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The Piercing Sensation

by Daniel Dawes
Contributing Writer

Since the establishment of America, many people of all races, religions, and beliefs have somehow tried to distinguish themselves from the politically correct majority. This is especially true in today's modern society, where there is a phenomenal quest for individuals to be different from their "common" counterpart.



Teenagers, as a sign of individuality and self-expression, seek various means to be "different." This journey to be "peculiar" is resulting in extreme practices. Today, more than ever, teenagers are ignorantly flocking to pierce whatever body part they can get away with. Moreover, this unnatural and painful allure is a dangerous and insalubrious undertaking, which is taking its toll on many teenagers' health and wellbeing.

Why would any sensible person want to alter his or her body? Why would anyone want

to experience such excruciating pain? In a recent survey I conducted of thirty-five males and sixty-five females, almost 32% of the males and 88% of the females had a body piercing. Of the reasons given for piercing their body, the top 4 included "a nice conversational piece, sexual enhancement or fetish, boredom, and/or peer pressure." Interestingly, 81% of those individuals, who did not have any piercing, stated that they

would get one in the future. This desire for body piercing seems to be echoed in most cities of the United States. According to Raphael Costa, most of his peers get a body piercing because "they want to arouse attention and be noticed." In other words teens are just looking for a medium by



which to attract attention. Cynthia Billhartz, a journalist for the *St. Louis Post*, also agrees that "piercing is especially popular among teens and people in their 20s. They say they do it because it looks cool or they want to be different."

The fascination with body piercing emerges because there are no boundaries associated with it. One can get extreme piercings such as a vertical bridge (between the eyebrows), a nape (back of the

neck), a horizontal forehead piercing, a vertical chest, a calf piercing, a labret (chin), an uvula, back spines (along the spinal cord), frenums (penis),

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Men in Aprons, the Domestic Male Contest

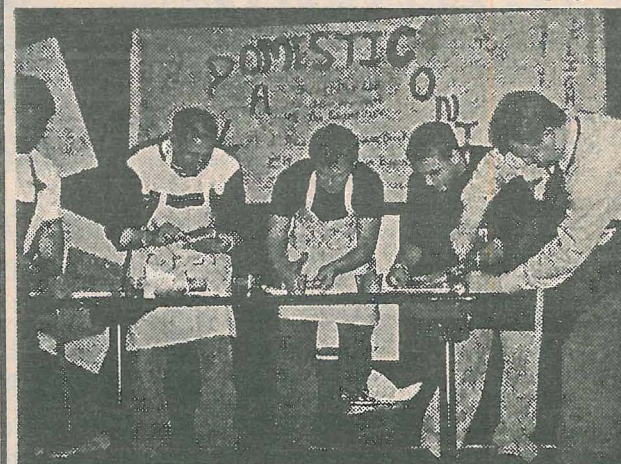
by Althea Mease
Staff Writer

Ladies, do you wish your men would do more around the house? Are you less than pleased by the thought of handling every aspect of domestic life while the man sits on his can and watches TV? Do you think that most men are perfectly capable of helping you out, but they are just too lazy? Well, trust me, you are WRONG!

As a judge at the Domestic Male contest January 28, 2000, at the Flight Deck, I witnessed what happens when men take on domestic challenges. It was not pretty. Arik "Enis" Chellew, Travis Hensley, Johnny Dao, Paul "Remi" Wisniewski, and Johnny Peterson competed for the title of Most Domestic Male and one thousand Novabucks.

The contestants cooked, cleaned, and usually ended up in a worse position than when they started.

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The Ninth Annual Love Jen Family Festival returned to NSU's main campus on Saturday, February 5, 2000. See page 4 for details.

Greek Life is back in full swing. Check out the Panhellenic, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Alpha Mu articles on page 7.

Scream 3 grossed \$34,713,342 in its debut weekend. What makes this trilogy the highest grossing ever? See the story on page 11.

LoveLines are finally here! See if someone left you a special message. See page 12.

Students Speak Freely at Interfaith Dialogue

by Angel Ali
Staff Writer

The International Muslim Association at Nova (IMAN) and the Residential Student Association (RSA) sponsored an Interfaith Dialogue in conjunction with the Indian Student Association's Dessert Festival. The conjoint event was held on Thursday, January 27, 2000, at the Rosenthal dining area, and everyone interested in attending was welcome.

Many students may recall the Interfaith dialogue on Euthanasia which took place earlier this year. This meeting focused more on giving the variety of religious groups present the opportunity to share information on their respective religions. Representatives of these various religions, including Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Scientology, Bahai, and Buddhism, spoke to those who attended, informing them of their most important reli-

gious event and of the most prevalent stereotype in society regarding their religion which they would like to see dispelled. Sheik Raed Awad, for example, noted the tendency for Muslims to be characterized as terrorists and encouraged the audience to take heed of such incorrect assumptions.

The differing stand that each religion took on Evolution was also addressed. Stated Noelle Barrera, speaker for Christianity, "I had the opportunity to clear up a lot of questions from individuals seeking to learn more about Christianity's view on certain topics such as Evolution."

A question session afforded individuals this opportunity to address particular issues or concerns. Rabia Halim, President of IMAN noted, "I was really intrigued by the response of people in the audience and their level of questioning. There were some very pertinent concerns addressed."

see FAITH on next page

Mock Trial Team Regionals

by Keith Fousek
Contributing Writer



Nova Southeastern University's first Mock Trial Team is attending the Mock Trial Regionals sponsored by the American Mock Trial Association at Kennesaw State University near Marietta, GA. The members of the team are: Peggy Swank, Keith Fousek, Jared Spingarn, Kate Travers, David Wheeler, Diego Urbaneja, Louis Goetz, and Lori Schechner. If the team does well at Regionals, we will advance to National competitions, which will take place in late March in Minnesota. We have been working all year for this moment. The event will bring us many benefits including an excellent resume builder while enhancing our litigation skills.

It will be a 10-hour drive to Marietta, GA. Please wish us well in our endeavors during our two-day competition against some of the most trained pre-law undergraduates in the nation.

Bingo Gets a Makeover

by Megan Connors
Flight Deck Crew Member

The Flight Deck spiced up its weekly Bingo games for the Blue Ribbon Committee's celebration of Unity Month. Each Wednesday in January players were issued three regular cards and one special International Flag card. From the start, the International card was a challenge; players had to learn what flag was from which country. In order to increase competition, the rewards for winning were also increased. If a player won Bingo on an International card, the amount of Novabucks was doubled, allowing 400 Novabucks to be won in the final game of the evening.

Each week a crowd gathered around the Flight Deck bar in order to hear Flight Deck employee Krista Kepple yelling out the Bingo numbers. Krista, who has been the official Bingo caller for a little over a year now, feels that "the specialized cards make the game more competitive. People want to win the Novabucks and that adds excitement to the game."

Frank Majnerich, Director for the Student Union decided to change Bingo after Cleveland Ferguson III, Esq., Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development asked him to get involved. Frank decided that "it was an excellent way to incorporate the events of cultural unity and aware-

ness into an already existing event."

Ferguson, an avid Bingo player thinks "attending events such as Bingo is beneficial because they promote multicultural appreciation and awareness in a fun and sanctimonious way."

Other Bingo players such as Tom Vitucci, Director of Campus Sports and Recreation stated that Bingo was "a unique way to learn about countries in a way I otherwise would not have." The more that people spoke about how much fun these new Bingo events were, the more I wanted to participate.

Bingo will continue to show new faces in the next few months. The first of these faces will be those of prominent African-American men and women to support Black History Month occurring in February. Then in March, the Bingo cards will feature faces of prominent women in history in accordance with Women's History Month.

Come join in on the Bingo fun with the Flight Deck Crew, Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. One dollar buys you 3 regular cards, one special card, a soda and a candy bar. There aren't too many places left where you can get so much for so little.

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Keep Up The Hard House-Work . . . Men

from cover page

I was impressed by the stain-lifting prowess of Dao and Chellew, but Wisniewski made his stain bleed through the fabric, resulting in four identical stains instead of the one stain with which he began. Few of the men could actually break an egg without breaking the yolk or getting shell in the bowl, and none of the men could manage the task with one hand. Never accept an omelet from one of these fellows! They did a decent job identifying fruit, vegetables, and meat products, but Wisniewski confused a nectarine with a peach. Dao tossed some olive loaf at a bystander in a fit of frustration. Admittedly the obscure utensils they failed to identify would have fooled many a female, including myself. The men had a lively round of sock sorting, causing socks to fly everywhere. Most of the men were surprisingly adept at making a peanut

butter and jelly sandwich, but Hensley chose the Caveman Approach to cooking, beating the poor bread to death. I think that he was already convinced of his losing status.

The final round was a tribute to the movie Mrs. Doubtfire. The men had to dance in an apron with a vacuum. They were rated on "style," "creativity," "sexiness," and "did they get the mess up?" Most of the men could not turn on the vacuum. The dances were distinctly lacking in sexiness, and the floor was still rather dirty at the end. One of the men stripped, and added to his score (I will not name names). In the end, Chellew won the title and the Novabucks. He was promptly crowned with a shower cap and toilet scrubber. Dao was the runner up, and Hensley lost of course. Everyone enjoyed the night while learning one lesson: perhaps, men, after-all can help with the household chores.



Arik "Enis" Chellew, Travis Hensley and Johnny Dao cleaning to their hearts content at the Most Domestic Male Contest in hope of winning one thousand Novabucks.

