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Greek Life Reaches Out to NSU Community

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

NSU's Greek community joined together on the Alvin Sherman Library and Atrium in an effort to recruit new members for their sororities and fraternities. This event included free food and drinks, with music provided courtesy of X, and a chance to participate in the Wall of Hate.

Greek fraternities and sororities occupied tables at the event where students could come and receive information and pamphlets about the organization. Organizations represented at the event included Delta Phi Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Theta Alpha, and Beta Theta Phi. Adjacent to the event, blocks for the Wall of Hate, which will be pulled down as part of NSU Unity Week, were being painted with offensive words and phrases by students.

The Greek Community is very active at NSU, performing community service and volunteer work. They also hope to break the stereotypical ideas that are associated with the Greeks. Rico Hernan, freshman at NSU and member of Kappa Sigma, said that "people watch TV and assume that Greek life revolves around partying and drinking, but it really doesn't. We are way more than that."

Claudia Harris, a sophomore and member of Delta Phi Epsilon, believes that in addition to improving the community, sorority life has long-term benefits. "A sorority is a great networking tool," Harris said. "It creates lifelong friends and memories."

The Greeks presence at Quad Thursday was one of a number of Greek events occurring last week. In addition, a recruitment barbecue was held Jan. 11 and information meetings were held on Jan. 12 in an effort to attract prospective members. Those interested in joining a fraternity or sorority can contact the Students Activities Office at ext. 7290 for more information.

BET Founder to Speak at NSU

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

Accomplished founder and chairman of Black Entertainment Television (BET) Robert L. Johnson will visit NSU as part of the H. Wayne Huizenga School's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Johnson has a distinguished past, notably as the founder and chairman of BET, a network focusing on African-American programming that reaches 80 million households, according to Nielsen Media Research. A biography on BET.com states that Johnson led the network through great success since its founding in 1980, spurring the creation of BET Event Productions and BET Books, which has become the leading publisher of African-American themed romance novels.

In February 2002, CNN.com profiled Johnson as part of a Black History Month series. Born April 8, 1946 in Hickory, Mississippi, Johnson earned a history degree at the University of Illinois and completed his public administration master's work at Princeton University. Johnson served as vice president of government relations for the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, leaving in 1979 to found BET, which premiered in January 1980. In 2002, Johnson became the first African-American majority owner of a major sports franchise with his stake in the NBA team the Charlotte Bobcats. Forbes lists Johnson's net worth as $1.2 billion.

Recognized for his contributions to the cable industry, Johnson has received a number of awards. Among them are the 1997 Broadcasting & Cable Magazine's Hall of Fame Award, and an NAACP Image Award. Cablevision Magazine named Johnson among the cable industry's 20 most influential people in the publication's 20/20 Vision Award. Johnson was recognized with the "Good Guys" Award by the National Women's Political Caucus and is a distinguished alumnus of Princeton University.

Johnson will be speaking on Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Carl DeSantis Building in the Dr. William S. Spears Courtyard Atrium.

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**Television Rots More Than Minds**

As a die-hard fan of television and its many wonderful programs, Cincinnati resident Johanna Pope requested that she not be buried upon her death. Instead she opted to remain sitting in front of her television. According to the Associated Press, Pope perished in August 2003 but was "panned on returning after she died." She was thus left in a chair conditioned room, allowing for her body to mummify. When a concerned relative called authorities after not seeing Pope in "years," authorities arrived at the home and found the body. A caregiver and Pope's daughter and granddaughter have resided in the house with the decaying body.

**Anonymous Internet Insults Always Pointless, Now Illegal**

Fans of anonymous internet "flame" wars could be facing criminal punishment for their impersonal electronic insults. According to CNET News.com, unsigned e-mail messages and Web postings that "annoy" are prohibited. Signing an offensive e-mail is still perfectly fine under the new law, which was secretly added to a "must-pass" Department of Justice funding bill by sponsors lead by Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter. An American Civil Liberties Union legislator said that the ambiguous wording of the bill is "particularly problematic" since "what's annoying to one person may not be annoying to someone else." In addition to having their First Amendment rights infringed upon, violators of the law will be subject to fines and jail time.

