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Health Insurance Requirement for Day Undergraduate Students

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Beginning in the fall of 2003, a new student health insurance requirement was implemented for all day students at Nova Southeastern University, adding a new fee to the cost of tuition for some. A fee waiver is given to students possessing adequate health insurance; however day students who do not have an insurance plan or a plan with adequate coverage in South Florida are required to enroll in the Nova Southeastern University Student Health Insurance Plan - an additional $1,126. The requirement has received mixed reactions from the student body.

"I was upset at first," said day student Yahshia Moore, "Tuition is already expensive and the additional $1000 was unexpected. I didn't know about the new requirement until the end of last semester so a hold was placed on my account."

"Because I'm a new student this semester the cost of insurance is just $675. I don’t mind the fee since I usually get sick during the year anyways," said Mike Humlila.

Previously, health insurance was mandatory for only HFD students, on-campus residential students, and international J-1 students. The goal of the requirement, which has been researched and discussed for over a year by Student Affairs, is to insure the health and wellness of the entire student body.

"Through our research and through the insurance carrier we learned that one of the leading causes of why students drop out of school or discontinue their studies is because of medical reasons," said Tom Vitucci, Director of Recreation and Wellness. "What we felt strongly about was that if we had a requirement that students needed to carry insurance we would make certain that every student in the Undergraduate Day program would have insurance benefits if they got sick."

Student health insurance is a national trend. Universities and colleges throughout Florida have similar requirements for students. At the University of Miami all new and transfer students enrolled in six or more credit hours per semester are required to obtain adequate health insurance during their enrollment at the University. State colleges require international students to carry insurance, but domestic students have the option of enrolling into the annual Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Program.

NSU’s Health Insurance Plan is provided through the Chickering Group, one of the leading agencies in student health insurance. The Plan provides coverage for all illnesses and injuries that occur off and on campus twenty-four hours a day. The total cost of insurance is used entirely for the insurance plan. For more information on health insurance and the new requirement contact Tom Vitucci, at (954) 262-7304.

Farquhar Center Name Change

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Having outgrown its name, the undergraduate school formerly known as the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies has received a new one: Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. The College consists of the following Divisions: Education; Humanities; Math, Science, and Technology; and Social and Behavioral Sciences, each formerly a "Department."

Being known as a College “more clearly defines who we are,” explains the College’s Dean, Norma M. Goonen, EdD. The term “center,” she goes on to explain, may be confusing to prospective students in their process of selecting an undergraduate school. The change, which took one year to plan, came at a point in the development of NSU where the stature of both the undergraduate program and the University as a whole demands recognition by the use of more traditional terms.

Named after James Farquhar, a philanthropist who made a generous donation of land and money early in the history of the University, the undergraduate school was spawned in 1980 by the existing graduate school known back then as Nova College. In this sense, NSU has a unique history of development since, traditionally, undergraduate institutions expanded themselves to include graduate programs. The name change is a reflection of NSU administrators’ goal to structure the University in a more traditional fashion.

The change also foreshadows the continued growth of the undergraduate school. Next fall, Athletic Training will be added as a major. History, Philosophy, Economics, and Sociology majors, among many others are “under development,” meaning administrators are discussing them as additions to the curriculum in the near future. Also in the works is an Honors program.

As a celebration of this point in NSU’s history, a ceremony will be held on February 16, 7pm at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Guest speaker will be Bob Woodward (of the Woodward and Bernstein duo) who authored the novel Bush at WAR. A book signing will be held at 8:30pm.
Well, 2002 is now behind us. Overall, it was a good year; not great, but good. This month I bring you a list of nine things that, if they had been introduced in 2002, would have made it a totally kickass year. Why nine you ask? Because it’s my column and I’ll do what I want.

**Nine Things That Would Have Made 2002 Totally Kickass.**

9. *Giant Killer Ninja Robots*—First off, everyone has to admit that Ninjas are cool. Killer Ninjas are probably about 10 times cooler than regular Ninjas, and when you combine them with Robots, you are talking about off the scale coolness. Now imagine if they were also giant. Yes, Giant Killer Ninja Robots would have improved the year significantly.

8. *Adding More Colors to the National Terror Alert System*—We are all familiar with the old favorites by now: Green, Blue, Yellow, Orange, and Red. But what if Tom Ridge or John Ashcroft decided to add a few more colors to the spectrum? All I’m saying is that a few important colors such as black, brown, pink, white, and cyan have been left out. More colors equal more kickassiness.

7. *Oxford English Dictionary Decides to Make ‘kickassiness’ a Word*—I was thinking about using it several more times this year, so I only presume that making it a word would bestow me ultimate kickassiness in the eyes of my friends.

6. *People Would Stop Laughing at the Stupid, Extremely Simple Set-Ups on Sitcoms*—Let’s look at a prime example, *Will & Grace.* Woopy frickin’ doo, look at that guy guy; he says funny things. Now he’s going to look at other guy’s asses. What a cutting edge piece of work that was. Laugh it up, dumbasses.

5. *Movie Theater Etiquette Improved*—When a movie theater is almost empty, such as when my girlfriend and I or a few friends and I ate the only persons in the theater; DON’T CHOOSE TO SIT DIRECTLY IN THE ROW BEHIND US AND TALK ON YOUR CELL PHONE THE WHOLE TIME. Thank you.

4. *Movie Theater Etiquette Improved II*—There should be a law forcing people to take a shower before heading into a movie. I’ve lost count of the number of times someone in the theater smells like they just climbed out of a dunk tank full of shit. For the love of God, at least hose off after a good day of diving for treasure in public urinals before going to the movie theater.

3. *PDMs Introduced to the General Public*—What is a PDM you ask? Some new piece of computer equipment or software that would have made our lives a breeze? No, PDM stands for Personal Desktop Midget. A very tiny man (or woman) made specifically to order, possibly through an exclusive “As Seen On TV” offer. No more messing around with complicated scheduling software, no more making your own coffee, no more doing any chores whatsoever. Just get your PDM to do it for you and all is solved.

2. *All Men on Earth Turned Homosexual; Except for Me*—I think I could shoulder the burden of keeping the species alive.

1. *More Explosions*—With Israel and Palestine hogging all the good terrorist explosions, suicide bombers, and whatnot; I feel the USA is being left out. Come on, I haven’t seen a good explosion in over a year now. Let’s bump that terrorist alert up to magenta-burnt umber or whatever the hell the next color is and get some fireworks going. A little note to Al-Qaeda: I think the Raelian mothership/clone factory/baby-eating festival would be a great place to blow up as it would strike fear into our hearts and destroy our economy. No, seriously.

Send your ideas as to what would have made 2002 totally kickass to nsunews@nova.edu
Thanks for Caring

To the NSU students, staff, and faculty:

I would like to take this time to tell the readers about a unique group of individuals that I have had the most incredible pleasure to know. They are members of the Nova Southeastern University community. They are your friends and coworkers. Please allow me a few minutes of your time to tell you what they have done for a forgotten group of our society – homeless individuals, and more specifically, homeless children.

My heart’s desire is to help the children that reside at the Broward Outreach Centers (BOC), an arm of the Miami Rescue Mission. BOC is a comprehensive, rehabilitative program geared to assist homeless men, women, and families to once again become functioning members of society. But through no fault of their own, the children that enter BOC are homeless and deal with issues that no child should have to tolerate; social ostracizing, peer pressure, depression, neglect, abuse, shock, despair, loneliness are a few among many. My personal goal is to help maintain each child’s dignity, self-respect, and self-esteem, and to make them as comfortable as possible as they and their parents transition from homelessness back to a more stable environment.