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Faith Meeting at Nova

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There were some, however, that were disappointed with what they felt was a lack of adequate religious representation. "I thought that the panel should have been more diverse" stated Hema Jadoonanan. Regarding such concerns, Halim stated "In previous years we had many more religious groups involved. There was a lot of last minute planning this time around, and so those speakers who could participate in the event, did. We did put in a lot of effort to try to make the event as successful as possible." And, overall, this goal seems to have been attained. Many students who attended were pleased with the outcome of the event, in particular the underlying theme of unity among the diverse beliefs, stemming from explanation and understanding. Roya Ghorsriz, one such student who attended, said "It was a very enriching experience to be able to engage in dialogue with individuals of differing religious beliefs."

After the dialogue, ISA held a

dessert festival, which served to accentuate this sense of diversity. Stated Tina Sears "The dessert festival served to facilitate the atmosphere of diversity. It also allowed people a chance to intermingle and discuss with one another." The selection of desserts present represented a wide range of countries including Cuba, Germany, India and Mexico. Stated Aliyya Hosein "I found it interesting and fun to sample the wide assortment of desserts from other countries."

In light of the fact that Nova is made of a diverse, multicultural population, exhibiting widespread religions, cultures and traditions, such events serve to strengthen the ties between each of them. "I really enjoy events such as the Interfaith Dialogue," stated one student, "they allow me to be who I am and feel as if I have a distinct place at Nova."

THE NINTH ANNUAL LOVE JEN FAMILY FESTIVAL

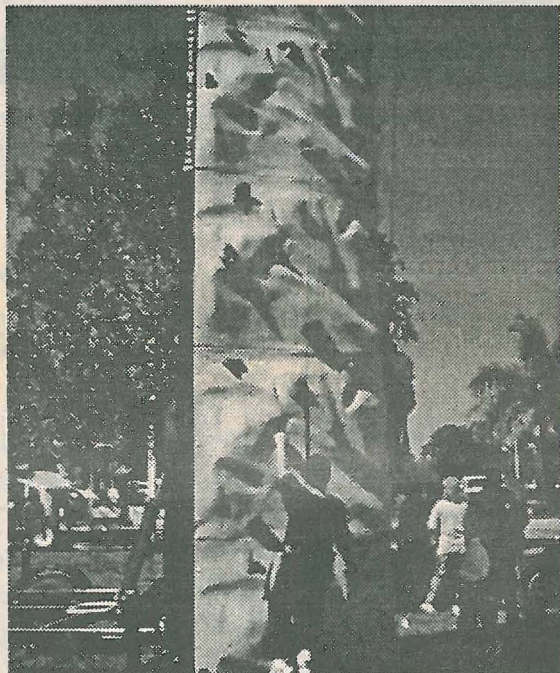
by Peter Salerno
Campus Life Staff Writer

On Saturday, February 5, 2000, The Ninth Annual Love Jen Family Festival took place on campus. This daylong event, presented by the Family Center of Nova Southeastern University, benefited the Love Jen Fund for Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital, which provides supportive, educational, and recreational services to help families and children cope with cancer. Proceeds collected from admissions (\$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 3-12) and other various donations will be given to the hospital in hopes of curing many adolescent cancers.

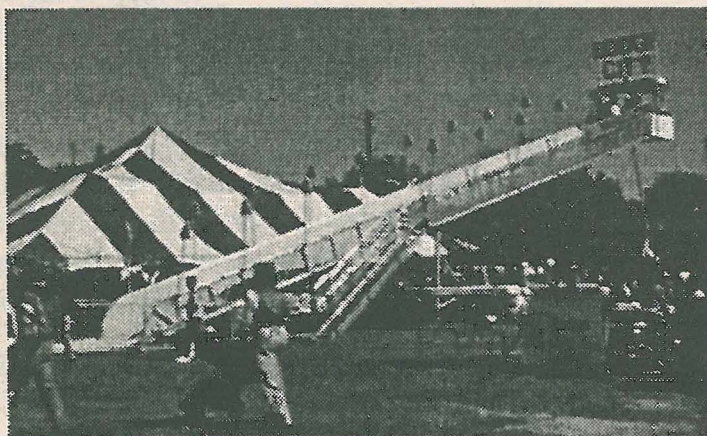
The Festival started nine years ago as a small-scale carnival to raise money for the Love Jen Fund in memory of Jennifer Masi, who died of cancer at the age of 14. Today, the festival is a major fund-raising event that attracts thousands of people and raises over \$100,000 for the Love Jen Fund each year. The festival is an event of the Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation which supports children's charities like the Love Jen Fund for Joe Dimaggio's Children's Hospital.

"This year, the entertainment is bigger and better than ever," said

Wendy Masi, president of the Love Jen Fund. Special guests included ex-Miami Dolphin football player and co-sponsors of the event, quarterback Bernie Kosar and center Tim Ruddy. These sports celebrities were on hand to sign autographs for kids and to speak on behalf of the event.



The many countless events for adults and children included such activities as face painting, train rides, giant slides, bounce houses, football throwing events, pony rides, various



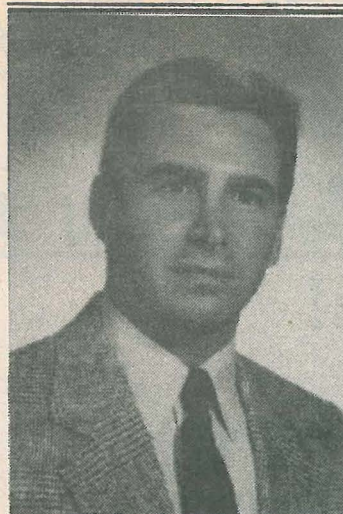
animal exhibits (giant snakes, turtles, bears, tigers). Many of the local sponsors like The Bread of Life, Coast 97.3 FM, Sun-Sentinel, Memorial Healthcare Systems, had tents and booths set-up to educate people about things like the proper foods to eat, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation techniques for adults and children and much more.

The event is a great fund-raiser that benefits a cause we all would like to see abolished forever-Cancer! I invite everyone in the future to come out and donate some money to the Love Jen Organization in the name of a little girl whose life was abruptly shortened by a relentless disease.

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Success 2000

by Lindsey Haines
Contributing Writer

NSU's Accounting Club attended Peter Lowe's Success 2000 Seminar. This motivational seminar took place in the new American Airlines Arena in Miami. We were enthusiastic about the speakers and the valuable information they offered us. Zig Ziglar told us that personal relationships were essential to mastering business, Tom Hopkins gave us secrets to selling and persuasion, and Edward James Olmos expressed the importance of working well with a diverse population.

Chris Evert was a guest speaker who gave us insight into her success personally and professionally as a tennis player. Other speakers included General Colin Powell, Dick Vitale, and Peter Lowe.

Overall, this seminar let us get away from the books and allowed us to see first hand from influential and famous individuals that personal and business achievement is capable of being reached.

Account for your Future! Join NSUAC, all business and accounting majors welcome! We have meetings, speakers, and events scheduled for this semester...Come be a part of it!

February 8th - General Meeting
Parker room 237 at 5:15 - 5:50 p.m.

February 16th - Guest Speaker:
Jeff Greene President of FICPA
Room: TBA at 6:30 p.m.

February 22nd - General Meeting
Parker room 237 at 5:15 - 5:50 p.m.

E-mail Jackie with questions,
moodyja@polaris.nova.edu

Condoms, Barricades, Pool Water, and Fun

by Caleb Kennedy
Contributing Writer

What do condoms, barricades, pool water, and a bowling pin have in common? Well at Nova, these items would constitute points for a scavenger hunt. On Sunday February 6, 2000, the Residential Student Association hosted a scavenger hunt at the Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall. There were several prizes available for the

dorm residents that participated. The First Place team won prizes worth \$100 dollars. Second place won \$60 dollars in gift certificates at the Broward Mall. Third place received \$30 dollars in gift certificates at the Fountains Movie Theater; my team won this prize. The rules were simple, there had to be at least two people in each team with no more than four people in a group.

There were two parts to the scavenger hunt list. In the first part of the list, seven of the 10 items had to be obtained. These items included an IHOP receipt, a packet of hot sauce from Taco Bell and other assorted things. The second part of the scavenger hunt list was comprised of 50 items that must be gathered, physically done, or bought for 1000 points. Each item was worth anywhere from 10 to 100 points. One way to earn points was to write the word dork on everyone's forehead. As a participant in this event, I can say that at least our group gave 100% in gathering these 1000 points. I practically sprinted from the dorms to the Flight Deck to get a bag of popcorn. Additionally, I ran to the Rec Plex from the dorms to get a cup of pool water. I helped my group out by running everywhere in an effort to gather these items. One of the members of my group ran out to the now abandoned Love Jen Festival site and returned with a fully functioning Bob's Barricade. The lobby of Goodwin Hall was soon saturated with barricades and other assorted items. The participants had a blast, and anyone who did not participate missed out!

Fenced In

by Alyson M. Dion
Editor in Chief

While parking cars and heading towards the Parker Building, many may have noticed the recent rise of chain link fences. These fences do not serve to keep students in, but rather to keep them out of the future construction site of the new, technologically advanced library. After several years of hearing "they're starting the library soon," it seems like it is finally happening. The fenced in area will soon become a hard hat construction site, and the road will be blocked off so that cars can no longer drive through this section of campus. Groundbreaking is scheduled for sometime next week, but there is no word yet on the exact date. One serious question remains, now where are students expected to park? If someone has the answer, please respond to *The Knight* at theknight@list.nova.edu.



