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THE KNIGHT

..... Fall Begins at Nova Southeastern

Summer 2003 ▶ Orientation Edition

ORIENTATION 2003



From right to left: Lora Reyes, Valerie Marcel, Micaela Mercado, Matt Boddy, Rovin Narine, Ryan Iosco, Rene Griffith, Chrissy Shaw, Joycelyn McGlothlen, Lisa Ally

By Jennifer M. Miles, Ed.D.

Director of Student Development and Retention

Success in college is not only determined by the quality of your academic work, but also by how quickly you can make connections and access services. Nova Southeastern University's orientation programs are designed for you to begin your collegiate career successfully and quickly. The Office of New Student Programs and Orientation has developed Orientations for first year students, transfer students, Career Development students, and families.

Our two-day overnight First Year Orientation programs are designed to help new students succeed at NSU. During a brief overnight stay, first year students experience an intensive, exciting, informative, and enjoyable introduction to life at NSU.

During Transfer Orientation, transfer students quickly connect to the resources and people that become an important part of life in the NSU community. The one-day program prepares transfer students for transition to NSU.

Orientation sessions for Career Development students are designed for the working professional. The programs will include opportunities for Career Development students to meet other new students and members of the university administration and staff. Students also learn about campus activities and services. The brief time spent at orientation will greatly enhance each student's NSU experience.

Parents and family members are important resources for our new students. We have designed our Parent and Family Orientation to assist families and to provide information about the

NSU community. Our parent orientation is completely separate from the student orientation, but is held on the first day of each first year orientation session.

For a minimal investment of time, you'll leave orientation with an understanding of how to maximize your time at NSU to reach your academic, personal, and professional goals. These programs have been designed to address your needs as a new student. Please take advantage of everything orientation has to offer. The Office of New Student Programs and Orientation can be reached at 1-800-338-4723, ext. 8050 or at orientation@nova.edu. Please contact us with any questions. Welcome to NSU!

A Special Welcome

A new year, a new start! Welcome to all of our new freshmen and transfer students. I hope I have already met some of you during our Campus Visitation Days, and that I will get to meet all of you during orientation sessions and throughout your academic career here at Nova Southeastern University.

We have an exciting array of academic programs and co-curricular activities. I encourage you to take advantage of our small classes, which allow you to develop a relationship with your professors and your peer students. I also suggest that you select elective courses that will round out your general knowledge and skills and that reflect your interests. Get involved with leadership and co-curricular activities "beyond the classroom" as well. Always know that the Academic Support Center is there to assist you. Great opportunities are yours for the taking.

As you may have heard me say, I am glad you are here and that we are here for you.

*Dr. Norma M. Goonen
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

NSU RECEIVES \$500,000 GIFT FROM LORRAINE THOMAS

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL- Lorraine Thomas, wife of the late Dave Thomas, has given Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship a gift of \$500,000, Dean Randolph A. Pohlman, Ph.D., announced. Thomas's gift will lend her name to the R. David Thomas and I. Lorraine Thomas Dean's Suite of NSU's soon-to-be-completed 261,000 square foot facility that will bring the Huizenga

School to NSU's 250-acre main campus. In accepting the gift, Dean Pohlman said, "Lorraine Thomas is one of our community's greatest assets. She and Dave have always been very generous and supportive of NSU."

A Fort Lauderdale resident for more than 20 years, Thomas and her late husband-Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger Restaurant founder Dave Thomas-have been supporters of Nova Southeastern University for more than 10 years. In fact, NSU's Center for Psychological Studies recently honored

her as Humanitarian of the Year. Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, which feature both undergraduate and graduate programs, is taking the lead in developing an integrated philosophical framework that can help place its graduates in the forefront of management theory and practice in the new millennium. It provides quality business and management education to students across the nation and world.

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THOMAS DIETERS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL—Weston resident Thomas E. Dieters, has been named executive director of development at Nova Southeastern University, President Ray Ferrero, Jr., announced.

Dieters will take on the newly created post that will take advantage of his higher education development experience. His primary responsibility



will provide leadership and management of the fundraising activities of NSU, while developing and implementing a comprehensive decentralized development plan to include campaign activity, gifts-in-kind, scholarships, endowments, and planned gifts.

Dieters has already spent 12 years in higher education, from being Associate Di-

rector of Planned Giving at Michigan State University, to working at the University of Miami as its Director of Regional Development and Executive Director of Planned Giving.

He began his career as a Registered Representative with Equitable Financial Companies in Troy, Michigan, working in the areas of retirement, estate planning, and charitable giving. Dieters has a master's of public administration from the University of Miami, and a bachelor's in both employment relations and psychology from Michigan State University.

"We are excited at what Thomas

brings to this position," Ferrero said. "His experiences in higher education with regard to development and planned giving are a perfect fit in the direction that NSU is going."

For more information, contact NSU's Office of Public Affairs at (954) 262-5353.

Warriors, Terrorists, Peacemakers

By Dr. William Hammack

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Since 9/11, Muslims and Islam have been regular staples of news articles and television shows. Right-wing preachers such as Franklin Graham have regularly inveighed against the tenets of Islam and Mohammad, describing Islam as a religion of terrorists and child abusers whose favorite hobbies are bomb making and oppressing women. In this they show their complete ignorance. It is not just individuals in the extreme right who show this ignorance: a recent issue of Foreign Affairs carried an article claiming to show a huge gulf between the Christian West and Muslim countries. But a

careful reading to the end of the article showed the difference was really more of that between the industrialized West and much of the rest of the world.

There is no question that there are vicious thugs who call themselves Muslims, just as there are vicious thugs who call themselves Christians. But just as the Aryan Nations groups, the Klan, and Timothy McVeigh clearly have no understanding of the Gospels, it is clear that the Taleban and Al Qaeda have no understanding of the Koran.

As with many Christian sects, primitive tribal beliefs have been forced onto the basic teachings of Islam. To fully understand Islam, one must look back to its earliest days. Before he became a prophet, Mohammad had already achieved a fair bit of renown. Not as a warrior and cer-

tainly not as a terrorist. Mohammad was known as a peacemaker. Someone who could bring two sides together, get them talking, and come to a solution both groups were happy with. When those in power in Mecca grew annoyed with this kid urging folks to abandon the old polytheism and adopt the God of the Jews and Christians, the folks in Medina invited the young man up to help settle some disputes disrupting their town. Mohammad turned to war only much later, after his followers had been repeatedly attacked.

There is as little in common between Mohammad and bin Laden as there is between Jesus and Timothy McVeigh. Extremists are actively trying to demonize the other side. This will only lead to more war, more acts of terror. A recent Gallup poll showed

that the more people know about Islam, the higher their opinion of it is. If you would like to learn more, feel free to contact the local Muslim Student Association, IMAN. They will welcome you gladly as they have this old druid whom they even allow to serve as advisor to the club. If you would like to learn more about the part of the world where Islam got its start, we also have an Arabic student association, OASIS composed of very friendly, outgoing students [not all of whom are Muslim, that part of the world gave rise to many, many religions].

Letter to the Editor

I read your outcry in the May 2003 edition of The Knight and felt compelled to answer your questions about the student body.

You know what's interesting in this school? For the most part undergraduates have a writing criteria to meet and yet the professors and the university newspaper have never made a connection. Writing criteria + Student newspaper, Students seeing their works on print...hmmmm.

Explanation: Perhaps if the professors of say, a writing course, were to make it mandatory for the students in the class to submit some written work to the paper, (with however appropriate amount of content on whatever subject) perhaps then, your "request" to hear from the student body would be answered. Just a thought.

I thought your comments were

very appropriate; students don't understand the importance of utilizing the free resources on campus to better themselves and ultimately put something interesting on their resume.

Thanks for listening,
Lee

Lee-

Some professors *do* encourage students to submit writing to *The Knight*. It's like anything else, though. If somebody does something out of obligation or because someone else leans on him to do it, it cheapens the deed. *The Knight* is a medium for anybody in the NSU community who *wants* to express an opinion or idea.

The Editor

BROWARD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB DONATES \$10,000

BROWARD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB DONATES \$10,000 TO NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

FORT LAUDERDALE - Ana Ariola, president of the Broward International Women's Club (BWIC), presents a check for \$10,000 to Ray Ferrero, president of Nova Southeastern University, to be used for international student scholarships.

The BWIC is made up of women born outside of the United States representing 33 nationalities who have generously supported NSU for 25 years with scholarship support of more than \$186,400.00.



For information on BWIC membership, write: Broward International Women's Club, P. O. Box 11512, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1812.

I Want My Radio X!



Delilah Noronha

Public Relations Director
Radio X 88.5 FM

Are you looking for good music, great DJs, local concerts and events? If you are, Radio X is the Station for you. Broadcasting from Palm Beach to the Miami-Dade counties, Radio X reaches a broad range of listeners with a variety of genres. Radio X airs seven days a week from 7 pm to 3 am. You can also catch WKPX's (Piper High School) pre-recorded broadcast from 7am to 7 pm. Radio X, 88.5 FM, plays hip-hop, alternative, techno, local

bands, house, 80s and more. The DJs are associated with Nova Southeastern University, and they air their shows at our on-campus location in the Rosenthal Building. Some of the station's DJs will be showcased on a Radio X exclusive CD that will be provided to new students during orientation. You can also check them out online at www.nsuradio.com during live broadcasts.



So, good music is not enough? Well, check us out for concert updates, up-to-date news, community events, and on-air interviews. Radio X promotes various concerts in the Dade, Broward and Palm Beach area. Want to win tickets? Call the request line at 954-262-8460, and win tickets to see some of your favorite bands. Want places to go and people to meet?



Tune into 88.5 or call the station to get details on the local arts and entertainment scene. Radio X also offers local, national, and international news reports

daily.

Radio X also offers interviews with local artists and bands, including "The All American Rejects," "Trust Company," "Aaron Carter" and "Yellow Card." So, look forward to hearing these interviews on-air or reading about them in *the Knight*. Additionally, Radio X is on the scene at concerts and events so look for us at your favorite music scene.

Whatever style of music you prefer, Radio X has it. So listen and get involved because we are *your* College Radio.

Radio X
88.5 FM

So You Want to be a Diva?

An interview with one on VH1's Diva's Duets Finalists: Tomey Sellars by Delilah Noronha

Recently, I interviewed Tomey Sellars about her experiences with the VH1 Diva's Duets competition. She is from Miami, Florida and has been an aspiring singer/song writer. Aside from her knock-out voice and talent, Tomey expressed her warm and sweet attitude on DJ First's live show on Radio X 88.5 on May 5th 2003. She originally auditioned for VH1's *Born to Diva*, but after she made the finals the program's name was changed to *Diva's Duets*. Tomey was one of three finalists and traveled to Las Vegas for the VH1 Divas 2003 show, but she did not win the contest. The fact that she was one of the three to be picked out of thousands who auditioned speaks volumes about her talent. In her interview with Radio X, she told us what she has been up to. Even though she did not win, she will continue to pursue her goal. In fact, she pointed out, the show has presented her with opportunities with many record labels. This is an example of how dreams definitely *can* come true. We wish Tomey Sellars the best. She will always be Radio X's Diva.

Radio X: What made you want to become a singer/ songwriter?

TS: It has been in my heart and my soul ever since I can remember.

Radio X: When and where did you do your first performance?

TS: In grade school, I was 8yrs old and performed "When you Wish Upon a Star" at a talent show.

Radio X: How long have you been pursuing your dream?

TS: 10 years.

Radio X: What is your ethnic background?

TS: I'm Lebanese.

Radio X: Have you been able to integrate your culture into your music?

TS: Yes, I have in some of my new songs.

Radio X: What made you want to audition for Born to Diva?

TS: I actually missed the first auditions but then my producer friend called me and told me I should audition because they were doing them again.

Radio X: What was the process like?

TS: The audition was in Miami, where I made the cut. Then the top three (myself and the other two girls) were selected in New York. Everything was good. The only bad thing was the negative people.

Radio X: Was there anything you did not expect while you were auditioning for Divas Duets?

TS: I was more nervous than I thought I would be.

Radio X: What was the best part about it?

TS: When I was able to win with my original song.



Radio X: Who were your inspirations?

TS: Some of my influences are Patty Labelle, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston and Mary J. Blige.

Radio X: How does it feel to possibly perform with some of your inspirations?

TS: Wow, hope it doesn't affect my performance, being too nervous.

Radio X: Where do you get your inspiration in song writing?

TS: Things going on in my life. Also when I go somewhere deep inside myself or I see other peoples' points of views, but mostly just life.

Radio X: What is your best advice for aspiring singers?

TS: Be your own artist. Know who you are, have courage and conviction in

your music and style.

Radio X: What has your experience been like pursuing your dream in Miami?

