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By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

THE WRITING ON THE WALL PROJECT

ON JANUARY 30TH THE OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS AND THE 100 COMMUNITY WILL BE BRINGING DOWN BARBERS BUILD BY DISCRIMINATION, OPPRESSION AND INHUMANITY.

THROUGH THE ACT OF CONTRUCTING A WALL REPRESENTING OUR OPRESSIONS OF OTHERS AND SUBVERTING BURNING THIS STRUCTURE, PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENT ARE REMINDER OF THE NEED TO ACT PERSONALLY AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.

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BRINGING DOWN A WALL OF HATE

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ATLANTA WEAPONS BERRY RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER PARKING LOT
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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Television Rots More Than Minds

As a die-hard fan of television and its many wonderful programs, Cincinnati resident Johannas Pope requested that she not be buried upon her death. Instead she opted to remain sitting in front of her television. According to the *Associated Press*, Pope perished in August 2003 but “panned on returning after she died.” She was thus left in an air conditioned room, allowing for her body to mummify. When a concerned relative called police after not seeing Pope in “years,” authorities arrived at the home and found the body. A caregiver and Pope’s daughter and granddaughter have resided in the house with the decaying body.

Anonymous Internet Insults Always Pointless, Now Illegal

Fans of anonymous internet “flame” wars could be facing criminal punishment for their impersonal electronic insults. According to *CNET News.com*, unsigned e-mail messages and Web postings that “annoy” are prohibited. Signing an offensive e-mail is still perfectly fine under the new law, which was secretly added to a “must-pass” Department of Justice funding bill by sponsors lead by Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter. An American Civil Liberties Union legislator said that the ambiguous wording of the bill is “particularly problematic” since “what’s annoying to one person may not be annoying to someone else.” In addition to having their First Amendment rights infringed upon, violators of the law will be subject to fines and jail time.

Repeat Rapist Jailed for 60 Days

A Vermont judge who does not believe in harsh punishment for convicted rapists has sentenced an offender to a 60 day jail term. Mark Hulett confessed to repeatedly raping a girl for three years, ranging from when she was seven to ten-years-old. *WCAX News* reported that Judge Edward Cashman decided on the sentence because he believes in rehabilitation rather than punishment, explaining that jail time does “nothing of value; it doesn’t make anything better; it costs us a lot of money; we create a lot of expectation, and we feed on anger.” Prosecutors were hoping for an eight to twenty year sentence, but Hulett, classified a low risk for re-offense, will merely have to complete sex treatment after spending 60 days in jail.

Inside the SGA

By Andrea Montealegre
SGA WPB, Public Relations Chair

The Student Government Association, West Palm Beach, has worked hard this Fall to provide our NSU students with stirring events. In September, SGA held a “Welcome Back to School” celebration at Waterway Café. Many students came out to relax and escape from their busy lives. There was music and SGA provided free food to all students. In October, although Hurricane Wilma took over our Halloween Plans, SGA still brought in baked goods, candy, and drinks on our return. In November, for Finals Week, SGA offered a De-Stressor which included the early morning essentials: coffee, bagels, pastries, orange juice, etc. Finally, in December we placed our efforts on the needy finding those gifts for the holidays.

This is a very special year for

our new SGA officers. The West Palm Beach Student Educational Center, though distant from our main campus in Davie, has managed to provide our students opportunities to feel united as a community. With the help of Student Affairs we have planned many more events and fundraisers than any of the previous years. Our new upcoming affair is a Unity Event which emphasizes our goal, which is to promote active student involvement no matter what degree our student’s are seeking. We are dedicating one Open SGA meeting a month, which welcomes all student body and faculty to attend and voice their opinions and concerns. We are available to you at: sgawpb.nova.edu if you have any questions or ideas about upcoming events!

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Oklahoma fires still ‘extremely dangerous’

Prairie fires fueled by high winds “destroyed at least 24 homes and forced hundred of evacuations in Oklahoma,” reported The Associated Press on Friday, Jan. 13. The worst fire occurred in the southern part of the state near Ratliff City. Michelle Finch, fire information officer for the Oklahoma Forestry Department, said the fire near Ratliff City “burned through at least 20 homes overnight.” As of press time the fires have burned “7,000 to 10,000 acres and was about 50 percent contained Friday morning” as air tankers continued to drop fire retardants on the area. At least four other homes were destroyed near a high school to the west in Stephens County. Several other counties containing hundreds of homes have been evacuated.

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

Middle East

Over 345 pilgrims killed in Haj stampede

According to The Associated Press, “thousands of pilgrims rushing to complete a symbolic stoning during the Haj tripped over baggage” on Jan. 12, causing a stampede that killed at least 345 people. The deadly rush began when large groups of pilgrims charged toward Al Jamarat, three towers that represent the devil. The pilgrims sought to finish a ritual involving stoning the towers to purge themselves of sin before sunset. Interior Ministry spokesman Major General Mansour Al Turki said people were killed when some of the rushing pilgrims “began to trip over dropped luggage, causing a large pileup.” The Haj, which takes place in Mina, Saudi Arabia, has seen its share of stampedes; one in 1990 killed 1,426 pilgrims and another in February of 2004 killed 244.

For more information visit www.gulfnews.com.

South America

Brazilian wetland threatened

Conservation International, an environmental group, has claimed that “the world’s largest wetland, Brazil’s Pantanal, is being destroyed by increased farming, ranching, and mining.” The Pantanal is large area of “low-lying forests, marshes, and dry plains” that covers about 77, 230 square miles in western Brazil. The area is also home to an extensive variety of wildlife. Reuters reported on Jan. 12 that an investigation by Conservation International estimated “deforestation had destroyed 17 percent of the natural vegetation of the Pantanal and if it continued unchecked, all the original forest would disappear within 45 years.” Conservation International used satellites in their research. Sandro Menezes, manager Conservation’s Pantanal program, said the “these locations contribute to wildlife populations and serve as refuges for the fauna during unfavorable seasons.”