Initially, I sent an email to friends of mine at NSU asking for clothing donations for the 200-bed BOC facility, which recently opened in Pompano Beach. This facility can house a maximum of ten families and 30 children. Within a month’s time, I filled our pickup truck THREE times with donations! Then the holidays came upon us, and through word of mouth the following happened:

An employee donated $100 to purchase Christmas trees. (Three fresh seven-foot Frazier trees and stands were purchased with this donation). Another employee, who personally donated a tree, is now pursuing a research project at the center focusing on homelessness. Another $50 donation was used to purchase holiday gifts. A very special thanks is offered to the staff of the HPD, Law, and LRITC Libraries who donated gifts for the children at the Pompano Beach facility. Over 75 toys and games were received! Another NSU department sponsored a family living at a different site of the Broward Outreach Centers with toys and games for the holidays. An employee donated his time to perform a magic act to entertain the children at the Pompano Beach facility during a holiday party, which also involved local Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops. Other employees have donated money directly to BOC.

Awesome! Incredibly awesome!

What started as a plea for donations has escalated into an ongoing project to help those who are helping themselves to become viable members of society. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, “You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” The residents of BOC have taken the first step to admit that they need help, that they need assistance to regain a respectful position in society. They are continuing on that journey of doing the things that they thought they could not do by attending education classes, participating in activities within the BOC community, dealing with and eliminating inappropriate behaviors, opening up to case managers, and more. But, though, at first they thought they could not, they are learning that they can.

Thanks to all of you — you know who you are. Thanks to all of you who did that thing which you thought you could not do; you gave, whether it be time, talent, or treasure. And because you gave, you are helping someone do the thing they thought they could not do, and that is to grow and to get better, and to eventually give back to those less fortunate. And so the cycle continues.

Blessings for the holidays! Know that you have made a difference in not only the lives of those who have less than we do, but in the lives of those who see what you have done and wish to follow suit.

For more information about the Broward Outreach Centers, please visit their website at www.caringplace.org/broward.htm.

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SGA Budgets $47,000

by Kareem Shaker
NSUSGA Senator

On Sunday, January 12th, 2003, the members of the NSUSGA debated for 10 hours on the fate of $47,000 worth of budget money. Senators tossed opinions back and forth until all of the money was allocated accordingly.

Many budgets requested money for copies. The office of student affairs on the second floor of the Rosenthal building offers all clubs and organizations 20 copies at a time, free. Also, Coca-Cola will make banners for clubs and organizations free of charge as long as the club allows them to put their logo on it. Contact student affairs for more information.

However, perhaps the most important thing that all clubs and organizations should know is that they can lobby a senator to propose a bill for an event. Any of the SGA senators will take time out to work on a bill. Contact me at shakerk@nova.edu for more information or if you need money for an event. You do not have to be unhappy with or limited by your budget. There is still a large sum of money set aside for bills.

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NSU Campus Safe By Design

By Todd Collins
Contributing Writer

Security on the N.S.U. main campus is a “$2 million operation,” as described by Alan Swenson, Senior Coordinator for Public Safety. Though crime exists everywhere, the combination of university resources and a quiet location in Davie results in a relatively safe environment for members of the N.S.U. community.

A large portion of the security budget is being allocated to the upgrading of the closed circuit camera system. According to Swenson, the old set-up was “not a great system,” wherein the scope of an individual camera was much smaller than the area it was to cover. The camera, to do its duty, would continuously sweep the area, missing most of it at any given moment. In this sense, capturing a random occurrence was a question of chance.

Not so with the new system, in which, just for example, there are ninety cameras in and around the library. The images captured by the system are viewable on one of the many screens watched over by personnel in the security office and cameras can be manipulated as necessary to allow a given occurrence to be watched from an optimal angle.

In addition, security officers are both on patrol and at stationary points on campus. We’ve all seen them, but there are also two undercover security operatives blending in and watching out. The Davie Police Department is a strong presence on campus, with two officers on patrol at any given time, day or night.

Though statistics reflect a low-crime campus, Swenson warns about having a false sense security. “90% of all crimes on campus are crimes of opportunity,” he explains, meaning that the victims left themselves vulnerable by, for example, leaving a car door unlocked. The lesson here is never to leave your guard down, never leave valuables unguarded or unlocked.

Martin van Gils Jr., one of the uniformed Davie Police officers who works the N.S.U. campus beat, emphasizes the idea of prevention. “The thing we harp on” he says, is for people “to utilize security resources.” Be aware of the location of emergency call boxes around campus and use them if necessary. Report crime and suspicious activity. Request an escort if you would feel more comfortable while walking across campus at night.

Contact Novaltex with any concerns or emergencies at (954) 262-8999.

NSU Law Student receives Marinelli Scholarship

Staff Reports

Washington DC—Kristin Deffler of Davie, FL has received the NIAF Mike and Marion Marinelli Scholarship at Nova Southeastern University. Deffler attends the Nova Southeastern University School of Law.

“The NIAF has awarded nearly $6 million in scholarships and grants across the country since 1976. In 2002 alone, the Foundation awarded an estimated one million dollars in scholarships and grants to hundreds of students,” said Hon. Marie L. Garibaldi, chair of the NIAF scholarships and grants committee.

The NIAF scholarship program celebrated its 27th anniversary in the year 2002. It has grown from four scholarships of $250 each to over 140 scholarships that range from $2,500 to $15,000 each in the humanities, medicine, engineering, business, music, Italian language and culture and other specialized fields.

In 2002, NIAF also funded 11 university grants to Italian clubs and 30 cultural and educational grants. The NIAF grant program promotes, preserves and protects Italian American heritage and culture by offering financial awards to individuals, organizations and institutions for projects that advance those goals.

Scholarship winners are selected based on academic merit and are academically outstanding with an average GPA of 3.9.

Contributors to the NIAF scholarship program include many large corporations, individuals and organizations across the U.S. The NIAF will consider matching scholarships with other organizations.


Interview with ‘Charles’

By Jeannette Porras
Contributing Writer

I was sitting in a park in Downtown Miami and this charismatic man approached me, asking me if I had any money to spare. As I gave him the money, he sat down next to me, and told me his sad story. He wanted to remain anonymous so in reference to his story, I am using the name “Charles.”

Q: What is your name?
A: Charles

Q: How old are you?

A: 47

Q: How many years have you been homeless?
A: 11 years, but I haven’t been always wandering the streets. I use to have a much better life then what you see now.

Q: What was your life like in the past, if you do not mind me asking?
A: No, not at all. Well, I was born in Atlanta, Georgia, only child, and my father owned a small, successful, family business. I was a happy child and got everything I wished for. I went to school, but I didn’t do well at all. I wasn’t a bright kid and had trouble keeping up with the other kids.

Q: Did you graduate from high school?
A: No, I ended up dropping out and getting a job as a pizza delivery boy at Domino’s. I know it wasn’t the smartest thing to do, but I was young and

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Keeping Your New Year’s Resolution

By Karen Marcel
Contributing Writer

The most celebrated holiday in the world is New Year’s Day. This is the day we tend to look back at the past year’s achievements and failures and celebrate, but there is one more significant detail about New Year’s. It’s the official unofficial day to plan new stages of action to improve our lives. Besides champagne and fireworks, making resolutions is the most popular tradition of New Year’s.

