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New students participate in Orientation programs



by Don Rosenblum
Director of Student
Development &
Retention

New freshmen and transfer undergraduate students are attending orientation programs throughout the summer. With the support, guidance, and experience of upper class student orientation leaders, students enrolling in the Professional and Liberal Students (PALS) program will spend one or two days exploring campus, getting to know fellow new students, meeting with academic advisors, and getting their photo ID cards.

New transfer students spend one day on campus and learn about the policies and procedures that are unique to NSU. Transfer students are able to talk about their experiences from their past school. In addition, students meet with representatives from many campus services offices and programs (including financial aid, students accounts, student life, residence life, career resource cen-

ter, and academic support center).

New freshman students spend two days on campus and spend the overnight in the residence halls. By the end of the two days, these students have really gotten to know the campus and have made many new



Orientation leaders serve to help the new students adjust to their first year at NSU.

friends. During the two-day program, students take placement tests, meet with an advisor, and register for classes. Parents and family members of new freshman students also attend a special orientation program designed to help parents become aware of services, as well as the demands and expectations of college. Student success often requires support from home!

The student orientation leaders serve as the staff for all the programs. This summer, the student staff is comprised of Deatrice Adderley, Arik Chellew, Claudia Escobar, Roya Ghorsriz, Trudy Hartje, Melissa Simmons, Gadith Uzcategui, Jason Wagner, and Richard Williams. Olga Martinez serves as the orientation coordinator for the program, spending the summer in support of new students. These students were selected based on the enthusiasm for the campus community and their skills and abilities to work with the entering students. Many of these orientation leaders serve in several campus leadership roles in student government, athletics, campus clubs, and community organizations.

When new students return in the fall for classes, they will participate in 'Welcome Weekend' programs on the Saturday and Sunday before classes begin. These programs include a 'Convocation' program, activities with the faculty and staff, and workshops and seminars on keeping scholarships and managing time. In addition, there are several social events planned by the student organizations to help welcome students to NSU.

Graduation at a new location



by Angel E. Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

On May 2, 1999, Nova Southeastern University held its 30th graduation at the National Car Rental Center, home of the Florida Panthers. This new location allowed the graduates to bring unlimited guests; in previous years only a few guess per student were allowed to attend.

The graduates exuded excitement and anticipation which could be seen from anywhere in the arena. Some students gathered together and remembered the "old days;" others were happy because they ran into friends that they had not spoken to in a while. Still others were nervous and anxious to graduate.

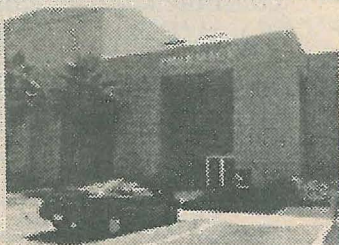
As students made their way into the arena, there was the rush of adrenaline; everyone had their site on them. This was the day that they had anxiously waited for the past 4 years.

Over five-thousand people attended and observed with pride and happiness as 800 of their loved ones received their Bachelor of Science or Arts.

"It was one of the greatest days of my life. It was a culmination of four years of hard work. The National Car Rental Center was a perfect venue for this special event," said Jason M. Gavril, graduating

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Pharmacy celebrated its first anniversary. Food, door prizes, and music were all part of the fun. Students, faculty, and staff turned out to help celebrate.

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This summer is the summer of blockbusters! Check out which flicks are worth spending your summer cash flow.

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Knight Life

New library to be built on main campus



by Angel E. Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

On March 30, 1999, Nova Southeastern University held the Virtual Reality groundbreaking of the new Library. The theme of this event was "the festival of the Future." There were free drinks and food provided by Restaura, a live band playing swing music, and interactive displays and showcases presented by faculty and staff. One of those displays was a video conference system advertising the new project of telemedicine.

On June 8, 1999, Broward County unanimously voted to ap-

prove the construction of the new public library in conjunction with NSU on its campus. The facility will cost \$41 million and will cover 275 square feet, distributed over five floors. Dr. Ronald E. Riggs, Vice President for information Services & University Librarian stated that the library "will be a very high teach library and very user oriented, we have taken the student needs and sincerity in mind."

It will be located on the lake directly across from the Horvitz Building. There are plans to have a 500-seat auditorium, several electronic classrooms, and a Knowledge Navigation center. Dr. Riggs explained that this navigation center "will allow vendors and manufactures to allow our students and faculty to experiment this new equipment. This will be like the cutting edge technology." To improve the study room space for students in the present library, there will be 24 study rooms, 126 carousels, plus tables, lounge seating, and study reference chairs.

Who is Ken Thigpen?



by Angel Ali
Staff Writer

Ken Thigpen, the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, shares information about his past experience, life in the Goodwin Residence Hall, his current position, and future plans at NSU.

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How would you describe your position to someone who has no idea what you do?

I assist the [undergraduate] Dean, Dean Goonen, in every aspect of the center with special emphasis on academic issues, things like courses that we teach, the curriculum, graduation, [and] special programs that we're trying to introduce.

Is there anything in particular that you are currently working on?

Well, we're working on study abroad programs, trying to make more opportunities [available] for students to study abroad. We're talking about implementing an Honors Program so that students can take Honors credit. I am not sure we'll have any of this in place this year, but I'm encouraging people to think seriously about those things. We already have some additional study abroad opportunities for students that they should know about. They can talk to me if they would like to know where they can study abroad and what programs [are available].

Could you tell us a little about your experience living in Residence Hall?

Well, I came here in January, and my wife was still teaching on the faculty at Penn State. So, we hadn't bought a house here obviously. So, generously, the university, the Farquhar Center intervened, and the director of Residential Life, Tammy [Pappacoda], helped, and they made it possible for me to stay in Residence Hall. So I stayed in Goodwin Hall and I found it fine. It was nice to be around students. Students were uniformly polite. There were some late night noises that I hadn't expected.

How did it feel not being a student?
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Get a Campus Life

Alpha Phi Omega

This is a co-ed National Service Fraternity based on the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. The organization conducts many service activities throughout the year and increases campus awareness about volunteer opportunities.

IMAN

(International Muslim Association at Nova)

This organization focuses on the Muslim culture and helps enhance cultural experiences within the NSU population.

ISA

(Indian Student Association)

This organization focuses on the diversity within the NSU campus and holds educational and cultural programming such as dance lessons, cultural nights in The Flight Deck, and educational seminars.

NATURE

(Nova's Advancement Towards Understanding & Researching the Environment)

This organization increases environmental awareness through strong programming such as Earth Day celebrations, Coffeehouses, nature lectures, and informational sessions about Earth-conscious efforts in the community.

NSUSGA

(Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association)

This organization consists of three branches: an executive board, a student senate that represents all constituencies on campus, and a judicial board. The NSUSGA advances ideas and issues of concern of students to the University administration.

More organization information on page 3.

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**Phi Alpha Delta
(Knight Chapter)**

This pre-law fraternity was established in 1902. It provides a unified group and close association between students interested in the legal profession. The organization helps to provide field opportunities and enhances knowledge through their lectures.

Pre-Med Society

The Pre-Med Society provides important health-education training, medical seminars, fundraisers and attends national conferences to further enhance their knowledge. This organization was recognized as NSU's 1998-1999 organization of the year, along with their advisor being recognized as advisor of the year.

Psychology Club

This organization provides experiences within the field of psychology and enables students to learn more about the different theories and practices of psychology.

**SALSA
(Spanish and Latin Student Association)**

This organization unites students of the Spanish and Latin cultures. The organization provides programming such as dance lessons, cultural nights in The Flight Deck, and educational seminars.

**SRA
(Students Reappraising AIDS)**

This organization provides a forum for discussions involving the relationship between HIV and AIDS. They have sponsored several lecturers on the NSU campus, including Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Kary B. Mullis.

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For more information about these organizations or to receive information on how to start a new organization, please contact the NSUSGA office at (954) 262-8459.

Associate Dean speaks candidly

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dent, being the "adult" there?

At first, people gave me strange looks when I came in at night like, 'What is this man doing here? What is a dad doing here walking around the Residence Hall?' But I think that people got used to seeing me there. I got to know some of the students more than others. I just got everything moved out this week. But I found it, in retrospect, much more pleasant to be there than it would have been if I had been here by myself, off-campus in an apartment.

So you enjoyed it?

I did. I liked the social aspects of it. I liked seeing students that I had really met in another context: passing them in the hall or having my I.D. checked by them. I thought that was kind of interesting. I knew the students well, but I still showed my I.D., and I guess you guys do that too.

Are there any drawbacks or anything that you dislike about your position?

