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Dean Goonen Arrested
by Jennifer Whitesel
Editor-In-Chief

At approximately 11:04 am on April 18th, Dean Norma Goonen was placed under arrest in her office on the second floor of the Hollywood Mailman Building.

It was, of course, for a good cause. Dean Goonen was arrested and placed in "jail" at Fort Lauderdale's own Bimini Boatyard so that she could raise bail to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Dean Goonen was cheerfully whisked away by a pseudo-cop in a black tie and dark sunglasses. He handcuffed the dean, and after a short photo op for NSU's The Knight and The View, she was off! She took a book of phone numbers and a cell phone (she gets more than one call) to post bail. Her first call? President Ferrero. And the list went on and on...

She left the office with about $600 in bail money, but, in order to be released, she must accumulate $2,000. The MDA reported that there were about 600 people recruited to be arrested, and hopefully they will all follow through.

All of the money collected helps local children and adults with any of the 40 muscular diseases that the MDA fights. According to Dean Goonen, "Your contribution helps provide free medical care at MDA clinics, assists in the purchase and repair of wheelchairs and sends children to MDA summer camp at no charge. MDA awards over $200,000 locally for medical research grants."

If you are interested in contributing to this worthy cause, you can contact the MDA at (954) 970-9696, or Helen Murray in the dean's office via phone at (954) 262-8092 or via email at murrayh@nova.edu.

Ecotourism and 75¢ Beer
by David Caplivski
Staff Writer

The first night at the Dan Carlton was (I took this to mean "Wake up!" in English) So I woke up to a 70 F morning with the mist of clouds spooning the mountains outside my window. It was truly mystical. Not everybody got up at 6:00 am on every morning with the cry of the roosters, but those who did were rewarded with, once in a lifetime chance to photograph the more than 40 species of rare and endangered animals housed at the Zoo. This opportunity came as a result of the special visionary partnership between NSU's Dr. Barker and San Martin zoo's owner Orlando Vega.

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2nd Floor Wins Floor Wars

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

Attention NSU! Congratulations to the second floor of Goodwin Hall for winning the second annual Floor Wars. From Monday March 26th through Saturday March 31st the Residential Advisors and RSA held Floor Wars.

What is Floor Wars? Floor Wars is a week-long competition that is composed of many different events, each judged on participation and spirit. The four floors of the undergraduate residence hall were split up by floor for the competition.

The first event was Color Wars in which residents were encouraged to wear T-shirts or clothes of a particular color. RAs counted the number of students from each floor who were wearing their floor's color. The second floor won.

The next event was Penny Wars. In this event, RAs went to every room asking if anyone would like to donate change. Pennies were placed in the bucket for that person's floor. Nickels, dimes, and quarters were placed in the opposing floor's bucket to take away from their point totals. $242.09 was raised for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Again the second floor won.

Sex Twister was held on Wednesday in the cafeteria. This was twister with a twist. The participants played twister and could be eliminated in the usual way. If the person got the question wrong they were eliminated. The fourth floor won this event.

The J-Prom event was held on Thursday and RAs were there to determine who came to the event from each floor. Again the second floor won this event.

The last event was the spirit event. Every resident who went to Hollywood Squares and wore an NSU T-shirt helped their team earn points. Surprisingly, the fourth floor won this event as well.

There was supposed to be a competitive game of dodgeball and an ice cream social event on Saturday, but due to minimal participation a friendly game of kickball and the ice cream eating took place.

The second floor won with a total of 90 points, followed by the fourth floor with 70 points, the third floor with 60 points and the first floor with 25 points.

NSU's Psychology Club – Better Than Ever!

by Melissa Oliva
Contributing Writer

Nova Southeastern University's Psychology Club has had a terrific year. Our club has expanded significantly and we'd like to thank our very motivated and committed members.

Over the last year we've held many events on campus including the Graduate Assembly and Meet the Psych Faculty Dinner in November and the Job's Assembly in February. Members of the Psychology Club also volunteered at a nursing home for the holidays in December and at the Love Jen Festival in February.

We are currently looking forward to our end-of-the-year party on April 27, 2001 and to the second annual Meet the Psych Department Dinner which will be held on April 10, 2001 from 4:15 – 5:45 pm in Parker 207.

Congratulations to our new advisor Dr. Michael Reiter and to our new officers:

Melisa Oliva - President
Jennifer Elkowitz - Vice-President
Desirée Alvarez - Treasurer
Leighanne Smith - Secretary

Good luck to our graduating seniors Shannon Vetter and Liane Pardo. Have a blast and study hard in grad school. You'll be missed.

Any student interested in learning more about or joining the Psychology Club can e-mail us at: Psychclub@list.nova.edu
All Wet: J-Prom and Hollywood Squares

by David Caplivski
Staff Writer

NSU’s annual J-prom and Hollywood Squares were held on March 29th and 30th at the Rec Plex. Thursday served as a rain-soaked rehearsal for Friday. Fortunately for the eleven faculty and staff stars of the Hollywood Squares, whose seats where perched atop a 20 foot metal scaffold, the weather held out Friday night.

Traditionally, about five J-prom performances are held on Thursday night after which three finalists are chosen to perform their skits in between games of Hollywood Squares on Friday night. At the end of the night, judges determine who will win the $1000 offered to the organization that performed the best skit. This year, because of rain delays, all four groups made it to Friday night. This gave a chance for the groups, which included Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Alpha Mu, Beta Theta Pi, and Radio X, to work out any kinks in the production of their skits for Friday night. The beautiful women of Phi Sigma Sigma worked overtime on Friday night, not only performing their J-prom rendition of Rocky Horror Picture Show, Castaway, and Survivor (the TV series and the song), but also contributing their talents to Hollywood Squares opening skit as the “hula girls.” We all owe a debt of gratitude to Phi Sigma Sigma for their excellent over achievement.

The first performance of the night was Radio X’s outstanding J-prom skit, featuring faculty member, Kate Waites. Their jokes had to do with Nova. And who didn’t adore late night “making love right, the Professor of Oldies” (DJ Marty’s) final line after a Back Street Boys parody.

The winner of J-prom by judge’s decision turned out to be Sigma Alpha Mu. Their lip-sync of the Village People’s “In the Navy” was flamingly funny. Their Chorus line did a great job with “Cabin Fever.” What undoubtedly won it for the Sammies was Colin Jones’ and Jenny Rembe’s rendition of “Somewhere” and Angel Gutierrez’s convincingly real portrayal of a Navy sergeant.

Hollywood Squares seemed as authentic as the real show except in NSU’s version the stars were actually funny. Despite a few malfunctioning neon X’s and O’s (or could it have been the buzzed faculty and staff); the show went on without a hitch. In fact, it was a great Hollywood Squares. I can honestly say, and I think everyone who attended would agree, that it was the best Hollywood Squares comes to NSU.

Shhh! Recently 21 girls learned the secrets of Phi Sigma Sigma. Phi Sigma Sigma finally did it! The 21 girls of Phi Sigma Sigma were finally initiated on February 10 of this year. Initiation was a bonding experience and a momentous step in the lives of all of the girls.

Through diligence, perseverance, dedication, awesome leadership and constant support of friends and other organizations, Phi Sigma Sigma accomplished its long sought after goal of becoming a national sorority. This winter, Phi Sigma Sigma had their first experience putting on a formal rush. It took a lot of time and hard work, but it was fun, successful, and a great learning experience. Phi Sigma Sigma gained six new pledges who will be initiated within the next few weeks.

Recently, some of the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma had the opportunity to attend a Phi Sigma Sigma convention. During the convention they met sisters from other universities, exchanged ideas about various events which we have been successful in the past and discussed how to make each chapter the best that it can be.

Phi Sigma Sigma volunteered at the Love Jest Fest, which raised money to help terminally ill children. In between their shifts at the different food, information, and game booths the girls of a Phi Sigma Sigma could be found dancing on the stage.

Phi Sigma Sigma also had a Hawaiian luau social with their brother fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. All of the girls had fun dressing up in hula skirts and leis. The bootie dance contest was the highlight of the evening.

Phi Sigma Sigma is having a clothing drive within the organization to support National Clean Out Your Closet Week in order to help out needy people. Phi Sigma Sigma also sponsored the 2nd Annual: Throw Zeta’s Pi, with the fraternity Sigma Alpha Mu, on March 28. Throw Zeta’s Pi is a philanthropic event in which all students and faculty can pay to throw cream pies in the faces of other students and faculty of Nova Southeastern University in order to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation.

The Sammies Do it Again

by Sean Leahy
Contributing Writer

For the second consecutive year, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu were victorious at JProm. The hilarious and original “Marooned One Knight” skit won over the judges and the large crowd in attendance.

“Winning last year was an unbelievable feeling, but this year it’s just as sweet to win it again,” stated Shawn Mostal.

The 15 minute skit included dancing numbers to “In the Navy” and “Cabin Fever” and also a duet of “Somewhere Out There” performed by Collin Jones and Jenny Rembe.

The celebration ended in the RecPlex pool, when all of the brothers jumped in fully-clothed.
Mr. Flight Deck has become an Advisor

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

Frank Majnerich: maybe you don’t recognize the last name because most people just know him as Frank, the former Director of the Student Union (Flight Deck). Frank recently transferred to another job here at NSU. He is now an academic advisor for the Undergraduate Business & Administrative Studies Department. I recently had the chance to interview him.

I asked him, “How did you come to work for the Flight Deck and now become an academic advisor?” Frank said, “Well, I have been here a long time. I attended NSU as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student when I received my Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling in 1991 and at Student Life in 1993.” Frank started working in Student Life as an accounts analyst. He was responsible for handling the student life budget and working with club and organization treasurers in handling their money. Frank also began offering leadership workshops and conferences for students and student leaders.

From 1996-1998, Frank aided in creating what is now known as the Flight Deck. Previous to this, the second floor of the Rosenthal building only had offices. It had a white motif with the walls, floors, and furniture all being white. Frank helped supervise the construction of the bar, bringing in the pool tables, ping pong tables, bar stools, the theater, booths and everything now in the Flight Deck. In 1998, he became the Assistant Director of the Flight Deck. His duties then included programming, the upkeep of the Flight Deck, inventory of the Flight Deck, supervising the student employees and other facets of running the Flight Deck. He was promoted to Director of the Student Union a year ago. His duties expanded so that he was the creative force behind the Flight Deck. The Director of the Student Union acts as the facilities manager of the Rosenthal Building and event manager. 600 events were held at NSU this year and a majority were held at the Rosenthal Building.

I had the opportunity to speak with Dean Brad Williams who was Frank’s direct supervisor for about 8 years. I asked him, “What qualities did Frank show that caused his promotion to Director of the Student Union.” He said, “Frank’s commitment to NSU and work ethic were key to his promotion. Frank is very likeable and he did his job well. I don’t think we will be able to replace him but we are trying to find a candidate who can expand on what Frank did here.”

I asked Frank, “What was the goal of the Flight Deck?” He said, “We wanted it to be the campus living room. In saying that, I mean to create a comfortable area that any student would want to interact in socially and to have a pleasant atmosphere. We wanted to create services that benefit students. We focused on customer service with the students in mind.”

Sheila Zolnoor has been working at the Flight Deck since the beginning of the school year. I asked her what Frank was like a supervisor. Sheila said, “He was very understanding and compassionate. He was very down to earth. He made sure that the job was done right but he made it fun.” She also said, “One time I came into work real sick he noticed my condition and told me to go get some rest. I realize now that he is gone what a great boss he was.”