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

Middle East

Allegedly contaminated French ship allowed passage through Suez Canal

Egyptian canal officials “denied a French aircraft carrier heading to a scrap yard in India would be prevented from crossing” the Suez Canal. The statement came on Jan. 13 after another official told Reuters that “the vessel would not be able to cross the canal because it was leaking toxic waste.” The original decision to prevent passage was taken after Egypt’s environmental agency expressed concern that contamination “could harm the canal’s environment and the Egyptian coastline.” Environmental group Greenpeace claimed the ship, named *Clemenceau*, contains hundreds of tons of hazardous chemicals including asbestos that may harm scrap yard workers. However, French authorities said most of the chemicals have been removed and the remaining amount is needed for the last voyage to India.

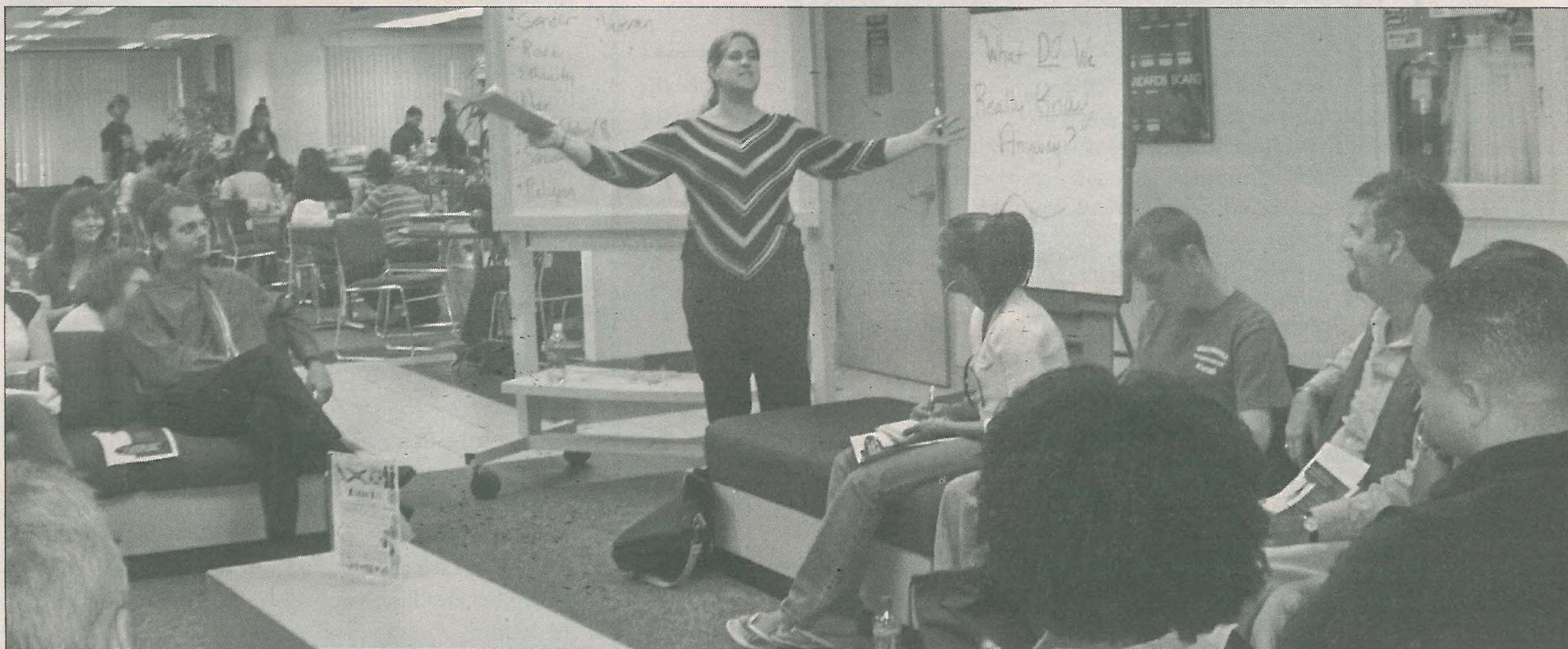
For more information visit www.khaleejtimes.com.

Europe

Man who shot Pope John Paul II freed

Mehmet Ali Agca, who shot Pope John Paul II and killed a Turkish journalist in 1981, was “released from prison on Thursday, Jan. 12 after serving more than 25 years in Italy and Turkey,” reported The Associated Press. Nationalist supporters from Turkey cheered for Agca as he was released from the Kartal Prison and tossed red and yellow flowers at the car that was used to escort him. Turkey’s Justice Minister Cemil Cicek said, however, that authorities will review Agca’s release to ensure that no errors were made. Pope John Paul II forgave Agca two years after the shooting, but many Turks consider him a shame to their country and a murderer. Cicek also said later that Agca’s “release is not a guaranteed right” and that many prisoners are released from prison by mistake. Agca was “known in the past for frequent outbursts and claims that he was the Messiah” and “has never undergone a thorough psychological evaluation.”

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



Winter 2006 Faculty Lecture Series Begins Faculty and students gather to discuss controversial topics

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

"Open-mindedness" and "U.S. foreign policy during World War II and the Cold War" are some of the critical issues which will be explored during the winter 2006 Faculty Lecture Series.

Beginning on Jan. 10 and continuing until April 20, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will host ten lectures in the series, which is open to all students

and faculty to attend.

Held in the Parker lobby, English professor Allison Brimmer presented the first lecture, entitled "What do we really know? Anyways?" It focused on cultural studies and "how power figures into relations and society." The lecture was intended to get "people introduced to cultural studies and how it might relate to their own lives."

The audience, whose participation was encouraged,

became involved in the discussions, especially when topics of gender role and sexuality came up. Brimmer said that she hoped that lecture participants would "find ways to get more out of their own cultural power and to use it responsibly."

Some in attendance are glad that NSU will tackle a wide range of topics in the series. "It's refreshing to hear these types of subjects," said Marilyn Callwood, who attended the first lecture by Brimmer, adding

that "it's really good to think about [these topics] in an intellectual environment."