TS: There are always places to perform and so many people to write with. There are also many studios and it is easy to network with little money. The only disadvantage is people who can take advantage of you.

Radio X: What kind of artist do you see yourself as being? (genre)

TS: Alternative, adult contemporary, soft rock.

Radio X: How would you best describe yourself?

TS: I am not a competitive person. I am driven, ambitious and spiritual especially when it comes to my fans.

Radio X: What do you think sets you aside from other singers?

TS: My authentic self.

Radio X: How do you feel about your competition?

TS: I have actually become good friends with the both of them.

Radio X: What can fans expect in the future from Tomey?

TS: A lot of great songs.

MEET YOUR 2003 ORIENTATION LEADERS



Micaela Mercado
Hometown: Weston, FL
Sophomore
Major: Psychology
Career Goal: Child Psychologist
Activities: International Senator for SGA, Leadership Roundtable Scholar, NISA



Candice Carreo
Hometown: Pembroke Pines, FL
Recent Alumnae of NSU
Major: Bachelors in Legal Studies and Minor in Psychology
Career Goal: Attorney



Matt Boddy
Hometown: Radcliff, KY
Junior
Major: Business Admin.
Career Goal: Restaurant Manager
Activities: Sigma Alpha Mu, IFC Pres.



Rovin Narine
Hometown: Toronto, Canada
Senior
Major: Environmental Science
Career Goal: Environmental Lawyer
Activities: SGA, NISA, RA, Beta Theta Pi



Lisa Ally
Hometown: Miami, FL
Junior
Major: Biology
Career Goal: Physician's Asst.
Activities: ISA, America Reads, OASIS



Ryan Iosco
Hometown: Mt. Pocono, PA
Senior
Major: Business Admin.
Career Goal: Undecided
Activities: SGA-CEC, Beta Theta Pi Pres., IFC



Lora Reyes
Hometown: Valleystream, NY
Senior
Major: Biology, Dual Admissions for Physical Therapy
Career Goal: Physical Therapist
Activities: Delta Phi Epsilon Pres., Panhell VP, Order of Omega, Astronomy Club, SGA Elections Commission



Rene Griffith
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Senior
Major: Pre-Law
Career Goal: Lawyer
Activities: SASGA-CEC, Junior Gold Circle, Employment in Student Activities and Leadership Development



Joycelyn McGlothlen
Hometown: Radcliff, KY
Sophomore
Major: Business with Concentration in Accounting and Finance
Career Goal: CPA
Activities: Phi Sigma Sigma, Leadership Roundtable Scholar, SGA-CEC



Chrissyl Shaw
Hometown: Virgin Islands
Junior
Major: Psychology
Career Goal: Forensic Psychology
Activities: PASA Pres., Psi Chi, Step Team, CSA, Nova Players



Valerie Marcel
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
Sophomore
Major: Education
Career Goal: Teacher
Activities: Admissions ambassador, PASA, CSA

What is IMAN?

By Farheen F. Parvez

The biggest change in my life took place when I moved to Fort Lauderdale last year in late August. The idea of living three and a half hours away from home was astounding for my family and for me. I would be living by myself in a co-ed dorm in a city unfamiliar to me. My sheltered life would be over. I realized I was not going to be little girl anymore. I would have the responsibility of looking after myself and making the right choices.

In mid-Summer, exactly one year ago, I attended Freshman Orientation where one of the activities was to have the incoming freshmen introduced to the many clubs and organizations on campus. In the midst of all the tables was that of the International Muslim Association at NSU (IMAN). I spent some time talking with the IMAN members and took their brochure, which I read on my way back to Orlando. At that time, I realized that I should perhaps contact IMAN since I was looking for a roommate. And so, with God's will and the help of IMAN, I found a wonderful

roommate in less than two weeks.

At the beginning of the fall semester, I barely knew anyone in Fort Lauderdale. My roommate and my cousins insisted that I join IMAN. After attending the first meeting, I decided to become a member. As time progressed, I became good friends with the IMAN members. Throughout my freshman year I have enjoyed being part of IMAN. It is my pleasure to serve as an officer on IMAN's Executive Board beginning this fall.

IMAN was founded in 1998 by a group of Muslim students whose aim was to become familiar with their faith by engaging in social and religious activities. The founding members believed that forming IMAN would educate their community to the many misconceptions about Islam. In the course of five years, IMAN has become an active organization in the South Florida community. The organization is not limited



to Muslims alone. It is open to any individual who wishes to learn more about Islam. IMAN has hosted events such as lectures regarding world issues, 9/11, Islamic beliefs, and open events like luncheons and dinners for the entire NSU community. Additional activities include regular Jum'ua prayers, Ramadan iftaars, fast-a-thon, sports tournaments, interfaith dialogues, bake sales, cricket nights, Eid dinners, as well as social activities such as minia-

ture golfing, bowling, movie nights, and barbeques at the beach.

IMAN has participated in community service activities such as visiting a home-

less shelter and the local hospitals. The purpose of such events was to make one feel humble when visiting and interacting with those who are not as fortunate as the rest of us.

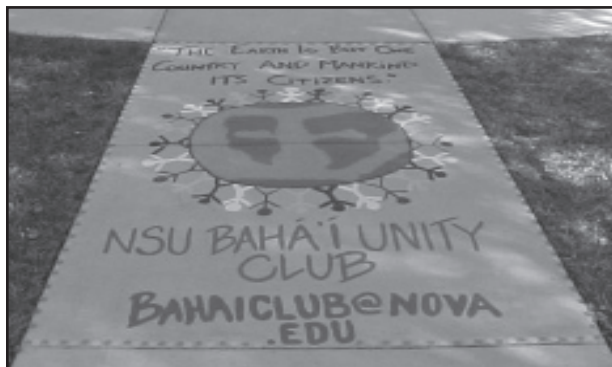
Although IMAN is primarily a religious organization, it is not limited to religion. Social activities are an impor-

tant part of membership. The members of IMAN know how to have fun. As a group of friends, we throw one another birthday parties, go bowling or out to the movies, or just have barbeques at the beach if the weather permits.

The time and effort put forth by IMAN pays off. In 2002, IMAN won Club of the Year. We were recognized by NSU's students and faculty for our extraordinary involvement in social and religious activities. IMAN continues to be actively involved on campus and in the local community.

Everyone in IMAN is a brother or sister to everyone else. We are one big family. We are more than happy to extend our welcome to anyone wishing to learn more about Islam or just about the organization itself.

The Baha'i Unity Club



The Baha'i Unity Club is a service oriented club geared toward promoting peace through the teachings of the Baha'i Faith. These teachings include the oneness of all mankind, the equality of men and women, and the elimination of all prejudices. Some events that the BUC has hosted include poetry nights, devotional gatherings, interfaith dialogues, and barbeques. This club is open to the entire NSU community. The goal of the Baha'i Unity club is to introduce a forum for spirituality on campus whether through dialogue, art, or service.

This past year the Baha'i Unity Club planted a peace pole between the walkway connecting Goodwin and Rosenthal. The pole is 8 feet tall and

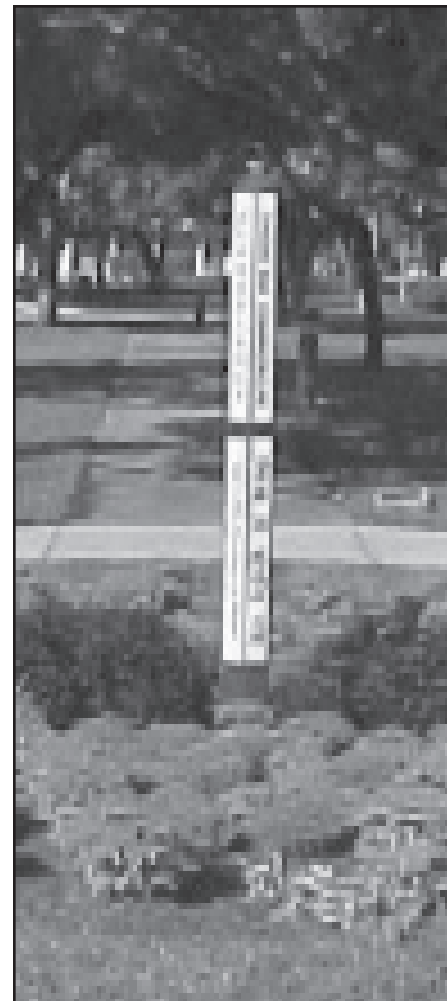
says "May peace prevail on Earth" in over 10 languages. The peace pole was planted during a very significant time: as we were on the brink of war. The Baha'i Unity club hopes that as people walk by the pole, they will take a moment or two to contemplate the

Importance of tolerance and peace and turn those positive thoughts into thoughtful actions.

Another new event this past year was the Baha'i Fastathon. Various members of the NSU community signed a declaration that they would fast for one day with the Baha'i students. After a long and hungry day, those who fasted, feasted together.

The Baha'i Unity Club emphasizes the importance of dialogues with various religions and cultures in order to breakdown any walls of prejudice or misunderstanding.

For contact information please email bahaiclub@nova.edu



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Indian Student Association

By: ISA Executive Board

We, the Executive Board of the Indian Student Association (ISA) would like to personally welcome you to Nova Southeastern University and especially to ISA.

ISA was founded by a group of students in 1998 to provide a positive backdrop for students. The aim of ISA is to create a "home" on campus for students. This organization is a cultural medium that allows students to broaden their horizons by becoming socially oriented and actively involved within their community, while keeping in touch with the rich Indian culture.

The primary goal of ISA is to famil-

iarize our community with the diversity that our organization promotes.

Some of the many events hosted by ISA:

- **Food Fests**

At these festivals, we serve various unique Indian dishes ranging from appetizers to main courses, to desserts. ISA's food fests are famous at NSU for bringing together the faculty, staff, and students to enjoy great cuisine.

- **Mehndi Nights**

We host these nights of decoration and music at least once a semester. Students from various backgrounds come to explore the Indian art of mehndi. The atmosphere is relaxing, fun, and every-

one has a wonderful time!

- **Cultural/Diwali Shows**

One of ISA's biggest and most successful events is the Cultural and Diwali Show. This show is hosted once every semester and has been a great success. The Indian community at large along with NSU's students, faculty, and staff come to see this show. It consists of dances, modeling, singing, comedy, and much more!

It is our hope that you have a wonderful and enriching experience at NSU. You can always count on ISA to be here for you. It is our pleasure to be a part of your college experience. If you are interested in serving on the

Executive Board for the 2003-2004 academic year, please let us know what position you are interested in (besides the ones mentioned below). Your involvement will be greatly appreciated. See you in fall!

ISA Executive Board 2003-2004

Kamal Kaur—President
Shaneeza Ishmael—Vice-President
Vincy Samuel—Secretary
Lisa Ally—Treasurer
Farheen Parvez—Public Relations Betsy Philip—Public Relations
Parveen Kaur—Public Relations

Nova International Students Association

Vision:

"United We Stand, United We Expand"

Mission Statement:

To help protect, promote and set the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the members and officials of this organization

Purpose:

Nova International Students Association (N.I.S.A.) is an exciting organization that represents Nova Southeastern University's International students and Americans with International relations interests. We are one

of NSU's largest and most established student organizations. Chartered in 1987, NISA celebrated 15 years of existence in 2002. With diversity and inclusiveness as its creed, NISA is a nondiscriminatory, un-segregated association that proudly represents students from over 91 nations and cultures of the world, including the United States of America.

Our presence and sponsored events provide avenues to further integration, exchange cultural knowledge, and campus community involvement among our members and the entire NSU community. We also serve as a

network support base for other clubs and organizations with international relations and interests.

Our members act as ambassadors for their respective countries. The sharing of traditions, cultures and experiences serve as a mechanism for educating and developing mutually beneficial relationships between the international student population and other members of NSU community.

Our purpose is to facilitate:

- Interaction among the wider student body.
- Development in terms of contributing to the campus community life.

- To create a smooth transition and adoption for all foreign students entering into the American culture

- To provide avenues for expression, association, and enrichment within student life.

BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY

Become a member and begin sharing in the experience, simply by sending an email to NISA@nova.edu. A representative will respond, and provide you with more detailed information about the organization, as well as instructions pertaining to becoming a member.

The Circle of Excellence

The Circle of Excellence is a new club here at Nova Southeastern University that is geared towards helping students of African decent build leadership, fellowship, and networking skills while doing community Service. In essence, the Circle of Excellence is here to help its members to achieve both Educational and Personal goals.

In the Circle of Excellence, we work side by side with the Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated who are our mentors. Through their leadership, we are able to attain many goals. In working with the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. the members in the Circle of Excellence get a unique opportunity to learn more about the sorority and its members and they have the same opportunity to learn more about us. This process helps each member grow and learn

more about themselves as individuals and future leaders.

