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President Ray Ferrero, Jr. describes him as a dedicated individual. His peers and colleagues acknowledge him as someone who is extremely hardworking and energetic, as well as a forward thinking individual with a clear vision for the future. His students remark about his great listening skills. If you have not guessed by now who this impressive individual is, it is Dr. Dean Don Rosenblum, Ph.D., the new Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

Effective September 20, Interim Dean Rosenblum was officially promoted to Dean Rosenblum. "In pursuit of a Dean, we had two choices," stated President Ferrero. "We could have done a national search or looked within the university. I had worked with Dr. Rosenblum over the summer and I was satisfied. In addition, he has done a remarkable job over these past six and a half years, especially with establishing the Honors Program. After consulting with my colleagues, faculty, and balancing everything out, he was the right person for the job."

NSU faculty and staff could not agree more with that decision. Dr. Ben Mulvey, Director of the Division of Humanities, lauded Dean Rosenblum as extremely professional, intelligent and dedicated. Director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Allan Schulman said, "I just think he is a super guy. I have worked with him and he is a member of this Division [Social and Behavioral Sciences]. He brings a whole range of talents both administratively and intellectually to the College." Naomi D’Alessio, Associate Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences said, "Dean Rosenblum is a strong advocate for students and faculty. He is a teacher, a scholar, and will be a strong leader for our College."

When asked about his promotion, Dean Rosenblum remarked, "I am honored, humbled, and appreciate the President’s confidence and support of me, and I say that as more of a statement than a testament to the entire College."

As the new Dean, one of Dr. Rosenblum’s main goals is to improve NSU. "There is so much we need to do at NSU. I would not be here if there wasn’t anything to do. I would go somewhere else. I think we need to continue to improve our reputation and our quality. I think we are doing good things, but we are not doing a good job of telling our story." Dean Rosenblum strongly believes the reputation of the faculty and students leads to the stronger reputation of the University. "A university’s reputation comes from many things, but first and foremost it comes from the quality of the undergraduate experience. That’s something we plan on improving."

One-on-one with Dean Rosenblum:

The importance of sexual communication

Motocycle Diaries transports its audience to another time

Intramurals - a great way to get involved and have fun

By Rafia N. Chodhry

News Editor

Don Rosenblum Appointed New Dean of Farquhar College of Arts & Sciences

Dean Don Rosenblum counsels first year student Jasmine Rivas. Photo by Rafia Chodhry.
Dear NSU community,

My name is Alisha VanHoose, and I am most honored to say that I will be serving Nova Southeastern University as the new Editor-in-Chief of The Knight.

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**NSU Events**

**10/24/04 – 10/31/04**

- 10/25 – Monday Night Football at the Flight Deck

Intramural Volleyball Season Begins
(Monday - Thursday) 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Rec & Wellness

- 10/27 – Volunteer Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Outside of Parker

- 10/28 – Greek 101: Club Drug Buzz featuring Guest Speaker Bob Gordon at 8 p.m. Location TBA

Pumpkin Carving/Painting
7 p.m. FFV Pagoda

- 10/29 – Halloween Party and Movie Night, starting at 7 p.m. in the Flight Deck.

- 10/31 – Halloween Carnival from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. In and Behind Goodwin Residence Hall

Happy Halloween

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**Corrections**

On page 8 of the October 11 issue, for the article "Volleyball Swept by Saint Leo 3-0," the Marion Bowman Center is in Saint Leo, not St. Petersburg.


On page 11 of the October 11 issue, the info box below DJ First's picture should have read, "To hear DJ First, Tune into Radio X 88.5 FM for the Saturday Urban Block Party: 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.," not 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

On page 13 of the October 11 issue, the photo accompanying the "Welcome English Majors" story wrongly identified students Melanie Denny and Niki Pirone as English majors.
Second Presidential Debate Lets Candidates Address Domestic Issues

Lone vice presidential debate held the same week

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

President Bush and Senator Kerry met at Washington University in St. Louis on October 8 for the second of three presidential debates. With his ratings marred by a lackluster performance in the first contest, poll numbers suggested Bush had the most at stake, while Kerry had to maintain his momentum.

Charles Gibson of ABC moderated the town-hall style debate. The candidates answered questions from uncommitted voters.

Kerry answered the first question regarding his being “too wishy-washy.” “The president didn’t find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, so he’s really turned his campaign into a weapon of mass deception,” the senator replied, adding that Bush has “bombarded” Americans with negative ads. He also addressed his positions that Republicans have attacked. One of these was his stance on the Patriot Act, which they claim he is against. He said, “I just don’t like the way John Ashcroft has applied it, and we’re going to change a few things.”

Bush countered, saying that he understood the questioners’ concerns, and – in reference to the funding of troop support – noted that Kerry “said he voted for the $87 billion, and voted against it right before he voted for it.” Bush then cited what he sees as Kerry’s changing stance on Iraq. “He saw the wisdom – until the Democrat primary came along and Howard Dean, the anti-war candidate, began to gain on him, and he changed positions.”

Environmental Issues

On domestic issues, environmental concerns were addressed. Bush told how he “proposed to the United States Congress a Clear Skies Initiative to reduce sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury by 70 percent.” He also mentioned an agreement to reduce off-road diesel engine emissions and expand protected wetlands areas.

Kerry said, “When it comes to the issue of the environment, this is one of the worst administrations in modern history.” He went on to call the Clear Skies a reversal of the current Clean Air Act, and said the Bush administration “didn’t even accept the science” of global warming, which is why they stopped supporting preventative measures.

Prescription Drugs

Importation of prescription drugs was another key domestic issue. Bush said he blocked importation because “when a drug comes in from Canada, I want to make sure it cures you and doesn’t kill you.” His concern is that the drugs “might be from a third world.”

Kerry replied that the president blocked the importation with unsubstantiated concerns. “We’re not talking about third-world drugs. We’re talking about drugs made right here in the United States of America.” The senator added, “The president sides with the power companies, the oil companies, the drug companies. And I’m fighting to let you get those drugs from Canada.”

Vice Presidential Debate

Vice-President Cheney and Senator Edwards met on October 5 at Case Western University in Ohio for the lone vice presidential debate. Gwen Ifill of PBS moderated what would be a debate categorized by its harsh personal attacks.

