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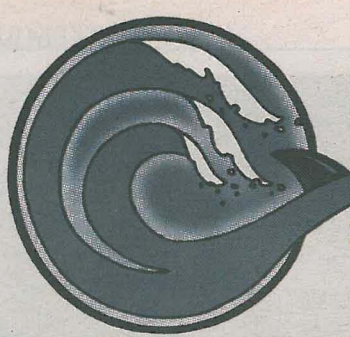
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## Nery Saenz and Final Impression Crack Up and Rock Out

By Alisha VanHoose  
Editor-in-Chief

The Flight Deck was filled on Sept. 14 as students waited eagerly to see standup comedian Nery Saenz and band Final Impression in the first Live Night of the semester.

"I'm wicked excited," said BCC Student Ashley Klein, who had seen Saenz open for Jamie Kennedy and heard about Thursday's performance from a friend at NSU.

Saenz went on at 9 p.m. to a full house, talking about dating, college, guy friends, sex, getting lost on NSU's large campus, and other subjects that had the audience cracking up.

"It's like a middle school dance here," he said at one point, referring to the large group of female students up front while most of the guys hung out by the pool tables.

The 25 year-old comic has been doing standup in local venues for three years now.

"I'm glad to be where I am in my career in three years because three years is really nothing. I feel like I'm ahead of the curve," he said between joking with students after his performance. "I'm really impressed with Nova," he added. "You guys have a good turnout every time."

Final Impressions went up after a short intermission and had the room rocking with an energetic performance that could be heard on the other side of the UC.

The band, consisting of dental students Aaron Kennedy, Larry Dougherty, Jesse Gallagher and Joe "Hands" Ata, played a punky mix of original songs and covers as they jumped around in front of, as well as off of the edge of, the



**Above:** Comedian Nery Saenz. **Top:** Final Impression from left to right: Larry Dougherty, Aaron Kennedy, and Joe Ata on guitar, Jesse Gallagher on drums.

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All Photos by Michael Palozzola.



## Edwin Black Launches New Book at NSU

By Michael Bergbauer  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 12, award winning author and investigative journalist Edwin Black launched his latest book, *Internal Combustion*, at the Alvin Sherman Library.

Black's new book investigates the world's addiction to oil and solutions for breaking the addiction. His lecture at the event encompassed much of the history regarding the addiction, including how the world started with wood, then moved on to coal, the energy source with the first secret cartel – the Hostmen. Black went on to explain the rest of oil's sordid past, including transportation monopolies, secret trust conspiracies and industrial sabotage, notably the unexplained flash fire in Edison Labs, which was working on an affordable electric car. "Speed blurs vision. When man stepped on a car or train, his whole perspective changed," said Black.

Black then went on to talk about the alternatives to oil, including

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**Left:** Kennedy and Ata make a simultaneous jump during the last part of their set. **Below left:** A large crowd turned out for the performances. **Above:** Saenz displays some locker room angst during his sketch. Photos by Michael Palozzola.

## LIVE

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# Standup comic, dental band perform at first Live Night

stage.

"They were great," said junior Mike Kuhar. "I like the guitar; they can shred."

The group got together before a talent show two years ago while in the anatomy lab discussing the instruments they play, and eventually named themselves Final Impression.

"After all the stupid dental terms we could think of, that was the toughest one," quipped Gallagher.

"We're probably the best band to out of dental school," said Ata. "We

exclusively play dental-core."

At the moment, the band only plays campus venues and has no plans to branch out.

"We're thinking of branching in, actually," said Ata. Dougherty adds, "into dentistry."

Final Impression's next performance is to be Oct. 26 in the University Center.

Saenz and Final Impression can be found online at [www.myspace.com/nerysaenzcomedy](http://www.myspace.com/nerysaenzcomedy) and [www.myspace.com/finalimpression](http://www.myspace.com/finalimpression).



## BLACK

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# Alternate energies could be available now with demand, according to Black

hydrogen and sugar cane ethanol and the ineffectiveness of corn ethanol, which has been receiving a lot of attention lately. Consumers could have these energies as soon as tomorrow if there was a demand, claimed Black, who also pushed for a green fleet initiative. Green fleet refers to converting an entire fleet of vehicles, such as those used by UPS or Fed-Ex, to vehicles that use alternative fuels. Doing so would create a market place for alternative fuels, which big-name car manufacturers would not be able to

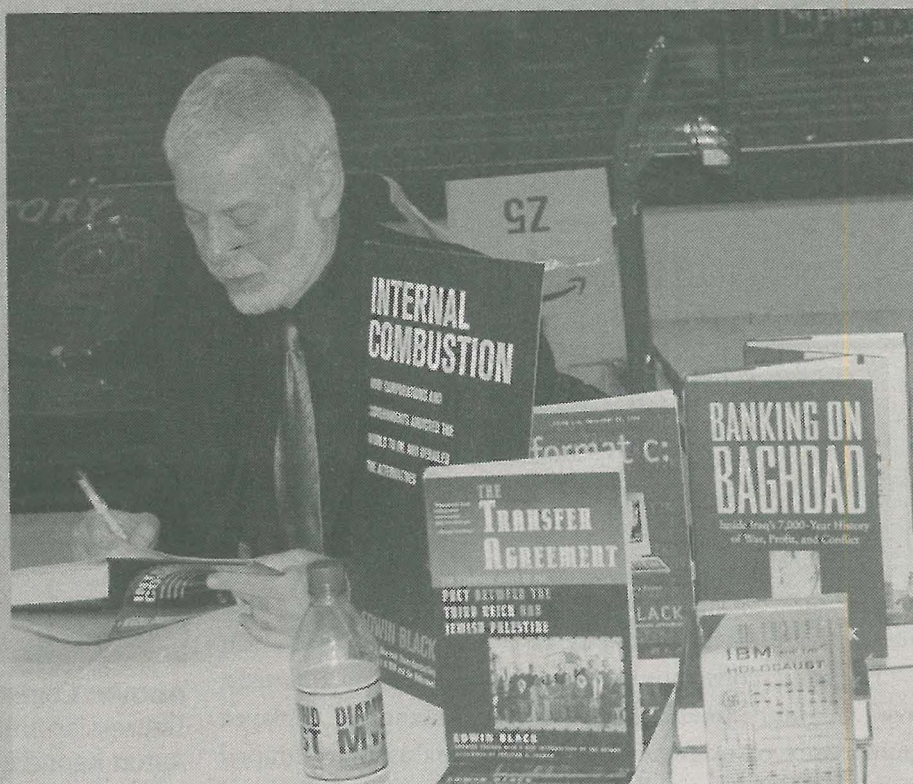
ignore, assured Black.

"This is an important issue that is a part of our future," said student Caitlin Seymour. "I really liked how he explained it all. I'm glad I went."

"I agree with what he said and he was very well versed," said student Natasha Antonovich. "If anybody could lead us into energy reform, he could."

As the event came to a close, Black met with students and signed copies of his book.

For more information about Edwin Black or his new book, visit [internalcombustionbook.com](http://internalcombustionbook.com).



**Above:** Black signs copies of his books after speaking. **On the cover:** Black speaking at the Alvin Sherman Library. Photos by Michael Palozzola