This past year, the Circle of Excellence assisted in "Tax Freedom Day" in which we help both NSU students and the Community file their taxes on-line for free. This event was hosted by the Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. We also assisted in "For The Love Of Children," an event hosted by Kappa Delta Pi, in which we sponsored a reading circle. We read to children and also lead them in various activities.

If you are interested in Joining the Circle of Excellence, please contact us at circleofexcellence03@yahoo.com Please look for us in the fall because we will be doing extraordinary things.

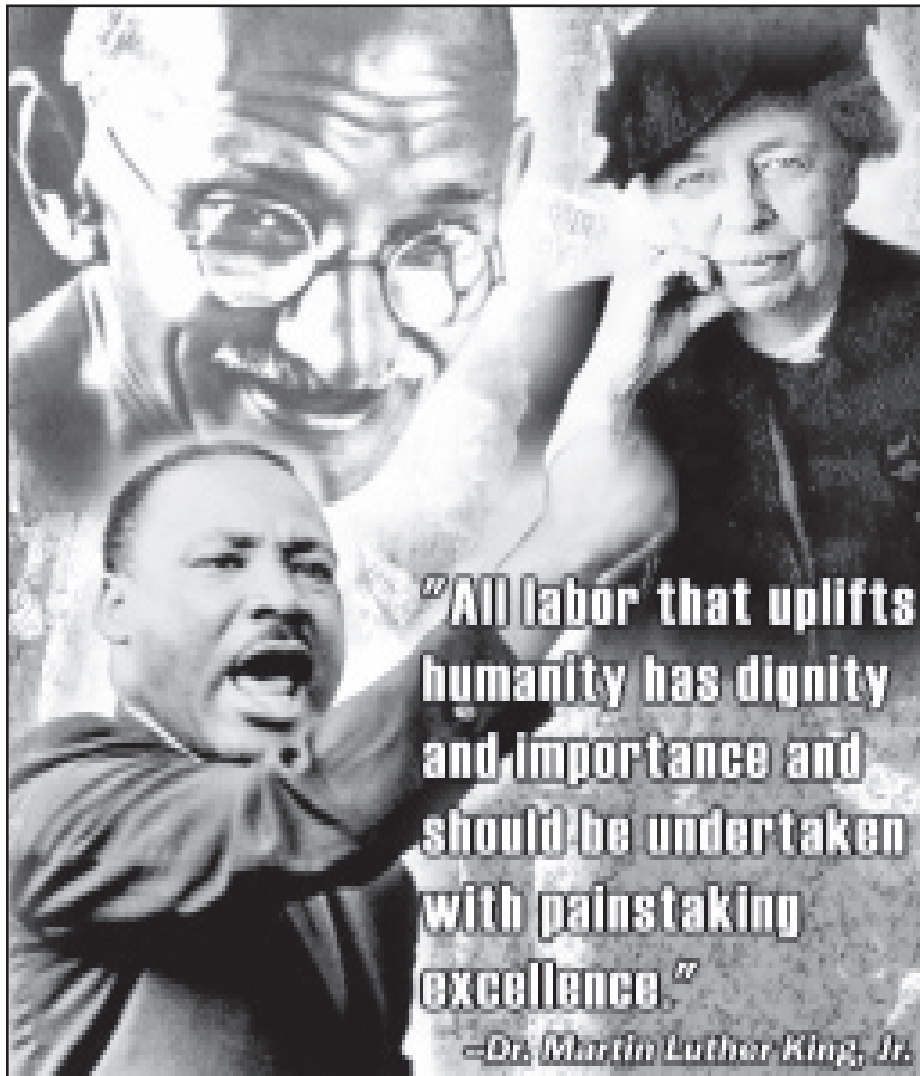
NSU Pre-Pharmacy Society

By Christina Hung

Do you see pills and mortar pestles in your future? Curious about the field of Pharmacy? Then the Pre-Pharmacy Society is just the club for you! The Pre-Pharmacy Society was established in 2000 by a few students who wanted to explore the field of pharmacy before taking the big step into graduate school. As the years have gone by, the club has grown and currently includes 40 members. Throughout the semester, the president and the executive board will organize and invite P1, P2, and P3 graduate students to come and speak about their experiences and any useful knowledge that they can pass down to others. The more information students have, the less they have to worry about later. We also have had professors as well as pharmacy technicians give in-

sight into what being a pharmacist is all about. From the dedication and hard work required to owning and running your own pharmacy. Not only are the students involved around campus, but also out in the community. In the past year, the organization has been involved in a Beach Clean-Up at John Lloyd Park and a fund raising event at Metrozoo in Miami. This is a tight knit group who wants to spread knowledge about the profession of pharmacy to everyone and anyone who is interested. 2003-2004 will bring about another year of fun, learning, and activities.

If you are interested in this organization or would like some more information about it, please email our president Stephen Berkowitz smb14rx@earthlink.net



Social Action Social Awareness

By Amanda N. Brown

"SASA is an organization committed to raising the consciousness of students regarding issues of social justice across the national and international spectrum, but also including local and campus issues," explained Dr. Kate Waites, co-advisor of Social Action / Social Awareness.

Any student who has a desire to grow, or holds even a speck of activism and life in herself, can benefit from this club. SASA helps students out of their narrow and insular worlds to become more mindful of others, and of those that may be suffering from any form of political and social injustice.

"As it is right now, there isn't enough enthusiasm from my fellow students here at NSU about political

issues," stated Kirsta Lamm, Vice-President of SASA. She has found that her interest has been dampened a bit by the students' apathy. But Kirsta continues to be hopeful that SASA will play a significant role in her own life and in the lives of others. She feels that she needs to be "fifty times more enthusiastic than everyone else" so as to encourage the passionate opinions deep inside her peers.

Even though Kirsta is discouraged by her fellow student's lack of compassion and enthusiasm, she admits that SASA is the club she has been searching for.

"One important thing the club does is create an atmosphere where debate and conversation about political issues, is encouraged. It is a place for people who care."

The group regularly participates in online debates through its listserv. "I especially like the lively debates—they get really heated sometimes, but they're always interesting," Kirsta excitedly said. SASA members use the listserv to communicate with each other and to share current articles and editorials that may trigger some interest, potentially inspiring the group's next project. For example, the U.S. led war in Iraq created a good deal of discussion among student members and professors online, and SASA organized, promoted, and staged a teach-in about war. "Some of our projects, such as the teach-in on Iraq, have been really successful," adds Kirsta. Additionally, the group supplied information regarding AIDS awareness and education, supported a seminar concerning SAVE Dade (legislation implementing sexual orientation in the Miami-Dade County Human Rights Ordinance [HRO]), and raised money for the Women's Global Fund to help with the education of girls in the developing world. On campus, SASA participated in "Take Back the Night" events, which enlighten students to the

ongoing problem of sexual violence on-and off-campus.

It is difficult to accurately measure the effects of SASA's activities, but Waites has no doubts about the difference SASA makes.

Does it make a difference? "The answer always is yes, even if it is a very small act and a very small difference."

Being an active member of SASA creates well-rounded students who are knowledgeable and passionate about national/international issues. Waites explained that it might be added to a student's co-curricular transcript, to show a potential graduate school or employer that an individual is educated in the political and social reality beyond books and school-learning.

During the new academic year, 2003-4, SASA plans to focus on issues that capture the attention of college students, creating more opportunities for participation and by the student body. The organization is striving for a greater connection to campus life and other organizations in order to advance the group's mission.

"In the past, our youth has always been on the vanguard of social change, and I would like to see a revival of that," said Waites.

To find out more information, or to join SASA's listserv, visit: www.nova.edu/SASA

'I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do what I can.'

---Helen Keller

Junior Gold Circle of NSU

In 2002, Gold Circle of Nova Southeastern University achieved their goal of establishing the Junior Gold Circle organization. Established in 1979, Gold Circle is an organization of distinguished South Florida women from all walks of life who are devoted to making educational opportunity available to students of all ages. The mission of the Gold Circle is to help men and women of all ages achieve their greatest potential through education. Gold Circle has donated more than \$1,200,000 for scholarship and loan funds for students at Nova South-

eastern University.

Junior Gold Circle is comprised of female NSU students who have agreed to accept the challenge of helping Gold Circle extend its reach into a younger generation for women. Jr. Gold Circle serves as student ambassadors for Gold Circle at university events. Through various fundraising projects, Jr. Gold Circle will be developing an annual book scholarship for NSU students.

The goals of Junior Gold Circle are: to raise annual funds for books scholarships for students at NSU, to assist in the creation of educational

programs that involve the community at NSU, to serve as ambassadors of goodwill for NSU, and to increase membership in the Junior Gold Circle organization.

Thus far, Junior Gold Circle has raised over \$1000 in scholarship funds through such successful programs as a raffle for a car sponsored by Rick Case Honda & the selling of Krispy Kreme donuts. Junior Gold Circle currently has 13 active members. The officers are: President – Casey Elise Zagaria; Vice-President – Amber Gongora; Secretary – Rene Griffith; Treasurer – Jes-

sica Chacon; Historian – Jenn Beck. This summer, Junior Gold Circle has plans for fundraising activities with the Florida Marlins and for a car wash.

If you are interested in membership in Junior Gold Circle, please contact Membership Chair Amanda Patterson at pattimpom@aol.com.

Psychology Club

By Jason McGuire and Vanessa Vasconcelos

Greetings from the Psychology Club. As the President of the club in the 2002-2003 academic year, I've seen our club grow in many ways and I'm proud to say it was solely due to the involvement of the club officers, its dedicated members and our staff and faculty. We provided monthly meetings to discuss future events and had monthly events to learn and socialize around. Last year, we presented *ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST* at the flight deck movie theater, and had several guest speakers lecture on special topics such as Children and ADHD. We hosted our two annual

dinners, had a spectacularly fun picnic, and participated in a philanthropic event over the winter holidays providing gifts for a needy mother and her two children.

The club really pulled together for a number of these events and demonstrated a progressive surge of activity and involvement. With the new leadership voted upon for the 2003-2004 year, we have a history to build upon and fresh minds and outlooks to look forward to. With that being said I'd like to thank the club members, my officers and the staff and faculty of Behavioral Sciences and those abroad in their individual and unique participations with us and I wish the new reigning officers much success in their term. I'm very much looking forward



to what they will offer our students and NSU as a whole. I invite all who enjoy psychology to consider joining this club and to enjoy what it offers. I'd like to now introduce the new President, Vanessa Vasconcelos. Vanessa....

I am very honored to be the President of this great organization. The psychology club is made to serve the needs of its members. Anyone interested can join the Psychology Club, you do not have to be a psychology major. You can make this club into anything you like. We love to hear new ideas and we are always willing to change to meet the needs of our members. I look forward to serving the members of the Psychology Club next year and making this club all that it can be. The new officers and I invite you all to become a part of our great organization and enjoy what it has to offer.

PSI CHI

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The Psi Chi Officers and Advisors, together with the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty and Staff would like to congratulate all of the new Psi Chi members.

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Rotaract of NSU

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. It was founded in 1968 by Rotary International, an association of clubs made up of service-minded business and professional leaders. The overall mission of Rotaract is to allow students to link with Rotarians, learn about businesses and professions and provide community service. Today, there are more than 163,000 members of some 7,088 Rotaract clubs in 151 countries. Clubs are based either in the community or in a university. Rotaract of NSU is sponsored by the Davie/Cooper City Rotary Club.

Rotaract of NSU is comprised of NSU students ages 18-30 who want to make a difference. Rotaract enables its members to grow personally and professionally, address community needs, and promote international understanding through friendship and service. Rotaract holds meetings, usually every two weeks, which feature speakers, discussions, and visits to other clubs. Rotaractors get together for service projects, social activities, and leadership workshops.

Beyond the club level, Rotaractors can take advantage of district confer-

ences, projects, and training seminars and are invited to participate in an international meeting prior to the annual Rotary International Convention. Rotaractors use their weekends for service projects, social events, and workshops. Clubs carry out at least one community service project and one international service project each year.

Since its chartering in September of 2002, Rotaract of NSU has sponsored two Speaker Series at NSU, with speakers ranging from an NSU Law Professor to an Orthopedic Surgeon to an Assistant District Attorney for Broward County. Rotaract of NSU has also co-sponsored events with Best Buddies, Pre-Med and IVCF. In the local community, Rotaract of NSU has worked with the Ft. Lauderdale and Ft. Lauderdale South Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Elder Care Program, and Leadership Broward.

Whatever we do, Rotaractors know how to work hard, have fun, make friends, and make the world a little better in the process. To find out more about Rotaract of NSU, please contact Casey Elise Zagaria at elise@nova.edu.

