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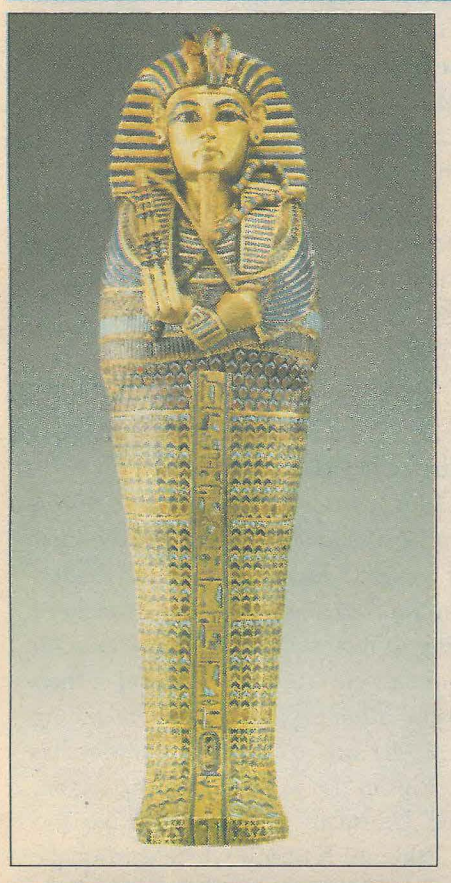
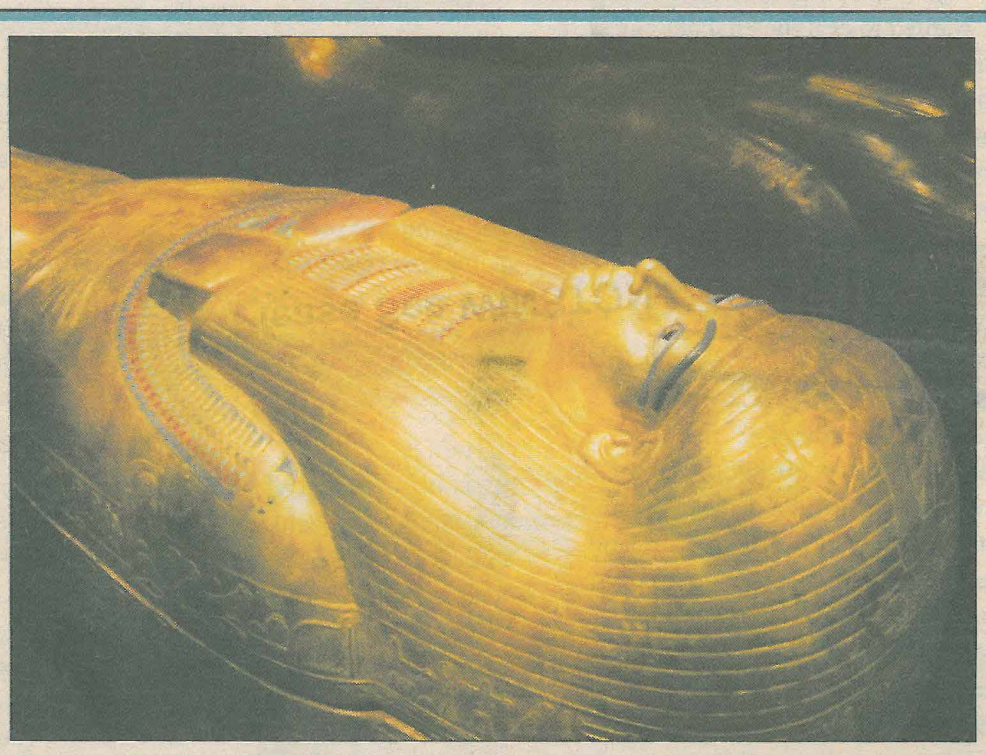
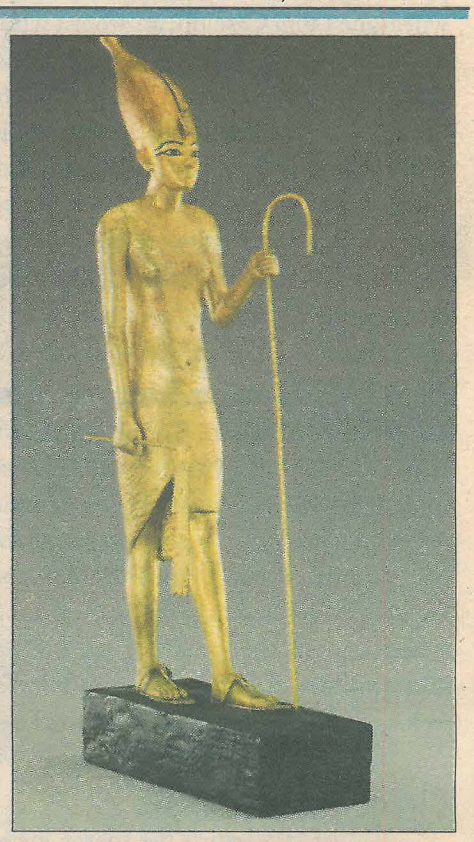




Above center: Great Grand-Mummy Tjuya, painted entirely with gold, is part of the extensive exhibition, "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs. Photo by Nicolle Garber



Life After Death: King Tut Makes First Debut In South Florida

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

Standing silently behind spotless glass casings and illuminated by soft, gold lighting, the priceless relics of King Tutankhamun and his contemporaries are as mystifying and captivating today as when they were first discovered in 1922. At the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale, the exhibit "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of Pharoahs," made its royal debut to the public on Dec. 15, 2005, boasting 130 artifacts from the tombs of King Tut and several of his relatives.

The relics date back to the Eighteenth Dynasty (1555B.C. to 1305 B.C.) and were first brought to America in 1976. Until now, these relics holding the last remains of a legendary empire have been kept from America for 26 years.

These timeless treasures have now been resurrected by National Geographic and now sit patiently for South Florida to pay a long-awaited visit.

Of the 130 relics, 50

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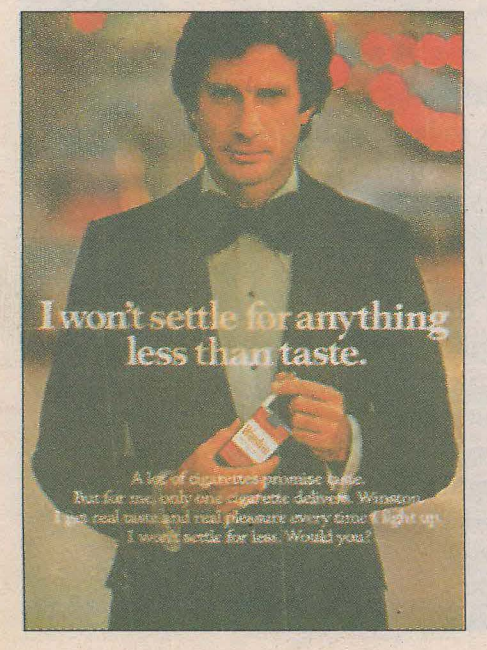
The Viscera Coffin (above left): Tutankhamun possessed four miniature coffins fashioned of gold and inlaid with colored glass and semi-precious stones, and each stood in a separate compartment in an alabaster chest. The band of inscription running down the front names Imseti, one of the sons of Horus, and the goddess Isis, who would protect the deceased and the particular mummified organ within, in this case the liver. **Statuette Upper Egypt** (above right): This statuette of the king wearing the tall crown of Upper Egypt consists of wood covered in gesso and then gilded. It is among 35 ritual figures of the king and deities that were placed in sealed wooden shrines in the tomb. The color combination of the gold of the figure and the black of the base suggests both rebirth and regeneration. The crook he holds in his left hand and the flail he grasps in his right are symbols of his kingship. Photos © Andreas F. Voeglin, Antikenmuseum Basel and Sammlung Ludwig.