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Panhellenic Association: New and Improved

by Candice Carreno
Contributing Writer

The Panhellenic Association at Nova Southeastern University is back. The sororities are organized and already working on activities aimed to promote unity among fellow sororities and fraternities on campus. The Panhellenic Association, made of representatives from each sorority on campus, including, Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Pi, communicate with each other, share ideas, create socials, and fundraise collectively for their philanthropies.

The new Panhellenic executive board consists of Christa Witter as President, Justine Thompson as Vice President, Candice Carreno as Programming Director, Amber Stirlen as

the Treasurer, Camille Cuifo as the Secretary, and Aimee Murcia as the Scholarship chair.

These ladies have already planned several events and are currently organizing committees among their respective sororities in order to fulfill the duties required by this council. They are getting ready to go to a national convention to learn new techniques and ideas, and are planning for an entire fun-filled week of activities for the Greek community.

The re-creation of the Panhellenic council is a huge step for our University and in turn is imperative for helping the Greek girls get back on their feet as a unit. What a better way to kick off a new year than with the start of a new organization that suggests nothing less than a promising future.

Sigma Alpha Mu News

by Brother Sean Leahy
Public Relations/
Intramural Chair

On the night of February 3rd, five brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu, Mike Davis, Craig Dean, Sean Leahy, Shawn Mostal, and Joe Ricupero, drove 13 hours to Tulane University in Louisiana for the annual Sigma Alpha Mu Southeastern Conclave. While in New Orleans, the brothers met other Sammy's from Florida, Texas, and Louisiana. Throughout the three days spent in New Orleans, the brothers were involved in many workshops varying from risk management to recruitment. They also went to meetings dealing with public relations, candidate education, financial management, and scholarship. The brothers also expressed their ideas and concerns to members of the Octagon, the executive board of Sigma Alpha Mu.

The brothers were able to take away many ideas from the Conclave such as study sessions every week,

ways to improve public relations, better candidate education, and more recruiting ideas.

After the Conclave was over, the Sammy's spent time in the French Quarter shopping and seeing the many different people of New Orleans. Overall, the brothers who attended the trip agreed that it was quite an experience and very enjoyable.

In other Sammy news, on Saturday, February 19th, Sigma Alpha Mu will be hosting the second annual Alumni Golf tournament. Various alumni are expected to attend for a day of golf at Arrowhead Golf Course. Over the past few weeks, the brothers have been hard at work getting hole sponsors and prizes for the tournament entrants.

If you are interested in joining Sigma Alpha Mu, contact Rush Coordinator Joe Ricupero, ricupero@polaris.nova.edu, or Shawn Mostal, mostals@polaris.nova.edu, for more information.

Betas in their Homeland

by Roger Roa
Contributing Writer

Once a year many Greek organizations have a convention or an annual meeting where fellow brothers or sisters convene. A dream for many Greeks is to visit their organization's birthplace. This dream came true for three brothers of Beta Theta Pi this past summer. They had the honor of representing their chapter at the 160th General Convention of Beta Theta Pi, which was held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. This year's theme for the convention was "Men of Principle," which is exactly what Beta Theta Pi is known for. The convention was a great time to renew friendships and to conduct the business of the Fraternity. In addition, it was where award-winning chapters and high achieving individuals were recognized.

President Jedd Soto was this year's chapter delegate. As a delegate, he attended many workshops geared towards important issues such as rush, risk management procedures, and philanthropy events. Soto said, "It is an unforgettable learning experience. I feel that the workshops that I attended will help me to lead and strengthen my chapter this year."

Treasurer Chris Zapalski went as

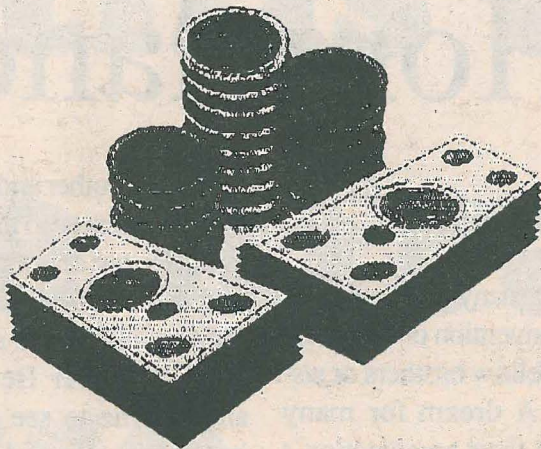
a chapter brother and to accept a scholarship presented to him at a dinner banquet. He too attended many seminars and visited the Beta Library, which holds many books about Beta's History and other Beta artifacts. "It amazed me to see all the historical items that were on display, and it gave me some pride to know that Beta's history as been around for 160 years," said Zapalski.

Recording Secretary Roger Roa went as this year's Sophomore Fellow. The Sophomore Fellow program is sponsored by the Beta Leadership Fund, through the generosity of their Alumni. He attended over 15 educational programs including Beta 101. Each workshop was a molding tool for a great leader within the fraternity. "We started early in the mornings and went late into the night with seminars, but each taught me something more about the fraternity and how to be a great leader. We were considered the future of Beta," said Roa.

In all, the convention was a great experience for the three young men. They highly recommend any Greek visit their fraternity's founding place. As Francis W. Shepardson, Denison 1882/1883 said: "We come to our annual Convention...to gain fresh strength and inspiration at the shrine of Beta Theta Pi and in the spiritual presence of the Founders who gave our Fraternity birth." I hope that you too receive the same strength and inspiration at your fraternity or sorority's birth place.

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At the Buzzer . . .

by David Morse
Contributing Writer





The clock winds down ten seconds, five, four, three, two, one, and the game is over. For students of Nova Southeastern this is a reality every Monday through Wednesday night during the intramural season. It is the start of yet another intramural season of basketball for the Campus Sports and Recreation. This year, however, marks a new and exciting twist for the basketball season with the addition of an online scheduling and record system.

Jaron Rider, Campus Sports and Recreation Assistant Director, can easily put together schedules, keep records and tabulate point differentials with the aide of a new online resource. This website can be found at www.intramurals.com and is updated on a daily basis. Also to assist Rider is the foundation of the Student Officials Association.

Because of the success of intramural programs at other schools, Rider and several of the current referees put this association together. The SOA (Student Officials Association) is in charge of such things as refreshments at the games as well as organizing its own tournaments such as the efollet.com 3 on 3 tournament held on January 15, 2000. The elected officers for this Association are President Amanda (Mandie) Kainz, Vice President Dave Webb, Secretary Amy Chatfield, and Treasurer Consuelo Sese.

As the basketball season gears up, Rider and the SOA hope to bring a more competitive and well-coordinated season. Rider sees the intramural program shaping up into something that will have an impact far into the future of this school. So come and support your favorite basketball team every Monday through Wednesday.

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Mon., Feb. 14 - Wed., Feb. 16
*Homecoming Court Voting
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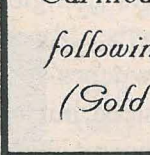
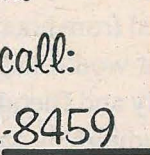





Thursday, February 17
*4th Annual Bed Race - 5:00 p.m.
9th Annual Raft Race - 6:00 p.m.
Carnival - immediately
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(Gold Circle Lake)*

Friday, February 18
*Pep Rally, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
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Men's and Women's Basketball, 5 & 7:00 p.m.
@ BCC's George Meyer Gymnasium
TJTF with Comedian
Flight Deck, 9:00 p.m.*

Saturday, February 19
*Alumni Golf Tournament, 8:00 a.m.
Arrowhead Golf Club, \$50/pp
Women's Basketball vs. S.C.A.D., 1:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Embry Riddle, 3:00 p.m.
both at BCC's George Meyer Gymnasium
Alumni Reception, 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
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Henry Orenstein's *I Shall Live*

by Michael L. Citron
Associate Editor

In his remarkable survival story in Germany during World War II, Henry Orenstein struggles through torture from the SS, five concentration camps, and the death march.

Orenstein does anything and everything he has to just to live for the next day. A true role model for us all, he shows courage and heart by never giving up, even when death threatens to become his punishment.

This memoir brings the reader inside the concentration camps through one man's story. Many people today do not understand the atrocities caused by the Holocaust. Not only does this heartfelt story explore the Holocaust, but it deals with human nature as well.

The Germans' horrible treatment of the Jews completely stripped a well-educated young boy who had everything going for him of his childhood. The concern and love that Orenstein kept in his heart and mind for his family and friends, coupled with his great desire to see the destruction of Adolf Hitler, were the driving forces that allowed him to go on, both physically and mentally. Orenstein seemed able to see and feel things prior to them happening. He spoke to his father concerning what he thought Hitler would do to them. His father seemed to resist anything that necessitated change, like going to America. "I sensed I was making no headway, and in desperation I did something I had never done before: I threw myself on the bed and started crying almost hysterically, repeating over and over, but you don't understand. He will kill us all. He will kill us all." For thirty months, Orenstein lived from hour to hour not knowing what would happen to him or to his family and friends.