I like every part of it. It has been wonderful so far. There are great people that I work with here. I am absolutely impressed by the Dean who is wise and sympathetic and very professional all at the same time. I enjoy my colleagues. I think they are smart and interesting. I find

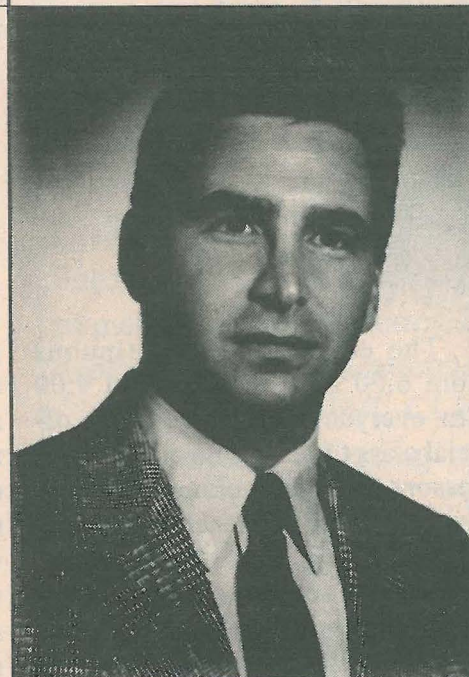


Assistant Dean, Ken Thigpen, sits at his desk preparing for the new school year.

Photo by A. Sanchez

the students here pleasant to be around, mostly courteous and mostly serious about academics, which is what I am interested in. I find the job consuming a lot of my time. Some days it's pretty hectic when I have things happening simultaneously. You want to be two or three or four places at the same time and

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sometimes that's the challenge. Especially when meetings go on longer. Sometimes they'll back up and some days I'm supposed to be at three places, literally, at a given moment. That is kind of hard to juggle so I have to decide if I'm going to spend a smaller amount of time here or just have everything else delayed. It is a time budgeting thing. It's very interesting but I'd rather have it that way than to not have enough to do. I like that busyness of it. So I can't think of a single drawback.

Where were you before [Nova]?

For twenty-six years I was on the faculty and administration at Penn State University. It was at University Park. It is right in the middle of the state. They call it Happy Valley because it is surrounded by mountains.

It was my first job out of graduate school after I got my Ph.D., and I didn't know that I was going to be there that long. But it worked out for us.

How is Nova different from Penn

State?

It's warmer here. The scale is different. Penn State is much larger. Penn State is a lot older. They have a lot more sense of their age there and the traditions are much older. Nova is, I think, more aware of its possibilities in some ways because it is newer. There is a lot of feeling of crossing into new frontiers here, a sense of creating oneself that an older, larger school probably doesn't have. There is a sense that anything is possible.

What do you personally like best about Nova?

I think there is some very interesting and talented people here given the fact that it is a smaller pool of faculty, students, and administrators that I deal with. I find that there is a tremendous diversity of talent, personality, and style and enjoy that quite a bit.

What did you teach [at Penn State]?

I taught in the Humanities: Literature, World Literature, Mythology, and American Studies. My specialty is in folklore so I taught Anthropology type courses as well. I

See Speaks on page 13.

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What advice would you give to someone attending college next year?

The following advice is from students who just finished their freshman year at NSU. Many felt that "loud alarm clocks" were a necessity and that it is almost impossible to make 8 a.m. classes.

"To all attending college, I suggest you find the biggest, loudest alarm clock you can find and place it as far from your bed as you can."

—Garrett Weissbein



"I would tell them not to procrastinate and always stay focused. My biggest problem this year was falling behind because of procrastination. Also, I would express to

him or her that adequate sleep is imperative to being successful. And last but not least, never get discouraged because negativity will only make work harder and longer."

—Adam Haggard

"Do not taken on a heavy class load because that is something that many freshmen will not be able to handle. Also, when you feel that you're stressed out with the school load, hang in there and remember that there are many people you can talk to."

—Shirley Reyes



"Make sure you bring two alarm clocks, so you can set one when you should get up and the other one for when you have just enough time to put your slippers on and run to class."

—Stephanie Gleicher

See Survival Tips on page 5.

The Amazon adventure

Nine students spent 7 weeks in the Amazon Rain forest



by Alyson M. Dion
Layout Editor

The education is continuous from 6:00 a.m. until around 9:00 p.m. everyday. Yet, there are no official class times and no classrooms. Lessons include cooking, cleaning, planting, building, teaching, canoeing, exploring, and guiding. Yet, there are no set lesson plans.

"I decided to participate in this field study class because I wanted to learn a whole lot more, more than what one can learn in a classroom," said Heather Cress, field study student.

Arriving in the Amazon rain forest on May 5, 1999, in Iquitos, Peru, was just the start of an education and a lifetime experience for nine field study student participants: Marlene Aramburu, Amy Chatfield, Heather Cress, Alyson Dion, Rekha Eanni, Ben Levy, Angelique Nixon, Kristen Stablein, and Jennifer Whitesel. "It is a nice break from regular life. I really enjoyed the peace and beauty of nature. It was a real spiritual awakening and an adventure for me," said Aramburu.

This adventure, a six week field study course set in the heart of the Amazon and conducted by Dr. Barbara Brodman, not only examined the ways of life of the Iquitos people, but it served as an examination of the students' lives as well. "I will definitely appreciate home so much more," said Eanni.

The students attended daily survival-based Spanish classes and kept daily journals. Furthermore, cooking teams formed and the students prepared most meals using fresh vegetables from the area. Aside from cooking and learning Spanish, the students helped renovate and repair the existing lodge as a place of residence and research for upcoming groups, including the NSU Semester in the Amazon program.

The students learned to rough it in the wilderness while taking the time to explore the many wonders of the Amazon. Home for these stu-

See Rain forest page 13.

NSU opens new Medicinal Garden



by Angel E. Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

On February 28, 1999, Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division School of Pharmacy in conjunction with Broward Community College and the University of Florida opened its Medicinal Garden. The Medicinal Garden, located in front of Parker Building, took over a year to complete. This will serve as a botanical habitat as well as a place of research. Deans and professors from NSU and surrounding universities, students, the surrounding community, the press, and others interested in the greatness and benefits of the garden attended the grand opening.

The idea of this garden began during the presidency of Dr. Lewis. He stated, "We live in cyber space-virtual reality. [It] is nice to see the real thing, not only for the students and pharmacists that derive medicine

from them, but for other students and the community as well. This is [the] sort of thing that makes the campus an intrinsically interesting place."

Completed under NSU President Ray Ferraro, Ferraro explained that the garden is a perfect example "of what this university is about. [It is] a collaboration between a variety of different entities [with] Nova Southeastern, of course, taking the lead, Broward Community College, the University of Florida, and most importantly an advisory board from the public sector, commercial growers as well as retail growers, and people who are interest in expanding knowledge."

The garden will further benefit NSU because it will be used as a teaching tool for both undergraduate and graduate level courses. Students will no longer learn solely from textbooks; hands-on experience will become the norm. Dean of Pharmacy, Dr. William Hardigan stated, "I am overwhelmed by this garden ... Every pharmacist has deep inside them the desire to see a medicinal garden. You teach with it, you can do research from it, a ser-

See Emily Bronto on page 19.

MASSAGE THERAPY HITS NSU

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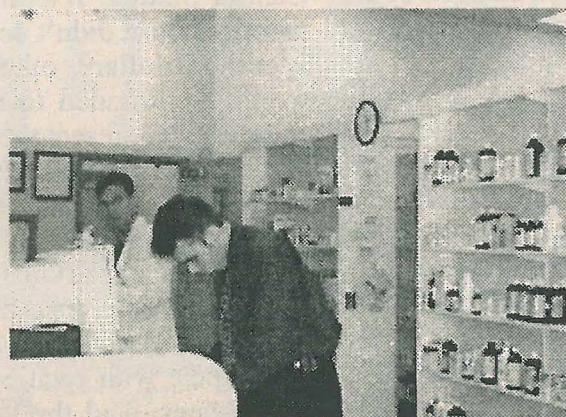


NSU Pharmacy celebrated its first anniversary



by Angel E. Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

On May 12, 1999, Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division Pharmacy celebrated its first anniversary. The pharmacy, located at the Zanford Clinic



Inside the pharmacy, Dr. Earlywin and pharmacy tech, Jason Roe, prepare prescriptions for patients.

Photo by A. Sanchez.

Building in the NW corner of the Health Profession Division Complex, is adjacent to the Family Health Clinic (which includes family practice, internal medicine, and pediatrics), the Optometry Clinic, and the Dental Clinic.

This pharmacy was opened last year to serve the NSU community and its surroundings. The clinic is



The pharmacy is located next to the HPD Family Health Center.

Photo by A. Sanchez

run by Dr. Cary Earlywine, an NSU graduate.

Dr. Earlywine stated, "We are very excited to have been here for a year. We are excited about the programs and changes that we have planned for the future. Our pharmacy ran a diabetic clinic, health and wellness center for nutritional and

herbals, and special compounding services. For example, we worked with specific formulations for the special needs of the patients, we can change[d] flavors, dosage forms, and

administered gummy bears antibiotics for children, etc."

This Pharmacy is unique because it only caters to pharmacy needs. This is not like a chain store pharmacy that sells disposable cameras, car oil, junk food, cosmetics, and

other non-medicinal products.

At this celebration, there were food, drinks and giveaways. The giveaways included Aleve, herbal medications, and cash prizes.

One winner of a \$50 cash prize, Diane Rozos, a hygienist at the Faculty Practice at the College of Dental Medicine, stated, "I love the pharmacy. Everyone is very helpful, friendly, and the employees answer all my questions. They are very professional to all the patients that we send from the dental clinic."