It’s the perfect opportunity to become a better person. On average, each American makes 1.8 New Year’s resolutions (McConnell, Scott). Keeping a New Year’s resolution is a challenging task and here are a few ways to increase your probability.

1. Be specific. If you want to lose weight, be specific, how much weight do you want to lose. Being vague makes the resolution harder to achieve, quantifying it makes the goal clear and attainable.

2. Be realistic. Although we all have a few far-fetched and extraordinary ideas, making unrealistic resolutions may only lead to failure later.

3. Set a deadline. That is a commitment in itself. Without deadlines we tend to tend to postponing. The idea is to accomplish your resolution, and deadlines break it down to bite sizes you can take.

4. Change one or two things at a time. Don’t overwhelm yourself with too many goals at once. Once you’ve accomplished one go on to the next.

5. Have support. If it takes someone to keep tabs on you to accomplish your goals than so be it.

6. Write it down. Tracking your progress helps you to formulate a better plan, chart your success, and keep you from putting things off.

7. Think about it year round. Some of our resolutions tend to last survive the first week or two of the year. Remember you are giving yourself 365 days to accomplish your realistic goals. That is more than enough time.

8. Don’t give up. Sometimes we have a tendency to quit because we fall off our path. This is the year to change all that. If you managed to sway from you path, write it down, and get back on track. That’s easy.

Whether your goal is to quit smoking, lose weight, or find new love visit www.mygoals.com for online support. My Goals helps you to create your own New Year’s Resolution or adopt one and send in you success story when you’ve reached you goals.

You are now one step closer to living the life you’ve always dreamed of and being the person you know you could be.
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Breathe to the MTV Beat

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Developed over five thousand years ago by a Hindu philosopher and physician, yoga has transformed from a pathway to spiritual liberation and enlightenment to an exercise regime for the younger and faster paced generation. MTV has developed its own yoga instructional video aimed for the younger and faster paced yoga enthusiasts.

MTV Yoga is fifty-three minute workout video or dvd hosted by MTV’s The Real World NYC’s Man Ray, the workout features the new yoga instructional video or dvd hosted by MTV’s The Real World Lori Trespecio and taught by Kritstin McGee, a leading certified yoga instructor. McGee has appeared on HBO’s Sex and the City as well as number of ABC daytime shows. Taped at NYC’s Man Ray, the workout features the newest electronic music created by the popular musician Deejay BT.

As Kristin presents and explains, Lori and two other trained yoga enthusiasts demonstrate the positions for beginners, intermediates, and advanced yogis. The last several minutes of the program feature Lori and Kirstin reexamining certain postures.

Yet, is it truly a workout? For those seeking a faster and more cutting edge beat and feel to their yoga fitness and flexibility workout the sight of Artha Matsyasandrasana being done to electronic music might do it for you. But, if you’re a traditional yogi, the sight of Ardha Matsyasandrasana doing to electronic music is far from relaxing and mediative for the serious yogi. But MTV makes an attempt to make it so. McGee speaks in a calm voice, however the sound of electronic beats is too distracting to calm. Instead, your struck with the compulsion to either abandon yoga and start dancing or turn the volume down and stretch in silence. Personally, I found the entire experience irritating. Commercialization and exploitation for the sake of money has been redefined.

The health benefits of yoga range from total fitness to enhancing a man’s sex drive to relieving stress and flu symptoms. The breathing and calming techniques taught by yoga have been used by students to focus on tests. NSU’s Recreation and Wellness department holds their own Hatha-yoga classes several times a week.

“Yoga is a slower process that works you internally as well as externally,” said yoga instructor Beth, not only stretching the muscles, but its giving you time to breathe.

Authentic New England-Style Sea Food in Fort Lauderdale

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Whenever I would want to enjoy good sea food in a casual bar-and-grill atmosphere, I would go to Darty Harry’s on 17th Street and Cordova Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. They’ve got great nightly specials like 10-cent wings and a good selection of beer. Then, one day, I heard of a place just down the street that supposedly serves authentic New England fare. I’ve heard that of other places before so I wasn’t convinced; I figured I’d check it out.

It was true, the food was not only good, but also was the real thing. The owner, I’m told, is a native of the Boston area, and they have the fish, lobster, clams, etc. flown in from Boston regularly. The setting is casual. It’s a medium to small restaurant with a full bar; that’s important to me. There’s a decent though not extensive choice of beer, and they serve it in a refrigerated mug, as it should be.

I started out with a bowl of clam chowder, the best I’ve had since last time I was at Legal Sea Food in Beantown. Next I tried their stuffed quahog, (a variety of clam about four inches across). I had’t had one of them in I-don’t-know-how-many years. The closest thing to one down here is a conch fritter. It was good, but not as good as my mother’s.

I had forgotten how the “steamers” (clams) in the Northeast are far superior to those down here. Kelly’s calls them “ Ipswich clams,” around Cape Cod they’re known as “little neck clams,” since they have “necks” on them which must be removed. They’re far tastier than anything taken out of these subtropical waters.

For my main course I had the old classic: fish and chips. On this particular day the choice of fish was scrod or haddock, and I chose the scrod. It was fresh, just as all their food is. Lightly breaded, no heavy coating at all. In fact there was just enough color and light crust even to call it baking on the outside. Healthy portions and thick cuts of fish. The fries (except me, chips) were ordinary; instead of the thick blocks traditional of Typical of New England cuisine. Overall, the fish was excellent.

The menu is well-rounded with burgers, sandwiches, steak, salads, and pasta dishes. Service is excellent and prices are reasonable. The next time you want sea food, try a taste of the far northeast and check out Kelly’s Landing.

Craving some authentic northern sea food? Check out Kelly’s Landing.

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Nova Southeastern University Congratulates the 2002 Alpha Chi Inductees

Alpha Chi - At a Glance...

- Alpha Chi is a national scholarship honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines.
- Membership is limited to the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors.
- Must have earned at least 24 credit hours at NSU to qualify.

Invitations to join Alpha Chi will be sent out soon for the 2003 inductees. Be on the lookout.

Patricia J. Aaron, Monika Alvarado, Gerardo Daniel Alvarado, Odalis M. Anaya, Barbie Anne Bartlett
Pauline Beverley, Christine Bonuso, Casey J. Bosco, Michael L. Brown, Margaret M. Buchan
Erik Cannon, Angela G. Capeci, Jessica Diane Caracchio, Joan Catalano, Deon N. Chambers
Wendy Chambers, Paulette Chen, Michelle T. Chong, Graham C. Clarke, Herlom Coker, Shari Cooper
Kellite L. Coyle, Alejandro Cruz, Casey D’Ambrosio, Daniel E. Dawes, Joseph W. Dawson,
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Jessica Smith, Kimberly R. Starman, Carolyn O. Stewart, Denise Cates Stockdale, Russell J. Sues
Lynn Louise Taylor, Nancy A. Terry, Maria Usberghi, Elizabeth Ann Walton, Elizabeth M. Wardlaw
Neeka E. Walker-Wells, Robert Whyte, Cynthia Woods, Jamie M. Zorn

Alpha Chi is distinctive in that it involves members in all aspects of its operation: chapter officer leadership, student representation on the National Council, local chapter event planning, and presenting scholarly programs at regional and national conventions.

