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Volunteers were met with scenes of devastated homes during their trip to New Orleans.

**Phi Alpha Delta FlyAway Volunteer Aids in New Orleans Recovery**

**By Greg Kyriakakis**  
*Current Affairs Editor*

The Phi Alpha Delta sponsored FlyAway program Project Katrina allowed both members of the fraternity and others to help with the hurricane recovery efforts in New Orleans. Those from the NSU chapter of the organization and their guests who donated their time on April 1 found a scene of devastation but were able to provide aid to a woman in need.

NSU students on the trip traveled to the lower Ninth Ward to help gut and clean the destroyed home of an elderly woman without insurance.

"It was a wonderful and humbling experience for us all," said Marilyn Callwood, president of the PAD chapter at NSU. "They were poor neighborhoods, but neighborhoods nonetheless, and it hurts to drive through the empty silent streets knowing at one-time ice cream trucks and laughing kids occupied those same streets."

Though working under harsh conditions was trying for volunteers, the end result was worth the effort. Many personal items were destroyed by the flood waters, but a few belongings were salvaged.

"It was exhausting, but when we spoke to the lady and she told us that her son and husband would help finish the house, it touched home. That was the best part of the whole thing," said Dru Lapierre Pardo, a business student who took part in the effort.

UNICCO Workers Call Strike

**By Paul Saneaux**  
*Staff Writer*

On the corner of Southwest 36 Street and University Drive and under threatening storm clouds, more than 80 UNICCO employees gathered with SEIU union members to show support for the strike initiated on April 10 at 6 p.m.

The decision to strike came after workers signed a petition during the last three weeks. Painting Supervisor Steve McGonigle, and Osvaldo Romero-Pizarro, Lead Organizer

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Standing on a box, Lead Organizer Osvaldo Romero-Pizarro (right-center) announces the beginning of the strike to workers and SEIU members. Photo by Paul Saneaux

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The last meeting of the year almost didn't happen, as almost ten minutes after it was supposed to start, not enough senators had arrive to fill the attendance quota. A few more individuals trickled in, however, so that the incredibly short meeting could start.

Announcements

V/PJ Davia McDonald announced for Treasurer Diane Klein, who was absent due to religious reasons, that there was $5,734.39 left in the budget. She also announced that the OSB had come to a decision regarding the removal of Jason Peebles as SGA President, and that they upheld the E-board decision, saying that there was nothing unconstitutional about the way that Peebles was removed.

McDonald inquired what the SGA would like to do with the almost $5,000 left in the account at the end of the meeting. IOC Senator Jessica Boyd suggested that a vote be taken before the banquet the following week to approve funds for study breaks or similar small events during finals week. Other senators present agreed that this was a good idea so that the extra money wasn't wasted.

Boyd later asked people to be present at the IOC recognition ceremony on April 20, which Adviser Terry Morrow remarked was done in conjunction with SALD to also be a student leader recognition.

Morrow informed of Freshman Senator Andrew Ibrahim's meetings with UM students, UNICCO representatives and university officials to educate himself on the union issue in hopes of educating the student body. She also reminded senators to be sure to get with those who would be taking their places next year to insure proper training.

Old Business

IOC Senator Mirtha Rivera represented the Pre-Pharmacy Society's spring banquet bill again after it was tabled to seek a better deal for the dinner being served. Pre-Pharmacy requested $614 to cover food and decorations for their fiesta-themed banquet. The bill was approved after it was established that between 50 and 75 people were expected to attend.

New Business

In the only other bills to be presented during the meeting, the SGA approved $50 for the completion of the 2005-2006 SGA scrapbook and $162 for the SGA end of the year banquet.

SGA Budget Allocation

Starting Funds: $5,734.39
Pre-Pharmacy Spring Banquet requested: $614 received: $614
SGA Scrapbook requested: $50 received: $50
SGA Banquet requested: $162 received: $162
Total Requested: $826
Total Received: $862
Ending Funds: $4,908.39

Free Massage for Students!!!

Come and make your own stress ball, rate your stress level and find out helpful ways to manage stress.

Where: Quad Thursday
When: April 20, 11:30am - 1:00pm

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Campus Recreation X-7301
### Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyrilakakis

**911 Scolds Boy, Lets Mother Die**

Five-year-old Robert Turner dialed 911 when his mother, Sherrill, collapsed. Despite his efforts to save his mother's life, helpful operators responded by telling him that "you shouldn't be playing on the phone." The Associated Press reported that the boy made two pleas for help to 911, but was reprimanded. "Now put her on the phone before I send the police out there to knock on the door and you gonna be in trouble," said an operator. Another of Sherrill's children assured that it took police three hours to arrive at the apartment and officials said authorities arrived at least one hour after the call. By that time, Sherrill was dead.

**Police Destroy Bike Claiming to be Pipe Bomb**

An Athens, Ohio, student recently had his bike dismantled by authorities after they became concerned by a sticker displayed on it. According to the Associated Press, Patrick Harlin, a student at Ohio University, proudly adhered a decal for his favorite band, "This Bike is a Pipe Bomber," to his bike, which attracted the attention of authorities. Four buildings on campus were shut down and bomb squad experts took apart the bike in search of explosives. Harlin was charged with inducing panic for the mayhem the sticker caused, but charges were dropped.

**Psychic Judge Fired**

A Manila, Philippines, judge claiming to have psychic powers and "dwarf friends" has been terminated. Judge Florentino Floro said his abilities include reading the future and holding "healing sessions." The Supreme Court decided that Floro relieved of his duty because "his mental problems for now appear to render him unfit with the delicate task of dispensing justice" and "psychic phenomena... have no place in a judiciary duty-bound to apply only positive law." The ex-judge has, however, not been disbarred.