Cheney attacked Edwards’ Senate attendance record. He said that, as presiding officer of the Senate, he is “in the Senate most Tuesdays when they’re in session.” Cheney made his point by closing with, “The first time I ever met you was when you walked on the stage tonight.” Upon review, it appears that Cheney and Edwards have met at least twice, including at a National Prayer Breakfast in 2001 and during a ceremony to swear in a new senator.

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- John Kerry

Not Just a National Election
Florida Candidates Forum shifts voter focus to Florida elections

By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts & Entertainment Editor

When the presidential election coincides with state elections, two things happen: first, there is a much higher voter turn-out than during state elections in years when there is no presidential election. Second, though there are more voters during elections that also address national issues, the voters are less educated about state issues because of the intense focus on the national election.

The League of Women Voters hoped to educate the masses about local issues by sponsoring a forum in which candidates for the Florida election could share their views with members of the community. Candidates for the United States House of Representatives and the Florida House of Representatives responded to a series of questions from a panel composed of students and adults. Unfortunately, not all of the candidates in each race appeared at the forum.

United States House of Representatives

District 20 Candidates: Margaret Hostetter, Republican and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Democrat.

Education Spending verses Military Spending:
Margaret Hostetter maintained that the regulation of education is not a role delegated to the federal government, and because national security is one of their fundamental roles, federal funding should provide for security over education.

Debbie Wasserman-Schultz spoke about the two types of spending, discretionary and non-discretionary. Military funding makes up the bulk of non-discretionary funding; Wasserman-Schultz supports increasing discretionary funding and denoting it to education, which has not been adequately funded.

Abortion:
Wasserman-Schultz stated that she is absolutely pro-choice. She promotes privacy and the right to choose.

Hostetter defines herself as "the voice for traditional values and freedoms." She believes that life begins at conception, and is pro-life.

Outsourcing Jobs:
Wasserman-Schultz believes that companies should not be given tax breaks when they outsource jobs. To rectify outsourcing, the government must take a more active approach than simply cutting back the tax breaks. Wasserman-Schultz believes in an incentive method where companies would be given incentives to keep the jobs here, at home.

Hostetter agrees that jobs should be kept at home. She did say that unemployment is at a low, but maintains that she is concerned about outsourcing. She supports a plan where companies would receive benefits for keeping jobs at home.

Closing:
Wasserman-Schultz stated her record of having served Florida in the House of Representatives and the Senate. She describes herself as a grassroots legislator, who goes out and talks to the people in their environment. She plans to go to Washington and promote "the values that this community stands for."

Hostetter attacked Wasserman-Schultz as radical, saying that she represents a "gross misunderstanding of facts." She went on giving several examples, such as Wasserman-Schultz’s support of gay marriage. Hostetter ended with a reference to her brand new healthcare plan.

District 22 Candidates: Jim McLain, Constitutional Party.

Jim McLain represents the Constitution Party, whose platform promotes a return to the fundamentals of the Constitution. When questioned on many issues such as funding for college education and equal rights, McLain referred to his party’s platform, reaffirming that the constitution does not delegate responsibilities for such issues to the federal government; therefore, the federal government should not address these issues.

On the issue of reinstating the draft – or "conscription," as McLain called it – the candidate noted that at the rate the government is going, a draft will be reinstated next year. McLain said he would be opposed to such a draft because he doesn’t believe that we are in a legitimate war, due to the fact that Congress did not declare the war.

Mclain gave a closing statement that restated his position as a candidate who represents a lesser-known party. He reminded the audience that he believes that the federal government has been greatly expanded from its roles as described by the Constitution and that it should return to those bounds.

Florida House of Representatives

District 96 Candidates: Ari Porth, Democrat.

Ari Porth dove right in and addressed each issue that the panel threw at him, beginning with the environment. Porth stated that a major issue facing Florida is water storage, and said that he is in agreement with the steps that Governor Bush is taking to secure water storage facilities. Porth turned his attention to the recent overabundance of hurricanes that have struck Florida, speaking passionately about the deductibles that individuals are made to pay each time their property is a victim of the storms. In place of this, Porth supports a plan that would allow for individuals to pay a single deductible per hurricane season. Porth then turned to price gouging. Florida law only provides for civil punishment for price gouging. Porth backs a plan that would provide criminal penalties for such actions.

Turning to education, Porth agrees with many other candidates that funding is a major issue, but was the only one to give a specific plan to fund the programs. He stated that there are approximately 478 sales tax exemptions in Florida. Each should be reviewed and cut if not necessary. The less exemptions Florida has, the more money it will have to fund educational programs.

In closing, Porth strove to make one, specific point: Good can be done, and he will, if elected, strive to serve District 96 well.

District 97 Candidates: Susan Goldstein, Republican and Barbara Herrera-Hill, Democrat.

On Education:
Barbara Herrera-Hill, as a

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“I would advise [students] to take risks.”

Q. Please tell us a little about your background?
A. I was born in Washington, DC. After leaving Washington, DC, my three brothers and I grew up in suburban Maryland. I attended John F. Kennedy Senior High School. I have a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, and Master’s and doctorate (Ph.D.) degrees from The Ohio State University.

Q. What is your favorite cartoon character?
A. When you asked that question, the first thing that came to my mind was, when I was little, there was a cartoon TV show that I watched all the time, Jonny Quest. I really liked that show and the character.

Q. What is your favorite college experience when you were in college?
A. When I was an undergraduate, I served as a student advisor of a recreation center at the University of Maryland. We organized programs and events and I can think of several of those events with 1,500 and 1,800 students and just enjoying the energy and excitement and knowing I was contributing to students absolutely enjoying their experience.

Q. What advice would you give to any college student?
A. I think I would advise somebody to take risks. To push yourself, to take risks. To push yourself, to challenge yourself, to take risks.

Q. Were you in any fraternity in college?
A. No, I was never active as a student in Greek Life, so I was never a member of a fraternity. But in many of my professional positions, I have had responsibilities to advise Greek organizations, to work with Greek Life and fraternity life. I have a very strong appreciation for them.

Q. What is your favorite type of food?
A. I like spicy foods. I like diversity. There really isn’t any food I don’t eat. But I would say my favorite comfort food is probably pizza.