SALSA: Bringing Latin Flavor

By Jose A. Cruz

SALSA stands for Spanish And Latin Student Association. SALSA is a multicultural club based on the Hispanic culture incorporating dance, food, and art, among other things. From its name, you might be thinking that the club consists only of Spanish people; this is not true. We consist of many different races, the club just bases itself on learning about the Hispanic culture. Think of it as a mosaic—little pieces of different colors making up a whole—which in our case would be a family. SALSA members do not just see each other at meetings, we are a tight-knit group outside meetings as well.

In the past SALSA has participated in an annual event called J-Prom, which consists of skits performed by each club based on a theme. Last year

we enjoyed practicing and participation in a Hispanic Heritage show organized and performed by the SALSA group called “Latin Explosion”. The show was made up of poetry, historical facts, and lots of dancing—salsa, meringue, palo, and bachata. We also enjoyed a social at Bayside, taking a party boat off-shore and just having a good time. Our events consist of community service, organizing and performing shows, socials, and fundraisers. We occasionally host a night where we teach salsa dancing. With more participation, we will extend it to merengue, bachata, and others.

SALSA has been around for eight years on this campus. As our mission statement says, we are here to unite latin and non-latin people in the NSU community and to celebrate our similarities and our differences. So join the family, the invitation is always open.

Gay/Straight Student Alliance

Gay/Straight Student Alliance of Nova Southeastern University
MISSION STATEMENT:

NSU's Gay/Straight Student Alliance (GSSA) is dedicated to “supporting diversity.” Our group encourages dialogue among gay, straight, bisexual, and transgender people from all religions, ideals, and nations. Our club wishes to embrace individual differences within the university and promote the idea of an all-inclusive society that embraces and appreciates differences. We wish to combat hatred and intolerance of all sorts and in so doing, make our world and Nova Southeastern University a much better place to live.

Won't you to join us?

We are a support group and a clearinghouse for information to raise awareness and education, a social group, and an advocate on behalf of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, race, disability, religious background, sex, ethnic background, HIV status, gender identity/expression, or cultural background/association. We promote and embrace an inclusive community, for real people, with real hearts and minds.

NOTABLE QUOTES:

‘By staying closeted we make ourselves invisible; by coming out we shatter the popular illusion that the whole world is heterosexual.’

Romanovsky & Phillips

‘There's a glorious, ecstatic feeling in being seen, in being out there, especially after so many years of hiding. This is me, come and take it.’

Sara Cytron- Comedian

‘Think back to that glow you had as a child, that youthful spontaneity and energy that was so apparent before the shaming messages began to take their toll. Then, after years of hearing “it's not ok to be gay” we reach adulthood without that personal glow that tells the world we're vibrant and full of life. The shaming messages zapped away our zest for life. COMING OUT restores that zest. Being out and open refuels the glow we lost during our childhood. There is no clearer indicator of that glow than when we are out, open, and proud. Don't settle for just living life. CELEBRATE your life.’

Joseph H. Neisen, PhD

My Buddy and Me

One by one, each member of Best Buddies walked down a hallway filled with cases of creatures, as they anxiously awaited what was to come. The buddies of the club members were struck with awe when they entered the first room. It was filled with many different colored butterflies flying above and around them. One buddy became filled with joy when one landed on his shoulder; his happiness at that moment was enough to melt anyone's heart. Each event held by the Best Buddies Club encompasses these feelings. Each member of the club is matched with a buddy who has a mental disability.

The club member is lucky enough to be able to have a buddy who looks forward to her company and phone call every month. Through this club, the buddies gain a friend and the members gain an unforgettable experience. Our hope is to spread this joy throughout the campus in the semesters to come, joining members with buddies who need a friend. The Best Buddies Club information can be found on the second floor of Parker near room 208.

Heather Krimmer
Best Buddies PR Officer



Finance and Investments Club

NSU Finance and Investments Club Welcomes All New and Returning Students.

Last year Nova Southeastern University added a new club to the list, the Nova Southeastern University Finance and Investments Club. Cesar Roman founded the club as soon as the finance major became available. This club has two advisors, Dr. Rebecca Abraham and Matt Cardin.

Dr. Rebecca Abraham is the head of the finance department and teaches most of the finance courses. She has been teaching at nova since 1994. Matt Cardin works with Career Services where he provides job search assistance to undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni.

This club has more than 30 activities or events scheduled for this academic year, including guest speakers from leading financial institutions, networking opportunities with corporate executives, high school visits, recruitment by major brokerages and workshops to develop job training skills.

The club is currently working in co-sponsoring events with VIPstudent.com, a website that provides services to college students in the Davie area.

For more information, call Dr. Abraham @ 954.262.8104 or visit the club's website @

www.vipstudent.com/nfc

Welcome to NSU!

By Dr. Brad A. Williams
Dean of Student Affairs

On behalf of the Division of Students Affairs, please allow me to welcome you to Nova Southeastern University. I have had the good fortune of being with the University for 15 years. During that time, I have witnessed amaz-

ing growth. But I can honestly share that you will experience even more incredible change during your years as a Knight. New programs, new facilities, new majors, new athletic teams, we will certainly continue to use the descriptor "new" as NSU grows and emerges.

You might have noticed our tag line "Beyond the Classroom", used as part of our new marketing campaign.

NSU indeed offers much for you beyond the classroom. Clubs, fraternities, sororities, recreational sports, parties, dances, athletic contests, speakers, events, etc., "college life" awaits you. But it is up to you to become involved. As Dean of Student Affairs, I hear very few regrets from our graduating seniors about their NSU experience. I think the only one I have ever heard repeated is "gee, I wish I had become

more involved".

College is the most wonderful time of self-discovery. If you do it right, these years will provide you with friendships and memories of a lifetime. Mine are as fresh and vivid as the day they were made (which, now, has been quite a few years). Tune-in, turn-on, and gear-up for life "Beyond the Classroom" at NSU. You'll never

The Knight Before



Bottom Row: Dr. Josh Feingold, Dr. Gary Gershman, Dr. Kate Waites, Dr. Bob Seltzer, Isabelle DeCastro, Bob's wife Dierdra; Top Row: Associate Dean Don Rosenbloom, Dr. Ben Mulvey, Dr. Edward Keith, Dr. Stephen Levitt, Dean Norma Goonen

"The Knight Before" was held at the Rosenthal Student Center on May 2, 2003, the evening prior to Graduation Day. It is an annual ceremony that gives graduates the opportunity to celebrate and to bid farewell to classmates and favorite professors while allowing the *families* of graduates to interact with the academic staff.

Division of Humanities

The College of Arts and Sciences is organized a bit differently than most colleges and universities. Instead of consisting of many departments, each containing one specific discipline (like math, for example), headed by a chairperson, the College is organized into four academic divisions, each one containing several related disciplines and headed by an Academic Director. The Academic Director is both an administrative and academic leader. Aside from teaching one or more courses during the year, Directors manage the division budget, hire and supervise clerical staff and advisors, hire and supervise faculty, schedule division classes, oversee curricula,

mediate disputes between students and faculty, and hear policy appeals from students. Directors also sit on the Dean's Executive Council, the primary policy-making body at the College.

The Academic Director of the Division of Humanities is Dr. Ben Mulvey. He holds the rank of Associate Professor. He received his doctorate in philosophy from Michigan State University with a specialization in political theory and applied ethics. He teaches ethics at NSU and is a member of the board of advisors of the Florida Bioethics Network. His email address is mulvey@nova.edu and his website can be found at www.nova.edu/~mulvey.

The word 'humanities' is unfamiliar to many new students. It's not commonly used in high schools. So what does the word 'humanities' mean? Briefly, the humanities consist of those branches of knowledge that concern themselves with human beings and their culture or with analytic and critical methods of inquiry derived from an appreciation of human values and of the unique ability of the human spirit to express itself. Thus the humanities include the study of all languages and literatures, the arts, history, and philosophy. The multi-disciplinary Division of Humanities includes twenty-two full-time members of the faculty

and two full-time academic advisors. The Division administers three majors (available only on the main campus in both day and evening hours), English, Humanities, and Legal Studies, and will begin its new History major in January 2004. We also offer a number of minors: Communication, Gender Studies (with or without a Latin American and Caribbean Studies concentration), Global Studies, English, History, Humanities, and Legal Studies. More details can be found at the Division of Humanities website at:

www.undergrad.nova.edu/LA/index.html.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

The Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences is home to students majoring in psychology as well as paralegal studies. Students who major in psychology are afforded a solid grounding in the multidimensional nature of human behavior through the study of such areas as:

- Human development
- Learning and Cognition
- Personality
- Group process and social influence
- Biological influences on human functioning
- Abnormal behavior and its treatment.

Students who have majored in *psychology* have moved on to graduate programs in clinical psychology, criminal justice, mental health counseling, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology and other exciting careers.

The *paralegal studies* major is approved by the *American Bar Association*. The major is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level paralegal positions in the common areas of law practice. It provides a program of study that enables students to obtain substantive legal knowledge, to develop analytical skills, and to apply the knowledge to tasks routinely performed by paralegals. A number of the graduates of *paralegal studies* program have gone on to law school.

The Division is also home to a number of minors including:

The *criminal justice minor* is designed to provide students with an overview of law enforcement policies and procedures. This course of study includes coverage of criminal procedure and the rights of the accused, civil rights of prisoners, rights and responsibilities of law enforcement officers, and the administration of criminal justice organizations.

A major in Criminal Justice is currently under development.

The *forensic psychology minor* prepares students for work involving interactions between law and psychology. The minor also prepares students for advanced training in forensic psychology and related fields.

This *substance abuse studies* minor is designed to meet the needs of those who wish to develop a broad base of knowledge concerning substance abuse problems, resources available for managing these problems, and modes of treatment of the individual substance abuser. These eight courses fulfill the educational component by the Florida Certification Board to be certified as a Substance Abuse Professional.

The 18-credit-hour *minor in sociology* is intended to provide students with a solid grounding in the knowledge base of sociology. The course of study includes coverage of social processes and social change in a variety of arenas including families, work, gender, and

communities.

The Academic Director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences is Dr. Allan Schulman who holds the rank of Professor. He received his doctorate in psychology from Penn State University with a specialization in comparative developmental psychology. Dr. Schulman is a Charter Member of the American Psychological Society. Prior to coming to NSU, Dr. Schulman taught at Virginia Tech and at the University of Maryland. His email address is schulman@nova.edu and his website can be found at <http://www.polaris.nova.edu/~schulman/index.html>.

For more information check the Divisional web page at <http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/BEH/>

Division of Math, Science, and Technology

The Division of Math, Science and Technology (MST) is home to students majoring in Biology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science/Studies, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, and a new, exciting major in Athletic Training. Also offered are minors in Information Technology, Computer Information Systems, Chemistry, and Physics. MST is comprised of thirty-three faculty members with discipline expertise in biology,

chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, computer technology and athletic training. There are also four professional advisers available to help students navigate through their career in higher education and a support staff that is helpful when students need information or want to make appointments with faculty and/or advisers. In addition to Dr. D'Alessio, the Director, is Dr. Mathew. He is the Assistant Director and Coordinator for Com-

puter science; Dr. Alicia Giovinnazzo is the Coordinator for Mathematics; Dr. Skip Pomeroy is the Coordinator for Science; and Dr. Elizabeth Swann is the Program Director for Athletic Training. More information about MST can be found in the college catalog and at our website www.undergrad.nova.edu/mst.

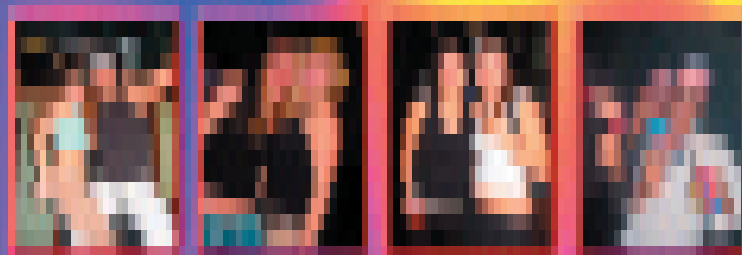
The Academic Director of the Division of Math Science and Technology (MST) is Dr. Naomi D'Alessio. She

holds the rank of Assistant Professor and received her Ph. D. in Biology with a specialization in molecular biology from Florida International University. Dr. D'Alessio teaches introductory biology. She can be reached by calling MST at (954)262-8333 or emailing her at naomi@nova.edu.