**$218 Phone Bill Baffles Man**

Yahya Wahab of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, received his father's 806,000,000,000,01 ringgit ($218 trillion) phone bill after his parent's death in January. An Associated Press report said that the bill had to be paid in full within ten days or Wahab would face prosecution. Since his father is dead, it is speculated the battle. The Supreme Court decided that Floro relieved of his duty because "his mental problems for now appear to render him unfit with the delicate task of dispensing justice" and "psychic phenomena... have no place in a judiciary duty-bound to apply only positive law." The ex-judge has, however, not been disbarred.

**NSU**

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Introduces...

**Meditation in the style of Thich Nhat Hanh**

Studies show that mindfulness practitioners have improvements in depression, anxiety, coping style, physical well-being, medical symptoms, sensory pain, physical impairment, and functional quality-of-life.

To determine interest in a new free series of meditation classes, Recreation & Wellness at Nova Southeastern University is offering two introductory meditation sessions.

Mindfulness Awareness Meditation instruction and practice will be offered by Greg Rogers, a student of Thich Nhat Hanh, and a staff member and student at NSU. Although meditation is often thought of as a spiritual act as well as a wellness practice, these sessions will focus on the practice of meditation itself, and will not promote or conflict with any religion.

**Thursday, April 20, 5:30 – 6:45 pm**

Sitting and walking meditation. Alternating sitting and walking for 15 minute periods after a brief orientation. No experience needed, but experienced meditators welcome!

At the RecPlex.

**Friday, April 21, 12:00 Noon**

Mindfulness walking meditation outside.

Hat and/or sunblock recommended.

Meet at the RecPlex

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Please note that only these two trial sessions are being offered at this time.

Questions? Contact Greg Rogers at gregory@nova.edu

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### News from Around the World

**EUROPE**

Court backs U.K. citizenship for Gitmo detainee

According to the Associated Press, the Court of Appeal "unanimously rejected" the British government's attempt to stop an Australian terrorist suspect held at Guantanamo Bay from gaining British citizenship. "Three judges "dismissed the government's appeal" against a ruling by the High Court that David Hicks should receive a British passport. Government officials have announced that it will now seek action in the highest court of appeal, the House of Lords. Hicks, an Australian Muslim convert, reportedly seeks to 'change his nationality to improve his hopes of being freed.' He was arrested in December 2001 while 'allegedly fighting with the rebel Tamil Tigers regime' and has been held at Guantanamo Bay since April 2002. The British Home Office previously rejected Hicks citizen application "on grounds of character." Lord Justice Malcolm Phill dismissed the government's decision that claimed "Hicks's actions in Afghanistan constituted disloyalty or disaffection to Britain." For more information visit [www.msbc.com](http://www.msbc.com)

**AFRICA**

Rebels threaten Chad capital

Chadian Residents and envoys told Reuters on April 12 that government troops and police forces "reinforced the capital's defenses" and heightened security at embassies after reports were received that said "rebels were moving closer to the city." An unnamed security source said "a French military aircraft on a surveillance flight had spotted a rebel column" at Massenya, 100 miles southeast of the capital. A statement from the rebels said they "vowed to try to rout President Idriss Deby before the elections next month." The rebels have come so close to the capital through "a succession of hit-and-run attacks from the east." Although the city is in high alert, security sources say that the small rebel army may cause instability in the Chadian army, which has been weakened by desertions since last year. France has dedicated approximately 1,200 troops in Chad and France's interior minister has volunteered to help direct civilians if an evacuation is called. For more information visit [http://news.yahoo.com](http://news.yahoo.com)

**ASIA**

Indonesian Muslims attack Playboy office

After the Indonesian version of Playboy went into print and onto the shelves on April 12, "about 300 hard-line Indonesian Muslims vandalized a building housing the office of Playboy magazine." The demonstrators, "clad in white shirts and skull caps," hurled rocks at the front lobby windows of the building in Jakarta and began to tear up copies of the magazine "which, unlike the U.S. original, does not show any nudity." According to Reuters, the protesters are a part of a Muslim group, the Islamic Defenders Front, known to resort to "taking laws into their own hands." Police were present, but no arrests were made. Indonesia already sells its versions of Maxim and FHM magazines, and the first issue of Playboy splashed into print and onto the shelves on April 12. (an operator. Another of Sherrill's children assured that it took police three hours to arrive at the apartment and officials said authorities arrived at least one hour after the call. By that time, Sherrill was dead.

**MIDDLE EAST**

Sharon's condition ends tenure

Falling into a coma after a massive stroke on Jan. 4, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was "declared permanently incapacitated" by Israel's Cabinet on April 11. Deputy Ehud Olmert assumed the position of minister for the remainder of Sharon's five-year tenure. In the week prior to the declaration, doctors at the Hadassah Hospital finalized Sharon's eighth surgery since the stroke by replacing "a portion of his skull removed in a previous surgery." Hospital spokesman Ron Kramer labeled Sharon in "serious but stable" condition. Sharon's stroke followed the declaration of the end of Sharon's "reign" on April 12, 1990, when he won the national elections as leader of the Likud party. According to the Associated Press, the declaration of the end of Sharon's five-year tenure came early; with the Jewish Passover beginning the same week, the declaration was moved to Tuesday instead of Friday, April 14. "Under Israeli law, an ailing prime minister can only have a temporary replacement for 100 days" and April 14 was that deadline. In the week prior to the declaration, doctors at the Hadassah Hospital finalized Sharon's eighth surgery since the stroke by replacing "a portion of his skull removed in a previous surgery." Hospital spokesman Ron Kramer labeled Sharon in "serious but stable" condition. Sharon's stroke followed weeks after he pledged to withdraw from parts of the West Bank and redraw Israel's border for 2010. For more information visit [http://news.yahoo.com](http://news.yahoo.com)

