration in Wallace's writings but begins to suspect that Wallace is not writing his own papers. Crawford uses Wallace's neighborhood and socioeconomic status against him as proof that he is not capable of the excellent level of writing displayed. Clearly, Crawford is portrayed as a bigot which is actually inaccurate and too easy to conclude. The character of Crawford's teacher Forrester is the basketball team accumulates. He is poor. The director (Gus Van Sant) is successful in portraying Wallace's plight without relying entirely on "the Man" keeping Wallace down.

The movie explores several different themes. The most obvious is the struggles of Wallace going to a white aristocratic school that accepted him for his basketball skills. His performance at school is only measured by how many wins the basketball team accumulates. He is segregated now not by his intelligence but by his race and economic status. The other black students do not socialize with him because he is poor. The director (Gus Van Sant) is successful in portraying Wallace's plight without relying entirely on "the Man" keeping Wallace down.

The movie focuses not just on the changes in Wallace, but also those in Forrester. Forrester rediscovering his joy of living after his family all died within the same year. Forrester became disenchanted with success as everyone he loved died and he was left with 300 pages of exceptional writing. Wallace develops his writing ability and matures under Forrester's guidance. Forrester grows to no longer fear going out into the city. Wallace also unknowingly motivates him to complete another novel.

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This movie is excellent with several different themes being developed within the movie. Sean Connery gives a great performance as a recluse. Who would have thought to see Sean Connery play a cowardly man? He is the best James Bond. It is reminiscent of one of the only movies in which John Wayne wasn't a tough guy the 1939 movie The Quiet Man. Rob Brown is outstanding as a young man who learns to develop his ability and improve himself. It is one of the best movies of the year.

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Tired of the club scene? In need of a new hobby? I know I was, and then I found My Tattoo Shop.

The shop is owned by Freddy, 30, and his brother James, 26. Walking through the door is like walking into another dimension. Techno/rave music comes jumping out from what seems to be every corner.

The first thing I noticed was their impressive selection of piercing jewelry. It is one of the largest selections I have seen. They have everything from glow in the dark jewelry to black light, 14k gold, charms, rings, and barbells in all sizes. With so many choices, it is easy to build up a nice collection of jewelry.

The walls are covered with the artwork of Freddy. His main theme is clowns, and they are beautifully drawn and airbrushed all over the place. When I mention clowns and you are thinking of Chuckles or Bozo you would be better off to think more along the lines of Insane Clown Posse or Bozo on drugs.

I went to the shop because I was thinking about getting my tongue pierced. I had experienced a piercing tragedy at another local shop, so a friend recommended that I go to My Tattoo Shop and talk to James.

When I had my belly button pierced for the first time, (at that other place) I bled for well over an hour and I was in a lot of pain. This being my first piercing, I assumed that this was normal. A couple of weeks later I went back to have my right nipple pierced and after 10 minutes of struggling with the needle and the hoop and the bleeding, I left with all the pain and no jewelry to show for it. The piercer told me that I could not get a piercing because I had too much muscle tissue. This is where James comes into the picture.

When I first met James, I was in awe of his extensive piercings. He has rings going through his bottom lip, both of his ears, his labret (below bottom lip), and the bottom of his cheeks. Even more impressive to me was the fact that he did all of his piercings himself.

I showed up at the shop and told him what happened and showed him my belly button. He gave me a very good piece of advice: "Just because someone looks like a piercer does not mean that they are!"

James took care of my belly button so that it would not have to be re-pierced, and he was able to pierce my nipple in less than a minute with no pain and no blood. With my renewed confidence in piercing, I went on to get two more belly button rings (bottom and side), my left nipple, my tongue, my nose, and most recently my eyebrow.

After realizing that I don't have anything left to pierce, I switched back over to ink. I already had a few tattoos, but I could not resist adding to my collection. So far Freddy has put a Chinese symbol on the back of my neck, a dagger intertwined with a rose on my thigh, and some concrete tribal designs on my back.

My Tattoo Shop has something for everybody. In addition to the awesome clowns displayed, there are hundreds of designs to choose from. If you don't see something you want, but have an idea of what you would like, Freddy can put your vision down on paper, and then he can permanently put it on your body.

