LL Cool J Cancels Appearance At NSU

Kareem Shaker
Contributing Writer

Early on the morning of October 28, 2002, I awoke to the sounds of Power 96 blurring the new LL Cool J song, "Luv U Better." Ironically, James Todd Smith, AKA LL Cool J, was the very reason I was awake at this ungodly hour. I was informed that he was to be speaking at Nova and I had to get tickets.

By the time I arrived at the Rosenstiel building I had already ingested two Red Bulls and a ho-ho. My mission was simple: obtain tickets to see LL Cool J speak at NSU before hundreds of screaming Nova girls beat me to it. All six-hundred tickets were gone in under three hours.

As an avid fan of hip-hop music, I understand the impact LL Cool J has had on hip-hop culture as a whole. He was the first artist signed to Def Jam, now a multimillion dollar record company that garnered both positive reviews and commercial success. Since then, his influence has spread to both movies and television. I was both excited and surprised when I learned that he was going to be the next speaker for the Life 101 series which had previously featured Janet Reno and John Walsh. The organizers of the event claimed that the primary reason for choosing LL was his obvious appeal to the students and his inspirational life story.

Unfortunately, on the day of the scheduled event, LL Cool J’s agent notified NSU that LL Cool J would not be flying in from LA due to the filming schedule for his new movie, “SWAT.” The news spread like wildfire, so much that only 26 of the 600 students who had originally obtained tickets showed up at the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts center at the scheduled time. The possibility of rescheduling depends on the availability of LL and the library auditorium. The event itself requires months of preparation.

Students were disappointed and even felt betrayed. Some were outraged that LL was more concerned with filming the movie than with coming to speak at Nova Southeastern University. One of the organizers of the event had this to say, “One of the reasons of Life 101 is to show the human side of celebrities. LL Cool J has had his hardships and successes, just like most of us: And just like most of us, LL has a job that requires his attention at less-than-favorable times.”

Michael Bienes, Rick Case, and Alan B. Levan named to Nova Southeastern University Board of Trustees

By Mara L. Kiffin
Coordinator of Public Affairs for NSU

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL-In a unanimous vote, South Florida business leaders Michael Bienes, Rick Case and Alan B. Levan have been named to Nova Southeastern University’s Board of Trustees, according to NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr. “We are honored to have these men of vision joining our board of trustees,” said Ferrero. “During this time of significant change in the education system, I believe their willingness to become further involved with the university reflects an appreciation of NSU’s commitment to the entrepreneurial spirit, and emphasizes the importance that independent institutions play in Florida’s higher education system.”

The newly elected trustees have been big supporters of NSU and each has been inducted into the school’s Entrepreneur Hall of Fame (Case in 2001, Bienes and Levan in 2002). Individually, the men have had a major impact on the South Florida community. Bienes has changed South Florida with his philanthropic dedication to improving arts, culture, and education. His generosity has enriched countless organizations including the Opera Guild of Fort Lauderdale, Miami City Ballet, Holy Cross Hospital, Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and the Archdiocese of Miami. He has established a private foundation, S.H.A.P.E., which underwrites concerts, operas, and ballet performances, and provides scholarships for children. Bienes made the largest single donation to the Broward Public Library, which resulted in the establishment of The Bienes Center for the Literary Arts. His financial support has been extended to a multitude of educational entities, such as Pine Crest School, Archbishop McCarthy High School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, and the African American Research Centre, to name a few.

Case is the owner of 10 car dealerships, including the Fort Lauderdale Acura dealership, which has been the world’s largest Acura dealership for six years in a row. He is no stranger to setting records - in 1972 his Honda car dealership became the country’s largest dealer within the first month in business, and his motorcycle dealership earned him the title of the largest motorcycle dealer in America. This past March, his new Honda Dealership in Davie became the world’s largest dealer the first month it opened and in August broke the all-time world sales record, selling 1,033 new Hondas.

In addition, Case is actively involved in the community and a member of the Broward Workshop and Broward Sheriff’s Advisory Board. He has served as a board member, president, and chairman for the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, and has helped the organization grow to one of the largest clubs in the nation. As a result of his efforts, Case was presented with the Silver Medallion Award, which is the highest honor bestowed nationally by the Boys and Girls of America Club to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment.

Levan has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BankAtlantic since South Florida business leaders Michael Bienes, Rick Case, and Alan B. Levan have been named to NSU’s Board of Trustees and inducted into NSU’s Entrepreneur Hall of Fame.

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Note from the Editor-in-Chief: Jason Fraser

This month, I’m bringing you some of the odd news stories that may have fallen through the cracks.

Sometimes I wonder just what compels people to do certain research studies. If your employer suddenly said to you “Hey, I’ve got a great idea! Let’s investigate whether or not people think skunks smell bad,” you would probably think they went wacko, right? Well, thanks to The Dial Corporation, we now know that most Americans believe that skunks have an unpleasant odor. Thank you very much for this informative research, Dial Corporation. Another great study was just put out by the American Society for Vocal Problems that found out what happens to people who shout a lot. Guess what they found? Many of these people get sore throats and are unable to talk for a few days afterwards. Looks like some of these companies don’t like to worry about words like “Profitability.”

