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Let the fun begin...

By Cristy Reuss
Intern for New Student Orientation

Orientation is the first step in what we hope will be a memorable college experience for you. Often students do not realize the benefits of orientation until after their first semester. Just ask any orientation leader past or present about his/her experience, and you'll learn that it's one experience you will never forget!

What makes orientation so beneficial and memorable? The moment you walk in the door you are greeted by your orientation leader and other staff. They do everything they can to make you feel at home. They are students just like you who have dedicated themselves to making your first experience at NSU a positive one. Make sure to ask them questions! They are one of the most valuable resources available to you during orientation. You will also meet administrators and other faculty who are excited to meet you. In addition, you will get to meet with your academic advisor, and he or she will help you with course scheduling and answering questions about your major and its requirements. You may also take placement tests that will help determine what classes you will take in the fall. At the end of orientation you will receive your fall schedule.

In addition to all the academic guidance you will receive, you will also learn all the resources available to you on campus. From clubs to health resources, financial to computer issues, everything will be presented to you. You will also get a tour of campus so you know where all your classes are. You may seem overwhelmed at first, but it will come in handy once you start classes. For people who do not attend orientation, it may take months to learn the same information you learn in just two days. So pay attention, it will be well worth it!

If it sounds as if you will have a busy few days you're right! However, we haven't forgotten the fun stuff that college is all about. At night there will be plenty of social activities inspired by our theme 'Summer Knights' that will take you back to medieval times. You will team up with your classmates to compete for the top prize. There will also be a dance where you can mingle with other classmates and orientation leaders, followed by an ice cream social at Leo Goodwin Residence Hall.

If this sounds like fun, you're right! So come to orientation ready to have lots of fun, meet people, and ask lots of questions because your college memories start now!
Meet Your Orientation Leaders

Matthew Navarrete
Year: Junior
Major: Biology
Career Goal: Physician
Birthplace: Las Cruces, New Mexico
Organizations: Beta Theta Pi; PreMed Society; RSA- Public Relations Chair

Vanteria Lewis
Year: Senior
Major: Elementary Education
Birth Place: Nassau Bahamas
Organizations: ISA; Student Government; Bahai Club

Leonel Lopez
Year: Senior
Major: Biology
Career Goal: Medicine
Birthplace: Miami, Florida
Organizations: Beta Theta Pi; PreMed Society; SOA

Nadine Rodriguez
Year: Junior
Major: Legal Studies
Career Goal: Lawyer
Birthplace: Brooklyn, New York
Organizations: SGA; Best Buddies; Team Manager of Men’s Basketball

Francesca Russo
Year: Senior
Major: Biology
Birthplace: Miami, Florida
Career Goal: Doctor
Organizations: SGA; PreMed Society; America Reads Tutor
Candice Carreño
Year: Senior
Major: Legal Studies
Birthplace: Pembroke Pines, Florida
Organizations: SGA; DPE; NSU Cheerleaders; Best Buddies; Order of Omega

David Morse
Year: Senior
Major: Environmental Studies
Career Goal: Environmental Science Teacher
Birthplace: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Organizations: SGA; Theta Delta Chi; IFC

Sanober Tapia
Year: Junior
Major: Biology
Career Goal: Physician Assistant
Birthplace: India
Organizations: SGA; ISA; PreMed Society; IMAN; Vegetarian Society

Chrissyl Shaw
Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology
Career Goal: Forensic Psychology
Birthplace: New York
Organizations: PASA; SALSA

Lorena Vassallo
Year: Junior
Career Goal: Computer Programmer
Birthplace: Barranquilla, Colombia
Organizations: SGA; DPE
Hard Earned Tips
Given to You for Free!

By Jason Fraser
Editor-in-Chief

In this issue, you will see many tips, hints, and tricks to help you get by during your first year at NSU. While many of these are good, I will attempt to give you some of the lesser known and harder to find tips that may just get you a little further than your classmates. The staff of “The Knight” has taken pains to compile this list for your benefit.

First up, assignments:
1. Don’t attempt to write an essay on the etymological roots of any four letter word; the kind you wouldn’t say in front of your grandmother. Many have confessed to have done it, (including my orientation leader), few have succeeded. (thanks to anonymous)
2. If you’re up late partying and need an excuse as to why you didn’t turn in an assignment for the next day, make sure it is original, and that your professor wasn’t at the same party as you the night before. (thanks to Julian)
3. If your professor does not give you a due date on a series of assignments, but wants them before the end of class, don’t turn in all twenty-seven papers on the day of the final. (thanks to Julian) Editor’s Note: Make sure your whole study group doesn’t do the same thing as well; usually, professors balk at having to grade over 100 papers in less than two weeks. Trust me.

Second up, clubs:
1. If you are a guy, don’t try to join a sorority to meet women: it doesn’t work. On the flip side, don’t try to join a fraternity if you are a woman; it just may work and you’ll be stuck hanging out with those guys for four straight years. (thanks to Amy)
2. If you are interested in pursuing a career in acupuncture, herbal medicine, or any other natural treatment methods, the pre-med society may not be the best place to express your distrust of established medical treatments.
3. IMAN, Hillel, or IVCF are not the places to profess a hatred of their respective religions, as there will always be at least four guys who are twice your size. (thanks to Allen) Editor’s Note: No pain, no gain right!

Last up, miscellaneous:
1. If you submit an article to the Knight, try to get someone to proofread it for you at least once. If you choose not to follow this tip, we reserve the right to mercilessly ridicule you behind your back, and perhaps even giggle like a mischievous 5 year old girl when we pass you in the hall. Editor’s Note: Hmm, I wonder if this will affect the number of articles people submit...
2. If more than just the staff of the Knight are giggling at you, you may have forgotten to put on pants when you got up for class. Editor’s Note: This has happened before, usually to someone who lives in the dorms, has class early in the morning, and is hungover.
3. Come join the staff of the Knight, as you will then be able to join in the ridicule we bestow upon all creatures great and small.
4. Always make fun of NSU in front of other students but try not to do it in front of the Dean. (thanks to Amy)

Overall, have fun at Nova, and don’t take yourself too seriously while you are pursuing your major. I would invite you to use the above tips to your full advantage, as they represent over ten minutes of extensive research done by yours truly.

Do you have any other tips for Jason, or for the rest of the student body? Submit your tips, hints, and tricks to nsunews@nova.edu and we’ll print them in the next issue. We ask for a full name and a telephone number at which you can be reached, even if your letter is to be published under ‘anonymous’.

Some Thoughts on Success From the Top

By Dr. Don Rosenblum,
Associate Dean

Student success is about comfort, confidence, communication, and connection. When students are comfortable — both in and out of the classroom — it is easier to focus on what’s important. Comfort comes through making friends, knowing your way around campus, and generally understanding the culture and schedule. Confidence follows comfort: confident students take charge of classroom projects and are more likely to get involved in campus life and community activities. Another key to success is open communication: particularly with parents and family members. Sometimes, it’s as important for your family to know what’s going on as it is for you to know! Finally, college success is all about connections: meeting new people (friends and faculty) and trying on new ideas. It doesn’t happen all at once, but over the course of an entire college career... and it’s a lot of fun.
Why Wait?