Another thing I like about Freddy's place is that it is set up for total privacy when you are getting tattooed. It is so much easier to relax while getting a tattoo if you are not being gawked at by everyone else waiting for a tattoo. Another plus is that you can make an appointment so that you don't have to wait.

After getting to know Freddy, I learned that he has always been an artist.

When I asked him what the deal was with all of the clowns, he told me that someone once told him clowns would make him famous because he drew them so well.

Currently Freddy is starting up his own line of gear (shirts, etc.) which will be, surprise-surprise, clown-based. The line will be called "Just Clownin'". Freddy also does custom airbrushing for shirts, signs, and etceteras if you want some cool art done on something other than your flesh.

To find out more about this awesome place check out their website at www.mytattooshop.com or just stop by and talk to the guys and take a look around. They are located on the southeast corner of Hallandale Beach Boulevard and 441 near the check-cashing store. It is definitely worth the trip!
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Celebrity Secrets: “Does Moby have a foot fetish?”; “Alicia Silverstone pleathers herself!”

Press Release

Why is Moby asking fans to send him photos of their feet and wholesome Alicia Silverstone posing in biker gear? For these two long time vegans, there could only be one answer: their commitment to animal rights.

To help expose just how much animal cruelty is inherent in leather, the stars have joined PETA’s promo of natural fibers and synthetic skins. The Grammy-nominated Moby appears inside the current issue of PETA’s Animal Times magazine, holding his favorite footwear aloft and encouraging readers to send in photos of their feet—in animal-free shoes. Entries that knock Moby’s socks off will be featured in a future issue of the magazine, and whoever submits the weirdest, silliest, or just plain best photo will receive a pair of Pangea’s skin-free NoBull Savage hiking boots. Visit CollegeActivist.com for more information about the contest.

Alicia Silverstone is in on the act too, posing as a biker chick in a new PETA ad. Her studded black cap and zipped vest are made of synthetic leather, or “pleather”, and boast PETA’s hot new accessory for the cruelty-free set: a patch that reads “Fake, for the Animals' Sake.” Alicia is a vegan “leader of the pack” in young Hollywood, where stars like Drew Barrymore, Joaquin Phoenix, and Fiona Apple shun not only fur, but all animal foods, entertainment, and skins.

Visitors to CollegeActivist.com will see Moby and Alicia and can order a “Fake for the Animals’ Sake.” Patch, as well as PETA’s free nonleather shopping guide.

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There are also paid positions available as associate editor and staff writers. Experience is preferred but we will train as needed.

If you are interested please call the Editor, Jennifer Whiteel, at (954) 262-8433 or email at nnsnews@nova.edu

The Knight Newspaper would like to correct itself. In Issue 10 we misspelled the name “Daniel Dawes” and omitted the name “Becky Bible” in the byline for the article “Lions, Tigers, and Kung Fu Fighters, OH MY!” We wish to apologise for any inconvenience these mistakes may have caused.

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From: Cindy
Thank you for being the best boy-friend. Love you much.
- Champagne

To: NSUSGA, E-board, & Senators
From: Stephen Rickards
Have a Happy Valentine's

To: Lora Reyes
From: ?
Word, candles. 
Brown Cow

To: Dr. Waites
From: Radio X
Thanks for being such a cool advisor.

To: The Radio X Staff & Knight Staff
From: Jenecyde
I LOVE YOU ALL!

To: All the Cheerleaders
From: Amber #2
Hope you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day

To: Eric Torres
From: Amber
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To: Martha
From: Javard
Thinking of you always

To: Alaina
From: Stacy
It is okay that no one loves you b/c I do!

To: Pumpkin
From: Aisha
Love You

To: Mom
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Love ya!

To: Meredith
From: Carl
My love for you is a great as you are small

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Happy Valentine's Day

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To: Castejon
Hijo mio te amo y te estrano te quiero mucho con todo mi corazon

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From: Yanielis Garcia
Te adoro con todo el corazon mi Indio querido

To: Gislaire
From: Virgil
Will you be my Valentine? I love you and so does Scooby-Doo!

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From: Marya
You girls are the best friends one could ever ask for

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From: Tara
You are my favorite roomie!