**NORTH AMERICA**

Migrants crowd U.S. border

The Associated Press reported on April 12 that shelters along the U.S.-Mexico border have been experiencing a large surge in the numbers of migrants seeking passage into the U.S. A shelter manager for 24 years in Nogales, Mexico, Francisco Loureiro told reporters "he has "not seen such a rush of migrants since 1986," when 2.6 million illegal residents were granted citizenship. "Every time there is talk in the north of legalizing migrants, people get their hopes up," said Loureiro, referring to a bill in the U.S. Senate that may legalize around 11 million people. The south-central region of Arizona has reported the highest increase in arrests in what is considered the "busiest migrant smuggling area." Other figures point at a nine percent rise in arrests along the entire border. Maria Valenzuela, spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said "the rise in detentions did not necessarily mean more people were crossing," but rather that the recent increase in Border Patrols has led to more arrests. For more information visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)
Women's Golf
April 10 and 11, the women's golf team competed in the Sunshine State Conference in Tampa, Fla. They played at Lake Jovita Country Club, and St. Leo University hosted the tournament. The Sharks came in fifth place overall, shooting (322-332-329). Top-ranked Rollins College won its first tournament of the year with a score of 284-287-286. The second place team was Florida Tech, and the University of Tampa took third place with a score of 292-295-294. The Sharks finished in fifth place overall, shooting (322-332-329). Top-ranked Rollins College won its first tournament of the year with a score of 284-287-286. The second place team was Florida Tech, and the University of Tampa took third place with a score of 292-295-294. The Sharks finished in fifth place overall.

Rowing
On April 8, the women's rowing team competed in the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association's Spring Championship Regatta at Friday and Saturday afternoon at the Krome Avenue Quarry in Miami, Fla. The Sharks gathered on the starting line with high hopes for a strong performance, but as the regatta began, they fell behind the University of Central Florida and ahead of the University of Miami. NSU's Lightweight 4+ won their event more than a minute ahead of the University of Tampa. The Novice 4+ also won their event with a time of 8:53.6. The Sharks then defeated 10 other crews throughout the day on the road to their victory.

Men's Golf
On April 10 and 11, the men's golf team competed in the Sunshine State Conference Championships hosted by Eckerd College. The men's team finished eighth with a total of 931 (303-314-314) in the 54-hole event on Lake Jovita Country Club with a par 72.7-202 yardage. Lynn University won the conference title for the second time in three years. They finished 17 strokes ahead of second place team Rollins College with a team total of 890. The Sharks were led by senior Michael Wangness and freshman Constantine Schwierz, who finished tied for 20th individually.

Softball
On April 11, the NSU softball team competed against Florida Gulf Coast. The Sharks dropped both games to Florida Gulf Coast University. The Eagles won the first game 2-1. In the second game, the Eagles were down by one for most of the game, but in the sixth inning, the Eagles had a two-run home run which gave them the win 2-1. The Sharks' pitcher Adrian Tuttle pitched a no-hitter through five innings.

Baseball
On April 10, the NSU baseball team took on Palm Beach Atlantic University. The Sharks were edged 2-1 on the road by Palm Beach in a non-conference game at Palm Beach Community College. Shark first baseman Chris Reynolds now has a hitting streak of 22 games. He went 2-for-5 on the night. Third baseman Cory Clark was the only other Shark to have a multiple hit game. He went 2-for-4.

Monica Henderson - Chemistry is everything
By Trinell Mesa Staff Writer

Coming from just about 4 hours north in Orlando, Florida, 19-year-old sophomore Monica Henderson, has graced Nova Southeastern University with her athletic ability in assisting the women's rowing team to achieve astounding heights in both their 2005 and 2006 seasons.

Henderson, a crew member of the talented Varsity 8A Boat, previously attended neighboring University High School, where she received numerous awards such as Best All-Around Athlete in both 2001-02 and 2003-04, second team All-County (soccer), and the Principal's Scholar Athlete Award in 2003-04. She participated in the regional competition for the track team all four years, and was voted in as the Student Body Government President in her senior year.

"I chose to come to NSU because of the strong athletic training program and so I could get involved with rowing. Plus I love the area, next to the beach," stated Henderson.

Monica is a student in NSU's athletic training program, where she assists head trainer Tricia DeSouza throughout the men's basketball season. When asked what she hopes to get out of her time at Nova, Monica answered: "A great education, amazing friends, 5am practices, NCAA championships, clinical hours and everything else that makes up my life here is what I hope will teach me to succeed in the world once I graduate."

Monica stands tall and proud at 5 feet 10 inches, but she brings more to the table for her team that just her impressive lean build.

From left to right: Taylor Liput, Christy Fritch, Jennifer Moos, and Danielle Garcia with determinacy in their faces during a race. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri
"Chemistry is... rowing, we have [to spend] two practices a day... with each other."

I'm always finding new ways to make myself a better rowing to help the team.

There is more to Monica than just rowing. She has a summer job as a camp counselor for the Florida Citrus Sports Foundation, is the Athletic Training Student Organization's Treasurer as well as maintaining a boyfriend of 3 years.

"Once I graduate from NSU I want to work for a high school as a certified athletic trainer," stated Monica. Monica looks to her mother as an influential role model.
SIFE"s Marketing Competition Winner Announced

By Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

On March 31, Students in Free Enterprise announced the winner of their marketing competition with D-2 Class President Christopher Drennen and the Dental School's class of 2008 taking the $1500 prize.

The object of the competition was for students to work together with a club or organization to create a product idea and business proposal (the Lance Armstrong Bracelet for example) to benefit the Broward Society for the Homeless.

These marketing plans were to be comprised of four sections: situation analysis, objectives, market summary and marketing strategy. After submission, the plans were judged on the criteria of relevance to the market, practicality, credibility, structure and impact. Prizes of $1500, $1000, $500 were to have been awarded to first, second, and third place respectively, but Drennen's was the only entry.