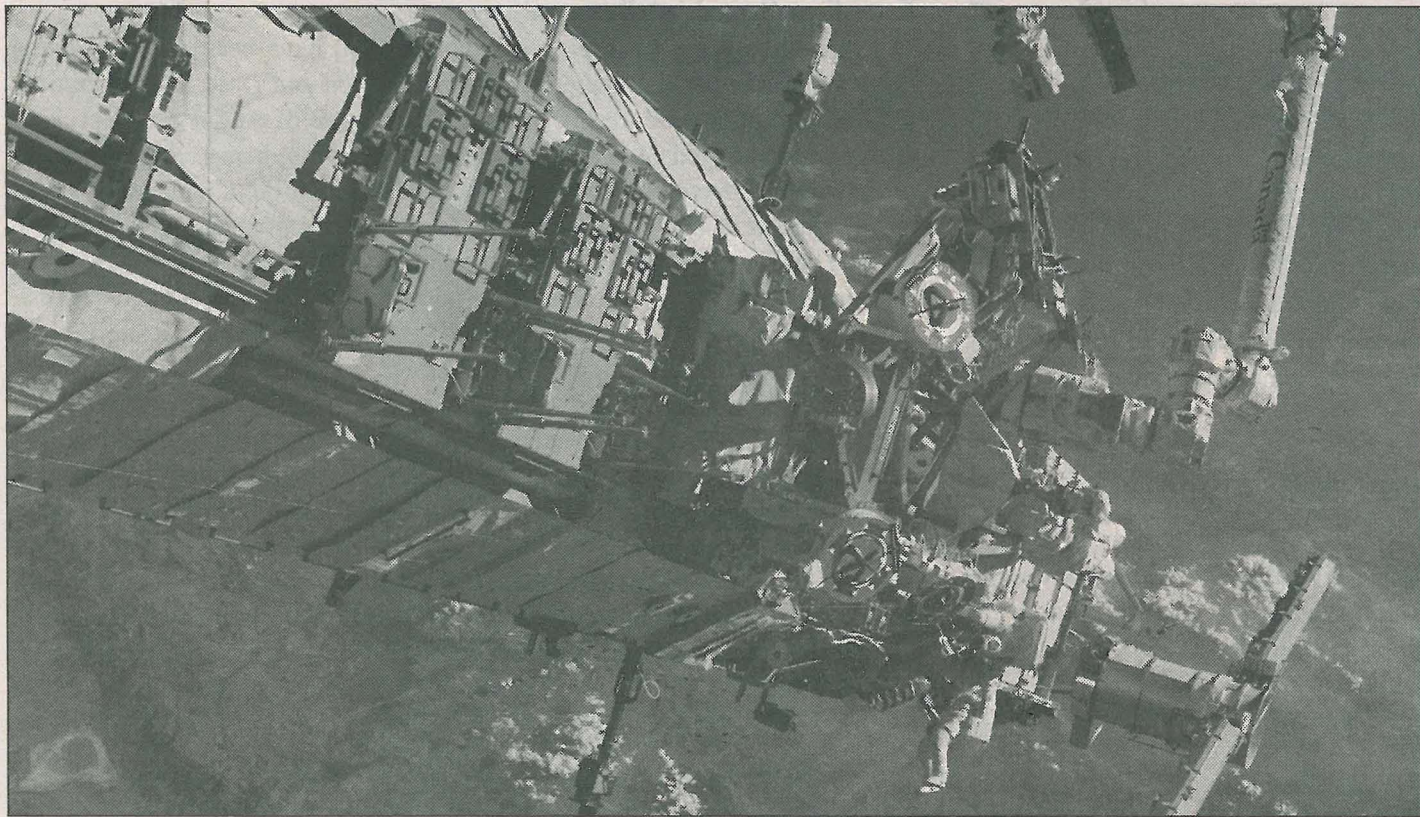


Photo courtesy NASA

As Atlantis and the International Space Station soar over earth, astronauts prepare the solar arrays during a Sept. 13 spacewalk.

## Shuttle Atlantis Docks with Space Station after Delays

Shuttle delayed multiple times prior to launch

By Greg Kyriakakis  
Nation & World Editor

Following several delays caused by bad weather and mechanical problems, space shuttle Atlantis launched from Kennedy Space Center on Sept. 9 on a mission to continue construction of the international space station.

Special attention was paid to the foam insulation to ensure the safety

of the craft following the Columbia disaster in 2003. The Associated Press reported that over 100 cameras monitored the fuel tank's foam and found three possible hits that likely did minimal damage. Shuttle program manager Wayne Hale said that after reviewing the video, he is "at ease" for the shuttle's integrity.

Atlantis transported an over 17 ton "truss section that will be added to the half-built space station," that will add two solar arrays responsible for providing power to the structure, the Associated Press indicated.

During the first space walk on Sept. 12, a bolt was lost in space

during construction. Astronaut Joe Tanner, who lost the fastener, said that "I just hope that bolt is on its way to mother Earth" in a Los Angeles Times article. NASA officials responded by saying that after evaluating the risk they "are not concerned about" the 2-ounce bolt that could have potentially interfered with equipment and have cleared the shuttle for return.

On Sept. 14, NASA.gov reported that the crew completed "full deployment" of the solar panels after a software problem delayed

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## Terrible Tropical Trio

By Shenita Ann McLean  
Staff Writer

Three recent tropical storms in the Atlantic Ocean potentially posed threats to nearby landmasses, though only one made landfall. The flurry of activity, which increased the number of named storms this year to eight, comes midway through the hurricane season.

Hurricane Florence was the first of the three hurricanes to develop. Tropical Depression Six formed in the Atlantic, 2,500 miles away from Southwest Florida on Sept. 3. By Sept. 4, she developed into Tropical Storm Florence and was showing strengthening potential. Tropical

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## New Cervical Cancer Vaccine Protects Against HPV

By Shenita Ann McLean  
Staff Writer

More women may be able to receive protection against the various types of cancer-causing human papilloma viruses thanks to Merck's cervical cancer vaccine. The vaccine, Gardasil, was developed to protect against two types of HPV viruses that cause 75 percent of all cervical cancers, according to Earthtimes.org.

"There are a few things in women's health that get me so excited, but this is just wonderful because it's basically almost going to be 100 percent prevention of cancer," said Dr. Karen Fienstien, who administers the vaccine.

Not only is the medical community excited about the life saving vaccine but so are students at

NSU.

"The cervical cancer vaccine is an impressive accomplishment," said Christopher Tann, president of the Pre-med society. "Seventy five percent of lives saved is an outstanding number. It's amazing how clinical trials can advance medicine and help get it out to the community."

Though Gardasil is effective, it is also costly. According to the Columbus Dispatch, health officials are wondering if college women can afford a \$400 dollar vaccine to prevent cervical cancer. Many believe that the cost will keep students from getting the high-priced, three-dose shot. The American College Health

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From the Editors of E/The  
Environmental Magazine

## EARTH TALK

Dear EarthTalk: In a public restroom, which is the more environmentally sound and healthy option for drying your hands: a paper towel or an electric hand dryer? --  
Dee Janis, Binghamton, NY

Most experts would agree that wall-mounted electric hand dryers are preferable to paper towels from an environmental standpoint. Though they do use energy, they shut off automatically and therefore don't waste energy--and they eliminate the need for paper while also keeping paper out of the waste stream.

But the answer may depend upon whom you ask. World Dryer Corporation, which supplies wall mounted dryers, prepared a study for the Topeka, Kansas public school system, which concluded that switching from paper towels to 102 of its wall-mounted dryers system-wide would save annually 587 trees, 690,000 gallons of water, 34.5 tons of solid waste, 103.5 cubic yards of landfill space, and almost \$90,000 per year (including electricity costs), with less than a six-month initial payback period for the cost of installation.

Others are not so quick to give the nod to dryers, and cite sanitation as the reason. The Handwashing For Life Institute (HFL), an association of food service suppliers that includes paper makers, argues that hand dryers have "no place" in restaurant or cafeteria washrooms or in other situations where food is being handled. "Most users walk away with wet hands and wet hands transfer bacteria 500 times more readily than dry hands," says the group's website. HFL advocates paper towels over dryers because they "remove bacteria from hands and reduce general bacterial counts by an average of 58 percent."

Many hand washers would agree that wall dryers do not work as effectively as paper. After all, who hasn't given their hands a final swipe across a pant leg after using a hand dryer for a few minutes? California State University facilities manager Gary Homesley was one of those, but in assessing whether or not to replace paper towels with electric dryers at a campus student union, he was shocked to learn of the significant amount of resources used to make paper as well as the large amount of pollutants that paper-making was responsible for discharging into the atmosphere.

Ultimately Homesley chose the Xlerator hand dryer. The manufacturer, Excel Dryers, claims that it will dry hands in 10-15 seconds, and that it addresses the effectiveness

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# Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

## Immune to Shocks, Electric Stuntman Killed by Generator

Nguyen "Hung Electric" Van Hung, a Vietnamese man nationally revered for his ability to resist electric shocks, was killed by electrocution while repairing a generator. A Reuters article stated that Hung Electric, who once appeared on the program "Strange Stories of Vietnam," would demonstrate "how he would insert two fingers into the electrical plughole without problems," said a local official. Despite his previous victories against electrical currents, Hung Electric died after neglecting to disable the generator's power source before beginning repairs.

## On Trial for Threatening Judge, Man Again Threatens Judge

Not one to learn from his mistakes, Ignacio Javier Bilbao Goikoetxea, on trial for threatening to kill a judge, told the judge Alfonso Guevara during his subsequent hearing that he would shoot and skin his Honor. Reuters reported that the convicted murderer shouted at Guevara "If you're a man, come here ... I'm going to skin you alive ... I look forward to shooting you seven times when I get my hands on you" in a Madrid, Spain, courtroom. Goikoetxea is already serving 45 years for the murder of a government official and may have another two years added to his sentence for the threatening outburst.

## Fleeing Drunkard Stops for Red Lights

Being involved in a police chase did not stop Joshua Grant from being a concerned citizen. While driving drunk, the Nashua, N.H. resident, evaded police but stopped at every red light he encountered, according to WMUR news. Police attempted to stop the vehicle by deflating the tires with a spike strip, but Grant continued moving. A police captain said that the suspect's "very unusual" stop light decorum allowed police "to subsequently box in the vehicle so it would no longer go when it came to another stop at one of the red lights." Grant was charged with drunk driving, among other violations, and will be arraigned later in the month.

## Vandals Thank Paramedics by Painting Ambulance

A group of vandals were apparently so thankful to authorities for helping their sick friend that they decided to decorate the ambulance with graffiti. According to ThisIsExeter.com, while at a party in Ottery St. Mary in Devon, England, a girl became ill and needed medical attention; while being treated her friends vandalized the vehicle. A crew member said that the attack by the "slightly drunk" gang "was completely unprovoked." The vehicle was taken out of service due to the obscene nature of the graffiti. The chief executive of the ambulance service said that this was the second incident of vehicle damage in recent days.

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issue with a high-velocity air stream that actually blows most of the water off the hands, leaving the thin remaining film of water to evaporate more quickly. The product is the first electric hand dryer to be awarded the *Environmental Building News* GreenSpec designation for conserving energy and reducing waste, and is also the first to qualify for the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

(LEED) program.

Despite the prevalence of recycled papers and the increased efficiency of electric hand dryers, it may still be disheartening to know that no matter what you are offered at the conclusion of your public restroom visit you are having some environmental impact. For those losing sleep over that, there is always the truly green fallback of carrying your own reusable washcloth.

### CONTACTS:

World Dryer Corporation, [www.worlddryer.com/environment.html](http://www.worlddryer.com/environment.html); Handwashing For Life Institute, [www.handwashingforlife.com/US/english/Integrated\\_solutions/paper\\_towel.asp](http://www.handwashingforlife.com/US/english/Integrated_solutions/paper_towel.asp); Excel Dryer, [www.exceldryer.com](http://www.exceldryer.com); GreenSpec Directory, [www.buildinggreen.com/ecommerce/gs.cfm](http://www.buildinggreen.com/ecommerce/gs.cfm).