Frank recently became an Academic Advisor in March 2001. His duties now are to provide counseling for students, assist students, and act as a liaison with the administration and students. He now helps in scheduling, registering, and counseling on all aspects of academic affairs involving students. Frank has met with his first four students. He said, “I am looking forward to working with students in a different capacity. I want to help create an atmosphere where students are comfortable and confident in seeking advisement in choosing their own career paths.”

I asked Frank, “Your transfer was very sudden. Can you comment on that?” He said, “This job allows me to work fewer hours in the office and spend more time with family and still have a positive effect on students. I enjoyed my job but it was time to change. It was fun and interactive. The possibilities to affect student involvement and improve student attitudes about NSU were exciting.” Frank thought about my question a little longer and said, “The administrative philosophy and vision changed after the creation of what is now known as Student Affairs. My vision and goals remained the same: creating an atmosphere at the Flight Deck where any student could socialize and relax. My vision, to help students, has changed to encompass the administrative and academic side of the college experience.” It seems like Frank had a similar work experience to Lester in American Beauty.

I found it interesting that Frank Majnerich; Director of the Student Union, Cleveland Ferguson III Esq., The Director of Student Activities and Student Leadership, Lisa Murray, the Accounts Analyst, and Bonnie Hoffman an administrator in the Recreation and Wellness Department all recently took up different positions at NSU or pursued other opportunities. Dr. Brad Williams assured me that they should be able to fill all these key positions within the Division of Student Affairs before next school year.
Grand Opening of NSU's First Inter-Faith Center

by Noelle Barrera
Staff Writer

College is a time for experimentation and self-discovery, and yet the quest for spirituality is also a popular extra-curricular activity for some. NSU boasts over nine religiously affiliated clubs and organizations, including undergraduate and graduate groups.

Active membership in these groups has continued to rise in the last few years, reflecting the increasing interest in matters of faith among students. The religions represented include but are not limited to Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. At a place like NSU, where diversity and tolerance are the rule, these groups have been allowed to grow without hindrance.

Interestingly enough, the University has actively responded in total support of this movement. Evidence of this is the recent opening of the Inter-Faith Center, an area set aside as a need, commented Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs. He also went into the fall to see if we were correct in opening the Inter-Faith Center, an area set aside to be a 'home' for the many religiously affiliated campus clubs.

“Did we do a lot of research and find that spirituality is increasing in colleges across the country. As our own student body is also increasing, opening the Inter-Faith Center seemed a logical solution to what we perceived as a need,” commented Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs. He also went to say that, “We will be monitoring the usage of the Center in the spring and into the fall to see if we were correct in our assumption.” So the idea is use it or lose it.

The Inter-Faith Center is located in the Farquhar Center Annex #4, between the Office of Recreation and Wellness and the Knight Newspaper. Religiously-affiliated student groups can reserve the large room for meetings, religious celebration and observance, or anything else they may think of. Additionally available is an office with a desk and telephone that is adjacent to the large room, providing a convenient home base for club business. In order to reserve the space, a club simply must contact Tom Vitucci, Director of Recreation and Wellness, at 262-7304.

Another example of the University’s support of faith-related activities is the annual Inter-Faith Dialogue, sponsored by Residential Life. It usually takes place as part of the Blue Ribbon programs in the Spring, and attempts to include representation from a wide spectrum of religions. Traditionally, community leaders and/or students sit on a panel and briefly explain their beliefs. The attending audience of students and staff is also given the opportunity ask their own questions, which allows for an interesting and informative discussion.

In the past, representatives from religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Bahai have participated. Unfortunately, during this past year’s event, one of the major Western religions, Judaism and Christianity were not included in the panel.

Faith itself is a response to the human search for meaning, and evidence of this quest is all around. This includes even America’s newest President, who frequently makes mention of his belief in God. In his Inaugural Address in January of 2001, President Bush stated, “We are not this story’s author, who fills time and eternity with his purpose. Yet his purpose is achieved in our duty, and our duty is fulfilled in service to one another.” President Bush’s own spiritual journey has led him to see that faith is not just inner contemplation and reflection, but responsive action in terms of service.

Spirituality seekers are finding that more exists than what can be perceived through the five senses alone. Not only that, but the inner spiritual life of an individual certainly affects his or her outward life and interactions with the surrounding world. “My Christian faith gives me a peace that helps me stay focused, even with all the craziness of school and life,” said undergraduate student Robin Thomas.

Another NSU student, Tehsin Siddiqui, is treasurer of IMAN, the International Muslims Association at Nova. For her, Islam is “not just faith, because my morals and principles are based on my faith. They affect how I talk to people and interact with them.” IMAN member Mohammed Zaman also commented that his faith provides structure for his entire life.

Student Dino Sarma’s Christian faith was tested during a difficult situation this semester, but it endured. He said, “It is really so nice to feel secure in the knowledge that God is watching over me, and that he sends me such obvious signs showing me his love and care.”

These students are only sampling the many at NSU whose lives are profoundly affected by their beliefs. Of course, not all students embrace spirituality. Sunil Patel, an undergraduate Life Sciences major, does not believe in organized religion. “There is a commonness that people seek which could be found simply by interacting with other people. However, I believe that there is God, but it is not my task to wonder about it. God is a great mystery.”

There are many opportunities for those who do wish to keep a spiritual perspective while at NSU, where all forms of diversity are officially welcome. The three undergraduate religiously affiliated student groups are IMAN, Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF), and Hillel (the Jewish campus organization). For more information concerning these groups and their activities, you can contact the following: IMAN President - Hina Siddiqui - hinasid@nova.edu, IVCF President - Noelle Barrera - barreran@nova.edu, Hillel President - Jennifer Fass - Yaakoya14@aol.com.

Undergrad Residents Support Multiple Sclerosis

by Neil Starr, Ed.D.
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On April 28-29, I will be participating in the 15th Annual Break Away to Key Largo, a fund-raising bike ride for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Each rider in this 150-mile, two-day ride must raise at least $250. My personal goal is $1,000. Thanks to the undergraduate students in Goodwin Hall, I may just reach that goal.

“Penny Wars” was held on Tuesday, March 27, in Goodwin Hall. I joined Goodwin Hall AAD Anne Marie Poulos and 2nd Floor RA Jennifer Whitesel as they walked through the residence hall collecting donations of pennies, silver coins, and dollar bills. The students put their pennies in the container for their own floor and put the silver and dollar bills in the containers of the other floors.

In this war, pennies count as positive points for the floor and silver and bills are negative. Whoever has the highest net total is the winner. All the money is donated to the chosen cause.

Multiple Sclerosis is a devastating disease of the central nervous system that strikes young adults, usually between the ages of 20 and 40. MS is devastating because it is so unpredictable. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen.

The National MS Society, founded in 1946, is working to find the cause and a cure for MS, as well as providing services to those who are in any way affected by the disease. With 200 people per week being diagnosed with MS, there is much work to be done. The funds raised through Penny Wars, and all donations to the NMSS, are used to advance the research into MS and to help people with the disease.

This is my first fund-raising bicycle ride in almost four years. Thanks to all the students in Goodwin Hall, I will be able to reach my personal fund-raising goal and support a worthwhile cause. Donations are still being accepted. If anyone would like to donate, please contact me at starm@nova.edu. Donations are tax-deductible and will be accepted through April 27.
Mardi Gras Carnival

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

The SGA Mardi Gras Carnival was held on March 23, 2001 at the Rec Plex. When envisioning the Mardi Gras Carnival many people might naturally assume something rivaling that of the Homecoming Carnival. Sadly, those people would be mistaken.

The Carnival was more like an informal Bar-B-Q. Radio X provided music for the slow starting event that lacked all essential elements of carnival activities.

Let's review what was present, hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers, beverages, t-shirts, and Mardi Gras beads. In all fairness, the event was supposed to be an elaborate affair. It turns out that there was some miscommunication between the administration and those students involved in SGA planning the event. It really isn't clear why there was so much hoopla for these two events. The Betas have a Mardi Gras Party nearly every year. The planning and all the hard work to plan the Mardi Gras Carnival fell through. It is a shame that the SGA that just completed one of their final events on a note like this.

NSUSGA was recognized as one of the up and coming SGAs in Florida out of all the private colleges & universities.

Reality Check: The Hydrogen Conspiracy

by Steve Paredes
Contributing Writer

We're going to run out of petroleum fuels in about seventy years. That's scary once you consider how completely addicted this world is to fossil fuels. Some of you may not care, considering you'll be about ninety years old and on your way out when this happens. However, there's a good chance we'll run out of oil twenty years early, and that we'll live longer than 100, in which case we'll be SOL.

The point is that there's reason to be worried. Our worries have been pacified by scientists' claims that we can easily replace our current fossil fuel energy addiction with solar panels, windmills, and hydroelectric dams.

The most impressive alternative offered, however, is the prospect of getting energy from hydrogen. Think of it! A pollution-free, readily available fuel source to drive our cars! The reality, unfortunately, is that we are being lied to. Hydrogen is not a viable energy alternative; hydrogen is the illusion of innovation to soothe our worried minds.

Theoretically, hydrogen can be used as a fuel source. It's even somewhat practical, as demonstrated by Detroit's prototype hydrogen fuel cell cars. There's only one problem: WE DON'T HAVE ANY HYDROGEN RESERVES. Sure, we have a lot of hydrogen on Earth, but almost all of it exists in water.

Many people think we can use the hydrogen in water to get energy, but we can't because water is essentially "burned" hydrogen, just like carbon dioxide is "burned" carbon. All we can do is turn water-bound hydrogen back into gaseous hydrogen by putting energy back into it, like recharging a dead battery. Some people see the Earth's oceans as an endless source of energy. What we really have is an endless source of dead batteries.

What can we do with all this rechargeable hydrogen? It's very simple to put energy back into hydrogen by electrolyzing water; however, the energy we put into hydrogen must come from somewhere. The current source of energy for hydrogen fuel is (big surprise) fossil fuels! The use of hydrogen to drive cars does not eliminate petroleum as the source of energy; in fact, it makes the situation worse. By introducing another energy conversion step, the process becomes less efficient.

In addition, the emissions that are not coming out of a hydrogen fuel cell car are instead coming out of the smokestacks of a hydrogen production plant. The environmental lobbyists in Washington have worked tirelessly for years to achieve the emissions control standards of today's automobile industry. By eliminating car emissions and instead transferring the petroleum burning process to a new, unregulated industry (the hydrogen production industry), fossil fuel corporations can reap the profits of decreased pollution control. The same goes for the "revolutionary" electric cars now driven in California; the electricity that powers these cars comes mainly from fossil fuels.

At this point it's not hard to imagine a conspiracy. Energy corporations could make huge profits from this whole hydrogen fiasco: decreased fuel efficiency means greater fuel demands, and decreased pollution controls translate to higher profit margins. Dismissing this all as a crazy conspiracy theory becomes harder when you realize how much money the energy industry has invested in hydrogen fuel technologies, and how much they have pushed hydrogen as "The Fuel of Tomorrow." It has been ridiculously easy to convince the public that their amazing developments into hydrogen fuel technologies will serve to preserve the environment. It seems they are determined to wring every possible dollar out of the next seventy years of petroleum.