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I'm so purty!

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Happy Valentine's Day from you friend

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I love you. Hope you had a great Valentine's Day

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From: Erika
You Guys Rock! I Love You "-ifer!"

To: Amelia Fernandez
From: Vladimir Duran
Te amo

To: 21
From: 3
Hope you had a good Valentines

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From: Lady Zion
We're famous now baby! Have a great time working on #1, hope he's a 10

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From: Jennifer
You Guys Rock! Thanks for all of your hard work.

To: Kelly
From: Irene
I love ya girl, you're the best roommate!

To: Jaye, Jenny, Chelo and Rhiannon
From: Sarah
Hope you all had a Happy Valentine's Day, good luck with the rest of the semester!
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From: Rachael  
Happy V-Day Guys.  

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To: The Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha  
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Las quiero a todas. I love you guys!

To: Tara  
From: Marya  
You mean more to me than you will ever know. Thanks for everything. I love you roomie.

To: Danielle Wright  
From: Someone who loves you  
I just wanted to let you know I have fallen hard for you. I think you’re beautiful person inside and out. I hope our time comes around and we find each other. Love, your biggest admirer.

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From: The Business Manager of The Knight Newspaper  
Happy V-Day everyone. This is just another reward for all of our blood, sweat, tears brought on by our persistence & dedication in creating the best student-governed & organized publications. Long Live SCO, Love Ya -Piper

To: Warren  
From: Melissa  
It will work out in the end. Keep trying. It’s so cute!

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From: Aimee  
Happy Valentine’s Day! Love, Aimee

To: Sherone  
From: Nadine  
Happy V’day!

To: The Tube @  
From: Candi  
You’re the man! Thanks for last night!

To: Gustavo  
From: Bill  
Thanks for being such a “sweet” friend

To: Karl  
From:  

To: Tanya Frederic  
From: no booboo  
A little Mama, you’re cool and a good friend. Much love Babes.

To: Debbie  
From: Daniele  
Happy Valentine!!  
It’s a pleasure knowing you.

To: Jason  
From: Tube @  
I miss you!

To: Daniele  
From: Debbie  
You are the sweetest person I know. Have a happy Valentine’s Day!

To:  
From: In memory of Jackson w/ love. We miss you. Meow.

To: Suzana  
From: ??  
Happy Valentine’s from your secret admirer

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From: Pamela  
Thanks for being so thoughtful- all the time

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From: Juaniea Espinoza  
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To: John D’Angew  
From: Andrea  
I love you baby.

Happy Valentine’s Day

To: All Girls  
From: Big Pimpin’ Kiss~

To: Pooquerito  
From: Pookiness  
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Baseball Ups And Downs

by Becky Bible
Contributing Writer

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team overpowered the Moes of Florida Southern by winning 2 out of 3 games at home. The following weekend the Knights fell to 20 ranked University of Tampa and Saint Leo in a 4 game series making their record 5-5.

The Knights started off slow in their first game against the Moccasins of Florida Southern falling behind early 8-0. However senior Matthew Buehler started a rally with a single. From that point on the Knights began battling back and scored 6 runs. Chris Villano and Richie Gasbarro both got on base by getting hit with pitches. The stage was finally set for senior Matt Cleveland who came through in the clutch by hitting a homerun to win the game 9-8.

The second game of the weekend started off quick with NSU leading 4-0. The Knights shutout the Mocs for seven innings only allowing two runs to score. Senior pitcher Steve Thomas threw an unbelievable game pitching eight innings and facing 27 batters. Chris Villano had tremendous hits and a solo homerun, Bryan Needle continued hitting outstanding going 2-3, Matt Cleveland also racked up two hits and Matt Buehler once again made saving plays to keep the Knights defensive clean. Jeff Cox came in to close the game sending all three batters back to the dugout.

The third game of the weekend also got off to a quick start with both teams scoring in the first three innings. The Knights took an early lead and held the Moes 7-5. Chris Villano came out of the game in the third inning with a serious injury, which proved to hurt the Knights in the end. In the bottom of the ninth with Jeff Cox on the mound the Moes took the lead to win the game 8-7. The Knights battled hard but could not hold on to the win.