By Matt Carlin
Career Services

The decision to attend college is an important one and requires a considerable investment of both your time and financial resources. If your predominant reason for attending college is to get a job or to advance professionally after graduation, then the following tips will be helpful. These tips will assist in making sure your college investment pays off.

Define and develop your career goal.
Make sure you know why you are in school and what you plan to do with your degree afterwards. When developing your career goals, you need to address the following topics: work content, employment requirements, geographical location, the size of the organization, and the employment sector.

Get involved in your campus. Join clubs and organizations and use them as an opportunity to develop your people skills. If you cannot communicate with others or relate to people, your college degree will not get you very far.

Networking. When you go home during holidays and in the summer time, let people know what you are studying and what your future career plans are. Identify people who are doing the kind of work that you would like to do and begin to make contact with them.

Who do you want to work for? Identify specific companies that you would like to work for and begin to research them. When possible, include them in your academic assignments and research projects.

Visit Career Services. Know what Career Services can offer you by visiting us on the fourth floor of the library.

Use your summers wisely. Find summer employment that complements your degree and is concurrent with your future career goal.

Consider an internship. The most attractive job candidates have a combination of work experience and academic training.

Start early. Start your job search early. Do NOT wait until the month before graduation to start looking for a job. Start at the beginning of your senior year.

Keep a folder. Designate a folder for your accomplishments and place a copy of your most recent resume in this folder, as well as, awards, certificates and other types of recognition that you receive throughout your college career. This way when you update your resume, you will have all the information in one central location.

On behalf of Career Services, we welcome you to Nova Southeastern University! We wish you the best of luck as you begin your college career with us.

Know Your Departments
Student Affairs - Office of the Dean

The mission of Student Affairs is “To foster student success and a University community.” The Division of Student Affairs has administrative responsibility for planning and implementing programs and services, including Career Services, Student Activities and Leadership Development, Residential Life, Housing, Recreation and Wellness, Student Union and Student Development/Special Events. This office is comprised of the Dean of Students, Associate Dean, Director of Student Development/Special Events and the Assistant to the Dean. We are excited you have chosen Nova Southeastern University to pursue your educational goals and dreams. Our Division looks forward to serving your needs and assisting with your personal growth and development.

Student Activities and Leadership Development

The team at the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development would like to welcome you to the Nova Southeastern University family. We are sure you will become very familiar with our office and our friendly, always helpful staff. The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development is comprised of Greek Life, Performing Arts, Campus Volunteerism, International Student Outreach and over 46 clubs and organizations including the undergraduate Student Government Association. In an effort to foster student success and university community, the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development assists in facilitating the planning and coordination of a wide array of educational and social events on campus. We encourage you to enrich your college experience by becoming involved in the many opportunities we have to offer.

Visit Career Services.

Aerobic Fitness Classes, Personal Training, Yoga Classes, Power Walk Club, Martial Arts, Health and Wellness Lecture Series, Health and Fitness Screenings, Student Health and Dental Insurance, Free Counseling Services (262-7050), Employee Wellness Program, and On-going health promotions.

Outdoor Recreation Trips
Deep Sea Fishing, Horseback Riding, Camping, Kayaking, Scuba, Airboat Rides and Rock Climbing

Instructional Classes
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Just a Friendly Tip...

Never be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help. Many resources are available at NSU, as well as the experience of your professors, advisers, program managers, and peers. Let us help you succeed.

- Dr. Norma M. Goonen, Dean
Nova Books Welcomes You To NSU!

Textbook pricing is the most common complaint among students. You may be surprised to know that we at the bookstore totally agree—prices are too high! You may be further surprised to learn that high prices do not mean high profits for the bookstore.

Like every college bookstore across the country, our cost determines our selling price. Books are priced in one of two ways. Some textbook prices are set by the publisher (list price), and are then sold to the bookstore with a slight discount. Publishers sell other books at a certain cost (net pricing), and then the bookstore applies a slight markup to cover expenses.

The pricing markup applied at the NSU bookstore conforms to the industry average according to surveys conducted by the National Association of College Stores. You may also be interested to know that this markup has not been raised in over 12 years.

Let me tell you about your bookstore: We stand behind the quality of every item we sell. We want you to be satisfied with every purchase you make in the bookstore. If you find you have purchased the wrong item, dropped a course, or are dissatisfied with a purchase, we want to give you a refund.

We will gladly give refunds or exchanges on any required textbook, except customized course materials. Optional or supplementary materials, trade and reference books, supplies, and other non-book items are not returnable. Clothing and gift items may be returned within seven days of purchase. Clothing purchased on-line may be returned within seven days of receipt, and must be unworn and in salable condition. Software is only returnable in its original unopened package, and only for a limited time.

To get a refund, we ask that you do the following:

1. Make Your Return Within The Designated Return Period For Your Program.
2. Return Your Merchandise In Original Purchase Condition.

Undergraduate: Textbooks are returnable during the first two weeks of classes only. Books purchased more than two weeks before classes begin are not returnable. The following are guidelines for all programs:
- Books purchased after the return deadline for your program are not returnable.
- Textbooks purchased for workshops are not returnable.
- All returns must be accompanied by a cash register, or mail order receipt.
- Return deadlines may change during the summer session. Please contact the bookstore if you are unsure.

Where is the bookstore?
The bookstore is located on NSU's main campus, in the Rosenthal Student Center. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m., and on Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The bookstore offers extended hours during the beginning of each semester. Telephone: (800) 509-BOOK (2665) or (954) 262-4750, E-mail: novabook@nova.edu, or visit us on-line at www.novabook.com.

Welcome to the NSU Family!

By Lia Hancock
Director of Residential Life

The time you will spend with us as an NSU student will surely prove to be full of excitement and change. Your undergraduate experience can truly prove to be the best years of your life. Do not forget that your experience here is what you make of it. Choose to be an active participant in your overall educational process: both in and out of the classroom. There are many clubs and organizations, intramural and outdoor activities, and campus events to be a part of. If you want to truly maximize your educational experience (and fun) during your days at NSU, you should choose to live on campus in our residential community. Not only will you be close to your classes and on-campus activities, you will live with your peer group every day in a fun, safe, and interactive environment. You will have RAs (Resident Assistants) on each floor to provide social and educational programs, act as a resource, and be the needed pal away from home. The undergraduate hall also includes a classroom, (where you may have a class or two), a computer lab, a mailroom, laundry facilities, and a TV lounge. You will also have direct internet access, free cable, free local phone service, and individual bathrooms in each room. If you need anything, please feel free to contact us at (800) 541-NOVA ext. 7052, reslife@nova.edu, or on the website www.nova.edu.

Welcome home!