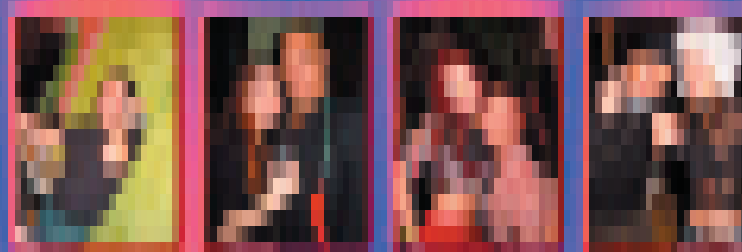
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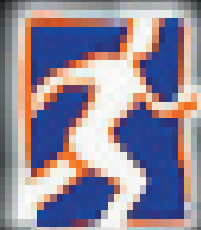
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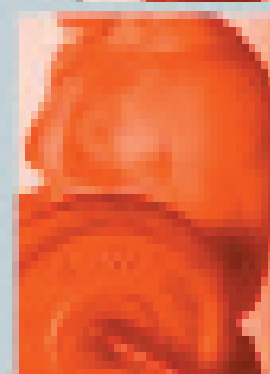
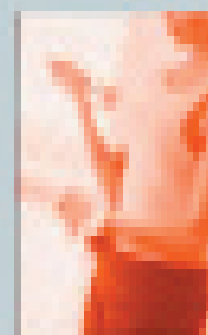
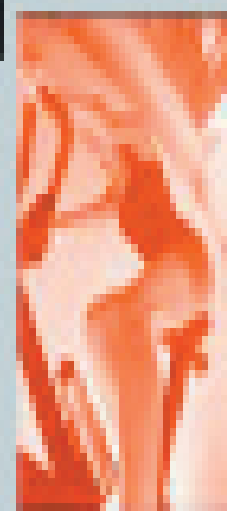
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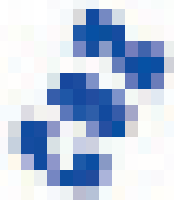


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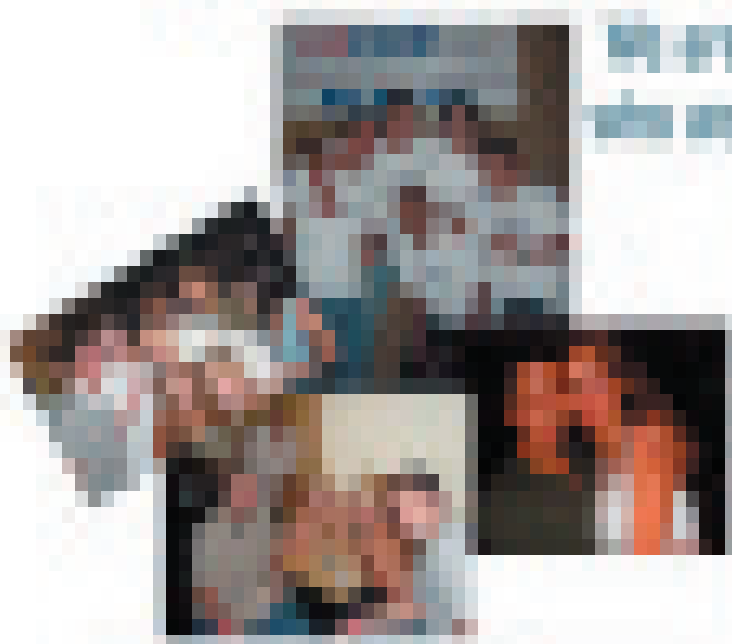
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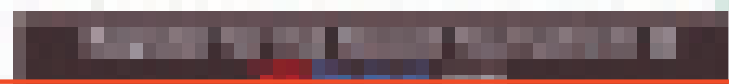


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Division of Education

The Division of Education is home to students whose career goal is to become a teacher. Whether our students complete their courses in one of our state-approved education majors, in an Applied Professional Studies format or for certification purposes, students in the Division of Education are prepared to enter the teaching profession as developing professional who can meet the current and future needs of classroom educators. Programs and courses in Education are currently offered throughout the state of Florida, Nevada and Jamaica. Students may obtain a Bachelor's degree in the following state approved education programs:

- Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3 to Grade 3)
- Elementary Education (Grades K-6)
- Exceptional Student (Grades K-12)

The Prekindergarten/Primary Education major is designed for students who want to work with the early childhood education population. The major

combines theoretical components with practical application and students will have extensive clinical experience in the community and in local schools, specifically within the age range of age 3 to Grade 3 children.

The Elementary Education major is designed to prepare students to teach in grades kindergarten through six. Students enrolled in the elementary education program are encouraged to recognize and appreciate the diversity of today's children. The program provides students with theoretical foundations, promotes the integration of technology, and encompasses a variety of clinical experiences.

Students in the Exceptional Student Education program will be prepared to teach mildly handicapped students with learning disabilities (LD), mental handicaps (MH) and/or emotional handicaps (EH) in classrooms designated to serve students in a varying exceptionalities setting. The major prepares teachers to obtain state certification for teaching in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-

12). The Master's Accelerated Program (MAP) is a dual admission program that allows students to obtain a bachelor's and master's degree in education. MAP is an intense and accelerated program where future teachers gain a high level of experience by completing clinical work throughout their program at varied local schools. The Broward County Paraprofessional to Teachers Program is a collaborative program with the Broward Teachers Corps (Broward County School District) that capitalizes on the knowledge of working paraprofessionals who have completed their AA degree. Through prior learning experience, specifically designed coursework and convenient times and locations this program through Broward Teacher Corps at NSU offers Broward County Public Schools a unique alternative teacher preparation program.

A new minor in Education is being planned for students majoring in Literature, Biology or History who wish to use their degree and teach in the upper

middle school and high school levels. For more information on the Division of Education and its programs visit our website at

<http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/EDU/>

Dr. Kenneth R. Dosé is the Academic Director and an Assistant Professor for the Division of Education. He received both his master's degree in Special Education and his doctorate in Early Childhood Education from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Dosé's commitment to children includes over 20 years teaching experience at the K-12, undergraduate and graduate levels and reaches throughout the community through service and volunteerism to organizations such as HANDY (Helping Abused and Neglected Dependent Youth), Partners in Education, the "Back to School" initiative, the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers and as a Guardian Ad Litem child advocate.

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Online Opportunites

By Alyssa Rothman, M.S.

Assistant Director

Office of Online Programs

Online classes cater to NSU's diverse undergraduate student population. Students can complete a degree online or enroll in an online class to supplement their ground-base schedule. Join NSU students from our off-campus, military, and international locations in the online environment.

Classes range from General Education, Computer Information Science, Psychology, Substance Abuse, Business and Paralegal coursework. Take advantage of online classes that aren't offered in your area. Each class averages 18 students per section and we offer over 100 sections every 8 weeks. With small class sizes there is a lot of individual attention and regular communication. The class responsibilities are the same as a ground-base course but conveyed in an asynchronous format; any time, any place.

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dent to use for researching and writing papers. In addition, the lab is equipped with computer-assisted programs for students to practice grammar and mathematics skills. The Office of Disabilities Services and the Testing Office are also located in Academic Services. The Testing Office administers placement exams, instructor make-up exams, and standardized tests.

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WELCOME ALL EVENING STUDENTS!

By Heather Cummings

Whether you're returning to college to finish a degree or advance your career, you've made the right choice! Just by taking the first step you're already on the right track to a wonderful and successful college experience. College will not be easy, but in the end, it will all be worth the effort.

Being a Career Development student myself, I understand the situation you're in. During the two years that I have attended Nova Southeastern University, I've learned a few things. Now that I'm a Junior, I am passing along some tips to help new Career Development students make the most of their college experience.

Listed below are some tips to help you along on your journey to suc-

cess:

1. Do not overdo it on the classes; if it's your first time going to college, take a conservative course-load until you know what you can handle.

2. Set aside sometime for yourself to study. Find a quiet place where you're away from the phone, kids, pets and any other distractions around your house. If you're distracted, you will not get the most out of your studies. I always like to go the library, because there, I know I have nothing else to do but study.

3. If it's your first time attending college, take accurate notes and try to form study groups with peers in your class. Since you are a career development student, everyone in your classes is in the same situation you are in.

4. Don't be afraid to get involved

on campus. Just because you attend school during the evening does not mean you cannot get involved on campus. There are an amazing number of clubs and organizations that are eager to meet you.

5. Most evening classes are four-hours long, so during breaks try not to eat junk food, instead, bring a healthy snack from home that you can munch on during the break, it'll keep you alert.

6. Make good use of our Academic Services, they provide excellent tutoring and have a wonderful staff.

7. Evening classes meet only once a week and, again, each session is four-hours long and covers a lot of material; try to attend every class. If you miss a class, you will have to catch up with what you missed and

still work to be prepared for the next week's class.

8. Technology changes every day; make time to learn about the new technology NSU has to offer.

9. Try hard to finish your homework before the weekend, you'll be worry-free and more relaxed. And last but not least:

10. HAVE FUN! You only go to college once, make the most of it. I wish you all the best of luck.

Got something to say?

Send it to

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Interfraternity Council

By **Matt Boddy**

Interfraternity Council President
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Joining a fraternity at NSU is about having a social life, excelling in academics, playing intramural sports, community and university involvement, learning how to work in a real world environment and most of all, brotherhood. Many people believe that fraternities are only about hazing, and partying, but much more is involved.

When you get to NSU, I encourage you to hang out with all of our fraternities on campus and see what you think. Find out which fraternity you like and ask them questions about

chapter grades, and involvement on campus. Talk with their members and see if you have a place in that fraternity. Being part of NSU's Greek Life is more than going to class. It's about being involved on campus and making the most of your college experience, while attending class and trying to achieve more. This is your time to explore for yourself and have fun as an adult. Fraternity rush begins August 22, 2003, and I hope to see you there. If you have any questions or you would like more information, you can contact the Office of Greek Life at (954) 262 7292, send them an email, greeks@nova.edu, or stop by their office of the second floor of Rosenthal Student Center in Room 204.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

By **Malcolm S. Forbes**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by black college women in America. Founded at Howard University in 1908, the sorority's is objective is to be an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates. The efforts of Alpha Kappa Alpha women in health services, the promotion of high scholarship, provision of vocational and career guidance, the advancement of human and civil rights, and in so many other

areas constitute a priceless part of the American experience in the twentieth century.

Today, that tradition has continued globally, nationally and locally. Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards, promotes unity and friendship among college women, alleviates problems concerning girls and women, maintains a progressive interest in college life, and serves all mankind through a nucleus of more than 160,000 members in 900 chapters.

Zelzia Felicia Jordan

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

Are You Contemplating Law School?

By **Janette Del Angel**

Become a member of Phi Alpha Delta - A Co-ed Law Club. Recipient of 2003 Student Lifetime Achievement Award - Organization of the Year

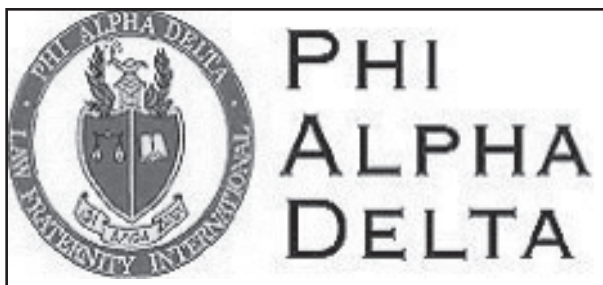
Before attending Nova Southeastern, all potential students visited the university. This allowed them to explore the facilities and departments. Meeting other students and faculty provided insight into the type of learning community the campus has to offer, as well as the social setting.

Take this same model and use it as a means to explore your future educational and professional choices. Here at Nova Southeastern University, all undergraduates have the opportunity to experience the profession of law by becoming a member of Phi Alpha Delta (PAD). We have a membership of over 50 students from various areas

of learning.

Networking is important to all who take learning and professionalism seriously. This legal network allows members to develop contacts with PAD law students, legal educators, attorneys and judges. The contacts are invaluable throughout the undergraduate years, law school years and in practice. PAD Events provide educational and professional information that aids students in making informed choices in their legal education. This past year, Career Services sponsored our law related education seminars. Panel speakers with law students and lawyers allow

PAD members to ask questions pertaining to educational goals. Internships in Law Seminar not only allow students to explore additional sources for learning, but also give inexperienced students the opportunity of PAD-ing resumes with work experience by interning.



Before applying to any law school, students must perform well on the LSAT. To ensure maximum

LSAT scores for Nova Students, PAD sponsors the Mock LSAT which allows students to practice using actual LSAT tests. This year, the Law School Admissions Council has granted Nova PAD copyright permission to use six

actual LSAT tests. It is recommended that students should take at least 15 practice tests before the real exam. Many students take an LSAT prep course. PAD members are given discounted prices on prep courses through Kaplan, Advantage Ed, Power Score, and Home-LSAT.