After starting their season with a 5-1 record the Knights went on the road to battle 20 ranked University of Tampa and Saint Leo. The Knights fell short to Tampa and were shutout 16-0. Tampa lit up their bats and racked up hit after hit after hit.

The Knights lost all three games against Saint Leo in a head to head struggle for the win. All in all both teams played their heart out. The first game went into extra inning with a ending score of 7-9, the second game ended with a score of 5-11 and the third game ended the weekend with a 3-11 upset. One player said, "it was a battle from the beginning and we all fought hard."

Knights Battle but Fall to Bucs

by Vicki Greenbaum
Contributing Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - The Nova Southeastern University baseball team fought hard overcoming an early deficit, but it wasn't enough to beat the Buccaneers of Barry University. The final score after nine innings was 14-10. The Knights (5-6) found themselves behind after four innings, but they battled back to tie it in the fifth only to fall short in the sixth and not be able to make up the runs. On the night though NSU looked impressive with 14 hits to Barry's 13. Every player that batted in the game had at least one hit in the game. Going three-for-four on the night was Christian Calt (Coral Springs, FL) and catcher Luke Albert went three-for-five, all doubles. Starting on the mound in tonight's game was Daniel Lande (North Miami, FL) and coming in for him for 4.2 innings was sophomore Dustin Heath (Bonita Springs, FL). Relieving Heath and getting the loss was Jeff Cox (Fl. Lauderdale, FL) (0-2) and finishing the game off with three strikeouts was Ryan Morris (Katy, TX). The Buccaneers got three homeruns in tonight's game from Joey Apotheke, Iraan Gonzales and Henry Owens. Gonzales had five RBIs, two hits and two runs on the night. The Knights will start conference play this weekend against Northwood University. The first of their weekend series will begin Friday, February 16 at home with the game beginning at 7 p.m.

Sports Update

by Dan Grenier
Staff Writer

Over the last two weeks, three of the major sports have held their All-Star games. The NBA All-Star game was held right after press time, so that will be reported on in the next issue.

National Football League

The Super Bowl was a super bore, with New York never being in the game. The league ended a great season, and a great post-season with their biggest game being a bust. The most exciting part of the night was the great half time show recently with the North American team of the XFL, the Extreme Football League. The NFL also had its All-Star game recently with the North American team defeating the World team. The game drew its lowest rating ever, despite having the return of Michael Lerner.

Many fans are just waiting for the playoffs, when hockey gets really exciting. Speaking of the playoffs, the Panthers will likely be nowhere near the playoff pool. They are still sitting at the bottom of the league and likely will not be going anywhere soon. They recently traded one of their original players, Scott Mellanby, to the St. Louis Blues. Mellanby is famous for starting the rat craze in 1995 when he killed a rat in the Panthers locker room.

National Hockey League

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National Basketball League

The NBA is holding its All-Star game on Sunday, February 11th. Miami Heat forward, Anthony Mason was named a reserve on the team and could be made a starter by coach Larry Brown to replace Grant Hill. This is Mason’s first All-Star game in his 12 year career.
**NSU Women’s Basketball**

**Press Release**

The NSU women’s basketball team continued on their road of success this week bringing their record to 12-12 and Florida Sun Conference record to 6-2.

As they head into their final week of regular season play the Knights are tied for the number one spot in their conference and are trying to reach their goal of coming out on top.

Freshman standout Jessica Pate (Kissimmee, FL) continues to dominate and lead the Knights. This past week she set two records with her 33 points and 19 rebound double-double against Florida Memorial.

Pate received Florida Sun Conference Player of the Week Honors last week and was nominated again this week. She leads the team in points by averaging 13.7 ppg, rebounds with a total of 221 and 9.6 a game and blocks with 23.

Junior Meghanne Hickey (Casselbury, FL) is right behind Pate with 12.3 ppg and leads the team with 64 three-pointers. Tahaji Felder (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) is the assist leader having a total of 82. Freshman Lauren DeLaney holds a 89% free throw percentage, which is the best on the team.

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**NSU Comes Up Short in Final Game**

**Press Release**

In the final regular season game for the Nova Southeastern University men’s basketball team they came out fighting.