Bottom left: Thutomosis IV and Mother Tiaa. Photo by Nicolle Garber

Unfiltered: Former Winston Man Offers Truth About Tobacco

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Stylish, pleasurable and attractive; nowadays, these words are not used to describe smoking, but as Alan Landers can tell you, that was not always the case.



A survivor of two bouts of lung cancer and open-heart surgery, Landers' life now is far different from his time as the face of Winston cigarettes 1963 to 1968. Instead of advertising smoking, he's now speaking against it.

"I felt very guilty for endorsing a product that if used as directed could kill you," Landers said. But this wasn't the only reason he started his campaign: he was extremely angry with the company for lying to him by telling him that the cigarettes were completely harmless. "Anger can be a great motivator," he added.

First diagnosed with lung cancer in 1987, Landers underwent surgery to remove part of his lung. A second bout of cancer in 1992 in his other lung resulted in another surgery, this time complicated by the severing of a nerve leading to his vocal cords. The loss of parts of both lungs, emphysema, and an open-heart surgery in 1996 have taught him the dangers of smoking the hard way.

The former Winston man is now a spokesperson for the World Health Organization and spends his time lecturing throughout the country as well as outside of it, getting his message across to children and adults alike. Numerous engagements, including two appearances on "Larry

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Court to Rule on Existence of Jesus

An atheist will face off against the Roman Catholic Church in Italy to prove whether Jesus ever existed. Enrico Righi, the priest defending the suit, will argue Luigi Cascioli, an atheist who "wanted to deal the final blow against the Church, the bearer of obscurantism and regression." *Reuters* reported that the Church allegedly broke Italian law protecting citizens from being "swindled or conned" and also from "impersonation." Because he wrote for a church newspaper, Righi is being targeted for breaking the law. Cascioli claimed that through his book, "I present proof Jesus did not exist as a historic figure. [Righi] must now refute this by showing proof of Christ's existence." The odds are against Cascioli, who believes it would "take a miracle" to win this case in Roman Catholic Italy.

21,630 Kilometer Journey Missed by 21,600 Kilometers

British oarsman Colin Yeates attempted to complete the first solo circumnavigation of Antarctica, but completed only 30 kilometers of the 21,630 kilometer journey before crashing his boat into the Falkland Islands. According to *AFP*, Yeates prepared four years for the expected 10 and a half month voyage in this 30,000 pound, $53,000 boat. Strong currents are blamed for sending the craft into rocks shortly after launch. Yeates "had fought against the local currents but failed to escape for the last 30 hours," said coordinator Simon Dyde. While Yeates is in good condition, his boat, as well as 200 kilograms of freeze-dried food, were wrecked by waves.

Pirate Party Formed

Admitted Swedish file sharers have banded together to form a political party in hopes of changing the perception of alleged pirates. The "Piratpartiet" party platform states that the group is "tired of being deemed a criminals and terrorists by the system for sharing a few measly files for no financial gain or loss to anyone." *The Inquirer* reported that the refusal to share intellectual property is detrimental to the developing world, as the power-hungry infringe on "privacy and integrity." Much of the party's positions are aimed against the RIAA, who is seen as targeting the innocent because of their failed business models. The group hopes to "strike out immaterial law... and annul any further treaties or policies that hinder the free flow of information" if it can gain the required 225,000 votes to have seats in parliament.

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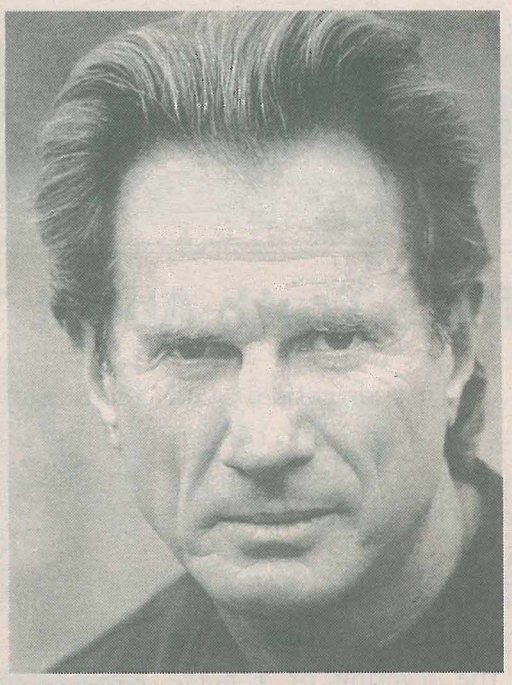
King Live", and articles in national publications like *Newsweek*, *USA Today* and the *New York Times*, later, Landers feels that he has been very effective. "I feel like I'm saving lives," he said. "I'm here for a purpose."

The letters he receives are indicative of his success. Correspondence from influential figures like Congressmen Dick Gephardt and Tom Daschle, thanks-yous from places he has lectured and letters from children who have seen his presentation all find Landers' mail box. He recalls one letter from a young boy that said "I was was thinking of smoking, but now I'll never smoke another cigarette again."



Alan Landers, the former face of Winston Cigarettes. Photo courtesy Alan Landers

Landers will speak at NSU on Jan. 14 in room 4009 of the Alvin Sherman Library. The event was rescheduled for this date due to Hurricane Wilma. The presentation, which is slated to run from 4 to 6 p.m., is to include Landers telling his story, as well as clips of the advertisements that Winston ran while he was modeling. For more information on Landers and his campaign, visit www.winstonman.com.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Miners' families angered over false information

Reuters reported on Jan. 4 that the families of the trapped miners in West Virginia were "originally told that the 12 miners had been found alive," although the International Coal Group found out soon after they were dead. One miner of the 13 men trapped in the Sago Mine in West Virginia survived with critical injuries, and the families were led to believe all had been rescued. Reportedly, the International Coal Group "knew the men were dead about 20 minutes after the original announcement" but did not inform the families or press until three hours later. Ben Hatfield, chief executive of the coal company, said "there was a great deal of confusion" between the rescue teams and their headquarters. He also stated that the rumors of survivors arose when people misconstrued calls from the teams to the command center confirming the location of the 12 miners and the checking of their vital signs. Families of the miners said they learned of the rescue when a man entered the church where they were meeting and shouted "it's a miracle, it's a miracle."

For more information visit www.nzherald.co.nz.

Asia

Record low temperatures in several countries

In an early and record-breaking snow season, parts of Asia have experienced extremely low temperatures and unseen amounts of snowfall. The severe weather "has killed dozens and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of people." Reuters reported that 57 people have died in Japan from roofs caving in under the weight of snow and accidents involving people attempting to remove accumulating snow on their homes. A 93-year-old woman and her daughter were crushed by the roof of their house in the Ishikawa Prefecture on Jan. 5. Transportation in parts of Japan, including bullet trains, has also come to a halt. The Chinese Meteorological Administration has recorded temperatures as low as -43 degrees Celsius in the western Xinjiang region, which has had about 100,000 people evacuated. Unusually heavy snowfall has also hit parts of South Korea, northern India, and Pakistani Kashmir where earthquake relief efforts have been impeded.