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# News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

## E. coli outbreak strikes nation

After one person has died and another 100 have been sickened from E. coli found in bagged spinach, the federal Food and Drug Administration initiated a nationwide recall of cellophane-packed greens on Sept. 15. Although the bagged vegetable is triple-washed before being packed and can usually be disinfected by cooking, supermarkets all around the country have pulled bagged spinach off of their shelves, said a report by the Associated Press. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention immediately released a report that day that listed 20 states as sites for the E. coli outbreak. The list includes states from mostly the west and northeast; Florida and its neighbors are not included as of Sept. 15. However, FDA officials have advised consumers everywhere "not to assume anything is over" and to "get rid of bagged spinach right now." Without a lead as to the source of infection, the FDA issued the warning as soon as possible. It is suspected that the spinach became tainted in California's Monterey County, where farmers grow about 250 million pounds of the crop a year. "We're trying to get to the bottom of this and figure out what happened. Everybody is terribly concerned," said Dave Kranz, a spokesman for the California Farm Bureau Federation. The CDC stated that symptoms include bloody diarrhea that eventually leads to kidney failure.

For more information, visit [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com).

## Europe

### Pope incites anger from Muslims

According to an Associated Press report, Pope Benedict XVI gave a speech about Islam and jihad in Germany on Sept. 15 that has caused a "torrent of rage that many fear could burst into violent protest." Benedict cited an "obscure Medieval text" that critics say characterizes some of the teachings of Islam as "evil and inhuman." Political and religious figures around Europe and the Middle East have publicly called out the pope and have demanded an apology. Lebanese clerics expressed their disapproval of the pope's statements. Turkey's ruling party "likened the pontiff to Hitler and Mussolini," accusing him of "reviving the mentality of the Crusades." Religious experts said that the pope's speech, in conjunction with the anger over the release of the cartoons of Muhammad in February, have only created "even deeper scars." Dina Rashwan, an analyst in Cairo, Egypt, said "The declarations from the pope are more dangerous than the cartoons, because they come from the most important Christian authority in the world—the cartoons just came from an artist."

For more information, visit [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).

## Middle East

### Prosecutor: Hussein trial judge "too soft"

A Reuters report stated on Sept. 13 that "the lead prosecutor in Saddam Hussein's genocide trial demanded on Wednesday that the chief judge resign for being too soft." Munqith al-Faroon of the chief prosecutor's office told reporters that "the defendants have gone too far with unacceptable expressions and words" and have "uttered clear threats." Al-Faroon claimed that Hussein once threatened to "crush the heads" of his accusers. Chief judge Abdullah al-Amiri defended his rule in the court by citing his 25 years of experience and "recalling how a successor to the Prophet Muhammad allowed the accused to voice their opinions." Faroon warned that he would walk out of a previous session after he was allegedly denied to speak on several occasions. That same session also had Hussein calling a witness a "coward" for taunting the former Iraqi leader for being "in a cage." Saddam continued to defend his actions during the Kurd massacre two decades ago, claiming that Kurdish rebels attempted to kill him and topple his regime.

For more information, visit [www.today.reuters.com](http://www.today.reuters.com).

## Eurasia

### Russian central banker killed, police continue hunt

Andrei Kozlov, Russia's 41 year-old central banker, was murdered by gunmen soon after Kozlov "left a football match between employees" on Sept. 14, stated a Reuters report. After the assassins ambushed Kozlov, shooting him several times, Russian police found two pistols abandoned near the site of the crime. Officials have taken the pistols for analysis, but according to the Moscow prosecutor's office no arrests have been made and police will continue their manhunt. Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov led a moment of silence later during a cabinet meeting, saying the death of one of Russia's major opponents of money laundering was a "great loss." Reuters reports state that "with [Kozlov's] department closing crooked banks at the rate of two or three a week, the central banker had no shortage of enemies." Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin described Kozlov as a "very brave and honest man" who "was at the cutting edge of the battle against financial crime." Police officials told reporters and local media that the murder has all the indications of a contract killing. The gunmen "struck without warning, firing repeatedly at Kozlov and his driver then escaping." The central banker was shot in the head and chest and died soon after arrival at a hospital.

For more information, visit [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk).



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# Gardasil, both costly and effective

Association recommends the vaccine for all college women, due to the frequent occurrence of the virus.

The Dispatch also reported that the Food and Drug Administration decided to approve Gardasil for use by females ages 9 to 26. The U.S. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is recommending it be part of regular immunizations for 11 and 12 year old girls.

HPV is a virus that causes abnormal changes in the cells of a woman's cervix. The virus can either cause benign tumors, which are not life threatening, or malignant tumors, which are cancerous. Cancerous cells can spread to other parts of the body if untreated.

Women are advised to begin getting pap smear tests after they turn 21 or after they begin to become sexually active. Regular Pap tests can help catch HPVs earlier. According to Earthtimes.org, HPV is the most common of all sexually transmitted diseases.

Though the price of the vaccine is high, immunization can prevent costly medical bills if a person becomes infected with HPV in the future.

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proceedings. According to NASA, "the deployment of the arrays sets the stage for future expansion of the station."

Fourteen additional trips to the station are planned to complete the station. Once completed, the current shuttle fleet will be retired in 2010 as focus turns to the moon.

Some have been critical of the space program since President Bush in 2004 outlined a plan to return to the moon by 2020 and eventually travel to Mars. The inherent danger of space flight, mechanical troubles, and copious spending bolster

their argument to reduce the scope program.

Junior Ryan Frabizio points to the few failed Mars missions as evidence as to the wastes of the space program and feels the U.S. is not in a good position to be spending on space exploration. "They spend so much on the war and we have such a huge deficit. For now, it's something that's not important to me."

Others at NSU disagree. "I think it's important to have a space program. Strategically, we need to have the upper hand," said senior Diego Echeverri. He conceded that the government

should be wise about spending and that privatizing the industry could stimulate development as companies compete.

A problem with the power system forced a delay in the scheduled Sept. 6 launch and a fuel sensor caused the cancellation of the Sept. 8 rescheduled departure of Atlantis. The original launch of the shuttle was scheduled for a late August but was delayed due to weather concerns. According to CBS News, this construction mission has been on hold since May 2003 following the Columbia accident.

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Storm Florence intensified into a category one hurricane as it neared Bermuda.

Many feared that Florence was going to strengthen into a category two hurricane as it passed over land. The storm raged through Bermuda with maximum winds of 90 mph. According to Palmbeachpost.com, Florence peeled roofs off houses, smashed windows, and knocked out power to 23,000 homes as it pounded Bermuda on Sept. 11. About 5,000 people had their power back by the same evening.

Tropical Depression Seven

formed in the Atlantic on Sept. 11, and developed sustained winds of 45 mph, upgrading its status to tropical storm. Tropical Storm Gordon was expected to follow the path of Florence but instead waddled in the Atlantic, missing landfall. Gordon was later upgraded to hurricane status with top sustained winds of 75 mph, but was not expected to leave water, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The eighth tropical depression of the season, with maximum winds of 35 mph, developed on Sept. 12 about 225 miles southwest of Cape Verde Islands, according to Weather.com.

The next day the storm showed slight strengthening potential, according to Caribbean360.com, and by Sept. 14 became Hurricane Helene with 40 mph winds as it moved west northwest at 22 mph. The storm posed no threat.

On Sept. 13, Florence weakened and dissipated, leaving only Gordon which strengthened into a category three hurricane. "Gordon won't threaten any land masses in the foreseeable future," said Jamie Rhome, a hurricane specialist at the Hurricane Center. "It is a concern only to shipping."

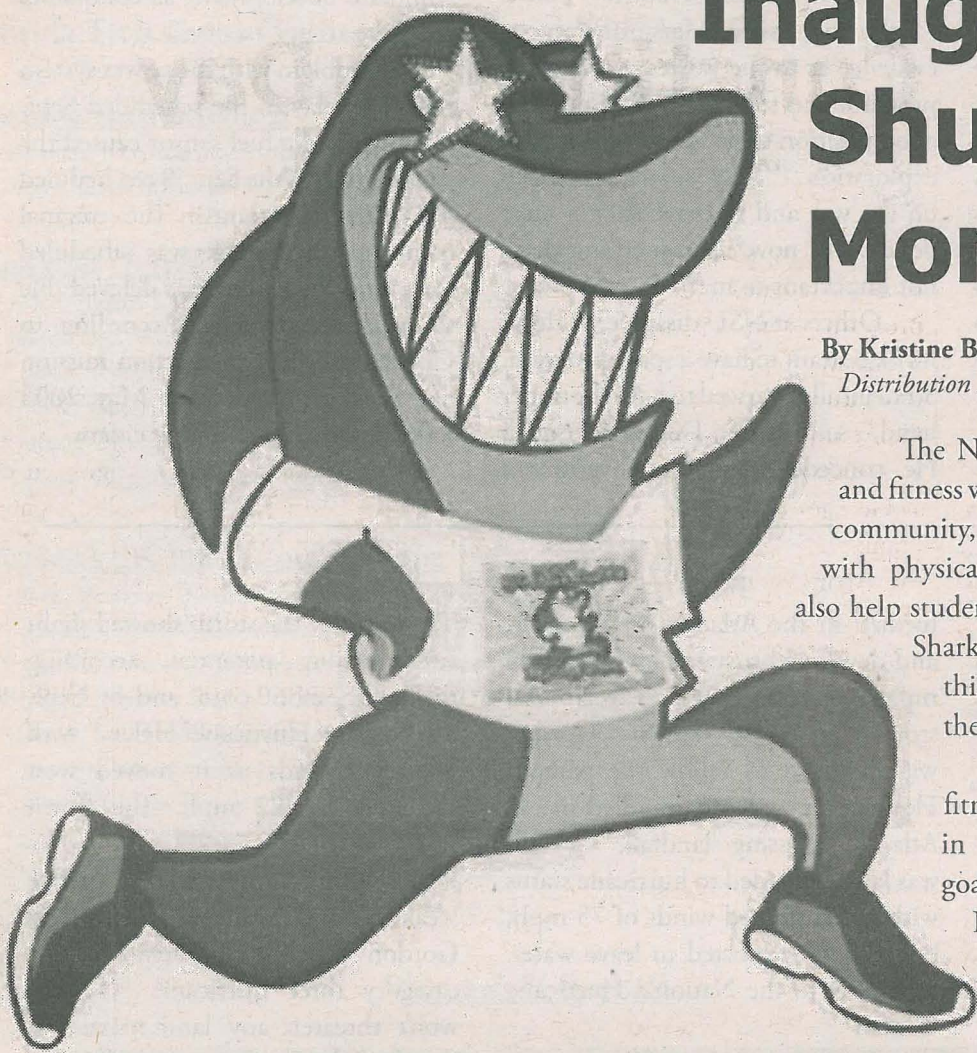
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## Inaugural NSU Shark Shuffle to Raise Money for Scholars