Funding for the prize money came from an anonymous donor. "Money is to be donated by the donor to the Broward Society for the Homeless," said Alexander Casco, VP of Communications for SIFE. "After the competition, the proposals are kept for potential projects down the road, but if the proposals are to be utilized, those projects will be geared towards helping that organization."

Drennen said he developed the winning "Bring Back a Smile" program to supply the homeless with amenities like toothbrushes and floss and to bring additional funding into the Broward Society for the Homeless. "Upon researching the homeless, I realized that there is a big dilemma that our society is facing today - the lack of dental resources for the homeless and the lack of funding for such resources."

"I am honored to have won this competition and I hope that the "Bring Back a Smile" program can help these individuals gain access to dental care and really bring back a smile to their faces," said Drennen.

SIFE is a student organization whose mission is to provide students the opportunity of applying knowledge outside the classroom in order to make a difference in their community but also to improve their communications, leadership, and teamwork skills. For more information, visit www.sife.org.

Undergraduate Commencement Speaker Stirs Controversy

By Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

On May 7 at the Bank Atlantic Center, world renowned author, Salman Rushdie will be the keynote speaker at NSU's Undergraduate Commencement, where he will also be awarded with an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

"Rushdie will be our capstone for our theme of 'good and evil' this year, said Don Rosenblum, Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. "Many of his works deal with the theme and to get someone of this distinct caliber is a real treat."

The "good and evil" theme has been addressed throughout the year with classroom activities, distinguished speakers and now concludes at Commencement. As a speaker, Rushdie was also selected on the basis of his advocacy of free expression - a subject important to this university, said Rosenblum.

Although the author of many books and recipient of several literary awards, Rushdie is best known for the controversy caused by his book The Satanic Verses, which negatively depicts Islamic religion. As a result, a fatwa death sentence was placed on him by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989, causing Rushdie to go into hiding. In 1998 the Iranian government publicly declared that it would not carry out the death sentence against Rushdie. Since then Rushdie, has resumed public life.

Despite this, some students are concerned about having Rushdie as keynote speaker. "Some students in IMAN who are graduating, as well as our faculty advisor, do have concerns about safety," said IMAN president Sadia Bundia.

"[NSU] is always concerned about safety," said Rosenblum, recounting security at previous speeches at NSU by Presidential Envoy to Iraq Paul Bremer and the Dalai Lama. "Risk assessment has been prepared and we have been in consultation with Rushdie's team. Nobody should feel threatened."
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"...it hurts to drive through the empty silent streets knowing..."

member of PAD who went on the trip.

Despite their efforts, volunteers realize that much more work needs to be done in the area. "Of course, it was only one house we fixed and there are thousands of others," said Pardo.

He expressed frustration that many, months after Hurricane Katrina, are still awaiting help from the federal government.

"Imagine the whole town of Davie shut down. Houses were gone," explained Pardo. "Some people were still staying in those houses because FEMA doesn't have anywhere to put them."

Gaviria expressed similar concerns. She believes that the media "does not show the true devastation" and thinks that more involvement in the recovery effort is required. "It has been more than six months and there has barely been anyone there to help clean up."

Callwood agreed. "The devastation is much worse than portrayed on TV. The Lower Ninth Ward is like a ghost town." Rather than just giving the city money, she thinks that people need to take action. Thus, Callwood said that she plans on returning to the region this summer and hopes that others will get involved.

Timothy Dixon, PAD faculty advisor and NSU professor said that the trip was "a wonderful thing for them to do" and praised Callwood for her effort. Building on the work PAD did this year in New Orleans, he suggested that the fraternity aid those locally in the event of storm damage in the coming hurricane season.

According to a press release, the FLYAWAY program usually provides a "fun weekend trip" to fraternity members. But this year, on the recommendation of Stephen J. Sawa, President of the New York City Alumni Chapter, and PAD leaders, the decision to volunteer in New Orleans was made. Over 40 volunteers nationwide traveled to New Orleans, seven of which came from NSU.

At the end of the event, the most exceptional projects were recognized at an award ceremony. Winners are invited to attend a luncheon on April 25 where the symposium's "Best in Show" will be announced. This year's winners are:

**Oral Performance:**
1st place: Marissa Dass
2nd place: Lisa Marie DiStefano

**Creative Writing:**
1st place: Louis D'Lando
2nd place: Deborah Greenbaum

**Humanities Research:**
1st place: Greg Kyriakakes
2nd place: Deirdre Foisy

**Science Research:**
1st place: Maria Farrell
2nd place: Deirdre Foisy

**Poster Presentations:**
1st place: Viviana Sumi Lee/Shweta Shah/Rafia Chodhry: Adhesion of Transferrin to FDA Group II Contact Lenses
2nd place: Kamaljit Kaur/Anheer Parvez: Induction of Apoptosis by Resveratrol...
3rd place: Lauren Stephens/Melissa Dieppa: Erickson's Model of Psychosocial Development...

3rd place: Leda Castrillo: Polygamy – Is Having Multiple Spouses Inappropriate?

### Undergraduate Student Symposium Winners

**By Michael Bergbauer**

**Staff Writer**

On April 7 the Undergraduate Student Symposium went underway, featuring various research projects from students of NSU's undergraduate program.

**Reduced Fare College Bus Pass**

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- North Regional Library: 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek
- South Regional Library: 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines
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- Alvin Sherman Library (NSU): 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr., Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale

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*Reduced Fare College Bus Pass pilot program ends December 31, 2006
"How did you spend this holiday weekend?"

Jenece Wallace
Nassau, Bahamas
Psychology

"Chill in the dorms with my boyfriend, oh... and praising God of course."

Kristian Quintand
Miami, FL
Orthodontist
Junior

"Friday [went] to see my close friends, Saturday band practice with my band, [went] to see an industrial metal show at the Culture Room, Sunday with family."