Q. What is your favorite TV show?
A. I rarely watch TV, but the show I would try to watch, if time permits, is West Wing, West Wing. I find . . . [has] lost a lot of its edge. It has a new staff of writers, but some of the first few years of West Wing are probably more engaging, dynamic, interesting shows.

Q. What is your most embarrassing moment?
A. I tend to be very low key and I certainly appreciate helping others be showcased, so embarrassing moments for me are when people put a lot of spotlight on me.

If you are going to challenge a rule, do it above board because if you disagree with it, others may as well, and it’s not sufficient. You’re cheating the world if you are trying to get away from something. But, if you want to challenge something, to make something better, than you’re improving the world. So are there rules that need to be changed? There will always be.

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Billions of Muslims throughout the world embarked on the first day of Ramadan Friday, October 15. For Muslim families, that meant waking up at either four or five in the morning, preparing food for the household and then consuming as much as possible before sunrise. For 30 days, followers of Islam will abstain from all food, drink, and certain other activities from dawn until sunset.

The holy month of Ramadan is an annual celebration of spiritual and physical cleansing. It pays tribute to the month that Prophet Muhammad is said to have received from Allah the first verses of the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. As with any other Islamic duties, all able Muslims are required to take part.

Through fasting, Muslims attain self-control and give up their personal comforts to become closer to God. Staying hungry and thirsty throughout the day reminds them the suffering of the poor. People are required to share their blessings by feeding the poor or giving charity.

Muslims are required to read the whole Qur’an during the month of Ramadan in addition to the five daily prayers bestowed upon them. After sunset, Muslims break their fast by eating dates and drinking something sweet. Soon after, they head off to pray. When they are done, they enjoy a meal known as Iftar.

Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid al-Fitr, which literally means, “Festival of Breaking Fast.” This year, it is set to occur November 14. On Eid al-Fitr, people dress in their finest clothes, visit loved ones, and give treats or money to children. For Muslims, this is a very significant event in their lives.

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District 98 Candidate: Franklin Sands, Democrat.
Franklin Sands began by tackling the issues of capital punishment for minors. Sands believes that crime starts at an early age with smaller issues such as truancy. His affirmation was that children are children and should be treated as such. On the issue of overcrowding in Florida’s public schools, Sands took a stand, saying that the government needs to build more classrooms. His answer to this question also addressed the issue of mass settlement in Florida. Growth management should be regulated with legislation, Sands said. Schools must be built before homes.

When addressing the Equal Rights Amendment, Sands gave a unique response. He is in favor of passing the amendment, but does not regard the ERA as a “lady’s issue” and instead views it as a people issue. He supports the ERA, but thinks it’s a shame that women need an amendment to give them rights that they should have as humans.

In closing, Sands stated that he knows the processes of government firsthand and hopes to use his experience to serve his district. He stated that the role of a legislature is to vote for a balanced budget; he wants to expand this to include accountability to his constituents.

The Florida election coincides with the presidential election on November 2. For more information on the candidates, see the Florida Department of Elections web site at http://elections.doc.state.fl.us/cgi-bin/CanList.exe, and look for the correct district.
William Romer Scholarship Awarded to two NSU Students

By Javeshnev Aimee Rivera-Azua
Knightwriter

Two NSU students in the Regis-
tered Nurse and Bachelor of Science
and Nursing program were awarded
the William Romer Scholarship this
past September. Michelle Bourie and
Nancy Cabrera each received approxi-
mately $1,000 from the scholarship ,
funded by The Mathew Forbes Romer
Foundation for Education & Research
of Children’s Genetic Diseases of the
Brain.

In order to qualify for the schol-
arship, one must be a Pediatric R.N.
and be in the process of continuing
one’s education in the specialization of
genetic disorders, explained Dr. Sally
Weiss, Ed.D., the R.N. coordinator of
the Nursing Department.

Bourie and Cabrera both work at
the Chris Evert Women and Children’s
Hospital located within Broward Gen-
eral Hospital. Bourie explained that
she works with newborns and their
mothers as an R.N. in the neonatal
intensive care unit (NICU). Her col-
league, Cabrera, works in the pediatric
ICU. “I’m a senior, and will finish in
December of this year. This is a unique
position; we are back to better our
education,” said Bourie.

Bourie aims to promote the
Romer Foundation to families in need
of emotional support. When asked how
she felt about receiving the scholarship,
she replied, “I’m very grateful.”

The Mathew Forbes Romer
Foundation has been providing sup-
port and genetic therapy for individuals
with congenital genetic disorders since
their founding five years ago. Accord-
ing to their website, the founding of
their organization was “...inspired
by the strength of a little boy [named
Mathew Romer] with a fatal genetic
disease to lead the fight for education,
quality assurance, and research of
children’s genetic diseases of the brain.”
They advertise the research programs,
scholarships, and grants that they
distribute through the internet. Kevin
Romer, Mathew Romer’s father, is now
the president of the foundation which
is now a part of The National Tay-Sachs
& Allied Diseases Association.

For more information about
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visit http://www.mfrfoundation.org/

Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention:
A New Organization at NSU

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

Advocates for Sexual Assault Pre-
vention is a new student organization
from The Center for Psychological
Studies at NSU. Their main mission
is to provide community outreach and
comfort to those who have been sexu-
ally assaulted.

The organization was implement-
ed during the summer of 2004 by co-
chairs Campus Outreach Coordinator
Jessica Parker, Ed.S., who is a board
member of Students’ Organization for
the Advocacy of Psychology, and K.
Bryant Smalley, President of Ethnic
Minority Association of Graduate
Students. The group, which recently
received official standing, is only
open to CPS and grad students; all
established members have training in
clinical fields.

The group is also an educational
resource; it is always available to those
who seek information on sexual aware-
ness and prevention. “These issues
affect every university in the country –
people aren’t that educated about
protecting themselves and others,” said
Parker, who also provides counseling
at CPS.

She and others in ASAP are
concerned about educating people –
especially college students – about
keeping safe and not being a victim of
sexual assault. “Someone is assaulted
every two minutes in America, and
it usually involves drugs, alcohol, or
someone they know. People aren’t
armed with this type of information,
and we want to be able to educate
people,” Parker said. Helping everyone
to have a basic understanding of sexual
assault is a key aspect of the group.
“We want to be an advocate for those
who have been assaulted. When they
go to the hospital for help, the doctors
and nurses are busy, and we want to
be there to provide the support they
need,” Parker said.