Well, it turns out that laptops may not be safe for your lap anymore (at least for men). A 50-year-old scientist in Sweden burned his penis recently while writing a report at home for about an hour with the computer on his lap. Turns out he did quite a bit of damage, too. The story got into the medical journal “The Lancet” and the only quote from the doctor to the press was “This...story should be taken as a serious warning against use of a laptop in a literal sense.”

Straight from the Reuters newswire: “German police mistakenly beat up their own undercover detectives when a demonstration turned violent in the northern city of Hamburg. Police were monitoring a rally of some 3,000 people protesting the demolition of illegal squatters’ homes when violence broke out late one Saturday evening. Several hundred helmet-clad riot police then clashed with the protesters, including plain-clothes officers who had been shoved into the center of the crowd. Local political leaders from the Hamburg Social Democrats investigating the matter said the officers tried to identify themselves with a password. But communication efforts failed and riot police beat their colleagues with batons, leaving two with head injuries.” Woops.

It seems that even the elderly are in on the drug trade these days, as an elderly man in France has struck for the fourth time in less than a year, stealing a whole drugstore’s stash of Viagra. Either he is getting rich or he has a very demanding wife; either way, he seems to be coming out ahead.

Ahh, the days of High School basketball; sportsmanship, teamwork. Recently, in Walkerville, a game ended 115, Lakeshore 2. Even after Walkerville put an in all Freshman and Junior Varsity team, then pulled back on its offense, and finally only allowed three of the players on their team to shoot, Lakeshore could still not score once during the first half. Eventually, they prevented the shutout by getting their only score in the third quarter. Hamilton (the athletic director for Lakeshore) said that “despite the score, the Lakeshore girls were upbeat.” Well, remember it’s not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game. And they didn’t play very well.

Finally, in an “it only could have been made in America” segment, I present a case in which Greece has banned the sale of certain dolls made by Mezco Toyz which also produces toy look-alikes of rappers Run-DMC and characters from the film Reservoir Dogs. The banned dolls go by the name of “dead dolls”: children’s toys featuring fiery eyes, scarred faces and bloodied mouths which come in their own little coffins. The dolls also have their own death certificates. The line includes Sybill, wearing a jacket, collar and chain, and Inferno, who has auburn hair, fiery eyes and bat-like wings. Makes me wonder who dreamt this ‘great’ toy idea up (who wants to buy their other dolls anyway?).

Do you want your very own Reservoir Dogs doll? Too bad, because I’m not giving you one. But you can e-mail me with your weird news stories (or anything else) at nsunews@nova.edu

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1987. Today, BankAtlantic is the largest Florida based financial institution with over $5.8 billion in assets. BankAtlantic has 72 branch locations, operates more than 180 conveniently located ATMs offers 7 Day Branch Banking and is Florida’s Most Convenient Bank. Levan served as Chairman of the Broward Community College Foundation and is a board member of the Florida Grand Opera, Broward Leadership and the University of Miami Citizens Board. In 1994 Levan founded the BankAtlantic Foundation, which has provided more than 600 grants to deserving non-profit organizations and funded more than $2.5 million in projects. The Foundation’s charitable contributions further education, culture, the arts, and support social service agencies within South Florida. A recipient of the Habitat for Humanity of Broward “Spirit of Humanity Award 2000,” Levan has been dedicated to the eradication of poverty. To date, through his partnership with Habitat, 52 homes have been constructed for those less fortunate.

The addition of civic-minded Bienes, Case and Levan to the Board of Trustees is a perfect fit for NSU, which was recently ranked third among all private colleges nationally in the percentage of federal student work study dollars that it devotes to community service.

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Just Say No to War With Iraq

by Medha Gandhi
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This past October, The United States Congress gave President George W. Bush the green light to wage war with Iraq. Though the vote was extremely close, Bush was ultimately given the go-ahead. This decision has left many wondering why. The answer? According to President Bush, the reason is two-fold. Iraq supposedly has weapons of mass destruction that the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, is planning to use against the United States. Bush also claims that Iraq is harboring known terrorists and assisting Al-Qaeda, the Islamic militant group responsible for the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center. These allegations are false and are simply being used to disguise the real reasons for war, which are purely selfish and political. Because of these lies, the U.S. is now on the brink of a war, a war that will cost millions of dollars, thousands of lives, and irreplaceable damage. The war that is about to be waged is wrong, not only on a political level, but also on a moral level. The main reason for going to war, Bush claims, is because Iraq is in possession of weapons of mass destruction. These supposed weapons are the same weapons that Hussein possessed during the Gulf War in 1991, and the same weapons that were supplied to him by the U.S. to fight Iran during the eight year Iran-Iraq war. Iraq did not use these weapons at that time, when it was actually engaged in a war with the U.S. Hussein knew the power of the United States and was not willing to contest it. Since that time the power of the United States has only increased, thereby making the likelihood of an attack decrease. The second claim, that Iraq is harboring terrorists and has strong links with Al-Qaeda, is completely without validation.

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, once claimed that he had prepared an extensive file proving the links between Hussein and Al-Qaeda. Yet, when this file was released, the document held no proof that such links existed. It was subsequently dismissed by authorities, but the public was never made aware of this fact.

Aside from all this, another factor exists that is seldom talked about. Fanatic Islamic radicals have clashed with Hussein for many years.