Adriana Gutierrez
Miami, FL
Biology, Pre-Med
Sophomore

"Easter egg hunting, and took pictures with the Easter bunny."

Kevin Johnson
Brooklyn, NY
Sport and Recreation Management
Junior

"Spend time with family."

Vivian Martin Del Campo
San Bernardino, California
Legal Studies
Sophomore

"With my grandmother. I [went] to church with her and had a nice Easter dinner."

Mike Sims
Huston, TX
Marine Biology
Sophomore

"I [spent] Easter with my friend Kevin and his family."

Tiffany Bacon
Huston, TX
Psychology
Sophomore

"An Island adventure and working on my karate skills."

Rico Hernandez
Freshman
Legal Studies
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

"I [spent] it at the beach with my fraternity brothers."

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Get Paid: Business Career Series
Sports Management

April 18, 2006

When: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Where: DeSantis Building Room 1047
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Presented by: Dr. Peter Finley, Ph.D.
Dr. Jeffery Fountain, Ph.D.

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Baseball With Napoleon, Joe Dirt, and the Gigolo

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Rating: $3.00

What can you say about a 90-minute movie that tries to push out its comedy in three scenes involving vomit, several containing flatulence or potty humor, a few featuring homophobic references, and many based on childhood slapstick? Not much that hasn’t been said before. What if you were to throw a bet for a stadium and prove that nerds aren’t completely useless in places. The movie is not entirely useless, however.

I was confused or torn, rather, as to what to think of this film by the time the credits rolled; I was definitely not an intelligent movie. It is what would be expected of a mixture between Spade and Richie (David Spade), Clark (Jon Heder), and Gus (Rob Schneider) celebrate their big game victory over 11-year-olds.

Playin in the Past: Timesplitters: Future Perfect

Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

If you find yourself bored or disappointed with new or upcoming releases, it may be time for you to take a step back and play a few oldies. "Playing in the Past" will reminisce on some of the games of yore, covering titles that may have passed you by and are usually worth a look.

The majority of unlockable content from the aforementioned modes goes towards multiplayer mode - Future Perfect's strongest suit. There are a whopping 150 characters to choose from in multiplayer. In accordance with Timesplitters humor, some notable characters are a ninja monkey, a giant sock puppet, and a gingerbread man. All characters have their own stats like speed and stamina, but you can turn these off for everly matched fights. Likewise, all aspects of gameplay are solid co-op mode as well.

Showbiz Bits

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

She Faced It Wrong

There was a lot of rabid fodder about what Gwyneth Paltrow would name her kid. I wrote about it being Monty. I wasn’t wrong, but I don’t feel too ashamed because she “fixed” it by naming her child Moses Martin. Was it a bad name? Not, per se. It’s like naming your child Jesus or Nebuchadnezzar. It could all be prophetic, and Moses could grow up and lead Gwyneth out of the land of Stubipity into a desert where she will wander without making a movie or naming a child for 40 years. Sounds good to me. And remember, Moses, thou shalt honor thy mother and father even if they name you Moses. Oh and, thou shalt not murder said mother and father. Yes, and, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s normal name, like Andrea or Michael Amen.

Ebay: Every Man’s Revenge

Nicole Sheridan, es, Nikol Soderblom, is taking his love for the world wide web by putting her engagement ring on Ebay. The ring started with a $20,000 bid. According to People Magazine, Soderblom said, "Why do I want to keep it? I don’t need that thing. It’s a nice way to finish off something nasty with something nasty." Holy cow, can we say "spiteful"? But seriously, how jealous can this guy be! Nicole is now dating Michael Bolton. Man, if you’re Soderblom, you shouldn’t have to even try to hard because karma is definitely on your side.

Michael Stinking Bolton. The man spent the better part of his life with a frizzy mullet. That’s all I have to say.

Were You Dropped On Your Head As A Kid?

Well, actually I wasn’t. My name is Sean Preston Spears. The Department of Children and Family Services visited Mrs. Spears after an official complaint was filed regarding the neglected skull of our Sean Preston. I can imagine Beverly Hills (not the following is not a real quote and must be read with a faux southern accent. That’s the only way it works), "I dunno what happened. The nanny was feeding him in his high chair and he kinda fell over or something, I thought, well, that’s okay. Momma said that happened to me a few times, and I’m rich and can dance. But then, a few days later Sean was all crazy and he wanted to sleep all the time. The doctor said his skull was flat... Flat... Flat... broken." Someone save this kid before Bratman eats him or K-Fed features him on the album. The horror, the horror.

I Poop In Gold

Apparently Oprah was giving a speech in Baltimore for some fundraising event for some school, and decided she would talk about how rich she is and how no poor person can make her feel bad about it. I was coming back from Africa on one of my trips. I had taken one of my wealthy friends with me. She said, 'Don’t you just feel guilty.' I said, ‘No. I don’t. I don’t know how much I make because destitute is going to help them. ’ That’s right Oprah. Rich is in poor people’s faces. God made me insurance so you can visit Africa once a year and give speeches about my Manolo Blahniks and my toilet made of solid gold. Yep. Life is fair.
Movie Openings
April 21

Silent Hill
Starring: Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean, Laurie Holden
Director: Christophe Gans
Genre: Horror
MPAA Rating: R

A woman named Rose, desperate to find her child Sharon, finds herself trapped in an alternate dimension as she searches for her daughter in a world of decay inhabited by strange beings. Over the protests of her husband, she flies with her child, heading for an abandoned town to which the child seems drawn. Sharon disappears in the town, and Rose follows what she thinks is her daughter's silhouette into what seems like an alternate reality. It's soon clear this place is not like anywhere she's ever been.