Not only are women victims of
sexual assault, but men are as well. One
out of five men is sexually assaulted in
his lifetime; a very small percentage
of these sexual assaults are reported.
One in four college women are sexu-
ally assaulted.
Intramural Sports: Undergraduates Wanted!

Intramural sports bring together men and women of all athletic ability at NSU

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Would you like to be a part of a team? Or would you just like to play sports, be involved, and have fun? Well, here at NSU there are plenty of intramural sports to compete in. As long as you have a blue NSU ID card, you can play, which includes both students and faculty. “We get a lot of people from HPD and the law school,” said Joel Sanderson, one of the graduate assistants at NSU.

This fall, the intramural sports offered will be flag football and volleyball.

For football, there are six weeks of play, including play-offs. If you want to start a team, you have to have at least seven people. “So far there are 30 teams that play flag football, but we’re always looking for more people,” explained Sanderson.

Included in the volleyball season are six weeks of play and play-offs. You need to have to have at least have four people to start a team. Captains’ meetings were the October 18 and 19, so now’s the time. The season started October 25.

In the winter, there will be basketball, soccer, and softball. The dates for basketball are January 17 through February 24, 2005. Soccer will run March 7 through April 14, 2005. Softball will be played March 14 through April 21, 2005. Said Sanderson, “We would like to see more undergraduate students, because most of the people come from fraternities, the HPD, and law school. The more we have, the merrier.”

The people that usually compete in the intramural sports are semi-high school athletes, but you do not have to have any experience in playing the sport if you want to come out and play. “This [program] gives people the opportunity to stay involved, so get outside and play [your favorite] sport,” said Sanderson.

Nova Southeastern University Men’s Soccer Team Defeats American International 7-0

Knights improve to 8-2-1 as five different players contribute goals in dominant team effort

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Informationalist

The men’s soccer team blanked the American International College Yellow Jackets by a 7-0 score on the afternoon of Sunday, October 10 at the NSU Soccer Complex.

NSU midfielder Joe Clancy and forward Adam Ludden scored two goals each, while forward Paulo Ribeiro and midfielders Matt Parry and Rasmus Jespersen each contributed goals in the Knights victory.

Clancy got the Knights on the board in the third minute when forward Lorcan Cronin crossed a ball into the area from the right flank. Clancy collected the ball at the far post and easily slotted it past AIC ’keeper Phil Torres for the eventual game-winner.

Cronin factored in the Knights’ second goal when he penetrated deep into the AIC half and was hauled down in the box by an AIC defender. Parry stepped to the line for the resulting penalty kick and drilled the ball past Torres into the upper left corner of the goal.

Ludden doubled the lead for NSU with two strikes in a 47 second span to open the second half. In the forty-sixth minute, Ludden headed a cross from Clancy into the back of the net, and in the forty-seventh minute he was sent in by Cronin to blast a 25 yard strike past Torres.

Clancy notched his second goal of the match in the sixty-fifth minute when gathered a pass from Jespersen and placed the ball behind Marcoux for the final 7-0 margin.

The NSU backline rotation of Andrew Morris, Trey Gillette, Tom Gillette, Eric Naples, Secquay Gordon, and Arman Sarkisian combined with goalkeeper Jarod Rennick to extend the NSU shutout streak to 355 minutes.

Rennick made three saves in the match to record his second shutout in as many starts. NSU out-shot AIC 27-9 and held a 6-2 advantage in corner kick.
The men’s and women’s cross country teams have been alive at NSU for three years. Two of these years have been spent in NCAA Division II competition, and a lot of talent on both teams brings hope for Head Coach Bruce McCrea. He said, “Our goal is to break into the top tier in the Sunshine State Conference. So far, the men’s team has taken a big step forward. Our five freshmen runners have stepped up to the challenge.” As a coach, he already has twenty years of running experience behind him, has competed in fifteen marathons, and spent five years as a competitive CAT 3 cyclist in the early 90s.

McCrea said, “They [the men’s team] have a second place trophy from the first meet of the year and have been consistently improving against conference competition.”

In the first race, the men took second place. The team totaled 75 points to finish behind Florida Southern. The men’s team was led by freshman Allen May, who finished in twelfth place with a time of 30:28.

Aaron Kolterjahn led the way for the men’s cross country team in the flrunners.com Invitational on September 24, 2004. He ran the 5K course in 17:20.16 to finish in thirty-sixth place.

“We have the same goal for the season [for the women] and we had only one returning runner, senior Kara Baca,” said McCrea. The women’s cross country team has already won second and third place trophies. In the recent races on September 24, Maria Cevallos led the women’s team. She finished in thirty-sixth place at the flrunners.com Invitational, running the 5K race in 21:11.20. Five seconds behind Cevallos was Kara Baca, finishing in forty-second place. On October 2, 2004, the women’s team competed at the Embry Riddle/Smoothie King Invitational Meet in Daytona Beach, FL. Leading the Knights was Heather Sturrna, who finished in eleventh place with a time of 21:59.78 in the 5K event. Finishing behind her were Kara Baca (22:17.8), Maria Cevallos (22:51.85), Jaymie Brooks (23:48.28), Angela Schaech (25:36.90), Chelsea Gilbert (28:03.49), Dayliset Oliva (28:09.13), and Danielle Garcia (29:29.10).

“So far, the Lady Knights have set themselves up for a strong race at the Conference Championships on October 23, 2004 in Melbourne,” said McCrea.

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**Nova Southeastern Women’s Soccer Team Downs Spring Hill College 4-1**

Katya Delgado’s two-goal performance leads Knights to road victory

By Eddie Kenny
Sports Informationalist

On October 10, the women’s soccer team downed Spring Hill College 4-1 in a rain-swept Mobile, Ala.

Fighting poor weather conditions caused by Tropical Depression Matthew, the Knights raced to a 3-0 lead in the first 16 minutes of the match and never looked back as they evened their record at 4-4.

Led by forward Katya Delgado’s two-goal performance, the Knights scored a season-high four goals to clinch their first road win of the campaign. Freshmen midfielders Stefiny Knight and Michelle Harris also scored for NSU.

The Knights jumped to the early advantage in the second minute when Knight took a distance shot that eluded Spring Hill ‘keeper Liz Hall for the 1-0 lead. Harris doubled the advantage in the fifth minute when she let loose a shot that also found the back of the net for her third goal of the season.