The Knights had four players in double figures and outrebounded the Flagler College Saints 40-37 but still came up short, mostly due to the accuracy of the Saints’ three-point shooters. NSU ended the game with a 79-67 loss.

This puts the Knights at 7-19 for the regular season and 3-9 in the conference.

The Knights kept the game tight for most of the game until the Saints’ accurate shooting and tough defense kept NSU scoreless for more than six minutes of the second half. An attempt to battle back failed and the Knights were stuck ten points behind for the remainder of the game.

The second game was disheartening for the Knights, as Lynn came to the plate and scored three consecutive runs in each of the first two innings, one being a homerun by Jeannie Manz. This was the momentum throughout the rest of the game.

The Knights lone run came from a hit by Jennifer Garcia (Miami, FL) driven in by Ridenoure.

NSU will play in their home opener on February 22 at 6 p.m. against the Buccaneers of Barry University.

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**Knights Men’s Soccer Sign Two**

**by Vicki Greenbaum**

**Contributing Editor**

The Nova Southeastern University men’s soccer team signed two important players for the 2001 season. Both Gerror Mol Aquino (Miramar, FL) and Warren Cunningham (Durban, South Africa) will immediately impact and add to the midfield and defense position.

In his sophomore year he scored five goals and had six assists, junior year he improved to 10 goals and eight assists and already this season he has seven goals and ten assists. Aquino is a three-year starter for America Heritage and so far has earned All-Tourney Honors at the St. Thomas Tournament and is nominated as an All-State Player.

"Gerror is an incredible combination of pace and power," said men’s soccer head coach Joe DePalo. "He will undoubtedly add steel to an already solid midfield and back line."

Cunningham has already started NSU and is training with the Knights from Durban, South Africa where he attended Durban High School. Cunningham will come in at the Forward position.

He has earned many honors including Chiltern Park Player of the Year, he represented Kwa-zulu Natal at the National Championships, was a Durban/Metro selection playing against Leeds United and trained with Doncaster Rovers football club in England.

Cunningham has already started NSU and is training with the Knights for the Spring 2001 season.

"Warren is the target player we have been searching for," said DePalo. "He will allow our other attacking options a little more freedom. This Spring will be good for him in regards to meshing with our current crop of players."

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**NSU Troubled by Lynn**

**Press Release**

The Nova Southeastern University softball team (0-2) opened up their regular season today with two disappointing losses to Lynn University.

In game one the Knights battled but came up short with a 5-3 loss. Game two started slow for the Knights and they could not pick up their momentum in the 9-1 loss.

In the first game, the Knights battled back from a 2-0 deficit in the fourth inning with hits by Cheryl Bond (Pembroke Pines, FL) Nikki Hyatt (Tamarac, FL), and Salina Vavia (Mission Viejo, CA). Pitcher (0-1) Jennifer Ridenoure (Jacksonville, FL) came up with two outs and hit a triple to drive all three home, but a late comeback by the Fighting Knights of Lynn University put them past NSU 5-3.

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- Benefits of major (i.e. jobs it prepares students for, etc)
- Classes Nova offers
- How one applies for admissions
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- Academic/Nonacademic Services:
- Overview of organization
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Ms. Jack of All Trades

by Daniel Dawes
Contributing Writer

Candice Carreno, Vice-President of NSUSGA, is not a typical broke, depressed, or confused college student attempting to slide her way through the system. Nor is she a person taking the "easy" route in life. Instead Candice's life story inspires hope and determination.

Fourteen years ago, at the age of six, Candice was on her way to stardom when she started figure skating at a local ice-skating rink. She enjoyed ice-skating so much that afterwards she took it up professionally. During her middle and high school years, however, while traveling all over the United States to perform her routine, she became stressed and overcame by fatigue.

Just when it seemed that Candice would be the next Kristi Yamaguchi or Tara Lipinski, she stopped skating because "it was mentally too much" for her. She had to learn over 25 routines and practice rigorously every day with strict coaches. "It was no longer fun," said Candice.