A committee, lead by professor Jim Doan, decides the content of the lectures. Faculty will present topics two to three times each month from 12 to 1 p.m. For more information about lecture series dates, locations and topics, contact Doan at 954-262-8207, or visit <http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/facultyspeaker>.

Web Site Reveals Anonymous Secrets

By Juliam Hsu
The Poly Post (Cal Poly-Pomona)

(U-WIRE) POMONA, Calif. - Postsecrets.com is a popular Web site that displays homemade postcards revealing the secrets of their anonymous senders.

"PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives," a book compiling more than 10,000 postcards, was released on Nov. 29. think that some of the secrets are sent in as a joke."

The Postsecrets Project was created in January 2005 by businessman Frank Warren, a resident of Germantown, Md.

Warren, 41, passed out about 3,000 postcards inviting people to share their secrets with him.

He distributed the postcards at bookstores, theaters, train stations and restaurants.

The postcards directed people to write their secrets on a postcard and mail it anonymously to him.

For his project, he had only two requirements based solely on honesty: the secrets had to be true and they had to have never been

shared with anyone else.

"When I first received secrets in my mailbox, I would post them," said Warren. "I'd actually physically post them on a [clothes] line at an art exhibit in Washington, D.C."

After his exhibit ended, however, Warren stopped passing out postcards, but more and more secrets poured into his mailbox.

It was then he decided to create postsecrets.com.

Warren receives secrets ranging from humor, sex, optimism and sadness.

His Web site receives about two million hits a month and half of them are returning visitors.

"I just know it felt right and sometimes I feel like this project found me rather than me picking it," said Warren. "If I had to give a reason, I would have to say that I had secrets of my own that I needed to get out and I was having a difficult time doing it."

"So on a subconscious level, I had that need to create this project so that I can share my own secrets with people."

Warren believes his Web site is successful because of natural curiosity.

"I think all of us are curious about other people's private lives," said Warren. "And I think once people look at the secrets on the Web site, they gain insight into their own private lives."

Of the thousands of postcards Warren has received, one still remains his favorite.

"One that I really liked a lot was on the back of a photograph and the picture showed a bedroom mirror with some items tucked into the corners of the frame," said Warren. "And on the back of the picture, the person had written: 'I steal small things from my friends to hold onto memories of how much I love them.'"

New postcards are posted on the Web site every Sunday, and Warren said he receives about 350 postcards a week.

"I only post about twenty," said Warren. "I have to feel like they're real and I try to select a range of secrets that represents different parts

of us, emotionally as people."

A series of art exhibits have also been lined up to display the postcards in museums, said Warren. The most recent one is in an art gallery in Georgetown at the Washington Project for the Arts/Corcoran, which will run until Jan. 8.

Most of the money that Warren receives for his Postsecrets Project goes into keeping his Web site advertising-free and contributing to his charity of choice, the National Hopeline Network, which he has linked to his site.

For those who habitually check the Web site every Sunday for new postcards, the site has become a place where people can read and relate to the secrets.

Warren, who started the project to confront his own secrets, is amazed at how much attention his Web site has received.

"Maybe seeing someone else who can articulate their secret better than they can is what I think that brings people back," said Warren.

Take a Bite Out of This...

Current Events Calendar

Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., NSU Unity Week is a time for the university community to get together and celebrate diversity. A number of events are planned to help students understand the struggles of certain groups in society. NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., said in a press release that "These events are designed to confront head-on the issues—whether ideological or otherwise—which continue to divide us."

January 16

Martin Luther King Parade with PASA
7 a.m. Outside of Goodwin Hall
Sponsored by Student Activities

The Interfaith Dialogues
6:30 p.m. Flight Deck
Sponsored by Student Activities

January 17

Film "Crash" with discussion
7 p.m. Flight Deck Movie Theater
Sponsored by Student Activities

Starting Your Own Business
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. LRITC 3015
Sponsored by Career Services

Intramural Soccer Season Begins
Sponsored by Recreation and Wellness

January 20

The Wall of Hate
12 p.m. Library Quad
Sponsored by Residential Life and Housing

King Tut Reception

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art
Sponsored by Student Engagement

Unity Jam

8:30 p.m. – 1 a.m. Flight Deck
Sponsored by Student Activities

January 18

The Hunger Banquet and Tent City
7 p.m. Outside of Goodwin Hall
Sponsored by the Office of Volunteerism and Residential Life

January 21

Wiffleball Tournament
Residence Hall Fields
Sponsored by Recreation and Wellness

January 19

Cultural Taste of NSU
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Library Quad
Sponsored by Student Activities

Adventure Series: Moon Kayaking
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sponsored by Recreation and Wellness

Compiled from the Student Affairs calendar.

Student Health Insurance FAQ

1. Am I required to have health insurance coverage?

NSU full-time Health Professions Division students, full time Undergraduate PAL (Day) students, International Students, and Residential Housing students are required to provide proof of current health insurance coverage.

All other NSU students may elect to have health insurance coverage on a voluntary basis and are not required to provide proof of coverage.

2. How do I show proof of my current health insurance coverage?

The *only* way to provide proof of current health insurance coverage is to complete the online proof of Health Insurance Waiver form. This form can be accessed on the NSU website at www.rec.nova.edu. The online waiver form is "live" only during the posted waiver period. This period typically concludes on Sept. 30 of each academic year. If you have missed the September deadline you will be able to waive during the winter semester. This period typically concludes on Jan. 30.

3. How often must I provide proof of current health insurance?

Students required by NSU to have health insurance coverage must show current proof of coverage on an annual basis. Online waivers *do not* carry over from one year to the next.

4. I am not required to have coverage, however I would like to enroll voluntarily.

Persons wishing to enroll in the plan on a voluntary basis may do so. Enrollment can be done on line at www.chickering.com or by calling the Student Medical Center at (954)262-4055.

Persons paying on-line must do so with a credit card.

Persons calling the Student Medical Center will have their student account billed for the said premium.