American Dreams
Starring: Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid, Mandy Moore
Director: Paul Weitz
Genre: Comedy
MPAA Rating: PG-13

On the morning of his re-election, the President decides to read the newspaper for the first time in four years. This starts him down a slippery slope. He begins reading obsessively, holing up in his bedroom. His Chief of Staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on the weekly talent show American Dreamz, hosted by self-leashing Martin Tweed. His latest crop of hopefuls includes Sally, a conniving steel magnolia and Onor, a recent Southern Californian immigrant. When both Sally and Onor make it to the final round of Dreamz, the stage is set for a show the nation will never forget.

Album Releases
Available April 18
Nothing Left to Lose by Matt Kearney
Live From Dakota by Stereophonics
Ya Virginia by Dresden Dolls

Book Releases
April 17
Blue Shoes and Happiness by Alexander McCall Smith

In this installment in the bestselling No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency saga, "traditionally built" Botswana detective Precious Ramotswe must deal with some weighty issues -- namely her own: but first she and her assistant detective, Grace Makutsi, must handle a series of exceedingly delicate personal and professional dilemmas.

The appearance of a giant cobweb under Makutsi's desk is just a portent of things to come for the women at the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. A cook hires the agency to unravel a blackmailing scheme, involving her dishonest boss; a nurse suspects an unethical doctor of falsifying diagnoses; and Ramotswe investigates a nearby village possibly under the influence of witchcraft. The most frustrating problems, however, are personal in nature: Makutsi's fiance gets cold feet when he suspects his future wife of being a feminist, and Ramotswe struggles with being a "filler-figure" woman. But Ramotswe's unconventional philosophy for coming up with solutions to life's complicated problems pays off when she and her fashionable, shoe-loving assistant take time out to reflect -- and go shopping.

DVD Releases
Available April 18
Judi Dench in Mrs. Henderson Presents
Jay Hernandez in Hotel

Entertainment
April 19
Chicago the Musical at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft Lauderdale

April 21
Broward Symphony Band at Bailey Hall in Davie
Cirque De Soleil: Delirium at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise

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Book synopsis courtesy of www.barnesandnoble.com

This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Play Review
Night of the Assassins
By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

The curtain rose once more for Nova Southeastern University's theatre program on the weekend of April 7 with the performance of The Night of the Assassins. Audience members filed into the Mainman Auditorium to see the show, which was originally created in 1964 by Cuban playwright Jose Tirana.

The Night of the Assassins has an unusual storyline. It is based on and follows three main characters, Lalo, Baba and Guca, who are plotting a grand murder. To add a unique twist, each actor used simple props throughout the play to portray a variety of characters with different personalities.

"I was a bit confused all through the play; I didn't know who was going to do what or who was going on, but the actors presented themselves with so much energy it kept me interested," said freshman Katie Pepper, who watched the second...

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in the movie industry which does not lead to much variety in The Beachbummers. David Spade, playing the sarcastic moron, Richie, pretty much sticks to the same character. He delivers a good share of amusing lines at times, they are not much different from Spade's characters in Dickie Roberts, Tommy Boy, or Black Sheep. If you have seen his other movies you have essentially seen Richie.

And of course, Jon Heder plays a spin-off of the infamous Napoleon Dynamite, yet his character, Clark, is (if you can believe it) more awkward and idiotic. In several scenes he picks his nose and in most scenes he has very unoriginal dialogue. What the writer basically did with Clark is transplant lines (the usual "Sweet!" or "Awesome!") from his first movie. The opening scene when Clark meets Gus (Schneider) during his paper route has a clear Napoleon Dynamite-esque feel; Clark even sounds like his alter ego. The face has been pulled on Heder, a problem that will follow him for a long time, is that he is known for Napoleon Dynamite and it will be hard for Heder to stray from that origin. Even if he decides to take on a different character, he will be pulled back to what pop culture and the public demands, which happens to be that tall, geeky teen with a faux aesthetic attitude and moon boots.

When offered the role of Gus Matthews, Scheider saw it as an opportunity to play a "normal" guy. Well, Gus is a normal guy: he's not extraordinary in any sense, except his ability to play baseball. He is not foolish or awkward like his two comrades and does not significantly add to the comedic barrage. Out of all the characters, he is the only one with a wife, Liz, who coincidentally is a supermodel Molly Sims. Gus is more of a simple check or reality relief to the absurd situations the trio find themselves in. This "serious" comedic role would have worked well if the plot took the same route. For some theater aficionados, it may be refreshing to see Schneider try something new, and it probably is, but it is not refreshing in the context of the film. A normal character does not blend well with a ridiculous plot.

The "Best Actor in the Worst Movie" award would go to Jon Lovitz in his portrayal of the stereotypical, eccentric billionaire, Mel. More than the other characters, Mel had the subtle lines that were truly funny. Although Lovitz pretty much played himself (but without the billions of dollars), he was the most enjoyable to see on screen. That could be because his past has been quite public -- much as his co-stars over the last few years. It was disappointing that Lovitz wasn't allowed more screen time, however. Lovitz has a way of going about his scenes in which he behaves as though the situation, no matter how absurd, is completely normal. That dramatic irony is what brings the laughter. Sadly, because Lovitz is not a house-hold name, his role is limited.

The Beachbummers stretches its PG-13 rating to the limit with its questionable humor and the plot is worthless, but surprisingly there are just enough incredibly funny scenes, just barely enough, to recommend it... with caution, obviously.