At 17, she switched to cheerleading at McArthur High School in Pembroke Pines. She has carried her cheerleading zeal to NSU. She even volunteers her time to teach cheerleading to children at NSU. She has been playing NSU softball for 4 years as teammates the most. She said, "My teammates strive for success. She believes that the most significant part of playing softball is being a team. Ocampo appreciates her teammates the most. She said, "My friends...all the girls on the team are so great! I'm going to miss them very much next year."

Ocampo decided to play college softball knowing that she would not pursue it professionally. She did not have the hopes and desires of many athletes to become professional, rather she simply could not see herself not playing softball. For her, softball is a way of life. It is a way of releasing tension and more importantly a way of paying tuition.

Ocampo grew up in New Jersey and later moved to Davie, Florida. Her mother, also a great softball player, motivated Diane once she got to Florida to play softball, soccer and volleyball. Her brother now plays soccer and her sister plays college softball as well. Diane's mother is an inspiration to her and is extremely supportive of her athletic activity.

Many times Diane has wanted to pack her bags and call it quits. Yet her perseverance will not allow her to ever be a quitter. Diane describes herself as "independent," ready to face the world head on. She lives by the motto "Always treat people the way you want to be treated." She uses this saying to remind herself to always be fair with her teammates. As a leader she believes it is essential to remember that she is only captain in voice and that her teammates' input is imperative to their success.
NSU Student Drugged

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Elizabeth McCarty, a student at Nova Southeastern University, woke up hooked to I.V.s with no idea where she was or why she was there. "It was probably the most horrific thing that has ever happened to me in my entire life," she said.

She had gone to a popular night club in South Beach with some of her sorority sisters the night before. One of them knew the bartender, so they were able to get drinks.

She ordered a shot and turned to ask her friends to wait for her. She took the shot and headed for the dance floor. That is the last thing she remembers before awaking in the hospital.

"There was black charcoal stuff all over me. I had no idea what it was from. I didn't know what happened or why I was there," she said. They had pumped her stomach to expel the drug that had been slipped into her drink at the bar.

Elizabeth was lying alone in confusion for twenty minutes before a nurse came in and allowed her to go to the bathroom. When she stepped out into the hall, the first person she saw was one of her sorority sisters. "I started bawling. I asked Dolly, 'what the hell happened to me?' She later learned the whole story. By the time she got onto the dance floor, the GHB had started to kick in. It is a muscle relaxer, and as it hit her she became weak. She was stumbling and falling into people on the dance floor. It was obvious that something was wrong. She had only had two drinks.

Her friends took her and sat her on a couch. "I was so weak, I couldn’t even sit up," a bouncer noticed the frantic situation. He picked her up and carried her outside. "He demanded to know what kind of drugs I was on or he was going to call the police. My sisters swore I had only taken the two drinks, but he said he knew the difference between alcohol and drugs. And what was happening to me wasn’t caused by alcohol," explained Elizabeth.

The bouncer sent her friend back in to get someone who was twenty-one because they were underage and shouldn’t have been there in the first place. When they tried to get back to her they were not allowed out of the club. Finally, one of the girls found her in the back.

Eventually, her friends were able to convince someone to call an ambu-lance. It arrived just as Elizabeth lost consciousness.

"If it wasn’t for my sisters, I wouldn’t be alive today," Elizabeth said with tears in her eyes.

When I asked her if there was anything she would like to add, she replied simply, "never take your eyes off your drink. In a matter of turning your head, you could be slipped a drug."

Remember, only accept drinks that you saw poured, even watch the bartender, and never take your eyes off your drink for even a second—that is all it takes. Be young, have fun, but most of all be careful.
Megan Connors: New Kid on the Block at Residential Life

Searching for a snowless and blissful abode, Megan Connors left her hometown of Winthrop, Massachusetts, in August of 1998 to make Nova Southeastern University her playground. Recently, she has taken on the role of Resident Advisor at Goodwin Hall.

Megan has kept active on campus since day one and has definitely made a positive impact on the University in her first three years here. Besides Megan's full academic load in the dual admissions program, she has been involved with Delta Phi Epsilon, The Flight Deck, Recreation and Wellness, Orientation Staff and her most recent endeavor, Residential Life.

Megan was welcomed to the Residential Advisor Staff of Leo Goodwin Hall this semester. She survived RA training earning, luckily, only one black eye. (The Residential Life Staff took a "relaxing" trip to the roller rink, and, goodness, those kids sure do skate fast!)