Dr. Hardigan, Dean of Pharmacy at NSU, expressed his support of the pharmacy. He stated, "I think it is exceeding our expectations regarding growth and implementation of clinical pharmacy services. For example, physicians are referring patients that have difficulty becoming stable with regards to drugs and dosing... All health care professionals are impressed with the outcomes. I continue to be impressed by the number of comments given to me regarding how helpful the pharmacists are understanding their medication and how to use it properly; we truly have an outstanding team of pharmacists."

College survival tips continued from page 4.



"Don't take any 8 a.m. classes, don't get an apartment you have to work to keep, and read the assigned books because the movies get you twisted up."

—Doug Price



"I would tell them to get to know as many people as you can. Many people start college thinking that they know no one and won't have any friends. That's what I

thought when I first started. I didn't live in the dorms when I began school, so I missed out on the opportunity to meet people. The first week before school starts is when you meet everyone and start building friendships."

—Tara Stankiewicz

"Now that you are in college, it is important that you begin to apply the many facets that you learn in college to the real world. Don't just memorize events and facts. Make college be a benefit to you. Remember, you are not forced to go to college, so if you choose to attend, make it worthwhile for you."

—Vincent Viola



"A good way to make friends is by approaching people. You will be surrounded by freshmen that feel the same way you do, lost and scared, so... Get started by smiling and approaching the people that seem to be like you."

—Andrea Vincentine

"Discover the benefits of a small university. There is a great opportunity to learn more because of the individual attention. At Nova, you are not an ID number, so learn to take advantage of the opportunity you are given. Establish strong working relationships with your professors and classmates, and you will see how easy success can be. The most important thing to remember is to enjoy your college experience."

—Mohit (Mo) Sood



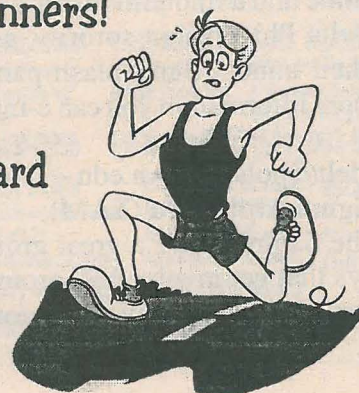
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Greek Life

Greek Life: Year in review



by Megan Greenberg
Greek Life Staff Writer

This past school year has been very prosperous for the Greek System. As a group the Greeks have added a new fraternity on campus and held a successful Greek Week, which consisted of a scavenger hunt, tug of war, volleyball, a blood drive and the Greek Olympics. They are currently organizing a 24-hour softball tournament, which is scheduled to take place in the fall, an all-Greek semi-formal with the theme of Missile Toe Madness and a heaven and hell party where everyone dresses up as either an angel or devil. The accomplishments and contributions of the individual chapters are quite noteworthy as well...

Fraternities **Beta Theta Pi (ΒΘΠ):**

The Betas had quite an eventful year. This group of men devoted much time and energy to contribute over seven hundred community service hours. Some of their volunteer hours went to HRS, the Love Jen Festival, and the Superbowl. They also participated in all intramural sports. Together they did many things, including camping. They also had a "my tie" mixer with the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. This involves each guy putting his tie in a big bag then the girls pick a tie from the bag. Whichever girl picks their tie is their date for the night. No one on campus can forget the famous Beta parties which include the Hal-

loween Party, The 70's Party and the Mardi Gras Party. For more information you can e-mail the Betas at beta@polaris.nova.edu.

Theta Delta Chi (ΘΔΧ):

This fraternity was voted most improved Greek organization, won the most outstanding service award and their president received Greek man of the year. Some of their community service hours went to the

Love Jen Festival, Pick-up butts, women in distress, the AIDS quilt, Hillel hut, hurricane relief in the Keys, and The Thompson Cup. The Thompson Cup was an event they just started this year. It is a roller hockey tournament where thousands of dollars are raised and donated to the United Cancer Research Institute. Together the

guys went on two Keys Trips, a North Carolina retreat, participated in all intramural sports and much more. The Thetas held hazing and leadership workshops, had a Velvety Valentine and a midterm mixer with the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, and had their annual Sun Splash party. For more information you can e-mail the Thetas at thetadelt@polaris.nova.edu.

Sigma Alpha Mu (ΣΑΜ):

The Sammies are a great group of guys that get involved all around campus. This year they have gone

See Year on page 7.



ΒΘΠ Brothers, Senior Dan Black and Freshman Roger Roa, pose for a picture at the 2nd Annual Flight Deck Follies in The Flight Deck.

Photo by V. Garcia

An editorial: The Rush process



by Megan Greenberg
Greek Life Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities are associations mostly composed of college and university students in the United States. They are established to further the social, scholastic, and professional interests of the members. A major concern of many people is the rush process.

To become adults, teenagers have to go through puberty and seem to be in a constant state of awkward confusion. To become Greeks, collegians have to go through rush. The comparison is apt. It's often agony for the rushees, and a pain in the rump for actives. For years it has been called superficial, flawed, plastic, and insincere. It has also been referred to as a freak show, The Inquisition, a beauty pageant, an amateur hour, Hell on Earth, or the Gong Show. Critics of Rush contend that students should not have to face social rejection at school, especially during the first term. They also say that rush encourages elitism and exclusivity and that too much preference is given to legacies and friends of actives. Critics also claim that the blackball system allows an immature active to deny membership to a rushee whom the house thinks would benefit to themselves and the house; and so on. These critics say, "There must be another way." However, the Greeks reply, "Maybe there is, but is it a better way?"

So just what is rush? Rush is a series of parties or get-togethers during which Greeks and potential Greeks look each other over, under, and sideways, until they mutually decide to accept each other's company for the next three or four years and beyond. It is a way a house can perpetuate its ideals, find the right members to carry on its traditions, and get the money to keep the house going.

What makes rush so nerve-racking for all concerned is not just that both rushees and actives have to remain on their best behav-

ior. It's that, like a game of musical chairs, when the music stops, and the parties are over, not everybody wins (i.e., not every rushee gets into his or her first-choice house, and not every house gets its first-choice rushees). Worse than that, some rushees don't even get into a house at all. Take, for example, the University of Indiana, which has one of the largest Greek systems in the country. Some 2,000 girls go through rush vying for a place in eighteen sorority houses. Only 600 girls can make the final cut. Why? Because a house can only hold so many live-ins and live-outs before it becomes Grand Central Station. If building a new sorority house didn't cost over half a million dollars, other sororities would be founded to take up the slack - but at present they can't, and that's what makes rush so competitive. But that's just an example of the competition on the rushees' side. At most colleges, each Greek house also competes with every other house for the best rushees. The top houses have to compete with each other for the top rushees. And the less enticing houses have to compete with each other not only just to get new members, but sometimes to get members at all. In rush it's either sink or swim. If a house only attracts two or three rushees for two years straight, it won't be able to pay its bills, and it's sink-city. No members - no more house.

That's why the competition for new members can get vicious and can result in all those stories of cut-throat infighting, outfighting, backstabbing, and back corridor promises, and that's why fraternity rush, with its traditional full-scale, break-down-the-walls beer parties, can get so costly, as many houses spend a small fortune to win the affections of the new rushees. For example, at many large state universities, fraternity Rush begins as soon as the house is given a list of the new high school students who will be entering school the next fall. Rushees may be offered bids any time after midsummer, to allow them to move right into the house when they get to school. Fraternities sometimes spend thousands of dollars sending out rush materials, making long-distance calls to prospective rushees, and sending "rush scouts" all over the state to arrange local rush parties to publicize their house and attract new

See Rush on page 7.

Does Rush work?

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Brad Fatout, BΘΠ Brother, was not only active in his fraternity, but in the community as well. Because of his well-rounded character, he was honored with the James Farquhar Award.

blood. At schools where fraternity rush is held informally during the school year, houses spend lavishly trying to outdo each other in throwing the biggest parties, with the best bands and most beer, not only to attract the most rushees, but also to attract the most girls - which in turn has the natural effect of further attracting the most rushees. Some fraternities take the rush process one step further and dip into their rush fund to have personable brothers wine and dine "Blue Chip" rushees to enhance their decision-making process. Others organize elaborate "rushee awareness" nights, in which strippers or belly dancers are brought in to entertain, and sometimes to

mudwrestle with, the rushees.

All this adds up. At some large fraternities on larger campuses, the rush bills can add up to over \$10,000. This may be okay if it nets thirty rushees. But sometimes it doesn't. One house spent \$5,000 on rush parties and ended up with one pledge. They could have bought him outright for one-tenth the price.

There are many complications with the rush process. To counteract the costs, many fraternity councils could and are limiting the beer extravaganzas and substituting "dry rush" - a few days of parties at which no alcohol is served. The liability associated with alcohol has also caused many campuses to institute a

dry rush, or even dry campus, policy. This has good and bad points. On the positive side, it presents a more responsible method for meeting prospective members since no laws are broken. The typical rushee is eighteen years old whereas the state drinking age limit is typically twenty-one years old. Also, it cuts the cost of beer given away free to guys who come to rush parties to drink, not rush. On the negative side, many actives and rushees compare the parties to Sunday school picnics, where "everyone acts weird and uptight." Most guys still would rather talk to each other in their natural state at parties - beer in hand.