But what happens when the petroleum runs out? If we want to use hydrogen after that, we would have to use either solar, wind, or hydroelectric power to produce hydrogen fuel. Once again, hydrogen only acts as a chemical battery, not a fuel source. No matter which energy alternative we end up using, we can't get too excited about it, because all viable energy sources are simply conversions of solar energy.

The energy from fossil fuels was first stored by photosynthetic plants millions of years ago. The energy from wind is due to differential solar heating of the atmosphere. The energy in hydroelectric power comes from the water cycle, which is powered by solar energy. Whichever fuel we use, we are just manipulating energy from the sun; up until now, fossil fuels have just been the easiest way to do it.

Whether we embrace hydrogen or not, the future of petroleum seems certain; Corporate America and OPEC are determined to burn all of it. They don't care whether they are burning it in gasoline engines or in hydrogen production plants, the point is to make the most amount of money while the party lasts. The only time when we will truly turn to alternative energy sources is when we stuck the last oil barrel dry.
Medical Marijuana: Prescribing a High

by Noelle Barrera
Staff Writer

California is the epicenter for the strange, bizarre, and otherworldly. In this place where everything goes, a member of the Green political party attempted to pass an ordinance legalizing the personal growth and use of marijuana in November of 2000.

According to Stephanie Nishikawa of southern California's KOVR 13 News, Measure G would have allowed residents of Mendocino County to grow up to 25 plants without penalty. One of the main supporters of the ordinance, former U.S. Congressman Dan Hamburg, wants marijuana legalized because his mother suffers from breast cancer and uses marijuana Rice Krispie Treats to stimulate her appetite. Apparently, the "munchies" can be a good thing when you are very sick.

The debate still continues as to whether marijuana is effective for medical use, not only in the U.S. but also in places like Canada and the UK. Known in Central Asia and China as early as 3000 BC, marijuana was used as a folk medicine (MS Encarta). Presently, people are smoking pot to relieve themselves from pain associated with AIDS, glaucoma, advanced cancer, and other chronically painful illnesses. The most legitimate cannabis curing effect has been its ability to stop tremors associated with multiple sclerosis (MS). Until now, there was no treatment for tremors, and this "alternative" has caught the attention of medical professionals.

CBS Health Watch reported that cannabinoids, chemical substances that make up cannabis, are being isolated and synthesized for prescription use as an alternative to cannabis. Some of these cannabinoids are produced naturally in small amounts in our bodies. Anandamide, named after the Sanskrit word for "bliss," has been found in higher amounts in MS patients when they are having spasms and tremors. Thus, by prescribing anandamide for MS patients, they are only enhancing the natural "blissful" system already in place.

The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana (Cannabis sativa) is tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is known for its hallucinogenic and pleasure-giving effects. Opponents of the medical use of marijuana warn that a long-term relationship with Mary Jane can produce some harmful side effects. Lung cancer and "diminished mental ability" were cited among these. In order to benefit from cannabis without experiencing cancer and psychoactive side effects, medicines like anandamide and another cannabinoid called marinol are being prescribed.

In my opinion, prescribing marijuana for the sick and dying is somewhat like giving a severely depressed person electric shock treatment. The only side effect, positive or negative, from shock treatment is memory loss.

In a sense, this allows the depressed person to "forget their troubles." Feeling stoned from pot gives the same kind of respite from physical pain as memory loss does for mental pain. The exception to this analogy is in cases where marijuana is legitimately used to treat tremors or nausea.

The question remains, is there actual scientific evidence that supports medical marijuana? I checked through various medical journal databases and did not find a single report or scientific paper that could positively substantiate the use of medical marijuana. A few studies were done of people who smoked pot as an alternative treatment for their sickness, and most of these people reported feeling better because of it. Nausea was often cured or alleviated by cannabis. On the other hand, the minimal amount of research that has been done in this area has produced mainly vague and inconsistent findings.

The reason for this is partially due to the fact that smoking pot is still illegal in many places, and only very few people have permission to use it as a medical treatment.

It is also difficult to study the long-term effects of marijuana on ill patients because of the complications due to illness. Yet, because of advocate groups like the Green party, even the U.S. government has invested some money into researching the potential hazards of hash on the sick and dying. After evaluating the scientific evidence for benefits and risks of using marijuana for the sick, the Institute of Medicine recommended against the use of smoked marijuana in medicine. It also recommended that "compassionate use of marijuana be considered under carefully reviewed protocols." In the report, they focused on the potential of cannabinoid-based drug treatments and called for analysis of cannabinoids' psychological effects on symptoms and evaluations of the health consequences of heavy marijuana use. In other words, the feds still don't want to legalize marijuana.

Right now, several states have made the medical use of marijuana legal, following the lead of California and Arizona in 1996. So do patients in these states who are prescribed marijuana have to visit their neighborhood dealer for the stuff? No, companies like Compassion Club sell to patients referred by doctors. One such company is currently involved in a federal lawsuit that has reached the U.S. Supreme Court. United States v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative is the fed's attempt to shut down the OCBS. The federal government is arguing that there is no "medical necessity" for the use of marijuana as treatment; and that if someone needs THC, they can take the cannabinoid drug Marinol. According to High Times Online, only 14 of the 8,000 OCBS members pass the strict "medical necessity" standards, and thus are legally qualified to ingest marijuana for medical use.

Medical marijuana lobbyists are often perceived as scam artists who just want to legalize pot for their own use. Maybe they are. On the other hand, when people suffer as much as they do from chronic illnesses such as AIDS and cancer, shouldn't they have the freedom to choose their own pain relief? The answers are not clear, but kept hidden in a pool of biased data and dogmatic politics. It will be interesting to watch what will happen, and how Mary Jane may affect the treatment of the sick and dying in this country.

Much of the information for this article came from a website called "Erowids Cannabis Vault – Medical Marijuana" found at http://www.erowid.org/plants/cannabis/cannabis_medical.shtml. This comprehensive site contains links to other informative sites and journal articles regarding medical marijuana and all the implications associated with it.

(Author's disclaimer: I do not smoke pot nor do I endorse its use, got it?)
Ask Sara

Hi Sara,

I have a problem. I have a crush on one of my co-workers, and I am not sure how to tell him. There are other problems. I have a live-in boyfriend whom I AM NOT GETTING ALONG with. He often puts me down and calls me lazy. I am not happy at home except for being with my infant son. But at work I look forward to seeing this person all the time. How do I tell him? Should I be discreet or honest with my live in loser?

Sincerely,

Puppy Love

Dear Puppy Love,

It is always better not to be romantically involved with someone you work with. It only leads to problems and stress in the work place. Why does your boyfriend put you down and call you lazy? And most importantly, if he is putting you down, why is he still your boyfriend? I am glad that your son brings you joy, but you have to think about him first. You don't need a man who is going to make you feel like crap. You would be better off alone. Good luck.

Sara

My boyfriend is a big guy who weights about 300 lbs. He has a great personality and is a lot of fun to be with. Sometime he gets playful and gives me a bear hug or sits on my lap joking around. I am of slight build and I'm unable to budge him. What I'm trying to say is I love him and all but he inflicts pain on me without even realizing. When I tell him this he laughs and says, "you know I wouldn't hurt you" but he does hurt me. How can I get through to him?

Nearly Crushed

Dear Nearly Crushed,

I am glad that you can see someone for the beauty that is on the inside and not judge a person by his/her appearance. If more people were like you then this world would be a much better place. It sounds like your boyfriend is putting you down and you are not sure how to tell him. Before you go and bring another guy into the mix you need to talk to your boyfriend. Don't make the same mistake so many other women make. As soon as their husband or boyfriend doesn't act the way they want, they start looking for someone else. That is fine if there are no children involved. The kids are the ones who end up getting hurt because they usually get pretty attached and then when the relationships keep ending they keep getting disappointed. Put your son first. You don't need a man who is going to make you feel like crap. You would be better off alone. Good luck.

Sara

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Off the Competition

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

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Darwin Awards: Indiana Jones and the Flaming Dog of Doom

by Erika Diaz

Layout Editor

Once again I would like to remind the readers that Darwins are NOT for the faint at heart. If you are at all offended by the thought of a flaming golden retriever exacting its revenge from beyond the grave I urge you to stop reading now. If not, enjoy the tale (or tail) of Indiana Jones and the Flaming Dog of Doom.

(1 April 2001, New York) A literary agent named Frank found himself dazed and patting out flames when he arrived at a two-alarm house fire equipped with a sandwich, a bullhorn, whiskey, and a lawnchair. He settled into his seat perched on the roof of a nearby house, and proceeded to lecture and direct the startled emergency crew while he ate.

Three yellow-suited firemen had just finished clearing the house, rescuing the residents' young golden retriever in the process, when they heard Frank's command to "Drop the dog and open the hydrant this instant!"

They turned in surprise and dropped the yelping puppy, which immediately burst into flames. Onlookers mobbed the base of the neighbor's house and threw cans and shrubbery at Frank, who batted the projectiles aside with his bullhorn while continuing to drink whiskey and issue commands.

"The north side is engaged! Position the hose along the azalea bushes!"

Finally the reasonably aggravated senior fireman, currently on administrative leave, picked up the dead (but still burning) dog and flung it onto the roof. The flaming dog of doom landed in Frank's lap, igniting his spilled whiskey and severely burning his crotch. (GO PUPPY GO!)

Frank heaved the dog (who we'll call "Sparky," no pun intended, ok maybe there is but it's a Darwin, it's ok) off himself, but neglected to brace his feet on the slanted roof. The lawnchair toppled and fell from the house, miraculously avoiding onlookers, who watched not knowing whether to help or laugh (most laughed since Frank wasn't winning any congeniality contests) while our hero Frank suffered further injuries from falling embers and his own rooftop accessories. Oh sweet irony.

The house fire was eventually subdued, and paramedics summoned to transport the loudmouth antagonist to the hospital. Although he is recovering from his injuries from head to tail and third leg, it is obvious to medical staff that he will never again be able to procreate with quite the same gusto. Alas, the dog's revenge was sweetly fitting.

Neighbors have set up a memorial fund for the golden retriever. Photographs of the man-shaped depression in the lawn are available upon request.

Heartbreakers Provides Easy Laughs

by Caleb Kennedy

Staff Writer

The movie Heartbreakers offers more cleavage than any PG-13 movie really should. Despite the intense exposure to certain body parts, Heartbreakers is a good film; it is funny and offers more than expected. Before viewing the movie, I was keenly interested in seeing the location shots of the movie. The movie was filmed almost entirely in Palm Beach County and Dade County.

Casting calls were announced for days over the radio stations. Once there was a woman who met a man who pulled a "conceive and leave." She had a baby girl and was forced to make an existence by herself at a young age. A con artist taught her the trade and took her in. The woman is Max (Sigourney Weaver). She is mature now. Her daughter is also her partner in their marry-catch-cheating-ex-con-making-ends-meet business. Page (Jennifer Love Hewitt) is Max's daughter, a capable con herself.

Page is growing up and wants to go solo. Max has been misreporting their earnings to keep Page from wanting to make money on her own. They are approached by an IRS employee who supposedly seizes all their money. Max tricks Page into one last con that will be worth millions.

They go to Palm Beach, Florida to find an unsuspecting multi-millionaire. They find their target in William (Gene Hackman) a man worth billions who will probably die soon. They arrange it so they meet by "chance." Max works on seducing William which gives Page the time to prove to herself and her mom that she can pull a con herself. She is still young, as her mother points out, and unable to not fall for the quirky naturalist she meets. She finds love with Jack (Jason Lee).