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NEW STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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Contact the Office of New Student Services for more information about these events 954-262-8050
Orientation is Your First Step Toward Student Success

By Madeleine H. Penna, Assistant Director of New Student Services

The Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies places a high priority on new student orientation programs for all new students and their families, because we want our students to succeed. Providing students with timely, important information about campus services from financial aid through technology assistance allows students to begin courses with confidence.

Freshmen across the country, regardless of their choice of university, typically spend at minimum of two days at orientation programs. Universities, due to their physical size and large number of students, present unique navigational problems for new students. NSU is unique in that the Farquhar Center operates with the feeling of a “small” college community within a large university. It is during orientation that students become engaged in the college community, while learning about the vast number of resources that are available at the university.

Transfer students benefit from timely orientation programs that link their professional goals with their academic programs and campus services. During new student orientation, transfer students learn about the unique academic, organizational and social structure of NSU. Orientation also offers students an opportunity to create intentional linkages with other transfer students with similar interests and goals.

Evening students will find that for a minimal investment of their time, orientation offers rich rewards. During orientation students quickly learn where to acquire the services that they need, how to access them in the format that is most convenient for them, and when these services are offered. Services for evening students range from free internet accounts, to academic tutoring, assistance with changes in careers or career advancement, and full-use of library services.

During the 2002 New Student Orientation Programs, Summer Knights, you’ll have the time to explore the campus and our exciting, state-of-the-art library, and choose among a variety of activities to meet other new students and become part of campus life. This year students can become part of a “common reading” group at any of our freshman, transfer or evening student orientations. Through this small group opportunity, you’ll quickly meet other new students, faculty and staff and continue your connection during your first semester at NSU. Take advantage of this new program.

Family members of entering freshmen are also invited to a one-day orientation program. During this time, the parent or family member is offered a quick “glimpse” of university life through workshops, skits and informational panels. We find that family members begin the morning activities with a long list of questions about how they can best assist and encourage their new student, and end the day with an armful of material and a heart full of confidence that their daughter, son or family member will achieve academic and personal success at NSU.

We hope that you, as so many other successful college students at this time of year, have learned that orientation isn’t just about selecting courses, getting a campus tour, or acquiring an NSU shirt. It is about connection—connecting with other new students, connecting with orientation leaders, and connecting with administration, staff and faculty. It is about becoming a member of the NSU community—a community of learning that occurs within and outside of the classroom. New student orientation programs are about success—empowering students to select the resources and services that they will need to achieve their academic and personal goals. We’re glad you decided to take that first step toward success at the college level—attending orientation!

Need a Job? Student Employment is here to help!

Nova Southeastern University has numerous jobs available for incoming students. The NSU Student Employment Office offers part-time, on-campus, and part/full-time off-campus positions. Student Employment offers different programs: Federal Work-Study (FWS), America Reads, Nova Student Employment (NSE) and Job Location and Development (JLD).

The Federal Work-Study program is a need-based program that provides students with part-time employment on or off campus. The America Reads program employs Federal Work-Study students to serve as reading tutors to elementary school children. Nova Student Employment provides part-time, on-campus jobs for in-school students regardless of financial need. International students are eligible to participate in the on-campus NSE program. The Job Location and Development Program is open to all in-school students regardless of financial aid. These positions are off campus and can be part- or full-time. Interested students may check the Student Employment web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid/stuemploy.html after August 1. The web site includes information about Student Employment Orientation, the hiring process and available jobs. Students are eligible to start working on the first day of classes.

Our staff is here to lend a hand in making your job search easier. We look forward to meeting each of you at orientation or in the fall.

Did you know

According to a national study of Federal Work-Study students,

Almost 50% of students stated that their FWS job had a positive effect on academic performance.

More than 95% of FWS students indicated that overall they were satisfied with the program, would participate in the program again, and would recommend the program to a friend.
Hillel of NSU

We’re sure you’re excited to get started with your academic work at NSU. But before you begin classes, we’d like to remind you that there is more to college than just academics. No matter which faith you may be affiliated with, NSU has a number of religious groups to compliment academics with spiritual growth. Hillel serves the Jewish community at NSU with a variety of social and religious experiences. Affiliated with Hillel of Broward-Palm Beach and the Florida University’s Broward Hillel groups.

Hillel of NSU provides Jewish students on campus with a comfortable environment to take a proactive role in the community and on campus. We offer Shabbat dinners and services, bowling nights, dances, and many other social events. This year, Hillel of Broward-Palm Beach has also organized a trip to Islands of Adventure in Orlando. We’re looking forward to organizing many more of these kinds of trips in the future, but we can’t do anything without your participation. You can attend as many events that can fit into your schedule.

Look out for our events on campus during the fall semester and for our bulletin board on the second floor of the Parker Building across from room 201. Also, for more information on Hillel of NSU, please contact Stephen Berkowitz at stephber@nova.edu or at (954) 262-4949.

WHEREVER WE STAND, WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

Hillel

Islam: the Religion I Once Misunderstood

By Omar Fletcher, IMAN Webmaster

Islam, the religion I once feared. My view of a Muslim a year ago was someone who was a terrorist or just plainly crazy. I thought Muslims wanted to commit murder for the sake of Allah, to guarantee a place in paradise. I was not the least bit comfortable being close to anyone that even remotely looked like a Muslim. Since the September 11, 2001 tragedy, innocent lives were lost and the blame rested on Muslims.

IMAN has been exposed to vandalism to their bulletin board at least twice since the tragedy 9/11/2001. The second time I was actually in the MicroLab a few minutes after this occurred. The impact that it had on the IMAN club members was evident in the mood that was present. They seemed afraid and not sure what to do. Seeing this and being compassionate to my fellow human beings, I came up with an idea that would probably save the bulletin board from future attacks.

The idea was to attach a flag that represented the diversity of what this great nation is about, which also depicted the pledge of allegiance, which was added by then secretary of IMAN, Mohsin Siddiqui. The idea worked, the bulletin board was left alone, but this still did not make IMAN have a greater sense of security. A friend of mine was so terrified that she felt unsure of whether the students in her class were either her friends as they were before September 11, 2001 or her enemies. She also professed fear of sleeping with her window open as she did before. The sense of security that Muslims in this nation once had is now gone.

On being compassionate towards the IMAN club, I was invited by the past president, Nourane Yattar, to attend a meeting. I attended and had no idea of what to expect. I was greatly welcomed, and the feeling that I was given is as if I was an immediate member of their family. Never before have I ever gotten such a welcome, not even from my family, and this shocked me greatly. And of course what I am now aware of is the IMAN club practices to eat, as Mohsin Siddiqui said, “eating is what Muslims do best”. They had a nice array of food which I am now addicted to, especially samosas, a famous Pakistani dish. Since the meeting, my interest level rose and I did my own research as to what this religion is all about. I found out lots of information to reveal the similarities that existed between Christianity, Judaism and Islam. It is believed that Jesus is a prophet of God but not the son of God, as is believed in the Christianity that I was born into.