Recognition of Alpha Chi members is given at graduation, and Alpha Chi members receive a medal, certificate and a lifetime membership card.
Best Albums Released in 2002

1. Elvis Costello "When I Was Cruel"

As ominous as it is soothing, Costello's orchestrations and songwriting combine the finest bits of jazz, R&B, and rock are topped off by one of the most expressive and compelling vocal performances of our time. Songs to check out: #4 When I Was Cruel No. 2, #1 45, #13 My Blue Window

2. Flaming Lips "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots"

If U2 went indie rock, "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots" would be the repercussion. Classic alternative meets soul and pop around the campfire. Songs to check out: #10 All We Have Is Now, #3 Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots Pt. I, #2 One More Robot/Sympathy 3000-21

3. Cee-Lo "Cee-Lo Green and His Perfect Imperfections"

This is the most innovative and entertaining hip-hop album of the year. Don't let the straight-out-of-the-choir overly soul sounding single mislead you, the founding member of Goodie Mob and Dungeon Family is as tight as MC's come.

4. Sonic Youth "Murray Street"

They've done it! It is not easy being an abstract and audience challenging group, but the highly accessible, infectious melodic, but still unorthodox. Songs to check out: #3 Rain on Tin, #1 The Empty Page

5. Beck "Sea Change"

The Bob Dylan of the 90's or as he proclaims "the Bon Jovi of the 60's," puts out his darke st album to date. Sea Change is reminiscent of the psychedelic folk opus Mutations but with a more gloomy laying in a hammock on the beach vibe.

The Roots Stimulate More Neurons with "Phrenology"

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"They say a record ain't nothing if it's not touching—gripping, draw you in closer make you want to listen."

Black Thought (The Roots)

That's it; a fairly simple statement that most watered-down businesspeople passing themselves off as musical acts nowadays spit in the face of. However, The Roots' mental faculties show the right idea with their new album "Phrenology."

First off, the basics. The Roots are six-piece live hip-hop ensemble producing genre-crushing music which spans 10 years, four studio albums, and countless accolades. Ever since they released the ridiculously haunting single, "You Got Me" in 1999, an artistic and musical credence has been lent to The Roots and rightfully so. Consistently, this band has intertwined the finest points of music, culture, and the human spirit into every one of their three previous albums.

Their fourth is no exception. The album stretches from dance-floor hip-hop jams like "Rock You" and "Thought @ Work" to laid-back soul-influenced tunes like "Break You Off" and "P*ssy Galore." With elements of jazz, funk, soul, and even punk rock, The Roots redefine hip-hop once again. Loaded with straight grooving basslines, captivating rhythms, ambient jazz piano, and good arrangements, "Phrenology" is a full spectrum of the sounds and themes that this band is capable of laying down.

Lyrically, Black Thought gives us more on his perspective of love, life, integrity, and the human spirit. In the single, "P*ssy Galore," Black Thought comments on how popular music is all about sex and image: "What are the freaks in the video for? P*ssy the song, give me a thong and P*ssy galore." That's the beauty of hip-hop; it takes its creator's ideas and presents them from his own cultural perspective and history. Many hip-hop artists were not raised on private school education and middle class opportunity.

Overall, The Roots and "Phrenology" remind me of what I love about music; therefore, it scores a 9 out of 10 scratches of the vinyl. Visit okayplay.com for more on The Roots and other essential hip-hop artists.
Zwan??? – Another Billy Corgan Band, Another Billy Corgan Mystery...

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Who, or what, are Zwan, you ask? Well, to most people in the world, Zwan is a canned meat product much like Spam is in the U.S. Therefore, this would make a great band name as well, right? Well, turns out the band had never heard of the food product and came up with the name independently. To those who have followed the career of ex-Smashing Pumpkins front-man Billy Corgan, Zwan represents much, much more than a not-so-tasty lunch meat. Zwan was formed in 2001 by Billy Corgan (vocals/guitar), long time buddy Matt Sweeney (guitar), David Pajo (guitar/bass), and Jimmy Chamberlin (drums). Paz Lenchantin (bass) was added to the line-up in April 2002. If any of these names sound familiar to you, they should. Corgan has assembled an almost mythical line-up of talented musicians from some of the influential underground bands of the 90’s. Sweeney is best remembered by his work with the bands Skunk and Chavez, and has had many other side projects with other bands such as Cat Power, Guided By Voices and Bonny Prince Billy. Pajo was a former member of both Slint and Tortoise, is currently in Papa M, and has toured with Royal Trux, Palace, Will Oldham, King Kong, and Stereolab among others. Chamberlin is also a former Pumpkin, and most will recognize Lencchantin from A Perfect Circle.

What’s with the mystery you ask? Well, “Zwan” proper is really the third incarnation of the same band: “The True Poets of Zwan” as they were first known were a hard rocking band that played four shows (five if you get all technical on me and count the Rawa benefit on 11/14/01); the “Djali Zwan” were an all-acoustic band that played only a handful of shows; and “Zwan” which combined elements of both and added Paz to the mix. Now that they’ve declared themselves “Zwan” they will be releasing “Mary Star of the Sea” on January 28th (Feb. 10 for those overseas). But they will also be releasing an album as the “Djali Zwan” shortly thereafter. Add to that the religious symbolism present on this new album (reminding some fans of the Pumpkin’s Machina mystery) and you get a typical Corgan effort.

Now a little about the fans. Let’s just say that Zwan won’t have any trouble filling up an arena almost anywhere in the world. (Shows so far have sold out in sometimes a matter of minutes. The upcoming Metro shows sold out in less than 3 minutes.) Every show played by Zwan so far has been recorded and released by the fans on the internet. Communities of fans have been set up since a few days after the first shows were played, and are now growing extremely large.

In my opinion, the upcoming album sounds great from what’s been heard so far (five versions, partial album cuts); a more laid-back effort than what you would expect from the group. Will this album start a revolution? Probably not, but then again, it is better than most of the albums that were released in 2002.

Calendar of Events

02/01/03 The Beach Boys Gulfstream Park Hallandale, FL
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02/07/03 Further Seems Forever, Elliott, and Salem: The Factory Fort Lauderdale, FL
02/09/03 Erykah Badu Level Miami Beach, FL
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02/21/03 Santana American Airlines Arena Miami, FL
03/18/03 Queens Of The Stone Age: Culture Room Fort Lauderdale, FL

Dear Stan

Dear Stan Phildanders,
I’m a 22 year old college student in my freshman year. I hate my body. I go to the gym 3 times a week and I’ve been a member for 3 months. It seems that I have a very unattractive figure. I weigh about 140 pounds and I’m about 5’3. Guys never flirt with me or tell me that I look nice when I go out of my way to dress up. I feel very uncomfortable around thin girls and they always seem to not want to talk to me and they look at me in disgust. What should I do? I want a nice figure. Miami, Florida

Dear Stan Phildanders,
I have a boyfriend that I’ve been dating for 2 years. I’m very attracted to him but he never seems to turn me on. I’ve flirted and fooled around with girls in the past, just out of curiosity. No one knows about my secret fantasy with girls, except my boyfriend. When I look and talk to pretty girls, I seem to blush and get highly turned on by them. What does this mean? Does this mean I’m really a lesbian? Mixed Emotions, Miami, Florida

Dear Mixed Emotions, Maybe you should just follow your true feelings and make your move on those pretty girls and see if you score. Only you can answer the question if you’re a lesbian or not, time will tell. If all goes well, find an excuse to dump your boyfriend and start getting busy with someone who turns you on and keeps you on your toes. Remember: it’s okay; everyone likes a little kitty now and then.