Trouble escalates as William dies and Dean (Ray Liotta) a cheating former husband tracks the women down.

This movie is a physical comedy rife with falls and spills. There are abundant innuendoes and funny object placements. The developing rivalry between the mother and daughter mirrors that of Dirty, Rotten, Scoundrels.

William's phlegmatic smoking draws laugh as he is rarely without a cigarette or cough. He proclaims the virtues of smoking until his last breath. His death with a sculpted penis next to his mouth drew laughter from the audience (maybe nervous laughter at this unlikely event).

This movie is really an unexpected departure for the bigger stars in the movie. Heartbreakers offers a light-hearted comedy without much substance that will no doubt continue to do well. As a final note, only the driving scenes were exterior shots of the Breakers filmed in Palm Beach.
Knights Wrap up the Year in Sports

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Volleyball
The Knight's volleyball team finished the 2000-01 year with an overall record of 21-15. Senior Stephanie Skidmore dominated the floor this season leading the Florida Sun Conference and the team with 68 service aces. Junior Carol Douglas and freshman newcomer Lindsey Metts had 741 assists for the season.

Cross-country
The Nova Southeastern cross-country team finished their season at Warner Southern College. The team took on 1st year cross-country coach Robyn Handler along with four new faces: Allison Balkan, Erika Riddle, Becky Bible, and Melissa. Team captain Jennifer Whitesel gave true meaning to the word "experience" because her four new teammates had never competed in cross-country. The team competed in 8 meets all resulting in improved times for the girls. Next year should prove to be the high for the team with all members reaching goals between 19-20 minutes.

Women's Soccer
NSU's women's soccer team brought this year's season to a close setting new records. Collectively, the team set the record for the most wins in a season at sixteen. The team broke the record for the most consecutive wins at seven. Finally, the team ended the season with sixty-one goals allowed in a season at twenty-six. The soccer team rounded out the season with an outstanding record of 16-6 and 11-3 in the Florida Sun Conference.

Men's Soccer
Throughout the year the men's soccer team had a good season. Overall the team ended up with 14-7-1 along with winning the Region XIV Championship vs. St. Thomas 2-1 and playing in national Tournament. All the players contributed to the tremendous successful record of the soccer team. Some of the players had outstanding seasons, including Jeremy Flint who broke the school record of 121 saves in the second half of the semi-finals and was named first team all conference. Sharing the title with Flint were Rafael Ferreiro, Richard Williams, and Teofilo Cubillas. Second Team All-Conference went to Eduardo Ruiz. Cubillas also was honored as Florida Sun Conference Player of the year while head coach Joe Dipalo received the All-Region Coach of the Year Honor. Cubillas was also made the first NSU player inducted to Major League Soccer when he was drafted by the Miami Fusion.

Men's Basketball
The Men's basketball team closed the year with a loss at the Florida Sun Conference semi-finals to Weber College. The Knights conclude their 2000-01 campaign with an overall mark of 9-20. Next year should bring more success as better recruits are brought in to the program.

Women's Basketball
The Women's Basketball team had an exceptional season clinching the number one spot for the Florida Sun Conference. Even though the Knights' season came to a close early they had a very successful year with a final record of 14-13 and a Florida Sun Conference Record of 8-2. The team earned the Regular Season Conference Title as well as having Head Coach Marilyn Rule earning Coach of the Year Honors, Pate getting Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and First Team All-Conference Awards and having Fielder and Meghanne Hickey on the Second Team All-Conference.

Women's Golf
The lady Knights golf team has had an up and down year. The team struggled in the fall but have had a better spring. The team is young having three freshman players. One important tournament remains for the lady Knights in Kissimmee. Then, hopefully, it's off to London, Kentucky for Nationals.

Softball
The Nova Southeastern University Softball team is in the middle of conference play leading the conference with a record of 9-1. The Knights are proving to be unstoppable behind an errorless defense and an impressive pitching staff. The Knights will continue their quest for the conference championship with upcoming battles against Northwood, St. Thomas, and Palm Beach Atlantic.

Baseball
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Sports Editorial

Dan Grenier
Staff Writer

The NBA held its All-Star Game, and while the game was exciting, not much of the country knew. The NBA All-Star Game followed what the NFL's Pro Bowl and the NHL's All-Star Game showed: fans are becoming less interested in these exhibitions.

All three of the All-Star games saw their lowest ratings ever. This trend is frightening owners in these leagues. The owners are forced to pay higher salaries while taking in less revenue from ticket and merchandise sales, along with the payment for TV rights. The owners are raising ticket prices annually, making a game very unaffordable to go to.

Many fans simply remark that they will watch the game at home, have a better view, cheaper food and drinks, and not have to wait in line at the rest room. For example, the Heat and Dolphins charge in the area of $20 to park anywhere close to the stadium, which is completely outrageous. The ticket prices continue to go up, even for the poor seats, and the price of food is astronomical considering the horrible quality. A family can no longer see several games a year; they are lucky if they can afford to see one game per season. A common ground must be reached to save the NFL, NBA, and NHL.

Baseball is expecting a strike after this season, because owners know they cannot survive under the current collective bargaining agreement. Right now, everyone known the Yankees will make the World Series, and probably win it, again. But that is because they can afford to. The Kansas City Royals, for example, along with roughly half of the other teams in the league, know that they have the slimmest chance of competing with teams like the Yankees, Indians, Red Sox, Braves, Rangers, and Mets who spend the most money on their teams. These teams all have very rich owners whose deep pockets buy their success. The biggest story of the off-season was the signing of Alex Rodriguez, who signed a ten-year contract, for a quarter of a billion dollars, just to play baseball! Talent is talent, but is anyone worth this much?

Few athletes have transcended their sport so much that they would be worth this much. Very few, such as Michael Jordan, Joe Montana, Mario Lemieux hardly got what they were worth, but they won championships, often. A-Rod could not win in Seattle, even with Ken Griffey, Jr. The only thing all sports should take away from the eventual debacle of the XFL is that athletes should be paid based on performance: you win, you get paid. Until any progress is made, owners and players will continue to push fans away until no one is left.

A Warrior Returns

by Dan Grenier
Staff Writer

Tuesday March 28th was a memorable day for the Miami Heat and their center Alonzo Mourning. The center announced in an afternoon press conference, the same place in October where he announced his disease, that he had recovered enough from the ailment to return to the team.

Zo’s drive for the love of the game made him work as hard as he could to speed his return, which was not expected this season. However, a few weeks ago, coach Riley generated some controversy when he announced that Mourning would be placed on the playoff roster. The only reason for that move would be so Zo would be allowed to play in the playoffs.

Thankfully, his return came even sooner than that. In his first three games back, Zo is averaging roughly 10 points and 6 rebounds in only 20 minutes. If those minutes were expanded to what he would normally play during a game, he would be right at his career averages of roughly 20 points and 10 rebounds.

So is Zo back to normal? Unfortunately, he is not even close. In the three games since he return, he is visibly rusty. He becomes tired very quickly, but all the rust will hopefully rub off in the next ten games before the playoffs begin.

With a victory over Chicago, the Heat secured a playoff spot. Currently, the Heat hold the third seed in the Eastern Conference, with rightfully hated rival New York holding the fourth seed, meaning that the teams that have meet the last four years in the playoffs would only meet this year in the Conference Finals.

However, there is a lot more basketball to be played before that. Now with Zo back in the line-up, does the Heat become the favorite to come out of the East? Despite being a huge Heat fan, I am still not so sure. Alonzo will more than likely be limited to the role of 6th man, playing only 20 minutes a game. But 20 minutes from an Alonzo Mourning is better than 20 minutes from any other bench player in the NBA.

Also, the team chemistry is being scrutinized right now. With Mason and Grant having controlled the paint for 70 games this year, it is suddenly difficult to try to add another dominant paint player in the mix. The ideal starting line-up before the season began included Mason, Grant, and Zo on the front line. However, the two learned to play without Zo and are now having a tough time learning to play along side him. This is the reason why Riley has stayed with his season long lineup and is bringing Zo off the bench to substitute for either Mason or Grant.

This experiment with Zo will have to be played out over the rest of the season. In addition, guard Eddie Jones is expected back for the playoffs. No one can say for sure how the team will be with its two superstars back and playing together for the first time.

As much as I live and die with the Heat, the only hope I have for this season is that Zo returns to complete health and that we win the championship, whipping the Knicks along the way!
Movie Mistakes

by Erika Diaz
Layout Editor

Once again I would like to reiterate that I did NOT notice all of these. Actually, most of these are from other people. I would also like to say that most of these are obvious, but get lost in the technicolor wonder of this film. Finally I would like to say that the consensus is in; the swinging film. Finally I would like to say that object behind Dorothy and friends is ·

Dorothy’s pigtails were first short (above her shoulders), then short, and then long again.

When the witch scares the people in the town where Dorothy lands, she disappears into a cloud of smoke she creates. But you can clearly see her sneak down into a trap door below.

In the beginning, when the twister is coming to Dorothy’s house and she is trying to get in to the cellar, on the first shot, there are three metal buildings in the background. On the next shot the fields have been harvested and the buildings are gone.

When the Wicked Witch first appears in the smoke, Dorothy has a lollipop in her hand. In the next shot, she doesn’t have it anywhere near her.

Several times you can see the wire that makes the Lion’s Tail wag.

During the Tin Man’s dance, you can see a stagehand caught unaware as he dashes behind the Cheesy Tree props as he tries to hide.

If you get one of the original copies of the movie, you can see a small figure behind the blue screen in the background climbing up something, then slip, and then swing across the background. Again it is quite small. It happens shortly after the wicked witch of the west throws a fireball at Dorothy and her pals. (This would be the bird/suicidal munchkin)

The album Dark side of the Moon by Pink Floyd seems to be in sync with the Wizard of Oz. If you start it right after the lion roars the second time. Example: the song “Brain damage” starts right when you see the scarecrow the first time and the first line is “the lunatic is on the grass”. OR does it start when he starts to sing “If I only had a Brain?” If you want it to start when you meet him you have to skip song #7 “Any colour you like” There’s still no ONE right answer for this one.

When the wizard is getting ready to take of in the balloon, while most people watch Dorothy climb out of the basket and go after Toto, the Tin Man is unraveling the thing holding the hot air balloon down, then he “accidentally” lets go.

You can clearly see that Toto is wired to the curtain that he pulls back to reveal the real wizard.

After the woodsman falls and the witch threatens, the handle of his funnel hat switches from right to left in three shot changes. This is due to the film being reversed - the scarecrow’s top opens on a different side too, so technically it’s not a mistake but who cares?

The Munchkin Mayor’s watch keeps changing time, from nearly to the hour, to twenty after the hour.

The Munchkin Soldiers are almost all out of step as they march.

Does Professor Marvel steal Dorothy’s photo of Auntie Em deliberately? He places it under his left leg as he tells her to open her eyes.

The Lollipop Guild teleports all over the scene. As Glinda departs, they are behind Dorothy. As Glinda’s bubble rises, several Munchkins run to where she was and wave goodbye, yellow shirted Lollipop Guilder among them. Cut to Dorothy and he’s still behind her.

The blue shirted Lollipop Guilder comes from around the fallen house at the beginning of “Come Out Come Out,” but he immediately appears emerging from a jet black manhole (with a black lip where the cover goes) in middle of the yellow brick in front of the house. The manhole is never seen again. There’s one for Unsolved Mysteries.