Persons may also pay the insurance provider direct with a check by printing the enrollment form and mailing it to the insurance provider. Forms and address can be found online.

5. When can I enroll for coverage?

Students may enroll each summer for coverage beginning Aug. 1.

The deadline is September 30.

Student who *first begin* studying at NSU after Sept. 30 may enroll in the plan on a pro-rated basis for the fall period or for coverage beginning Jan. 1.

Continuing students who do not enroll by Sept. 30 deadline will next be eligible for coverage the following Aug. 1.

6. What does the NSU endorsed insurance plan cover?

Insurance coverage's are subject to change each academic year. It is advised you access the online brochure to verify any and all current coverage. Generally speaking, the following guidelines will apply.

- The plan is a major medical "Open Choice PPO" policy.
- The plan has emergency room/ hospitalization benefits.
- The plan has prescriptions benefits.
- The plan has surgical benefits
- The plan has pregnancy benefits.

For more information on the Student Health Insurance plan please log on to www.chickering.com

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SSC Home Game Opener (men/women basketball) VS. Barry 1-11-06

Men and Women Open Up Their Seasons With Wins Against Barry

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

January 11 was SACC night for the NSU men and women's basketball teams at BCC George Mayer Gymnasium. The two teams took SSC opponents Barry University with intensity and enthusiasm as the stands were filled to capacity with roaring fans.

Barry fought hard from the beginning, hitting almost every three pointer they went for. The NSU men's team didn't allow this to bring them down, focusing their concentration on the goal and coming up with the conference win. The NSU Sharks (8-4, SSC 2-1) have now exceeded their

total amount of wins from the 2004-2005 season, surpassing all expectations.

FR point guard Rhys Martin made an extreme impact on the team for the win yet again, putting up 16 of his 18 points in the second half.

NSU women's basketball team kept their home game winning streak going strong at 5 wins as they took on big conference time conference challengers, the Barry University Bucs. Sophomore Amber Bishko lead the Lady Sharks, scoring 13 points. Nova went on a 10 point run, ending the game with an authoritative win, 58-35.



Tim Coenraad looks for an open man under the basket. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

Player Profile- Griff Occhigrossi

There's More To Griff Than What's On the Outside

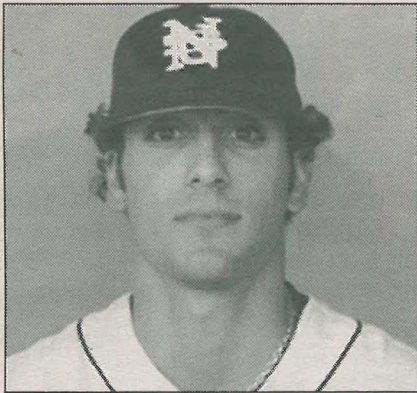
By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

Coming all the way from Brewster, New York, Griffin Occhigrossi, also known as Griff, is a left handed pitcher who has transferred to Nova Southeastern University as a junior after spending time playing for Jacksonville University and Santa Fe Junior College.

"I transferred to Santa Fe from Jacksonville to get more experience out on the field. I chose to come to NSU after a year at Santa Fe because I received my associates' degree there and it's now time to move on," stated Occhigrossi.

"Academically I just want to get one step closer to being all grown up and coming into the real world," said Occhigrossi of his plans for his time at NSU. "I am a psychology major. Athletically, I want to absorb as much knowledge and experience from my coaches and teammates as possible."

This 22-year-old athlete is bringing a lot to the table for the NSU Sharks this season, towering at a height of 6'5" and weighing in at 210 pounds of pure muscle mass. Along with his incredible



Griff Occhigrossi
Photo courtesy NSU Website

size, Occhigrossi has plenty of experience, maturity and passion to add to the team.

"I love baseball because so many things can be going on in your life, but as soon as you step between the two foul lines on the field, the game is all that matters," says Occhigrossi.

There is more to him than just baseball- he loves music as well.

Occhigrossi states, "I want to stray from the stereotypes of being a jock, musician, or scholar and I want people to get to know me for who I am. My passion is writing and performing original songs on the guitar. I'm extremely family oriented and enjoy working out in my spare time."

NSU's Sports Stats

Men's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Lynn	3	0	1.000	11	3	.786
Tampa	3	1	.750	12	3	.800
Rollins	3	1	.750	9	4	.692
Eckerd	2	1	.667	12	2	.857
Nova Southeastern	2	1	.667	8	4	.667
Barry	2	2	.500	9	4	.692
Florida Southern	1	2	.333	10	4	.714
Saint Leo	0	4	.000	4	11	.267
Florida Tech	0	4	.000	3	11	.214

Women's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Rollins	4	0	1.000	12	0	1.000
Lynn	3	0	1.000	8	5	.615
Tampa	3	1	.750	11	4	.733
Florida Tech	2	2	.500	8	7	.533
Saint Leo	2	2	.500	5	9	.357
Nova Southeastern	1	2	.333	8	6	.571
Florida Southern	1	2	.333	5	9	.357
Eckerd	0	3	.000	2	12	.143
Barry	0	4	.000	3	12	.200

Winter Break Basketball Summary

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

Nova Southeastern men's basketball team had their first home game opener over winter break on Dec. 17, 2005 against the University of North Alabama. With a score tied at 81 all, the Sharks headed into overtime. In the last few seconds of the game, SR guard Luis Gurrieres hit a free throw, making the score 92-91, ensuring the win for NSU. Top scorers for the game were FR center Dave Naylor with 21 points and 12 rebounds, and SR guard Kenny Faulk, carrying 21 points of his own.