The month of Ramadan was upon us. It is considered the holiest month in Islam, where you refrain from worldly desires. This intrigued me: why would someone want to fast, much less fast from dawn to dusk? The idea behind this is to endure lack of food intentionally. There were doubts from my friends that I would be able to achieve it, but to my surprise I did. Being a bit miserable when it was 4:00 pm and had about an hour or so to go, I was irritable and they would laugh when I took the first bite and my mood changed instantly. I greatly missed the month as it created a bond that I have never experienced before, knowing that people all over the world are fasting and breaking the fast at the same time.

Partaking in the month of Ramadan gave me a completely different perspective on homelessness and those that starve daily. I felt more compassion, and now I am eager to help them more than ever before; it made me realize what Islam is all about. Peace, harmony and the betterment of its brothers and sisters, whether they are Non-Muslim or Muslim. Prior to the end of Ramadan, actually the 27th night, I said the Shahadah, which is professing that there is no God but Allah (God) and there are no other deities to be worshipped. It was a quick and simple process, which I did at Nural-Islam mosque at Sterling Road, in the presence of a few IMAN members, the club that I am now a member of. I totally changed my life by converting to Islam, it has enlightened me on what the truth is as compared to what I had perceived in my ignorance. Now as a Muslim I shall try to live my life betterment of its brothers and sisters, whether they are Non-Muslim or Muslim.
SALSA
Spanish and Latin Student Association

In April of 1997, Nova Southeastern University saw the birth of a new campus organization: S.A.L.S.A., the Spanish And Latin Student Association. N.S.U. freshmen at the time, Guillermo Garcia, Michelle Gallo, and Erick Torres, all noticed that the university did not provide an opportunity for Hispanic students to come together and celebrate their culture with others while at the same time, sharing their college experiences. They decided it was time the university had a group that would educate the N.S.U. community about Latin culture and values—a place where Hispanic students could bond and be themselves.

Emphasis was placed on philanthropy events, such as the Viva Broward Festival, the YMCA, and programs for abused and neglected children. Another goal of the organization was to create an environment that provided social opportunities for its members to connect with one another, such as parties, road trips, movie nights, dance nights, and ethnic food samplings.

This year, S.A.L.S.A. is excited and eagerly anticipating the school season. The main philanthropy event for the year is a mentoring program to help the Latin youths at local high schools. Social events such as white-water rafting are being planned to reward dedicated members. This is going to be a productive year for S.A.L.S.A. and it is our hope that you will share it with us.

Lambda Theta Phi

By Didier Doreien, Lambda Theta Phi

Lambda Theta Phi was born to promote the spirit of brotherhood, to protect the rights of Latino students in their quest for an education, to promote the rich Latino culture, and to maximize leadership potential to provide guidance to our community.

Membership is open to all males, regardless of race, culture or creed. Lambda Theta Phi looks for men of vision, who can assist in our mission to accomplish the goals set forth by our founders.

Lambda Theta Phi, as an organization, is twofold. On one hand, we are a service organization. As such, we perform community service, educational workshops, mentor programs, fundraisers for charities, and much more.

Lambda Theta Phi is also a social organization. We hold functions such as talent shows, weekend retreats, parties, and various other activities.

If you are interested in getting additional information about Lambda Theta Phi, please visit us at: www.lambda1975.org. You can also contact the brothers here at Nova by calling Didier at (954) 303-4226 or Damian at (954) 560-8170.

Take the first steps towards the brotherhood of Lambda Theta Phi, Fraternidad Latina, Inc.

A letter from the Chapter President: Hello and welcome to NSU.

NSU has a lot to offer its incoming students. From athletics, various clubs, and Greek Life, NSU has it all. The Gamma Delta Chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha at NSU was established in Spring 2001. It is the first established undergraduate Latin sorority at NSU and in the nation. As a new organization here at NSU, one of the main goals of the chapter is to bring new members into our lovely community, a community like no other because of its strong belief in unity, love, and the utmost respect. Greek life, especially a healthy one, has become a positive tradition at NSU. I hope that you will become active on campus and be an asset to the growth of NSU's Greek Life.

~ Amber Gongora
The Dean, Faculty, Staff and Orientation Leaders of the Farquhar Center invite ALL new students to

**Welcome Night**

**Sunday August 25, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m.**
Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center
Library, Research and Information Technology Center

Don't miss this NSU tradition!
Special messages from Dr. Norma Goonen, Dean of the Farquhar Center; Faculty; and SGA's President, Candice Carreno; a warm welcome from NSU's clubs and organizations, along with the premier of the orientation video.

Open to all new students and their families.

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Sigma Alpha Mu

"During my undergraduate years, I gained more from my fraternity than I was able to give. My fellow members gave me help and guidance when needed in my studies and extracurricular activities; conversely, it gave me the opportunity to do the same for others." A quotation by Frederick L. Hovde, president of Purdue University, rings true as I look back on this past year of being a member of Sigma Alpha Mu.

As an incoming freshman from out of state, I had no clue what I was in for when I reached Nova Southeastern University. I met a few guys that called themselves "Sammies." They took me under their wing from the beginning, introduced me to some of their brothers, taught me the ins and outs of NSU, and helped to lead me in the right direction. They always placed emphasis on Scholarship, Community Service, an excellent Image, and Brotherhood. That was only a start. I always thought of "hazing" when I thought of fraternities, but I had a total misconception. Being a member in Sigma Alpha Mu and any fraternity is definitely a step in the right direction. I urge you to check out each of the fraternities on campus and decide which one is right for you. This is an opportunity that you don’t want to pass up. You will be able to walk to class with your head held high and sport your letters across your heart with pride. Your social life will bloom and you’ll find yourself being more involved. Make something of your four years at Nova, get involved, don’t just go to class and then back home. If I could sum all of this up into one word… I can’t. The feeling that I get when I hear someone boast about our chapter is just amazing. There is no way to explain that, you just have to try it out for yourself. Keep an eye on our board in Parker on the second floor for more information on upcoming events. Sigma Alpha Mu Epsilon Beta Chapter

The Joy of Phi Sigma Sigma

This past year was a great year for Phi Sigma Sigma. Although we are a young chapter, we have accomplished a lot during these past two semesters. For instance, we had our third annual Throw Zeta’s Pie fundraising event along with Sigma Alpha Mu, whose proceeds went to the September 11th Fund, the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, and Pediatric Aids. At this event, students got to throw pies in professors’ faces. We also had a PJ auction to raise money for Phi Sigma Sigma’s philanthropy, the National Kidney Foundation. This was our most successful fundraising event of the year! We had sales with our sisters from the FAU and FIU chapters to celebrate our Founders Day. Our chapter also had sales with Beta Theta Phi and Sigma Alpha Mu fraternities. This year Phi Sigma Sigma had the honor of presenting an award at NSU’s Student Achievement Awards Ceremony. We also participated in a campus-wide event called Hollywood Squares and J Prom, by working together and coming up with an original skit. In addition, our sorority was nominated for Greek Organization of the Year and received the Greek Award for having the most successful recruitment for the 2001-2002 terms. These are just some of the exciting events that Phi Sigma Sigma participated in. Our ecclismp group of sisters allowed Phi Sigma Sigma to have a dynamic year and we are looking forward to another great year ahead!