Dear Stan Phildanders,
A friend of mine is inquiring about getting breast implants. My friend is young and beautiful but fairly large from the waste down and I think breast implants would make her look like a blimp. I’ve told her several times that she’s beautiful without them and she knows it. I’m really afraid to tell her how I truly feel. Should I tell her or keep quiet. Plantation, Florida

Dear Should I tell her or keep quiet. A real friend does not hold back on anything whether it’s good or bad. Let your friend know your true thoughts of how you feel they would look on her. Most likely she will cry and not talk to you anymore and still go ahead with her plans. Remember: never tell friends “what they want to hear.”

Dear Stan Phildanders,
I have a really close friend who has a drinking problem. She’s basically in denial that she’s an alcoholic. I’ve told her on several occasions that I would stand by her and help her as long as she seeks some help from an AA program. I’ve partied with her and had drinks with my friend and afterwards, I feel guilty as if I’ve

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NSU Athletics would like to congratulate Jessica Pate for becoming the first female player in NSU history to score 1,000 points in a career. Jessica Pate received the game ball. Left to Right: Marilyn Rule-Heinrich, Jessica Pate, Brigitte Pate

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and foolish. I think I started to make those kind of drastic changes in my life when my parents died a year apart from each other, both of a heart attack.

Q: What did you do next?
A: Well, my father left me the family business. So I ran that for a couple of years.

Q: Why did you only run the business for a couple of years?
A: I didn’t know anything about running a business, and when my father ran it, I never cared on knowing how to run it. I went out of business after the third year of inheriting it. That is when everything started to go wrong because I didn’t have any good support from my family.

Q: Were you married?
A: Yes, and I have two daughters. I met my wife after I inherited the business and we got married right away. I loved her very much, but when I lost the business, she left me and took the children. She said that she needed someone to support her and her daughters. My daughters were only 2 and 8 months at the time. They never really knew who I am and was. You would think that was the worst part of it all, but it gets worse. My wife was really close to my family and before she left, she told them that the reason she is leaving me is because I used to beat her.

Q: Your family believed her?
A: They not only believed her, but also they didn’t want anything to do with me after that. I haven’t talked to them since then.

Q: Have they tried to contact you, or have you tried to contact them?
A: No, because after I lost the business, I got real depressed, and started to drink a lot. I couldn’t stand living in Georgia anymore and hitchhiked to Florida.

Q: What did you do when you arrived to Florida?
A: I got another job at Domino’s delivering pizzas. I got a small, cheap, apartment, and lived alone. I never had anyone ever again.

Q: How long did that last?
A: Not very long, because I had a heavy drinking problem. One night when I was on delivery, I stopped at a liquor store for a quick drink. When I went on my delivery, I got into a big accident. The cops came and arrested me for D.U.I. I stayed in jail for two days, and when I was released I had lost my job.

Q: Did you look for another job?
A: Yes, but because I have a record for D.U.I. no one wanted to hire me. This made me more depressed, I drank even more, and started to do drugs. I got so depressed that I thought about killing myself.

Q: What made you realize that your life is worth more than ending it so drastically?
A: To this day I don’t know why I didn’t go through with killing myself. I guess I wanted people to hear my story and make an example out of it. I lost everything and the drugs took over my life. I was so addicted to drugs that I sold my car to have money for drugs.

Q: What happened with your apartment?
A: I lost that too because I didn’t pay the rent and I was forced to live on the streets. As you can see, I now live in a park in Miami. When I first started to live on the streets I would beg people for money so I could buy drugs. I didn’t care how I got the drugs, as long as I got them. I now think that I have some deadly disease because I did share needles with many people, and I am very sick.

Q: What did you do next?
A: In 1961, Mr. Vettel set aside his land in trust to become part of Nova University (now known as Nova Southeastern University) at the time of his demise. As a benefactor of the university, Mr. Vettel was a “watch dog” ensuring that the development of the institution was conducted in a prudent manner that would serve the community.

Mr. Vettel was always a strong advocate of community service. In the early 1960’s when single parenthood was stigmatized, he set up a program to benefit unwed mothers in Hallandale.

In addition to his generosity to Nova Southeastern University and to the local community, Mr. Vettel was also a philanthropist to a town in Mexico, which he adopted. He helped the residents become more independent by assisting in the development of an industry, and helped the children by building schools, which he continued to support every year.

Family was very important to Mr. Vettel as he had two sisters—Grace Gayer (deceased), and Virginia Broden. He was married twice— to Adel Vettel and Virginia Booth Vettel, and had a stepdaughter, Judy Joy Storms, and a step granddaughter, Judy Hope Storms.

He is survived by his best friend of 22 years, Debra Colabella, who took care of him in his later life. Mr. Vettel’s friend, Abraham Fischler, Ed.D., President Emeritus for Nova Southeastern University, said, “We will always remember Earl Vettel for not only his contributions, but for his sincere commitment in time, support and concern for the development of our university.”

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done something terribly wrong. Having Guilty Feelings, Miramar, Florida

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Famed Journalist Delivers Speech at Farquhar College Renaming Ceremony

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475 people turned out on Monday evening, February 10, at the Rose and Alfred Minnich Performing Arts Center for the ceremony to inaugurate the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' new name. Guest speaker was Bob Woodward. Having achieved fame for his part in exposing the Watergate scandal during the Nixon era, Woodward is currently assistant managing editor of news for the Washington Post.

During his 40-minute speech, which centered on the issue of and U.S. involvement and possible war in Iraq, Woodward employed the Socratic method, soliciting responses from the audience. Noteworthy was the fact that he recently had contacted the White House, inspecting 12 pages of questions regarding the prospect of war in Iraq, and was granted 4 hours of President Bush's time in response. This is a testament not only to Bush's candor, but also to Woodward's standing as a journalist.

Woodward wrapped up the ceremony with a signing for his recently released book, Bush at War, which chronicles the activities of major U.S. policy makers during the 3-month period following September 11.

A 15-minute film was shown which documented the history of the undergraduate school. Also speaking were Norma M. Goonen, Dean of Farquhar College and University Vice-President George Hanbury. Woodward's appearance marks the first in what is planned to be an annual series of distinguished speakers at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

NSU Gains National Honor Society Chapter

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On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 12, the national honor society in psychology, Psi Chi, kicked off its inception at NSU with a barbecue held on the plaza of the Parker building. The event was designed as an inaugural celebration, as well as an invitation for eligible students to join. The entire NSU community was welcomed, and over 150 students were served.

To qualify as a member, students must carry a minimum 3.5 g.p.a. and be in the top 35% of their graduating class. Membership is open to undergraduates as well as graduate students.

President of Psi Chi's NSU chapter, Martin A. Oyarzun, cites many benefits of membership, including higher pay for those choosing employment the field of psychology, and urges the approximately 70 eligible students at NSU to join.

There are currently more than 422,000 members in the society, with representation at over 1,000 campuses in the U.S. Psi Chi has more chapters than any other honor society in baccalaureate institutions and has the largest membership of any psychological organization in the world. The organization benefits psychology students by offering 17 different scholarships and grants as well as 95 research awards, including the highly esteemed Newman Award for graduate research. Interested students should contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at (954) 262-7941. Information is also available at www.psichi.org.

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"I'm not dangerous. I admire those who are, especially when it helps our technological advancement."
Editorial

Safe Zones or Walls?

Over a hundred universities around the nation have adopted a Safe Zone for their gay, lesbian, and bisexual community, including FIU, FSU, UF, and USF. Signs like North Dakota State University’s are posted around campus to identify sites on campus where gay, lesbian, and bisexual students can turn. Yet, is this policy needed at NSU?