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.

Middle East

Sharon undergoes second emergency surgery

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon returned to the operating room for a second time on Friday, Jan. 6 after experiencing a massive stroke on Wednesday, Jan. 4. He was rushed to the emergency room after "doctors detected bleeding in the brain, increased cranial pressure and rising blood pressure." Hadassah Hospital spokeswoman Yael Bossem-Levy told Associated Press reporters that Sharon underwent a brain scan soon after surgery on Friday and was said to be in better condition. Sharon suffered a mild stroke on Dec. 18 that was caused by a small hole in his heart that doctors sought to repair before complications could occur. Sharon's sudden illness has halted his agenda for peace and has left his aides "working on the assumption he would not return to work." Deputy Ehud Olmert had taken control as acting prime minister as of press time.

For more information visit www.msnbc.msn.com.

South America

Columbian drug lords arrested

Jesus Anibel Ruiz-Henao and his brother-in-law, Mario Tascon, "admitted conspiracy to supply drugs and money laundering" after being arrested along with 32 cohorts who have also confessed and been found guilty of various offences. BBC News reported that the investigation performed by London officials recovered more than "half a ton of cocaine" and the cartel is suspected to have "imported £1 billion of the drug in a decade." Scotland Yard and Columbian authorities determined that Ruiz-Henao's and Tascon's gang was the "biggest cocaine ring by detectives, with conduits to every major city" in Columbia, Spain, and England." It is believed that over 200,000 people worked for the two men's drug ring at one point. Ruiz-Henao and Tascon received 19 and 17 years in prison, respectively, and their associates have been sentenced to a total of about 350 years.

For more information visit www.news.bbc.co.uk.

Europe

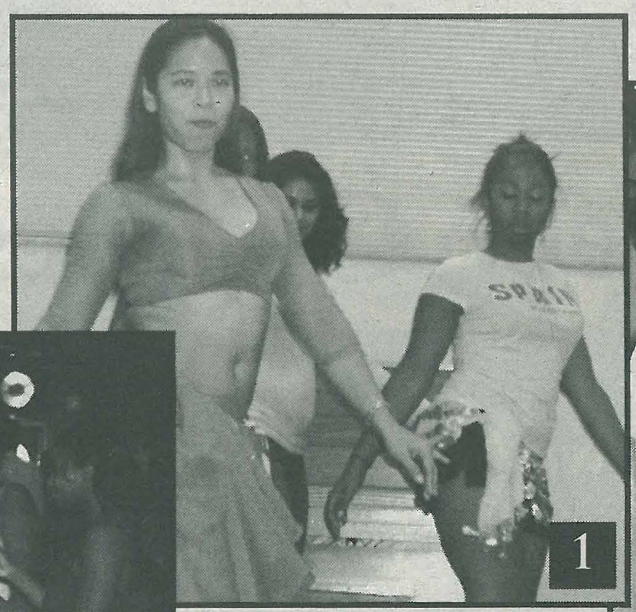
Third sibling dies from avian flu in Turkey

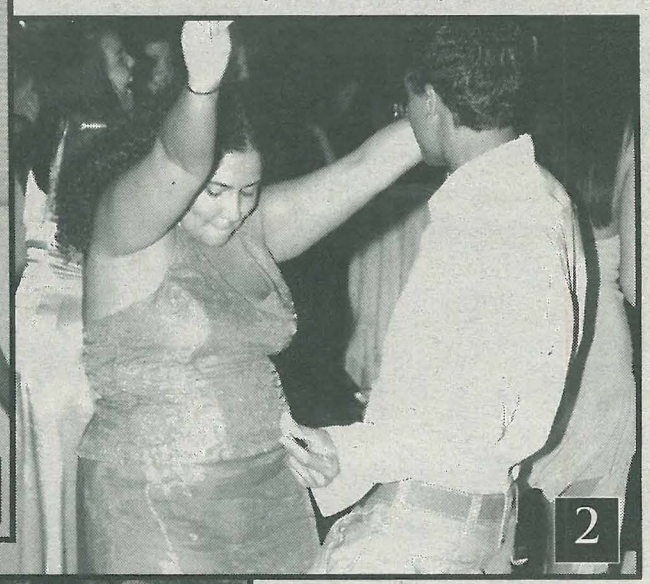
The last of three siblings, an 11-year-old girl named Hulya Kocyigit, died on Jan. 6 from what health officials believe is the deadly H5N1 strand of the bird flu. The fourth sibling is also being treated with respirators in a hospital in the eastern Turkish city of Van. A Turkish newspaper, Sabah, reported that the children played with dead chickens at their home and the children's doctor told Associated Press reporters the children "probably contracted the illness" from those chickens. Initial tests in Turkey suggested that the deaths of the first two siblings were caused by the H5N1 strand. Further confirmation from samples being sent to England could indicate that the virus may be moving westward. The hospital treating the fourth child is also treating about 30 others showing symptoms similar to avian flu.

For more information visit www.news.bostonherald.com.

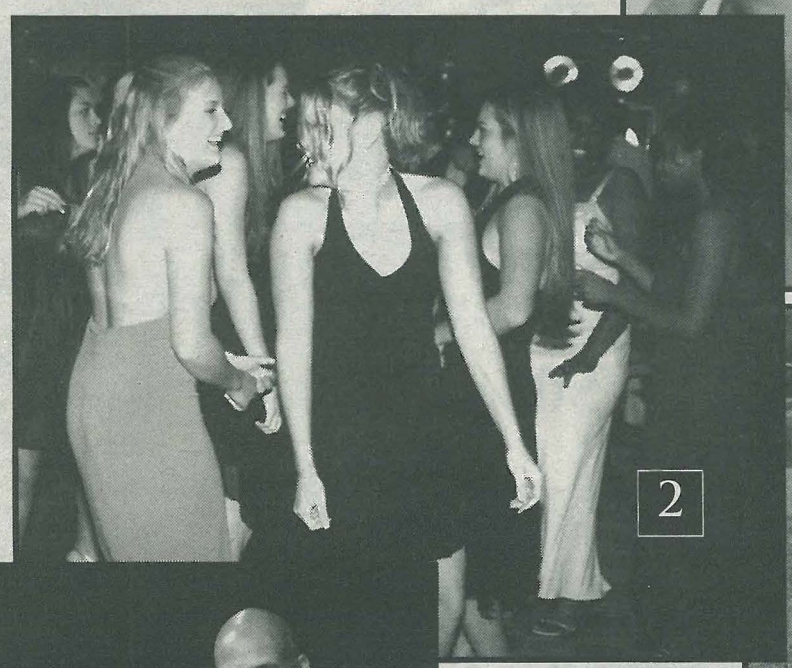
2005: A Year in Photos

2005 was a year of change for NSU. Much of the focus centered on the new mascot and its unveiling during homecoming. Students and faculty came together to celebrate the new direction of the university.