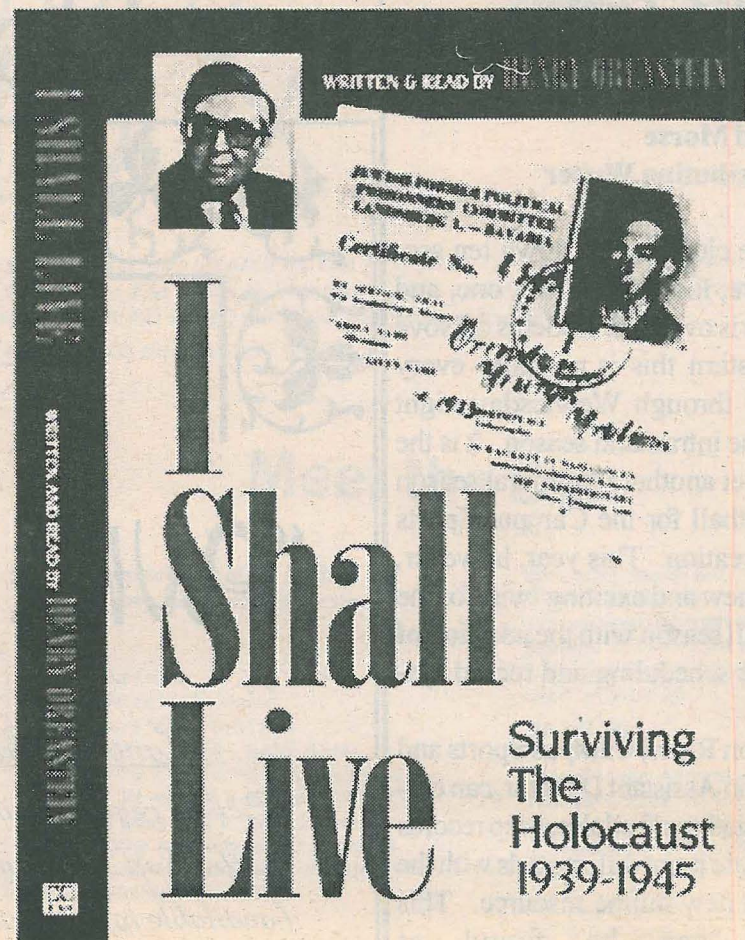
After reading this work, I got in touch with Orenstein and spoke with him on the telephone. During our two-hour conversation, I was fascinated with his courage, how successful he

became after losing everything, and how he started all over again in America. Orenstein was able to persevere and beat the odds. Orenstein told me that after he saw his parents killed right in front of him by German soldiers, surviving to tell his story was what kept him going. He told me how important it is for people of today's generation to know about the Holocaust. Soon, there will not be many survivors left, so it is essential for people to gain awareness.

I was really taken aback because Orenstein kept asking me about my life and how I came across reading his book, which he thinks is unpopular. After taking many history classes in high school and college, I wanted to read a moving memoir. I was recommended *I Shall Live* by a professor of mine who told me I would thoroughly enjoy it. She was right. I could not put the book down and finished it in a single afternoon. Of all the books I recommend to family and friends, this is my favorite because through each turn of the page, the reader feels like he/she is right there in the concentration camps struggling to survive, not knowing what they next day will bring.

It was his quest to be able to tell his story of "living" to everyone. Orenstein wanted people of his generation, and those of future generations, to know that there was a Holocaust and what was the real story of its existence from someone who actually lived through it. To rebuild a life from nothing and to display such a survivor's mentality definitely supports his near-ending belief — *I Shall Live*.

Orenstein might think that his memoir is unpopular, but I guarantee that it will be one of the best works you ever read. I know that it will always be on my bookshelf. Please e-mail me with book review ideas or if you would like to borrow a copy of *I Shall Live* at citronmi@polaris.nova.edu.



Poetry in Motion

by Juanita Marie Hayles
Contributing Writer

Sekou Sundiata's new album, "Long Story Short," has a jazzy vibe to it. The music is mellow and induces relaxation, while the poetry itself keeps you thinking about the world as it is.

Each poem tells of life that may have passed, but is still real. Sekou Sundiata gives a glimpse into his own world, the way he sees things. I cannot recommend a single track, since they all go together, like one long song. The tempo switches so the listeners will not fall asleep, but just listen. The setting in the poems change with each new track, telling the listener a bit about each place. This album should be listened to when one is relaxing at the end of the day, with a drink or

smoke, or just a warm cup of something sweet.

This album is great if you have experienced an urban environment because it brings back feelings of the city. It is hard to explain. The music and words have the feel of urban life, that one could only know if that life had been experienced. Even if you do not know of that life, "Long Story Short" is a great example of African-American poetry. It is enjoyable for the jazzy beat and mellow voice that speaks to the mind.



www.wnet.org/archive/lob/sundiata.html

Go See *Payback*!

by Caleb Kennedy
Contributing Writer

Yes, I have been seeing plenty of Blockbuster movies lately, and I really enjoyed *Payback*, but let me warn you that there is lots of blood and violence in this movie. Here is the basic plot:

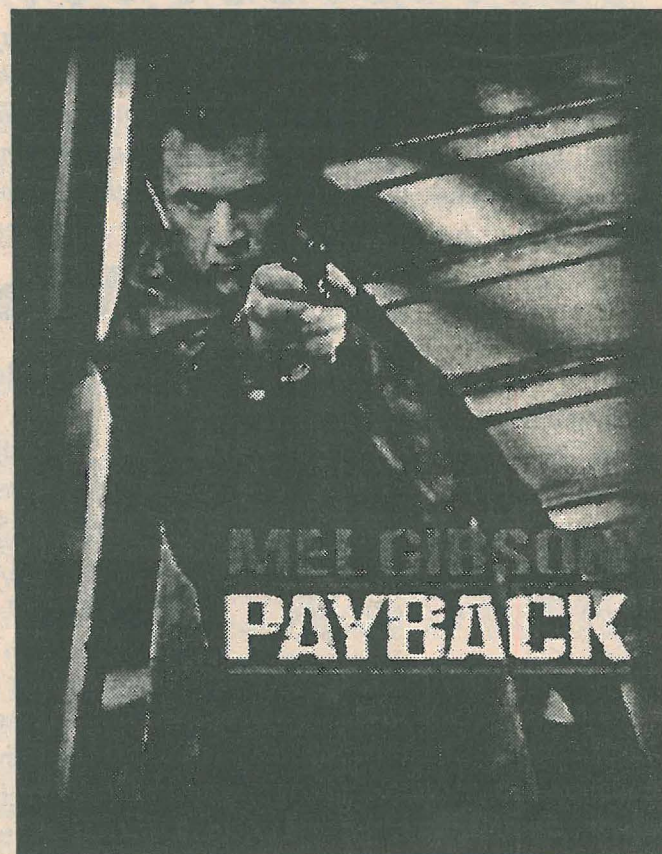
In the opening scene, a man pours a shot of whiskey for himself and then pours whiskey all over the bleeding and wounded back of Porter (Mel Gibson). In a flashback scene, the viewer learns that Porter is shot in the back by his wife; his best friend and wife then steal \$70,000 dollars from him. Porter survives and vows to payback his friend, hence the name of the movie, and get his money back. His friend, however, does not have the money because he used it to become a member of a crime organization. Por-

ter stoically decides to take on the whole organization with the help of his former employer/prostitute-turned-girlfriend-turned-heroine of the movie. Along the way, he is blackmailed by crooked cops, damn near killed several times, beaten, has two toes smashed with a hammer, and kills everyone in his path. He gets the money back and leaves town with his girlfriend who agrees to stop being a prostitute if he stops killing, neither of which seems likely.

Mel Gibson plays a good bad guy. This is another movie in which the protagonist is a bad guy, but the audience is supposed to sympathize with him anyway. For me one criterion of good acting is whether or not the actor plays a believable character, which Gibson does as Porter. I doubt if I would have liked this movie as

much if Gibson were not the lead actor. I cannot imagine any other actor playing the role.

This movie was dark literally and figuratively. Porter seems always to be clad in a black leather jacket. The goons are dressed in black. The lighting was softened and the sky was always overcast. Apparently the director wanted everyone to know he likes dark movie. Though entertaining, this is not the feel good movie of the year.



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Scream No More

by Deana Daneau
Entertainment Staff Writer

So, what's your favorite scary movie? Are you good at movie trivia? What's the top grossing horror film? You can guess, but if you're wrong... well, nothing; I guess I'll just tell you. *Scream 3* has just made the biggest box office debut opening in a whopping 3,467 theatres and raking in \$34,713,342 its first running weekend (as compared to *Scream* with an opening of \$6.4 million and *Scream 2* with \$32.9 million.)

So, apparently director Wes Craven's *Screams* are keeping fans running to the cinemplexes. But what, you may ask, is the difference between a sequel and a trilogy? Well, conveniently, this question is addressed within the story by one movie-buff blood brother explaining that the trilogy is the end and "nobody's safe. Even the hero can die in the final chapter." And so here we have it... the final installment to the gruesome teen-slasher franchise that is often satirizing its own genre.

see THE TRILOGY on page 15



From: Sunshine

To: Pookie

Thank you for all the great times we've had. Most importantly, thanks for always being there when I needed you most.

From: Anonymous

To: Alyson

I think you are a goddess in my eyes, the chocolate chips in my cookies, the cream filling in my Twinkies, the cherry in my chocolate Bon Bon, the whipped topping on my chocolate cheesecake

From: Bryan, Jeremy, Sherri, Ashley, Mom & Dad

To: Staci & Eric

Thinking of you with Love...and wishing you a happy Valentine's Day!! Love & Miss You! With Love from your favorite "New Yorkers."

From: Gelfing

To: Kyra

To my wonderful girlfriend, Love Ya Lots! P.S. I fell over

From: Gelfing

To: Sigma Alpah Mu

Just a shout out to all my boys especially to not having a battery charger, to the Ganos, to Smily, Big Red, Fearless, Big Sexxy, VB, 9MM, Shaft, Weekday, Boba Fett, Shooter, ODB, to not cleaning apartments, run in with 5.0 at 4 in the morning to the future.

From: Arleen

To: Jordan

His skin is as soft as baby oil. His eyes shine as bright as the north star. His lips against mine soothe any pain I feel. His love takes my breath away. He is my heart and soul.