Delgado made it 3-0 in the sixteenth minute when she took a feed from Eyrun Hardardottir and rounded Hall before slotting into an empty net for her first goal of the match.

The home side pulled a goal back in the twenty-second minute when a corner kick from Erica Strachan was headed past NSU starting goalkeeper Katie Wimle to make it 3-1.

The Knights iced the win in the eighty-fifth minute when midfielder Julie Radford played Delago in behind the SHC defence and the NSU striker fired past Hall for both her team-leading fourth goal of the season and second goal of the match. Delgado now has 15 goals in her NSU career, tying her for fifth all-time on the NSU goalscoring list.

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**Women’s Team**
Kara Baca- Dania, FL
Angela Schaech-Severn, MD
Danielle Garcia- Pembroke Pines, FL
Dayliset Oliva-Tampa, FL
Heather Sturrna-Freeburg, IL
Jamylle Brooks- Hollywood, FL
Maria Cevallos- Tampa, FL
Chelsea Gilbert- Miami, FL

**Men’s Team**
Allen May- Flower Mound, TX
Aaron Kolterjahn- Sturgeon Bay, WI
Brandon Petersen- Hollywood, FL
Kyle Bott- Davie, FL
Chad Turnipseed- Hollywood, FL

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Psychopaths Invade NSU
A continuing film discussion series focuses on Jack Nicholson

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Psychopaths have been a staple of horror films for decades, terrorizing unsuspecting victims and audiences alike. No one has influenced the genre more than Jack Nicholson, who has brought many maniacal characters alive on screen. The Thursday Movie Series, held by the Institute for Learning in Retirement (IRL) on October 7, undertook the complex task of determining what makes Nicholson a master of lunacy.

Public Library Services Librarian Dr. Candace McKinniss led the discussion. She began by giving a brief history of the horror film and explaining how it has evolved over the years. She said that the 1920s was a period fascinated with mad scientists, and the 1930s and 1940s saw a movement toward modern horror films and found that the buildup was too long and the use of music was almost “insulting” by today’s standards.

The last of Nicholson’s performances excerpted was his 1994 role in Wolf. The film features Nicholson as a man bitten by a werewolf who has trouble controlling his new aggressive side. His deranged character confronts his old boss and urinates on his shoes after telling him off. Later, he deals Dr. McKinniss looks for audience input in discussing Nicholson’s performances. Photo by Greg Kyriakakis

with his wife as he rushes up a staircase to know, “What makes Jack so scary in this?” The audience concluded that his “wild eyes,” sarcastic tone of voice, and gradual slurring of speech indicated his intense anger and imminent threat. Dr. McKinniss also compared the film to modern horror films and found that the buildup was too long and the use of music was almost “insulting” by today’s standards.

The movie may stay true to the facts when following Esteban “Ché” Guevara (Gael Garcia Bernal) on his pilgrimage through the Latin American countryside, but this is where the truth ends. The movie focuses on Guevara’s transformation from a privileged, naïve young adult to a compassionate leader who is driven by an ambition to help the people he encounters. Rather than pity, while interning at the Leper Colony in San Pablo, Peru, their transformation is completely apparent. Instead of shying away from the lepers at the colony, the two shun the rules and pay no attention to his actions later in life.

Motorcycle Diaries transports the film’s audience to another time and place. The people Ché and his friend Alberto (Rodrigo De la Serna) encounter teach them something about a life they had never known, a life of suffering and rising above. The boys’ experience begins with them riding their motorcycle and remaining uninformed about life’s realities, but when Ché and Alberto are forced to walk, they are immersed in the Latin American experience. The people they meet are either desperate with poverty or ostracized from the elite sector of the population where the boys originated. For these people, the boys learn compassion rather than pity. While interning at the Leper Colony in San Pablo, Peru, their transformation is completely apparent. Instead of shying away from the lepers at the colony, the two shun the rules and reach out to them. Slowly, others follow their lead as they improve the quality of life at the colony. This compassionate characterization of Ché is what many criticize.

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The Dichotomy of “Motorcycle Diaries”
Historical truth verses a leader’s personification

By Alaina Simonovsky
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The problem with some films that claim to be historical is that they often either portray a perversion of the facts or only half of the story. Motorcycle Diaries is one of these.

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Esteban (Gael Garcia Bernal) and Alberto (Rodrigo De la Serna) are forced to walk across the harsh countryside of Latin America, but this is where their adventure takes them to a new plane of realization. Photo courtesy of www.darkhorizons.com.
Reality TV

Where the prize is the “name of the game”

Over the past few years, the so-called phenomenon of “reality TV” has dominated television programming. From “Survivor” to “Big Brother,” shows of this type exploit non-actors, thus “earning” the name “reality TV.” However, they do not mimic reality in any way. Often, contestants are put in extreme conditions. For example, “Big Brother” locks 14 people in a house, cutting them off from all outside communication. “Fear Factor” clearly does not reflect the average real world experience by forcing its participants to perform extraordinarily disgusting actions, such as ingesting shakes made of common house flies and maggots or other ‘delicacies.’

so, if these shows in no way demonstrate reality, do they deserve the name “reality TV?” The answer is a simple no.

Television viewers typically watch TV to escape reality. This is the reason that prime time dramas and comedies are so popular. If viewers tune in to escape reality, why have so-called reality TV programs become so popular? Again, the answer is simple; it is because these shows do not portray reality. The grotesque exploitation of fellow members of the human race seems to fascinate television viewers. From broken spirits and broken hearts to broken bones, viewers like to witness the ambition and immense pain of their fellow humans. Women tune into “The Bachelor” to witness a love story, but only one woman can win in the end and the others are sent home with their heart in tow.

The same applies to such shows as “Survivor.” Viewers tune in to watch the exploits of the “castaways.” In what way does this show approach reality? The show does force the castaways to live without the comforts of the modern world, but instead of replicating the processes of early civilizations and actually developing real settlements, the castaways participate in challenges. Mimicking the developments of early society would open a window to a forgotten real world and truly duplicate an aspect of society; instead, the castaways compete to see who can stand on stumps for the longest amount of time in the heat of a tropical day. The object of the show is the reward, not a portrayal of the real world.