PAD is the proud sponsor of Nova's Mock Trial Team. Last year, the team placed in the top bracket, winning a bid to the Kentucky final. Also, the team was awarded the Spirit in American Mock Trial Award. PAD members are eligible to participate in the PAD Mock Trial Competition each November in Washington D.C.

With over 200,000 members worldwide, 180 law school chapters, and over 200 pre-law chapters, there is a wealth of networking opportunity for those seriously considering law school and the legal profession.

Visit our website at: www.PhiAlphaDeltaNSU.com

Tri-Beta: Biological Honor Society

Fort Lauderdale—Nova Southeastern University's first biological honor society, Beta Beta Beta, was founded in March 2003. Tri Beta is an honor society which strives to further the knowledge of biology through scientific research and biological ac-

tivism. The Rho Rho chapter, at NSU, is comprised of 68 regular, associate, and graduate members. This fall semester marks the beginning of the organization's involvement on campus. Initially, plans are being made to have regular meetings to discuss our member's interests, ideas, and societal goals. The Rho Rho chapter not only will be taking trips to research facilities, local hospitals, forensic centers, conferences, and lectures, but also will be participating in a variety of community service activities throughout the year.

Each academic year, the MST Department will invite eligible students to join the society based on academic achievement. To become a regular

member of Tri Beta, students must be biology majors, have completed a minimum of 45 credits, have completed at least three biology courses with a minimum B average, and carry a minimum GPA of 3.2 overall. For students who do not fit these eligibility requirements yet have an interest in biology, an associate membership is an excellent alternative. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact our chapter advisor, Dr. Emily Schmitt at 262-8349 or eschmitt@nova.edu. Please send any suggestions or questions regarding the society to our president, Dennis Heard, at spyboyxxx@aol.com. For more information about Beta Beta Beta visit www.tri-beta.org.

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Sigma Alpha Mu

By **Matt Boddy**

"During my undergraduate years, I gained more from my fraternity than I was able to give. My fellow members gave me help and guidance when needed in my studies and extracurricular activities; conversely, it gave me the opportunity to do the same for others." A quotation by Frederick L. Hovde, president of Purdue University, rings true as I look back on this past year as a brother of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Sigma Alpha Mu isn't like the other fraternities on campus; we're better. We hold major leadership roles on campus such as SGA President, IFC President, Orientation Leaders, the list just goes on and on. "Sammy," is also the most diverse chapter on campus, with brothers from places such as Finland, South Africa, and Sri Lanka.

We dominate this campus in just about everything, from intramurals to the homecoming events (we won three limos to homecoming), academics, and parties.

Yes, parties are probably what you are wondering about. Our socials have been the biggest and best on and off campus. We've held social events at places such as Matrix and Zu Bar in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. We've held parties such as Player's Ball that had guest lists of over 400 people. Invitation-only parties such as Screw over your Brother were a hit with a lot of the girls. So if sports, academics, social or especially brotherhood are what you are all about, come check us out. Rush week starts on the 22nd so do what you can to make it to a few of our events. Make sure you go check out the rest also, but when you're ready for the best...SAMMY!

College Life with Phi Sigma Sigma

The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma had an amazing year full of new beginnings and outstanding accomplishments. Our chapter strives to achieve the best in sisterhood, leadership, social, scholarship, and philanthropic activities. This past year, our chapter completed over 1300 hours of community service by participating with Kids in Distress, Jack and Jill Nursery, Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital, the National Breast Cancer Association, and by fundraising for the National Kidney Foundation at our annual PJ Auction. We also received the 2002-2003 Greek Award for Outstanding Scholarship for maintaining the highest overall GPA and for our effective scholarship program. Most of our sisters are involved in other campus organizations and some hold leadership positions – so no matter where you may be, a Phi Sig is probably there!

Our chapter also had socials with

Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Mu and Theta Delta Chi fraternities, athletes, and other NSU organizations. This past April we held our first formal, the Sapphire Ball, where we celebrated our accomplishments and commemorated our founding sisters. Throughout the year we also take part in sisterhood nights, retreats, and weekly events.

Our accomplishments and activities throughout the years help our sisterhood to strengthen as we share special memories and have an amazing college experience. Our chapter looks forward to having another incredible year as we celebrate our international sorority's 90th birthday, continue our traditions, and look forward to new events. We hope to see you at this fall's Greek recruitment events!

For more info about Phi Sig please contact Maria Terneus at terneus@nova.edu or visit our chapter's web page: www.nova.edu/cwis/studentaffairs/cluborg/PSS/ or our National web page at phisigsigma.org.

Beta Theta Pi

During the spring semester, Beta Theta Pi has participated in mixers with other Greek organizations, produced philanthropic events, and hosted workshops and parties.

Beta has shown its involvement with other organizations by hosting and participating in many events. At the beginning of the semester, Beta hosted an annual My Tie mixer with Delta Phi Epsilon, and in late February Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma had a social at Gryphon Night Club. Each event was fulfilled, safe and relaxing.

Beta is a very caring and giving fraternity. Every year the Beta's participate in the Love Jen Festival, blood drives, and even host their annual Halloween house for the homeless chil-

dren. Beta also brings children from the local community onto campus for an Easter Egg Hunt. When it comes too giving back to the community Beta's name is always mentioned first.



Beta also programs many workshops for the student body, ranging from gender equality and sexual safety and responsibility to alcohol-awareness and self-defense. Each workshop allows students the opportunity to learn

more about the subject as well as to interact with the many knowledgeable speakers while bettering themselves and the community.

Beta Theta Pi not only participates in mixers, philanthropy and programming events, but also hosts the biggest and best parties on campus.

Beta is one of the most diverse groups on campus, with brothers from many cultures and backgrounds, allowing each brother to learn more about other traditions. Beta is also one of the largest chapters on campus and with that comes recruitment. This past year, ten new brothers were initiated into the chapter and we hope to acquire more in the fall. Not only is Beta one of the largest and most diverse groups, but

also is one of the tightest chapters on campus. Each year is filled with brotherhood events that range from spending a day together to full-out excursions that last for days.

With all the work Beta has done thus far, there is much more to come with the new direction of President Ryan Iosco and Vice president Kareem Shaker. Beta has an entourage of events coming in this fall. The new school year will be kicked off by one of school's the biggest events of the year; Beta's annual Single Out which Will be in the Flight Deck on Friday, August 29 at 7pm.

A Glimpse into Delta Phi Epsilon

By **Lorena Vassallo**

Delta Phi Epsilon International Sorority was founded on March 17th, 1917 at New York University Law School by five young women who based the organization on the principles of Social, Sisterhood, Self, Service, and Scholarship (known as the Five S's). The Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon was established at Nova Southeastern University on October 24th, 1993, making it the oldest Greek organization on campus.

The 2002 – 2003 academic year was filled with a number remarkable of events, ranging from workshops on eating disorders and alcohol awareness to breast cancer walk-a-thons and socials with Greek organizations on campus. The sisters had a magnificent time at Busch Garden's Howl-

o-Screams, where they spent their annual sisterhood retreat. This year also saw the initiation of the fabulous girls who made up the Pi Pledge Class and the Rho Pledge Class. The women of Delta Phi Epsilon raised over \$500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation through the annual Mr. Nova Knight (a male beauty pageant) and in the winter semester the Sisters held the second annual Battle of the Bands, donating the proceeds to benefit Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.

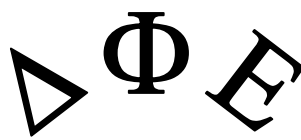
The Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon are actively involved on campus, holding positions in a plethora of clubs and organizations that include: SGA (President, 2001-2003),

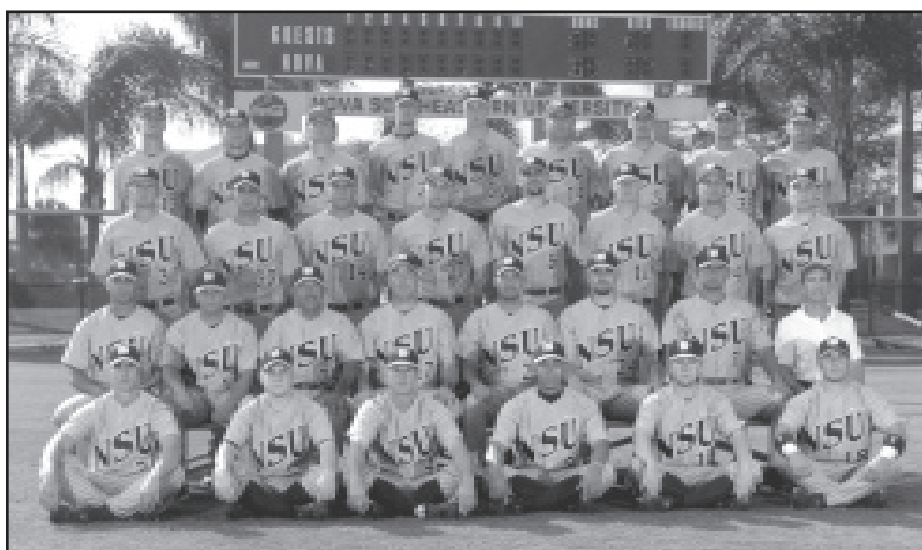
Honor Court, Residential Life, Orientation Leaders, the Anime Club, IVCF, and others. The girls also know how to have fun; throughout the year, they held mixers and socials with various Greek organizations,

and organized events such as the Crush Party and Say What Karaoke. Scholarship is a major aspect of the Sorority too; the girls have study hours, study buddies and mentors to help them in their academic endeavors. Delta Phi Epsilon won numerous awards this year at the annual Greek Awards Ceremony and at the Student Life Achievement Awards. Some of the distinctions include Outstanding New Member Program, Chapter Opera-

tions Award, Greek Woman of the Year, Undergraduate Greek Organization of the Year, and Campus-Wide Greek Organization of the Year.

The Sisters would like to welcome all new incoming and transfer students and we hope that your years at NSU will be as memorable as the ones we have had. Be on the lookout for recruitment events; these will be during the first two weeks of the fall semester (Aug. 25th to Sept. 6th). If you are interested in Greek life, please email dphie@nova.edu for more information. If you would like to learn more about Delta Phi Epsilon's Beta Tau Chapter, please visit www.nova.edu/dphie.





Baseball

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team (30-15) was ranked #22 in the final regular season Collegiate Baseball Magazine NCAA Division II Baseball poll. The ranking is the first ever for NSU's baseball team, which also finished the 2003 season ranked 5th in the final South Region poll, narrowly missing out on a berth in the regional tournament during their first season of competition in NCAA Division II.

After beginning the year 3-6 and hovering around .500 at the halfway point, NSU was red hot for the final half of the season winning 21 out of their last 26 games overall and closing out the year with a seven-game winning streak. Among the highlights of the season for the Knights was a 1-0 victory on April 3 against the University of Tampa, who was ranked #3 in

13-2 record, including nine consecutive victories and nine complete game outings. The sophomore right-hander posted a 1.98 ERA in 2003, striking out 107 batters in 132 innings of work. Centerfielder Freddie Pagan (Sr., Miramar, FL) led the Knights offense with 5 HR, 37 RBI, 43 runs and 16 stolen bases. SS Jason Sullivan (Sr., Cooper City, FL) was the only NSU player to start all 45 games in 2003 and led the team with 67 hits. Sullivan also recorded 21 multiple-hit games, hit safely in 37 of 45 games played, batted .345 (67/194) and swiped 15 bases in 21 attempts. Freshman LF Sean McFadden (Hollywood, FL) was the team's leading hitter with a .381 (48-for-126) batting average, and finished with an eight-game hitting streak. Senior RHP Troy Roberson (Royal Palm Beach, FL), RHP Vince Vazquez (Miramar, FL), 2B Richie Gasbarro (Cooper City, FL), Pagan and Sullivan closed out tremendous careers at



the nation at the time and finished the year in the 7th position. NSU also took five out of six against #23 Lynn University, and knocked off eventual regional qualifier Presbyterian College.

NSU starting pitcher Kyle Ruwe (Sunrise, FL) finished the year as the nation's winningest pitcher with a

NSU and their impact on the program will always be appreciated and looked upon as the foundation for future success in the NCAA and Sunshine State Conference.



Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team played almost a complete Sunshine State Conference schedule as an independent during the 2002-2003 season. The Knights finished the year with a 6-21 record. The team scored an impressive 12-point win over Eckerd College who eventually reached the Elite Eight at the national tournament. NSU also celebrated a heart-stopping victory over Lynn University when junior guard Zak Kirchgassner's drained a decisive three-pointer with 25 seconds remaining to give the Knights a 61-60

victory.