**Repeat Rapist Jailed for 60 Days**

A Vermont judge who does not believe in harsh punishment for convicted rapists has sentenced an offender to a 60 day jail term. Mark Hulett confessed to repeatedly raping a girl for three years, ranging from when she was seven to ten-years-old. WCAX News reported that Judge Edward Cashman decided on the sentence because he believes convicted rapists has sentenced an offender to a low risk for re-offense, will merely have to complete sex treatment after being released from jail. Mark Hulett, who has been in and out of jails since he was 17, was convicted of raping a child. He pleaded guilty to the charges in September 2005.

**Inside the SGA**

By Andrea Montalegre

**SGA WPB, Public Relations Chair**

The Student Government Association, West Palm Beach, has worked hard this Fall to provide our NSU students with interesting events. In September, SGA held a "Welcome Back to School" celebration at Waterway Cafe. Many students came out to relax and escape from their busy lives. There was music and SGA provided free food to all students. In October, although Hurricane Wilma took over our Halloween Plans, SGA still brought in baled goods, candy, and drinks on our return. In November, for Finals Week, SGA offered a De-Stressor which included the early morning essentials: coffee, bagels, pastries, orange juice, etc. Finally, in December we placed our efforts on the needy finding those gifts for the holidays.

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**Bizarre Briefs**

**Televised and Controversial**

By Andrea Montealegre

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**News from Around the World**

**North America**

**Oklahoma fires still 'extremely dangerous'**

 Prairie fires fueled by high winds "burned through at least 26 homes and forced hundred of evacuations in Oklahoma," reported The Associated Press on Friday, Jan. 13. The worst fire occurred in the southern part of the state near Ratlliff City. Michelle Finch, fire information officer for the Oklahoma Forestry Department, said the fire near Ratlliff City "burned through at least 20 homes overnight." As of press time the fires have burned 77,000 to 10,000 acres and was about 50 percent contained Friday morning. The takers continued to drop fire retardants on the area. At least four other homes were destroyed near a high school to the west in Stephens County. Several other counties containing hundreds of homes have been evacuated. For more information visit www.msnbc.msn.com.

**Middle East**

**Over 345 pilgrims killed in Haj stampede**

According to The Associated Press, "thousands of pilgrims rushing to complete a symbolic stoning during the Haj tripped over baggage" on Jan. 12, causing a stampede that killed at least 345 people. The deadly rush began when large groups of pilgrims charged toward the Al Arif, two towers that represent the devil. The pilgrims sought to finish a ritual involving stoning the towers to purge themselves of sin before sunset. Interior Ministry spokesman Major General Mansour Al Turki said people were killed when some of the rushing pilgrims "began to trip over dropped luggage, causing a large pileup." The Haj, which takes place in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, has seen its share of stampedes; one in 1990 killed 1,426 pilgrims and another in February of 2004 killed 244. For more information visit www.gulfnews.com.

**South America**

**Brazilian wetland threatened**

Conservation International, an environmental group, has claimed that "the world's largest wetland, Brazil's Pantanal, is being destroyed by increased farming, ranching, and mining." The Pantanal is large area of "low-lying, forests, marshes, and dry plains" that covers about 77, 230 square miles in western Brazil. The area is also home to an extensive variety of wildlife. Reuters reported on Jan. 12 that an investigation by Conservation International estimated "deforestation had destroyed 17 percent of the natural vegetation of the Pantanal and if it continued unchecked, the original forest would disappear within 45 years." Conservation International used satellites in their research. Sandro Menezes, manager Conservation's Pantanal program, said the "these locations contribute to wildlife populations and serve as refuges for the fauna during unfavorable seasons."

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.

**Middle East**

**Allegedly contaminated French ship allowed passage through Suez Canal**

Egyptian canal officials "denied a French aircraft carrier heading to a scrap yard in India would be prevented from crossing the Suez Canal." The statement came on Jan. 13 after another official told Reuters that "the vessel would not be able to cross the canal because it was leaking toxic waste." The original decision to prevent passage was taken after Egypt's environmental agency expressed concern that contamination "could harm the canal's environment and the Egyptian coastline." Environmental group Greenpeace claimed the ship, named Clemenceau, contains hundreds of tons of hazardous chemicals including asbestos that may harm scrap yard workers. However, French authorities said most of the chemicals have been removed and the remaining amount is needed for the last voyage to India. For more information visit www.khaleejtimes.com.