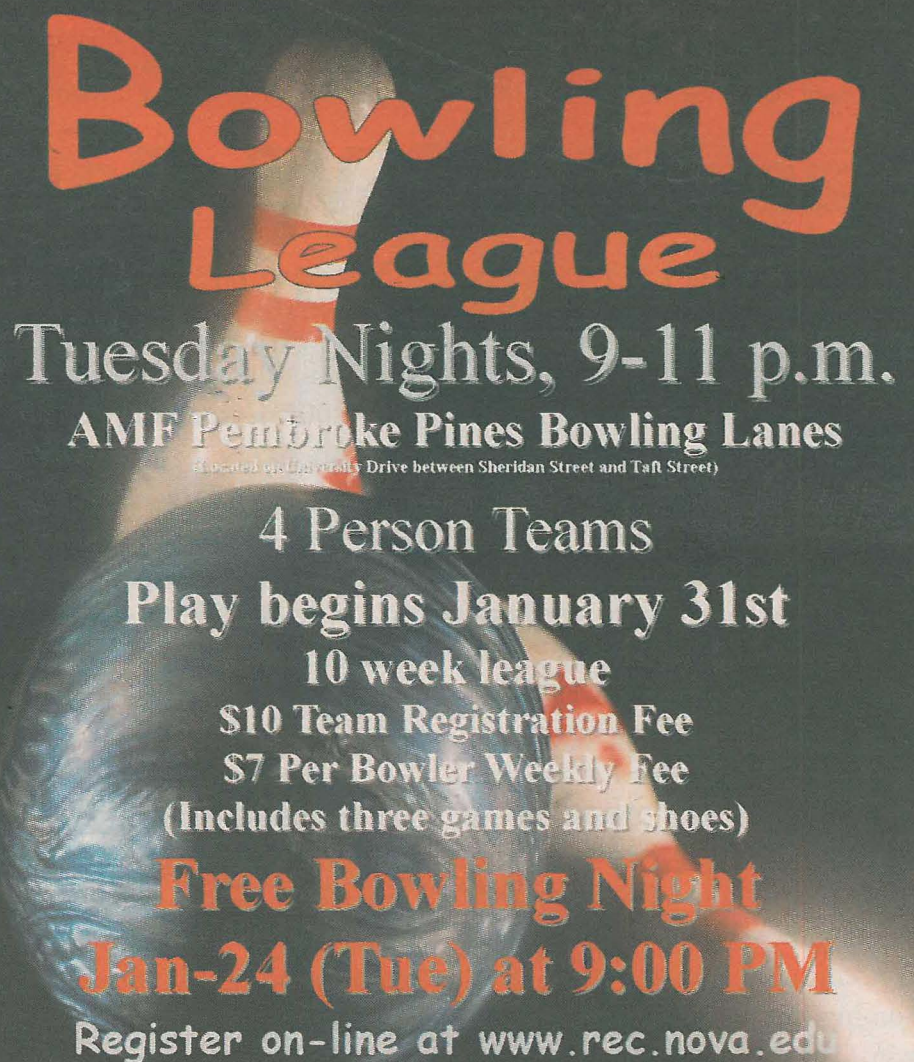
The Sharks took on Northern Kentucky University Dec. 29, 2005 at home, winning 80-73 and lengthening their winning streak to 5 games. FR point guard Rhys Martin was a huge contributor to the team's success as he scored a career high of 24 points. FR forward Tim Coenraad scored his first ever double-double at 14 points and 10 rebounds.

NSU Sharks lost to Adelphi University at home 49-59 on Dec. 31, 2005, ending their winning

streak. Due to injury, starters Naylor, Faulk and Coenraad weren't able to play, making it difficult for the team.

Kicking off the new year, NSU faced conference rival Lynn University at Lynn. Both teams were neck and neck throughout the game, heading into half time at a tie score of 37-37. Although the Sharks took an 11 point lead in the second half, Lynn's Fighting Knights rallied to take the win 78-75.

Saturday, Jan. 7, NSU faced SSC rival, Florida Tech, in Melbourne. Coenraad started the game off shooting a 3 pointer, staying hot throughout the game and finishing with a career high of 28 points. SO captain guard Oresti Nitsios was one of the four players scoring in double numbers with 16 points. SR forward, CJ Jenkins, put up 15 points, and Martin scored 14 of his own. Gurrieres had a career high of 16 rebounds. The Sharks ended the game with a win, 88-71, putting their record at 7-4, 1-1 SSC.



Bowling League

Tuesday Nights, 9-11 p.m.
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(Located on University Drive between Sheridan Street and Taft Street)

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Arts & Entertainment

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Midseason TV Preview

By **Marines Alvarez**
A&E Editor

It's so hard to say goodbye, but sometimes we have no choice. In light of that, here is my way of saying goodbye to all the Fall 2005 TV offerings that never made it this far: "Reunion," we shall never know the killer, "Kitchen Confidential," I never knew ye, "Inconceivable," I told you it wouldn't last. In total, about 16 shows got the axe, including old favorites like "Alias" and "Will and Grace."

Thankfully, though, the networks will not leave us with a hole in our hearts (and TV schedules). Midseason shows are getting ready to crank up and I am obliged to bring you all the shows that are looking to strike a chord with audiences but may find themselves on the R.I.P list from above.

"Emily's Reason Why Not" Mondays 9:00pm (ABC)

Heather Graham plays Emily Sanders, an attractive blonde with an incredible job who can't seem to land a decent date. This already predictable story line comes replete with her two best friends who are always on hand to give the witty two cents. As we follow Sanders we literally hear her inner monologue as she tries to live and date by a personal set of "rules."

The Good: Although she is gorgeous and at first glance you wonder how she would find it

hard to get a date, Graham brings a great sweet and bubbly quality to the character. Her portrayal of the fun loving and often clueless but otherwise well-off Sanders makes it easier to understand why this successful editor might find it hard to score in the dating department.

The Bad: We've probably heard it all before. "Reasons" can be easily compared to "Sex and the City" and, unfortunately, it doesn't quite hold its own. If the remaining episodes can manage to show the audience some originality and cut down on all the gimmicks (we get it, she has reasons...) it might be able to find it's footing and some viewers.