International News

by Somy Ali
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Zaire struggles for peace

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is an extremely rich country in terms of mineral resources. However, these resources have been plundered throughout the Congo's history, beginning with the brutal rule of King Leopold of Belgium, whose viciousness shocked even other colonialists. Shortly after independence, Mobuto Sese Seko took power in a coup. Mobuto renamed the country Zaire and was responsible for the invention of the word "kinshasa" (rule by thieves). Mobuto was replaced by Laurent Kabila with the help of Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi because of Mobuto's inaction towards the genocidal Hutu extremists. Kabila, who was no better than Mobuto, was murdered by his own bodyguards. Kabila's son, Joseph Kabila, rules Zaire now and is working hard to abolish the theft of his country's resources. His government has recently suspended the National Security Minister and the head of the National Security Agency for their looting. In spite of Kabila's efforts, most of the country itself is still lawless. For women, traveling on the road is an invitation to be raped. The solders, and rebels man roadblocks, and any woman who passes by is ordered to strip and lie on the ground. Girls as young as 12 are brutally and frequently raped. In the face of such brutality, the world is a mere spectator; could this be racism since the victims are all Africans?

Sri Lanka: Peace at Last

Sri Lanka is a beautiful tropical island off the southern tip of India that has long suffered under civil war. The Tamils have been demanding self-rule from the Sinhalese majority for over twenty years now. The main rebel group, the Tamil Tigers, are considered one of the most brutal revolutionary groups in the world, having assassinated leaders and engaged in suicide bombings in the capital, Colombo. The Sinhalese have responded with repression. In the past, many groups tried to start peace talks, but one side or another always managed to cause them to collapse. Even the religious leaders who are supposed to be devoted peace advocates have been pushing violence to suppress the rebels. At the end of last year, a new party, led by Ranil Wickramasinghe, won the elections defeating the long-term president's party. President Kumaratunga despised the new government and belittled their peace efforts. But the new government continued their work towards peace. Within a few months there was a ceasefire, and last summer the decommissioning of weapons had begun. Peace negotiations have progressed to the point that even President Kumaratunga, wants to be involved and is praising Wickramasinghe's efforts. Finally, the Sri Lankans may have peace.

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NSU’s First English Major Offers New Choice

by Todd Collins
Staff Writer

As yet another sign of progress on campus, the English major will kick off its inaugural semester in January. Having been in the works for a couple of years, it was added to meet the growing demand for a traditional, non-professional discipline. Eighteen students are currently enrolled in the program, and Humanities officials expect that number to grow rapidly. Dr. Marlisa Santos advocates the English major as a program designed to teach skills which prove useful in a myriad of career opportunities, among them publishing, education and law. One of the main benefits of English as a major, she says, is effectiveness of communication, especially the written form, a skill useful in virtually any career.

One of Nova Southeastern’s outstanding students, Amanda Brown, a twenty- year old sophomore from Tampa, Fl., was the very first to enroll in the English program. She also plays the number one spot on N.S.U.’s top twenty ranked N.C.A.A. division ll golf team.

Amanda originally chose to major in English because of the enjoyment she got out of a literature class. She said the class held her attention and the learning came easily, whereas some other classes struck her as “just memorization of cold facts.” She’s convinced she made a good choice: “I’m learning not just about a career, but life in general.” She thinks that some of her strengths as a student, such as a willingness to share ideas in class, are well suited to the English major, and looks forward to some of the more advanced literature and writing courses. She affirms that students derive strong writing skills from this area of study, and adds that analytical abilities are sharpened as well.

All English majors are assigned a mentor, a faculty member who guides their academic career and helps with choices not only in course selection, but also in career fields. Amanda believes this is a tremendous benefit.

The passion she feels for literature is apparent: “A woman [Mary Shelley] wrote Frankenstein; isn’t that cool?”

For further information about majoring in English, contact the Humanities Dept. at (954) 262-5200.

Discount airfares by StudentUniverse.com

By Myriam Georges
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With your NSU email address and a verification of enrollment from the administration, students can purchase discount tickets on their next flight home, thanks to a new online travel agency, StudentUniverse.com. Founded in 1992 as a student travel agency, StudentUniverse.com offers a number of options. StudentUniverse offers a number of options. Student Univer­site often includes flexible terms, like one-year maximum stays and refund policies with minimal penalties. Tickets can be purchased up to four days in advance of departure and one-way tickets may be purchased at prices that are up to half as expensive as one-way tickets offered elsewhere. In addition, Student Uni­verse does not require passengers to buy the $20 ISIC/ITIC (International Student/Teacher Identity Card) to purchase tickets; all travelers need is to be enrolled in a 2-4 year college or university including community and junior colleges.

Though StudentUniverse offers dis­count ticket prices, the amount of money you save depends on where the traveler is going, the time of year, and what is being offered by the airlines.

NSU Introduces New RN to BSN Degree Through HPD

by Jason Fraser
Staff Writer

Starting in January, Nova Southeastern University will introduce a new, much needed degree program through the Health Professions Division. This program will allow current nurses who hold an RN degree (either certificate program or Associate’s degree) to work towards receiving their Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing. The NSU School of Nursing has contacted the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) for assistance with initial accreditation. The program consists of a total of 120 credits, but students are awarded up to 45 credits for their previously completed nursing courses. Students who have additional college credits will receive assistance with transfer of credits. All general education and nursing courses will consist of eight-week terms, with the entire program being completed in five semesters. The courses will be a combination of classroom and web based instruction. Visit http://www.nova.edu/hsn/ main.html for more information, or contact Michelle Nichols at michelle@nova.edu or 1- 800-356-0026 ext. 1267 for admissions information.