**Europe**

**Man who shot Pope John Paul II freed**

Mehmet Ali Agca, who shot Pope John Paul II and killed a Turkish journalist in 1981, was "released from prison on Thursday, Jan. 12 after serving more than 25 years in Italy and Turkey," reported The Associated Press. Nationalist supporters from Turkey cheered for Agca as he was released from the Kartal Prison and tossed red and yellow flowers at the car that was used to escort him. Turkey's Justice Minister Cemil Cicek said, however, that authorities will review Agca's release to ensure that no errors were made. Pope John Paul II forgave Agca two years after the shooting, but many Turks consider him a shame to their country and a murderer. Cecik also said later that Agca's "release is not a guaranteed right" and that many prisoners are released from prison by mistake. Agca was "known in the past for frequent outbursts and claims that he was the Messiah" and "has never undergone a thorough psychological evaluation."

For more information visit www.msnbc.msn.com.
Winter 2006 Faculty Lecture Series Begins
Faculty and students gather to discuss controversial topics

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

“Open-mindedness” and “U.S. foreign policy during World War II and the Cold War” are some of the critical issues which will be explored during the winter 2006 Faculty Lecture Series.

Beginning on Jan. 10 and continuing until April 20, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will host ten lectures in the series, which is open to all students and faculty to attend.

Held in the Parker lobby, English professor Allison Brimmer presented the first lecture, entitled “What do we really know? Anyways?” It focused on cultural studies and “how power figures into relations and society.” The lecture was intended to get “people introduced to cultural studies and how it might relates to their own lives.”

The audience, whose participation was encouraged, became involved in the discussions, especially when topics of gender role and sexuality came up. Brimmer said that she hoped that lecture participants would “find ways to get more out of their own cultural power and use it responsibly.”

Some in attendance are glad that NSU will tackle a wide range of topics in the series. “It’s refreshing to hear these types of subjects,” said Marilyn Callwood, who attended the first lecture by Brimmer, adding that “it’s really good to think about [these topics] in an intellectual environment.”

A committee, lead by professor Jim Doan, decides the content of the lectures. Faculty will present topics two to three times each month from 12 to 1 p.m. For more information about lecture series dates, locations and topics, contact Doan at 954-262-8207, or visit http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/facultyspeaker.

Web Site Reveals Anonymous Secrets

By Julian Hsu
The Poly Post (Cal Poly-Pomona)

(U-WIRE) POMONA, Calif. - Postsecret.com is a popular Web site that displays homemade postcards revealing the secrets of their anonymous senders.

“PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives,” a book compiling more than 10,000 postcards, was released on Nov. 29.

Resident of Germantown, Md. businessman Frank Warren, 41, passed out about 3,000 postcards inviting people to share their secrets with him.

He distributed the postcards at bookstores, theaters, train stations and restaurants.

The postcards directed people to write their secrets on a postcard and mail it anonymously to him.

For his project, he had only two requirements based solely on honesty: the secrets had to be true and they had to have never been shared with anyone else.

“When I first received secrets in my mailbox, I would post them,” said Warren. “I’d actually physically post them on a [clothes] line at an art exhibit in Washington, D.C.”

After his exhibit ended, however, Warren stopped passing out postcards, but more and more secrets poured into his mailbox.

It was then he decided to create postsecret.com.

Warren receives secrets ranging from humor, sex, optimism and sadness.

His Web site receives about two million hits a month and half of them are returning visitors.

“I just know it felt right and sometimes I feel like this project found me rather than me picking it,” said Warren. “If I had to give a reason, I would have to say that I had secrets of my own that I needed to get out and I was having a difficult time doing it.

“So on a subconscious level, I had that need to create this project so that I can share my own secrets with people.”

Warren believes his Web site is successful because of natural curiosity.

“I think all of us are curious about other people’s private lives,” said Warren. “And I think once people look at the secrets on the Web site, they gain insight into their own private lives.”

Of the thousands of postcards Warren has received, one still remains his favorite.