By Dr. Gary Gershman, Ph.D.

Humanities Division

A small debate is ensuing on the NSU campus regarding whether a safe zone policy should be instituted. The debate centers on the fact that diversity is not generally recognized on this campus. The argument is that members of the gay and lesbian community do not feel comfortable openly expressing their sexuality and do not feel there is a supportive environment for their sexual orientation.

Let me preface my comments by noting that I have no issues with ANY lifestyle. How one chooses to pursue their personal life and personal relationships is their business and they should be free to do so without fear of recrimination, discrimination or ostracization.

However, the recent suggestion of the implementation of safe zones at NSU has raised red flags for me.

A safe zone is a nationwide program that has been instituted at numerous university campuses in an effort to promote what is referred to as a “safe haven” for gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, and transgender members of the community. To quote one of the universities that has safe zones: “The goal is to let people know that they can be themselves without fear of harassment or physical violence against them. The organization sponsors both passive and interactive programs to educate the community about different sexual orientations, homophobia, tolerance and unity in the community.” Identifying individuals who can provide a supportive environment as well as information for LGBT students and their allies effectively achieve this goal. Thus, certain areas are designated as “safe.”

There is no question that the goal of such a program is admirable. It is important to note that I favor diversity. I favor the free exchange of ideas and I want all to feel comfortable in this environment. However, despite those desires and the admirable goals expressed through the program I am very apprehensive about the institution of such a program at NSU for a variety of reasons.

The idea of segmenting the campus, noting some areas as safe, is creating walls; it is the formation of small ghettos. The implicit idea of such a designation is that the non-designated areas are not safe, or are accepting of intolerance. The reality is ALL of the campus should be a safe zone. Anyone with a minority viewpoint or lifestyle, especially on a university campus, should feel free to express him or herself without recrimination. The idea that one must start small and work to the larger environment is not acceptable to me.

To break down racial discrimination in this country it was not “let’s just get Selma to desegregate and then we will go to Albany or Anniston.” The approach was instead that the country as a whole must integrate, and the civil rights movement will use certain spots as flashpoints to attack the inequities in the system.

The idea of a sign, sticker, etc. that designates a specific area is repugnant to me. As one who would have had to wear the Yellow Star 60 years ago, I am repelled by the idea of placing a badge on an area as being for or against a specific lifestyle or group of people. The marking of individuals or areas as particular to a specific race, religion or way of thinking, by use of a symbol, while perhaps innocent in its design, can have insidious implications.

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To increase diversity at the University, or rather the acceptance of diversity (this is one of the most diverse campuses I have ever had the pleasure of being on) needs to be an institutional challenge as a whole. From the bottom and from the top, change must take place. Such change has recently begun, as NSU has joined the ranks of those businesses and universities that offer domestic partner benefits. Designation of zones allows those who are already ignorant or choose not to know to continue in their lack of knowledge. The goal should be to educate those who surround us, to bring them into the 21st century. Walls keep us out as much as they keep in. The ghettos of Europe kept the gentile and the Jew out as much as it fenced the Jew in. We want a campus void of fences and walls. We want an environment where an individual is not defined by his race, religion or sexual orientation feels comfortable in every corner of it.

Letters to the Editor

Fan mail:

“1. More explosions. With Israel and Palestine hogging all the good terrorist explosions, suicide bombers, and whatnot, I feel the USA is being left out. Come on, I haven’t seen a good explosion in over a year now.”

Very classy to write in the school newspaper. I wonder if the “editor-in-chief” sat down and thought about the number of students from the Middle East and New York. Also, as a New Yorker I’m extremely offended by what I read. People did not die in these situations so one must start small and work to the larger environment is not acceptable to me. To break down racial discrimination in this country it was not “let’s just get Selma to desegregate and then we will go to Albany or Anniston.” The approach was instead that the country as a whole must integrate, and the civil rights movement will use certain spots as flashpoints to attack the inequities in the system.

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To increase diversity at the University, or rather the acceptance of diversity (this is one of the most diverse campuses I have ever had the pleasure of being on) needs to be an institutional challenge as a whole. From the bottom and from the top, change must take place. Such change has recently begun, as NSU has joined the ranks of those businesses and universities that offer domestic partner benefits. Designation of zones allows those who are already ignorant or choose not to know to continue in their lack of knowledge. The goal should be to educate those who surround us, to bring them into the 21st century. Walls keep us out as much as they keep in. The ghettos of Europe kept the gentile and the Jew out as much as it fenced the Jew in. We want a campus void of fences and walls. We want an environment where an individual is not defined by his race, religion or sexual orientation feels comfortable in every corner of it.

Letters to the Editor

Fan mail:

“1. More explosions. With Israel and Palestine hogging all the good terrorist explosions, suicide bombers, and whatnot, I feel the USA is being left out. Come on, I haven’t seen a good explosion in over a year now.”

Very classy to write in the school newspaper. I wonder if the “editor-in-chief” sat down and thought about the number of students from the Middle East and New York. Also, as a New Yorker I’m extremely offended by what I read. People did not die in these situations so one can make a feeble attempt at a joke. Very classy to write in the school newspaper.

Downhill in recent years. “One Thing That Would Make 2003 Totally Kickass”: no more stories from Jason Fraser.

Sean Leahy
Sigma Alpha Mu, Epsilon Beta Chapter Brotherhood / Risk Management Chair

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Nova students to attend international conference

by Kareem Shaker
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On April 11-15, 2003, a research team headed by Dr. Edward O. Keith will be attending an international conference in San Diego, California. The team will be presenting the results of research done here at Nova.

Dr. Keith, along with Dr. Lester Janoff of the College of Optometry, has been working on a research project that studies the effects of tear proteins to contact lenses. Dr. Keith was interested in proteins for a number of years and first studied milk proteins as a professor at Nova during the early 90's. He began looking into tear proteins and saw that they very similar to milk proteins. In order to incorporate student learning and experience, a group of about a dozen students joined Dr. Keith in his research. The experiments are designed for students to perform. “We design the experiments in such a way that it is easy for the students to learn,” said Dr. Keith.

The research team has found that tear-protein adhesion to contact lenses contributes to lens contamination and deterioration, and depends primarily on the type of contact-lens material used. The research performed promises to yield advanced techniques for testing new contact materials and the efficacy of cleaning technologies.

So far the research done has provided for the publishing of a report in a scientific journal and another report to be published soon. They will be presenting two presentations entitled “Adhesion of albumin to FDA Group...contact lenses” at the conference they will be attending in April. Contact Dr. Keith at edwardok@nova.edu for more information.

New Bill to Repeal Higher Education Drug Provision

Drug provision has denied 100,000 students financial aid for college in four years

Staff Reports

Representative Barney Frank (D-MA), along with 38 co-sponsors, today reintroduced H.R. 685, a bill which would repeal the Higher Education Act Drug Provision. Since 1999, this drug provision has denied roughly 100,000 college students convicted of drug offenses access to federal loans and grants. These excessive punishments have spurred on hundreds of college campuses a movement dedicated to changing the nation’s most draconian drug laws. “Representative Barney Frank deserves the gratitude of thousands of students for once again leading Congressional efforts to repeal what has become the number one obstacle to students seeking education after high school,” says Ben Gaines, Coordinator for the Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform (CHEAR). “Frank’s bill truly embodies the desire to see change reflected by the 100 student government resolutions and nearly 60 letters of endorsement from national and local organizations supporting full repeal of this misguided and destructive law.”