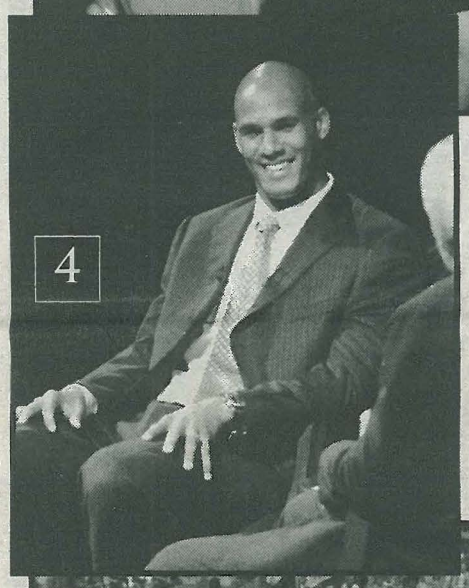


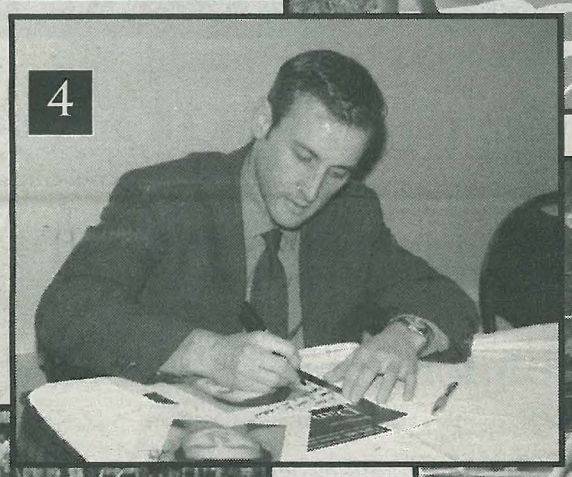
1. Belly Dancing: Nilobon Podhipleux (far left) teaches the NSU ladies how to belly dance. Photo by Kristine Belizaire



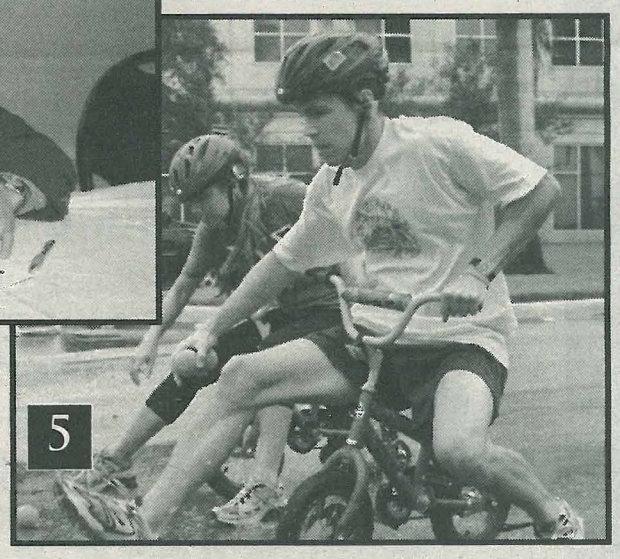
2. Homecoming Dance 2005
NSU students dance the "Knight" away at homecoming, where the shark mascot was officially unveiled. Photos courtesy Gerlinde Photography

3. Block Painting: Representatives from various NSU clubs and organizations came out to promote their clubs by painting one of many blocks between Parker and the Alvin Sherman Library.
Photo Caption: CSA painting their blocks – (clockwise from l.) Aduke Wilson (bandana), Akita Williams, and Tanielle Gallimore. Photo by Judith Francois



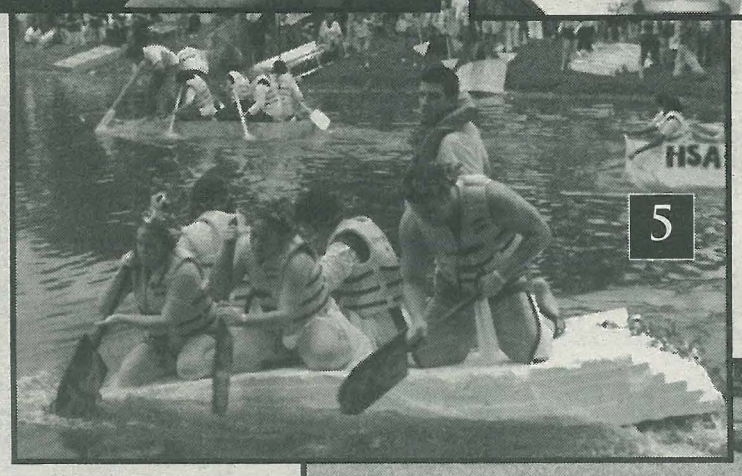


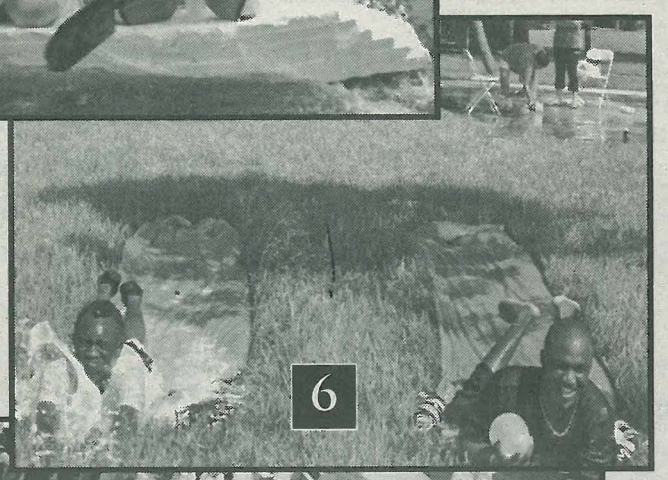
4. Life 101
Distinguished guests Jason Taylor and Dan Abrams visited NSU as part of the ongoing "Life 101" series hosted by professor Mark Cavanaugh. Photos by Gerlinde Photography



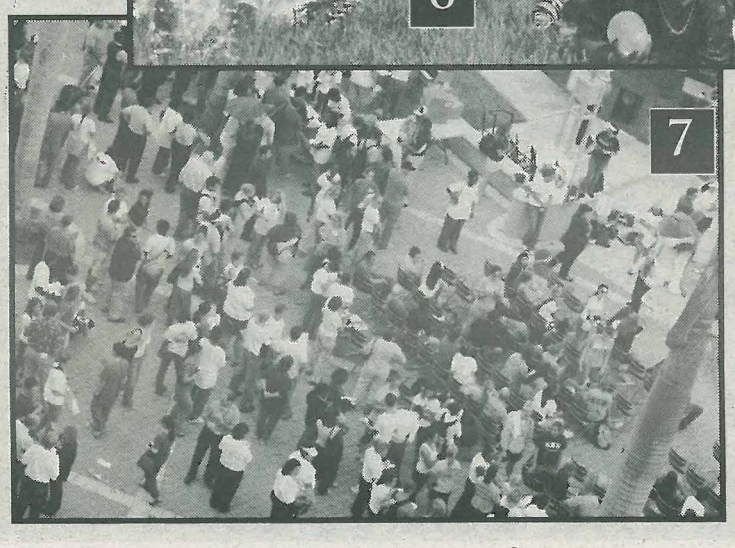
5. Homecoming Festivities
Popular homecoming events included the tricycle and raft races. Students braved the inclement weather caused by the impending hurricane to attend the festivities. Photos by Alisha VanHoose