“One that I really liked a lot was on the back of a photograph and the picture showed a bedroom mirror with some items tucked into the corners of the frame,” said Warren. “And on the back of the picture, the person had written: ‘I steal small things from my friends to hold onto memories of how much I love them.’

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Warren, who started the project to confront his own secrets, is amazed at how much attention his Web site has received.

“Maybe seeing someone else who can articulate their secret better than they can is what I think that brings people back,” said Warren.
Take a Bite Out of This...
Current Events Calendar

Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., NSU Unity Week is a time for the university community to get together and celebrate diversity. A number of events are planned to help students understand the struggles of certain groups in society. NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., said in a press release that “These events are designed to confront head-on the issues—whether ideological or otherwise—which continue to divide us.”

January 16
Martin Luther King Parade with PASA
7 a.m. Outside of Goodwin Hall
Sponsored by Student Activities

January 17
Film “Crash” with discussion
7 p.m. Flight Deck Movie Theater
Sponsored by Student Activities

Intramural Soccer Season Begins
Sponsored by Recreation and Wellness

King Tut Reception
6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art
Sponsored by Student Engagement

January 18
The Hunger Banquet and Tent City
7 p.m. Outside of Goodwin Hall
Sponsored by the Office of Volunteerism and Residential Life

January 19
Cultural Taste of NSU
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Library Quad
Sponsored by Student Activities

The Interfaith Dialogues
6:30 p.m. Flight Deck
Sponsored by Student Activities

Starting Your Own Business
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. LRITC 3015
Sponsored by Career Services

January 20
The Wall of Hate
12 p.m. Library Quad
Sponsored by Residential Life and Housing

Unity Jam
8:30 p.m. – 1 a.m. Flight Deck
Sponsored by Student Activities

January 21
Wiffleball Tournament
Residence Hall Fields
Sponsored by Recreation and Wellness

Adventure Series: Moon Kayaking
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sponsored by Recreation and Wellness

Student Health Insurance FAQ
1. Am I required to have health insurance coverage?

NSU full-time Health Professions Division students, full time Undergraduate PAL (Day) students, International Students, and Residential Housing students are required to provide proof of current health insurance coverage.

Other NSU students may elect to have health insurance coverage on a voluntary basis and are not required to provide proof of coverage.

2. How do I show proof of my current health insurance coverage?

The only way to provide proof of current health insurance coverage is to complete the online proof of Health Insurance Waiver form. This form can be accessed on the NSU website at www.rec.nova.edu. The online waiver form is “live” only during the posted waiver period. This period typically concludes on Sept. 30 of each academic year. If you have missed the September deadline you will be able to waive during the winter semester. This period typically concludes on Jan. 30.

3. How often must I provide proof of current health insurance coverage?

Students required by NSU to have health insurance coverage must show current proof of coverage on an annual basis. Online waivers do not carry over from one year to the next.

4. I am not required to have coverage, however I would like to enroll voluntarily.

Persons wishing to enroll in the plan on a voluntary basis may do so. Enrollment can be done on line at www.chickering.com or by calling the Student Medical Center at (954)262-4055.

Persons paying on-line must do so with a credit card.

Persons calling the Student Medical Center will have their student account billed for the said premium.

Persons may also pay the insurance provider direct with a check by printing the enrollment form and mailing it to the insurance provider. Forms and address can be found online.

5. When can I enroll for coverage?

Students may enroll each summer for coverage beginning Aug. 1.

The deadline is September 30.

Student who first begin studying at NSU after Sept. 30 may enroll in the plan on a pro-rated basis for the fall period or for coverage beginning Jan. 1.

Continuing students who do not enroll by Sept. 30 deadline will next be eligible for coverage the following Aug. 1.

6. What does the NSU endorsed insurance plan cover?

Insurance coverage’s are subject to change each academic year. It is advised you access the online brochure to verify any and all current coverage. Generally speaking, the following guidelines will apply.

• The plan is a major medical “Open Choice PPO” policy.
• The plan has emergency room/ hospitalization benefits.
• The plan has prescriptions benefits.
• The plan has surgical benefits.
• The plan has pregnancy benefits.