By Kristine Belizaire  
Distribution Manager

The NSU Shark Shuffle, a 5K run and fitness walk that will provide the NSU community, as well as the South Florida, with physical activity opportunities, will also help student pay for school. During the Shark Shuffle, the participants in this event will take a tour around the NSU campus.

In addition to promoting fitness and health at NSU and in South Florida, the event's goal is to raise grant money for NSU students. According to America Minc, Assistant Director for Fitness and Wellness, a total of \$8500

has been donated by the Deans of each college. When the students cross the finish line, they will hand their bib number to a volunteer. That number will be entered into a drawing and the winners will receive a \$500

grant. The fastest male and female runners and walkers in the different categories will receive awards and prizes, which include goodie bags, medals and trophies.

NSU students, faculty staff, and their immediate family members will have to pay \$12 to participate in the event. Runners and walkers from the community will pay \$25. Advanced-registration participants will receive a free Shark Shuffle tee shirt and coupons. Registration and packet pick-up will be on Friday, Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Shark Shuffle Expo in the University Center. The expo will also include workshops about running, strength training and injury prevention.

The Shark Shuffle will be held on Sept. 24 at 7: 30 a.m. at Nova Southeastern University. For more information, call (954) 262 7301.

## "I'm A Slur" Speaks Out on Discrimination

By Kristine Belizaire  
Distribution Manager

NSU students and faculty gathered in the University Center Pit for "I'm A Slur," an event on Sept. 14 hosted by NSU's Diversity Ambassador Program to discuss the issue of discrimination.

The event's title refers to any derogatory word that people use, and it encouraged the diversity ambassadors and attendees to own up to these words and make sure they are destroyed. Terry Morrow, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Development, welcomed everyone to the event, saying that the event would be discussing the 'isms,' like racism and sexism, Morrow invited people to listen to others with an open mind and show respect for the other speakers. The event began with an ice-breaker activity where the attendees stood in a circle and were instructed to step forward when they heard a label that applied to them or someone that they knew.

After the ice-breakers, the Diversity Ambassadors gave their own personal stories of when they encountered discrimination. One student remembered being called a "white girl" when she was actually part black and then being called a "mixed girl" when she told people about her background. Others relived experiences of being called a

"fag" and being bullied in elementary school for being gay.

The Diversity Ambassadors also recalled experiences of discrimination at NSU. As international students, they felt discriminated against because of the lack of scholarship opportunities available. Several ambassadors recalled how professors told them to learn the American way of writing and learn to speak real English.

The program came to an end after the sharing of stories and attendees mingled while enjoying refreshments. Marvin Mason, freshman and Marine Biology major at NSU, said "I feel enlightened. It's nice to know about the background of others and how they take offense to terms that we use."

The Mission of the Diversity Ambassadors is to build bridges of understanding to create a community where each individual acts as a student and teacher of diversity. Their vision is to create an environment where students respect, understand and preserve diversity and where individuals gain respect and knowledge of others. Robin Cooper, Graduate Assistant for Multicultural and Spiritual Affairs, said the "[Diversity Ambassadors are] a group of truly committed people who want to break down discrimination and make the

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## Food for Thought and Belly

### Lunch and Learn Series

By Michael Bergbauer  
Staff Writer

On Sept.12, Career Services held the first of its Lunch and Learn series, Resume Development, which took place in room 1047 of the Carl DeSantis building. Included were free food and drinks and a presentation from Senior Director of Global Recruitment at Thunderbird University, Jay Bryant.

During the event, students were encouraged to partake in a free lunch while Bryant gave a presentation on the finer points on resume and cover letter construction. "The purpose of a resume," said Bryant, "is to sell yourself. It should outline your qualifications that can be directly compared to other applicants and show effective written communication and attention to detail."

Bryant then went over the "dos and don'ts" of resume writing, such as putting most of the most relevant information at the beginning, utilizing active voice and numbers. Bryant also offered more useful advice as he took questions from the students.

"He was quite helpful in getting the little details people miss," said student Jummy Adelakun.

"I definitely enjoyed it," said Freshman Rosanna Simone. "These things are very essential for the future."

Career Services' next Lunch and Learn will be covering self-marketing and networking on Oct. 5 in room 1047 of the Carl DeSantis building. For more information about the Lunch and Learn series or Career Services, call 954-262-7201 or send an email to career@nova.edu.



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## Students share stories of when and where they encountered discrimination

campus better. Students should join if they feel passionate about wanting to actively work to reduce ignorance."

"I value the importance of diversity," explained Shatavia

Alexander, Counselor-in-Residence and Diversity Ambassador, "and I think it's about learning about differences but also recognizing similarity."

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# NSU to Celebrate Second Annual Constitution Day

By Tanya Parnes  
Staff Writer

The law school will be hosting their "I signed the Constitution" program from 10 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18. This program gives students the opportunity to sign their names on a replica Constitution alongside the Founding Fathers, such as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The tables will be set up in the Alvin Sherman Library and the Health Professions Division.

After the event ends, the law school will be showing a film called "Judicial Independence: A Hallmark of Liberty," featuring Supreme Court Justices O' Connor, Breyer and

Kennedy. There will be a reception in the Law Center Faculty Terrace following this movie.

On Dec. 8, 2004 President George Bush signed a bill known as Public Law 108-447 which designated the day of Sept. 17 as Constitution Day. The holiday is in recognition of the 39 Founding Fathers who signed the Constitution on that day in 1787.

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## Current Events Calendar

### MONDAY

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**Constitution Day**  
Informational tables in Library and HPD Lobby

**Henna Tattoos by ISA**  
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Outside of Parker

**Alpha Kappa Psi - Gamma (Fall 2006) Pledge Information Session**  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Carl DeSantis Building, 1048

**Monday Night Football**  
8:30 p.m. Flight Deck

### TUESDAY

19

**Movie Night: CLICK featuring Adam Sandler**  
8 p.m. Rosenthal Theatre 205

**Billiards Tournament**  
8 p.m. Flight Deck

**FFV Block Party**  
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. FFV Circle

### WEDNESDAY

20

**Undergraduate Student Government Meeting**  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Goodwin Class

**Tel Aviv Nights**  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Library Quad

**Catholic Circle**  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Library 3018

**Movie Night: CLICK featuring Adam Sandler**  
8 p.m. Rosenthal Theatre 205

### THURSDAY

21

**Quad Thursday, plus Indian Student Association Food Fest**  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Library Quad

**Pre-Med General Meeting**  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Library 4009

**Career Cafe**  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. TBA

**International Day of Peace**  
5 p.m. Peace Pole outside of Goodwin

### FRIDAY

22

"Venture out, maybe you'll find something."

### SATURDAY/SUNDAY

23/24

**NSU Shark Shuffle**  
Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Dolphins vs. Titans Football Trip**  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**NFL Sunday Ticket**  
Sunday, 1 p.m. Flight Deck