About Beta Theta Pi

The Zeta Mu chapter of Beta Theta Pi was officially installed on February 21, 1998. The chapter has 89 brothers in its roll with 20 active brothers, and is a leader on the campus. They hold various IFC and IOC positions. They are very active in campus life, especially when it comes to providing a night life for the Nova campus. They hold the annual "Embalmers’ Ball" Halloween party, "Funked Up" Christmas party, and the Mardi Gras Ball, which are all smash hits among the student body. Furthermore, they hold the annual "Singled Out" event at the beginning of the year to welcome incoming freshmen and returning students alike. In addition to their campus-wide social events, they have several mixers with both sororities. Besides social events they do numerous philanthropic events as well. This year they offered CPR training in conjunction with the Red Cross to the student body of NSU. They also gave numerous workshops on various topics of concern to college students. In addition, they constructed and carried out a haunted house for Joe DiMaggio’s Children’s Hospital, assisted NSU with a 5k Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness, and participated in the annual Love Jen Family Festival. The brothers of Beta Theta Pi are always competitive in athletics. They have football, volleyball, basketball, soccer and softball intramural teams.

Are You Going to Law School?

Become a member of the CO-ED Pre-Law Club of Nova Southeastern University.

Here at Nova Southeastern University, all undergraduates have the opportunity to experience the profession of law by becoming a member of Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.). The legal network you are joining teaches students and legal professionals, and court tours provide undergrads with enough information to make the right law school and career choices. Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.) information board can be located in Parker Building second floor in the middle corridor. For information from our national office, visit the website at www.pad.org. To become a member here at Nova Southeastern University, contact Janette Del Angel, President at (954) 704-1500, or e-mail at delangej@nova.edu

### Membership OVER 200,000 throughout the world
- Over 180 Law school chapters, over 200 Pre-Law Chapters, 95 Alumni chapters
- 1 out of every 6 lawyers in North America is a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- www.pad.org website with over 5,000 hits per month
- 6 past U.S. Presidents
- 13 U.S. Supreme Court Justices
- Dozens of U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives and U.S. State Governors
Pre Pharmacy Society

By Jose A. Cruz,
Pre Pharmacy Society
Public Relations

For those students interested in going into the field of Pharmacy, the Pre-Pharmacy Society is the answer. We do various things dealing solely with the field of Pharmacy. We try to keep bonds with the College of Pharmacy as far as activities are concerned. This past year we had several tours of the Pharmacy Graduate School and we also had graduate students from there who came and shared information with us about the college. During times close to the PCAT tests, we have reviews for each part of the exam and professors take part in them as well. This past year, we had a Biology review where one of our very own Pre-Pharmacy members, Diana Eapen, taught and also made a review sheet exclusively for Biology. For Chemistry, Dr. Shanbhag, a professor of Chemistry, distributed handouts on material and also had a study sheet that he reviewed at the meeting. The last review for PCAT was Math with Dr. Hammock, who showed all sorts of tricks and things of that nature using numbers. Aside from the tours and PCAT reviews we had speakers from different fields come by and share information with us. We had a nuclear pharmacist, who also had experience in other fields within Pharmacy, and a retail pharmacist, along with others. In the beginning of the year there was a beach clean-up done in conjunction with the Pre-Med Society. Our meetings are on Tuesdays every two weeks. This year the meetings were at 4:30pm depending on when members were available, but it can be revised depending on when you can make it. The executive board is made up of people like the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Public Relations. They have their meetings every other Tuesday, not on the same day as a general meeting. To become a member you have to pay a fee of ten dollars that is for the year, but with membership you get a free t-shirt. Pre-Pharmacy Society encourages an open door policy meaning that you don’t have to be a member to take part in meetings or go to certain events as long as you are interested you are welcome to come. Join the Pre-Pharmacy Society! It will give you a chance to meet new people with a common interest and get involved on campus. If you have any questions, email the listserv at prepharm@list.acast.nova.edu and we will get back to you. See you all in the fall.

An End to Another Great Year for the Psychology Club and a Goodbye for Graduates

By Jennifer Elkowitz,
Psychology Club

Nova Southeastern University’s Psychology Club celebrated the end of another wonderfully productive year with their Annual Psychology Faculty Dinner. On April 18th, at 5pm in the Flight Deck, the Psychology Club members socialized with the Psychology Faculty and enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Pizza Loft. The group gathered to celebrate the graduation of a number of club members: Aimee Murcia, Desiree Alvarez (Treasurer), Gloria Santana, Karen Schneider, Melissa Oliva (former President), and myself, Jennifer Elkowitz. As President of the Psychology Club, I am sure I represent the club in saying congratulations to these members and thank you for all of your help throughout the years. Several of our officers are graduating, but I am assured that the club is being taken care of. Despite their busy schedules, the ambitious members of the club pulled together a number of times this year to hold school functions and work on volunteer projects. In fact, the club is currently holding a food drive on campus for the EASE foundation. The EASE foundation is a local organization that helps distribute food to the needy people in our own community. Right now they have very little food to distribute. The club is asking that you go home and find at least one can or box of food to bring back and donate. The boxes are located throughout the campus in the Flight Deck, the Parker Building, etc.

In addition to the food drive, the club has cosponsored the Jobs Assembly; helped with the Love Jen Festival; held Graduate Assemblies to help students learn about Graduate School and the requirements for applying; held a bake sale to raise money for the club; held two Annual Psychology Faculty Dinners, and much more. As I prepare to graduate and continue on, I can definitely say that being a member of the club has helped me to succeed in Psychology. Not only does being a member look good on my resume/transcript, but I have also had the opportunity to get to know my professors personally at the Annual Faculty Dinners and learn more about the work they do and the psychology field in general. I have also been able to prepare and stay on track for Graduate School based on the information I have learned at the Graduate Assemblies.

In addition, a number of my friends have been able to get jobs at the Jobs Assemblies. Most importantly, I have made a number of friends from the club because the members are really great, caring people that help make the club a lot of fun. I hope that many other students will take an interest in joining the club in the following years.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of the wonderful faculty here at Nova who have supported the club and made my college years so very meaningful. I especially would like to thank Dr. Reiter for all of his help and support in making the Psychology Club so successful.