Another possible solution is that the fraternities and sororities could get together and put a price limit on the amount spent for rush. If there is a price limit, then the material values would not be a leading factor in a person's decision but rather the quality of sisterhood or brotherhood that a certain group possesses. Not to mention the extra money could be used to lower the high amount of dues that members are required to pay. Rushees should also not be allowed to receive gifts. Why would anyone want to "buy" their brother or sister? Each school, for its own reasons, has its own elaborate set of Rush rules and regulations, which, all combined, would take a volume the size of a phone book to spell out.

Although there seem to be many possible solutions to some of the problems associated with rush, maybe critics should not be so quick in criticizing. No matter what it's called or what's said about it, after all the parties and punches and forced smiles and small talk are over, and the bids have been accepted, only about 6 percent of all new members drop out of the Greek system - a figure that shows that even if rush may seem like the most haphazard, stupid, thing on earth - it works!

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paint balling, held a bounce-a-thon for pediatric AIDS and have had a mixer with the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority and Sammies from Nova and Florida International University. This next year should be far more eventful for the Sammies. For more information you can e-mail the Sammies at sigalphmu@polaris.nova.edu.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣΑΕ):

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is new on campus this year. This fraternity is full of energetic and outgoing guys. Even though they only established themselves second semester they have already managed to hold an after finals party, The Conclusion.

Sororities

Delta Phi Epsilon (ΔΦΕ):

This sorority won most outstanding Greek organization amongst others. Some of their community service hours went towards the Love Jen Festival, Toys for Tots, Pick-up butts, donating food to the homeless, and the Angel Tree. The girls did a lot of exciting fund-raising this year including working at a Miami Dolphin's game and a Billy Joel concert. They also held their annual Mr. Nova Knight, which is a beauty pageant for the guys. The profits from that went to ANAD (anorexia and other eating disorders). The girls also had a "my tie" mixer with Beta Theta Pie and a Velvety Valentine and mid-term mixer with Theta Delta Chi. Together they went on an overnight retreat to Universal studios for Halloween Horror Night, went on a weekend spa retreat, had their formal with this year's theme being Midnight Masquerade, and participated in intramural softball. For more information you can e-mail them at dpe@polaris.nova.edu.

Phi Sigma Sigma (ΦΣΣ)

This sorority has gone through so much during the past year. An ambitious and enthusiastic group of girls joined the sorority second semester and much more is expected from them next year. This year (starting second semester) they had a crush party where they invited people they had crushes on and revealed the crush at the party. They had a mixer with Sigma Alpha Epsilon and other Phi-Sigs from Nova and Florida International University. They also went on a camping retreat. For more information you can e-mail them at phisig@polaris.nova.edu.

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Entertainment

Reel in the summertime flicks



by Deana Daneau
Entertainment Staff
Writer

The cinema is more than a cool refuge from the sweltering summer's heat... it's a fantasy asylum providing a sense of escapism for our working lives and daydream material for following days in the doldrums. We wait with great anticipation for the trillion dollar action/adventure story as well as the unrealistic romantic comedy. We are promised the big stars, long trailers, and longer lines. We love summer blockbusters!

Notting Hill

Ever wonder what it would be like to bump into your favorite movie celebrity and mutually fall in love? If so, this tale of possibly your wild-



Julia Roberts stars opposite Hugh Grant in Notting Hill.

Photo taken from www.universalphictures.com/nottinghill/

est dream has made it to the silver screen in the charming romantic comedy Notting Hill. The film stars Julia Roberts as a famous Hollywood starlet who falls in love with a lonesome but likable bookstore owner, played by Hugh Grant. Roberts is delightful as always and Grant charms his audience with his sulking eyes, nervous body language, and self-deprecating humor. But the audience is sure to find minor characters- specifically Spike, Grant's repulsive roommate played by Rhys

Ifans- to provide laugh-out-loud jokes and add believability to the story as a whole. The film is well written, well directed (by Roger Michell), well acted, and therefore, a sure money maker.

The Mummy

Originally made in 1932, The Mummy is considered a horror classic.



Brendan Fraser plays Rick O'Connell, and American who joined the Foreign Legion in search of adventure in Egypt.

Photo taken from www.themummy.com

Rachel Weisz as two adventurers leading a group of treasure seekers to an Egyptian tomb where, unbeknownst to them, they awaken a mummified high-priest who's hell-bent on getting revenge for the loss of his love. The film boasts fascinating special effects, including plagues of locusts and beetles, not to mention the well animated mummy himself. Though the computer generated effects are quite impressive, the same cannot be said about the acting. Fraser and gang try unsuccessfully to mimic Indiana Jones' style and wit, although a poorly written script has much to do with that.

Once again, here's an example of a big-budgeted Hollywood film that banks on success with its effects, but leaves the audience bankrupt when a quality piece of work is expected.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Though found to be a beautifully sculpted target for harsh criticism, the newest version of William Shakespeare's romantic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream is quite entertaining and aesthetically pleasing. With the setting updated to the end of the 19th century in Tuscany, the four familiar lovers- Demetrius, Hermia, Lysander, and Helena- are found bicycling their way into a magical forest to escape unsatisfy-

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Keep reeling!...



by Deana Daneau
Entertainment Staff
Writer

The anticipation keeps growing as we hear of more and more films due to be released this summer. Here are just a few that that'll keep you running back to the theater:

Tarzan (June 18)

Another full-length Disney animation that promises to be of top quality, like The Little Mermaid and The Lion King.

Big Daddy (June 25)

Adam Sandler adopts a little boy to prove to his fed-up girlfriend that he can be responsible.

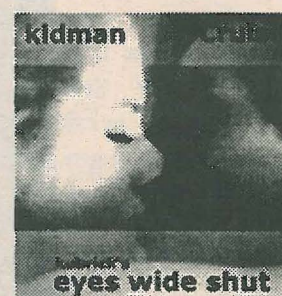
Summer of Sam (July 2)

Spike Lee's film about the summer of serial killer David Berkowitz's terror in N.Y.

American Pie (July 9)

High school seniors attempt to graduate from living life as virgins.

Eyes Wide Shut (July 16)



underworld with his wife (Nicole Kidman).

Runaway Bride (July 30)

Richard Gere plays a reporter writing a story on a non-committing woman (Julia Roberts) who repeatedly leaves men at the altar.

Fight Club (August 6)

Brad Pitt stars as a sadistic club owner who gives yuppies the chance to beat each other silly within his establishment.

Detroit Rock City (August 13)

Four teens attempt to get into a sold-out KISS concert in the 70's when one kid's mom burns their "Satanic" tickets.

The Astronaut's Wife (August 27)

In a cross between Contact and Rosemary's Baby, Johnny Depp returns to his wife a changed man after a trip into space.

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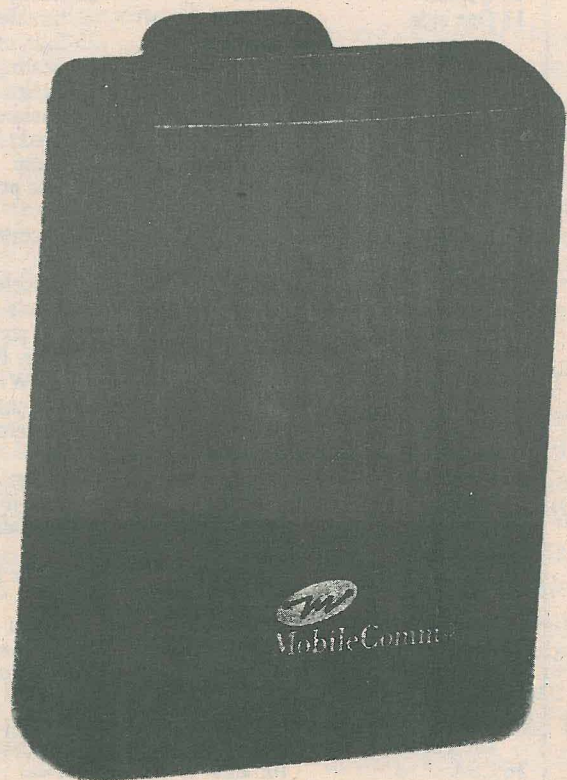
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pectancy to experience a beautiful piece of classical entertainment, you might enjoy Shakespeare's commentary on how silly and arbitrary the love-game can be.

Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me

Powers is back, baby, but this time his shagadelic self is in jeopardy! Mike Myers, creator of the 60's sex-crazed British spy both on the page and on the screen, reprises his roles as Austin Powers, his nemesis Dr. Evil, and adds a less shagable character to his resume, Fat Bastard. In this sequel, Austin follows Dr. Evil and his clone, Minime, back to London 1969, where Evil steals Powers' mojo from his "original" cryogenically frozen body. Powers, however, is back in his element as he hooks up with the scantily clad CIA agent Felicity Shagwell (Heather Graham). The jokes are outrageous and Myers is absolutely groovy, although perhaps not as shag worthy as in the original flick. Great entertainment, though, and an all around smashing sequel.