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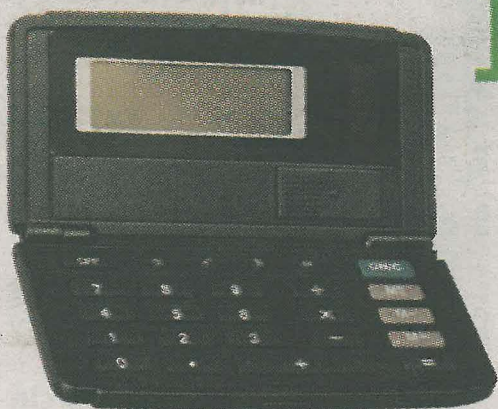
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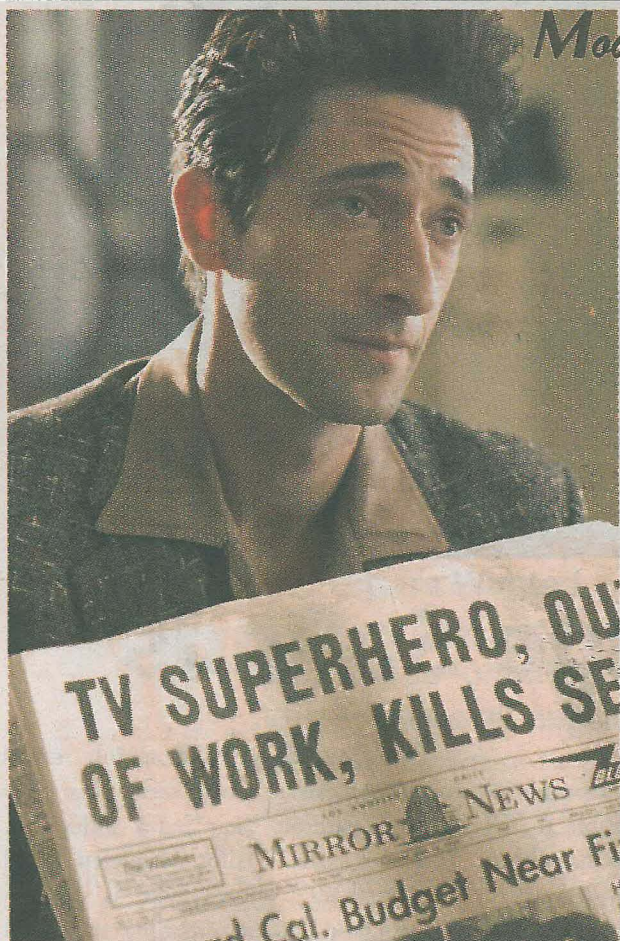
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## Movie Review

# Hollywoodland Takes its Time

By Stefani Rubino  
A&E Editor

With an "all-star" cast that includes Adrian Brody and Ben Affleck, *Hollywoodland* seemed destined to become a box-office "smash." Unfortunately for me, it turned out to be less of an event than I had expected. Although the acting and the story were excellent, the movie moved a little slower than I would have liked.

I'm sure most people didn't know who George Reeves was before the film came out, and I didn't either. Older folks know him as the original television Superman, and Hollywood knows him as the Superman that killed himself. Or did he?

That's exactly the question I thought this movie would try to

answer. However, instead of "cracking the case" of the mysterious death of Mr. Reeves, the film delves deep into his personal life and reveals sides of him nobody ever knew before.

As a struggling actor in Hollywood, Reeves (played by Ben Affleck) tried his hardest to find as much work as possible. His life seemed pretty typical for an actor who couldn't find work until he meets Toni Mannix (Diane Lane), wife of MGM big shot Eddie Mannix (Bob Hoskins). They hit it off immediately and continue their affair even after Reeves finds out that Toni is married.

Reeves and Toni seem completely in love, except for the fact that she's legally bound to another man. She buys him presents and eventually buys him a house right before he lands the role of television's Superman. Out of

work and trying to support himself, he unwillingly and warily took the part. Embarrassed of his new role, he began shooting and his self worth pretty much disappeared. He started abusing alcohol and smoking cigarettes more than ever.

The show eventually gets cancelled and Reeves decides to make a few changes in his new life. He dumps Toni for young aspiring actress Leonore Lemmon (Robin Tunney) and decides he wants to direct and produce more than he wants to act. His romance with Lemmon lasts a while before his untimely death.

Louis Simo (Adrian Brody), an ex-cop and private detective, soon takes it upon himself to figure out what exactly happened to Reeves.

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# Playing in the Past: Battalion Wars

By Michael Bergbauer  
Staff Writer

If you find yourself bored or disappointed with new or upcoming releases, it may be time for you take a step back and play a few oldies. "Playing in the Past" will reminisce some of the games of yore, covering titles that may have passed you by.

Battalion Wars is a unique game for its time. It successfully integrates elements from the shooter and strategy genres to present a not-so-serious game of war with capital gameplay.

Battalion Wars' story begins with a shaky cease-fire between the fictional Western Frontier and the Tundran Empire. When it crumbles away into another war, a third faction, the evil Xylvanians, seek to take advantage of their war-wearied enemies and rule the world in an iron grip. The Western Frontier and the Tundrans join forces to stop this global threat to fight for world peace. It sounds serious when put that way, but in Battalion Wars, war is a game, which makes way for many comical situations and lovable characters, keeping the focus on fun.

Battalion Wars mixes elements from third-person shooters and real time strategy. As the field commander, you are free to directly control any single unit, while commanding the rest of your battalion to attack, guard, or follow. Whatever unit you control is, obviously, the most dangerous because of your human intelligence. But "going Rambo" will get you nowhere, as the enemy will quickly counter or overwhelm you. Therefore, you must skillfully order the other units in your battalion to attack susceptible enemy units (as every unit is strong against some, but torn to pieces by others), guard important areas, and advance toward victory.

Accomplishing this takes some practice and trial and error, but it eventually comes together. From the start, commanding your units can be

a bit cumbersome. You must lock on to your target, select the unit you want to command with C-stick, then command it. This takes a bit getting used to, especially in the big fire fights when you must find and identify threats and then send the appropriate units after them. However, directly controlling a unit about the field is tight and easy. Also, unit AI is divided, in that infantry and most air units will follow all their commands relatively well, but grounded mechanized units (tanks, jeeps etc.) have trouble keeping up with you, are generally bad at evading enemy fire and attack with half-asked tenacity. Therefore, it's always necessary to directly control them and not to send them off on their own.

The game's campaign spans 20 levels; rescuing POWs, capturing enemy bases and assisting your allies in combat are just some of the missions you'll be facing. Additionally, your performance in each level is ranked with a medal. By getting enough high-ranking medals, you can unlock up to four bonus missions. Unfortunately, when you are finished with the campaign, these four bonus missions are the only extra content the game offers, making Battalion Wars a short-lived affair. Certainly, some sort of multiplayer mode would have been much appreciated.

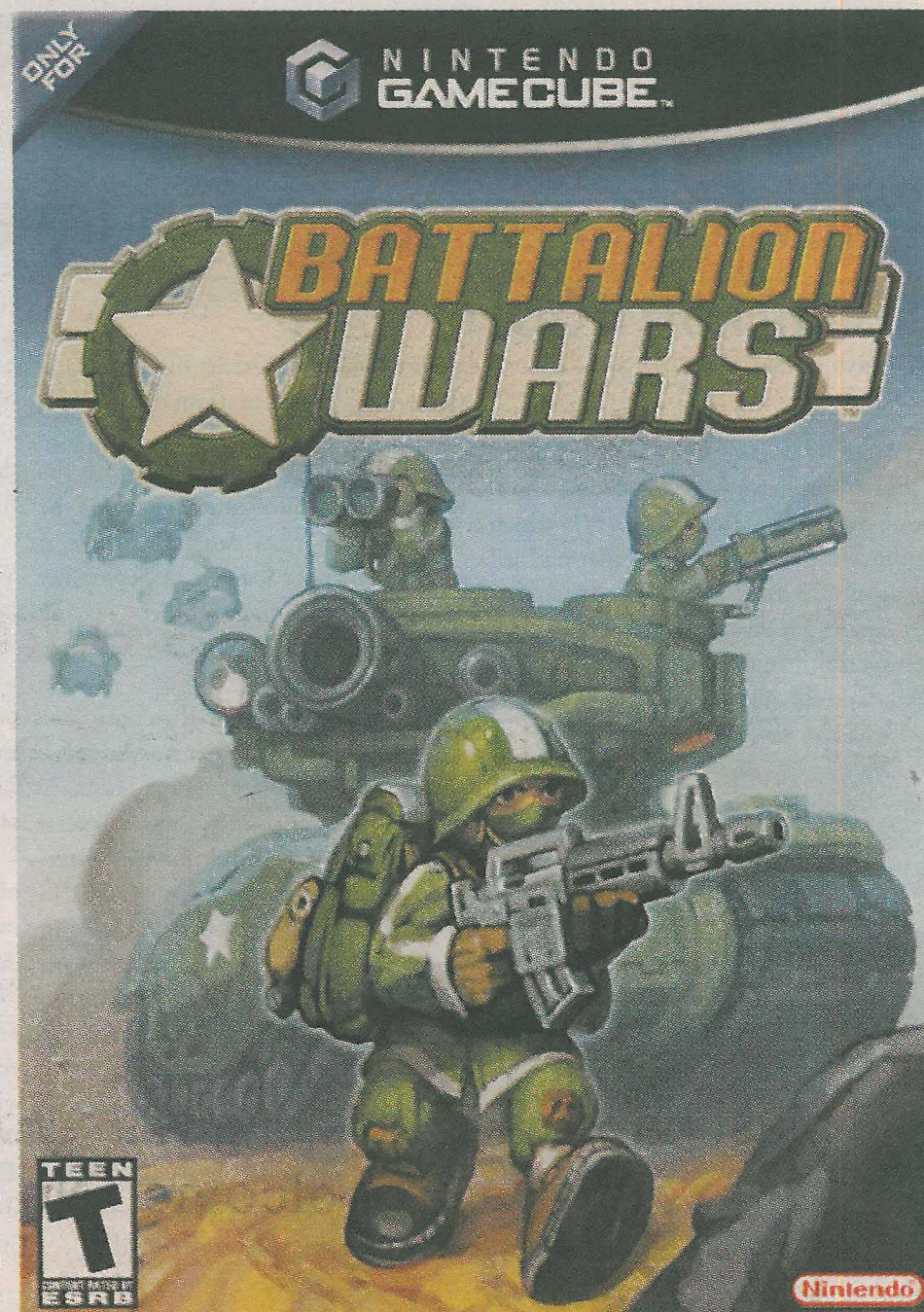
Although it may be a short game, Battalion Wars looks good. Despite being a game of war, the graphics are cartoony in a way akin to the Advance Wars series (in fact, before release, Battalion Wars was known as Advance Wars: Under Fire). But aside from its charm and style, the graphics don't break any new ground set by other games.