From: Anonymous

To: Michael

You are a God-send from Cupid to guard against my lonely, cold nights... for you are my only love, the air I breathe.

From: Anonymous

To: Tomer

Hi Big Daddy, I love the lust and joy you send me... the endless nights of ecstasy...

From: Peanut

To: Spanky

Have a great Valentine's Day! I will always remember the man with the moustache and open mouth.

What does Valentine's Day Really Mean?

by Peter Salerno

Valentine's Day means something different for everyone both male and female. Some believe that the day was created especially for lovers to express their devotion for each other. People have, in fact, devised different schemes for this special day. Greek Mythology supplies up with the Great Cupid and his arrow, which strikes people in such a way that it places them into a "love trance."

Whatever explanation people have for Valentine's Day, the real reason I wrote this piece is to explain what I think the true nature of love to be. But before I do that, I want to ask women if they really believe in (and want) one simply day of devotion from their loved one. I mean, do women simply want one good day out of the year and the rest to be, well I assume, elective? Does Valentine's Day mean that after this one sacred day, the man or woman can do whatever he or she wants when the clock strikes 12:00 a.m. February 15th? Of course not; women do not want just one good day out of 356 days. I sometimes think that the entire idea of Valentine's Day

is a big scandal by Hallmark cards and Hershey Chocolate Company to reach unbelievable selling records.

The next thing I would like to discuss is this whole notion of romantic love. Romantic love is an abstract idea that is brought on by large amounts of a chemical in chocolate. Yes, it is true. Chocolate is an aphrodisiac - A love potion if you will—similar to a drug that is biologically inserted into our brains when we first enter a relationship. You know the scenarios that develop at the opening of a relationship - "so-and-so is wonderful. He/she is the best and could never do any wrong in my eyes!" These sort of sayings evolve from the "chocolate potion" and exists in a similar fashion when we open our lustful hearts to a new relationship.

I see what you are thinking - this person must have gotten dumped by a lot of people, or he/she must be really ugly. But actually, that is not the case. I am an attractive person; I just live by a different philosophy. My lifestyle is one that does not exist within the realm of a mushy romance. I am simply offering an alternative way of approaching this topic. There are people out

there that feel the need to be constantly loved, which is okay by me. The only thing is that I think these people are ruining the way the rest of us should look at relationships and future commitments. I am not being cynical here, I am the first person to agree in the need for companionship - it is very healthy and fun to have people to talk to and maybe become intimate with.

I guess what I am really getting at is that I am tired of the mushy, romantic stuff. I want people to start looking at their relationships as conscious decisions. Do you really love this person for who they are (and stand for) or because they have a lot of money (and a fancy red convertible Corvette)? Maybe I am writing this because I am confused, or perhaps I do not understand where all the hype over love comes from. Either way, I will have to continue living until I discover what it really means to love someone (and only one person). Maybe fate has it that there is someone for everyone no matter what the circumstances are. I do not know what the answer is. However, I think that there is some other explanation for what people now call LOVE!

From: anonymous

To: anonymous

Love is a universal migraine, A bright stain on the vision, Blotting out reason. Symptoms of true love Are lust, jealousy, Are omens and nightmares-Listening for a knock, Waiting for a sign: For a touch of his fingers In a darkened room, For a searching look. Have courage, lover! Can you endure such grief, At any hand?

From: Anonymous

To: Anonymous

You think it's true, or you think it's lust. The honesty, lies, obsession, infatuation, Sex, kisses, lust and memories are all included. What can this unconditional feeling of hurt and kindness reveal?...The sacrifice of lasting love.

From: Bitty

To: Zack

Happy valentine's Day. You Love It!

Don't Worry,
There's More To Come...
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From: Alyson

To: Kevin

You are the man! Thank you so much for all of your help and support. Happy Valentine's Day!

From: The Chief

To: My Talented Staff

You guys are the best! Just remember, nothing is better than tough love and "Housekeeping."

From: Elohssa

To: Anigav Sinep

Certain things were never meant to be understood about women.

From: Ed

To: Christine

You have made my life a little brighter, my time more meaningful, and my days much happier. I love you more and more each day, and I hope I can make this Valentine's Day unforgettable for you.

Love, Ed

Be Romantic

by Jamie Steinberg

The men of today's society aren't seen as romantics. Men with such names as Shakespeare, Poe and Thoreau are viewed as eloquent authors who have set the standards for which the men of the twenty-first century have to live up to. I believe the men of modern times are romantic poets with hidden hearts of gold, which they try to hide. Such gentlemen may not show themselves to ordinary eye, but I see them through a looking glass of love and poetic charm. These hearts are present everywhere we look and show themselves in the most secret ways. They are only shown to those of us with gentle and romantic souls. The men of the twentieth century can be compared to and sometimes even surpass the elegance that has been created by the great romantic artists which the world has come to admire.

Many gentlemen in the world today choose to hide their romanticism by putting a dark veil over it. They don't realize that their dark veils can turn to glass and their hidden secret can be easily uncovered. Their veils can only be removed by the eyes of one who has the gift of seeing through a magically enchanted mirror that a poet's heart contains. Men try to hide their romance in little ob-

scure ways that are not easily recognized. A boy who writes his girlfriend a note just to say "hello" or "I love you", to me is just as romantic as any of the great literature that was written long ago about love. A smile from the guy you like whom sits across the room can be just as sensual as a gentle caress. People have come to think of romance as a poem, a movie, or an idea. In the times of Van Gough or Romeo and Juliet a symbol of love was mutilation or dying for the one you love. The men of today's society see romance as a candle lit dinner for two or a dozen roses that are left on your car just to brighten your day. As you can see, this in itself is a great achievement. This accomplishment helps to leave a romantic and artistic image of the men of the year two thousand.

The male musical artists of today are just as romantic as the great poets who have risen to infamy. Artists such as Boys II Men, Babyface, and Luther Vandross have all become famous for their heart felt lyrics and their passion for love. The songs these "musical poets" sing make you feel the same gushy feeling you get when reading a romantic poem or seeing a romantic movie. These geniuses of love have discovered a way to romance their maidens through music rather than literature. This not only proves these men to be great romantic musicians, but it allows us to see inside the heart of a

true lover.

For dare devil men love is not so simple. In order to "woo" the one they love, men do some dangerous things. Some men jump out of planes with signs saying such things as "I love you," and others do silly things like having a policeman pull your car over and inform you that you have "stolen your boyfriend's heart and if you don't agree to marry him you'll be under arrest." Men have paid to have romantic things written on score boards at sports events and have proposed to their girlfriends on television to show how much they love them. All of these things are done to prove their love and show their feelings. These creative things have helped to indicate that the males in today's society are just as romantic as the artists of old.

The men of the twenty-first century have proven themselves to be worthy of being spoken of when talking about great romantic artists. The musical ballads written about love, the crazy acts done for love, and the sweet little things done for love are just as romantic as any form of art that was created by one of the world's greatest artists. We may not always see the men of today's world through the tapestry of love that hangs over them, but those of us blessed with the gift of x-ray vision will always see them for who they really are.

From: Peanut

To: My Phi Sig Sisters

I love you all very much! You are the best sisters a girl could ask for. Happy Valentine's Day.

From: Megan

To: Chris

His smile glows under the black light and his teeth shine with a Colgate smile. His eyes are like a crystal ball always glimmering with color.

From: Karyn White

To: Gavin Find

Learn to love yourself before you try to love others. Loving you is what really counts and your happiness from love will flow to the one you adore.

From: anonymous

To: anonymous

Some people try very hard to find love. They search all over to find a person that cares for them as much as they do. Many people don't find love. Love finds them.

To: Papi

From: Mami

I was trying to find something fancy to say, but I could only think of one thing to say that I know is true: I Love You, Papi.

From: Leeor

To: Women Seeking Men

If you like the internet, Have an e-mail, website, palm Or even just a little charm

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From: Sabotage

To: Brothers of Theta Delta Chi

In a lifetime one can only hope for 1 best friend, I've been blessed with 15. YOU GUYS ROCK!

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The Triology Comes to an End

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Scream 3 brings those who survived the previous incidences to Hollywood, California where a sound stage is currently occupied by a crew producing "Stab 3", based, of course, on the Woodboro murders. A ghost of a killer is literally cutting cast members from the production list and strangely enough, killing the actors in the order of their characters' demise in the script. Due to rewrites, how-

Reprising their roles are Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox Arquette, and David Arquette as the franchise's most recognizable characters; they are joined by an interesting supporting cast, including Jenny McCarthy, Scott Foley, and queen of independent films, Parker Posey who turns out a great performance with her *Stab* character. It's too bad not everyone got the chance to do so. A great cast cannot do too much if their characters are flat and underdeveloped. And that is the fault of

writer Ehren Kruger. Perhaps he should have been left on the cutting room floor.

For *Scream* fans, the third film is definitely worth seeing; though somewhat predict-



ever, it is hard to predict who will be next!

And similarly, this was the case for the cast of *Scream 3*. In publicity interview after interview, cast members have openly talked about the script rewrites they were con-

tinually given to assure that secrets remained secrets and didn't find their way onto the Web (which reportedly happened with *Scream 2*, despite great precautions.)

able, the story keeps the audience's attention, gets them jumping in their



seats, and gives them what they came to see—a slasher film. It is true that *Scream 3* is the final chapter in this incredibly successful series. The actors have said so, the director has said so, and the self-aware trilogy specifically has said so literally and with a sense of closure.