H.R. 685 is expected to gain quick bipartisan support from 62 co-sponsors of the repeal measure in the 107th Congress. In the upcoming weeks, groups supporting the repeal will increase grassroots pressure for more co-sponsors. “We are planning congressional visits and rallies on over 100 college campuses this spring to educate greater numbers of legislators about the harmful impact of the HEA Drug Provision,” says Shawn Heller, National Director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. “There is clear evidence to suggest that because of racial profiling and other forms of discrimination in the criminal justice system, Blacks and Hispanics are disproportionately targeted, arrested, and convicted of drug offenses. Therefore, a policy that denies financial aid to people with drug convictions has a racially discriminatory impact,” says Wade Henderson, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights coalition. “The discriminatory denial of educational opportunities to minority students should be repealed.”

Some of the 44 national organizations that support repeal of the HEA Drug Provision include: the National Education Association; American Federation of Teachers; United Methodist Church; National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; NAACP; NAADAC; The Association for Addiction Professionals; Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; Students for Sensible Drug Policy; and the United States Student Association. Collectively, the groups who make up the Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform (CHEAR) represent millions of Americans who know that it is counterproductive to refuse financial aid to students who could better themselves and their communities through education. CHEAR’s grassroots campaign continues to gain momentum as greater numbers of students lose access to higher education each year. See the entire list of groups opposed to the HEA Drug Provision at http://www.rallyourvoice.com/ben-dignan-letter.doc
Dear Stan Philanders,

I am writing in response to reading the advice provided to students from Stan Philanders regarding their personal difficulties. Some of the students' concerns are of a very delicate nature (e.g. weight/body image concerns, sexuality issues, and alcoholism), and I believe that more educated and helpful advice should be provided. I am interested in finding out the credentials of this columnist in providing advice on such serious matters (i.e. psychology training). Also, the grandiose labeling of all thin girls to be anorexia or bulimic, in order to make the person writing to this column feel better about her weight concerns, is highly inappropriate. This column appears to serve an entertainment value to the paper rather than a place for students to receive much needed help. Your attention to this matter is requested.

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Dear Writing in response to reading [my] advice, I would like you to define “more educated and helpful advice.” I’m also interested in finding out your credentials in judging advice. I find highly inappropriate your choice of the word “grandiose” when you referred to my labeling of thin girls, and recommend you sharpen your reading skills since I narrowed the scope of labeled thin girls to “those thin girls who seemed to not want to talk to the advice seeker and who looked at her in disgust.” That does not entail “all thin girls.” Further still, I think that I am unqualified to offer you advice regarding your problem. Remember, as you said, this column serves as “entertainment,” and so does my response to you.

Dear Stan Philanders,

I work in a small business after school doing copy work and stuffing envelopes with flyers to promote more business. I work with maybe four other women and three guys. All young adults. I’m having a problem with how unsanitary the other ladies leave the women’s rest room. I’m no clean or neat freak but I’m highly disgusted how young beautiful girls can be so nasty by not flushing after using the toilet and leaving personal items in the bowl for everyone to see. This issue has been addressed to all the girls but the problem seems to be getting worse. I want to keep it clean.

Dear I want to keep it clean: It seems to me that the girls at your job are lazy and have no respect for themselves when it comes to hygiene and personal sanitary items knowing that the bathroom is being shared by a number of people. Maybe your company should put a lock on the door or some type of security pass on each stall for entry. This way you will be able to isolate the problem and maybe put a stop to this. Remember, cleanliness is next to godliness, or so they say.

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Beta Theta Pi's Self-Defense Workshop
By Kareem Shaker
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It's been a busy semester for the brothers of Beta Theta Pi. The brothers have already completed several very successful events and have a host of others still planned.

The self-defense workshop, which took place after the "Take Back The Night" rally at Goodwin, proved to be a very successful event. A self-defense instructor was brought to teach a group of about thirty students how to survive an attack. A lot of people who heard about the event but were not able to attend have asked for another workshop, so we will keep you posted on the date of the event.

The brothers of Beta Theta Pi volunteered for the Uweelen festival for the fourth year in a row. They have also had a section within Phi Sigma Sigma and the Fifth Annual Atlanta Hais arrests, future majors for this semester in remote another party, a summer of volunteer events including habitat for humanity, and the second self-defense workshop. Contact beta@coolist.com for more information.

Student Government In Action
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A few of us have been around long enough to remember Jamaican Me Crazy. For those that haven't, it was a quaint little "food shack" at the Parker Building before the construction of the several million-dollar library and its over-priced coffee shop. Back in those days, you could get a cup of coffee on your way to class or a bag of chips during break. Now you have to walk to the megapolis or we call "the library," and spend four bucks on a cup of coffee. Ain't that convenient?

Members of the NSUSGA have already acted on this by passing a resolution last semester. If you are in support of having a food facility back at the Parker building please sign a petition and sign it. You might see this petition or another one that supports the appointment of a student leader onto the NSU Board of Trustees. The second petition is just as important as the first one and we need your support on both of them so please contact any senator and sign it.

Along with the petitions, SGA has also planned many events, including a spring break trip, NSUSGA day, and several constituency meetings. Be on the lookout for a free-rafle for SunPass units and toll for the semester. Contact NSUSGA@list.nova.edu for more information.

Black History Celebration, 2003
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From February 17 through February 20, the Pan-African Student Association, along with the Caribbean Student Association, and Student Activities, celebrated and remembered Black History Month. The festivities began with an Afro-Caribbean Food Festival. Held in front of the Parker building, the student body was given the opportunity to sample dishes and music enjoyed by the black community in America and the Caribbean.

On Tuesday, February 6, PASA presented Adora Obi Nweze with the 2003 Outstanding Student Award. A former NSU professor, Nweze is the state president of the national association for the Advancement of Colored People. She also works as a district director of alternative education and dropout prevention programs in the Miami-Dade County public schools. Upon accepting the award, Nweze urged students to give back to the community upon graduation.

"Remember the community at-large and share with your community what you learn. You live in a community that yearns and needs what you have learned during your college studies. If you don't give back, then your community will be destroyed if it is not informed of what they need to know," she continued.

Wednesday was movie and game night in the Rosenthal student center, where a knowledge bowl was also held. A coffee house and poetry night was held on the last day of festivities.
Applicants must be currently enrolled at NSU as undergraduate students, plan to remain enrolled as undergraduate students for Fall 2003, and be willing to serve as leaders during our Summer, Winter and Evening Orientation Programs. Benefits include tuition stipend, leadership experience, fun, and the thrill of knowing you've made a difference in the life of a new student.
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All NSU Baseball and Softball games will be played at their on campus facilities.
Eyes Adrift - Eyes Adrift

by Jason Fraser
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If you were an influential and/or successful rock artist in the 90's, what would you do now that your band is gone and musical tastes have changed? The most popular answer seems to be "Form a Supergroup ala Temple of the Dog!" We've seen Audioslave and Zwan try their hand at making a comeback so far with their debut albums, and while they haven't completely flopped, they also haven't been spectacular efforts. Now we have Eyes Adrift, a collaboration between former Meat Puppets guitarist Curt Kirkwood, former Nirvana bassman Krist Novoselic, and former Sublime drummer, have formed the supergroup Eyes Adrift.