The sound goes along with the unique style of Battalion Wars. The characters in the game are excellently voice cast and are a joy to hear. The militant style music is mostly subdued in the game to emphasize the sounds of war. Bullets ping off metal, tank engines rumble and soldiers quip

amongst themselves to create a realistic atmosphere.

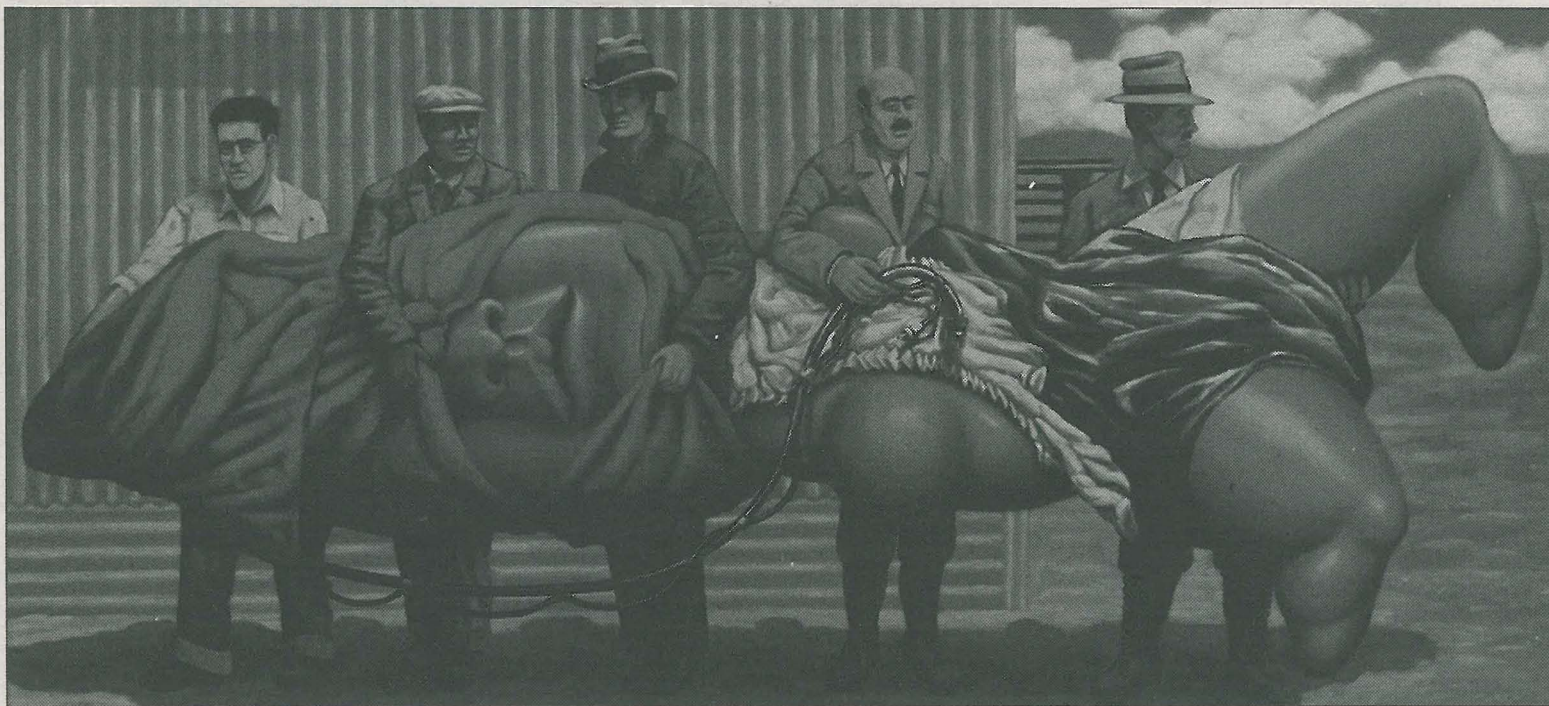
Even though Battalion Wars is a short experience, it's fun while it lasts. If you're a

fan of strategy games, or are looking for a shooter that does something different, by all means, check this title out.



Platform: GameCube  
Genre: 3rd Person Shooter/Strategy  
Original Release Date: 9/19/05  
Rating: 7 out of 8





## The Mars Volta: Amputecture

### Strange Sounds

By Paul Saneaux  
Managing Editor

Properly pronouncing the name of the new Mars Volta album, *Amputecture*, is just as difficult as attempting to decipher the band's cryptic lyrics and wrapping an understanding ear around the bizarre, ambient music all at the same time. The sound may be strange and the lyrics may be bewildering, but *Amputecture* is an oddly pleasant and atypical album.

The first track, "Vicarious Atonement," begins very slowly, building off of a graduated tempo that takes quiet a while generate energy. This sort of approach to a introductory track may upset someone looking for music to bang heads to, but what "Vicarious Atonement" accomplishes is defining The Mars Volta sound: A gradual tempo that works toward

interesting and innovative guitar work and mellow, expressive vocals.

As soon as "Tetragrammaton," the second track begins, the truly unique feature of Mars Volta becomes apparent. The entire album is one long, nonstop song that is divided into different themes rather than individual, broken sections. Each song (with some bordering on 12 minutes in length) seamlessly flows into the next without the slightest bit of a pause, giving the sense of a complete and unified audio experience. Besides that fact, "Tetragrammaton" is also one exciting song. The tempo definitely picks up the pace and introduces a different theme. Even though it is a good song, some may have a problem with the title: "Tetragrammaton" is the Hebrew name

for God. I will just say that the lyrics are not very holy.

Without looking up a profile of the band, it is almost impossible to tell that The Mars Volta currently has about eight members, each playing a variety of instruments. The album features instruments ranging from the usual guitar and bass to synthesizers, flutes and other woodwinds, and an assortment of electric goodies. The result of this band playing in unison is a rather thick sound. Each song undoubtedly has substance.

In some songs there are portions that unfortunately sound too dissonant. There simply is too much going on at one time, too much leaving the speakers, and there is only so much that the ears can absorb and process. These occasional parts sound more like noise than... well,

music.

The Mars Volta mainly caters to the American music scene, but they are not without their Latin influences. The track titled "Asilos Magdalena" and one-fourth of "Viscera Eyes" is sung in Spanish, and both feature some traditional Spanish acoustic guitar. While these songs are intriguing, those who do not speak Espanol puede tener un problema. See what I mean? Anyway, they are good songs.

*Amputecture* (pronounced Ampu-tecture, by the way) is undoubtedly an interesting selection among all the bland bands who stick to the mold or only stray far enough to claim they do so. Ignore the dissonant portions and *Amputecture* is a jewel of musical oddities.

## The "Path" to 9/11

### Television dramatization inflames Clinton administration

By Tanya Parnes  
Staff Writer

ABC and the Walt Disney Corporation have just aired their new miniseries, *The Path To 9/11*, which outlines the different events that had led up to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The five hour miniseries aired commercial-free on Sunday, Sept. 10 and Monday, Sept. 11 on ABC. The producers explained in several disclaimers that this was not a documentary, but rather a dramatization of the events that occurred during the years prior to 9/11. Due to political pressure however, ABC was forced to edit its original version before airing it on national television.

This miniseries has caused much controversy amongst the former political officials of the Clinton administration, who said that it was not historically accurate and was instead full of errors and lies. According to a FOX News Report, Clinton did not bother to watch the series because it angered so many members of his former staff.

Clinton said in response to the miniseries, "They shouldn't have scenes that are directly contradicted by the findings of the 9/11 report."

The series hinted that Clinton was too distracted by the Monica Lewinsky

affair to deal with Osama Bin Laden and the threat of terrorism from the al-Qaida forces.

Jay Carson, the spokesman for the Clinton Foundation said, "He made the choice that so many Americans made... of a fictionalized version of September 11 or the Manning brothers playing football against one another, he chose the latter."

Clinton was not the only one who was outraged by this miniseries. Madeleine K. Albright, former Secretary of State, was also angry about several scenes that she said did not take place. She wrote a letter of complaint to Walt Disney Chief Robert A. Iger, in which she stated that she did not warn Pakistani government officials before the United States launched an air strike on Afghanistan.

According to the FOX News report she said, "It depicts scenes that never happened, events that never took place, decisions that were never made and conversations that never occurred."

The miniseries, however, claims Osama Bin Laden had the chance to escape from Afghanistan because of her warning to the Pakistani government.

Another voice of controversy came from Samuel E. Berger, the National

Security Adviser, who criticized the accuracy of the miniseries. He said that he did not authorize a special CIA force to abort their mission to kill Osama Bin Laden. In the miniseries, George Tenet, director of the CIA, requested authorization from Washington to kill Bin Laden and his troops in Afghanistan. Berger's response was that he did not have that authority and would have nothing to do with that course of action. The CIA was then told to abort the mission and Bin Laden escaped once again. Berger was angry about the entire scene.

Berger told FOX News "the fabrication of this scene of such apparent magnitude cannot be justified under any reasonable definition of dramatic license."

Thomas H. Kean, the co-executive producer and former governor of New York said, "I know there are some scenes where words are put in characters' mouths. But the whole thing is true in the spirit of 9/11." ABC spokesman Jonathan Hogan also defended the miniseries that had over 300 sets and a budget of about 40 million.

According to the FOX News report he said the miniseries was a "dramatization, not a documentary, drawn from a variety of sources, including the 9/11 commission, other published materials and personal interviews."