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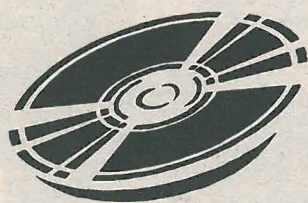
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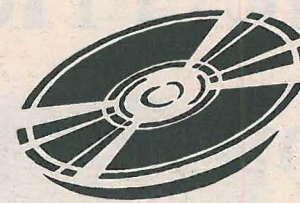
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Reviews

The American Analog Set
The Golden Band
Emperor Jones Records

If there exists a way to emulate the soft, fuzzy, quiescence of that blurry eyed space between pleasant dreams and drifting into wakefulness using a guitar, a bass, drums, and an organ, then The American Analog Set have stumbled upon it, bent it to their will, and made a recording of the accomplishment. The third LP release from this Austin, Texas quartet finds them mining the same dreamy territory that has brought them comparisons to bands like Stereolab and Galaxie 500 in the past. In The Golden Band, AMAN-SET have crafted a lovely album of quiet and sparse indie-pop melodies that seem to float aimlessly on an ocean awash with Farfissa and sparkling with vibraphone. Guitarist/vocalist Andrew Kenny utilizes his

subdued croon sparingly but effectively, creating softly rocking buoys which one might use to navigate the sleepy atmosphere of songs like "New Drifters" or the rolling groove of "Must Soon Quit the Scene", like sailors used to use the stars at night. The shimmering organ and gentle but steady percussion of "It's All About Us" perfectly encapsulates the sound of a band that commands attention not through volume but through patience and subtlety. The Golden Band succeeds, without a doubt, in showing just exactly which precious metal these Texans are made of. This is definitely one of my favorite releases this year. So relaxing, who needs massage therapy? (though getting a massage while listening would be most preferable)
-By Josh Denner. You can listen to his show Indie Air every Wednesday from 9 PM to 11 PM on Radio X.

Meet the DJs

We asked some of the Radio X
DJs why they wanted to become a
DJ.

Victor Garcia
El Sol de Media Noche
Type of Music: Latin rock
Mondays, 11 PM—1 AM, 88.5 FM
I have it in my blood. Music is a passion for me and it runs in my veins. Plus being a DJ is fun and when you combine a passion with fun you get an awesome combination that can be creative and entertaining!

Briana
Type of Music: Techno
Fridays, 9 PM—11 PM, 88.5 FM
I like subjecting people to music they probably haven't heard a whole lot of.

Ragi, aka The Dark Elf
The Path to Sorrow
Type of Music: Black metal
Saturdays, 11 PM—1 AM, 88.5 FM
There is too much happy music out there.

Seah Leahy, aka DJ Kid
DJ Kid's Block Party
Type of Music: Alternative, rock
Sundays, 12 PM—2 PM 92.9 cable FM
I like music and I was always interested in being a DJ.

Shawn Leiba
The Stage
Type of Music: Alternative, rock
Thursdays, 9 PM—11 PM, 88.5 FM
It looked like fun. I could give people good music (or at least what I considered good) to listen to.

Tiffany, aka Tonic
Girl in the Orange Shirt
Type of Music: Alternative, rock
Tuesdays, 9 PM—11 PM, 88.5 FM
I wanted to help my hometown (Columbus, Ohio) bands some air time here in South Florida.

Marty Hoffer
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Do You Really Want To Win A Million Bucks? Can You?

by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

As another game show appears on television, I am starting to wonder if the contestants are either really exceptionally smart or extraordinarily stupid! As I watch the con-



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tants on the show *Do You Want to Be a Millionaire*, I wonder if the people live under rocks or are new to our planet. For example I recently was watching an episode where a lawyer was asked, "What does the mixture of yellow and blue make?" The contestant is a trial or criminal lawyer (one of the two) and he does not know the answer to this simple question. He uses one of his options to ask the audience and the majority answer was green. However, other answers like (23%) black and (13%) red were chosen by the audiences well as the correct answer green (45%).

This particular question is obviously not a difficult one by any means. I was wondering if the producers tell the contestants to make the show "an interesting one for the TV viewers." If the contestants are not told to make the show an interesting one, then the people they choose are awfully stupid. How else can a person not know a simple color scheme like "yellow and blue makes green?" We have all seen the Ziplock commercials. Furthermore, we all can remember our own glue eating and crayon chewing kindergarten days. Every school child is taught about common stuff like colors. I do not understand how a grown adult did not have a definitive answer on this question.

Regis's show is not the only show where we see this sort of thing happening. On *Jeopardy*, many ex-contestants have reported that they were furnished with a book of answers prior to their appearance on the show. This

makes sense because nearly every question is answered by one of the three participants. The nature of the questions makes them very difficult to answer. Sometimes it is hard to imagine how an average housewife or nurse can have all the answers to a

category like "17th Century Male Composers." Yet, we see this sort of thing all the time on these shows. I understand the contestants may have the answer if it is college week and that category is part of a student's major. But how many shows out of the year are college oriented? About two months out of the entire year.

Maybe it really is all a "show," and the participants are pre-informed of their potential outcomes before the show starts. I think that this is the case because on Regis's show he asks his famous saying, "is this your final answer?" According to the producers on the show, they say that Regis must ask everyone this question so that they are given their greatest chance for success. Actually, that may be the legal answer, but that is probably not why he asked that question.

If you understand the psychological implications of asking this question, you can see why he asks the question. People do not like to believe that they may be wrong (it is part of human nature), so asking the question creates doubt and forces the participant to chose between sticking with the initial answer or changing to another. This may add to the suspense of the show for the audience especially if the question holds the potential of being the million-dollar question!

I am inviting everyone to watch as many game shows as possibly to see if the participants act in a stupid manner or if they really are being sincere when they ask if they can use their nearest "lifeline" for the answer!

A random act of kindness . . .

by Alyson M. Dion
Editor in Chief

... Goes a long way. It is amazing how much brighter a day can be when someone does something unexpected, something nice for you. It can as simple as holding open a door when your hands are full or helping someone find a journal in the library. Unfortunately, these acts of kindness are sometimes too far and in between. But why should they be?

This article is not meant to preach good will towards people. However, why not try something as simple as smiling at another person on the way to class and see his/her reaction. You may just lighten that person's day. I am sure that most of us saw *Patch Adams* where Robin Williams "experiments" with smiling. Try it yourself sometime. In this case, it's not just movie magic.

If smiling is not your thing, hold the door open for someone else. For example, I was walking to class last

week, my arms full of books, and the gardener stopped what he was doing to run and grab the door for me. I was so appreciative and surprised I could not stop thinking about it all day. It's true, nice people exist. They are not as foreign as aliens from another planet after all.

You can never realize the impact you have on other people. Something as simple as helping another student with his/her homework can lead to a lasting friendship. This experience has happened to me more often than not. Besides, who can't use another friend? Another student to turn to who understands your plights? Moreover, it's just a super great feeling to know that you have helped another soul. Again, I say this; you should really try it sometime.

So, sometimes we might encounter that one rotten banana in the bunch that makes us wonder why we should exert that extra, yet minimal effort. But why should we stop being nice to others because of that one person? Remember, what may seem like a small thing to you, may mean the world to another being. If each of us takes this small step, who knows, the world may be a tolerable place yet.

Body Piercing

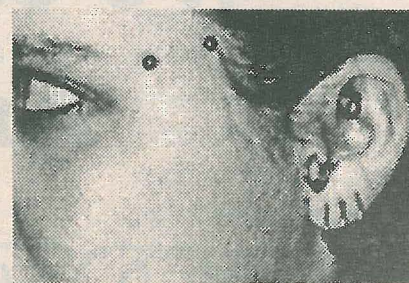
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or a Prince Albert (a piercing through the urethra). In fact, any body part can be pierced.

Body piercing is so popular today among the Generation X group that government officials have had to start regulating the practice because of the risks and side effects involved. Anyone who is under eighteen years of age must be accompanied by his or her parent during the procedure or must have a written notarized consent form before the procedure can lawfully be carried out. The only exception is with ear piercing.

Any procedure or act that must be regulated is usually controversial or

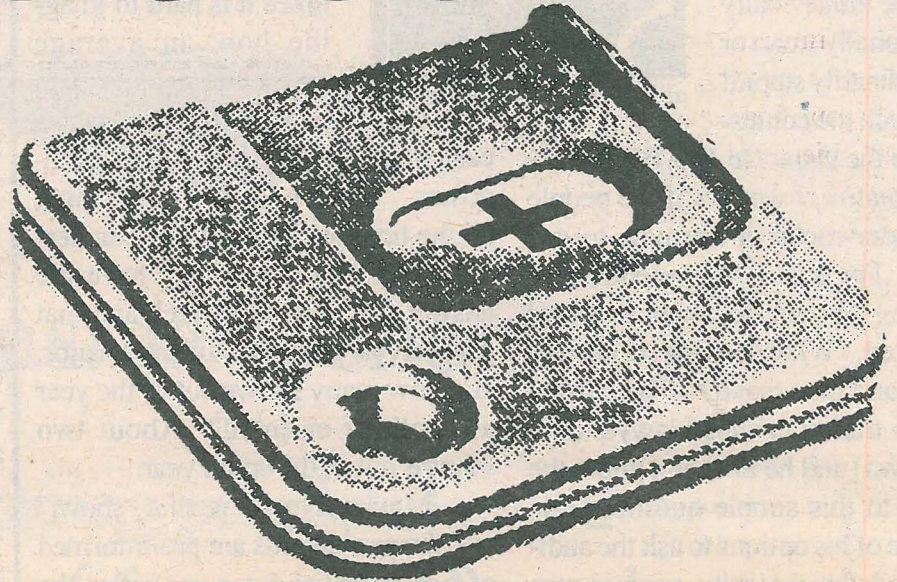
risky. Regulating body piercing parlors might deter some people from getting body piercing, but it will not deter most of the young stubborn teenagers who promote the "it's my way or the highway" argument. In other words, it does not matter what infringements are placed upon a determined teenager because once his or her mind is made up, there is no stopping him or her. Most of the body piercing procedures, though seemingly safe, are quite unsanitary and often result in



annoying infections. Leo Robitcheck, an eighteen-year-old student at the University of Miami, testified that a week after he had gotten a tongue ring he had a painful cavity. It so happens that the metal ring would constantly

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Piercing: Body Art?