Senior center Brandon Weiss became just the 6th player in the 20-year history of the NSU men's program to reach the 1,000-point scoring plateau, and he also led the Knights this season in scoring and rebounding. Sophomore guard **Kluis Wimbush** was second on the team, averaging 13.0 points-per-game while leading the Knights with 64 three-pointers on the year. Kirchgassner's 4.6 assists-per-game was a team high. Seniors Eduardo Reguera and Weiss graduated in May.

Men's Soccer

Men's soccer coach Joe DePalo became the school's winningest coach in men's soccer history with a victory in the 2002 season finale. His current record is 51-27-6 all-time.

The Knights men's soccer team had their best regular season record of all-time with a 15-4-1 mark. NSU finished as the #5 ranked team in the NCAA Division II South Region, and only narrowly missed out on reaching the regional tournament.

Adam Ludden led the Knights in goals scored with a total of 12, while Rasmus Jespersen and Jeremy Bulen led in assists with 7 each.

Overall, 2002-2003 was a very successful one for NSU athletics, and the future looks very bright. It would



Joe DePalo became the school's winningest coach in men's soccer history

be hard to duplicate the excitement and achievements of the past year, but the sky is truly the limit for all of NSU's sports teams.



Women's Basketball

This year, the women's basketball team competed in their first full season as a NCAA Division II team. With one of the toughest schedules in the South Region, the Lady Knights played 11 games against opponents who made it this year's NCAA Tournament.

The women's basketball team started off the gate slowly while playing 3 games a week for 4 weeks

more impressive win over the ninth ranked team in the nation at the time Bellarmine University from Kentucky, the very next night.

After the winter break, the Lady Knights continued their winning ways by handing the University of North Florida their first home loss of their season. It was the first time in the program's five year history that the



straight. They played an unprecedented 13 games before the Winter Break. After final exams were complete, the Lady Knights went on a roll winning 7 out of 9 games with some very impressive wins. Their winning ways started out by beating Presbyterian University out of North Carolina, and then they backed up with an even

women's team beat UNF, an eventual Elite Eight team this year. The team also had wins over Sunshine State Conference opponents, Florida Tech, Lynn University and Eckerd College and finished the season with a record of 12-15 respectively.

Jessie Pate became the first player in the 5-year history of the NSU

Women's Basketball Program to reach the 1,000 point plateau. Pate led the team with 15.8 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. The junior center was also named a Verizon Academic All-American in 2002-2003.

Many members of the Lady Knights basketball team were very active on campus and served in many leadership roles off the basketball court. Senior Stephanie Carr served as SGA Vice President, Junior Selena Auguste served as the Minority Senator for SGA, junior Jessie Pate served as the Vice President of the SAC committee as well as a resident Hall Advisor in the Leo Goodwin dorms. Additionally, the women's basketball team posted the highest team gpa in the athletic department during the first semester with a 3.31 GPA which includes 16 members.

The Knights are graduating four seniors from the 2002-2003 squad. Guards Tahaji Felder and Sonya Tolbert along with forwards Stephanie Carr and Charity Rainey bid farewell to NSU. Each of the seniors raised the bar for future classes with their performances on and off the court and will be greatly missed. We look forward to following their future successes in life and for their continued support and involvement in the NSU women's basketball program!

Volleyball

The Knights volleyball team posted a 9-19 record in 2002. The highlight of the season was a 3-1 record at the Carson-Newman Tournament in Jefferson, TN where NSU knocked off Converse College, Mars Hill College and UNC-Pembroke. In the team's only loss at the tournament, the Knights fell to Carson-Newman in a five-game thriller. Of-



ensively, senior middle-blocker Nicky Devine led the club in 2002 with 287 kills, while junior Irene Girgis recorded a team-high 3.14 kills-per-game. Junior Lindsey Metts was responsible for setting up most of those kills, as she led the Knights with 547 assists - good for a 7.70 assists-per-game average. Defensively, the Knights were led by senior libero Lee Ann Niel who totaled 291 digs on the year and averaged 3.34 digs-per-game. The team graduated five starting seniors from the 2002 squad, each of which contributed greatly to the team.

Softball

The 2003 season was a challenging one for the Knights, as they played most of the year with only nine players. NSU faced a number of ranked opponents during the season, and posted its biggest upset of the year with a 7-6 victory over current #2 ranked North Florida at the Blazer Invitational February 21. Home field was kind to the Knights, as they went 10-3 at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex in 2003.

Catcher Janette Rodriguez (So., Miami, FL) led the Knights with a .352 batting average (50-for-142), including 16 extra base hits (12 doubles, 2 triples

and 3HR). Shortstop Krystal Lamb (Jr., West Palm Beach, FL) was tied with Rodriguez for the team lead in RBI's with 26, and second with a .346 batting average (47-for-136). Sophomore Diana Goolsby (Ocala, FL) led the team with 14 stolen bases and 32 runs scored. On the mound, junior right-hander Kat Jones (McIntosh, FL) posted a 14-8 record in 2003 with a 2.71 ERA. Jones struck out 142 batters in just 163 innings of work and also recorded six shutouts.



Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team proved it belonged among the nation's elite Division II programs.

After a 2-14-1 record in 2001, the NSU women's soccer team posted a huge turnaround in the 2002 season, as they recorded the second-most wins in school history with a 13-5 record. The Knights set school records for fewest losses, consecutive home wins (6), home wins in a season (8) and fewest goals allowed in a season (22). Shayla Ruddock led the Knights in goals scored (9), while Kerry Smith led the Knights in assists (5).

The Knights also had a number of firsts in their 2002 campaign, as they received National Poll votes in the NCAA, and by season's end NSU jumped into the #5 ranking in NCAA Division II South Region.



Shayla Ruddock, led the Knights in goals scored (9)

Post-Season Play

NSU MEN'S GOLFER RYAN BURR FINISHES TIED FOR 26TH IN SOUTH REGIONAL:



Men's Golfer Ryan Burr (Fr., Cooper City, FL) finished in a tie for 26th position at the South/South Central Super Regional played at Turtle Point Country Club in Florence, AL.

He became the first men's player in school history to qualify for the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship Super Regional.

Burr fired a two round total of 156 (81-75) to finish 10 strokes behind champion Justin Regan from tournament host North Alabama. Burr's appearance in the regional competition was the first by any men's golfer at NSU. The tournament was originally scheduled for three rounds; however, was cut short due to rain.

"Ryan has been an excellent addition to our men's team and he is very deserving his place in the competition," said Coach Donahue. "Ryan has steadily improved this season, and his



NSU WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM FINISHES THIRD IN NCAA SOUTH REGIONAL

Knights Place Three Individuals in Top 12 in School's First-Ever Regional Appearance

The women's golf team placed three individuals in top twelve in the university's first-ever appearance at the NCAA Division II South Regional. NSU finished third behind #1 ranked Rollins College and #2 ranked Florida Southern and ahead of #4 ranked Lynn University.

The Knights were one of six teams selected from the South Region at Lone Palm Golf Club in Lakeland, FL. "I think this is a good indication of how strong our ladies have become over the course of the season," said NSU head coach Duke Donahue. "Playing

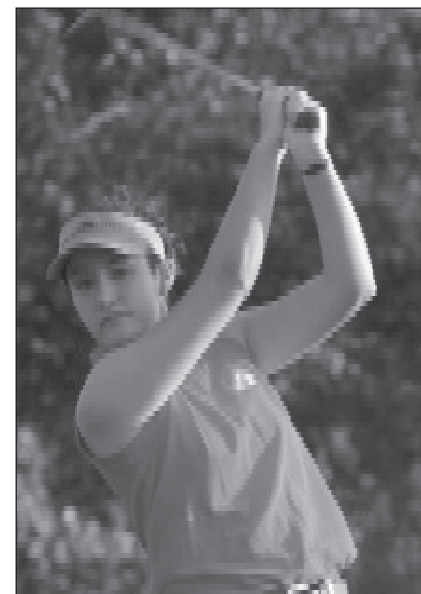
against competition at the NCAA Division II level, our women's team has proven it belongs. Now the goal is to not be satisfied with just qualifying at the local level, but also to continue to raise our expectations."



Rebecca Pomichter (Jr., Poland, NY) led the way for the Knights, as she finished the tournament in a tie for 9th place (80-79-81=240) and narrowly missed out on a

national berth by two strokes. Junior Emily Sisson (Charles City, IA) was just three strokes shy of a regional berth (82-82-77=241), as she finished in a tie for 11th place. Amanda Brown (Jr., Tampa, FL) finished in a tie for 13th (84-79-79=242) with Ellen Chavkin (Jr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL) and Rashmeen Nirmal (Jr., Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada) rounding out the Knights challenge in 26th and 31st position respectively.

The appearance in the NCAA Regional Tournament was the first-ever by a team from NSU, following its move to NCAA Division II and the Sunshine State Conference at the beginning of the 2002-2003 season.



Ellen Chavkin, a junior, registered the first victory ever in NSU women's golf by winning the Webber Warrior invitation in a one-hole playoff.

2003-2004 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNINGS

Julie Abnet

5'6", Freshman, Guard

Paw Paw, MI/Paw Paw High School

Accomplishments: Julie was a four-year starter who led her team to an 82-15 record throughout her high school career. She was an All-Conference and All-Courier selection all four years. She was MVP her senior year and served as team captain as a junior and senior. She Averaged 15 points, 4 assists, 3 steals her senior season and led her team to a 19-2 finish. She was also named All-State Honorable Mention her senior year. *Coach Rule's Thoughts:* "Julie comes from an excellent basketball program and knows how to win. She has been well coached and understands the game. She is a leader and is capable of playing either the point or two guard spots"

Jennifer Havens

5'10", Freshman, Guard/Forward

Kernersville, NC/East Forsyth High

Accomplishments: Jennifer is a 3-year captain and helped lead her team to two Conference and District championships. She was named First Team All-Conference for 3 years. Jennifer was a two-time All-State player in

Oregon before moving to NC. Her senior year she was named to North Carolina's All-Northwest Team along with receiving the Gatorade "Will to Win" award. She averaged 14 points and 7 rebounds per game and received her team's Best Defensive Player award. *Coach Rule's Thoughts:* "Jennifer is a versatile player who can shoot the 10'-15' jump shot or post up in the paint. She is extremely strong and very effective at either the 3 or 4 positions. She has an excellent work ethic and will make a positive impact on our program."

Diane Okubo

5'6", Freshman, Point Guard

Honolulu, HI/University High School

Accomplishments: Diane was a four-year starter and team captain for 3 years. She was named First Team All-League as a junior and senior. She was a 2003 McDonald's All-American Nominee and averaged 13.3 points per game and 7 assists per game. *Coach Rule's Thoughts:* "Diane is one of the best ball handlers I have seen. She has excellent passing skills and sees the floor extremely well. She is used to being double and triple teamed and handles pressure very well. She will

be a great asset to our program and will be fun to watch over the next four years. Diane is also an honors student and an accomplished musician."

Mechelle Jones

5'8", Freshman, Guard

Viera, FL/Rockledge High School

Accomplishments: Mechelle was her team's captain and MVP her senior year. She scored 1,063 career points while in high school. She was named Second Team All-Space Coast as a junior and senior. She Averaged 14.9 points and 2.7 assists per game. Mechelle is also an established honors student and track athlete. *Coach Rule's Thoughts:* "Mechelle is a great athlete with excellent fundamentals. She has the ability to really fill the lanes and score from the perimeter. She has great speed and is tenacious on defense. She has an excellent work ethic and should make the transition to the college game very well."

Melissa Tippetts

5'10", Freshman, Guard

Jacksonville, AL/Jacksonville High School

Accomplishments: Melissa graduated as the Jacksonville HS all-time leading



scorer totaling over 2,000 points. She was named Class 4A Second Team All-State as well as averaged 22 points and 8 rebounds per game. *Coach Rule's Thoughts:* "Melissa is an all around versatile player who has an excellent understanding of the game. She has great size and strength on the perimeter and knows how to score. She is an extremely hard worker and should excel in our program."

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF SIGNINGS FOR 2003-2004 SEASON

Knights Add Six to Men's Team and Four to Already Strong Women's Team

Ft. Lauderdale, FL (June 12, 2003) - The Nova Southeastern University men's and women's golf teams have announced their initial player signings for the 2003-2004 season. Head Coach Duke Donahue adds five new faces to his men's team and an additional four new players to his women's team. The NSU women's team finished the season ranked 17th in the nation, while the men's team rounded out its 2002-2003 year with the #40 ranking.

2003 NSU MEN'S GOLF SIGNINGS:

Coach Donahue's Thoughts: "The 2003-2004 men's golf program has a wealth of new talent coming in next year. The strength of this team will be the depth throughout with each of the players being able to compete and contribute at any time."