Maybe reality TV portrays another reality – the bloodthirsty hunt for life’s rewards. All reality TV programs offer a prize as the reward, not a portrayal of the real world.

Are these shows reality? The answer is simple; it is because these shows do not reflect reality. When society’s true nature can be reflected through the objectification and torture of some of its members for money or TV ratings, rock bottom has not only been hit – it has been surpassed.

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Dr. McKinniss said these film discussions are a great “teaser” in order to get people to come to the library and borrow the full film. She hopes that the program will entertain as well as inform. Ed Aqua, Director of IRL, explained that he wants to encourage more undergraduate participation in the program, with the possibility of holding it in the Flight Deck in the future.

The Thursday Movie Series is held once a month in University Park Plaza. Each month, a different topic is selected; for example, in September the theme was sports. For the next date, please check the Arts and Entertainment calendar or call the Dr. Candace McKinnis at (954)262-5477.
## Calendar of Events

### 10/25

**Ray**

Taylor Hackford, Stuart Benjamin, Howard Baldwin, Karen Baldwin. Cast: Jamie Foxx, Regina King, Kerry Washington, Richard Schiff, Aunjanue Ellis. Synopsis: "Ray" is the musical, biographical drama of American legend, Ray Charles (Jamie Foxx). The soulful singer gained a reputation and then exploded with worldwide fame when he pioneered a "new genre," incorporating gospel, country, jazz and orchestral influences into his inimitable style. Saw Opens to audiences nationwide on October 29. This suspense/horror film is rated R. Distributor: Lions Gate Films. Director: James Wan. Producers: Gregg Hoffman, Oren Koules, Mark Burg. Cast: Cary Elwes, Danny Glover, Leigh Whannell, Monica Potter, Michael Emerson. Movie Tag: Every piece has a puzzle. How much blood would you shed to stay alive? With a dead body laying between them, two men (Whannell and Elwes) wake up in the secure lair of a serial killer who's been nicknamed "Jigsaw" by the police because of his unusual calling card.

### 10/26

- **Women's Health Program**
  - *October 27 6-8 p.m.*
  - PLS Program Room
  - Presentation and demonstration on Thermography, a tool for early cancer detection. Current research has determined that the key to breast cancer survival is early detection. If discovered in its earliest stages, there is the possibility of cure rates of 95%. Breast thermography has the ability to give a warning signal far in advance of invasive tumor growth. Combined with an unprecedented role in prevention, risk assessment, and screening for younger women, breast thermography offers women an advanced and more sophisticated form of information.

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### 10/28

- **Ray**
  - *October 28 7-9 p.m.*
  - YA Room
  - Movie Tag: "It's All About Love" is a fresh take on modern love and future life as two lovers struggle in a conspiracy of epic proportions.

### 10/29

- **Ray**
  - *October 29 8 p.m.*
  - AA Room
  - Bette Midler in Concert. 8 p.m.

### 10/30

- **Ray**
  - *October 30 5 p.m.*
  - AA Room
  - “Great Moments on Broadway” at the Amaturo Theater, and "Program I, Miami City Ballet"

### 10/31

- **Ray**
  - *October 31 5 p.m.*
  - AA Room
  - Happy Halloween!

### Alvin Sherman Library Events

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### Movie Openings

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**Saw**

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**Its All About Love**

Opens in select theatres on October 29. This romance/drama is rated R. Distributor: Focus Features. Director: Thomas Vinterberg. Cast: Claire Danes, Joaquin Phoenix, Sean Penn, Alun Armstrong, Harry Ditson. Movie Tag: "It’s All About Love" is a fresh take on modern love and future life as two lovers struggle in a conspiracy of epic proportions.

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Greek 101: STDs and Date Rape

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

On October 7, Ricky Seigal, a sexuality educator and sex therapist, took the floor of the Carl DeSantis Auditorium to educate NSU’s students on topics such as STDs, date rape, and basic sexual health during college life in “Greek 101: STDs and Date Rape.”

Greek Life, along with Recreation and Wellness, presented the second in a mandatory education series for freshmen Greeks on real-life issues. Although the events are targeted to Greeks, all students are invited and encouraged to attend.

The presentation focused on STDs in context of sexual health during college life. “We need to do more and be bold. It is so silly to be afraid to talk about sex; it is not talking about sex that is the problem,” said Seigal. He enlightened students on not only the clinical side of STDs, but also the mentality of acquiring and dealing with a chronic STD and how it will affect their college life. Seigal created the scene of the “shergin-yielding” father on the front porch, the male “sexual predator,” and the “stupid female” as he educated students on date rape and its associated gender stereotypes.

Students did not have to sit through a boring lecture; the presentation was an open forum with interaction between the speaker and the students. Greek Advisor Gina Marchando said, “Many freshmen are away from home for the first time. This is a good time for them to get educated, formulate their own beliefs, and make smart decisions.” Students also walked away with free condoms provided by the department of Recreation and Wellness. “It was a good crowd, very receptive,” said Seigal.

Greek Life and the Department of Recreation and Wellness will be hosting their next “Greek 101” series on Thursday, October 28 at 8 p.m. in the Health Professions Division’s Steele Auditorium. Bob Gordon will be presenting the topic of “Club Drugs.”

For more information on this event, visit clubdrugbuzz.com, or contact the Department of Recreation and wellness at (954) 262-7501 or Greek Life at (954) 262-7292.

Recurring Nightmares

Occasionally, I have this nightmare that all of the American ideals that I value have been thrown aside for partisan gains. In this dream, men of great power use foolish women as their pawns in the unending game of politics. The nightmare does not begin when I fall asleep at night; it starts when I wake up.

As a result of the 2000 voting debacle, Florida has become the butt of every election joke. When Miller Light challenged Bud Light to a contest for the “President of Beers,” voters were asked to touch screen vote for their favorite candidate. However, Floridians were singularly out and instructed to press really hard.

So, why are the people of Florida seen as just a bit dim come election time? Does Florida lack enough funding for public education, thus causing the confusion in reading the ballot? Is it more likely that the biased actions of former Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris allowed for thousands of votes to be thrown out in the 2000 presidential recount?

At the time that she served as Florida’s Secretary of State, Katherine Harris also worked as co-chair of the 2000 Bush/Cheney Florida campaign. So, the woman delegated to run the Florida election was also working to aid a specific outcome of that election. In a polarized state where the difference in winning was determined by 557 votes, wouldn’t you consider that a conflict of interest?