For more information on the Student Health Insurance plan please log on to www.chickering.com
Sports

SSC Home Game Opener (men/women basketball) VS. Barry 1-11-06

Men and Women Open Up Their Seasons With Wins Against Barry

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

January 11 was SACC night for the NSU men and women's basketball teams at BCC George Mayer Gymnasium. The two teams took SSC opponents Barry University with intensity and enthusiasm as the stands were filled to capacity with roaring fans.

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Barry fought hard from the beginning, hitting almost every three pointer they went for. The game was another one-sided win for the NSU men's team, 58-35. The women's team didn't allow this to bring them down, focusing their concentration on the goal and coming up with the conference win. The NSU Sharks (8-4, SSC 2-1) have now exceeded their total amount of wins from the 2004-2005 season, surpassing all expectations.

FR point guard Rhys Martin made an extreme impact on the team for the win yet again, putting up 16 of his 18 points in the second half. NSU women's basketball team kept their home game winning streak going strong at 5 wins as they took on big conference time conference challengers, the Barry University Bucs. Sophomore Amber Bishko lead the Lady Sharks, scoring 13 points. Nova went on a 10 point run, ending the game with an authoritative win, 58-35.

Player Profile- Griff Occhigrossi

There's More To Griff Than What's On the Outside

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

Coming all the way from Brewster, New York, Griffin Occhigrossi, also known as Griff, is a left handed pitcher who has transferred to Nova Southeastern University as a junior after spending time playing for Jacksonville University and Santa Fe Junior College.

"I transferred to Santa Fe from Jacksonville to get more experience out on the field. I chose to come to NSU after a year at Santa Fe because I received my associate's degree there and it's now time to move on," stated Occhigrossi.

"Academically I just want to get one step closer to being all grown up and coming into the real world," said Occhigrossi of his plans for his time at NSU. "I am a psychology major. Athletically, I want to absorb as much knowledge and experience from my coaches and teammates as possible."

This 22-year-old athlete is bringing a lot to the table for the NSU Sharks this season, towering at a height of 6'5" and weighing in at 210 pounds of pure muscle mass. Along with his incredible size, Occhigrossi has plenty of experience, maturity and passion to add to the team.

"I love baseball because so many things can be going on in your life, but as soon as you step between the two foul lines on the field, the game is all that matters," says Occhigrossi.

There is more to him than just baseball-he loves music as well.

"Occhigrossi states, "I want to stray from the stereotypes of being a jock, musician, or scholar and want people to get to know me for who I am. My passion is writing and performing original songs on the guitar. I'm extremely family oriented and enjoy working out in my spare time."
Winter Break Basketball Summary

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

Nova Southeastern men's basketball team had their first home game opener over winter break on Dec. 17, 2005 against the University of North Alabama. With a score tied at 81 all, the Sharks headed into overtime. In the last few seconds of the game, SR guard Luis Gurrieres hit a free throw, making the score 92-91, ensuring the win for NSU. Top scorers for the game were FR center Dave Naylor with 21 points and 12 rebounds, and SR guard Kenny Faulk, carrying 21 points of his own.

The Sharks took on Northern Kentucky University Dec. 29, 2005 at home; winning 80-73 and lengthening their winning streak to 5 games. FR point guard Rhys Martin was a huge contributor to the team's success as he scored a career high of 24 points. FR forward Tim Coenraad scored his first ever double-double at 14 points and 10 rebounds.

NSU Sharks lost to Adelphi University at home 49-59 on Dec. 31, 2005, ending their winning streak. Due to injury, starters Naylor, Faulk and Coenraad weren't able to play, making it difficult for the team. Kicking off the new year, NSU faced conference rival Lynn University at Lynn. Both teams were neck and neck throughout the game, heading into half time at a tie score of 37-37. Although the Sharks took an 11 point lead in the second half, Lynn's Fighting Knights rallied to take the win 78-75.

Sunday, Jan. 7, NSU faced SSC rival, Florida Tech, in Melbourne. Coenraad started the game off shooting a 3 pointer, staying hot throughout the game and finishing with a career high of 28 points. SO captain guard Oresti Nitosios was one of the four players scoring in double numbers with 16 points. SR forward CJ Jenkins, put up 15 points, and Martin scored 14 of his own. Gurrieres had a career high of 16 rebounds. The Sharks ended the game with a win, 88-71, putting their record at 7-4, 1-1 SSC.
Nova International Students Association

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**Midseason TV Preview**

By Marines Alvarez

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It's so hard to say goodbye, but sometimes we have no choice. In light of that, here's my way of saying goodbye to all the Fall 2005 TV offerings that never made it this far: "Reunion," we shall never know the killer, "Kitchen Confidential," I never knew ye, "Inconceivable," I told you it wouldn't last. In total, about 16 shows got the axe, including old favorites like " Alias" and "Will and Grace."