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By Jessica Jirani
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If professors can grade students, why shouldn’t students be able to grade professors? Aside from word-of-mouth opinions, students have never really had an easy and convenient medium to voice opinions about their professors – until now.

RatemyProfessor.com, online since 1999, currently holds a database of over 200,000 professors from over 1,700 schools. Within each school, students can post their comments on the quality of education received from a professor. Users have the option of grading their professors on a scale of 1-5, in the categories of Easiness, Helpfulness, and Clarity. Students may also leave comments, either encouraging others to take, or withdraw! out of my math class!”

Students can grade their professors honestly at ratemyprofessor.com

Many students, unaware of this online service, wish they had heard of it sooner. One student (name withheld) said, “If I had known about this website, and more students from NSU used it and posted their comments, I could have saved myself from a withdrawal out of my math class!”

NSU Offers Free Writing Tutoring to All Students
by John Ribar, Ph.D.
Coordinator, Developmental Writing

NSU has long offered writing tutoring across the disciplines in our Academic Support Center. We are pleased that in the past year we have expanded our services to include Online Writing Tutoring. NSU’s online tutoring can be a convenience to those students who are unable to see a writing tutor face-to-face on either our main campus in Ft. Lauderdale or at one of our sites. We offer private one-on-one live tutoring in our WebCT chatroom.

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Interview with James D. Dean, MA, CPA
Accounting Lecturer at Nova Southeastern University

by Jennifer Uzcategui
Contributing Writer

Mr. Dean, how did you realize that you wanted to be an accountant?
- Actually, I was a double major. I first studied architecture and then I enrolled in legal studies. A professor encouraged me to study architecture and then I enrolled in legal studies. I did well in such courses; I realized that I liked business classes. In the end, I graduated in Legal Studies and Accounting.
So you obviously worked very hard, since legal studies and accounting majors are some of the hardest majors.
- Yes, I worked very hard. I used to be a full-time student, even in the summer.
- By the way, where did you go to college?
- The University of Alabama.
That's what I thought, as you have several souvenirs from that university on your desk.
Could you give me a description about the CPA test itself?
- It is a five-part test; you have to pass all five of them in order to get the certificate.
The first time I tested, I only passed four parts, and I worked there for four years. Then, I began to work in the financial area for a company which was a client of Ernst & Young, which is the best thing to do is review all the accounting courses.

After you got the CPA, what did you do?
- Did you work by yourself or did you look for a job as an accountant in a company?
- Actually, I was already working for an international company before I got the CPA. When I was studying in the University of Alabama, several companies went to the university in searching of Accounting students. Ernst & Young, an international company, recruited me, and I worked there for four years.

Do you have some other experience that you would like to talk about?
- Well, I also worked for a CPA firm during the summer when I was in college. I have to say that I gained some experience from the firm. You do not learn everything in those kinds of jobs, but at least you get some experience that will make you look good by the time you are looking for a better job.

For seven months seniors 55 and up take classes at the Institute for Learning Retirement.

The Seniors Who Never Graduate

by Maxine Jordan
Interim Director of NSU ILR

Year after year they return, happy to be attending Nova Southeastern University, knowing they will never toss their caps in the air on Graduation Day. They don’t mind being “held back,” because they’re not your usual college seniors. They are the senior-age participants of the Institute for Learning in Retirement, an audit-only group now in its twenty-sixth year under the auspices of NSU and, specifically, The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

Men and women, 55+, eagerly attend morning and afternoon sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for seven months, beginning in October. Lectures and work shops are conducted by many of the University’s leading professors, unaffiliated speakers, and peer members of the ILR.

Topics run the gamut from English literature to foreign policy, from jazz to life after death, from war crimes to study of sea turtles.

Professors comments about the ILR seniors include how attentive they are, what good questions they ask, and how they wish undergraduate students would emulate them.

For NSU students who would like to interest their parents and/or grandparents in the Institute for Learning in Retirement, more information can be gleaned by logging onto our website: www.nova.edu/cwis/ilr or e-mail ilr@nova.edu.
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Yes, well, I had a very busy schedule before getting that job with the CPA firm. I always studied as a full time student in the summer; I obviously felt that I needed a break. So after winter I worked 40 hours a week in the CPA firm and that was a break for me compared to what I had just done before.

In your opinion, would having experience in the accounting field help accounting students get a better job by the time they graduate?

- Absolutely, companies not only look for good grades, they also want active persons in their companies. They want people who are able to do several things at the same time. So, when in college, students should not limit themselves to accounting or business activities; they can also get involved in student life, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Those types of activities show the company that you are a very active person.

Do you think you should have done other things or studied other subjects?

- I do not regret any of my choices; instead, I think that everything I did was good. I have learned from all my mistakes, and they help me to do things better. The only thing that could have helped me would have been computer science courses. But, as you know, computers were not as available or inexpensive when I was in school.

What advice would you give today to students enrolled in the Accounting program?

- I would suggest they make good grades, be active in campus and community service, try to be leaders rather than followers, and develop the capacity to be able to communicate with anyone. When you are looking for a job, the potential employer looks for these characteristics in the potential employee; companies want not only good students, they also want good workers with excellent communication skills.

And, in the case of international students enrolled in the accounting program, what advice would you give them?