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"hit against the enamel on his teeth," thus, resulting in the costly cavity. Nicole Robinson, an eighteen-year-old freshman at Nova Southeastern University, also acknowledged that after multiple ear piercings in her right ear, she acquired an infection, which caused her tremendous agony. And Natasha Nicholson, an eighteen-year-old freshman at Florida International University, stated that after piercing her navel, the ring accidentally tore out while she was playing with friends. Obviously, our bodies are telling us something; piercings do more harm than good!

Careful thought and planning needs to be done before attempting to engage in any body piercing. The potential side effects of tongue rings are so serious that they can cause septicaemia and toxic shock syndrome. One of the most common piercings today, the tongue ring, can impair one's ability to chew and speak properly. It can also crack teeth. Moreover, the tongue swells double its original size, and it takes about "six months to completely heal." Tongue "studs" are also dangerous because they are "close to the throat and can be swallowed if they become loose, and infections under the tongue can spread rapidly and may need hospital care." "The navel can take up to nine months to heal after piercing. Surprisingly, it is subject to more infection than any other part of the body. The navel also has the highest chance that skin will heal over and cover the whole ring."

Dr. Solnik also states that although nose piercings do not have an unusually high rate of complications, and they heal in three to six months, one's nose is susceptible to bruises. The nose serves as a filter and everyday millions of tiny particles are trapped in the nostrils. Imagine how difficult it is to maintain a nose piercing.

According to Dr. Neil Skolnik, cellulitis, dermatitis, and keloid formations are the three most prevalent infections associated with body

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In response to Michael Citron's "Is There a Purpose for Nova Stickers on Cars?"

by Sara Babrove
Operations Coordinator for Public Safety

First, yes there is a purpose for having a Nova Sticker on your car. And no, that purpose is not so that Novalert can give you a ticket. (If you want to know the rules regarding parking, you can refer to your Student Parking Manual, or visit our website at www.nova.edu. From there you can click on the Administrative Offices, scroll down to Public Safety, and then click on that to access our main page where you can view the entire manual for parking.) Novalert is usually busy enough without having to issue parking tickets on a daily basis. We are busy helping students who have locked themselves out of their cars. We are busy taking reports on what kind of sunglasses were lost, trying to figure out where you left your beeper or cell phone, giving people jump starts when they inadvertently leave their headlights on, and patrolling the campus continuously to provide a safe environment at all times.

The main purpose of the sticker is to be able to locate you in case something happens to your car. For example, another car hits yours, an airplane lands on it, or anything else that could possibly happen. I have noticed in my three months as Operations Coordinator that no one really seems to care too much about parking, stickers, or anything else until they have actually been ticketed. And when students are ticketed, it is because they have parked illegally in a fire lane, in parking designated for another student, or they are blocking another student's car.

Panther in the Parking Lot

by Althea Mease
Staff Writer

There was a tiger on my lap! At the Love Jen Family Festival, on February 5, I took a picture with a cute little baby tiger, courtesy of Vanishing Species Inc. Vanishing Species is a nonprofit wildlife rescue program centered in Davie. This was their second year presenting at Love Jen, and one of around twelve total appearances at NSU. Vanishing Species brought a variety of beautiful, rescued wild animals to our campus to educate everyone at the Festival and encourage donations to help the animals. I spent the day investigating their cause.

Anyone who received a parking violation can rest assured that they have every right to file an appeal if they feel they have been ticketed unfairly. Please keep in mind that we are constantly dealing with students and employees alike picking up parking decals and applications, and putting the decals on their cars without ever submitting the completed application. In other words, you have a decal on your car, but we do not know who or where you are.

While it is true that parking has become a bit of a headache due to Nova's constant growth, it still has to be understood that parking in fire lanes, blocking other vehicles, and parking in reserved spots will result in a ticket. Just like anywhere else. I have come out of classes at night only to find cars parked right behind me, blocking me in. I was parked in a regular spot. I made an effort to get to class on time. My teacher lets the class out at 9:00 and I have to wait until 10:00 for someone who got there late and parked wherever they felt like. Is that fair?

As I stated above, people tend to get angry when they are ticketed, and I understand that, as I have been ticketed several times myself. Please remember that Novalert is here to assist the students in any way that is needed.

All of the animals maintained by Vanishing Species were either rescued or donated by other rescue organizations. The darling Bengal tiger cub on my lap, Chippewa ("Chip", they all have nicknames), was a gift from another organization which was at full capacity and could not support him. The large Siberian tiger, Nicholas ("Nicky") was also from another sanctuary. They act as silly as my little kitten at home!

Cheyenne ("Bubba", they thought Cheyenne was too feminine) is a beautiful Florida panther/eastern cougar mix. The Florida panther is endangered, and many people are mixing them with a stronger relative, the eastern cougar, to increase the gene pool and save the species. It is illegal for most people, including Vanishing Species, to keep a rare purebred Florida panther.

Joshua, the black bear, is a year old and a veteran of last year's Love Jen Festival. Some of you may remember the tiny cub. He is no longer tiny!

Gwen, the colorful Guenon monkey, won my heart. She managed to have an accident on the shoulder of every single person who tried to hold her, and kept me smiling all day! She was taken by the authorities from a private, unlicensed person who kept her as a pet. The government requires a license to keep an exotic pet, to ensure that the animals are only kept by people who can care for them properly. She did not suffer harm under the inexperienced person's care, but unfortunately, many animals do.

Max, the Saharan Monitor lizard, suffered in such a way. The person who owned him before had no idea how to take care of him. He put the lizard under a heat lamp continuously, badly burning his skin and eyes, leaving him scarred and blind. He is now given love, affection, and proper care




by the volunteers at Vanishing Species.

The animals get plenty of love. Barbara and Jeff Harrod, Co-founders of Vanishing Species, travel with the animals and oversee all events. The animals and volunteers can be hired for public and private events, educational programs, and shows. Polaroids with the animals are taken for a



sum. The animals are never mistreated and never work when they really do not want to. I saw them lose at least \$50 refusing photographs because the animals were too tired. They are kept in large, clean cages, away from the poking fingers of children, and are fed and watered throughout the day. The babies are bottle-fed a formula with baby food and vitamins in each picture, as you can see. The animals enjoy cuddling with Jeff, who holds the animals while they pose. Jeff has been working with wild animals since the age of eight, and has a personal relationship with each animal. He is the only man I know who can point to a five foot black bear and say, "that's my baby."

As Barbara said, "In a perfect world, all of these animals would be living in the wild. [Humans] are the ones who screwed things up." Meddling humans caused problems for all of these animals, and now they must rely on humans for the rest of their lives. Once an animal is socialized to humans, they cannot be released into the wild. We have an obligation to care for them. It is our fault that they no longer can take care of themselves. If you would like to volunteer for Vanishing Species, get information, make a donation, or schedule a special event contact:


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Women

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 Krista Kepple
 Gaddith Uzcategui
 Christa Witter

JuniorMen

Doug Grosso
 Shawn Mostal
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 Richard Williams
 Eric Windell

Women


Aylan Farrel
 Lisa Meadows
 Laura Prill
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 Jen White

SeniorMen


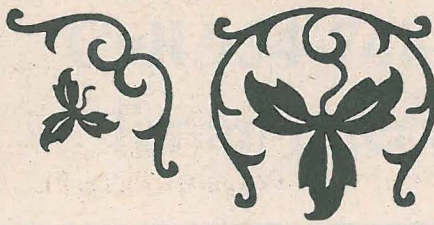
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 Coquito Cubillas
 Ashley Cullen
 Francisco Gonzalez
 Blake Paynter
 Sammy Ventura

Women


Isabelle Biamby
 Megan Conneely
 Alyson Dion
 Michelle Hansley
 Melissa Hellerman
 Stefanie Maltese



Pictures for the Homecoming nominees will be taken on
 February 9th & 10th in the Student Life Office between
 the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

You must be present at the Homecoming Dance
 on February 19th to be crowned.



Electronic registration: A Spider Web

by A Concerned Student

In a few months, many of the functions related to registering for classes and paying bills will be completed electronically. This will certainly be more efficient than our current system of endless paperwork. However, is it safe to rely on our current computer system? The powers-that-be have decided to change our entire system, but I do not think they are prepared for the potential problems associated with Internet systems. What if the server crashes while students are trying to register for classes? What if student data is entered incorrectly, through human error? Are we prepared for these situations?

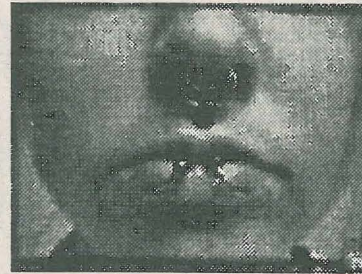
We cannot choose to stay with the current system. However, you, the student, should protect yourself. Keep hard copies and proof of everything you send, every class you register for, every payment you make. Back up your own files, just in case. If you take these steps, you are safe in any situation. That advice is good for life in general.