Thankfully, though, the networks will not leave us with a hole in our hearts (and TV schedules). Midseason shows are getting ready to crank up and I am obliged to bring you all the shows that are looking to strike a chord with audiences but may find themselves on the R.I.P list from above.

"Emily's Reason Why Not" Mondays 9:00pm (ABC)

Heather Graham plays Emily Sanders, an attractive blonde with an incredibly weird job who can't seem to land a decent date. This already predictable story line comes replete with her two best friends who are always on hand to give the witty and underappreciated show, "Skeetums," its comedic edge. It's paired with a professional figure skater and Fox is hoping that we will tune in to witness all the spills and thrills.

The Good: Although she is gorgeous and perhaps a bit clueless, if Timberlake was extra romantic after the couple returned from a holiday ski trip. For Timberlake's part, he's sure."Okay. Here it goes: Eating clay, stuffing peas up your nose, gluing your hands together, cutting your own hair, shaving your eyebrows and, if you are Kim Mathers, a marriage to Eminem. According to the Macomb County Clerk's office, Kim has applied for a marriage license, stating the groom as none other than Marshall Bruce Mathers III (that's me, of course). After a divorce in 2001, in which the couple underwent an ugly custody battle, they reconciled in 2004. Now, I know it's the bright side, at least our ex-boyfriend Todd Bridges and Debbie Rowe will also see the show's end."

**Showbiz Bits**

Compiled by Marines Alvarez

**Ledger Takes a Stand on Important Issues**

Like Utah. Yes, folks, that's right, in his free time, Heath Ledger likes lashing out against people in Utah. Ledger made this statement after finding out that theaters within the state were refusing to play his movie, Brokeback Mountain: "Personally, I don't think the movie is controversial but I think maybe the Mormons in Utah do. I think it's hilarious and very immature of a society." Furthermore, he was quoted in the Herald as saying, "I heard a while ago that West Virginia was going to ban it but that's a state that was lynchng people only 25 years ago so that's to be expected." That's right, Heath, lash out against those religious people and all their... religious convictions. Forget important issues like world peace and world hunger, lets figure out how to get Mormons in the theater. And, while we're at it, we can figure out how to get Colin Farrell isn't famous enough.

**Emily's Reason Why Not**

Emily's (Graham) reason why not number 3, "When he says he wants to sleep with you, he means he wants to SLEEP with you."

80's/90's stars like Dave Coulier ("Full House"), Todd Bridges ("Different Strokes") and Debbie Gibson fall on the ice, repeatedly.

The Bad: There are plenty of people who would find the above not funny at all. This show will take the spot of the critically-acclaimed, witty, and underappreciated show, "Arrested Development." The trade-off hardly seems fair.

**Other Midseason Reality Shows**

"American Idol" Tuesdays 8:00pm (FOX), "Dancing With the Stars" Thursdays 8:00pm (ABC), "Beauty and the Geek" Thursdays 9:00pm (WB)

"Pepper Dennis" TBD, (WB)

Rebecca Romijn plays Pepper Dennis, an aspiring reporter who has her eye on the anchor chair. Unfortunately and unbeknownst to her, she has a one night stand with her new boss. That may put a damper on her career aspirations.

The Good: The cast is pretty, if nothing else. Besides Romijn, "Pepper" boasts Brooke Burns, Lindsay Price and Josh Hopkins in supporting roles. It's set up in incredibly similar to "Grey's Anatomy," which has proven to be a hit with audiences. In addition, "Pepper Dennis," will also see the return of "Boy Meets World" star Ryder Strong and "The Secret World of Alex Mack" star Larisa Oleynik.

The Bad: Because of a late start, the series order was cut from 13 to 8 episodes. This could be okay if the show is a stinker, but it might leave audiences wanting.