Starring: Jon Heder, David Spade, Rob Schneider, Jon Lovitz, Craig Kilborn, Nick Swardson
Writers: Allen Covert, Nick Swardson
Director: Dennis Dugan
Rated: PG-13

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multiplayer are customizable, right down to the weapon selection and music that plays for the match. There are also tons of match variants such as Zombie, Thief and Virus, and many Yet Simple map-maker so that you story mode style objectives. are also tons of match variants such as ever get tired of the maps provided, down to the weapon selection and music that plays for the match. There multiplayer are customizable, right short on players, the game features for-all action. If you ever find yourself different maps to play on. If you the game also features a multifaceted continued from page 9

GAME REVIEWS
Lost hours of sleep

ZZ - You'll probably play it through class, come morning. (8)
ZZZ - Great game. Make sure you have coffee for the day. (7)
ZZ - It's pretty good, but you won't lose much sleep. (6)
ZZZZZ - An average game. Don't bother with it during finals week. (5)
ZZZZZZ - Not that great. Those with particular taste may find something here. (4)
ZZZZZZZ - Overall, disappointing, but with redeeming qualities. (3)
ZZZZZZZZ - Bad. This has been brought to your attention to save you sleep. (2)
ZZZZZZZZZ - The hour is actually lost from nightmares about the game. (1)

Sound effects in Future Perfect are good. All the voice acting is top-notch, especially for the lovable main character Cortex, which is good, because you hear a lot from him. Additionally, all 150 characters do a short intro when you select them, and their voices are also done well. Various other sound effects are alright, except that most of the explosions and gunfire sound kind of subdued. There is a lot of music in Future Perfect, but it mostly features light techno tunes that go well with the style of the game.

Future Perfect is graphically pleasing, with vibrant colors and a very animated look throughout. Keeping with a theme of variation, the game keeps things interesting with serpings from haunted houses to disco dance floors to futuristic locales.

When it comes down to it, Future Perfect is an FPS with a classic feel to it. That may make it feel dated or barebones at times, but that's not always a bad thing if it's what you're looking for. Its vast variety of things to do and addicting multiplayer should be enough to keep you busy for hours on end. I give Timesplitters: Future Perfect 7 lost hours of sleep out of 8.

Platform(s): Xbox, Playstation 2, Gamecube
Genre: Sci-Fi, First-Person Shooter
Original Release Date: 3/21/05
Rating: 7/8

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performance of the production on Saturday evening.

The play was done extremely well. All the actors proved to be exceptionally dimensional in their acting skills through the unique technique of taking on multiple roles. The dialogue called for loud and aggressive shouting, exaggerated emotion, and vulgar language; therefore, it was a necessity that the characters maintain professional conduct.

While portraying a courtroom judge in a particular scene, one actor scrambled up her words. She was able to give the audience a mild chuckle and still recover without getting discouraged or fazing the rest of the cast. Although this was an error in the play, it showed extreme professionalism and maturity on the actor's part.

Although I did not quite follow the story line at first, I found it to be a unique experience. The Night of the Assassins was definitely worth making it allowed the actors to take on a different type of performance. Despite the fact that the play was a bit complicated for those who are not familiar with it, it kept the audience on their toes in wonderment. The ending was a definite shock, though, and it helped to link everything together.
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Graduating Together, Yet Graduating Alone...

By Farheen F. Parvez
Contributing Writer

What do four years mean? To most senior students, it means graduation. To me, it is a time to celebrate my four years of hard work and dedication. It is a time to celebrate my accomplishments with my fellow classmates, whom I study with, whom I attend NSU’s campus activities with, whom I talk to everyday, whom I go to lunch with, etc. Graduation is a time when my class, the class of 2006, looks forward to completing our four years of undergraduate studies here at Nova Southeastern University.

There is a reason why each one of my classmates chose this particular university over countless universities and colleges nationwide. I chose NSU because it is what I was looking for all along. Four years ago when I came to NSU for a tour, I did not just look at the curriculum or count the buildings. I looked at my surroundings. The students, the faculty, the people that work in the cafeteria, the cafés, the library, the bookstore, and elsewhere on campus seemed to be genuinely nice and welcoming. I felt that this university is one that is respectful, peaceful, and considerate of anyone who is on its grounds, whether it is the Dean or the janitor. This university has allowed me to learn not only about biology or chemistry, but about myself. It encouraged me to explore my talents and my strengths. NSU was my motivation to go on with college; it was my motivation to study hard, to help others, to become a student leader, to be considerate of everyone around me, to give more and to receive less.

These past four years made me realize that “failure” was not a word in NSU’s dictionary because anything is possible if you work hard, believe in yourself, and give it your best shot. This has been my impression of Nova Southeastern University. I have countless memories of NSU and it is this particular university, which had the biggest impact in shaping me into the individual I am today. It has transformed me from a shy little freshman to a brave young senior. NSU is no longer just a university I chose to attend; it is a family I chose to become a part of.

Today, while my fellow classmates have bought their caps and gowns, are sending out invitations to their commencement, and are anxiously awaiting for the moment they walk on stage to receive their diplomas, I am both happy and sad. I am happy because they worked hard to get to where they are today. I am sad because I will not be sitting with them at our graduation, I will not be clapping for them when they get their diplomas, and they will not see me walk on stage to mine. The students and faculty at NSU have been one big family for as long as I can remember. Even with campus activities such as picnics, Community Fest, Hillel’s Shabbat dinners, IMAN’s Fast-A-Thon, interfaith dialogues, ISAs food fests, movie nights, and every other event, whether big or small, the students have been supportive.

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Letter from a Reader
Our Lives in Jeopardy at Graduation?

Ruhollah Khomeni (of the Islamic faith ordered all Muslims to seek-out and kill Rushdie to the finest of this ceremony. Considering that the University of California at Berkeley was firebombed for stockng his book back in the late eighties, this is a very realistic situation. Rushdie’s Japanese translator was also stabbed to death at the University that he taught in Tokyo, Japan. These are only two of the many incidents of violence that have taken place because of this man.

Our deans, faculty, and president have all been enlightened to this situation, but nothing is being done to change the speaker. There is a list of over fifty speakers to choose from; however, the University decided to choose Rushdie. This is an incredible mistake. This is an insult to the Muslim students, a jeopardy to our safety, and a hindrance of campus unity.