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

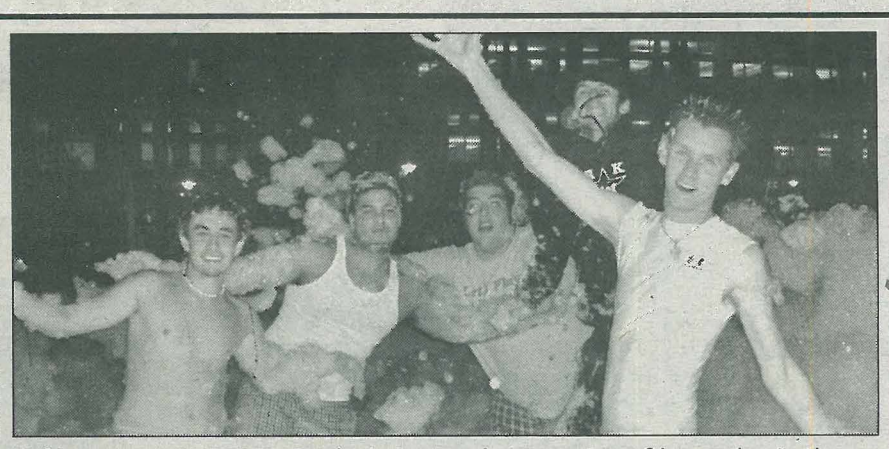




6. NSU Students Get Wet
Lesly-Loudmar Mathurin (l.) and Shane Johnson get wet on the slip and slides during the SGA and CEC sponsored Wet n' Wild day as part of NSU's homecoming events. Photo by Kristine Belizaire



7. Shark Rally
Scores of students gather to celebrate NSU's new mascot at the Shark Rally held on the library quad. Photo by Gariot Louima



Making waves in 2006 - Students enjoyed an evening of horseplay in the foam. Photo by Judith Francois

Welcome Back Foam Party

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

"There was a lot of foam," said Alex Caceres, referring to the 'pool of fun' on the library quad.

The Student Union of Nova Southeastern University hosted a Foam party on Jan. 5 as a welcome back to school. A foam machine was rented from All Star Event, creating a massive pool of foam for students to play in.

"Some of the student union people threw me in against my will," said DA Epstein, a student union worker. "Unfortunately, it was the coldest night of the year."

Everyone who showed up was having a blast in the foam while enjoying the live music provided by Radio X and free drinks.

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Spring Season Sports Preview

Basketball to wrap up the season, while Golf makes up for time lost due to Wilma

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

With some sports beginning new seasons and others getting nearer to wrapping up the season in progress, the NSU community has a lot of games to look forward to from men and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, softball, rowing, tennis, and baseball.

Men's Basketball

In January, the men's team begins playing against all the other SSC teams. On Jan. 11 they will play against Barry University at 7:30 p.m. at home at the B.C.C. Gymnasium. Then on Jan. 14, the go up against Eckerd College at home at 4 p.m. Look forward to 16 games against other SSC games such as: Saint Leo University, University of Tampa, Rollins College, Barry University, Lynn University, and Florida Tech.

Women's Basketball

Also look forward to 16 games in the spring season with the women's basketball games. On Jan. 4, the women's team opened up the spring season with a loss against Lynn University. On Jan. 11, look forward to the first home game when the women's team plays against Barry University at 5:30 p.m. Later opponents include: Saint Leo University, University of Tampa, Rollins College, Barry University, Lynn University, and Florida Tech.

Men's Golf

This spring season the men's golf team will have more tournaments than usual, partially to make up for lost tournaments from Hurricane Wilma. Starting on Feb. 13, they will be traveling to Lakeland, FL to compete in the Matlock Collegiate Classic. Later, the team will be going to Miami; Valdosta, Ga,; Tampa; Duncan, Okla; and Daniela, W. Va.

Women's Golf

In the spring, the women's team will have up to eight tournaments. Like the men's team, they will also have to make up for lost tournaments due to the storm. On Feb. 4, the women will head to Kiawah Island, SC to compete in the Kiawah Island Women's Intercollegiate. Later tournaments will send the women to Lakeland, Fla; Sebring, Fla; Miami, Tampa, and Pensacola. The women also have a shot at the Division II National Championships, which would take them to Allendale, Michigan on May 9.

Softball

This season, the women's softball team will be playing in 37 games, starting on Feb. 11. The women will play that first game against Northwood University at 5 p.m. at home. Their second game, also at home, will take place on Feb. 14 against Palm Beach Atlantic at 5 p.m. During the season the women will also be traveling to Carrollton, GA; Arkadelphia, Ark; Saint Leo, FL; Huntsville, Ala; Boca Raton, West Palm Beach, Ft. Myers, Winter Park and St. Petersburg. During the season, look forward to 14 home games.

Baseball

In the spring season the men's baseball team could play in as many as 57 games, with 35 of those games at home. Starting on Feb. 2, the baseball team will have 4 games at home. They will play against Lynn University at 6 p.m. at home, followed later by games with Palm Beach Atlantic University, and Presbyterian College. Also during the season, the team will travel to Tusculum, Tenn; Jefferson City, Tenn; Mars Hill, N.C; Miami Shores; Lakeland; Tampa; and Melbourne, Fla.

Rowing

In the spring season, the women's rowing team will be competing in 8 regattas. They start off traveling to DeLand, Fla. to compete in the Stetson Invitational on March 4. They will also be traveling to Winter Park; Miami; Oak Ride, Tenn; Philadelphia, Pa; and West Windsor, N.J.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team could compete in at least 22 tournaments during the spring season. They start off with 2 home matches that will be played at B.C.C., the first to be played against Florida Southern College, and the second to be played against Saint Leo University. Also look for tournaments against Rollins College, Lynn University, Florida Tech, and Barry University.

No charges filed in death of U. Minnesota-Morris student

By James Bordewick
The University Register (U. Minnesota-Morris)

(U-WIRE) MORRIS, Minn. Jan. 3- One month to the day after the passing of Richard "Rick" Rose, University of Minnesota-Morris officials released a detailed report summarizing the findings of the investigation surrounding his death.

After conducting a thorough investigation, Stevens County Attorney Charles Glasrud has decided not to press criminal charges against anyone involved in the tearing down of the goalpost. "No evidence indicates the coaches, athletic staff, or those in authority at UMM organized anything or actively advocated for the goalposts to come down," stated the report.

The investigators sifted through statements made by approximately 70 people in an attempt to piece together the events that unfolded following the Homecoming game against Crown College.

While the facts of what transpired have become relatively clear to the investigators, there is dispute among the witnesses as to who may have had prior knowledge of plans to tear down the goalpost and what, if anything, could have been done to prevent the incident from occurring.

Immediately following UMM's double-overtime victory, a group of four to eight fans allegedly including Rose approached a security officer stationed at the northerly end of the field and informed him that they were going to tear down the goalpost. The officer intimated that they could not tear down this goalpost, which he was guarding. The students then proceeded to the south end of the field to take down the opposite goalpost.

After singing the UMM rouser, members of the football team joined the fans at the south goalpost and began tearing down the goalpost. According to the report, photographic evidence indicates that it was predominantly members of the football team that played an active part in the goalpost destruction.