Granted, not every politician lacks the ability to fairly do her or his job because of political affiliations. The party system has been the foundation of this country, and is vital for basic checks and balances. However, partisanship should never be the primary interest for someone appointed to do history-changing work.

Documents from Harris’ computer were released in response to the press’ allegations of improper political maneuvering. According to CBSnews.com, one document included the following quote: “I am a bit biased. I co-chair the campaign effort of George W. Bush… I hope it will be ‘W’.” If you are still unsure that she had a conflict of interest, rest assured in the knowledge that she was well aware of the situation’s implications.

Flash forward four years later, and my nightmares are still very much alive. It seems as though this question of character will be tested again when our current Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood presides over November’s election. This former mayor of Orlando was hand picked by Governor Jeb Bush, and she is known to be an avid financial Republican Party supporter.

Hood is already being sued for her unconstitutional voting policies. According to the Tallahassee Democrat, Hood’s office instructed Florida’s counties to disqualify voter registrations that did not have the citizenship box marked. The information in the box is completely unnecessary though, because all who apply for registration sign an oath that they are American citizens. In response, some counties are saying they refuse to use Hood’s instructions. Only the November elections will bring an end to the nightmare uncertainty of dirty politics.

Psychological Services Center Serves as Screening Site for National Depression Day

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

What is National Depression Day? According to the Screening for Mental Health, Inc. “National Depression Screening Day (NDSD) is the first and largest nationwide, community-based mental health screening program that provides in-person and online screening for four of the most common and frequently co-occurring mental disorders: depression, bi-polar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, and post traumatic stress disorder.”

NSU’s Psychological Service Center participated in NDSD by serving as a screening site on Thursday, October 7 in the Maltz Psychology Building. Adults and children were welcome to partake in the screening, which was open to both students and the public. The coordinator of the event, Jessica Garcia, explained, “The screening consisted of a two-page form with yes or no questions. The client then sat with a psychology student to go over responses and receive feedback about at-risk services.” This was NSU’s first year participating in the screening, but they plan to continue the screenings each year.

Interested in therapy?

NSU offers free counseling for students in the Parker Building, Suite 150. Office Manager Mirna Gonzalez states, “We offer 10 sessions [per student] that are free and confidential.” The center provides professional staff with both a Psychologist and a Psychiatrist on hand. Students can call to set up an appointment by phone at (954) 262-7050 or take advantage of the walk-in hours Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
GSSA and NPC Halloween Party

Student Organizations to host a costume party with special invited guests

By Jason Peebles
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The Gay/ Straight Student Alliance and the National PanHellenic Coalition are planning a spooky Halloween party for everyone from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, October 29 in Mailman 309. Because of the activities involved, including the costume contest, this is sure to be a historical event.

Concerning involving the dress of the judges, I was able to get a brief insight from one of them, Dr. Williamina Hammack, who I found in her office in the Parker Building. “Dr. Williamina Hammack,” I asked. “What will you be wearing for the costume contest?” She responded, “I will dress as befits a nice middle aged professional woman. It is more important for you young people to have fun. I’ll just be there to act as a judge. My advice is for the students to be there and dress in elaborate ways. Now is the time for you all to have fun; I certainly did when I was your age and, no, you can’t publish those pictures of me from back then.”

“Dear Therapist . . .

Dying to be Thin

Dear Therapist:

I am a few months into my first year at NSU. College life is okay, but the separation from my family and all the new changes have been tough.

More specifically, I hate the way I look more than ever. Every time I look in the mirror I see a fat, ugly girl. A few months ago, I started dieting. I cut out all junk food and started doing 400 sit-ups a night. That month, I lost about 6 pounds. I was still disgusted with the way I looked, so I only allowed myself to eat one piece of bread a day with some fruit and water to drink. I decided that I needed to exercise more too, so I started running. Now, I run about 5 miles a day and I do 575 sit-ups. As of right now I have lost 23 pounds, but I have to lose a lot more.

The compliments are great. Everybody makes comments on how skinny I am. But I am not happy. I am so afraid that I will gain weight, and I just can’t weigh any more than I do right now. A few of my friends started making comments on my “routine.” They say that I am anorexic. I don’t think there is anything wrong with what I am doing, but it has taken up all my spare time and I feel miserable. I don’t want them to worry about me, so I decided to keep this my little secret. Is all of this normal?

-Dying to be Thin

Dear Dying to be Thin: After reading your story, I can see that you must feel torn. It seems that you are ambivalent regarding the recent changes in your life. On one hand, you see your weight loss as a great accomplishment, yet you also continue to experience a lot of emotional pain.

I am glad that you are giving serious thought into your new behaviors, since they have the potential to become life threatening. Also, it is clear that several people are concerned for your well being. I hope you will continue to let them be a support to you. Many women (and men) experience what you are going through. In fact, college women are a high-risk group for eating problems. Research suggests that 5 percent to 20 percent of college females experience an eating disorder.

There is hope for those who struggle with body image, excessive dieting, and exercise. A variety of treatment approaches have been effective in helping people who experience the behaviors you described. An important step you may wish to consider is speaking with a professional who is experienced in this area. Many students speak to a counselor to discuss a wide range of topics. So please do not feel bad or awkward about seeking professional support.

Treatment for eating problems can be composed of many elements, including medical monitoring, nutritional counseling, education, and individual and/or group counseling. Not only may you experience relief from sharing such important issues that were once a secret, these professionals can help you improve your self-esteem, as well as guide you toward a healthier lifestyle.

I hope you consider the avenues that I have suggested. Please remember that you are not alone and that there is hope!

-The Therapist

Howlin’ Bluez Nite

By Enka Dudi Morgan
AKPsi V.P. of Finance

Alpha Kappa Psi, The Co-Ed Professional Business Fraternity at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, is inviting all students, faculty, staff, and community friends to enjoy a Howlin Bluez time. Come celebrate Halloween with an exciting live performance from Blak ’N Bluez, a well-known local South Florida blues band. A special guest performance will be presented by Dr. Randy Pohlman on the guitar and Dr. Robert ‘Bob’ Sellani on the drums.