As Dorothy is about to walk into the backdrop as she leaves Munchkin Land, a Munchkin Soldier on the Very Far Right is too far and becomes transparent with the matted in flowers.

The Witch of the West refers to the Jitterbug dance number omitted from Professor Marbles, the twister is from the final film when she says “I’ve sent a little insect on ahead to take the fight out of them....”

In the scene where Dorothy picks the apple from the tree and the tree scares her, Toto runs up towards the tree. Just before this you see an arm come out from behind the tree to prompt Toto to come to the tree.

In the scene in the forest by the cottage, a random ostrich runs by.

Near the very beginning when Dorothy goes to the guy with the crystal ball, after she runs out of his trailer and the wind starts blowing, the guy follows her and goes towards his horse tied up outside. As he’s walking towards the horse you can see the shadow of a boom-mike along his trailer and you can see a light from on top of a camera (it’s a bright ball) reflecting on his trailer in the same shot.

When Dorothy first meets Glinda in the Land of the Munchkins, and after all the songs, Glinda is telling her to go to the Wizard. She moves and hits her crown with her wand. It is easy to hear.

When the group is waiting to see the wizard, the lion sings the “If I were King” song. The Tin Man grabs a flowerpot and breaks it to make a crown. When the crown falls off the lion’s head later, it bounces around like plastic.

If you listen closely, during the singing of “We’re Off To See The Wizard,” sung by Dorothy, the Scarecrow and the Tin Man, you can recognize Buddy Ebsen’s gravelly voice singing. He was the original Tin Man, but had a reaction to the makeup. They had already recorded the songs and it was too expensive to re-do it. (This film was WAY over budget and they couldn’t waste time and money re-recording songs.)

When Dorothy is running home from Professor Marbles, the twister is on the left of the house. In the next scene, where Auntie Em is shouting
for her, the tornado is seen to the right of the house.

When, at the Emerald city, Dorothy and all her friends are allowed now to go see the Wizard, the man says, “Please don’t cry anymore. I once had an Auntie Em myself once.” The man is no where in sight when he opens the door to the hallway.

Soon after Dorothy slaps the Cowardly Lion, she looks as though she is about to laugh out loud. This happens about 10 seconds or so after the slap. She even tries to put Toto in her face? Even punch the witch when she got in her face?

After the scarecrow gets a brain, he states the Pythagorean Theorem. However, he incorrectly says it applies to an isosceles triangle when it applies to a right triangle. Guess he got a defective brain from the wizard... GO BACK TO MATH CLASS!

During most of the movie, all the characters have at least three shadows, and when the guy that guards the entrance to the wizard first goes into speak with him, he has at least 4 or 5.

When the guard tells Dorothy that she may not see the wizard, Dorothy starts crying and tells a sob story about Auntie Em. Then, it shows the guard crying, but the tears aren’t coming from his eyes. They’re coming from above his eyebrows. Strange and amazing things happen in the Emerald City.

When the wicked witch is giving the orders to the leader bird monkey, it shows his troops flying away before he’s even finished receiving his orders.

When one of the bird monkeys picks up Toto, his wings never flap when he is flying off.

When they first meet the Cowardly Lion, he jumps off of a boulder and obviously lands on a trampoline and jumps off.

If the witch couldn’t hurt Dorothy as long as she has the ruby slippers on, then why would she threaten her with death? Also, if she couldn’t be hurt, then why didn’t she ever punch the witch when she got in her face?

When the scarecrow is singing “If Only I Had A Brain,” when he goes up into the air, you can clearly see the wires that are holding him up.

Also in that sequence after he bounces off all the fence rails and goes back to do it again, you can see that the film is being simply rewound. The fence rails vibrate before the Scarecrow actually hits them.

During the scene where the Tin man begins chopping down the door to save Dorothy there are no handles, but when he continues chopping the handles appear.

When entering the Haunted Forest, the scarecrow is carrying a pistol and a stick, the lion has a bug sprayer and net, the tin man has a monkey wrench and his axe. But a different scene after that shows some items missing and then returning. Most of those things were lost in the insect dance scene that the Wicked Witch refers to.

When the Lion is running out of the Wizard’s chamber down the long green hallway, take a close look at the face of the lion as he is running, just before he leaps into the glass window - it is clearly NOT Burt Lahr, but a younger, thinner stand-in.

You see a bird-monkey flying with Toto before he gets picked up.

When Dorothy, Scarecrow, and Tinman are in the forest where they find Lion, the first time Dorothy says “Lion tigers and bears, oh my” her mouth doesn’t move at first but when the camera cuts to the next shot her mouth finishes the phrase.

When Lion is singing “If I Were King” and the other three roll out the green carpet. They put the rug on Lion, when they’re walking back towards the steps and Dorothy gets tripped up a bit by the carpet. You can see the carpet where it’s flipped up.

In the scene where Dorothy is at the door to see the wizard, the doorman’s moustache is pointed upwards, and when he leaves and comes back again, it is pointing downwards.

When Dorothy is at the end of the movie confronting “the wizard” about going home since she killed the witch, Toto goes over to the curtain and you can see him tied up to it as he opens it. Dorothy then goes over there and automatically has him in her arms - she didn’t even need to bend down and pick Toto up.

During the scene when Dorothy and Scarecrow are fighting with the trees, Scarecrow says, “I’ll show you how to get apples” and the apples hit him. In the very next scene if you quickly look at Dorothy’s shoes, you can see that she is wearing black shoes, not her ruby slippers.

When Dorothy is in Munchkin Land and reaches over the dead witch to take the ruby slippers, there is a broom. After she takes the ruby slippers, the broom is gone.

When the foursome are granted permission to see the Wizard, they get up, link arms and proceed up the steps. You can see the wire that holds up the lion’s tail get caught in front of the scarecrow’s arm. He then lets it loose very carefully by unlinking his arm.

When Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion are marching into the witch’s castle after taking the guards’ uniforms all three of them are shown holding the same types of spears as the guards. When they go rescue Dorothy out of the locked room and Tin Man chops through the door with his axe, where did the axe come from?

When the four main characters are coming out of the poppy field after the snowstorm, Dorothy seems to trip over some poppy and has to hold on for dear life onto the Scarecrow. She almost falls flat on her face.

The Wizard claims to have been in Kansas when his balloon was whisked off to Oz, yet the balloon reads State Fair, Omaha. Omaha is in Nebraska, not Kansas.

The Scarecrow correctly deduces that if he insults and taunts the trees, they will throw their apples at him. Pretty good thinking for a guy without a brain.
1. “This is my last resort…”

Disney’s Fort Wilderness Resort got rave reviews in the February 22 issue by staff writer Caleb Kennedy, calling it “an extraordinary camping experience.” This not quite remote campsite is only about five minutes from Disney World and Epcot Center. But if Mouse World isn’t for you, there is plenty to do at the resort. You can go horseback riding down winding trails, swim in the heated pools, or test your skills on the basketball and tennis courts. In addition there are nightly bonfires and morning breakfast with the Disney characters. Both traditional campsites and fully furnished trailers are available. A nice RV will run you about $270 for three days and will comfortably accommodate five. So if you and some friends decide you want to “get away from the city” this is an affordable option and you will still have running water!

2. “I want to get away, I wanna fly away…”

For those of you who want to really get away, contributing writers Barry W. Barker and Maxine Valdez may have the solution for you. Go to the Zoo. Ha, Ha...I’m not joking. This zoo is in Ecuador’s Amazonian Basin. Ecozoologico San Martin is the only licensed zoological garden in Ecuador. It is located at the base of Tungurahua Volcano in the Amazonia Cloudforest. This zoo is a sanctuary for nearly one hundred species of mammals, birds, and reptiles. Orlando Vega, the owner, works with local governmental and educational institutions to protect and preserve Ecuadorian animals. Some of the exotic animals you can see at the paradise zoo include: Shasha, a red puma from the depths of the Andes; Shermie, jaguar who was once an abused pet; and several Spectacled Bears which are on the endangered species list.

3. “Rolla Coaster of Love...Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Ooh…”

For those of you who would rather—or have to—stick around South Florida, Dania Beach may have the cure for your adventure cravings. The “Hurricane” is one of only three wooden roller coasters in Florida. The new 100-foot tall coaster reaches speeds up to 55 miles per hour. The “Hurricane” is located just off I-95 at the Grand Prix Race-O-Rama. For more information visit www.xcoaster.com.

4. “All the women who independent...Throw your hands up at me.”

Female students at NSU have had the opportunity to receive recognition this year in the Knight. We’ve been able to congratulate significant independent women at NSU who have made a difference in the campus. These female students varied from NSUSGA members, to athletes, and Residential Advisors. This was a special year for NSUSGA Vice-President Candice Carreno as reported, Daniel Dawes in Issue 11. It’s her name that represents leadership to NSU. Candice displays her leadership qualities through her words as well as her actions. She has had the opportunity to make a difference at NSU with her strength and determination.

Candice was not only acknowledged for being vice-president. Carreno was also credited for her spectacular performance as a figure skater, as well as a cheerleader. Candice Carreno represents an independent woman who has no role model but herself.

Not only was a student officer recognized this year but so was softball player Diane Ocampo. Ocampo was chosen by her teammates as the heart and soul of the team. This unsung hero is a senior who has been playing NSU softball for four years as the left fielder. Diane Ocampo has led the team to be ranked #1 in their conference this season and is still striving to lead the girls to another Regional Championship.

Diane described herself to me in Issue 11 as an independent woman, ready to face the world head on. Her profile represented a leader that would go to the far end for her team. Teammate Vanessa Morales said, “She is an inspiring leader and role model whom many of us look up to.

As if having two brilliant women leaders representing SGA and athletics wasn’t enough, we were also able to acknowledge Resident Advisor Megan Connors. The Goodwin Hall would not be the same without Megan’s effort and hard work ethics on campus. Megan has made a positive impact on the University not only as a Resident Advisor but also as a Vice-President of Operations of her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon. Megan Connors represented independent women at NSU last year when she was awarded Greek Woman of the Year.

This year was a great time for independent women to be recognized for their leadership. It was the time when women could be acknowledged and respected by the NSU community.

5. “Let’s Talk about Sex, Baby... Let’s talk about you and me...let’s talk about all the good things and the bad things that may be”

February marked the month of love and also the appearance of speaker Marilyn Volker, sexologist, who spoke to NSU students on “How to Be a Better Lover.” According to Jennifer Whitesel, students were wide-awake for this gathering, as Volker spoke about intercourse and the different types. To increase the audience’s attention, she also had visuals and lists. Attendees of this event thought that it was interesting and informative.

February also drew attention to some of the negatives of sex and the awareness of rape. Tiffany Richards of the Davie Police Department spoke at a seminar on February 15, 2001 at the Health Professions Division. This meeting calling for mandatory attention of females. Athletes, coaches, and other females attended this event to hear about sexual assault. As a result of this seminar, several athletes discussed creating a University Sexual Assault Service at N.S.U., according to athlete Becky Bible.

Students at N.S.U. were also reminded of the harmful effects of unprotected sex during this month. On February 15, again women athletes attended a seminar that was presented by Dr. Alan Morrison. Morrison spoke to the girls about Sexually Transmitted Diseases. He kept the girls attention with visuals and vital information to the girls. He stressed the use of condoms, over and over hoping the girls would get the message. Many were grateful that Morrison spoke to inform them about the many dangers of having unprotected sex, according to Jennifer Villalba.