USE US!
(Don’t Abuse Us)

Top 20 Reasons To Use Your RA

By Lua Hancock & Jennifer Whitesel

Your light bulb is out
You trip down the stairs
You are feeling homesick
You and your roommate ain’t got that lovin’ feeling
Pizza
More Pizza
You just need to chat
You need directions (to McDonald’s, or in Life)
You forgot your phone number
You are po’ and you want something fun for free
You locked yourself out
You locked yourself out again
You locked yourself out again (this time bring your checkbook)
Your neighbor loves to play N’Sync:24-7
Your toilet exploded
Your roommate exploded
A hurricane is acomin’
You are bored
Plunger Emergency
Financial Aid for 2002-2003
A Step in the Right Direction

Education is a necessity in today's world. Although the price of an education may appear high, the benefits outweigh the cost. Financial aid is available to assist students meet those costs. By applying early, you have a greater chance of being awarded prior to the beginning of your classes, and possibly receiving more aid (in the case of undergraduate students).

The following steps will assist you in successfully completing the financial aid process in order to meet your educational expenses:

Students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student (i.e., all admissions requirements/documents have been satisfied) working toward a degree or certificate program in an eligible program. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The fastest and most efficient way to apply is online through FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. By applying electronically, your financial aid information is forwarded to the university within 72 hours, expediting your award, and built-in edits reduce errors. You (and your parents, if you are dependent) should request your Department of Education Personal Identification Number (PIN) online through www.pin.ed.gov. By using your PIN, you eliminate the need for a signature.

Paper FAFSAs are available, if requested, through the Office of Student Financial Assistance or the One-Stop Shop. However, the financial aid information takes approximately 2-4 weeks to be transmitted to the university.

Make sure you use your (and your parent's, if dependent) 2001 income tax form when completing the FAFSA. Read all instructions, and make sure your name matches exactly to your social security card, in order to avoid a delay in processing your financial aid.

Provide all necessary documents and requests to the Office of Student Financial Assistance in a timely manner.

For the 2002-2003 academic year, you will be required to complete the Request for Lender/Loan Funds form if you: (1) are requesting a loan that is not from Chase Bank for undergraduates, or from the Nova Loan Program for graduate students; (2) indicated on your FAFSA that you were interested in a loan, and later decide that you do not want a loan; (3) previously applied for loans for the current aid period and wish to request additional funds; and/or (4) are interested in an alternative loan. The form is available on the NSU Financial Aid web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid.

Check the status of your award one month after you have applied for financial aid.

Once you have been awarded, an Award Notice will be sent to you via your NSU email address. Please read the Terms and Conditions of the Award Notification, provided on the email sent to you.

Make sure you register for classes with the minimum number of credits based on the specific financial aid program eligibility requirements.

Keep track of deadlines. You may check the deadline dates on the NSU Financial Aid Web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid.

What's New in Financial Aid - Making Life a Little Easier for Students

Nova Southeastern University is moving towards making the financial aid process easier and more efficient for students. Several new initiatives have been put into place to provide better and faster services for students.

The following are a few of the initiatives put into place for the 2002-2003 academic year:

- The elimination of the NSU Application for Student Aid for graduate students reduces the amount of paperwork required by a student in order to receive financial aid.
- The implementation of the Electronic Master Promissory Notes (EMPN). Students who have already completed a Master Promissory Note (MPN) may elect to complete the MPN online using their NSU Personal Identification Number (PIN), eliminating the need for a signature, or may print the form, sign it and send it to Sallie Mae, NSU's servicer.

Parent's of dependent students may now complete a PLUS Loan Approval Form online through the NSU Financial Aid Web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid. If they have been approved, they will be able to complete an online PLUS application immediately.

Notifications will be sent to you via your NSU email address concerning your financial aid status, including your Award Notice, and requests for missing documents and other financial aid related requirements. By utilizing your email notification, you will get information much faster and will be able to respond to the Office of Student Financial Assistance with the required documents, expediting your award. You may also download and print required forms and, in some cases, complete the forms online directly from the NSU Financial Aid Web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid. You will also receive notification of late charges through your NSU email address.

A Scholarship Guide is now available to students. You may request one by calling the Office of Student Financial Services and Registration at 800-806-3680 or pick one up at the One-Stop Shop, located in the Horvitz Administration Building on the Davie campus.

Advantages of the current information on WebSTAR's secure area are that you can access and view your: student status, financial aid status (including awards and required/missing documents), transcript and grades, billing and payment information, information regarding any obligations you may have incurred, registration schedule and personal information. Additionally, you may register for courses via this site and update your mailing address. If there is any additional inaccurate personal information, you may e-mail nsuregistrar@nova.edu through WebSTAR for corrections.

WebSTAR - NSU's Official Means of Communication

WebSTAR and your NSU email account are the official means of communication for the Office of Student Financial Services and Registration. You may access WebSTAR at http://webstar.nova.edu with a User ID (usually your social security number) and your NSU WebSTAR Personal Identification Number (PIN) to log into the "Secure Area".

What's New in Financial Aid - Making Life a Little Easier for Students

In Fall 2002, the new major in Finance will be offered to students pursuing degrees in Business Administration. The Finance major is designed for students who want to combine a broad approach to business studies with specialization in the discipline of finance. Finance majors develop a broad array of analytical skills in business law, international business, operations management, management, marketing, accounting, and more specialized skills in finance through the study of foreign currencies, investments, portfolio theory, financial management, money and banking, and forecasting. Graduates are well prepared to enter general MBA programs, professional programs such as law, masters programs in finance, and to work for a financial institution in credit, trust, operations, or finance firm in the financial services industry—investment brokerage, real estate, insurance, or financial planning.

The Finance and Investment Club has planned over 30 activities and events for the 2002-2003 academic year including guest speakers from leading financial institutions, networking opportunities with corporate executives, high school visits, involvement in charities, recruitment by major brokerages, and workshops to develop job training skills. We welcome freshmen from all disciplines to participate in these events. For further information on the major and/or club activities, contact Dr. Rebecca Abraham at (954) 262-8104, Parker 231, email abraham@nova.edu, or Emily Sisson at sisson@nova.edu.
Office of Online Programs

Four years ago, NSU's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies began offering students the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree entirely in the online format. Today, over 300 students are participating in NSU's undergraduate online programs. These students will complete their degrees with either the professional management or computer information systems major.

The course offerings expand with each semester. Did you know that you could take a public communications course online? How about a course on Internet resources or statistics? Education majors can complete their ESOL endorsement completely online! You can earn a minor in banking and finance or take the classes needed for a Substance Abuse Studies Certificate. NSU is constantly adding new courses in all areas, including general education and psychology.

Ubiquitous learning is becoming the trend in distance education. Online course delivery adds flexibility for students by providing the ability to complete course work over the Internet. Students in off-campus locations can now take advantage of some of the wide range of interesting courses that aren't offered locally. During the last year, over 1200 traditional students participated in 92 different undergraduate online courses. The Office of Online Programs is responding to the ever-growing mobile student population. Students can participate in a class wherever they have a computer and an Internet connection. Because of work schedules, family responsibilities, or other logistics, many students prefer the convenience of doing their academic work at a time and in a place more suitable to their individual schedules.