The investigation revealed that the act had clearly been discussed prior to the game, although it is not clear who knew about it or whether they felt the rumors were substantiated.

Several of the assistant coaches admitted to hearing rumors about it, but did nothing to encourage the behavior. The head coach testified as to not having any prior knowledge, although several witnesses gave contradictory testimony. Administration officials beyond the athletic department apparently had no knowledge beforehand of the event.

The report did state that anyone in a leadership role who had foreknowledge of the action should have taken preventative steps with regard to this tradition's dangerous history. If information of the plans had reached campus police, the tragedy may have easily been averted as the parties involved acted in an orderly fashion.

Glasrud concluded that "it might theoretically be possible to charge various individuals with a crime such as disorderly conduct or criminal damage to property, but it is not appropriate. ... The lessons of this tragedy are more deeply etched into the consciousness of the participants and witnesses than could ever be the result of criminal charges."

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Glory Road a Winning Film

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

Rating: $4.50

Pat Riley vividly recalls the story in question. "Unfortunately for me," he said at a recent screening of *Glory Road* in Ft. Lauderdale, "I was on the losing side. I didn't realize then that it was history."

Based on a true story, *Glory Road* tells the tale of coach Don Haskins (Josh Lucas), who jumps at the opportunity to coach the Division I men's basketball team at Texas Western. He has only ever coached a women's team, and the team he is handed is unimpressive; the school has a poor basketball tradition and no money to recruit. Determined to make it work, Haskins blinds his eye to color and begins recruiting talented black athletes for his team, offering them a chance to study and play for Texas Western. The team must overcome trials stemming from racism while transforming themselves into contenders. In a time when the unwritten rule said you could only play one black player at home, two on the road and three if you were losing badly, Coach Haskins starts an all African American lineup when his underdog team reaches the 1966 NCAA tournament.

At its worst, *Glory Road* plays exactly like every other sports movie you've ever seen, which is not entirely a bad thing. The movie comes complete with players training until exhaustion, the typical coach-team pep talk, players sneaking out when they should be staying in, and the coach insisting that their grades be maintained. There are times when *Glory Road* seems like nothing more than a mixture of *Rememberthe Titans* and *Coach Carter*; tt's a proven formula that *Glory Road* takes and runs with.

Despite Coach Haskin's decision to start only African American players, the Texas Western team (pictured) sticks together.

Coach Haskins makes the decision to start all African American players (pictured) at the NCAA finals. Photos courtesy Yahoo! Movies

At its best, this is a story worth telling. It was an inspiring time in recent history, especially when one considers it in retrospect. *Glory Road* does a good job at capturing that inspirational spirit and thus what is translated on screen is a warm movie that will appeal to the whole family.

Josh Lucas (*Sweet Home Alabama, STEALTH*) is great as Coach Haskins. He conveys the character's determination and frustrations well, and when he is on screen, you can't tear your eyes away. The supporting actors, though, many of who are unknowns, really carry the movie. Their interactions, reactions and the difficulties they display make them seem real to the audience rather than historical figures.

Walking into the theater, I was admittedly not expecting much from *Glory Road.* I tried to be unbiased, but it's a movie about basketball (not my favorite) and it was from Disney, who as of late have been disappointing to say the very least. But what I found in *Glory Road* was a sweet, heartfelt movie that was even better because it is a true story. Although stylistically it is not extremely original, its emotional content pulls at heartstrings and in turn makes this a movie worth seeing.

MOVIE REVIEWS

$6- BRAVE THE LINES OPENING NIGHT!

$5- SEE IT NEXT WEEK.

$4- BORED? AFTERNOON MATINEE.

$3- NO HURRY, RENT IT.

$2- ACCIDENTLY CATCH IT ON HBO.

$1- WALMART DVD BARGAIN BIN.

Showbiz Bits

Compiled by Marines Alvarez

Sucks to Your Asmar

As you know, we here at *Showbiz Bits* like to bring you all the late breaking and shocking celebrity news. So, are you ready for this? In a recent interview with Vanity Fair, Lindsay Lohan admitted to using drugs and suffering from bulimia. I'll give you a moment to recover from the shock. The *Mean Girls* star confessed, saying that she dabbled in drugs "a little bit," and was "making [herself] sick." Isn't it great when stars *finally* own up to things the general public has know forever? They would save themselves time if the just came right off the bat and said, "Hey, I'm unnaturally skinny because I don't eat anything!" To further the point that Lohan and her publicist think this is all news to us little people, when the issue of *Vanity Fair* hit the stands, Lindsay was hiding in a Miami Hospital. I mean… Lindsay was hospitalized after suffering an "asthma attack."

Who's She Gonna Call? Ghostbusters.

After you've named your daughter Apple, maybe people come to expect a certain craziness from you. How much craziness? Well, Gwyneth Paltrow seems ready and willing to test those limits. According to London's *Daily Mail,* Paltrow has put in a call to a modern day ghostbuster from the Kabbalah Center after feeling that her house was haunted. The paper went on to claim that the dark energy was upsetting her and as a result her current pregnancy was not as peaceful as the last. Paltrow's people have denied those claims, but honestly? It sounds so Gwyneth. I guess we'll know the truth when it comes time to name the baby. Here's my top three if this story happens to be true: Sour Apple, Eerie Lake, or Madonna Lite.

Paris Hilton Lies?!?

Professional heiress Paris Hilton will actually have something to do in January, as she looks down the barrel of two lawsuits set for court later this month. Heiress-actress Zeta Graff is seeking at least $10 million in damages against Hilton after she made slanderous comments in the *New York Post.* The *Post* reported that Graff went "berserk" at a night club, where she tried to strangle Hilton. Additionally, promoter Brian Quintana is seeking a restraining order after claims that Hilton "harassed and badmouthed" him. C'mon people. If you are hanging out with Paris, don't you kind of expect a few lies and a bit of a potty mouth? It fills the hours when you don't have a *real* job.

Cox Really is a Friend

According to *The Sun,* Brad Pitt was recently snubbed by "Friends" star Courtney Cox after the two bumped into each other at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Pitt tried to buy Cox a drink, which she quickly but politely declined. She then continued to ignore him while he tried to strike up a conversation. Obviously Brad doesn't know the rules about ex's best friends. If he did, he could've saved himself this embarrassment. I'm sure, though, his hurt feelings didn't last long. He ran home to Angelina, cried in her beautiful arms and kissed the alleged bun in the oven. Those kind of things cheer a man up, I'm sure. Points to Courtney Cox for trying and for doing what any best friend of a bitter dumpee would've done.

This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

January 13

Tristan & Isolde
Starring: James Franco, Sophia Myles
Director: Kevin Reynolds
Genre: Drama, Romance
MPAA Rating: PG-13

In the medieval legend of *Tristan and Isolde*, young lovers become doomed against the forces of royal politics. English knight Tristan wins the hand of the daughter of the Irish King, but the love threatens the truce between their two countries.

Last Holiday
Starring: Queen Latifah, LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton
Director: Wayne Wang
Genre: Adventure, Comedy, Drama
MPAA Rating: PG-13

After being diagnosed with a fatal disease, a shy sales clerk goes on a European vacation to live out the rest of her life. With nothing to lose--or so she thinks--her behavior becomes more irreverent and outrageous each day, only to find out later she was misdiagnosed.