I am calling on all students and faculty alike to take a stand on this issue. Please get involved. Send letters to our deans, faculty, and president. Show them your disapproval as I have. Without unity on this issue, nothing will be done. I ask all of you to involve your friends, family, and community to make certain that this political target does not turn us all into one. If Osama bin Laden can convince people to blow up the twin towers without reward, can’t a $3 million bounty convince some wacko to try to kill him along with everyone else at the ceremony? Long or short, send your letters. Every word makes a difference. I will be looking into contacting the media and having a rally against this. If you are interested in taking a stand, please contact me: rodrigu@nova.edu

Sincerely,
Randy Rodriguez-Torres

Opinions
Eat Sugar, Grow a Unibrow

By Marines Alvarez

Does anyone still watch TLC? Well, I do. There was a time when I guess TLC was boring and, you know, educational, but now-a-days it's all about makeovers, babies, weddings, and people who are their own twins. Because what could be more educational than a twin with teeth that you discover is actually your twin? Dun, dun, dun...

The latest TLC offerings (that I found out about because I love "What Not to Wear" and wouldn't be at all offended if someone nominated me for the show) come in the form of "Shalom in the Home" and "Honey, We're Killing the Kids." I'm not sure what "Shalom" is and all I can really say is that it involves a rabbi and peace...in the home. Perceptive, I know.

The other hand, I caught "Honey, We're Killing the Kids," last week at a ridiculous hour of the night (the best time to watch TLC). The basic concept is that a professional nutritionist, Dr. Lisa, uses some super-smart computer technology to show parents what their children will look like at age-40 if they continue their bad eating habits. Dr. Lisa works with the family for three weeks, giving them different rules to follow and assignments to complete. At the end of the three weeks, they re-work the computer aged pictures to show their projected aging if they follow their new healthy rules.

It's an interesting concept, because, let's be honest, kids are getting fatter. Three-year-olds across America would rather play Dora the Explorer online than go to the backyard and run around. I think kids are born knowing the McDonalds menu, and I know I have a four year old that uses fast food restaurants as landmarks. Obviously it's a growing problem, and I thought it would be interesting to see this show tackling it.

I thought somewhat wrong. Can we say, heavy handed TLC? Apparently not. First off, the poor kids are made to take every sweet thing out of their kitchen and put them in bins that stay in the middle of the house, staring at them. Okay, I get the concept; they must resist the temptation, but hello? They're 7 year old! I can't resist the temptation. The poor kids were probably hungry since they were throwing up all the tofu the parents force-fed them. Is tofu seriously the only way to eat healthy? And they yell when the little kid stole some chocolate chip muffins from the forbidden bins of sugar. He's starving! Keep it up and you really will kill the kid.

I also had a problem with Dr. Lisa. Did I miss the part where they explain that she is really a robot and cannot show any emotion? I must have. It doesn't matter anyways, because she only shows up to yell at the family and then she disappears.

It's obvious the whole clincher here is the great computer aged photographs, but they are ridiculous. Apparently, if you don't eat healthy, when you grow up you will also "develop" mullets, unibrows, bad facial hair, and bad orthodontia. Here's the message: kiddies; overweight people have bad hygiene. Might as well have put the computer aged pictures in orange jumpsuits or hobo gear, because apparently sugar will make you a dirty bum.

The funnest part? In the premier episode, the aged photos made the kids look just like their father. Ha! Way to let them down gently. "I'm sorry guys, but you don't know how to feed your kids and your bad genes will eventually kill them in the future!"

Just so everyone is clear, I am sweetie as a kid and I thought the backyard was hell. I always wore pretty pink dresses and never got dirty. My mom would put Twinkies in my lunch. It happened. Maybe it wasn't the best lifestyle, but TLC, I'm not dead yet and more importantly, I don't have a mullet.

I'm not against the concept. There just should something a little more educational and helpful and a lot less stereotypical and -- dare I say it -- FOX-esque. I am thoroughly disappointed. I think I need some chips, soda and a brownie. Hey, on that note, maybe their next endeavor should be "I'm a College Student Paying Ridiculous Amounts of Money for Tuition So I Can't Afford to Feed Myself Properly and I May Really Be Dying -- Help!" Just a thought.

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Four years is more than just the light at the end of the tunnel

We help and support one another whether it is sharing ideas, advising incoming freshmen which classes to take, or helping organizations host events. I believe that we, the students at NSU, are open-minded and respectful.

In the brothel, a similar bond that we have, the bond to support one another, to stick together through the good times and bad, is being jeopardized by NSU's selection of one of the most controversial speakers of this era, Salman Rushdie.

A few weeks ago, I was very much looking forward to my graduation, as every senior would. When April 17, 2006 arrived, I was struck by the notion of not receiving Rushdie, the writer of The Satanic Verses, an honorary doctorate of humane letters. It goes without saying that one has the right to express oneself. Is this why it offended Muslims? Rushdie contended that his novel is fiction, beyond the politics, the criticisms, and looked at it from a spiritual perspective. It is true that Rushdie caused chaos worldwide today, but this choice of a commencement speaker is because of him that my family, relatives, and friends will not be taking off from work or school to celebrate my accomplishments. Of course, my class, the class of 2006, is definitely involved in other actions is performed by its waiting clients. If Rushdie is the best speaker to approve of Rushdie as their keynote speaker, will NSU community, President Ray Ferrero stated "about two thirds of the UNICCO community, who are students at NSU, have continued to protest against the actions of the organizers."

In the open letter to the NSU community, Ferrero summarized the University's position by saying that "a private, non-profit university, NSU has an obligation to support the educational pursuits of hundreds of thousands of students." Ferrero also referred to reports that "SEIU organizers have repeatedly called or visited the homes of some UNICCO employees for the express purpose of coercion and intimidation." On April 11, demonstrators also attempted to enter the Signature Grand and protest during the annual "Entrepreneur Hall of Fame" induction ceremony, but were turned away by Davie Police Department officers.

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