Austin Powers, played by Mike Myers, cuts a rug with one of Dr. Evil's spies in *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*. Lucky for Powers, Felicity Shagwell intervenes.

Photo taken from www.austinpowers.com

Let's party

by Angel E. Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

On May 5, students, faculty, and staff from NSU gathered and celebrated "Cinco de Mayo" at "On the Border" restaurant. This day celebrates a battle where the Mexicans fought the French removed them

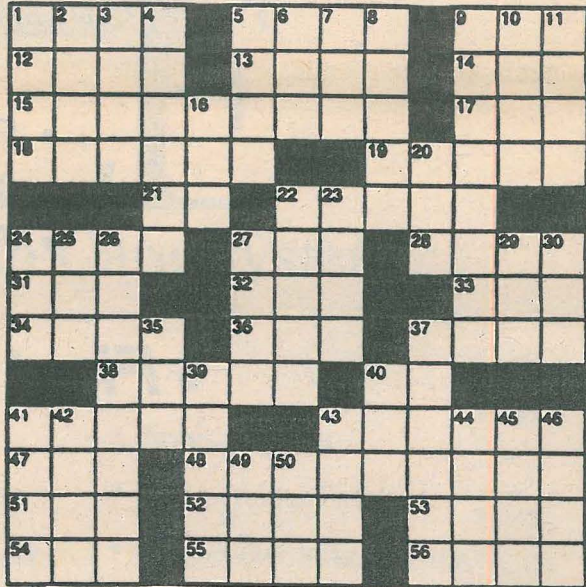
from Mexico.

"On the Border," located in Pembroke Pines across from the Pembroke Lakes Mall, offered drink specials all day and night, while 103.5 FM Planet Radio provided music. A live band played the remainder of the night. The party was held outside and the inside remained open for those who wanted to eat. There were games for kids and mixed drinks

(Bacardi, Jose Cuervo Tequila, and Corona) for the adults. Nachos, ribs, and tacos were served to the partygoers outside. The Guacamole sauce was excellent. Everyone had a great time celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mexican style.

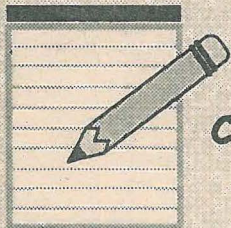
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by Norma M. Goonen
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At last, after waiting for so long, you are here. What will it be like? Will it be everything you have dreamed of, or more than you ever imagined? So many have come before you, to sit in the same chairs, filled with the same ambitions, and now, at last, it is your turn.

In the scope of our lives, orientation is not a singular event we attend but rather a continuing process of learning that helps us understand our place in the environment, enables us to adapt to change, and beckons us to grow.

As a new member of the Nova Southeastern University family, you are ready to embark on a wonderful adventure and the beginning of your journey into the future. In addition to a tradition of excellence, you will travel with faculty members who are committed to professional development, research, and their leadership roles within the university and the communities it serves. At NSU we maintain a personalized educational relationship between our faculty and students with close interaction in small classes. Our multi-faceted education programs will prepare you to meet personal and professional challenges now and in the future.

We encourage you to explore and reach beyond the horizon. NSU is committed to enhancing our computer resources through upgrading and adding innovative technology. Our staffed computer labs are available to you and are equipped with the latest hardware and software to aid you in your course work and research. In addition, you will be issued a computer account and password that will allow you to access the Electronic Library, enjoy email interaction with classmates and faculty, participate in courses on-line, and connect with the Internet and world wide web.

Very soon, we will add a new Library, Research and Information Technology Center to our campus. This new center, which will be housed in a beautiful new building

in the center of campus, is an exciting step forward for the NSU community. It will serve as a focal area and will unite advanced technology access and information with traditional books and print resources. You will be the first students to experience the benefits of its advanced performance, study, and classroom space.

The search for knowledge and the need for understanding are alive deep within all of us and always growing, as are the demands of the world around us. With this in mind, NSU reinforces its commitment to develop new majors and upgrade existing degree programs. Developments in technology, faculty, facilities and service are investments that keep NSU on the leading edge of undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic quality. Our students will face increasingly complex challenges as well as incredible opportunities in the coming years. We, in turn, are dedicated to ensuring their success.

This year's Freshman Orientation Safari promises to be an exciting introduction to the new world of NSU. And this is only the beginning. NSU and the world beyond are open for you to explore, discover, and find your own, unique place. Welcome to our family and your future. The moment is yours. It is time to begin.

Welcome from the NSUSGA



by Arik Chellew
NSUSGA President

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all incoming students to Nova Southeastern University for the 1999-2000 school year. My name is Arik Chellew, and I am the current president of Nova Southeastern Undergraduate Student Government Association (NSUSGA). You are entering at a particular bright time, for the vision I have for the future is one of positive change for undergraduate life. You will also find that I have assembled one of the best cabinets, composed of the finest student leaders on campus. We are here to work for you, always keep this in mind.

What we have in mind is a resurrection of campus activities encompassing the entire student body. Events such as the second annual "Got Wood?" party, which you shall see on the welcome weekend, will be the norm. Our Campus Entertainment Committee, who is always looking for extra hands, is in the midst of planning a revival of the Mexican Fiesta, as well as booking concert events, novelty acts, etc.

Unfortunately, the NSUSGA is unable to focus primarily on providing entertainment, as there are many issues on campus needing resolution.

I do not know about you, but I really do not care to spend my hard-earned money on books every semester; it becomes taxing on my bank account. I would like to see the Faculty Curriculum Council adopt a system where basic text, such as Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, etc., are in a rental type system. I do not foresee any major breakthroughs in Cellular Biology that will throw out entire knowledge of the system out of whack. Therefore, your basic textbooks should be loaned out and returned at the end of the semester with no charge assessed. Seem logical, right? Well, there are plenty of other issues needing similar attention, like the dining service, student activity fees, universal university ID's expansion of facilities, etc.

To resolve these types of issues requires student involvement; not necessarily in the form of student government, as clubs and other organizations as well. If you are the type of student who enjoys taking the concerns of the campus and pushing them through to a positive end result, then please, don't hesitate in contacting me at the NSUSGA office (262-8459). I will be more than happy to give you the necessary connections. Stopping in at the Student Life Office (262-7280), first floor of Rosenthal Building, is another great step in getting involved. Our friendly staff will assist you in any way they can. Once again, welcome to NSU, I hope to hear from you.

Letter from the Editor



by Angel E. Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

At this moment I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new students and their families to Nova Southeastern University on behalf of *The Knight* Newspaper staff. We hope that you take advantage of what this outstanding institution has to offer. As you enjoy your summer before the beginning of the 1999-2000-school year, I encourage

you to take an active role in your education and become involved. There are a lot of clubs and organizations that offer chances to enrich your educational and college experience. No matter your major, there is a club or organization that will meet your needs. As you graduate and move on into "the real world," employers will not only look at your grades but in your extracurricular activities as well. A person who can do well in school and be a leader on campus will have more opportunities for companies are always seek-

ing for leaders.

I am not trying to damper your college experience. I am suggesting for you to become involved and help make a difference on campus. However, do not let your schoolwork fall behind. If you do not think that you have the time to participate, don't stress yourself. On the other hand, if you have the time, do not spread yourself too thin where you have too much to do and not enough time. There is a time and place for everything and if you manage your time,

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Investigating in college: Thigpen

The Wingate Problem speaks

by Roger Roa
Contributing Writer

Being in my first year in college, I was very disillusioned of what college was really about. I, like every other student, thought that it was all bookwork and not really learning anything important. All this was proven wrong when I entered Dr. Barker's Living Earth class back in March. He explained to us that his course was different than the other Core classes. He told us that it was going to be very busy and at times overwhelming. The first day of class, he explained that he was assigning a

research project for us to do. We had to investigate materials, interview people, and present all the information to the class at a conference held in April. This scared many students! The first day of class, there were about twenty-seven students and at the next class, there were only nine. These nine survivors learned a great deal about many ecological issues and their effects on Broward County. Taking this class has made me deal with many real life situations.

Our primary research project dealt with the Wingate Superfund Site in Fort Lauderdale. Wingate is See Operation Wingate on page 19.

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taught courses in local history. I taught courses in Comedy. That was a popular course that I taught for years, American Comedy. When I taught there, most of the classes that I taught were very large, about 45 to 65 students on the average.

You said you had a Ph.D.?

Yes, my Ph.D. is in folklore from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Why did you decide to come to Florida?

Well, for a number of reasons I guess you could say. I was at the same place for twenty-six years. Our children grew up, went to college at Penn State and then at other places, and left. I wanted to experience some other environment in this lifetime and I was very attracted to South Florida. My wife is originally from Miami, from Coral Gables actually. I grew up in Orlando so we both had very strong family ties in Florida. I came here because I genuinely liked the people I met when I came here to interview. All along the way, I thought people were interesting and they had good questions. They had a good balance of humor and seriousness. I find that still to be true.

Is there anything that you would like Nova students to know about you or anything in particular they should be aware of?