Other Shows About the Terminally Single: "Love Monkey" Tuesdays 9:00pm (CBS), "Courting Alex" Mondays 9:30pm, (CBS), "What About Brian" (ABC)

"Skating With Celebrities" Wednesday Jan. 18, 9pm (FOX)

Maybe you have heard of a breakaway reality TV hit named "Dancing with The Stars." FOX definitely has and they decided to mix it with some elements reminiscent of a circus show and produce "Skating With Celebrities." Each "celebrity" is paired with a professional figure skater and FOX is hoping that we will tune in to witness all the spills and thrills.

The Good: There are a lot of people out there who find it thoroughly entertaining to watch



Emily's Reason Why Not: Emily's (Graham) reason why not number 3, "When he says he wants to sleep with you, he means he wants to SLEEP with you." Photo courtesy ABC.com

80's /90's stars like Dave Coulier ("Full House"), Todd Bridges ("Different Strokes") and Debbie Gibson fall on the ice, repeatedly.

The Bad: There are plenty of people who would find the above not funny at all. This show will take the spot of the critically-acclaimed, witty, and underappreciated show, "Arrested Development." The trade-off hardly seems fair.

Other Midseason Reality Shows: "American Idol" Tuesdays 8:00pm (FOX), "Dancing With the Stars 2" Thursdays 8:00pm (ABC), "Beauty and the Geek 2" Thursday 9:00pm (WB)

"Pepper Dennis" TBD, (WB)

Rebecca Romijn plays Pepper Dennis, an aspiring reporter who has her eye on the anchor chair. Unfortunately and unbeknownst

to her, she has a one night stand with her new boss. That may put a damper on her career aspirations.

The Good: The cast is pretty, if nothing else. Besides Romijn, "Pepper" boasts Brooke Burns, Lindsay Price and Josh Hopkins in supporting roles. It's set up is incredibly similar to "Grey's Anatomy," which has proven to be a hit with audiences. In addition, "Pepper Dennis," will also see the return of "Boy Meets World" star Ryder Strong and "The Secret World of Alex Mack" star Larisa Oleynik.

The Bad: Because of a late start, the series order was cut from 13 to 8 episodes. This could be okay if the show is a stinker, but it might leave audiences wanting.

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Showbiz Bits

Compiled by **Marines Alvarez**

Ledger Takes a Stand on Important Issues

Like Utah. Yes, folks, that's right, in his free time, Heath Ledger likes lashing out against people in Utah. Ledger made this statement after finding out that theaters within the state were refusing to play his movie, Brokeback Mountain: "Personally, I don't think the movie is [controversial] but I think maybe the Mormons in Utah do. I think it's hilarious and very immature of a society." Furthermore, he was quoted in the Herald Sun as saying, "I heard a while ago that West Virginia was going to ban it but that's a state that was lynching people only 25 years ago so that's to be expected." That's right, Heath, lash out against those religious people and all their...religious convictions. Forget important issues like world peace and world hunger, lets figure out how to get Mormons in the theater. And, while we're at it, we can figure out how West Virginia managed to lynch all those people (only 25 years ago) and never tell anyone.

Everyone Who's Anyone Has One

Because Colin Farrell isn't famous enough, the self-proclaimed Irish bad boy of the movie industry has recently had a steamy sex-tape of him and his former girlfriend, Playmate Nicole Narain, leaked into the wide expanse of the internet universe. The website that hosted the tape, www.dirtycolin.com, was shutdown after it allegedly violated a court order to block its release, says The Superficial.com. The video has been called amateurish, with its unsteady camera views, Farrell's corny sex dialogue (who knew?), and Narain engaging in numerous "balancing acts" while waving her pierced tongue to the camera. According to the Defamer.com, the video finishes with Colin taking the camera and pointing at Narain's white cat and saying, "Baby, you have the most beautiful [kitty]." You know what? I don't care that Colin has done something so utterly perverse and naughty. I'm just very proud of the fact that his sex-tape

didn't involve any peeing or anyone under 17. And that is something to be proud of. Good job, Colin.

Things You Should Never Try Again

Okay. Here it goes: Eating clay, stuffing peas up your nose, gluing your hands together, cutting your own hair, shaving your eyebrows and, if you are Kim Mathers, a marriage to Eminem. According to the Macomb County Clerk's office, Kim has applied for a marriage license, stating the groom as none other than Marshall Bruce Mathers III (ha! I'd change my name too). After a divorce in 2001 in which the couple underwent an ugly custody battle, they reconciled in 2004. Now, I know it's all nice when the parents of a child get back together, but if I were Kim and I were making a list called "Should I Marry Him Again, Yes or No," "He writes songs about KILLING me when he's angry" would count for quadruple points on the "no" side.

What NSYNC Money Can Buy You

A trip to space? No. More fame and fortune if your name is not Justin Timberlake? No. An engagement ring for one Cameron Diaz if you name is Justin Timberlake? Yes! Well, at least, that is what Ted Casablanca of E! fame is telling to the world. According to Casablanca, Timberlake popped the question after the couple returned from a holiday ski trip. For those of you wondering if Timberlake was extra romantic and dropped to one knee and wrote some poetry the answer is no. According to reports, the two were talking and it came up and it just kind of happened. "So, uh, hey, you want to get married." "Wow. Cool. Sure." Now that kids, is romance. On the bright side, at least our ex-boy-bander didn't marry Britney Spears. Has anyone seen her lately? Homegirl needs a brush, a bra, a shower, and a treadmill real quick.

This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

January 20

Underworld: Evolution

Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman, Tony Curran

Director: Len Wiseman

Genre: Action, Horror

MPAA Rating: R

Underworld: Evolution continues the saga of war between the aristocratic Death Dealers and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves). The film traces the beginnings of the ancient feud between the two tribes as Selene (Kate Beckinsale), the vampire heroine, and Michael (Scott Speedman), the lycan hybrid, try to unlock the secrets of their bloodlines. The tale of action, intrigue and forbidden love takes them into the battle to end all wars as the immortals must finally face their retribution.