Programs of this magnitude require a great deal of support, and the undergraduate center is committed to providing outstanding support and customer service to our students and faculty. This support includes online course syllabi, detailed learner objectives, information on tests and projects, lecture notes, and links to related sites and a help desk for personal attention. An online weekly schedule ensures that students know exactly what is expected of them and when assignments are due. Faculty members are available via email, discussion boards, and even by phone when needed. Academic Services also provides support via the Web. Technical support is provided almost 24/7 by email or by phone, so students are never left to figure things out on their own.

As we continue to grow and add additional degrees and courses, we look forward to adding to our already 120 online alumni. And of course, the Office of Online Programs strictly follows an open door policy and welcomes your comments! We can be reached in the following ways:

By phone: (954) 262-8181 or 800-338-4723, ext. 8181
By email: online@nova.edu
Via the Web: undergrad.nova.edu/online.

Are you interested in taking an online class?
Do you want to know how to register for online classes, where to go once you are registered, and where to find technical support if you need it?

DIRECTIONS FOR ONLINE CLASSES

Finding Online Classes
The online course offerings are integrated in the Schedule of Classes. All online courses are denoted with a "W" in the course section (e.g. SW1). If a Schedule of Classes is not available, a student can review course offerings on the TERM WIZARD, http://undergrad.nova.edu/coursewizard/.

Registration
Once it is determined that an online course is an option, you are required to register online or with either your Academic Advisor, Cluster Coordinator or Academic Program Manager. Once registered (showing in Banner) for the course, there are a few steps that need to be completed prior to class beginning:

Participate in the Orientation
Participation in the Online Orientation is required. This orientation is designed to guide you through the steps necessary to begin classes, and provides tutorials, practical information and the tools needed to be successful in an online class: http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/online/orientation.cfm
1. Obtain an NSU Account ASAP.
2. Subscribe to the Listserv to receive pertinent information.
3. Participate in the WebCT Practice Course.
4. Make sure you technically have everything you need to be successful
5. Be familiar with the Library Services

Problems/Who to Contact
If you encounter any technical difficulties refer to the help desk at 954-262-4357 or 800-338-4723 x4357 (help@nova.edu). The help desk can answer questions such as; "I registered for a class but don't see it in My WebCT"; "I don't know where to go for classes"; or "I don't understand how to use My WebCT". Their office hours are:
Monday – Friday: 9am-4pm
Saturday – Sunday: 9am-9pm.
Office of Online Programs
http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/online/
The ABC's of Academic Life at NSU

Academic Freedom—a protection for faculty that allows them the obligation and liberty to teach and write within their academic discipline without fear of administrative intervention.

Academic Adviser—the person within your academic department who will assist you with clarifying your academic and career goals, course and major requirements, selection of courses and general academic questions. New students must see an adviser in their academic major prior to their first course registration. Students that have not yet selected a major are assigned to a Liberal Arts adviser.

Academic Services—where to go for tutoring and assistance with writing, math and other subjects. This center offers services on the main campus in the Academic Services Annex, online or at some of our other sites. To access assistance from home or off-campus, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/publications.cfm to review this important document.

Adjunct Instructor—an instructor under contract to teach a specific course, not a full-time faculty member.

Alpha Chi—NSU's honor society. To qualify to join you must be a junior or senior, have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at NSU, and your cumulative GPA must be in the top 10% of your academic major.

Assessment Center—administers course placement exams, make-up exams and standardized tests such as CLEP, DANTES, and SAT. Visit the Center in Academic Services or call 1-800-338-4723, x8370 for more information.

Audit—taking a class without receiving credit or taking exams.

Books—check your course syllabus to determine what books are required and what books are optional or recommended for each course you take. The campus bookstore can be visited online at www.novabook.com.

Career Development—refers to our College of Career Development with courses offered at convenient times and locations for working and professional adults.

CLEP—College Level Examination Program, demonstration of knowledge prior to taking a course through standardized tests. You can actually receive college credit without taking the course. Contact the Assessment Center or your academic adviser for more information.

Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility—what you need to read to understand what is expected of students within our university community. This document outlines your academic rights and responsibilities. Consult the undergraduate catalog or www.undergrad.nova.edu/publications.cfm to review this important document.

Cooperative Education—a paid work experience related to your academic major that carries academic credit and assigned learning objectives and activities.

Course Numbers—the first number indicates the level of the course. 100-299 are for first and second year students; 300-499 are for upper division students.

Coursewizar—The most convenient way to access the latest information on courses by semester, time, location, etc. www.undergrad.nova.edu/coursewizar/qyprogram.cfm

Credit Hour—indicates the approximate number of hours the course meets per week during a 16-week semester. Students usually enroll for 12-18 credit hours per semester. At least 120 credit hours must be successfully completed for graduation, as well as general education and academic major course requirements.

Dean's List—full-time students who earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher are awarded this honor. You'll receive a letter and a notation on your official transcript.

Dual Admission—refers to applying to College of Professional and Liberal Studies students who upon acceptance to undergraduate study at NSU are also assured placement in an NSU graduate or professional program if they continue to meet all program requirements. These students may also complete their degrees in a shorter period of time.

Email Accounts—a free account that allows students access to email, the Internet, and library services. Many professors require students to use their campus email account to submit materials or receive course correspondence and information. Apply for your account online at https://www.nova.edu/shbin/account_request.

Full-Time Student—be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

General Education—common sets of courses completed by all students regardless of academic major that are designed to enhance critical thinking and creative responsiveness. Course areas include communication, mathematics, humanities, social and behavioral science and natural and physical sciences.

Grade Point Average—your semester GPA is your average for only the last completed semester. Your cumulative GPA is your average for your entire career at NSU. Transfer credits are not added into your college GPA, and your college GPA is never weighted.

Grade Reports—the college equivalent of report cards are mailed to your home after the end of the semester or accessed via the web.

Honor Court—an educational peer review process by a group of faculty, students and administrators that determines the accountability of the student for alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

Humanities—broad area of study that focuses on the arts, history, literature, philosophy and interdisciplinary studies.

Incomplete—may be awarded as a grade in a class if the work is not completed. The instructor determines if an "I" will be awarded and the work must be completed within 16 weeks.

Internship—a nonpaid work experience for academic credit related to your academic major. Some majors, such as education, require internships.

Libraries—students have access to our library services regardless of location. On-campus students may use our Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, the William Springer Richardson Library at the Oceanographic Center. Off-campus students have access to the same services by contacting Distance Library Services at 1-800-541-6682, x4602 or entering online at www.nova.edu/library.

Major—your primary field of study that will prepare you for your career or further graduate or professional study.

Minor—completing at least 15 credits within a set of courses in a specific academic area. Contact your academic adviser or department for more information about requirements.

Online Courses and Program—elect to enroll in programs where all courses are offered online or enroll in an online course as an elective or part of your academic major. Visit www.undergrad.nova.edu online to learn more about this course option.

PALS—refers to the College of Professional and Liberal Studies with the programs of study and course offerings directed at traditional age students seeking a bachelor's degree.

Part Time Student—enrolled for less than 12 credit hours.