Without going into any great detail, I am very interested in the undergraduate curriculum, [specifically] in ways that we can move forward and improve this and make it an even better educational experience than it is. We have excellent teachers presenting our courses. I think that any educational institution has to continually self-assess and evaluate those things that it can improve upon. If you don't get better, you get worse; you never stay the same. ... I am interested in having student opportunities expand in positive ways for study abroad, for international education, and really creating an environment which recognizes and honors high quality achievement in the classroom through an Honors ... program. I think that students should know that everybody here is very student focused. It seems like we're up here just doing our jobs, but we're doing it in a way as service; that's the way that I see it. All the people that I work with really see everything that they do as motivated by what's best for students. We really try to make those determinations. That's why it's important to keep talking to students and listening to them, too. And I am committed to doing that. I invite students to talk with me. Even though I have moved out of the residence hall, we can still keep in touch.

Living in the rain forest

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dents included the lodge and seventy-five unadulterated acres of rain forest. "For me home has no worries. Home is not a place, rather it is a mental state; it can be anywhere and this has become my home," said Cress.

Some students, Aramburu, Stablein, and Whitesel, left the homeland three days a week to teach English to the local children. Lessons included basic phrases, such as "hello," "good-bye," and "how are you," as well as body parts, colors, days of the week, and months in the year.

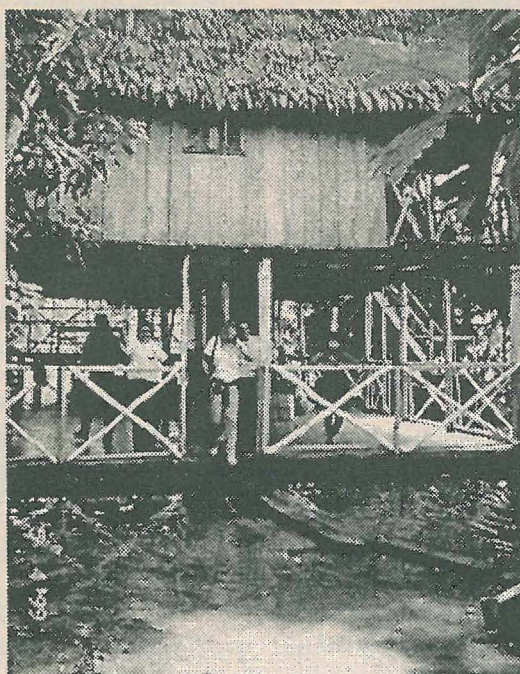
Even further from the homeland, the group ventured to Pebas, a town

200 miles away. The group rowed down the Amazon River for three grueling days at an average of six hours per day, stopping in caserios (small groups of houses in the jungle) for brief breaks and meals. As best put by Levy, "It was an adventure of a lifetime."

Despite unprecedented torrential rainstorms, Dr. Brodman was extremely pleased with this group's success.

"The 1999 Field Study has been my

'dream team.' Give me a couple of groups like them every year and we will save the rain forest and change the world," she said.



Student participants lived in and renovated the house pictured above. For six weeks the group lived without electricity, air conditioning, and running water (unless you count the river).

Photo by A. Dion



Belen, "the floating city," near Iquitos, Peru, is one of the few cities inaccessible by automobile. Many houses in this floating city were damaged by the torrential downpours. The rain level almost reached a record high this summer.

Photo by A. Dion

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Other News

Graduating into the real world?

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Press Release

NEW YORK, April 13—You've heard the saying "welcome to the real world." Well, if you're a student on the verge of graduating, this phrase may soon take on new meaning. Even if your college lifestyle has exposed you to some real world experiences, you'll find that life after college can be quite different.

One thing won't be different---that is, the challenge of meeting financial needs. In college, you managed lots of expenses, probably with relatively little income. If you're graduating into a new job situation, you'll probably have much more income, but your expenses will be proportionately greater, too. You'll need to balance paying rent, phone, utility and cable bills, maybe monthly car payments, and many other additional expenses, like new clothes for your job, food, and furniture. Chances are, you'll also be responsible for making monthly student loan payments.

Citibank realizes that real world personal finances can be somewhat overwhelming. But they will be a lot easier to navigate if you keep your

finances organized. By setting up a financial management system, you will be ready to manage your finances more successfully- and now is the perfect time to do it. Here are 8 steps to get you started.

1. Make a list of all-important financial and legal documents. Before you can get organized, you need to know what you have to organize. Make a list of any and all important financial and legal documents, such as paycheck stubs, insurance policies, bank account statements, monthly bills, and receipts for major purchases. There are probably others-you must decide what's important to you.

2. Set up a Record of Documents. Separate financial papers and other documents you need to keep "for the record," such as insurance policies and tax returns, from bills and papers you will need to reference regularly. Records such as birth certificates and passports, while not strictly financial in nature, should also be included because it's important to know where they are at all times. Make one list of all the docu-

ments and indicate where they are kept.

3. Set up a system for monitoring savings and investments. Information of savings accounts, CDs, mutual funds, stocks and bonds can be organized by account or by savings goal, for example "retirement." Make a list of the vehicles and balances, and update it periodically to see how you are doing.

4. Set up a system for paying and filing bills. Most of the remaining paperwork will be about bills. As bills come in, collect them in one place for payment. Once paid, put them in a "12-Month" file system for easy tracking. This can be set up by month or by type of bill.

5. Plan your payments. Make a list of the bills that need to be paid each month, arranging them in the order in which they are due. Decide which paycheck, or other income source, will be used to cover each bill. For example, the rent may be paid out of the first paycheck of the month, leaving the car payment to come out of the second check. Keep a monthly checklist of when bills are to be paid to know "at a glance" whether you're on schedule.

6. Separate the wheat from the chaff. An important key to staying organized is knowing what to keep and what to throw away. Shuffling through the same old stack of papers is confusing and time consuming. Keep records that must be kept for 7 years (such as tax returns and canceled checks) in storage, file other important papers (such as current bills or insurance policies) as soon as possible, and throw away unnecessary paper (such as old, paid bills).

7. Set aside time to do your homework. You probably thought you'd never have to do this again. Pick a regular time and place each month to pay bills and review your accounts. Whatever it takes, making it routine will make it less of an ordeal and ensure that you stay organized.

8. Stay the course! The time it takes to keep up with your new system will, in the end, be less than if you slip back into a state of financial disorganization.

While these general guidelines should be helpful, you might also be interested in Citibank's free workbook titled "Getting Financially Organized---Money Minder Worksheets." This workbook is filled with record forms and worksheets to help you get your finances on track, and can be ordered free by calling Citibank at 1-800-669-2635.

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Press Release

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tionally counseled students in face-to-face meetings. Once students successfully complete the exit counseling session, Nellie Mae e-mails the financial aid officer with a status report.

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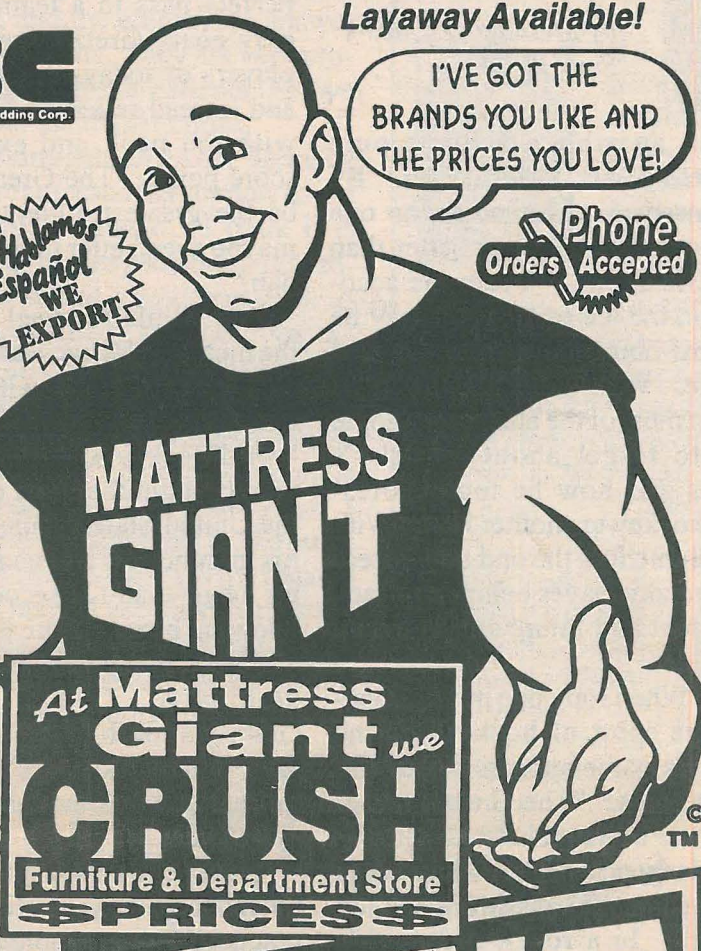
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Sports

The measure of greatness: Wayne Gretzky



by Michael L. Citron
Staff Writer

Can an athlete achieve pure greatness in his or her career? By the consensus of his peers, no one has ever played hockey better than "The Great One." From his accolades on the ice and off, he may be the most dominant team athlete of all time. With Michael Jordan attracting most of the attention, people seem to forget about Gretzky's records and how he took professional hockey to another level. With his retirement at the end of this season, Gretzky leaves behind a legacy for current and future stars to emulate.