Book Releases

Available January 16

The Pale Horseman by Bernard Cornwell

Uhtred is a Saxon, cheated of his inheritance, and adrift in a world of fire, sword, and treachery. He has to make a choice: to fight for the Vikings who raised him, or for King Alfred the Great of Wessex, who dislikes him. In the late ninth century, Wessex is the last English kingdom. All the rest have fallen to the Danish Vikings, and the Vikings want to finish England. They assemble the Great Army, whose sole ambition is to conquer Wessex. Yet fate, as Uhtred learns, has its own imperatives. When the Vikings attack out of a wintry darkness to shatter the last English kingdom, Uhtred finds himself on Alfred's side.

The Force of Reason by Oriana Fallaci

In *The Force of Reason*, Fallaci takes aim at the many attacks and death threats she received after the publication of *The Rage and the Pride*. Fallaci begins by identifying herself with one Master Cecco, the author of a heretical book who was burnt at the stake during the Inquisition seven centuries ago on account of his beliefs, and proceeds with a rigorous analysis of the burning of Troy and the creation of a Europe that, to her judgment, is no longer her familiar homeland but rather a place best called Eurabia, a soon-to-be colony of Islam (with Italy as its stronghold). Fallaci explores her ideas in historical, philosophical, moral, and political terms, courageously addressing taboo topics with sharp logic.

DVD Releases

Available January 18

Nicolas Cage in *Lord of War*

Natasha Richardson in *Asylum*

Gabrielle Anwar in *Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken*

Martin Sheen in *Enigma*

Entertainment

January 18

Kathy Griffin at the Colony Theater in Miami Beach

January 19

Aerosmith at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise

January 20

Lenny Kravitz/Aerosmith at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise

Dane Cook at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach

Whoppi Goldberg at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts

January 21

D.L. Hughley at the Colony Theater in Miami Beach

David Spade at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach

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Compiled by Marines Alvarez



King Kong shares a heartfelt moment with Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts). Photo courtesy Yahoo!Movies

The Kong is Back!

By Kristine Belizaire

Distribution Manager

On top of being everyone's favorite 25-foot ape, King Kong can boast a pretty impressive résumé. After one remake of the 1933 classic, I would think that directors would give up on the idea of another King Kong movie. Wrong. Lord of the Rings Director Peter Jackson (*The Lord of the Rings* trilogy) is back with the second remake of King Kong, finally realizing a life-long dream and aspiration.

King Kong follows the story of the relationship between a legendary ape and the woman, Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) who captures his heart. King Kong becomes infatuated after he saves her from being sacrificed on the remote Skull Island when she goes there with filmmaker Carl Denham (Jack Black) to shoot a movie. Once they arrive on Skull Island, Denham and his crew face a lot of danger, battling with over-sized insects and scary ancient humans. When the surviving members of the crew escape they capture Kong and bring him to New York City, where he searches for Ann and does what any man on a date might do: takes her to the top of the

Empire State Building.

True to the original, the movie is set in the 1930's, but it also it adds new scenes, including a very violent fight with T-Rex and a flight on top of the Empire State Building. Though the movie is three hours long, the action packed thriller keeps you glued to the seat and your eyes glued to the screen. True to form, Jackson's new offering is overflowing with great special effects, and Kong himself looks more realistic than ever. This movie also manages to really capture the relationship between Kong and Ann, instead of making it appear to be a one-sided love affair.

The actors did a great job. Watts was perfect for the role of the delicate Ann, and Black injected the appropriate amount of arrogance into his character. And of course, one mustn't forget Adrien Brody, who played silent hero Jack Driscoll wonderfully.

All in all, this movie was one of the best from 2005 and is still in theaters. Catch it while you can! And here's to hoping that the 2040 version of King Kong can live up to the franchise.

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Other Shows That Might be Relying on Good Looks: "South Beach" Wednesdays, 8:00pm (UPN), "America's Next Top Model" (UPN),

"The Book of Daniel"

Fridays 9:00m (NBC)

Aidan Quinn plays an Episcopalian minister that has more than his fair share of problems. His oldest son is gay, his daughter sells marijuana and he himself is addicted to Vicodin. Thankfully for him, he has lengthy conversations with Jesus (yes, Jesus, complete with beard and robe) about everything in his life.

The Good: "Book of Daniel" is supported by a strong cast, including the title player, Quinn. Though some may not have turned their head to look at the show, the controversy surrounding the

minister may have caused curiosity to bubble over in audiences.

The Bad: Hold your shock, but this show is extremely soapy. If you take all the drama from "Desperate Housewives" and threw into "Joan of Arcadia," you might come out with this. For some audience members, it might be tough to stand.

Other Could-Be-Controversial Shows: "The Bedford Diaries" (WB)

In all honesty, midseason shows aren't looking to bright for me. Midseason sometimes carries the reputation of catching the leftovers that weren't good enough for the fall, and these latest offerings are looking like they might just live up to that. For a complete listing of all the midseason shows and premier dates, visit www.zap2it.com.



Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Everyone thought it was pretty funny when pro wrestler Jesse Ventura became the governor of Minnesota a few years back, and it was just as amusing when Arnold Schwarzenegger took office in California.

But neither of these guys have anything on Jonathan Sharkey.

The self-proclaimed vampire and obscure former pro-wrestler put in his bid to run for governor on Friday the 13th (13 being his lucky number), on the ticket for the Vampyres, Witches and Pagans party. Now, I'm not entirely sure if there is anyone but Sharkey in this party, but he seems to think this is a good idea. Most Wiccans and Pagans I know, however, probably have the sense to disagree.

While the entire thing may be someone's idea of a very complicated and elaborate joke (Sharkey went so far as to pledge to execute murderers and sex offenders by personally impaling them on a wooden stake outside the capitol building), it's entirely possible that it's for real. Although it's beyond me why a 'vampire' would want a government office. I suppose it just goes to show that just about anyone can run for office.

My question is: does he seriously think he has a chance in this election? Most readers replying to a poll accompanying the Reuters story on AOL seem to think no, but I'm not so sure. At least a few people will vote for Sharkey because they think that it's funny, so maybe his chances for election depend on how many jokers the state of Minnesota boasts.