The Libertine
Starring: Johnny Depp, Samantha Morton, John Malkovich
Director: Laurence Dunmore
Genre: Drama
MPAA Rating: R

Story of the Earl of Rochester, friend and of Charles II and a Restoration era pornographer and poet. He was an anti-monarchist Royalist and an atheist who converted to Christianity. The story is about how the Earl's cynicism is thrown for a loop when he falls in love with a struggling young actress.

Book Releases

Available January 10

The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell by Lilian Jackson Braun

While the town of Pickax is swept up in its sesquicentennial celebrations, Koko has developed a strange new hobby: He drops himself from balconies, occasionally landing in the oddest of places. When a young man comes to visit his wealthy relatives, Koko plummets straight onto his head! Meanwhile, a hurricane is brewing, and the visitor's family members soon fall deathly ill. Qwill has his work cut out for him as Pickax-as foreshadowed by Koko-is about to be hit by a bombshell.

Arthur and George by Julian Barnes

Arthur is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, physician, sportsman, gentleman par excellence and the inventor of Sherlock Holmes; George is George Edalji, also a real, if less well-known person, whose path crossed not quite fatefully with the famous author's. In 1903, George, a solicitor, was accused of writing obscene, threatening letters to his own family. He was convicted of criminal behavior in a blatant miscarriage of justice based on racial prejudice. Eventually, Sir Arthur heard about George's case and began to advocate on his behalf. In this combination psychological novel, detective story and literary thriller, Barnes elegantly dissects early 20th-century English society as he spins this true-life story with subtle and restrained irony.

DVD Releases

Available January 10

Ralph Feinnes in *The Constant Gardener*
Terrence Howard in *Hustle & Flow*
Jason Statham in *The Transporter 2*
Wes Craven's *Red Eye*

Entertainment

January 10
Movin' Out at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale

January 11
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus a the American Airlines Arena in Miami

January 14
Snoop Dogg at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale

Miami City Ballet: Program II at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach

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Compiled by Marines Alvarez

TUT

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belonged to King Tut's tomb, while the 70 remaining relics belonged to his father, Akhenaton and other aristocrats of the family tree. Relics range from Tut's exquisite diadem to intricately carved dolls, gilded chests with turquoise stones, and gold fans that once sported large plumes from hunted Ostriches.

The exhibit is divided into 11 unique galleries showcasing relics from the daily life in Ancient Egypt. Museum goers will experience objects used for death and burial, King Tut's royal belongings, statuettes of Egyptian gods and goddesses, and scans of computer generated images of how the Boy King may have looked.

"People of all ages have an enduring connection and fascination for Tutankhamun," said Zahi Hawass, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities and director of the Giza and Saaqqara Pyramids. Already 100,000 people have visited Tutankhamun during the first two weeks of its opening.

Unfortunately, Tut's mummy is not in the exhibition, as it is too fragile to travel. But some of Tut's royal organs are there, encased within four miniature cases called "Viscera Coffins." They are decorated with semi-precious stones, gold, and colored glass, and all bear the resemblance of King Tut.

What is not acknowledged about the exhibition is although the main focus may be on King Tut, many of the artifacts belonged his relatives as well. There is a sarcophagus--but it belongs to King Tut's Great Grandmother Tjuya; the coffin is ornately decorated wood, painted with gold lacquer and displaying a stoic female face.

In another area, only a large carved piece of sandstone bearing King Akhenaton's face looms ominously over the room on a high platform, the light illuminating only his solemn facial expression. There is even what researchers have concluded to be a King Tut 'Mannequin,' basically a limb-less four foot body of the boy king with a fully articulated face.

King Tut may have only been a teenager when he mysteriously died, yet his era was a defining time in Egyptian history. His celebrity status is due to his being a boy king, and the relics he left behind, yet it was his heretic father Akhenaton who abruptly changed the polytheistic religion to a monotheistic society. After King Tut was appointed about the age of 12, he was crucial to the development of rebuilding old temples. He was buried in the Valley of the Kings and unearthed after an isolated 3,300 years by Howard Carter.

The exhibit will run through April 23, 2006, where it will then travel to Chicago, Philadelphia, and finally end its tour in London.

"Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" school group starts at $12.50. Individual tickets range from $14 to $30. The exhibit is open 7 days a week and tickets are sold on a timely entry basis. For more information, please call 1-877-TUT-TKTS

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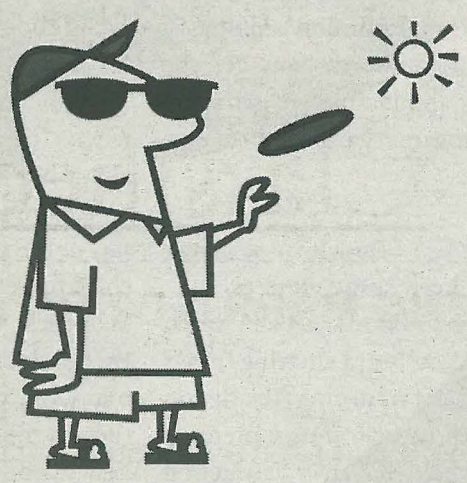

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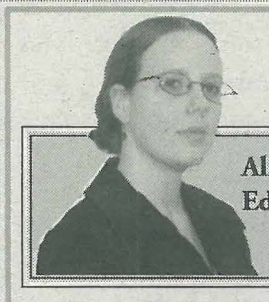

Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Welcome back to a new semester! I hope that everyone got to visit family, spread a little cheer, or at least decompress from the wonderful world of finals during the holiday.

Now that we're all back and enthusiastic about learning again, we've all got a few changes to deal with. New class schedules, remembering to write 2006 rather than 2005 on things, and looking for something other than The Knight on the racks are small issues that most of us have to deal with. Others get the added bonus of having new dorm rooms, those mid-year changes of major, and the occasional more drastic change in educational plan between semesters. Aren't they lucky?

But that's okay. We're all intelligent people here, and one thing we've learned is to be flexible. (The construction on campus changing our walkways seemingly at random sometimes should have taught us that, if nothing else).

So since everyone is so happy to embrace changes, I just want to ask everyone to bear with us. We at The Current are undergoing a lot of changes of our own, and we'd like to take all of our readers along for the ride- because what is a newspaper without the readers?

Another thing I'd like to ask is for you all to tell us how we're doing. Do you like the new name? Hate it? What about our stories, or photos, or the name of the section formerly known as Knightlife? Let us know what you think! Our ears are open. Give us a call at 262-8455, talk to the business department at 262-8461 if you need an ad, or just drop us a line- our email is still nsunews@nova.edu. We really would like to hear from you.

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Do You Fear What I Fear?

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

I feel genuinely sorry for the optimistic folks left in the world today that believe the holidays wholly represent hope for the future and goodwill towards others. Those people avoided holiday shopping altogether or, in fact, did brave the overcrowded malls— blindfolded, deafened by ear plugs, and encased in a plastic bubble ... metaphorically speaking, of course. Or at least I hope so…

The "true meaning of the holidays" disappears during those few months when everyone's goal seems fall into the same category: sprinting to Best Buy to snatch the last iPod Nano off the shelf before that innocent grandma, who does not know the difference between an mp3 player and toaster, picks it up for her grandchild.