When someone merely mentions the sport of hockey, Wayne Gretzky's name appears almost instantaneously! "The Greatest One" was never a great skater and never particularly powerful. All he could do was play. His passing was a joy to watch. In a rough-and-tumble sport, Gretzky competed with finesse. His size and demeanor seemed to make him look like an average player with few skills. But, his love for the game proved to be much different. He was a team player that made everyone around him perform better. Gretzky was the captain of captains.

Gretzky's career could be compared to ex-Los Angeles Lakers star, Magic Johnson. Both were dazzling team players that drew every defender their way and then calmly made the

perfect pass to a teammate for an easy goal. Gretzky was unlike the players of today. He never fought and instead relied on his quickness with the puck and experience to score points. The Great One could be the greatest athlete of all time; maybe even better than Michael Jordan?

While Michael Jordan took the meager Chicago Bulls and turned them into a dynasty, Gretzky began his career in Canada playing in the World Hockey Association. Gretzky then brought the sport of hockey to the United States, which thrived on his greatness. He was rarely on the ice longer than 120 seconds at a time, allowing him no more than 10 shifts a period, 30 a game, and yet he still dominated. Barry Melrose, Gretzky's coach while in Los Angeles, said, "The reason he's dominated is that he's the smartest that ever played the game."

Wayne Gretzky's numbers alone open people's eyes. His records are practically untouchable. He owns 61 records, including 10 time scoring champion, and a nine-time most

valuable player. For his 20-year career, Gretzky has 1,016 goals, 2,221 assists, and 3,237 points. Today, fans talk about a great a

season, when a player scores fifty or more goals. But in 1982, Gretzky scored 92 goals. If a player scored fifty goals from his rookie year until

his twentieth season, he still would not surpass Gretzky's scoring record. So when people make such a big deal about Mark McGwire breaking the homerun record, I ask why shouldn't Gretzky's scoring records be mentioned in comparison of greatness?

I have met the "Great One" personally on various occasions. I am a die-hard hockey fan, and Gretzky has been an idol of mine since I was eight and could strap on a pair of ice skates. His true passion for the game is stronger than ever! Former teammate Grant Fuhr said, "I think he meant to hockey what Jordan meant to basketball. For the longest time, Gretz was hockey. I mean everywhere he went, he drew a big crowd." When meeting Gretzky in person, you see up-close how sincere he is about making hockey more appealing for the fans. Opponents, while on the ice with Gretzky, don't want to hit him too hard, because he is such an icon and ambassador for the sport. Hall of Famer, Mario Lemieux remarked that, "He has to be recognized as the best ever." Unfortunately all careers have to come to an end.

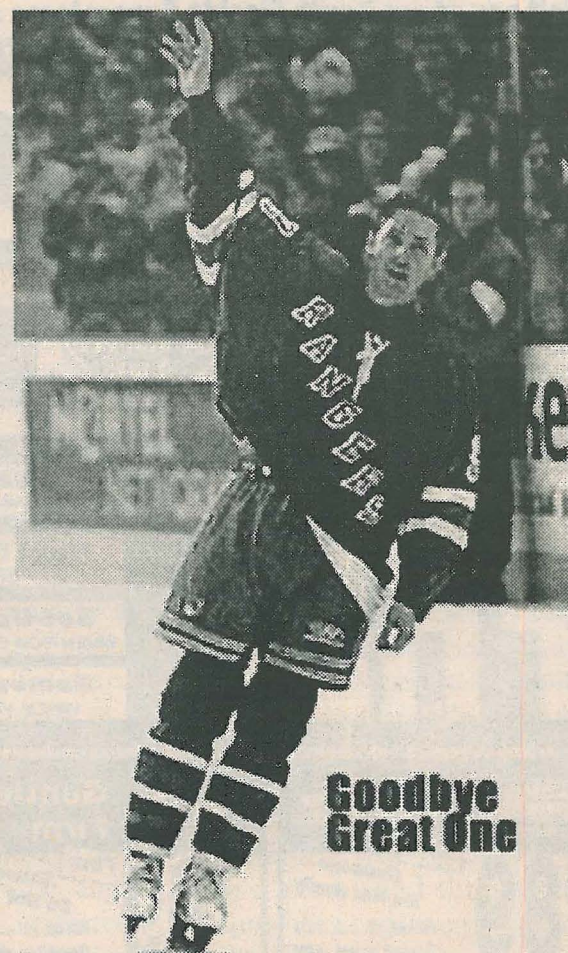
After twenty years and winning four Stanley Cups and tons of other awards, Gretzky called it quits after this season. "I started to feel fatigue—mentally and physically—that I never felt before," Gretzky said. During his press conference, Gretzky said he didn't want to retire and would love to keep on playing, but his body just wouldn't allow it. "I have played for 35 years, since I was 3. Now I'm hanging in my skates—I'm done."

The National Hockey League has retired Gretzky's number 99 throughout the league. His number will be hanging in every pro-

fessional hockey arena in the United States and Canada. I know next year

when the season begins, and I don't see "The Great One" suited up for the opening face-off, the sport of hockey will not be the same. The number 99 is more than just a number. It represents a player

who contributed to not only his team's success, but also the success of hockey globally. Chicago Blackhawks' player, Tony Amonte said it best after Gretzky announced his retirement, "I think he has meant everything to the NHL and kids growing up. That includes myself and people in my generation. It's a sad day for hockey to see him go." Well, so long number 99, thanks for being great!



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DATE	DAY	SCHOOL	TIME
Aug. 26	Thurs.	Barry University	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 29	Sun.	Huntington College	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Wed.	*Palm Beach Atlantic	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Thurs.	University of Tampa	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Sat.	Florida Southern College	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Tues.	Lynn University	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Fri.	*Embry Riddle University	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Sat.	*Flagler College	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Wed.	*St. Thomas University	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Wed.	*Webber College	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Sun.	*Embry Riddle College	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Mon.	*Northwood University	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29-30	Fri. & Sat.	Florida Sun Conference	TBA

Home Games played at NSY Sports Complex

Men's Soccer

DATE	DAY	SCHOOL	TIME
Sept. 3	Fri.	Life	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Wed.	Barry	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Wed.	*St. Thomas	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Mon.	*Northwood	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Wed.	*Webber*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Wed.	*Palm Beach	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Sun.	*Flagler	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 23	Sat.	*Embry-Riddle	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Wed.	Lynn	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	Fri.	FSC Tournament Semifinals (Hosted by NSU)	
Nov. 6	Sat.	FSC Tournament Final (Hosted by NSU)	
Nov. 11	Thurs.	Southeast Region Semifinals	
Nov. 13	Sat.	Southeast Regional Final	

Volleyball

DATE	DAY	SCHOOL	TIME
Aug. 31	Tues.	NSU Alumni Game	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Tues.	Lynn University	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Tues.	FIU	TBA
Sept. 21	Tues.	Palm Beach Atlantic	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Mon.	Trinity International	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Fri.	Embry-Riddle	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Sat.	Flagler College	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Tues.	St. Thomas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Fri.	Webber	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Sat.	Warner Southern	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Sat.	Covenant College	TBA
Oct. 22	Fri.	Florida Memorial	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 5-6	Fri. & Sat.	Florida Sun Conference Championships	7:00 p.m.

Home Games played at Broward Community College (BCC)

Games are scheduled to changes.

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Testing Date	Deadline to Register
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September 23, 1999	August 27, 1999
December 1, 1999	November 12, 1999
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Testing Date	Deadline to Register
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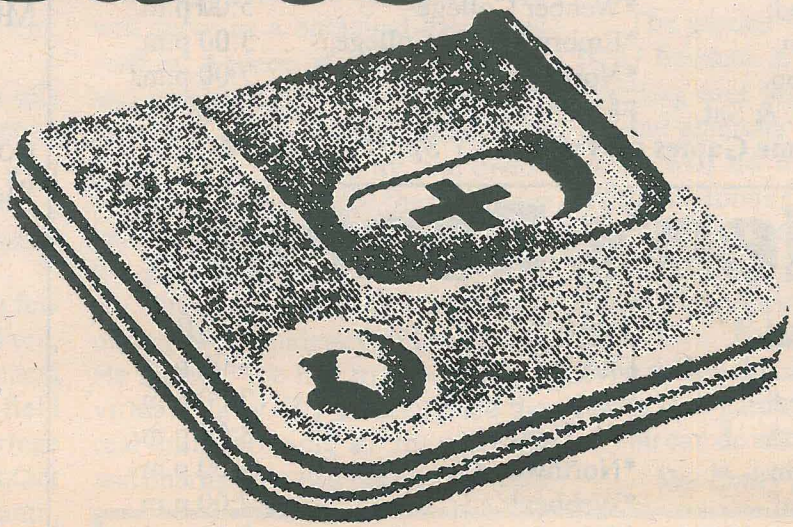
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September 14-16, 1999	August 27, 1999
October 5-7, 1999	September 10, 1999
November 9-11, 1999	October 15, 1999
December 7-9, 1999	November 12, 1999