With several elections in recent memory having been accompanied by some sort of scandal and the obligatory media circus, I, for one, will probably be sitting on the sidelines with a bowl of popcorn, because the race for Minnesota's governor may just be on of those times that truth is proven stranger than fiction.

As usual, I invite you to email me with comments on this, or any other, story at nsnews@nova.edu.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

Spirituality Corner

To Know Oneself

By April Eldemire

Graduate Assistant for Spirituality and Student Engagement

The famous quote by Thales of Miletus, "The most difficult thing in life is to know yourself," may be frequently used, but should never be disregarded. Friends come and go, people in your life enter and leave, but in the end, you are left with yourself. You are left with the silent drum of your own voice, the same face when you

look in the mirror, the fleeting emotions of your personality that sometimes cannot be tamed. So what it all comes down to is the fact that you must be happy with yourself, love yourself, respect yourself, and with this....comes the true realization of yourself.

Don't ever stop testing, challenging, prodding and poking at the person you are

and the person you will become. With this only comes further enlightenment about the meaning of your life.

The ability to rely on others is important. To trust another is one of the huge risks taken in life, and one that is cautiously regarded, but to trust yourself is the ultimate truth, knowledge and enlightenment.

In T.V. Land

Rotten Eggs and Other Things Not to Say on a First Date

By Marines Alvarez

A&E Editor

There are some things you do in life that have no rational explanation. One thing leads to another and before you know it, you are sitting at home on a Monday night, dressed in your favorite pajamas, consuming hoards of the hurricane food that still crowds your pantry and watching "The Bachelor: Paris." Don't judge me. You know that it has happened to you before. Maybe not exactly, but something scarily similar.

Though "The Bachelor/Bachelorette" series is currently in its eighth season, I know precious little about it. For those of you who are even more clueless than me, "The Bachelor" puts one bachelor (hence the name) into a house with an obscene number of women all "looking for love" or their 15 minutes of fame. Whichever comes first. Week by week the girls go on group dates (gross) and some have the chance to have private dates. The girls all fall head over heels in the matter of — oh, I don't know — minutes, and throughout the season they all kiss the same guy, pretend to be "BFF" and call each other obscene names behind the scenes. The Bachelor eliminates one girl at a time at a rose ceremony where the girls get all weepy, and mascara runs down their faux-tanned faces.

The "twist" this season involves jetting the women and Bachelor Travis, an ER doctor

who occasionally looks like he's storing nuts for the winter in his cheeks, to Paris. The show boasts Travis as the "best bachelor ever!" Quite a slap in the face to the other bachelors, huh, Andrew Firestone? Jesse Palmer? Bob — ew, just thinking of Bachelor "Blob" gives me the willies.

During the premier on Jan. 9, audiences were treated to the obligatory parade of women in flashy (mostly horrible) dresses, stiff hair and pasted on pageant smiles. Unlike previous seasons, the premier lasted only an hour, which I think is definitely a better formula. Show us the girls, let him talk to them for all of three seconds and then let him pick who he wants solely on looks. Seriously. Pick the cuties, boot the ugly ones, don't pretend your choices were based on anything else, and let's move on to the next episode.

There were 25 women as the show started. I have no clue how he kept them straight because I know I am scratching my head to remember anything other than Dr. Nut Jaw himself and crazy Allie. Oh, poor, poor crazy Allie. In all honesty, while I started watching this show by accident, I kept watching because Allie, a 33 year-old oncologist from Delray Beach, was a train wreck waiting to happen. After the initial introductions, the first time we see Allie, she has this to say, "I'm definitely here to find my husband. Hopefully the bachelor will be that guy, because quite frankly, my eggs are rotting."

Woah, lady. If you have one

egg left and it currently resembles a raisin, that is something you should keep to yourself. Seriously. You just met the man. What would possess anyone to talk about reproduction, a word she uses at least 15 times in the span on the hour, upon meeting them. Rotten Egg Allie corners Dr. Doesn't Know What's coming and says, "I want to move on to the reproductive phase of my life." Lady, he wants to move on to drinks and questions like, "where are you from?" and "how old are you?", not "want to name our children?"

Needless to say, Allie didn't get a rose. She throws a fit, swears off dating (men of Delray Beach, you are safe) and tracks down Dr. In For It Again, and asks, "Why didn't you choose me? You don't find me attractive? I'm too short? I have small boobs?" As much as I wanted Dr. Too Nice to say, "Yes, on all these accounts plus your nuts," he goes the chivalrous route and says something about not being in the same place as Allie. And so, the eighth season of the Bachelor has started its run. I'm not quite convinced that I will watch it in its entirety. Devilled Eggs Allie was reality TV gold and it was a shame to see her go. One can only hope that she can make a guest star appearance. Or stalk the ladies and the doctor. Or maybe she really will join a convent where her and her spoiled reproductive system will spend their days forever, cursing the day they met Dr. Travis.

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What Unity Week event are you highly anticipating?

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- ☐ Take Back the Night Rally and March
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Feb. 8 - Literary Explosion Honors Black History Alvin Sherman Library and the Farguhar College of Arts & Sciences presents, The Literary Explosion, a literature share and panel discussion 6-9 pm.

Feb. 10-Mar. 31 2006 - 3rd Annual African Presence Art Exhibit, "Rock My Soul": The Black Legacy of Rock and Roll, a traveling exhibit from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum.

Feb. 11 - DIY Family Tree: Finding Your Roots, exploring genealogy resources for families of African heritage. 1 to 3 pm.

Feb. 19 - Teen Musings Reading Group, Black History Month special: discussion of Alice Walker's short story, "Strong Horse Tea." Ages 12 to 19, 4 to 6 pm.

Feb. 25 - State of Black Families in Florida Workshop moderated by HOT105 FM radio personality Rodney Baltimore. Free event, families welcome, 9 am to 1 pm, Shepard Broad Law Center.

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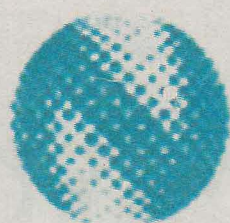
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