6. “What a girl wants, what a girl needs…”

“Five Dumb Blondes”, which started in the 7th issue of the Knight, resembled the HBO series Sex in the City. It told the stories of five twenty-somethings who attend NSU and deal not only with men issues, but also how their friendships are maintained. It also makes the reader think of the relevance of specific questions asked about relationships with men.
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Still Got Wood?
This year Nova Southeastern Universities “Still Got Wood” had the most attendance than its had in the past three years. The celebration of welcoming both old and new students consisted of the band, Big Sky, frozen fruit drinks, a huge bonfire, Polynesian dancers, a friendly game of limbo and of course free T-shirts.

CEC worked very hard to make Still Got Wood the best it's ever been for the students and it paid off well. They are going to have to work forward to anything they are going to put on in the future.

The New NSUSGA
The New NSUSGA came up with a new way of running the Undergraduate Student Government. They remodeled the Student Government Office, redesigned the SGA shirts, and made the Senate meetings more available to students. This restructuring has positioned NSUSGA as the premier student association at NSU.

NSUSGA Week
During NSUSGA week September 18 through September 22, many events were held. The SGA handed out pens, frisbees, and other free stuff, as well as surveys testing students’ knowledge of the SGA. Information for students about alternative ways to commute to school was provided by Tri-Rail, and Radio X played music while students consumed free food.

Homecoming 2000
October 4 – 7th was Homecoming weekend and this year the team who came out on top was the Women’s Volleyball team. The women of the team won the Bed Race Costume Contest as well as taking first in the Raft Race. Their winnings earned them five free Homecoming tickets, as well as rooms at the Doubletree Hotel.

Placing second this year were Athletics, Theta Delta Chi and PASA who each won free tickets to Homecoming.

Many people showed up for both the Bed Race, which took place behind Goodwin dorms, and the Raft races, which took place in the lake. On Saturday October 7th at the Doubletree Hotel the theme for the dance was “Caribbean Knights.”

While our reporter bashed homecoming, it is fair to say that the majority of students had a decent time. The royal Court consisted of freshman representatives Collin Jones and Alaina Irizarry, sophomore representatives Francesca Russo and Arturo Caballero, junior representatives Stephanie Cruz and Joe Pokraka, and senior representatives Shawn Mostal and Tahany Saadeh.

Beta Party: Seeing Double?
Beta Theta Pi’s seventh annual Halloween party was held at the Airport Ramada Inn from 9 until 1:30. The party was full of costumes, people dancing to the tune of club, rap and hip-hop music and of course, alcohol. The Betas provided transportation to and from the Ramada Inn, which many inebriated students took advantage of.

Farquhar Center Hosts Academic Fair
The Academic Fair was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. under the covered walkway east of the Parker building. The Academic Fair offers information related to academic majors and minors as well as career information and resources. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions of departmental and center representatives.

The Knight Witch Project
On Friday, October 2, 2000, the NSU Pre-Med Society in association with the Flight Deck’s usual T.G.I.F celebration, held the annual Halloween party. A blood drive located in front of the Parker building, kicked off the Halloween activities.

The party started at 6:00 P.M. The Flight Deck was all decked out in Halloween decorations. The red room was set up for Tarot readings that were offered throughout the night. The party included limbo contests as well as a haunted house held in the cafeteria.

Nuts has a Ball!
On Friday, November 10th, NUTS (Nova Southeastern University Theatrical Society) held a costume-optional party at the Flight Deck. There was a DJ for part of the night and a live band for the other part. A limo was parked outside with a long red carpet guiding guests upstairs.

There was also a free buffet.

Great American Smokeout
On November 16, 2000, the Wellness Center encouraged smokers to quit for one day. Many smokers think they can quit whenever they want to. The Wellness Center presented a challenge as well as an opportunity to participate in the Great American Smokeout along with the rest of the nation’s smokers.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
This year the IVCF extended a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining. The current members of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship seek to use the Bible to find meanings to its pages during Bible study.

The IVCF had its first meeting September 1st in the Goodwin dorms. At the meetings members read from the Bible and discuss the different passages and their meanings.

For updates on IVCF log on to www.ivcf.cjb.net, and email questions to the President Noelle Barrella at barrenran@nova.edu.

Go Nuts!
On Friday November 10th Nova Southeastern Universities Theatrical Society held a party in the Flight Deck unlike any other party NSU has ever had. This party consisted of a limousine parked outside of the Rosenthal...
And The Oscar

by Jennifer Villalba
Contributing Writer

Actor Steve Martin presented the 73rd Annual Academy Awards on Sunday, March 25, in Los Angeles, California.

The Academy Awards is one night when people make sure to get home and watch the Oscars. But let’s be honest, is it for the awards or the stylish clothes? It was not a question whether these actors came dressed to impress. They were ready to bring out new styles for the year.

The night began with the traditional red carpet entrance. It was the opening of the fashion show.

"It was amazing when Julia Roberts got off with Benjamin Bratt; it was as if the Prince and Princess had arrived at the Ball," said sophomore Jessica Garcia. It was obvious that Julia Roberts knew what she wore would attract eyes. It was her night to glow. She appeared at the Awards with her boyfriend, actor Benjamin Bratt. The beautiful couple was dressed with class. Roberts wore an elegant black and white striped floor length vintage Valentino dress, while Benjamin Bratt matched wearing a black Armani suit with a white tie.

As the actors/actresses continued to walk down the carpet we did not only see people but also animals. Pop singer Bjork led many of the viewers to wonder if she had brought her pet Swan to the Awards. After getting a closer look the verdict was in that it was not her pet but her Swan Lake tutu dress that was made especially for this night. NSU student Mary DelRay said, “What was that lady wearing with that thing on her dress?”

The eccentric J Lo (Jennifer Lopez) could not help but bring nudity to the Oscars. It’s her style that turned heads on Sunday night. I’ve got to admit it was classier or at least less revealing than her appearance last year. She wore a gray wrap around dress with a belled skirt by Channel. Okay, so that was elegant. Yet it did not stop there, she topped it off with a completely sheer top, which led me to wonder if she forgot to put on a bra.

Sigourney Weaver thought about making a fashion statement with her red John Galiano for Dior dress. But was it really a fashion statement or a fashion no-no? What was up with the humongous flower on her shoulder. Was it really necessary?

Sarah Jessica Parker decided to let loose on Sunday night. She was a little too underdressed for the occasion; come on, she presented an Oscar in a tight black mini-skirt that gave me flashbacks of the 80’s. Penelope Cruz, on the other hand, was dressed appropriately and striking. She wore a black off-the-shoulder Ralph Lauren gown that looked simple but beautiful.

Kate Hudson walked down the red carpet in a Stella McCartney lace gown covered with a high-necked fringe cape. The dress was outrageously elegant and detailed. But why did she decide to put the cape? It was awful!

The striking Catherine Zeta-Jones entered the red carpet with her husband, actor Michael Douglas. She showed off her elegance with a black silk tube top gown by Versace. Zeta-Jones looked very hot but what gave her that special touch was her stunning black mother of pearl necklace.

Enough about the women, and into the men. Most of the actors decided to go the easy way out by wearing the traditional tuxedo. Yet Russell Crowe brought out the new knee-length Edwardian Armani Tux with a high-necked shirt, string tie and his grandfather’s war medal called the MBE (Member of the British...
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Empire).

Samuel Jackson, as usual, looked sharp while presenting an Oscar in his long black tuxedo jacket. Samuel Jackson, as usual, looked sharp while presenting an Oscar in his long black tuxedo jacket. Tom Hanks decided to show up to the Academy Awards with his wife, actress Rita Wilson rather than his best friend Mr. Wilson (the volleyball from the movie Cast Away). His tux looked nice but I'm not too sure what he's trying to state with that wanna be mustache. I actually think he looked better in the movie Cast Away when he has that over grown beard. Is it me or does he need to shave that off?

The Top Gun actor Tom Cruise was dressed a little peculiar for the Awards. Was he really wearing a suit without even a tie on? I think his break up with Nicole Kidman has got him down. Don't get me wrong, he's a hotty and a terrific actor but a simple tux would have done.

The Best Actress Oscar went out to the incredible Julia Roberts for Erin Brockovitch. Roberts was extremely nervous and anxious, but her speech was spectacular. Julia did a great job in taking over the show. Student Staci Melnick said, "She's great! Who in their right mind would tell Julia Roberts to get off the stage? She's the top dawg actress." Backstage after the awards Roberts said, "There were a few little twitches in the orchestra pit, but a gals got to have her moment, that's what I think." Julia surely knew this was her night.

The Best Actor Oscar was a surprise. Gladiator's Russell Crowe won the award after competing with Cast Away's Tom Hank, which left many Tom Hank fans disappointed. Cast Away was a great movie for Tom; it was his chance to win his 3rd Academy Award. Yet Gladiator's main actor Russell Crowe struck his chance.

Oscar Winners

Best Picture
Gladiator
Russell Crowe
Julia Roberts
Best Director
Stephen Soderbergh for Traffic
Best Original Screenplay
Almost Famous Cameron Crowe
Best Adapted Screenplay
Traffic Stephen Gaghan
Best Foreign Film
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Best Supporting Actor
Benicio Del Toro for Traffic
Best Supporting Actress
Marcia Gay Hudson for Pollock
Best Cinematography
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon Peter Pau
Best Sound FX Editing
U-571 Jon Johnson
Best Sound
Gladiator Scott Millian, Bob Beemer, Ken Weston
Best Visual Effects
Gladiator John Nelson, Neil Corbould, Tim Burke, Rob Harvey
Best Doc Feature
Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport
Best Doc Short Subject
Big Momma Tracy Seretean
Best Makeup
Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas Rick Baker, Gail Ryan
Best Animated Short
Father and Daughter
Best Live Action Short
Quiero Ser (I Want To Be...)
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Center. A DJ ran part of the entertainment, however for the remainder of the night a band took over. Some of the most memorable moments of the night were when the still unknown person in the Reagan costume and the beautiful vampire took part in a game of pool. Overall, it was a successful night with a free buffet fun people and enjoyable music. One question remains to be asked of that night. Who is the person behind the Reagan mask?

Academically Entertaining?
On November 14, 2000, NSU hosted an academic fair in front of the Parker building. Fourteen academic programs and faculty representatives assisted students with information about undergraduate programs available. The Campus Entertainment Committee, The Knight Newspaper, and Phi Sigma Sigma held displays and gave away free items and food such as cotton candy, sno-cones and popcorn. While the fair was supposed to introduce students to the various programs offered on campus, more chit-chatting between faculty and students took place. It was a great opportunity to bond with professors.

ISA “shows” us what they can do!
On November 11, 2000, the Indian Students Association held their first Indian Cultural show at the Alumni Hall on NSU's East Campus. Approximately 250 guests attended the event, which included dancing, food, music, and drama. The main attraction featured a collaboration of hard work and talent with 25 actors and actresses performing dances representing every region of India and generation. The play detailed the Indian culture and its beliefs and consisted of bright, colorful and elaborate costumes.

Quilting for the cause of AIDS
Nova Southeastern University showed support for people with AIDS during the week of November 27-December 1 through the display of the AIDS Quilt for Hope. This annual event is sponsored by the Office of Recreation and Wellness and is only possible because of the selfless participation of NSU students and employees. This year’s goal was to evoke hope and compassion on 3’ x 3’ panels expressed with different colors of felt, ribbon, puffy paint and other trinkets. While some panels were simply constructed and decorated, others were elaborately ornate.