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Saturday, October 9, 1999	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday, October 14, 1999	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday, November 20, 1999	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesday, December 15, 1999	8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Operation Wingate

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a sixty-one acre dumpsite in the middle of a highly populated area. The dumpsite is on Sunrise Boulevard across from the Swap Shop and a Kentucky Fried Chicken. Approximately 44,000 people live within a mile radius and 350,000 get drinking water from municipal wells within three miles of the site. This is a busy residential and commercial area. The city purchased the site in 1951 with the intention of building an incinerator that would dispose of the residential and commercial waste. The city began with one incinerator and added another one after a few years to be able to keep up with the waste productivity. To cool the incinerators, the city workers sent water from onsite wells that go through them. The water would then be discharged to an unlimited lagoon in the southeastern corner of the facility, which is known as Lake Stupid. Wingate, according to records, was never built around a predominately black neighborhood. It was constructed in a non-developed part of the city. The land around Wingate was then bought by a private buyer and sold very inexpensively to black families that were finally able to purchase property west of I-95. The site was finally closed down after many residents surrounding the dump complained that many of their family members and friends were dying of unknown diseases. The city closed it down, and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) came in and tested the site for many toxic chemicals. They found harmful toxicants, which led them to declare it a superfund site in 1985.

It wasn't easy compiling all the information. We were allowed to work with a partner in the other classes, which meant the workload was divided into two people. Much of the information was posted on the Internet and in reference books at the Broward's Main Branch Library. We were introduced to the information by our professor. He gave us our foundation for the report, then set us out to make for interviews with city officials and parties responsible for Wingate. Then we had the experience of going on the site and exploring for ourselves. We were given a tour by two scientists that the city

hired to both investigate the site and check on the toxins that are in the ground. We then handed out surveys to residents and came into contact with many people around the site. Through the investigation, we learned about what might happen to the site within a few years.

Through our investigation, we came across solutions that the city had for the site. The city supposedly sent out a survey to all the residents surrounding Wingate, and according to our survey only about five out of twenty-five residents said they received it and which only three out of the five responded. According to the survey's results, the majority of the residents want the 61-acre site turned into a golf course. The golf course would come after the city capped the site. This process consists of digging a few feet into the ground, then laying thick plastic layer on top of the soil and covering it with new soil. This would work if there were a guarantee on how long it would last. If capping were to happen, the city would begin to build the golf course. Another way that the site could be cleaned up and made useful would be if they used a new process called 100% Solid Aliphatic Spray Poly Urea Elastomer System. According to Wingate specialists, this would cost more money but would be more effective. Designers say that this new type of cap covers the land under and above the soil. Also, the city would be able to build on top of this covering. In addition, The guarantee on the covering cap is about 75 to 100 years. This sounds like the best solution, but unfortunately the city says that it is too expensive. The responsible parties involved that were ordered to clean up the site don't want to pay such a high fine. The fine for each responsible party is \$200,000 each.

Unfortunately, neither the city nor the government is moving fast enough to clean up the site. Are they waiting for the toxins to reach Florida's Aquifer? This danger is one of the main reasons why this class is so involved with the project. Each student within the class will present their findings in front of a town meeting with many invited guests from around the area. The town meeting

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'Emily Bronto' joins garden

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vice component for people to come and enjoy ... this is just the start because



Pharmacy students assist the guests during the grand opening.

Photo by V. Garcia

is the garden in its infancy ... the garden will expand and get bigger."

According to Dr. Anthony Silvagni, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at NSU-HPD, "[It] is a step forward. Pharmacy and medicine has lost its focus of how much we get from natural products that we get from various fungi, plants, etc. I think that the fact that the public has gone back to looking at natural pharmaceuticals [is great]. ... This is going to offer some wonderful opportunities for people in the colleges

the opportunities are unbelievable, [such as] the addition of a subtropical region.

I guess what you are seeing

and the Health Professions Division to do some research and maybe be able to find some additional medications that we don't have."

One section of the garden is called the "Mesozoic Garden." Professor Charles Messing, creator of this section, stated, "The Mesozoic garden was my brain child and I suggested [it] to President Lewis several years ago, and he loved the idea. We have in the Mesozoic Garden representatives of plants that have ancient pedigrees. ... We have two monkey puzzle trees, which are conifer-like pines, ... but they belong to a branch of the family that was very similar to the trees that grew in the petrified forest back in the Triassic period. As you look from left to right with the Science Annex behind you, right in front of you is the Triassic and the Jurassic [periods] with our topiary dinosaur, 'Emily Bronto.' ... Beyond that will be the cretaceous and paleogene, the first period after the demise of the dinosaurs."

After the ceremony, small plants were distributed as momentos. This garden will benefit all NSU students. It is not only a step forward for the research of alternative medicine for NSU-HPD, but it is also a pleasant site that all students can appreciate as they go to class or study in the benches located in the Parker building promenade.

Graduation at National Car Rental Center

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senior.

The guest speaker was Dr. Sarah Weddington, who received the Doctorate of Humane Letters Honorary Degree. Dr. Weddington tried Rowe v. Wade in the U.S. Supreme Court. She became a motivational speaker.

Victor Garcia who attended graduation said, "She has a lot of experiences in her life from where she has learned a lot... She is willing to share them with everybody... she is very knowledgeable and a down to earth person... seems to be a very approachable person when one has a question, you can infer all this from her speech in the graduation but at the same time her great humanistic and simple nature."

She reminded the graduates the importance of being persistent in obtaining ones goals and that there is more than one road to follow in life. On the other hand, President Ferraro reminded the students of the success that NSU has had since the first graduation class of 7 students where there where more faculty than students at the time. He also mentioned the groundbreaking of the library this summer. The new library will be 265 thousand square feet and will serve all NSU students.

Congratulations to all the graduates for this is another stepping stone in their ever-ending world of knowledge. These years at NSU will serve you as a reference when taking a leap into the future.

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"The Knight Before"

by Angel Sanchez
Editor-in-Chief

On May 1, 1999, NSU Farquhar Center for the Undergraduate studies celebrated its third annual "The Knight Before." This annual celebration is held before graduation for graduating seniors, their love ones, faculty, and staff to gather to wish the soon-to-be graduates good luck in the future.

The night began with music, hors d'oeuvres, and a few encouraging words from the University President, Dr. Ray Ferraro, and Dean of the Farquhar Center, Dr. Norma Goonen. This special event allowed seniors to gather one last time before moving on to the next phase in their lives. Moreover, it allowed their relatives to visit the NSU campus and understand why it was a worthy investment for their children to attend here.

Seniors who contributed to the campus and excelled academically as well as extra-curricularly were

recognized. These students, chosen from each department within the Farquhar Center were: Coral Cruz, Amy Curtain, Trudy Ambrose, Rehanna Sheermohamed, Scott Decklebaum, Paul Wisniewski, Roxana Camacho, Scott Shannon, James Birch, and Linda Osterman. Seniors who participated in clubs and organizations were also recognized.

Brad Fatout received the prestigious honor of James Farquhar student of the year. He thanked the faculty, staff, his friends from NSU, and most importantly, his parents for all their support, understanding, and unconditional love.

After the special recognition was awarded, all of the seniors lined up around the lake and lit ceremonious candles while Dean Goonen and the faculty wished the students farewell. For this new ceremony, the faculty ones lit the students' candles exemplifying a bond created among the faculty and students that will forever remind the graduating seniors that they will always be part of the Nova Southeastern University Family.

Farewell and good luck

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you will do well.

For those of you who will be commuting, NSU has a lot of activities and events that will be available to you as well. Take advantage of this opportunity and attend as many as you can. For example, There are movies being played at the Flight Deck every week, TGIF, speakers, and more.

Things that you, as a student, will have face during the school year will be an increase of tuition and the "increase" of your student activity fee. Last but not least, if there is something that you do not like, voice it, change can only be made when the problem is known.

Finally, I would like to wish you luck and hope that you take advantage of all the things that this institution has to offer. I will be leaving my position as editor and continue in my goal to become a health care professional. However, the newspa-

per staff will be here to assist you and help you in any way they can. Our office will always be open and we will be glad to publish your ideas, concerns, and thought on how to make NSU a more pleasant institution for you, your fellow students, and the future students to come. We are always looking for good writers, if you are interest it e-mail us at theknight@polaris.nova.edu or call us at (954) 262-8455 or 8461.

As a NSU graduate I can tell you that my experiences at NSU will be unforgettable. My advice to you would be to always be persistent and no matter what stand on your ground. Through out your college experience you'll be face with positive and negative things on your path; remember that they are only obstacles that will help you grow into a better person. If you believe in yourself, good or bad can only benefit you in your future.

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will take place on Thursday, April 22, 1999 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. After we have presented our findings, we will be graded on how much effort and information we

have put in and collected. After being done with all the work in this class, I look back and see that this was a great learning experience that has gotten me involved and interested in the community. I have now realized how much schoolwork applies to real life. This has now prepared me for the next research project that any professor hands to me.

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