PIN—the Personal Identification Number you'll need to access your student records. New students are mailed a PIN number. If you do not have your PIN, call 1-800-541-3382, x4950. They will mail you your number within 3-10 business days.

Plagiarism—the use of another's words or materials as if they were your own, and the failure to acknowledge the work of others. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at the university level. Refer to the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility for more information.

Student Information System—the most convenient way to update and access your student records, print unofficial transcripts, make changes in your address or phone number at webstar.nova.edu.

Syllabus—a detailed course description developed by your professor or instructor that outlines course requirements, study or discussion topics, assignments, examination policies, grading policies and the course schedule. Keep this, save this, and refer to it often. Many professors place their course syllabi on the web.

TA—Teaching Assistant, an undergraduate or graduate student who assists the professor during a course.

Tuition—the cost of the courses you take. PALS students enrolled for 12-18 hours pay a "flat rate" per semester as long as they stay within 12-18 credit hours for the semester. Career students, online students and off-campus students pay a fixed amount per credit hour.
Communication is the key to a successful relationship with your academic advisor...

Here is handy guide to getting the most from your Academic Advisor

By Judith Perkel,
Sr. Academic Advisor
Math, Science, and Technology
Dept.

Remember your advisor is a person! If you make an appointment, keep it or call and cancel. Prepare for the appointment. If you have several questions, write them down so you don't forget something important.

After orientation is over, schedule a follow-up meeting with your advisor to review your curriculum requirements for your degree. This is especially important if you do not know what they are!

Ask lots of questions: You are in a new school now, with new rules and expectations. If you don't tell us what is on your mind, we may not discuss issues that are important to you.

Create a plan with your advisor: Review the classes you need to complete for your degree and develop a 4-year plan together. Learn about pre-requisites and have an idea what classes you need to take each semester, before meeting with your advisor. You can register on-line or during an appointment with your advisor. (Depending on your goals, academic plans can range from 2-5 years to complete.)

If you need to see your advisor and you do not have an appointment, if he or she is available, he/she might be able to see you on a walk-in basis. We prefer a scheduled appointment so we can review your file and goals, in order to be better prepared for our meeting. Sometimes emergencies come up, so please check with the advising assistant, and if it is possible, arrangements can be made to see your advisor.

Keep your advisor informed if you are considering changing your career goal or major. Degree requirements and graduate school pre-requisites vary and this could change the courses you are required to take. If you decide to change your major, you will be assigned a new advisor trained to help you in your new area of study.

If you are having difficulty resolving a problem we may not be able to solve it for you, but please let us know what is going on. We can brainstorm possible solutions and choices, and come up with several possibilities. You will decide which is the best one for you.

Due to the number of students assigned to each advisor, it is not a good idea to ask your advisor in the hall, “By the way, how many humanities classes do I have left to take, in order to graduate?” Rather than getting the wrong information, schedule an appointment and we can check your curriculum sheet, to be sure.

Utilize your NSU email account as an efficient alternative to reach your advisor. If you want to change a class you are registered for, you can email your advisor and if the class is appropriate and open, we can process the registration using your email as authorization.

As a day student at NSU, you are now a member of the PALS program (Professional and Liberal Studies). Please use your catalog to learn about requirements, pre-requisites, course descriptions, courses required for each degree as well as minor, the required GPA for the Dean's List, and a myriad of other useful information. If you don’t have a copy, ask your advisor for one. The catalog is also available on the NSU website, www.webstar.nova.edu.

Be Patient! As a new member of the NSU community you are bound to run into some new challenges and experiences. This is a good thing! But, it can be frustrating. Please get to know your academic advisor and before you give up, please schedule a meeting so we can discuss whatever you are wrestling with.

Top Ten Tips for Evening Students

By Heather Cummings

Working full-time and attending night school can be tough. It may seem at times that you have no energy and you need to push yourself to stay alert for four long hours. As an evening student, I know just how you feel. Below are some tips that I’ve used to get through my first year here at NSU.

Now that I’m a sophomore, I’m passing on these helpful tips

1. DON’T OVERDO IT THE FIRST SEMESTER!

All in all, enjoy everything that NSU has to offer! Get involved in at least one extracurricular activity.

2. Study-time is important; set-up a time schedule for studying.

3. During breaks, instead of eating junk food, bring a healthy snack to keep you alert for the rest of the class time.

4. Check for scholarships for the “non-traditional student.”

5. Technology changes every day; make time to learn about the new technology that NSU has to offer.

6. If you’ve been out of school for a while, subjects may seem harder than when you were in school. Don’t be afraid to ask questions.

7. Allow yourself to get used to going back to school. Instead of taking the full 12 credits, try one or two classes.

8. Attend classes back-to-back, have at least a day in between.

9. Humanities classes do I have left to take, in order to graduate?” Rather than getting the wrong information, schedule an appointment and we can check your curriculum sheet, to be sure.

10. Finish your homework before the week-end.

The most important tip:

Don’t forget something important.
First conducted prior to the 1997 commencement ceremonies, the “Knight Before” program was developed to allow greater numbers of family members to help graduates celebrate this achievement. The 1996 commencement ceremony, held at the Broward Center for Performing Arts, limited students to four guests. In order to accommodate greater participation of family members, this program was developed to allow students, family members, and faculty to interact more freely. The ceremony was well received and well attended, particularly by students who completed courses away from the main campus.

When the University moved commencement ceremonies to the National Car Rental Arena facilities in 1999, the limits on guests attending the ceremony were lifted. However, because the “Knight Before” program was already a popular event, it has continued as a tradition for the undergraduate center. This year is the sixth year for the program.

The “Knight” is the official university mascot. The program name “Knight Before” took both the mascot and the timing of the event into account. However, many of our students from regional locations were unfamiliar with the mascot; therefore, the program was renamed the “Night Before” in 2001.
Across
1. "Can I blame this on my father? He did the best he could for me"
5. "I know I'm not the one you thought you knew back in high school/ Never going, ever showing up when we had to"
7. "I ain't happy, I'm feeling glad/I got sunshine, in a bag"
9. "Life is one big party when you're still young/ But who's gonna have your back when it's all done"
11. "You keep me drowning in your love/ Everytime I try to rise above"
13. "My appetite for loving/ Is now my hunger pain"
14. "How do you give me so much pleasure/ And cause me so much pain"
15. "Grandma why don't you put on a little make up?/ Why don't you cross your fingers make a wish up?"
16. "Push the door, I'm home at last and I'm soaking/ Through and through then you handed me a towel"

Down
2. "As he came into the window/ It was the sound of a crescendo"
3. "This time I'm mistaken/ For handing you a heart worth breaking"
4. "I swam across/ I jumped across for you/ Oh what a thing to do"
6. "I'm running, I'm running, catch up with me/ Life/ Where is the love that I'm looking to find"
8. "Now while you grittin your teeth/ Frustration baby you gotta breathe"
10. "I've been sitting here/ Can't get you off my mind"
12. "Tried so hard and got so far/ But in the end, it doesn't even matter"

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