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King Kong shares a heartfelt moment with Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts). Photo courtesy Yahoo!Movies

The Kong is Back!

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On top of being everyone's favorite 25-foot ape, King Kong can boast a pretty impressive résumé. After one remake of the 1933 classic, I would think that directors would give up on the idea of another King Kong movie. Wrong! Lord of the Rings Director Peter Jackson (The Lord of the Rings trilogy) is back with the second remake of King Kong, finally realizing a life-long dream and aspiration.

King Kong follows the story of the relationship between a legendary ape and the woman, Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) who captures his heart. King Kong becomes infatuated after he saves her from being sacrificed on the remote Skull Island when she goes there with filmmaker Carl Denham (Jack Black) to shoot a movie. Once they arrive on Skull Island, Denham and his crew face a lot of danger, battling with over-sized insects and surviving members of the crew 'escape' they arrive on Skull Island, Denham and his crew face a lot of danger, battling with over-sized insects and surviving members of the crew 'escape' the island. This movie also manages to really capture the relationship between Kong and Ann, instead of making it appear to be a one-sided love affair.

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True to the original, the movie is set in the 1930s, but it also adds new scenes, including a very violent fight with T-Rex and a fight on top of the Empire State Building. Though the movie is three hours long, the action packed thriller keeps you glued to the seat and your eyes glued to the screen. True to form, Jackson's new offering is overflowing with great special effects, and Kong himself looks more realistic than ever. This movie also manages to really capture the relationship between Kong and Ann, instead of making it appear to be a one-sided love affair.

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Minister may have caused curiosity to bubble over in audiences.

The Bad: Hold your shock, but this show is extremely soapy. If you take all the drama from "Desperate Housewives" and throw into "Joan of Arcadia," you might come out with this. For some audience members, it might be tough to stand.

Other Could-Be-Controversial Shows: "The Bedford Diaries" (WB)

In all honesty, midseason shows aren't looking to bright for me. Midseason sometimes carries the reputation of catching the leftovers that weren't good enough for the fall, and these latest offerings are looking like they might just live up to that. For a complete listing of all the midseason shows and premier dates, visit www.zap2it.com.
Dear NSU Community,

Everyone thought it was pretty funny when pro wrestler Jesse Ventura became the governor of Minnesota a few years back, and it was just as amusing when Arnold Schwarzenegger took office in California.

But neither of these guys have anything on Jonathan Sharkey. The self-proclaimed vampire and obscure former pro-wrestler put in his bid to run for governor on Friday the 13th (13 being his lucky number), on the ticket for the Vampires, Witches and Pagans party. Now, I’m not entirely sure if there is anyone but Sharkey in this party, but he seems to think this is a good idea. Most Wiccans and Pagans I know, however, probably have the sense to disagree.

While the entire thing may be someone’s idea of a very complicated and elaborate joke (Sharkey went so far as to pledge to execute murderers and sex offenders by personally impaling them outside the capitol building), it’s entirely possible that it’s for real. Although it’s beyond me why a ‘vampire’ would want a government office. I suppose it just goes to show that just about anyone can run for office.

My question is: does he seriously think he has a chance in this election? Most readers replying to a poll accompanying the Reuters story on AOL seem to think no, but I’m not so sure. At least a few people will vote for Sharkey because they think that it’s funny, so maybe his chances for election depend on how many jokers the state of Minnesota boasts.

With several elections in recent memory having been accompanied by some sort of scandal and the obligatory media circus, I, for one, will probably be sitting on the sidelines with a bowl of popcorn, because the race for Minnesota’s governor may just be on of those times that truth is proven stranger than fiction.

As usual, I invite you to email me with comments on this or any other story at nsnews@nova.edu.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHouse
Edit in-Chief

The famous quote by Thales of Miletus, “The most difficult thing in life is to know yourself,” may be frequently used, but should never be disregarded. Friends come and go, people in your life enter and leave, but in the end, you are left with yourself. You are left with the silent drum of your own voice, the same face when you look in the mirror, the fleeting emotions of your personality that sometimes cannot be tamed. So what it all comes down to is the fact that you must be happy with yourself, love yourself, respect yourself, and with this...comes the true realization of yourself.