"My transition into the Resident Advisor position has been smooth, even though it was very busy. Now that I am settling in, its great!" Megan had a very busy start at Residential Life, but every day has been interesting and fulfilling.

Megan first had the idea to apply for the RA position after becoming an Orientation leader in the summer of 2000. She had to live in the Goodwin Residence Hall and be accessible to new students. "I thought that it would be fun to live back in the Goodwin and I wanted to refocus myself on campus." Her time thus far as an RA has been enjoyable and fulfilling.

Megan has earned the position of Vice President of Operations with her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon, more commonly referred to as DPhiE. She has been involved with Greek Life since the fall rush of 1998. Last year she was honored with the Award of Greek Woman of the Year. She has been a great support for her sorority sisters and has been able to make noticeable strides. Last year she co-chaired Mr. Nova Knight and helped raise over $800 for charity. Megan was also in charge of last year's Founders Day celebration. She created an awesome event with free food, a tent full of DPhiE information.

Keeping an eye on her color-coded calendar and having her day planner, Megan keeps up with her busy schedule. She organizes her time efficiently to devote ample time and dedication to each of her undertakings.

Megan would like to remembered and appreciated because of her efforts and hard work ethic on campus. She wants to create a positive living and learning environment for students.

This former high school hockey cheerleader wants to promote activity on campus. "This campus offers many things to do outside of the classroom. Getting people involved, especially commuters is difficult, but there are many activities sponsored by clubs and organizations throughout the week. There is always something to do, and even if you don't want to participate, come and watch."

Megan wants to leave a positive impact here on N.S.U.'s campus by letting people know that there are opportunities to develop and succeed on campus, you just have to keep you eyes open and appreciate N.S.U. at its fullest.

Denise Collins, An Artist at Work

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Denise Collins, daughter of world-renowned artist Charles Mills, is preparing for her next exhibit slated to kick off at West Palm Beach Community College in late February.

Collins, along with her cousin, Edith Humphries (a fellow artist and local art solicitor) will host a two-person show featuring their sculptures. The exhibit will promote and introduce new pieces from each artist and will provide an opportunity to view sculpture with an Afro-centric theme.

Collins and New York Art Institute graduate Humphries chose to produce the show principally for exposure and secondarily for profit.

Having previously displayed numerous paintings and sketches, Collins decided to experiment with clay. Collins said, "I try to draw and sculpt to perfection. My work reflects a quality that I can be proud to share with the community."

Collins began with art about fifteen years ago. Originally born in New York, Collins and her family moved to Florida in 78. She was first introduced to art by a co-worker. After trying ceramics and finding it unfulfilling and uninteresting, Collins tried painting. Painting opened up a variety of art forms for Collins to experiment with. She found she was equally adept at sketching, painting and sculpting.

Since then, her work has been featured in exhibits, art fairs, and shows. Most recently, she had her work featured at Fort Lauderdale's African-American Research Mixel Library, the Coral Springs museum, and the Pembroke Pines West Regional Library.

Collins is also an active member of an organization entitled AWAC (African World Artist Collective). The not-for-profit organization was founded in 1997 and was created essentially to give prospective artists exposure and recognition for their contributions of art in the African-American communities.

AWAC fosters awareness of African-American art and promotes creative independence. The organization sponsors exhibits, educational programs and mentors children. In an effort to promote African-American heritage in local communities, it is in the process of developing a community outreach program. While AWAC's focus is on African-American art, they are recruiting members who enjoy all types of art and enjoy expressing themselves through all art forms.

As the organization continues to grow, Collins will take an active role in its promotion and development. Members of the AWAC group will be in attendance at the exhibition to support Collins. When asked what one can expect from the show, Collins answered, "Hopefully the introduction of Denise Collins as a visual artist and sculptress."
German Coppola

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German Coppola, President of the Student Government at NSU, wants students to know that the NSUSGA is there for them. Through motivation and training he wants students to gain a better notion of the university.

As President of the NSUSGA, he is the linking voice between the Senate and the faculty. The Senate represents the student body. His job is to meet with the Senate and the faculty to design plans that will benefit the students.