Pre-Med Society’s “Small World” Festival
Nova Southeastern students believe in community service. On November 19, 2000, the Pre-Med Society held their first “Small World” Festival at the West Broward Nursing Home. This festival consisted of a variety of ethnic dishes, music and impromptu entertainment. The event was held to give residents an early Thanksgiving. In return, students were able to contribute to a worthy cause and receive information on geriatrics.

Caribbean Style “Bashment”
The newly formed Caribbean Student’s Association (CSA) began the New Year with bang! On January 13, CSA hosted a talent show at the Flight Deck. The show featured group and solo performers, which consisted primarily of Hip-Hop, Rap, and Caribbean music. The stars of the show were the One Love Family group from Miramar. These eight men at initial assumptions would suggest them to be reggae hopefuls, but the opposite was true. They performed mostly Hip-Hop music. The show also offered free food and drink, and was considered very entertaining.

International Food Festival
On January 24, NSU celebrated Unity Month with an International Food Festival east of the Horyitz

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Administration building. This delectable event brought university faculty, staff, students and guests together to sample various ethnic dishes and assimilate into the diverse cultures on campus. This three-hour event included free food, drink, live music and entertainment, t-shirts, and prizes, with more than 400 people reveling in the festivities. The event was segmented into three parts. The first part consisted of the “Let’s Break Bread Together” segment, which allowed participants the opportunity to mingle with people and indulge in food. The second segment included the dramatic Chinese Lion Dance, which was performed by the Florida Kung Fu Academy. This 15-minute presentation showcased five colorful lion costumes with two performers in each, and several kung fu acts. The third segment included a Wheel of Fortune game where students had the chance to win Nova Bucks and other prizes.

The Dating Game: finding the perfect match
On Friday February 9, 2001 the Office of Recreation and Wellness held its annual Valentine’s Dating Game. Unfortunately, not as many spectators turned out to the event compared to last year, but it was just as exciting and as entertaining as ever. The contestants of the game included: Colin Jones, Sheila Zolnoor, Shawn Mostal and Jessica Davis. The lucky winners of the game were Stacey Brown, Wes McCully, Laura Reyes, and Enis Chellew. Hopefully next year’s Dating Game will have better attendance to get students more involved in the campus life.

Love Jen Festival
The 10th annual Love Jen Festival was filled with fun and excitement! On February 3rd games, activities and carnival rides entertained adults and children on NSU’s campus. The Festival started 10 years ago as a tribute to Jen Masi, a Nova University School student who died from cancer twenty years ago. Jen’s
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parents and friends decided to orga­nize the event to raise money to help families cope with cancer. This year’s event generated $200,000 for the Love Jen Fund.

Radio X gives NSU students a little taste of glamour

On February 17, 2001 Radio X gave away a free makeover and free dinner to two lucky winners of the first Annual Valentine’s Day Contest. Jason Shlimbaum, from the Knight Newspaper, and Andrea Brio, from Academic Services were treated like a king and queen. They each received a makeover from head to toe and then were wined and dined at the pricey Melting Pot Restaurant in Kendel. It was a night to remember for each couple.

NSUSGA Elections: the final tally!

On Monday March 19, 2001, in the cafeteria, the Student Government Association (SGA) was held. There were two tickets with candidates running for President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, and Vice President of Judicial Affairs on each. The CaNaCo ticket included Candice Carreno, Nadine Rodriguez, and Collin Jones. The Impact Party was Leo Lopez, Jessica Montes, and Stephanie Cruz. It was a close vote, but the CaNaCo Tribe won 117 to 92. Each Party had good intentions of bringing more opportunity to the students here at NSU. Good luck Candice, Nadine, and Collin, the year 2001-2002!
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Free Stuff!

by Shawn Leiba
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On Friday April 13th, at The Culture Room in Fort Lauderdale, a legend was reborn. Vanilla Ice himself took the stage and rocked the dark, smoky, black-lit club until 2 am. The fluffy-haired, baggy pants white hip-hop star that we all remember is no more. Instead, a hardcore, swearing, rap-rocker is born.

Doors opened around 9:30 at The Culture Room and the primarily 17 year old crowd filed in. The first band to ignite the place was local hard rockers, Blindrage. Resembling a combination of Korn and Full Devil Jacket, Blindrage delivered the aggressive jolt needed to start a show featuring the Ice man himself. Next up was the local rap-core outfit, SITH (which stands for Sick In The Head). Combining searing guitar riffs, monstrous bass, and funky yet heavy drum beats, SITH delivered a performance reminiscent of Limp Bizkit with a little more rock and less hip hop. The band’s frontman DJ Money scratched on the turntables for the opening song, after that it was only singing/rapping. DJ Money sings about situations that we can all relate too: work keeping us down, troubled relationships, and just having a good time. Following SITH was another hard rock/rap band from Fort Lauderdale called A New Level. Providing an aggressive wall of sound, A New Level served as a perfect intro to Vanilla. Halfway through the set, the bass player broke two of his strings and had to stop to find a new bass. The lead vocalist took this opportunity to freestyle rap, accompanied by drums and guitar. A New Level did an excellent job in preparing the crowd for the intensity about to come.

After a short intermission, it was now time for Vanilla Ice. I’m sure that some people arrived at The Culture Room expecting baggy pants and a shiny outfit... were they ever in for a shock. Accompanied by a guitarist, bassist, drummer, DJ, and backup vocalist Vanilla Ice provided the adrenaline rush that most people were hoping for. Having only heard his hard rock CD briefly, I was unprepared for what was about to happen. Mr. Ice opened the show with “Prozac,” hip hop/hardcore masterpiece jam packed with aggression. As he moved through the set, Vanilla played songs from his first, major label (non-rap) album Hard To Swallow and his newest album, due out next month, entitled Skabz. Halfway through the set, Vanilla Ice showcased each of the members of his band. He shared his thoughts about “the industry” and how it made him a puppet. He proclaims that he is now doing what he wants to do. It’s easy to see that Vanilla Ice is doing what he enjoys just by watching him perform. The highlight of the even would have to be when he played “Too Cold,” a hardcore version of his most famous song, “Ice Ice Baby.” The original lyrics that we all know and love now come accompanied by a glass-shattering hard rock sound. Closing out the show with some freestyle rap, Vanilla Ice delivered and then some.
In previous articles, I have expressed my love for the local music scene here in south Florida. Before I began working at Radio X, I had no clue that so much great music existed all around me. In July of 2000 I was given the honor of hosting the local show at Radio X 88.5 FM. Every Thursday night from 8 pm until 9 pm, I get to play the best music produced by our own south Florida bands. Every other week, I interview a different local band, covering topics ranging from how the band got started to how they write their music. My favorite part of the show is when I ask the bands how they got their name. This question has yielded some very, very interesting responses. While some bands just sat around and thought their names up, others have gotten their names from old movies, medical dictionaries, and even from a certain style of musical tuning.

Over the summer I encourage everyone to check out at least one local band show. Whether you live in South Florida or elsewhere, local shows are happening all around you, all the time. If you live in south Florida, one website that provides a lot of local band information is www.thehoneycomb.com. Thehoneycomb.com provides show listings for most south Florida venues. They also provide information on the bands so you can figure out which ones you’ll like best. Another great website is www.slammie.cc. Slammie Productions provides information and show listings for punk and hard rock bands. Three other great sources for local band information are: City Link, New Times, and Rag Magazines. The Radio X website, www.nsradio.com, has links to a variety of local band websites as well as upcoming local band interviews at the “Local Show” area of the site. So now you know where to find out about local shows. I hope everyone returns in the fall having opened his or her minds to local music.

When I Do This, You Say “BUTTER”!

by Jason M Shlimbaum
Business Manager

Malt liquor! Can I get some malt liquor in the house? That’s what you would have heard if you were in Tavern 213 last Saturday night. Out of the crowd emerged a downtown Ft. Lauderdale panhandler. A middle aged black man stumbled onto Tavern 213’s stage. Where the local band, Tide Style, was jamming out.

Wearing a bright, like neon bright, red suit and a sun tarnished straw hat. He grabbed the lead singer’s microphone and instantly the band stopped. The man turned his back to the confused crowd and began to chat with the band members. The drummer began impersonating Chef (from South Park) and Chris Rock. Priceless.

The bass guitars began playing an old, slow, deep-toned blues riff. Watch out James Brown, our bright panhandler turned to the crowd and, with his four-pack-a-day-for-the-last-twenty-five-years voice, said “When I do this you say BUTTER!”

At this point, most of the crowd was in tears from laughing. Then the whole band took off playing a blues riff. Keep in mind that this is basically an alternative band and the entire crowd is in their 20s (not typically a blues crowd). With that fact in mind, this situation was unraveling hilariously. Our friend began pouring his heart into the microphone. I’m really not sure if he was singing or if he was just mumbling something that kind of sounded like the Blues downtown Ft. Lauderdale partygoer.

He stopped only to raise his left hand directing the crowd to say “BUTTER.” After about five “butters” and a few spins, our panhandling friend jumped off stage sporting a phat pair of 80’s white Reebok kicks with the tongues pulled way up. With the crowd screaming and laughing uncontrollably, he whipped out what seemed to be an empty Chinese quart of rice container. (Metal carrying strap was broken off for safety reasons). It was full of change. He started shaking the coins inside and the crowd’s unrolling hilariously.

Looking at Tavern 213’s walls is like looking at a prehistoric rock. Only on this rock, man’s hunting tools were a bottle opener and a pack of darts. Since so many darts were stuck in the air conditioning pipes in the ceiling I came to the conclusion that man must have been a horrible shot.

With all of this going on, Tavern 213 maintains that little bar coziness that encourages you to let your hair down. There is no mailman or painter seating at the end of the bar, but the Cheers vibe is there. Join the fun next week.

A few NSU Students stopped by & they all knew my name.
The last two weeks in the markets could be called successful when compared to the recent performance of the sectors. The Dow gained about 55 points over that time, while the Nasdaq lost 50. Both averages are at levels that they haven't seen in quite some time. That interest rate cut that was supposed to help the market recover only pushed it further down. "Why?" you ask. Well, while every investor around the globe was hoping for a 75-point reduction in rates, the Federal Reserve only gave a 50-point rate cut, disappointing everyone. That disappointment caused the Dow to drop about 240 points and the Nasdaq 100.

It now costs 8.5% to borrow money from banks for such things as cars and homes. Regular loans now only carry a 4.5% charge on the money borrowed. These reductions hope to spur interest in buying, which would cause the economy of the U.S. to grow once again. The levels that these markets fell from may not be reached for nearly a decade, some experts predict.

If you read the business section of your newspaper, everyday you would read of dozens of different businesses that are reporting slumping earnings and profits. Businesses that have been successful for years are finding themselves on the verge of bankruptcy. Carnival Cruise Lines, Microsoft, UPS, Lucent, Motorola, and Palm are all major companies that have made announcements in the last two weeks regarding profit warnings, failed earnings, and/or layoffs. If trends like this continue, it could be a very long time until the markets see any signs of success. With big blue chip companies like these failing, it would be difficult for any new company to try to make an impact in any sector.

These companies must first recover before the markets can make any upward movement. This badly needed upward trend can only be brought about by the recovery of the economy, which could occur at any time, though it is not seen in the near future. A period of struggle will have to be sustained for at least the rest of the year before this upswing takes place.