Don’t ever stop testing, challenging, provoking and poking at the person you are and the person you will become. With this only comes further enlightenment about the meaning of your life.

The ability to rely on others is important. To trust another is one of the huge risks taken in life, and one that is cautiously regarded, but to trust yourself is the ultimate truth, knowledge and enlightenment.

In T.V. Land

Rotten Eggs and Other Things Not to Say on a First Date

By Matías Alvarez
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There are some things you do in life that have no rational explanation. One thing leads to another, and before you know it, you are sitting at home on a Monday night, dressed in your favorite pajamas, consuming hoards of the hurricane food that still crowds your pantry and watching “The Bachelor: Paris.” Don’t judge me. You know that it has happened to you before. Maybe not exactly, but something similarly.

Though “The Bachelor/ Bachelorette” series is currently in its eighth season, I know precious little about it. For those of you who are even more clueless than me, “The Bachelor” puts one bachelor (hence the name) into a house with an obscene number of women all “looking for love” or their 15 minutes of fame. Whichever comes first. Week by week the girls go on group dates (gross) and some have the chance to have private dates. The girls all fall head over heels in the matter of—oh, I don’t know—minutes, and throughout the season they all kiss the same guy, pretend to be “BBF” and call each other obscene names behind the scenes. The Bachelor eliminates one girl at a time at a rose ceremony where the girls get all weepy, and mascara runs down their faux-tanned faces.

The “swis” this season involves getting the women and Bachelor Travis, an ER doctor who occasionally looks like he’s storing nuts for the winter in his cheeks, to Paris. The show boasts Travis as the “best bachelor ever!” Quite a slap in the face to the other bachelors, huh? Andrew Firestone? Jesse Palmer? Bob—ew, just thinking of Bachelor “Bob” gives me the willies.

During the premier on Jan. 9, audiences were treated to the obligatory parade of women in flashy (mostly horrible) dresses, stiff hair and painted on pageant smiles. Unlike previous seasons, the premier lasted only an hour, which I think is definitely a better formula. Show us the girls, let him talk to them for all of three seconds and then let him pick who he wants solely on looks. Seriously. Pick the cuties, boot the ugly ones, don’t pretend your choices were based on anything else, and let’s move on to the next episode.

There were 25 women. I have no clue how he kept them straight because I know I am scratching my head to remember anything other than Dr. Nut Jaw himself and crazy Allie. Oh, poor, poor crazy Allie. In all honesty, while I started watching this show by accident, I kept watching because Allie, a 33-year-old oncologist from Delray Beach, was a train wreck waiting to happen. After the initial introductions, the first time we see Allie, she has this to say, “I’m definitely here to find my husband. Hopefully the bachelor will be that guy, because quite frankly, my eggs are rotting.”

Woah, lady. If you have one egg left and it currently resembles a raisin, that is something you should keep to yourself. Seriously. You just met the man. What would possess anyone to talk about reproduction, a word she uses at least 15 times in the span on the hour, upon meeting them. Rotten Egg Allie corners Dr. Doesn’t Know What’s coming and says, “I want to move on to the reproductive phase of my life.” Lady, he wants to move on to drinks and questions like, “where are you from?” and “how old are you?”, not “want to name our children?”

Needless to say, Allie didn’t get a rose. She throws a fit, swears off dating (men of Delray Beach, you are safe) and tracks down Dr. In For It Again, and asks, “Why didn’t you choose me? You don’t find me attractive? I’m too short? I have small boobs?” As much as I wanted Dr. Too Nice to say, “Yes, on all these accounts plus your nuts,” he goes the chivalrous route and says something about not being in the same place as Allie. And so, the eighth season of the Bachelor has started its run. I’m not quite convinced that I will watch it in its entirety. Devilled Eggs Alli was reality TV gold and it was a shame to see her go. One can only hope that she can make a guest star appearance. Or stalk the ladies and the doctor. Or maybe she really will join a convent where her and her spoiled reproductive system will spend their days forever, cursing the day they met Dr. Travis.
This Week’s Poll Question:
What Unity Week event are you highly anticipating?

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- Take Back the Night Rally and March
- Cultural Taste of NSU
- Breaking Down the Wall of Hate
- Multicultural Bowl
- Unity Jam

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