Eyes Adrift starts out strong with the very groovy track 'Sleight of Hand', and moves on to the album's first single 'Alaska.' Both tracks have a distinctive feel that is different than most of the other work Kirkwood has done, and reflect the band's talent nicely. The next track 'Inquiring Minds' would have been stronger if Krist would have left the vocals to Curt, and feels a bit too much like a recycled Meat Puppets song, but still has some redeeming value to it. From here on, the album starts to drag and begins to sound more and more like a collection of Meat Puppets B-sides. This would not be so bad since Curt is there (who else could approximate this man's style?), and Gaugh has the talent to take the place of Puppet's drummer Derrick Bostrom. Unfortunately, when placed next to these two musicians, and in a situation where he must match Kirkwood (Puppet's bass player), Krist Novoselic really comes up short. A few of the tracks, most notably 'Dottie Dawn & Julie Jewel' and 'Telescope' have opening riffs that have already been laid down much better by the Puppets (See 'Magic Toy Missing' and 'Violet Eyes'); and the rest sound like cast off tracks better relegated to that status. All in all, a disappointing effort as it starts off strong, but quickly goes downhill. Let's hope that a sophomore effort is made in which Krist stays away from singing (as he did in the band with the other Curt), and where Curt realizes that even though their names sound the same, Krist can't match the technical proficiency of Cris.

More Fun than a Dart in the Neck

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Comedies. Whoever thought up the idea of "let's compile an hour and a half of jokes and wrap it up in a plot like a funny-burrito" is a genius. Even mediocre comedies are worth ered like only rarity continues.

Todd Phillips, the director and writer of "Road Trip" and "Frat House," returns to the director's chair with "Old School"—the ADHD child of "The Royal Tenenbaums" and "American Pie." Most of the gags in this movie are either eye-popping slapstick or clever little one-liners; however, there were some lines, delivered like only Luke Wilson can, that resonate and reverberate in your brain until five seconds later you fall but of your chair laughing. Regardless of the delivery, most of the Witticisms hit home; however, "Old School" does not bat 1.000. A portion of the humor was overdone, cheesy, and just not that funny—not even that "you're-going-to-love-it-because-you'd-find-it-cheesy" funny. Also, the plot was terrible, but we didn't see this movie because it was a riveting tale of a man's struggle. We saw the film because we knew we'd have a good time and we did (all right, so it is my job too).

Overall, the movie scores six point five out ten darts in the neck. "Old School" is essentially what you'd see if Saturday Night Live could say mother F**ker and have K Y jelly wrestling matches. Obviously, don't bring the kids to this one; it is rated R. There is almost too much naked autoxicated Beanie running around, but that's the way we like our Will Ferrell—without a shred of dignity.

Upcoming A&E Events

02/26/03
Voodoo Glow Skulls, Irish Car Bomb, The Disasters
The Factory; Fort Lauderdale, FL

02/28/03
Sum 41, Authority Zero, No Use For A Name
Ovation; Boynton Beach, FL

03/07/03
Match of State, Polish, Rainer Maria
American Club; Miami, FL

03/08/03
G. Love & Special Sauce, Medeski Martin and Wood, Charlie Hunter Duo and more
Langenfeld Music Festival; Fort Lauderdale, FL

03/14/03
Bon Jovi, Goo Goo Dolls
Office Depot Center; Sunrise, FL

Frank Black & The Catholics, David Lovering
The Factory; Fort Lauderdale, FL

03/18/03
Paula Poundstone
The Improv; Miami, FL

03/20/03
Queens Of The Stone Age
Culture Room; Fort Lauderdale, FL

03/22/03
"Ultra Music Festival" Road Star, Diesel Boy, Paul Oakenfold, Josh Wink, DJ Sassa, and more
Bayfront Park, Miami, FL

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Ani DiFranco, Commonwealth
Calypso Tent; Hollywood, FL

03/29/03
2 Live Crew, Immense Clown Posse
Ovation; Boynton Beach, FL
Benihana is Japanese for “A Great Time in Fort Lauderdale”

by Dennis Heard
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Japanese food is becoming more and more popular in America these days and with due cause, but some are hesitant to indulge in the delicious and healthy delights from the Far East. With the addition of sushi to the already extensive menu at the new library (LITRC), I decided to review a classic Japanese staple in Fort Lauderdale that I had never had the privilege to frequent until now: Benihana.

We (as always, try to go out with as many people as possible) put our name in at the door on a Saturday night and they told us to wait about 40 minutes (pretty typical of a walk-in at this time). The decor of this place is pretty top notch. Although when you first walk in to the restaurant all you see is blank walls, cash registers, and computers, once you enter the dining rooms or bar/lounge area things pick up. The main dining room is filled with beautiful furniture, classic Japanese art, and numerous hibachi grills. For those who aren’t familiar with hibachi, a hibachi is a type of charcoal brazier. In most restaurants that offer hibachi, you sit around the hibachi while your own personal chef cooks for you in one of the most dynamic and entertaining fashions in the dining industry, i.e. removing the tail off a shrimp with two knives and flipping the tails in a perfect arc to the dip in his hat. There is seating outside that puts you right on the Intracoastal, a beautiful scene for a more intimate scenery. The lounge/bar/sushi bar area is standard—nice, but nothing special.

Once we were seated, we started the meal off with a Rainbow roll ($9.00), which is eight pieces of crab, cucumber, avocado, and rice inside a nori (seaweed) wrap with tuna, yellowtail, and avocado outside. The sushi here is a fresh as it gets and ranks up there as some of the best.

For the main course, we sampled three dishes: hibachi chateaubriand, Benihana Delight, and the sashimi dinner. The hibachi chateaubriand ($15.00-21.00) is a 9oz cut of beef sauteed in garlic butter and hibachi vegetables served with homemade Japanese onion soup, house salad with ginger dressing, and steamed rice. The cooking performance alone is worth the price of admission but the melt-in-your-mouth chateaubriand makes you want to live at the restaurant. The Benihana Delight with chicken and shrimp ($18.00) is a mix of chopped chicken breast fresh shrimp in a brown sauce served with the same adornments as the chateaubriand. Again, a drop-dead tasty dish here accompanied by an amazing show. Last on our tour of entrees was the sashimi dinner ($18.00) straight from the sushi bar. It was a beautiful arrangement of 12 pieces of fresh sashimi (just raw fish). You really don’t get the full, true flavor of fish when it is cooked (or anything for that matter, hence why medium-rare steaks are so popular with steak fans), and Benihana sashimi had flavor galore. The highlights of the dish were the Spanish mackerel, octopus, and blue-fin tuna.

Impressed with the dinner so much, we opted for dessert. Unfortunately, the paucity of dishes on the dessert menu didn’t leave us with much of a choice. It was either ice cream, sherbet, or fried ice cream, and the fried ice cream only comes in strawberry. Not in the mood for ice cream, we skipped the unimaginative selection.

Overall, Benihana lived up to its reputation and scores an eight out of 10. The service was absolutely fantastic, the dinner was sumptuous, and the evening as an experience was remarkable… unlike their desserts. It’s definitely the place to go if you wish to have a special night with four or more friends or a unique treat for you and a noteworthy other.

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Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308
Telephone: (954) 776-0111

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Grade: Sophomore
Current G.P.A.: 3.8
Major: Sports and Wellness (Sports Management) and Finance

I am a soccer player for NSU; I have started at central defender for my first two years. I also enjoy playing other sports. I see myself as a fun-loving guy with a sarcastic sense of humor. I also enjoy going downtown with friends, going to the movies, and partying. My music tastes are extremely varied, from rap to alternative rock. I am easy to get along with as well as laid back. I enjoy meeting new people so this shall be fun.

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