I invite anyone involved with creating or maintaining the Internet registration system to write a response to this article. I am concerned, but please prove me wrong. Tell the students that it we do not need to worry.

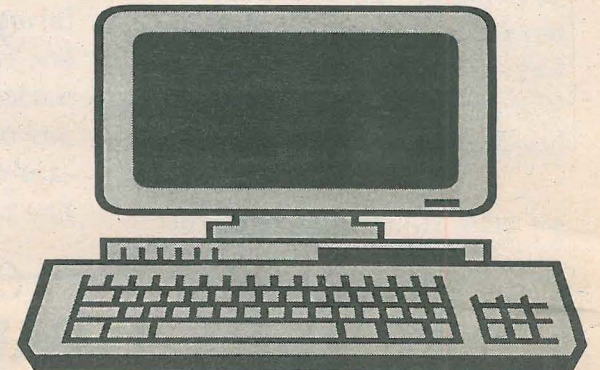
The Pain of Piercing

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piercings. Cellulitis, which is a local infection of the skin, is common with eyebrow piercings. Dermatitis is an irritating, scabby rash when the skin reacts to the jewelry, and keloid formations, which are an overgrowth of scar tissue, are common in cartilage areas, "especially in the upper ear area." Moreover, Dr. Skolnik states that dangerous complications such as hepatitis B and C occur when people "self-pierce and share instruments."



Indeed, the consequences of body piercing far outweigh what positive effects might exist. This rebarbative practice is alarming because of its widespread impact on America's youth. If action is not taken now to educate our ignorant youth, then America will face a health crisis or disaster in the near future. One's body already goes through many dangerous and unhealthy practices and habits. Why defile the body both inside and outside with dehumanizing agents and procedures which can cause additional stress?

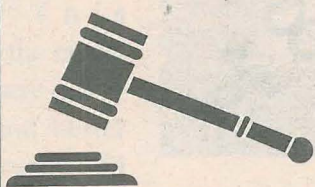


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from pages 12 and 13

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To: Kelly
With a smile like a searing light,
Her shining eyes shone so bright,
My love for you is a burning fire, A
love so strong, it will never tire,
For the times I feel like no one
cares, I'll dream of you, something
I'll never share.

From: Jeannie
To: Jack
I Love You Pookie.

From: SUPERMAN
To: Wonder Women
The word "love" has always meant
little to me, But then I saw you
walking by. Whenever I am around
you I feel like I could fly. I want to
be with you, Every night and day. I
wish I had the courage
To say what I want to say. Your
beauty, Your smile, they are all so
great. Whenever I'm around you
I don't think I could hate.

From: Romeo
To: Juliet
Her gentle kisses felt like soft
feathers running across my lips.

From: Mrs. Schmoopie, aka
Sweetpea.
To: Mr. Schmoopie, aka Super-
man
You will always be in my heart. I
love you very much. Happy
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From: Joey
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To: Kelsey
I appreciate your sweetness, and I
saved a dance for you, beautiful.

From: Anonymous
To: Frankie Boom Batz
You are the sexiest man I know.
You have a killer smile and hard
body. Will you be my Valentine?

From: Anonymous
To: JS
You've gotten past me, Or what
people think I am, You don't mind
that I'm a little crazy, Or that I
don't have a tan, You've changed
me, Or rather released my heart,
Taken away the chains and set it
free, Helped me along as past lives
depart, I've seen beyond your eyes,
And quelled my fears. To me you
are precious, And Regal, with a
touch of perfection, Your love is
infectious, I'm glad we met in life's
busy intersection.

From: Kristen
To: Paul-Michael
To my dearest love, I hope we'll
see many more Valentine's to-
gether. With all my love and all my
kisses, Happy Valentine's Day!!!!!!

From: Anonymous
To: Anyone
Her soft soothing whisper into my
ear was like the sound of summer's
wind, Her eyes were as bright as a
roaring fire in my bedroom, Her
legs were as smooth as the touch of
her lips, Her hair was as soft and
long as the silk ribbons on her
valentines gift, Her aroma left
berries in the air.

Don't Worry,
There's More To Come ...
Continue reading the
LoveLines on the last page

John Rucker: Punished
for Free Speech?

by Michael L. Citron
Associate Editor

Recently, John Rucker, the infamous Atlanta Braves closer was fined and suspended by Major League Baseball for his racial and ethnic slurs made during a *Sports Illustrated* interview last month. Rucker's feelings might not be popular in today's society, but can we punish him for invoking his first amendment right to freedom of speech? I do not think so.

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig fined Rucker twenty thousand dollars and suspended him for one month. He

also is requiring Rucker to visit a psychologist. Selig thinks that Rucker needs to be evaluated by a doctor. If Selig thinks that players need to see psychologists if they make ethnic or racial comments, then he better get a bigger couch.

Numerous players speak their mind in front of reporters or behind closed doors. If the league fines and suspends players for speaking "out of line," then soon athletes will get in trouble for wearing unpopular clothing or unusual haircuts. It will only get worse!

Shouldn't Selig focus his time on saving baseball? Every year, there is no shared revenue like in the National Foot-

ball League. Teams such as the Kansas City Royals or the Milwaukee Brewers will never able to contend for a World Series, because of all the money going to teams like the Atlanta Braves and the New York Yankees.

After the baseball lockout, the game was in dire straits. No one was going to games or buying merchandise. Thanks to Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles for breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak, the game was gaining some of the popularity that it once had. America's past time is turning sour because of the owners and the commissioner. Carrying out the fine and suspension of Rucker will only add to the list of problems.

Last month, I met Rucker at a charity softball game at the University of Miami. He was very cordial to the fans. Rucker was certainly talking more with the fans than the other players, but this should be expected. I asked him why he said the comments he did. "I made a big mistake that I

will have to live with and hope that people, in time, will forgive me for," Rucker said. After talking with him for fifteen minutes, I got him to autograph a baseball for me. He also inscribed it, *I LOVE NEW YORK*. He is a young ball player who just made a mistake, which he will have to live with and accept for the rest of his life.

The best punishment the league could give him would be no punishment at all, and let him live with his mistake and accept the hostility he will receive in every town that the Braves play in next season.

Major League Baseballs Players Association has stepped in and appealed Selig's ruling. Rucker is back in New York, where he said he would never play because he "didn't want to ride on the subway next to an AIDS patient." The problem must be put to rest. The league must try to focus more on making professional baseball enjoyable again for the fans and players.



Breaking the Fast at the Eid-ul-Fitr Dinner

by Aliyya Hosein
Contributing Writer

On Wed, Feb. 2, the International Muslim Association at Nova (IMAN) hosted their first Eid-ul-Fitr dinner at the Flight Deck in commemoration of Ramadhaan. For over one billion Mus-

course with desert, and it's foreign cuisine too!" Lamb and chicken shish kebabs were just a few of the treats that ran out before the dinner was over.

Green and gold stars dangled from the ends of the helium balloons that swayed to the beat of the Arabian music. When Nicole Robinson, the NSU SGA International Senator, was asked about the event, she congratulated IMAN on the success of exposing the NSU population to a different culture. In her words, "The diversity of the student population at NSU is impressive."

The Flight

Deck was filled with approximately 32 people from all faiths, races, and age groups. And like many other students, Tanya Feddern, HPD student, hopes to see more educational and enriching experiences like this one on campus.

lims throughout the world, Ramadhaan is a special month of the year celebrating the anniversary of when the first verses of the holy Qur'an were revealed in 610 AD to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). During this month, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset every day as a means of devotion to God and to gain self-control. At the end of Ramadhaan, there is a joyous occasion called Eid-ul-Fitr (the Festival of Fast-Breaking) when Muslims attend a special community prayer in the morning, visit their friends and relatives, and then exchange gifts among themselves.

Rabia Halim, President of IMAN, welcomed the guests and introduced the e-board. Then, Mujtaba Ali-Khan, a medical student at HPD, gave a brief talk about the significance of the dinner.

By 7:15 p.m., students, parents and professors were eagerly lined up at the buffet table to fill their plates with the Arabic food catered from El-Sa-laam restaurant. Vanteria Lewis, a sophomore, commented, "\$5.00 is a ridiculously low price for a main



LoveLines

From: The Knight
To: Our Dedicated Readers
Thank you for all your support and submissions for this year's LoveLines. We hope you all had a happy Valentine's Day. KEEP READING and We'll Keep Writing.

From: Colleen
To: hot stuff
His words are as soothing as aloe vera is to sunburned skin. His eyes are as blue as a North Carolina tarheels jersey. His hair is as soft as a cotton ball. His teeth are as white as Clorox bleach. His smile is as long as the Mississippi River. His eyes gleam like Luke Skywalker's lazer sword. He is as healthy as a glass of milk.

From: Jessica
To: Brad
Your eyes sparkle like the stars in Orion's belt. Your lips are as sweet as ripened watermelon.

From: Kyra
To: Gelfling
I Will Live in Thy Heart, Die In Thy Lap, and Be Buried in Thine Eyes
You are now and forever will be my only love...Love Forever and a Day.

From: K10
To: KevDogg
Happy Valentine's Day! Guess Who....hehehehehe

From: Lonely Soul
To: The Stalker
Being alone is the best feeling because you can sit back to see what love has to offer. Love should not be about stalking and threatening to kill yourself over the person you love. I enjoy watching people who call themselves in love with a person, but in actuality they are in love with being in love. Some people are afraid to be alone because they want to discover their "real" individuality.

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