The economy of each state was recently rated, with Florida being considered as having an expanding economy. Only a handful of other states were scored as expanding, while many others were rated as endangered or contracting. The larger industrial areas, such as manufacturers of cars, textiles, steel, and chemicals are all struggling with these areas being close to slipping into recession. The industries that are expanding are technology industry and software, and financial services.

Meanwhile, a major industry of South Florida is being greatly threatened: agriculture. Nurseries, landscapers, and growers are being greatly affected by the drought that has struck Florida. A near-term relief in the drought is not seen anytime soon, as water levels are feet below normal.
Improve Your 'Net Value

by Sean Leahy
Contributing Writer

Using the Internet sounds like an easy way to find a job. With very little work—a few e-mails back and forth—that dream job could be yours. Or, could it?

Mark Mehler, web guru and co-author of CareerXroads, a directory to job, resume, and career management sites on the web, pulls the plug by easy way to find a job. With very little information about companies you might be interested in, could help speed your job-search process, and might make the difference between getting the job you want or losing out to another candidate. But, it’s not a replacement for a lot of “old fashioned”—and effective—techniques. Here is Mehler’s advice for how and when to use—and not use—the Internet in your job search.

• Research with the Internet

Look up potential employers online. Company web sites are a great place to find out more about a potential employer, including location, products and services, corporate culture, and employment contact information. If a big corporation is your ideal, 380 of the Fortune 500 have web sites that list either job openings or contact information for the human resources department, Mehler says. For smaller companies, Mehler suggests taking a look at the Inc. 500 annual list of America’s fastest-growing companies. “These smaller companies probably have web sites, too,” he says.

Not all company web sites post jobs. Many don’t have online applications. But, most web sites can give you some information to help you customize your resume and cover letter for that company and prepare for your interview.

“If I wanted to work for a company, I would go on the web and search for all the information I could find on that company,” Mehler says. “I’d read all the articles online about the company. I’d also get newspaper articles and magazines, so that I could prepare.”

• Try the boomerang approach

More than 320 web sites, including some sponsored by large corporations, are using push technology to match jobs within their organizations to interested job seekers, Mehler says. This means that when you visit some corporations’ web sites, you’ll be asked for contact information such as your name and e-mail address as well as general information about your skills and interests. When a position matching your parameters comes open, you’ll get an e-mail from the company.

• Search for specifics

Search engines are great for rooting out everything you need to know for your zoology paper, but you’ll need to narrow your search if you want to use an engine to get a job. If you are looking for an accounting position, for example, and put the word “accounting” into a search engine, “you’ll get all kinds of things back,” Mehler says, “including resumes of people who have accounting backgrounds.”

First, consult the “help” screens on using Boolean logic to narrow a search. Mehler suggests that in addition to job information, you add search terms such as an area code or zip code to “help you hone in on jobs in your part of the United States or wherever you want to go.”

• Target the niches

Job listing sites are a mixed bag, Mehler says. The big job listing sites have specific sections for college graduates, but typically, the jobs are for experienced graduates. The career services web site at your own college is the best place to start, he adds. And, look for web pages sponsored by student associations on campus or links to professional associations for your field.

Career hubs are a good choice, too, for the new college graduate. “Hone in on sites that specialize in opportunities for college graduates,” Mehler says. “They’ve paid money to post jobs through these sites. The jobs are real; they’re not just pulled from an organization’s web site and put somewhere so the site can claim a lot of postings.”

You should also check potential employers’ web sites for opportunities. Finally, you might consider joining professional e-mail discussion groups (listserves), which sometimes include information about jobs.

• Don’t be willy nilly

Don’t e-mail your resume to every recruiter at an organization just because you might be interested in working at that company. Unsolicited resumes are often unwanted resumes. Send your resume for specific opportunities and then only to those indicated as contacts.

• Don’t leave your resume behind (with one exception)

Read the privacy statements on any of the job listing sites before you volunteer any personal information, Mehler advises. Many web sites sell information about the people who visit the sites. And he advises against posting your resume online, especially on job listing sites. “Retain control over your resume,” he says. “If you put it online, anyone can obtain it. Third-party recruiters can obtain it.” A third-party agency could keep you from getting the job you want. An agency may pull your resume from a job listing site and send it to a company that you have been thinking of contacting. If the agency’s copy of your resume gets to the company before your copy of your resume—even if you haven’t given the agency permission to send your resume—the company will look only at the first resume to arrive. The company may not have the funds to pay the third-party agency for the referral or may choose not to pay for a referral.

There is one exception to this rule: It’s okay to use a resume builder or fill out a resume form on a potential employer’s web site. “[The potential employer] is not going to be selling access to your resume,” Mehler says.

• Apply by snail mail, too

If you e-mail or fax a potential employer a copy of your resume or if you fill out an online resume form at the employer’s web site, follow up by mailing a paper copy. “Most employers won’t mind getting several copies of your resume,” Mehler says. “You never know where e-mail goes.” It might get lost between your computer and the organization. Your resume may go directly into the organization’s applicant tracking system where the only person who will see it is a clerk who cleans up the text. Unless your keywords are a match for a position, your resume won’t be seen by anyone who might hire you. Some companies get 10,000 to 30,000 electronic resumes a month. Sending an additional copy by mail “gives you another opportunity to get your information in front of someone who might hire you,” says Mehler.

• Say “thank you” by e-mail

Sending your thank-you note by e-mail may be a tie breaker if the offer is going to you or another candidate. “If the [interviewer’s] business card has an e-mail address on it, use it,” Mehler says. “It makes it easier for both parties and it’s fast. The job seeker wants the job. The recruiter wants to fill the slot. Time to fill the slot is what the recruiter is rated on.”

• Don’t rely just on the Internet

Keep in mind, Mehler says, “the web is just a third of your job-search strategy. You still have to get in front of people. A referral is still the best way to find a job. Get someone in the company to hand carry your resume into [the hiring manager]. Referrals continue to be the number one source.
The Reality of a Successful Job Search: Are You a Prostitute?

by Sean Leahy
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The reality of successful job search is straightforward and simple: to be successful, you need to sit on the other side of the desk. The simple key to success is to market your product (yourself) according to the needs of your intended market (potential employers in your field). Yet very few graduates actually do this. Most job searches are conducted from the "this is what I want" perspective. However, the reality is that most companies don't really care about what you want until you are able to demonstrate that you can provide what they want. They care about what you can do for them.

So the best approach to follow is a customer-driven marketing approach. You will be hearing a great deal about marketing in this column. Why? Because successful marketing is the reality of a successful job search. Even though you're still sheltered in the cocoon of academic life while you're immersed in classes at the campus, the minute you step out into the real world, you must be ready, willing, and able to market yourself. Just as it's difficult to market a product you don't truly believe in, it's difficult to market yourself in the job market if you don't believe in yourself. First and foremost, you have to believe in you. Don't expect me to buy into you if you have no confidence in you. Don't expect me to buy into you if you have no confidence in you. Don't expect me to buy into you.

The reality of a successful job search is that you are expected to buy into you if you don't buy in first! Take a long hard look in the mirror. But don't look for the bad—look for the good. Look for all the good points. Look for all the aspects about you and your background that make you an outstanding job candidate. Those are the attributes that I want to see when I meet with you. The reality is, that's easy to "market yourself!" into a job or company that you love. If you're enthusiastic about your work and your ability to complete the necessary tasks, you won't even think of it as marketing. But if you are doing it "just for the bucks" you're really not much different from a prostitute. You're just marketing a different product. So in meeting the reality of the marketplace, make sure you are comfortable selling your talents and skills to that market. The reaction from the other side of the desk to true enthusiasm will almost always be positive.

If you don't market yourself, you will? No matter what your major, no matter what field you intend to enter, you must be ready, willing, and able to market yourself. Just as it's difficult to market a product you don't truly believe in, it's difficult to market yourself in the job market if you don't believe in yourself.
Lost Water
by Natasha Woods
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Ever wonder whatever happened to the water restrictions? Once again, the South Florida Water Management Department has modified the restrictions to satisfy the needs of South Florida and its inhabitants.

The modified Phase 2 restrictions limit lawn watering and car washing to Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 A.M. to 8 A.M. for odd number addresses; Thursdays and Fridays from 4 A.M. to 8 A.M. for even number addresses. The restriction is now in effect for Palm Beach, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Collier, Hendry, Lee, Orange and parts of Glades, Charlotte, and Okeechobee counties. Hand watering (using a hose with a shutoff nozzle) is allowed on every day except for Friday from 5-7 P.M. The restrictions apply to water supplied from utilities, individual wells and surface water sources such as canals, lakes, ponds and rivers.

Many home and business owners say that the low water level of Lake Okeechobee is the fault of the water management district. They argue that water management is punishing them for a mistake that is not their fault. Lake Okeechobee is a foot lower than what it might have been had nature been allowed to run its course. Water management lowered the water level of Lake Okeechobee last year after 95 percent of the lakes underwater grass beds disappeared after unusually high water washed them away. The water district discarded 130 billion gallons of water last spring, after five years of high water blamed for the destruction of aquatic grasses and the reduction of fish populations. Fearing the expectant rains of hurricane season, water management lowered the water level of Lake Okeechobee.

For more information regarding the water shortage and the water use restrictions is available on the water district’s website at www.sfwm.gov. There is also a water shortage hotline at 1-800-662-8876. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Around the World

by David Caplivski
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This summer NSU’s Carolyn Qubeck has coordinated a tour of several cities around the world. You will visit places that you’d never have a chance to visit in Cities of the World Photo Expedition 2001. This unique summer program will leave on July 10th and return on August 7th and will stop in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Borneo, Bangkok, Borneo, Cairo, Rome, and London. If you have the means I definitely recommend you consider this summer program.

One benefit of participating in this travel experience is that you earn at least three credits in environmental issues and learn first hand about environmental problems affecting the whole world. Dr. Barry Barker, an experienced traveler and director of our own environmental studies/science program here at NSU will accompany you and the other participants from around the world helping to find those experiences and images that will be of long-lasting importance in your life.

Carolyn Qubeck, coordinator for this expedition, is a Marine Biology/Environmental Studies double major. She has been organizing this trip since November and is determined to give the participants an extraordinary travel experience. For the past several months she has been ironing out the details and making contacts in each of the cities. She has searched far and wide to maximize benefits in accommodation and airfare for the lowest price.

Carolyn says that accommodations will not be five stars in all of the cities but has kept the trip to a budget of $3950 which includes around the world airfare, accommodation, tours, VISA entrance fees, domestic travel within international countries. You will have to get to New York on July 10th and get home from New York on Aug 7th. Also remember to bring spending money and the total cost doesn’t include most meals.

This is a once in a lifetime chance to experience a plethora of cultures one after the other offering the opportunity for the sociologist in you to contrast them against each other and your own; however, this trip is not for the faint hearted. The average stay in each city is four to five days so the traveler must be ready to pack and go. Also being an American the risk of terrorism is always a danger. But Dr. Barker has been taking groups to places around the world for more than twenty years and has twice toured cities around the world in one pass.

When will you have an opportunity like this again? In Borneo you will live with an indigenous tribe for several days. You will be traveling with professional photographers and will be apart of a major photography exhibit at the opening of the brand new $33 million dollar library in April 2002. For questions or information on how to apply for the expedition contact Dr. Barry Barker at 262-8303 or e-mail Carolyn Qubeck at envsworld@hotmail.com.
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