- Usually, international students speak two or more languages. I think they should take advantage of this ability. They should also take advantage of their flexibility in understanding several cultures and background. And, being in Florida, I think they have many chances to work for different international companies.
NSU's Student Ambassadors

Suited in blue blazers, positive attitudes, and smiles, NSU's Presidential Knights are chosen to be representatives of the University.

Staff Reports

What are the Presidential Knights? Presidential Knights serve as voluntary student ambassadors for Nova Southeastern University. Their work promotes pride in the University as they help to share positive experiences as a student at the university with the people of the state of Florida and the local community. They do this through close contact with dignitaries, alumni, and other guests who visit our campus and participate in University sponsored events.

Presidential Knights are nominated by faculty, staff, and administrators during the spring semester. Nominees must possess good communication skills, leadership ability, be in good academic standing, be personable, and demonstrate a positive attitude about Nova Southeastern University.

More information on the Presidential Knights program can be obtained by contacting Kenny Hendrickson, Director of Student Development/Special Events, (954) 262-7283 or Lynne Cawley, HPD Admissions, at (954) 262-1113.
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One word that best describes me:
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What I like best about NSU: "The rich pool of diversity that allows International students a golden opportunity within student life."

Cristina E. Groschez
Hometown: Queens, NY
Academic Program: Law
Graduation Year: 2006
One word that best describes me:
"Integrity"
What I like best about NSU: "The great opportunities with which they have provided me. Nova truly has helped me grow, personally as well as intellectually."

Olga M. Martinez
Hometown: Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Academic Program: Osteopathic Medicine
Graduation Year: 2003
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Jeff Lehensburger
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One word that best describes me:
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Chris Siano
Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, FL
Academic Program: College of Medicine
Graduation Year: 2003
One word that best describes me:
"Energetic"
What I like best about NSU: "The atmosphere of support and encouragement which ensures that you cannot fail in your endeavors."

Jason Melachrino
Hometown: Athens, Greece
Academic Program: Pharmacy/MBA
Graduation Year: 2004
One word that best describes me:
"Driven"
What I like best about NSU: "Its an arena for personal and professional advancement."

Rosana Lopez
Hometown: Hialeah, FL
Academic Program: Biology
Graduation Year: 2003
One word that best describes me:
"Committed"
What I like best about NSU: "The friendly academic environment"

Joshua Osamba
Hometown: Nakuru, Kenya
Academic Program: Doctoral/Conflict Analysis & Resolution
Graduation Year: 2005
One word that best describes me:
"Committed"
What I like best about NSU: "The interactivity between students and teachers"

Sean Leahy
Hometown: North Babylon, NY
Academic Program: Sports & Wellness
Graduation Year: 2003
One word that best describes me:
"Determined"
What I like best about NSU: "The faculty at Nova is filled with true professionals who help us in every aspect of our education."

Daniel Dawes
Hometown: Pembroke Pines, FL
Academic Program: Bus. Administration
Graduation Year: 2003
One word that best describes me:
"Blessed"
What I like best about NSU: "The friendly and supportive faculty who generously lend themselves when the need arises."

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Olympia Duhart
Hometown: Miami, FL
Academic Program: Law
Graduation Year: 2003
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What I like best about NSU: "It’s sense of community"
Gay/Straight Student Alliance
by Somy Ali
Member of GSSA
Production Ass't., Radio X

Although the treatment of college students who are gay, lesbian or bisexual has improved here in South Florida, there is still intolerance and the fear of discrimination both on campus and in society. In high school, many of these students encountered slurs, hostility, and sometimes violence. When they attend college they may still have a fear that this pattern will continue and thus might be afraid of expressing their sexual preference.

Until this semester, Nova Southeastern University has never had an undergraduate organization focusing on these issues. In the past, talk of forming such an organization was hindered because of the fear that such a club would not be accepted. But this semester, the enthusiastic Omaya Colon and the creative Kenny Kronstadt took the initiative and formed the Gay/ Straight Student Alliance (GSSA).

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Psychology Club
by Jason D. McGuire
President, 2002-2003
Undergraduate Psychology Club

The Psychology Club has had an exciting and eventful year thus far with promises of more to come! Our club has had a tremendous display of interest this year with a continual increase of attendees with each passing month.

Though we are a psychology club we welcome ANY person interested: psychology majors, minors and all others who find psychology appealing. We hold monthly meetings to discuss topics, vote on issues, and get to know each other as well as present monthly events aimed at exposing our members and those interested to the various opportunities available for those pursuing psychology degrees and/or resources. Did you know that many of us come to psychology unaware that there are numerous areas of psychology related employment and resources other than traditional marriage and family therapy, which probably inspired us to the field?

August was our first meeting where we discussed our club and introduced one another; this was followed in September by watching the movie One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest in the Flight Deck. The October event was actually held the first week of November when the club held its annual Meet The Faculty Dinner, where students and faculty were able to laugh, talk, eat good food and get to know each other more personally. This event is only one of the many benefits available to members through active membership. The planned November event had the ever enthusiastic and dynamic Dr. Robert Seifer of the Behavioral Sciences Department presenting a seminar on Psychological Diagnosis and Treatment of Childhood Disorders, one of his many passions as a highly active and involved Psychologist. The future promises a community event, a seminar on the GRE and career options from Career Services as well as one from Student Counseling Services on what they offer students, staff and faculty here at NSU. Closing this year out, we're working on getting a field trip for active members as well as our congratulations for graduates and end of year survivor dinner and installing the following year's officers. Keep in mind verifiable active membership in a club or organization is one of many helpful components for your application process into graduate and professional schools.