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*"[Hollywoodland] turned everybody in the audience into little detectives"*

different ideas about what could have happened to the great Superman. He investigates the possibility of a murder but in the end, figures out that maybe he was just miserable enough to shoot himself.

Although the film starts out slow and pretty much keeps the same pace the whole way through, the script is great and the filmmakers succeed in being extremely objective by keeping the film's ending as much of a mystery as Reeve's death was.

It was definitely a showcase of Adrian Brody's acting, as most of the film was focused on him and what his character was doing. He's intense and comical, which makes for a good combination in this movie about suicide and murder.

All in all, the film seemed to be a success, hitting number two in the box office and entertaining me for two and a half hours. The acting was phenomenal, the script was great, and the story not only kept you on the edge of your seat, but turned everybody in the audience into little detectives.





The Sharks women's team came in second place, led by sophomore Bethany Brenkus.

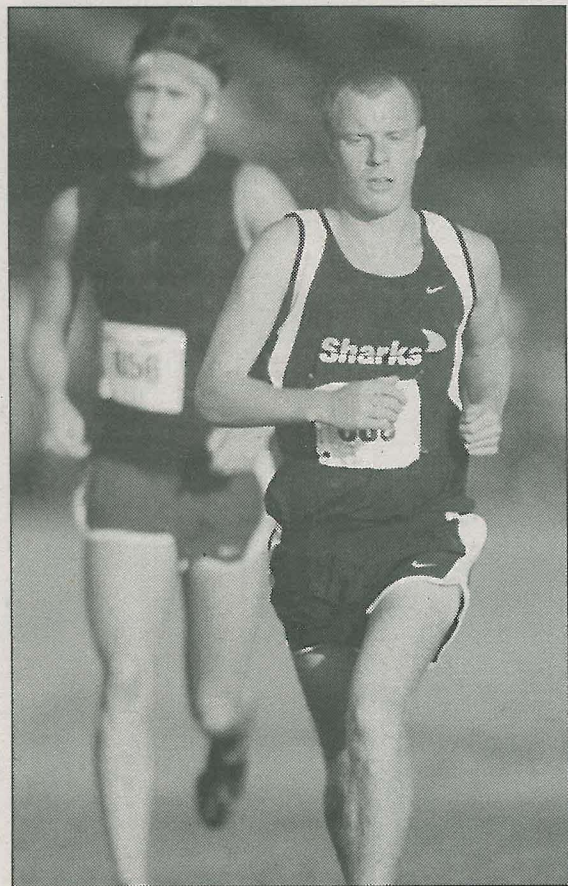
## Cross Country Teams Finish Second at Florida Tech Invitational

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

On Sept. 9, the men's and women's cross country teams both finished in second place at the Florida Tech Invitational at Wickham Park.

"At FIT, we were one of the strongest teams at the race, but we let a good opportunity slip away," said Head Coach Bruce McCrea. "We were a little disappointed since both the men and women finished in second place last year. This year, we felt we had a shot to win at least one of the races. Mentally, I think we'll be stronger for it though."

Junior Aaron Kolterjahn led the Sharks with



Aaron Kolterjahn finishes 3rd in the Florida Tech Invitational.

All photos courtesy of GARY CURRERI.

a third place finish individually with a time of 27:00.56 in the 8K race. Abdalla Eskender finished right behind Kolterjahn with an individual fourth place finish. His time was 27:01.46 in the 8K race. McCrea said about Eskender, "I expect him to have a great year. He ran really fast during track season and put in big miles over the summer."

Robert Maughan had a time of 28:34.83, finishing in 17<sup>th</sup> place. Chad Turnipseed and junior Brandon Petersen came in 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> place with times of 29:13.69 and 29:26.98, respectively. Christian Moore is an incoming freshman racing in his first season and the only freshman on the men's team.

"Christian has been frustrated by illness for the past few weeks, so his racing has suffered; when he gets healthy, he will be a solid scorer for us," assured McCrea. Moore finished in 30<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 30:45.84.

The women's team also came in second place. The teams all raced in a 5K run. They were led by sophomore Bethany Brenkus, who came in sixth place with a time of 20:33.27. McCrea said that Brenkus was one of "our top runners (and MVP's) last season, so it's no surprise that she's leading the team." Junior Stefi Cevallos was behind Brenkus in 11<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 20:59.17. Courtney Clearwaters finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place overall with a time of 21:23.56. Heather Sternau placed in 14<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:29.42.

There are two freshman added to the women's team this year, Tara Haddock and Alice Henley.

"Tara has already made her impact, scoring points for us in both early season races," said McCrea. "Alice has been battling through some injuries but we expect her to make her debut as a Shark this weekend at UF. By the end of the

### Player Profile:

"My Life is Never Too far From Cross Country"

*Heather Sternau*

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer



All the way from Freeburg, Illinois is junior Heather Sternau, an asset to Nova Southeastern University women's cross country team. Growing up on the countryside gave Sternau the opportunity to discover her passion for running at a young age.

"My parents would always tell me to run to the end of our 1/2 mile driveway and back to get the morning newspaper. I had done that so much that it became easy," mused Sternau.

The 20-year-old runner has been running at the competitive level since she was in the fourth grade. "I love to run. There aren't any politics to the sport and everyone gets to participate. In no way can it be viewed as unfair, and you have so many options. You can run as far or as short as you want for however long you want. It's simple, yet exciting," said Sternau.

Sternau is majoring in elementary education while enrolled as NSU. She hopes that by the time she graduates, she can look back at her four collegiate years as a student athlete knowing that not only did she study hard and get an excellent education, but she was able to maximize her running potential. She also wants to help build a talented cross country team.

"Although I'm not just a runner, my life is never too far from cross country. I love the company of my friends, and my teammates are my best of friends," she said. Sternau's role model is her fellow high school teammate, Brenda Whitworth.

"She is an amazing competitor, motivating to those around her, and was a great teammate to train and compete with," Sternau said about Whitworth.

Family is also a major point in Sternau's life. "It's great to go back home when we get breaks, it gives me a wonderful chance to catch up with my mom, dad, sister Amy, and brother Jason."

Although many might see running as a dreaded activity, Sternau keeps a positive outlook on her favorite sport. "Cross country is so simple; all you need is pair of running shoes and the desire to run. It's especially interesting because you are out there running for yourself, but you are part of a powerful team too. No one is on the course alone and everyone knows that each of their teammates are pushing as hard as they can for the team score, so for them you must do your best."

### The Sharks Defeat Eckerd College 2-1 in Double Overtime

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

The NSU men's soccer team (3-1-0, 1-0-0 SSC) took on their first conference rivals of the season, Eckerd College, Wednesday, Sept. 13 and defeated the Tritons 2-1 in an overtime penalty kick.

Senior Lorcan Cronin had an outstanding game as he got the positive momentum started by scoring the first goal of the game in the eighth minute. It did not take long for Eckerd to get back into the game as they tied it up later on

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# NSU's Sports Stats

## Florida Tech Cross Country Invitational-Wickham Park, FL

### Team overall finishes:

Men's team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 59 points overall  
Women's team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 61 points overall

### Men's 8k Individual results:

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Aaron Kolterjahn with a time of 27.00.56  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Eskender Abdalla with a time of 27.01.46  
17<sup>th</sup> place: Robert Maughan with a time of 28.34.83  
21<sup>st</sup> place: Chad Turnipseed with a time of 29.13.69  
22<sup>nd</sup> place: Brandon Petersen with a time of 29.26.98  
30<sup>th</sup> place: Christian Moore with a time of 30.45.84

### Women's 5K Individual Results:

6<sup>th</sup> place: Bethany Brenkus with a time of 20.33.27  
11<sup>th</sup> place: Stefi Cevallos with a time of 20.59.17  
13<sup>th</sup> place: Courtney Clearwaters with a time of 21.23.56  
15<sup>th</sup> place: Heather Sternau with a time of 21.29.42  
21<sup>st</sup> place: Tara Haddock with a time of 21.52.20  
25<sup>th</sup> place: Chelsea Gilbert with a time of 22.38.67  
26<sup>th</sup> place: Bridget Haley with a time of 22.43.93  
27<sup>th</sup> place: Jaymie Brooks with a time of 22.49.64  
33<sup>rd</sup> place: Alyssa Reeves with a time of 23.28.07  
38<sup>th</sup> place: Dayliser Oliva with a time of 24.18.54

## Women's Volleyball

SSC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Tampa	0	0	---	12	0	1.000
Florida Southern	0	0	---	10	2	.833
Rollins	0	0	---	7	2	.778
Eckerd	0	0	---	8	3	.727
Barry	0	0	---	5	2	.714
Saint Leo	0	0	---	5	2	.714
Nova Southeastern	0	0	---	6	5	.545
Lynn	0	0	---	3	3	.500
Florida Tech	0	0	---	2	8	.200

## Men's Soccer

SSC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Barry	1	0	0	3	3	1	5	0	0	1.000	19	4
Lynn	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1.000	13	1
Rollins	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	.833	29	8
Nova Southeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	.667	5	4
Tampa	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	.667	14	12
Eckerd	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	.500	6	6
Saint Leo	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	.500	15	11
Florida Southern	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	.300	5	6
Florida Tech	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	3	1	.300	19	11

## Women's Soccer

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Saint Leo	1	0	0	3	2	1	5	0	1	.917	11	1
Florida Tech	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	.571	16	7
Eckerd	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	.300	3	7
Nova Southeastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1.000	22	1
Rollins	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	.833	20	7
Tampa	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	.800	15	4
Lynn	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	.400	5	8
Barry	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	.250	5	12
Florida Southern	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	4	0	.333	7	11

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# Bethany Brenkus leads team in 5K run

season, she should be an impact runner for us.”  
Haddock finished in 20<sup>th</sup> (21:52.20) and junior Chelsea Gibert placed 25<sup>th</sup> (22:43.93). Also in the field was Bridget Haley, who finished in 26<sup>th</sup> with a time of 23:02.00, Jaymie Brooks who came in 27<sup>th</sup> with a time of 22:49.64, Alyssa Reeves, 33<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 23:28.07, and grad student Dayliser Oliva, who finished the race in 38<sup>th</sup> with a time of 24:18.54. Winning the men’s and women’s team titles was Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. NSU came in second with 59 points on the men’s side. For the women, Embry-Riddle won the team title with 54 points. NSU came in second with a total of 61 points. In third place was Florida Gulf Coast, and Florida Tech came in fourth place. “We have higher goals as a team this season, so this past summer, the men and women stepped it up in terms of their summer training,” said Coach McCrea. “I expect our performances to get better and better as we get a few races in and start reducing the training load.”