He has been a student at the university for 3 years and plans to graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology. After graduation in May he will continue his studies at Wayne Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship to master in Business Administration.

His involvement in the NSUSGA began last year when the past NSUSGA president asked him to represent the international students by becoming International Senator. It was during this time period that he realized the power of the NSUSGA, that it was the “voice of the students” in the university. So he became interested in being the leader of the NSUSGA and decided to run for president.

One of the biggest struggles that the NSUSGA faces is getting students to speak their minds out. He says, “Don’t be afraid of talking to us because we are also students.” They have handed out surveys around campus to get an idea of the changes students want for the university. Another struggle has been to fill the gap between the administration and the student body. They are currently working hard in order to obtain more flexibility with the demands of students.

The NSUSGA is currently working on many projects and events. For example, they are working on getting student representation at faculty meetings. Therefore the students’ interest will be included at these meetings.

Also, the NSUSGA is organizing a Leadership Symposium, which will bring the student body together. Based on the television show, “Ultimate Survivor,” the event will teach students the importance of teamwork. They are currently working on Challenge the NSUSGA week where students can challenge member of the NSUSGA to an activity. The winner gets $500 in cash! The NSUSGA also offers scholarships to undergraduate students, including international students. Finally, they will be organizing a Mardi Gras parade on campus. Coppola says, “We are currently very busy right now, but it is all very motivating.”

Coppola’s duty is to coordinate these events and let the subcommittees of the NSUSGA run the event. He has to make certain that everyone puts their time and effort into his/her work. “You must motivate, teach and help students and Senators to achieve a better understanding of the University as a whole.”

As President of the NSUSGA, Coppola is a leader. He believes that a good leader is a person who will motivate others to be independent in their jobs and who motivates people to have enough confidence in themselves to do things they believe they cannot achieve.

This year the NSUSGA has been nominated for the best student government in the state of Florida. Coppola says that if they win that award, it will mean that they have overcome all the hardest obstacles that exist and that will make him feel like a successful leader.

For Coppola, being President of the NSUASGA has been an unforgettable experience because of the many lessons he’s learned. He has learned to live under constant pressure, to deal with other people’s attitudes, to cope with the ups and downs and to listen carefully to others in order to obtain higher people skills. But the best part of his experience as President has been “to see hope that this student government is breaking away from the dark shadow that haunted it in the previous years.”

Not All Successful People Attend College

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It’s every business major’s dream to become vice president of a large company and financially successful. However, Greg DePhilliss wasn’t a business major, he didn’t even attend college. He started from the bottom and worked his way to the top.

Thirty-one years after starting in the mailroom, DePhilliss is now Vice President of Structural Products for Trade ARBED Inc., one of the largest steel companies in the world. He is in charge of selling steel products all over the U.S., setting the prices, promotion, sales, and strategy from his office in New York City.

So how did Greg move from the mailroom to become one of five Vice Presidents? “Using my street smarts, my personality, and a lot of logic,” he said.

For economic reasons, the only schooling he had after high school was at an unaccredited school called the World Trade Center of Learning in New York City. There he took two classes, U.S Customs Law and International Traffic.

He then worked part-time as a messenger in Manhattan, which enabled him to learn the streets of New York City, after which he was hired at ARBED. His early work included billing, invoicing, and collections.

As Mr. DePhilliss worked for the company, his managers could not only see that he was aggressive, knew how to communicate with people, was part of a team, and always got involved. His actions led to promotion after promotion until now he earns an income in the top five percent in the U.S.

DePhilliss states that today a college education is essential. Back in 1969 when he was first hired at ARBED, companies looked to mainly promote and hire within because an outsider wouldn’t know as much as someone who already worked for the company. But that is no longer the case. Most companies look to hire someone who not only has a degree but also experience in the field.

So what advice does Greg have for someone trying to get the same kind of business career? “Being book smart doesn’t necessarily cut it. You need to have a combination of both book smarts and street smarts. Work hard, be aggressive, and use common sense if you have it. Have a good personality and go with a smile. Don’t get stuck in a job you hate. Have the ambition to get a job you like. Most importantly get some experience in a field before you finish college. Employees look for that when hiring.”
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