We'd love to hear from you and see you at one or all of our club's meetings. Please come, say hello and stay and talk. We love that. In the field of Psychology, two (or more) heads are better than one. I know - my bad.

Sigma Alpha Mu
by Matt Boddy
Public Relations Chair

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu would like to first congratulate our newest members: Carlos "Smithers" Puglia, Karl "Handbook" Netzler, Shivam "IBM" Patel, Chavan "Fivel" Mendes, Chris "Footloose" Sippus, Aaron "Shadow" Altenbaugh, Reggie "Goggles" Abaya, and Gianni "Bulls-eye" Consiglio, upon initiation these guys have no idea what is in store for them, they're about to have the time of their lives and we are very proud to have them as new members.

Not only has this been a hectic first semester for all of us but especially for the Sammys on campus. We've been extremely busy with athletics, fundraisers, workshops, mixers, Screw Your Brother, and especially Bounce for Beats.

I know a lot of people saw us bouncing basketballs all over campus non-stop, so here's a quick explanation. Every time that ball hits the ground it represents a child's heartbeat, but not just any child, a child that was born with pediatric AIDS. Each year we bounce basketballs for 48 hours straight to represent these kids and to raise donations for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Hey like we always say "...it's for the kids." We would also like to take the chance to thank all of the people who supported us and these children. We appreciate it greatly.

Homecoming was a blast for the Sammys this year. We took first place in both the tricycle race and the raft race, winning three limos to homecoming. (Still waiting on that party bus, Terry?) Our thanks also goes out to the girls that helped us beat out the competition. Joycelyn, Melanie, Nikki, Stephanie, and Jess. Thanks girls. Also, Sammy week was very successful, we hope that everyone enjoyed the BBQ and the free condoms. Hey it's college - free food and free...well you get the idea.

We have held several socials this semester with Delta Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma. Crazy times. Also Screw Your Brother was a big hit this year, for those of you who missed it - It was a blast. VIP at ZuluBar it doesn't get much better. For those of you who made it to the Playerz Ball, need I say more? I saw some great costumes, and congratulations to those who won the best costume prizes. I guess that was a great way to set off Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone had a great time this semester and kept those grades up. Gotta remember, that's what we're here for.

Now that this semester has come to an end, keep an eye out for another Screw Your Brother next semester and a couple more open parties to be announced.

Fall Semester with Phi Sigma Sigma

The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma had an eventful fall semester. They will be recruiting next semester.

by Joycelyn McGlothlen
Phi Sigma Sigma - Theta Xi
Public Relations Chair

The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma have enjoyed a wonderful, fun-filled semester. On October 24th, we held a Halloween Party for the young patients at Joe D'Maggio Children's Hospital. The children came dressed in their costumes, played games with us, and at the end of the night, were awarded certificates for best costumes as decided by the sisters.

Our chapter, Theta Xi, also hosted this year's Founder's Day for our division. It was held on November 9th at the Holiday Inn Plantation. We celebrated the founding of Phi Sigma Sigma with the Delta Kappa Chapter from FIU and the Zeta Mu from PAU. It was a wonderful luncheon where we also raffled off gift baskets and raised nearly $200 for our foundation.

The chapter has also held many fundraising events such as car washes, Krispy Kreme doughnut sales, and most recently, working for the Miami Dolphins game. We are giving gifts to less fortunate children for the holidays at the Jack and Jill nursery. This semester has been awesome and we hope to see some of you out for our recruitment next semester.

Upcoming Phi Sigma Sigma Sponsored Events

Recruitment Kickoff Party (Hawaiian Theme)
January 9th, 8-12 in the Flight Deck

Informal Recruitment
January 10th - 16th
Crime Doesn't Pay, but “Grand Theft Auto” Sure is Fun

by Dennis Heard
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Grand Theft Auto 3 dares to set new levels of unflinching criminal behavior in a dark, ruthless videogame that never pretends to be anything but truly adult entertainment.

Would you be intimidated by a 5'4", 119lb biology major? Neither would I. So I assume that powerful mafia/crime boss is not the best job for me. Looks like I’ll have to settle my desires vicariously through Tommy Vercetti and the poster children at Rockstar games. Thus, I stroll on over to my local retailer and shell out 500 pesos for “Grand Theft Auto: Vice City” by Rockstar games for the Playstation 2.

Hold the kids aside for this; this one is a long way from Super Mario Brothers. The year is 1980. Sonny Forelli (Tom Sizemore) is interested in expanding the “family’s” empire to an untouched gold mine thriving drug trade in sunny Miami - I mean, Vice City. Sonny opts to send Tommy Vercetti (Ray Liotta) to do the dirty work and collect a “nice quiet slice.” Vercetti, a convicted psychopath/gangster who is freshly released from a 15-year maximum-security prison stay, takes the job; however, all does not go as planned. All the money-fronted by Sonny is lost in a set-up and Tommy is left with no money, an irate ganger demanding his money back, and stranded—helpless and alone in a city that is not happy to have him.