Considering what the holidays are *supposed* to mean, it should be more common to hear of people helping the poor or giving to charities when you turn on the television. Instead, the news stations go on and on about consumerism rising to unprecedented levels since the last decade or so. One story I saw particularly disturbed me: a rabid woman at one of those infamous Wal-Marts literally tore an Xbox 360 out of the excited hands of a young boy only to grab the attention of the boy's father. Nevertheless, the story came to a close with the news anchor's swift and nonchalant mentioning of a small riot and fist fights. Besides making an entertaining story, it goes to show that consumerism is a plague upon the holidays.

Gifts will always be a part of the traditions of the season, but why do people have to behave (and drive) like the very Earth will implode if not for the purchase of a bunch of computer chips slapped together under some plastic? Don't get me wrong; I own a 360 and I love electronics, but I don't think they are worth stooping low enough as to act like they are the equivalent of a crack fix to a druggie experiencing months of excruciating withdrawals.

This year's holiday season reminded me more of a time that

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In T.V. Land

New Year's Resolutions in Television Programming

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

If the month of September is equated with a return to school, October with Halloween, November with Thanksgiving and December with every other holiday, then January must belong to New Years and the pesky resolutions that inevitably follow.

Most of us are familiar with the common resolutions: exercise, eat right, stop procrastinating, spend more time with family, etc. This year, I was determined to steer clear of resolutions. They are a cheap excuse to put together everything you are supposed to be or supposed to do, make poor attempts at realizing them and then quickly notice that resolutions will have to wait for another year. But, try as I may, there is always that part of me that thinks that maybe this year some things should be different. Don't worry, I'm not getting sappy on you and I have no intention of sharing my to-do list, but in the spirit of the season, I thought I'd share New Years resolutions from our favorite TV shows. We all know that, good as they may be, many of them have room for improvement.

Lost's **Resolution: Solve some stinkin' mysteries.**

I'll admit my complete and utter love for "Lost." New episodes will return on Jan. 11 and if "*Lost*" wants to keep riding their wave of success they have to start answering some questions. Inquiring minds want to know: Why the heck was there a polar bear on the island? What's the scary black smoke of doom in the jungle, *exactly?* What happened to the crazy French chick? How many "others" are there? Is Charlie ever going to be less annoying? Oh, sorry, personal opinion seeping in there. But, anyways, you get the point. It's about time we get some kind of closure regarding the island mysteries.

"Scrubs" **Resolution: Stay cool and keep some viewers.**

Okay, so I don't actually watch *Scrubs* but I've heard amazing things about it. After returning (finally) on Jan. 4 with its fifth season premier, "Scrubs" held it's own ,attracting 7.8 million viewers. Not to be a downer, but, good as those numbers may be, both CBS and FOX were showing reruns of *NCIS* and *House* respectively. When the competition is out in full force, here's to hoping that *Scrubs* will stand its ground.

"Prison Break" **Resolution: Get out of prison.**

This show doesn't actually come back until March, which gives everyone involved plenty of time to figure out how my favorite convicts are going to get out. Never mind that the episodes are already filmed… A girl can hope (having a boyfriend in prison puts a strain on the relationship. Michael Scofield? Call me!). I know that if they break out, the whole "Prison Break" concept will be lost, but seriously, how long are they planning on keeping them in there? Those boys all need a big breath of non-prison yard air.

"The Closer" **Resolution: Gain some love.**

I never watched "The Closer" when the first season originally aired, but TNT has been showing an encore season and all I want to say, in the words of the star deputy chief herself, is "thank yew." Kyra Sedgwick kills as Deputy Chief Brenda Johnson. I'm not sure how many of you are watching it, but there is time to catch up before the new season begins summer 2006.

Alas, that's just the tip of the iceberg. *American Idol* needs to resolve to get off my TV screen, *Book of Daniel* has to try real hard to actually make it through the season, and of course, all those shows premiering in January are looking to stick around. Very best to these shows, and of course to you, in all of your own resolutions.

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passed not too long ago when ordinary people mutated into savages all in the name of water and gas. I can understand something like, you know, trying to survive a hurricane as a reason for being impolite, but I cannot understand how a damn camera phone can have the same effect on a person.

Who can we blame this on? Because there always has to be a scapegoat, right? Is it the top bananas running the toy and electronics industries? The advertisement corporations? The omnipotent and almighty Bill Gates? The Three Wise Men for starting the destructive trend with their gifts for baby Jesus? Or should we point fingers at our own brutal greed and our inexorable desire to purchase what is popular? It seems we are destined to "go with the flow" of commercialism until we plummet over the edge of the falls into the amassing pool of greed. If Tiny Tim could see us now, his blessings would turn to curses.

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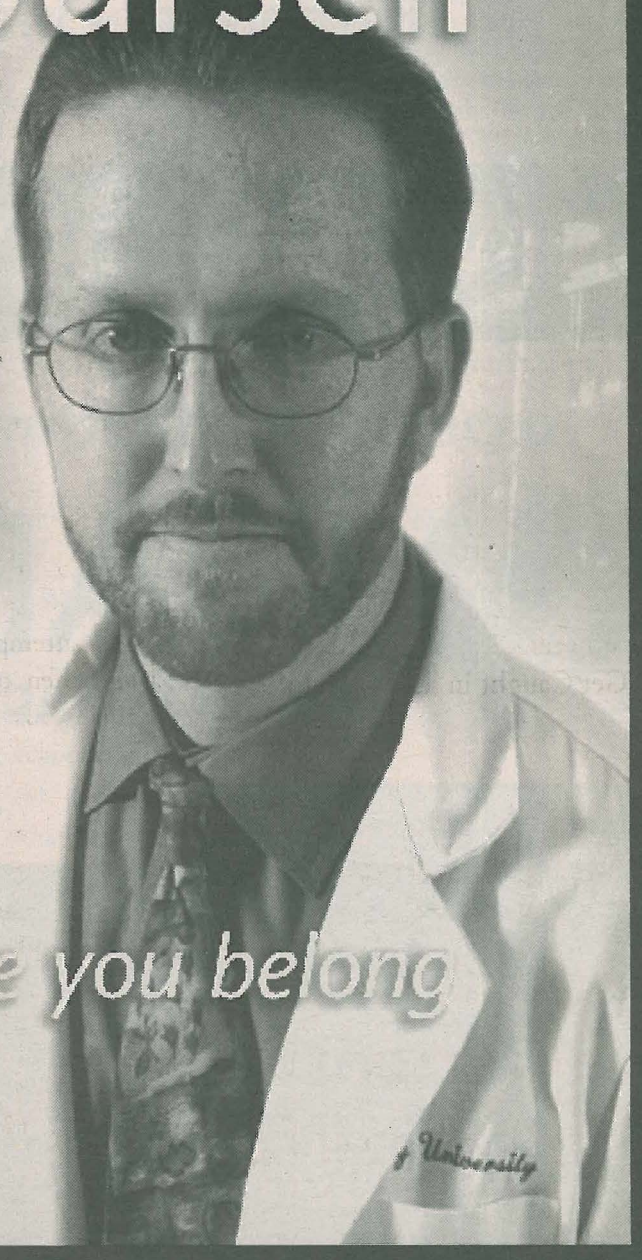

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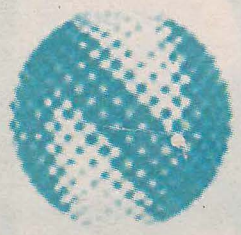

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