Refreshments will be provided throughout the night and a costume contest will take place for those who are dressed to impress! So come help us calm the chilling cries of the dead at Howlin’ Bluez! For directions or group discount ticket sales, please contact AKPsi President Julio Thompson, at akpsi@nova.edu or visit www.nova.edu/AKPSI.

Howlin’ Bluez Nite

When: Saturday, October 30, 2004
Where: The Flight Deck (located next to NSU Bookstore)
Theme: Howlin’ Bluez Nite
Time: 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.
Cost: $10.00

South Florida blues band, Blak 'N' Bluez. Photo by Enka Dudi Morgan.
The Student Government Association’s Weekly

By Jason Peebles
Non-Traditional Senator

Welcome to the Student Government Association’s Weekly. We at the SGA have decided that the student body needs to have better access to the event that transpire at the SGA meetings.

On a special note, I would like to welcome the new Senators who were voted in on Monday, October 11, 2004:

Commuter Senator: Julie Testa
Minority Senator: Giselle Gaviria
Freshman Senator: Britine Tribble
Freshman Senator: Robin Furmanski
Athletic Senator: Danielle Garcia

We are still looking for two International Senators. According to the SGA constitution, the International Senator would represent all undergraduate non-U.S. citizens. If you are a non-U.S. citizen and wish to become more involved on campus, join the Student Government Association!

The following includes some of the Legislation SGA has voted on.

September 20, 2004
Bills:
- Phi Sigma Sigma Car Show
  -Approved for $865
- Psi Chi Honor Society Workshop Series 1
  -Approved for $75
- Psi Chi and Psychology Club Meet the Faculty Dinner
  -Approved for $350
- PASA’s Sixth Annual Show Time at the Apollo
  -Approved for $865
- GSSA’s Safe Zone Program
  -Approved for $500
- N.A.T.U.R.E. Bill for Volunteerism
  -Approved for $50
- Spanish Club Budget
  -Approved for $500

Please note that all of the above bills were approved unanimously.

October 4, 2004
Bills:
- N.A.T.U.R.E. Club
  -Approved
- Campus Entertainment Director’s Budget
  -Approved for $19,000

October 11, 2004
Resolution:
Waterlogged with no Walking Space
Presented by:
Residential Senator Soave
The Seventeenth Student Senate
Resolution: 04-1011-02
Sponsored by: Lisa Soave (Residential Senator)
A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED: ‘Waterlogged with no Walking Space’

Whereas: It has come to the attention of the Seventeenth Student Senate that there have been some recent acts of vandalism to students’ vehicles in the Goodwin Parking Lot.

Be it resolved: We, the Seventeenth Student Senate strongly feel that NOVALERT should more frequently patrol the parking lots in front of all residence halls. This Senator feels patrolling every five minutes or the installation of closed-circuit cameras is a reasonable solution.

-Approved Unanimously

As there was so much information, charts on how each Senator voted were not included. I also did not include the attendance roster, as I plan to do in the future. If you have any suggestions concerning this weekly column, please feel free to contact me at pphillip@nova.edu. Thanks and have a great week!

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Whose Right is it Anyway?
David Boersema to speak at NSU on Victims Rights
By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

Dr. David Boersema will speak on the topic of “What’s Wrong with Victims’ Rights” at 5 p.m. on October 26 in DeSantis 1133.

The purpose of the presentation, stated Dr. Boersema, “is to try and find a balance between the appropriate support of a victim of crime with due process of the criminals trial.” Dr. Boersema plans to cover a broad area of issues on both the State and Federal level. There are many philosophical issues concerning a Victims Rights Amendment that has been proposed to the U.S. Senate to amend the U.S. Constitution. According to Boersema, “This amendment could cause conflict with issues of due process of the accused.”

Dr. Boersema earned his Ph.D. at Michigan State University and has been a professor at Pacific University in Oregon for over 20 years. David Boersema is also the chairman of the Humanities Division at Pacific University, where he teaches both philosophy and history of science. In addition, he is the chair of the Peace and Conflict Studies program at Pacific University.

Students are welcomed to get educated on the subject of Victims Rights and form their own opinions on Tuesday, October 26. For more information, contact the Division of Humanities at (954) 262-8200.

NSU Volunteer Fair Connects Campus Community

By Taylor Anne Williams
Graduate Assistant for Student and Media Marketing

Undergraduate, graduate, and Ph.D. students are all invited to attend the Office of Volunteerism’s 2004 Volunteer Fair. Hosted at the Parker Building, the showcase will be held on October 27 from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. under the green overhang. Along with Radio X and NSU’s Volunteer Club, community organizations will provide students with the opportunity to connect to extracurricular service.

“The purpose of the volunteer fair is to connect students to areas of interest on a personal level,” Graduate Assistant for Student Development and Volunteerism Jen Bowman said. “The community’s outreach perfectly combines with a student’s need to give time.”

The Office of Volunteerism is anticipating participation from 15 community organizations, and is hoping to impact at least 100 students. The diversification of organizations will help to pique student interest, focusing on senior citizens, children, and environmental concerns. These are just a few of service opportunities available through next Wednesday’s Volunteer Fair:

- Town of Davie Senior Program – Recreational activities, social events, field trips, community programs, volunteer services for the seniors of Davie.
- Neighbor for Neighbor – Provides information and referrals. Matches people with needs to people willing to provide for those needs. (305) 593-0244. Neighbor for Neighbor’s hours are Sunday 6 p.m. - midnight and Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Closed Saturday.
- Kids in Distress – This is a comprehensive residential treatment program for those affected by abuse. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., everyday.
- National Save the Sea Turtle Foundation – To promote education, protection, and awareness of the sea turtles and all marine life.
- Center for Vision Impaired Seniors – Informs and educates legally blind seniors about programs and services available in the community via lectures and group discussions.

In addition to these and other outside entities, the NSU Volunteer Club will also be on hand to help students find a service opportunity. This 15-member student group will host its own table, and is hoping to generate membership interest at the event. The group meets every other Monday at 12 p.m. in the Flight Deck, and all students are welcome.

“This is a great opportunity to have one-on-one interaction with an agency or area of interest,” Bowman said. “Plus, you might find an opportunity you never imagined before; one that applies to academic progression outside of the classroom.”

For more information regarding the Volunteer Fair or Volunteer Club, contact the Office of Volunteerism at (954) 262-7297 or e-mail jbowman@nsu.nova.edu.
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