Not only is this game great to play, it is an amazing story as well. The cast of this game truly does wonders in the way of its story: Dennis Hopper, Lee Majors, Burt Reynolds, Gary Busey, Danny Trejo, and Jenna Jameson to name a few. The aforementioned Liotta and Sizemore are both striking as ever in this digital masterpiece—the Goodfellas and Heat stars, respectively, do not miss a beat.

I was left excited and dry-mouthed by the 2001 release “Grand Theft Auto III,” and “Vice City” saturates my thirst for more. The boundaries have been obliterated in “Vice City.” Tommy has access to land, sea, and air, indoors and outdoors, and vehicles galore. The missions range from escorts and hired hits to drug deals and all sorts of thievery, but when you are between contract killings and creating general mayhem, you can make an honest buck delivering pizzas, driving a taxi, or going on vigilante missions riding Vice City of the scum you’ll eventually rule anyway. The diverse nature of this game is what does it for me—there is nothing linear about it.

From a technical standpoint the game delivers. The shading and textures of the game are about as organic as they come, adding an addicting sense of reality. The play control is fluid and tight, making the game easy to get into. The load times are minimal. The physics are very down to earth, and the A.I. (artificial intelligence) is stepped up dramatically.

Lose Yourself
by Kareem Shaker
Contributing Writer

I lose myself in the music all the time. After night class, I put on the CD-of-the-day and forget about life, school, and work. Anyone with an incessant love for music can understand. As the theme song suggests, “Eight-Mile” is the story of a Detroit native losing himself in the music.

The title is take form a location in Detroit, which supposedly divides the trailer parks from the rest of Detroit. The movie opens as Rabbit, played by Eminem, is getting ready to compete in a freestyle battle at a place called “The Shelter”. He gets nervous and nothing comes out of his mouth as the whole crowd chants “choke.” The rest of the movie is spent following Rabbit as he gets cheated on, picked on, scoffed at, and beaten up, while winning a few battles of his own. Kim Basinger does a good job portraying Rabbit’s reckless, off-beat mother. Brett Ratner, director of the highly acclaimed movie, “Traffic”, brings his good name and movie-making ability to a powerful and compelling script.

The similarities between real life and the big screen is more than just a coincidence for Eminem. However, the movie is only loosely based on his life and should not be taken as a biography. Eminem, in his film debut, does a good job playing the lead role. Considering the story was loosely based on his life, he really shouldn’t have had any problems. Hip-hop culture, which plays its own starring role, is displayed at its best throughout the movie. Any person seeing this movie can see how hip-hop can go from music to a passion and a way of life.

A young white rapper from Detroit (Eminem) channels his rage into angry lyrics and hit songs, paying a way out of his tough hometown and giving him a shot at stardom. Kim Basinger co-stars as the rapper’s mom, and Brittany Murphy plays his girlfriend.

Hollywood talents such as Ray Liotta, Tom Sizemore, and Dennis Hopper give voice to the gangland thugs and Mafioso, while the PlayStation 2 super-charges GTA/VC’s massive scale of crowded streets crammed with cars to steal.

Overall, “Vice City” scores 10 out of 10 magnum revolvers. There is nothing I do not like about this game. However, the Sopranos style entertainment is not suitable for all ages. The game is loaded with strong language, sexual references, drug related content, and violence. Please, mind the children on this one. If you are of the proper maturity level, turn it on and be ready to pick your jaw up off the floor.
Right now I am a freshman and I have met a great girl. She is very down to earth, and a fun person to be around. I am falling for her, but the problem is that she has a boyfriend back in her home state. Anyways could you give me any tips on getting her interested in me?

I wouldn't worry too much about her relationship with her boyfriend lasting. I mean, come on, this IS college, and she IS in a long distance relationship. It's doomed to failure. In fact, here's the (really unscientific) breakdown of their relationship. It's pretty much applicable to ANY long distance/college relationship.

- 18% relationships end within the first term.
- 48% of relationships end within the second term.
- However, there is a 58% reconciliation rate for those who break up (for when ex-lovers see each other again during the summer).

I'd suggest subtly letting her know that you're into her. The odds (at least for the school year) are in your favor.

My boyfriend doesn't act like a boyfriend. He never calls or visits me. And he never kisses or hugs me. What should I do about this?

I would recommend making sure that your boyfriend does exist. It is very possible that he is a figment of your imagination. Maybe you could ask your friends if they have seen this "boyfriend" of yours around. Maybe you have some pictures of this "boyfriend" laying around in your room (be sure that they are not models cut out from Calvin Klein magazine ads). And if this boyfriend turns out to be real, it's probably time to dump him. I wouldn't even bother trying to salvage the relationship.

How do you get rid of a hangover before a test?

There is no cure for a hangover besides time. Therefore, I suggest giving your professor the "Family Emergency," or "Medical Problem" routine. I'm sure every college student has heard of it, and half have tried it at least once. Just be sure that your professor doesn't read The Knight Newspaper. We wouldn't want them to discover our strategy.