Daniel Rice

Freshman
Cape Haze, FL/Lemon Bay High School
Accomplishments: An honor roll student who achieved a 3.71 GPA while at Lemon Bay High School, Daniel has won several FJGA (Florida Junior Golf Association) events as well as the FJCT (Florida Junior Champions Tour) events over the last few years.

Stephen Conrad

Freshman
Syracuse, IN/Wawasee High School

Accomplishments: A two-time All-State selection at Wawasee High School, Stephen led his team to a 4th place finish at the Indiana State High School Championship. Recently, Conrad won the Indiana State Amateur Qualifier, firing a 5-under-par 67 and besting the field by five strokes.

Brian Macho

Freshman
Dayton, OH/Centerville High School
Accomplishments: Brian attended Centerville High School where he helped lead his team to a 2nd place finish at the 2003 Ohio State High School Championships. In addition, he was named Greater Western Ohio Conference Player of the Year for his efforts during the 2003 season.

Michael Wangness

Sophomore
Garreston, South Dakota/Newberry College
Accomplishments: Michael comes to NSU as a sophomore transfer from Newberry College in South Carolina. Wangness was the #1 player as a freshman and will be a great addition to the Knights team.

Michael Davenport

Freshman
Kent, England/Dane Court School
Accomplishments: Michael has a great deal of international tournament experience playing out of Northforlin, Stonelees, and St. Andrews Golf Clubs. Michael plays primarily the Florida Champions Tour with numerous top finishes and tournament wins.

2003 NSU WOMEN'S GOLF SIGNINGS:

Coach Donahue's Thoughts: "The Lady Knights are returning four of the five starters from last season. Our 03-04 additions will add depth to an already strong team, elevating us further in the conference and on a national level."

Alicia Winslett

Freshman
Greenville, South Carolina/Wade Hampton High School
Accomplishments: Alicia attended Wade Hampton High School where she played #1 on her team all four years. In her senior year, Alicia finished 7th at the South Carolina State High School tournament as an individual.

Marlee Forsthoffer

Freshman
Glastonbury, Connecticut/Glastonbury High School
Accomplishments: Marlee attended Glastonbury High School where she played #1 on her team for four years. Forsthoffer was the winner of the 2002 Western Massachusetts Frank Kringle Junior Championship.

Anne-Sophie-Braengard Friis

Freshman
Vejle, Denmark/Rodkilde Amtsgymnasium
Accomplishments: Sophie earned academic honors as a student at Rodkilde Amtsgymnasium, and recently won the Thomas Bjorn award as the top ranked female amateur golfer in Denmark.

Brittany Imperial
Freshman
Jacksonville, Florida/Orange Park High School
Accomplishments: Brittany attended Orange Park high school where she helped lead her team to the 2003 Florida State High School Tournament.

During his first season as head coach of NSU's golf teams, Coach Donahue led the women's team to the school's first-ever appearance in an NCAA Regional Tournament. A pair of NSU women's golfers captured individual titles during the spring season, as Ellen Chavkin (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) became the first NSU women's golfer to win an individual title at the Warrior Invitational, a feat that was later duplicated by Amanda Brown (Tampa, FL) at NSU's Spring Classic. In addition to the women's team's success, men's golfer Ryan Burr became the first individual men's golfer to qualify for the South/South Central Super Regional where he finished tied for 26th.



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The Office of Student Financial Services and Registration

The Office of Student Financial Services and Registration encompasses several areas, including the Office of Student Financial Assistance, the Office of the Registrar's, the Office of the University Bursar, the One-Stop Shop and Enrollment Processing Services. The one item they all have in common is that the staff's number one goal is to provide the best service to students. The information below will provide greater detail on each of these areas and the services they provide.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance

Why wait till you are in a financial bind – apply for financial aid now! You may be wondering how to pay for your classes, books and other related educational expenses. The earlier you apply, the more chance you have of being awarded prior to the beginning of your classes. Financial aid includes grants (undergraduate students), loans, student employment and scholarships and, in most cases, is based on need.

Students interested in receiving federal student aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The fastest and easiest way to apply is online through FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you do not already have a Department of Education Personal Identification Number (PIN), which eliminates sending a signature page, you may request a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. When completing the FAFSA, make sure you include your email address as information is sent via email, providing almost immediate access to your financial information. Remember, for the 2003-2004 academic year, you must use your 2002 federal tax form. For more information pertaining to the various financial aid programs, process, deadlines and other online resources, please check the NSU financial aid web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid.

Undergraduate students interested in receiving state aid such as the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) and Florida Student Assistance Grant must complete and submit the NSU Application for Student Aid to the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The form can be completed on the NSU financial aid website at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid under "forms" and click on the correct academic year.

In addition to the NSU financial

aid web site, WebSTAR is NSU's official means of communication. As a student, you may access WebSTAR at <http://webstar.nova.edu> with a User ID (usually your social security number) and your NSU WebSTAR PIN to log into the "secure area." Advantages of WebSTAR including viewing your: student status, financial aid status (including awards and required/missing documents), transcripts and grades, billing and payment information, registration schedule and other pertinent student information. You may access this information at anytime.

Beginning July 1, 2003, the Federal Stafford Loan and Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) interest rates are at their lowest. For the Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, the interest rate will be **2.82%**. The PLUS loan interest will be **4.22%**. These are the interest rates while in school or for students during their deferment period.

Financial aid counselors and staff are available to assist you. You may contact the Office of Student Financial Services at 800-806-3680 Monday through Thursday, 8:30 – 7 p.m., Friday 8:30 – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Student Employment

Nova Southeastern University participates in several types of student employment programs: the federally funded Federal Work-Study Program (FWS), the America Reads and America Counts Programs (also funded by FWS), the institutionally funded Nova Southeastern University Student Employment Program (NSUSE), and the Job Location and Development Program (JLD).

Questions concerning the student employment programs should be directed to the Assistant Manager of Student Employment at 800-806-3680, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Student Employment Office is located in the Office of Student Financial Assistance, located in the Horvitz Administration Building. Further student employment information is available on the NSU Financial Aid Web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid/stuemployment.html.

NSU's student employment programs are administered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or political beliefs.

Veteran's Benefits

The Veterans' Benefits office is located in the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Educational Benefits are designated to provide eligible individuals with an opportunity for educational and career growth.

For more information, please contact the Veterans' Benefits Specialist at 800-806-3680 x7236, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or visit the Veterans' Benefits web site at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/registrar/veterans/index.html>.

One Stop-Shop

The One-Stop Shop incorporates staff from the Office of Student Financial Assistance, the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of the University Bursar. The staff is cross-trained to answer student's inquiries and provides information regarding all three areas. The One-Stop Shop is located in the Horvitz Administration Building at the Davie Campus. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Office of the University Bursar

The Office of the University Bursar is responsible for collecting tuition and fees, residence hall charges, and meal plans charged to students' accounts. Refunds resulting from student loans, scholarships, and grants are handled by Loan Disbursing. Refunds are not issued until loan proceeds are received by Nova Southeastern University (NSU). It is the policy of NSU that payment is due within 30 days from the start of the term. If payment is not made within 30 days, the student's account will be assessed a \$50 late payment fee and a hold will be placed on the account preventing any additional registrations. Payment may be made by cash, check, and credit card. Students may make credit card payments via the Web, and soon Web-check payments will be available. NSU accepts Discover, MasterCard, VISA, and American Express. Please contact the Bursar's Office at 800-806-3680 for other payment arrangements, such as wiring funds from abroad.

Direct deposit is the fastest way to receive refunds. In order to be eligible for this service, students must complete the Direct Deposit Authorization Form. The authorization form appears on the

student's monthly statement or may be printed from the NSU Bursar's web site at www.nova.edu/cwis/bursar under Loan Disbursing and mailed or faxed to the Bursar's Office with a voided check (required). The student's direct deposit authorization will remain in effect until canceled in writing and received by the Bursar's Office.

Office of University Registrar

The Office of the University Registrar provides a variety of diverse services to students and the university community, and strives to be customer oriented and responsive to a variety of student and university needs. Services include, but are not limited to, course registration, transcript processing, loan deferment and enrollment verification requests, international student counseling, and general university information. For further information, please access the Registrar's Web site at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/registrar> or call 800-806-3680.

Office of International Students

The Office of International Students (OIS) is enthusiastically committed to providing essential services to assist international students and visiting scholars at NSU achieve their academic goals. OIS serves as a resource to the university community and provides services and counseling expertise aimed at guiding individual students and scholars through the complexities of U.S. government visa regulations. The OIS is committed to welcoming international students, scholars and their families while facilitating their transition to life at Nova Southeastern University. You will find us in the Horvitz Administration Building, 1st Floor, within the Office of Student Financial Services & Registration. We look forward to assisting you on your road to educational success! For further information, contact 800-806-3680 x7241 or (954) 26207241 or check the international student web site at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/registrar/iss>.

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NSU LAW GRADUATE AMAZES AUDIENCE

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla., Nicolette Jane Fontaine's graduation from Law Center was the highlight of her life for more than one reason. She not only received her coveted Juris Doctor degree but also entertained over three thousand guests with a beautiful rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner*, accompanied by an orchestra under the direction of Conductor Dr. Mark Cavanaugh.

A lyric soprano, Nicolette Jane Fontaine, began her vocal performance career at age 16 having achieved Superior Ratings as the only Soloist chosen from her high school to compete at *Florida State Vocal Competition*. She was a member of the *F.M.E.A. All-State Women's Chorale* and sang with the *Florida Youth Chorale* in *Carnegie Hall*, April 1995. Having much recognition for her powerful voice and strong ambitions, she was accepted into the (U.C.F.) *University of Central Florida Music Department* in 1995. Her native background being Polish

& French gave her the opportunity, while young, to travel & live in many European countries. With this, Ms. Fontaine speaks & writes fluently in her 2nd & 3rd languages of Italian & Polish. Her linguistic ability enhanced her interest and accomplishments in Vocal Performance studies at U.C.F.

Nicolette is not new to performing. Her exceptional vocal performances included winning the Talent Scholarship Competition singing Vissi D'Arte in the *Miss U.C.F. (Miss America System) Pageant* in 1997, performing Quando Men Vo, in the *Miss Orlando*, *Miss Winter Park*, and *Miss U.C.F. Pageants* in '98. In 1998, she soloed in the *S.A.I. Vocal Scholarship Competition at Stetson University* and in the *S.A.I. Musical Concert at the University of South Florida* in Tampa for Province Day 1999. In Nov. 1998, Nicolette performed in the U.C.F. Choir for the *Premiere of Beethoven's 9th Symphony* with the *Sydney Symphony Orchestra*, *Met Opera Singers*, and *Conductor*

Edo De Waart at the *Orange County Convention Center*. Nicolette then performed in opera productions at the *Kravis Center for the Performing Arts* with the *Palm Beach Opera* in 1999-2000 and studied voice with *Maestro Anton Guadagno* and *Dr. Evangelina Colon*.

Nicolette's love of music could only enhance her new career goal as a practicing attorney in the field of entertainment law. In her third year of law school, she secured a business practice clinic placement at Warner/Chappell Music Inc. (*part of Warner Music Group*) in Los Angeles for the Winter 2003 semester, and had the opportunity to work with attorneys in both the Legal & Business Affairs Department and Copyright Departments.

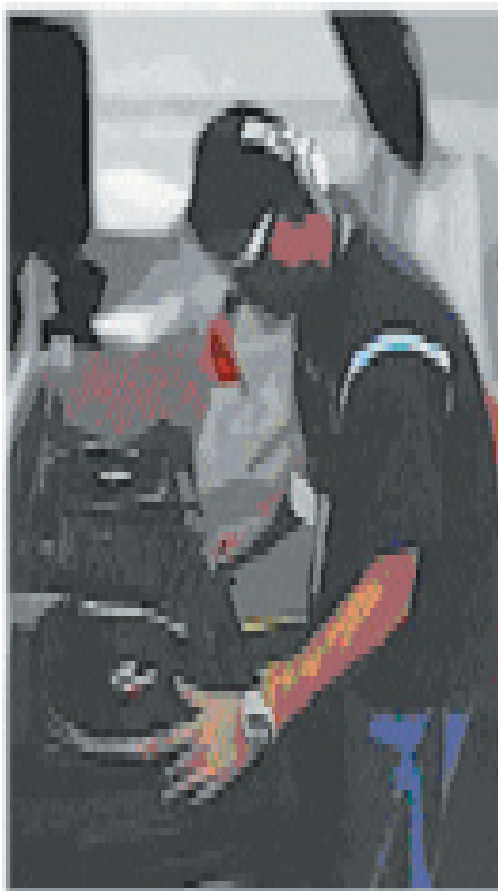
NSU Law, she held office as President of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society and coordinated panel lectures with entertainment attorneys throughout the community.

Nicolette plans to sit for the Bar



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