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Experiences with Pre-Pharmacy

by Jose A. Cruz, Christina Hung, Stacia Beaty, Cynthia Jean, and Kali Tsirogiannis

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Fall Sports Wrap-up

Compiled by Myriam Georges, courtesy of The Department of Athletics Knightline

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team ended the season by setting the team record for the most wins in a season (15-4-1). The final game against the Flagler College Saints was a victory capping the season with a 1-0 shutout. The victory was also the 51st career win for Head Coach Joe Depalo, making him the winningest coach in NSU's men's soccer history. Depalo, at 51-27-6 all-time, surpassed Thomas Rongen who Joe Depalo, making him the winningest coach total in the history of the program.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team finished the season with a 13-5-0 record. The final game against Flagler College Saints was a victory making it their 13th overall win. The team finished the year with the second best winning percentage during a season (.706) in the program's history and broke the record for the fewest losses in a season. In addition, the Knights are ranked 5th in the NSCAA Division II-South Region ranking. On the home-field, the women's team finished with an 8-1 record and posted 6 shut-outs for the season. This winning season brings Head Coach Mike Goodrich's career record with the Knights to 41-35-0. There are no graduating seniors next year, so the team is looking forward to a successful 2003 season.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team ended the year with a 9-19 record. Junior middle blocker Irene Girgis, finished the season as the leader in kills, with 3.14 kills per game and a .283 attacking percentage. Senior middle blocker Nicky Devine finished second on the squad with 3.13 kills per game and a .254 attacking percentage. Senior defensive specialist Lee Ann Niesel finished with a team-high 3.34 defensive digs per game. Lyndsey Metts, junior setter, led the team with an average of 7.0 assists per game.
WINTHROP EARLY PICK IN POLLS

1 WINTHROP
2 ARIZONA
3 KANSAS
4 OKLAHOMA
5 TEXAS
6 PITTSBURGH
7 DUKE
8 GEORGIA
9 KENTUCKY
10 VIRGINIA
11 UCLA
12 MICHIGAN STATE
13 XAVIER
14 ALABAMA
15 MISS. STATE
16 OREGON
17 VILLANOVA
18 FLORIDA
19 UCONN
20 MARQUETTE
21 INDIANA
22 GONZAGA
23 MARYLAND
24 MISSOURI
25 USC

Sweet sixteen, little eight. Final Four. And now the Turbulent Twenty Five. Will Kansas be at the center of this year's3000? Will the girl in the mall teams pick the NCAA champions? Read on for everything you ever wanted to know [but were afraid to ask] about college basketball.

1 WINTHROP

Oklahoma State vs. Kansas State. A game that had everything: stars, their fans, and the excitement of a game that was on the cusp of being a classic. But the Jayhawks fell short, losing to the Sooners by a score of 86-76. It was a game that had it all: drama, suspense, and a thrilling finish.

2 ARIZONA

Look for this team to be a surprise package in the NCAA tournament. With a young and talented roster, they've got what it takes to make a deep run.

3 KANSAS

The Jayhawks come into the tournament as the number one seed in the West Region. They've got the experience and the talent to make a deep run, and they're looking to make a statement this year.

4 OKLAHOMA

Another team to watch is the Sooners. They've got a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

5 TEXAS

The Longhorns are another team to watch. They've got a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

6 PITTSBURGH

The Panthers are another team to watch. They've got a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

7 DUKE

Add the blue devil logo in screaming to the usual Duke blue and white. Duke is a team that's been known for their strength and their ability to rebound.

8 GEORGIA

The Bulldogs come into the tournament as the number one seed in the Southeast Regional. They've got the experience and the talent to make a deep run, and they're looking to make a statement this year.

9 KENTUCKY

The Wildcats are another team to watch. They've got a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

10 VIRGINIA

The Cavaliers are another team to watch. They've got a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

11 UCLA

No, it's not the 1970s, you say. But this team isn't bad either. Besides the huge star on the team, they've got the depth and the experience to make a deep run.

12 MICHIGAN STATE

This year, the most famous of the teams will be a Cinderella story. The Spartans have a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

13 XAVIER

"What?" You say. Xavier. Get used to seeing this in the polls. The Musketeers are a team that's been known for their strength and their ability to rebound.

14 ALABAMA

The Crimson Tide come into the tournament as the number one seed in the Southeast Regional. They've got the experience and the talent to make a deep run, and they're looking to make a statement this year.

15 MISS. STATE

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16 OREGON

Bringing in the biggest showdowns of the tournament, this game will be the one to watch. Oregon is a team that's been known for their strength and their ability to rebound.

17 VILLANOVA

The Wildcats come into the tournament as the number one seed in the Midwest Regional. They've got the experience and the talent to make a deep run, and they're looking to make a statement this year.

18 FLORIDA

The Gators are another team to watch. They've got a young and talented roster, and they're looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

19 UCONN

Expect the Huskies again to be strong in the backcourt. The tight defense will keep opponents from moving and dropping out of the way. Definitely an easy win on the road.

20 MARQUETTE

The Golden Eagles come into the tournament as the number one seed in the Midwest Regional. They've got the experience and the talent to make a deep run, and they're looking to make a statement this year.

21 INDIANA

Can they get the support they need? If not, the Hoosiers could be out of balance even with what should be an extremely prejudice partisan.

22 GONZAGA

Can the Bulldogs get to six? If not, they're out of the game and without a thing. Everything else is irrelevant as long as we've got an extremely prejudice partisan.

23 MARYLAND

We've考虑到这些变化，可能会改变一盘中的牌，使玩家和玩家之间的牌局变得相当复杂。这使得游戏变得更加有趣，也增加了游戏的难度。

24 MISSOURI

Jimbo's run in the Elite Eight last year was the Tigers' longest run in the tournament, and it should be another promising year.

25 USC

As the team to win the title. Let's face it, they are the Wolverines, but don't count them out. They are definitely a team to watch.