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in the first half.  
Marking an extremely physical game, referees were forced to throw out quite a few yellow cards to both teams, along with a red card to an Eckerd athlete for foul language and unnecessary violence on the field.  
The second half, as well as the entire 10 minutes of the first overtime, was long and scoreless. Within the first 19 seconds of double overtime, freshman Anton Siedlitzki was pulled down, allowing Cronin to step up and make the winning goal off a penalty kick into the upper left corner of the goal.  
Playing such a tough and emotional game proved to the Sharks that this 2006 season is going to be a challenging one.  
“Wins like these bring the team closer together and stronger. It’s not so much the aggressive hype of the game that makes the win so sweet, it’s fighting for each other and coming out on top that makes all the difference,” exclaimed sophomore Adam Majorie.

# Upcoming Games

Monday - September 18, 2006  
MEN'S SOCCER (NCAA II)  
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• VOLLEYBALL (NCAA II)  
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• MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY  
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Sunday - September 24, 2006  
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• MEN'S SOCCER (NCAA II)  
4:00 p.m. University of the Incarnate Word - San Antonio, TX





Alisha VanHoose  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Like most people, I get a lot of spam and chain letters in my email, and I'm sure I'm not the only one who has noticed that a great many of the chain letters going into circulation over the last few years have taken a patriotic (or pseudo-patriotic) turn. Perhaps not everyone gets them, but I doubt the people sending them to me are the ones creating them, and that means someone get them. Other than me, that is.

It seems that many of these letters have the goal of making the reader feel unpatriotic or un-American (especially if they don't forward the chain letter).

But you know what? Choosing not to forward a chain letter with little animated flags and a 9/11 icon or a yellow ribbon on them (which all of the people in your address book have probably seen twice anyway) isn't unpatriotic. It's anti-spam.

The letters often talk about people who don't support U.S. troops being in Iraq, and usually involve a story about a serviceman or woman getting the better of these people (because they're unpatriotic, too). But hey, I can support our troops while preferring that we support them somewhere else. I can support the troops but not support the government who sends them places they probably shouldn't be; it's not the soldiers' fault the Commander in Chief has the mental capacity of a sixth grader (no offense to any sixth graders who may be reading this).

So no, I don't think I'm unpatriotic, because there are different kinds of patriotism. I love my country (even though I get mad at it when we do something stupid), I get upset when people don't follow proper flag etiquette, I vote, and I donate to the drive to send to our troops (even though most of them ought to be at home).

In other words, don't let those stupid emails bully you into thinking you may be un-American. You probably have your own way of being patriotic, and it's as American to disagree with the status quo as it is to sing the national anthem ... because being a patriot doesn't mean being a sheep.

Sincerely,

*Alisha VanHoose*

## A Fly on the Wall: Ad Infinitum

By Paul Saneaux  
Managing Editor

Do you, dear reader, know what would make me the happiest newspaper writer of all? The answer to that would be this: if I went to a NSUSGA meeting on Wednesday and came out of the room with nothing on my laptop screen, nothing to write about, nothing at all but a smile on my face that says "All is well in the land of the SGA." But that never happens, and I don't think it will any time soon.

The theme of last week's meeting seemed to be "Let us nit-pick and overkill discussion." As Executive Secretary Jessica Boyd and Vice President of Judicial Affairs Laxmi Lalwani pointed out during the meeting, the senate stated and restated their points of discussion several times. An indescribable sensation of good ole déjà vu washed over me at that

moment because SGA Advisor Gary Gershman uttered those same words a week prior.

The main issue on the rectangular multi-sectioned table is that of a bill (not resolution, my mistake) that concerns compensation for senators and the executive board. Although the bill was tabled for a second time, making it three weeks old, there are some details about that particular piece of legislation that the senate cannot seem to work out. First of all, I need to clarify that the bill (not resolution) is simply to set aside the money that will go toward the SGA's compensation and will not increase said compensation, like I mentioned in last week's installment (my mistake, again).

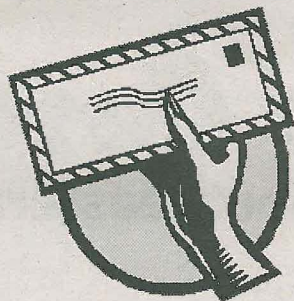
The goal of the bill is to set aside a hefty sum of about \$18,800 from the senate reserve fund. The drawn out discussion was over whether



the amount should be allocated in one, total block sum or piecemeal. Some senators suggested to allocate funds in a block sum to include the unfilled positions that will become filled (eventually, I would hope). Others preferred a piecemeal method, writing a bill to add money every time a new senator is appointed. Gershman explained that allotting a block sum will allow the SGA to know how much money was left in the total budget come winter. A piecemeal method, he assured, would not give an accurate estimate of the final amount.

In undue course, the senate pretty much agreed that the bill's amount should be in block form so the issue would not have to be brought

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Dear Editor,

I have to say that I'm really glad the communication on this campus is small. Do the students know that for the past three weeks the NSUSGA has been trying to pass a bill entitled NSUSGA Compensation? Do they even know what this bill is about? Here, I'll tell you. The NSUSGA is requesting, from their overall budget (\$100,000), that \$18,750 (which is what they are requesting) go to all NSUSGA related positions. Here's the breakdown:

- \$250 per E-Board member (7) (summer 2006)
- \$1000 per E-Board member (7) (fall 2006-winter 2007)
- \$500 per senate member (18) (fall 2006-winter 2007)
- \$200 per OSB (4)/Senate Secretary (1) (fall 2006-winter 2007)

Now, in my opinion,

## Letter from a Reader

that seems like a lot of money going towards a very small portion of the total undergraduate population.

Hey SGA, if your mission statement is to be both diverse and dynamic how is this diverse, if only 30 select students are getting funding? Just think about it for me.

But what upsets me even more, is the fact that Advisor Dr. Gershman stated in his advisor remarks that the SAC Quad Thursday event's funds going towards food are for the students. He went on to say that "student activity fees [are] for student activities."

But how does a budget for almost \$19,000 going to only thirty students benefit the entire campus? That money is not going towards the (as in the entirety of the undergraduate population) students for their student activities.

Let us take the University Center for example. All students pay the student Activity Fee. That fee, as I was informed by Dr. Gershman, "goes into a wide variety of things," including the University Center. But the difference is that center benefits every single student at any given time, not just the thirty that sit on the NSUSGA, or will sit, as they are allocating to positions not yet filled.

To withdraw \$19,000 from the overall NSUSGA Budget to pay its own members, for jobs they have yet to complete, is ludicrous. That \$19,000 is money that will not make it to the clubs and organizations that depend on the NSUSGA for funding of their events. Clubs and organizations don't have the chance to sit on the NSUSGA and vote for themselves, and if they did then it would be different, but half of the clubs are suspended, and the other half are struggling, looking for some source of funding, like DPhiE's Mr. Fintastic event.

But there are two points that make me truly mad. One is the fact that Dr. Gershman made the statement that "...other SGAs do it." Well, let's throw it back to Pre-K, Dr. Gershman. If other SGAs jumped off a bridge, would you jump too? The fact is that every SGA does not have to be a clone of the previous, like that of Peebles, or parallel ones (HPD, SBA, etc.). The NSUSGA does not have to allocate \$19,000 for themselves to make decisions.

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## Space for Reflection

### “Your Original Face”

Ya gotta love musical legends such as Bob Dylan and Van Morrison. They may be getting on in years, but they just keep pouring out soulful lyrics and powerful music. Besides their unique instrumentation and distinctive voices, both of these classic singer-songwriters poetically describe human yearning and striving.

Van Morrison in particular often conveys spiritual searching or insight in his songs. One song I like is called “Till We Get the Healing Done.” It’s about the different ways we’ll know that the healing we need has taken place. One example is the line: “Till you know your original face.” And the words of the Morrison song “Before the World Was Made” refer to “your original face/before time and space.”

Isn’t that a compelling concept? “Your original face.” What does that mean? It makes me think of identity and nature—who we really are. Identity was the subject addressed in this year’s Convocation and selected as the overarching theme of the year for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Mark Nerenhausen, President and

CEO of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and Dr. Emily Schmitt, recipient of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Full-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, both gave interesting and inspiring talks on the topic of identity. While the messages and styles of the speakers were different, both emphasized the fact that the college years are a time for us to discover for ourselves who we really are. We have the opportunity to claim, and to some degree create, the person we want to be and the ways we want others to identify us. We can determine what constitutes a worthy life in our eyes, what holds value for us. This is a time to consider what our goals are and what we want our legacy to be.

What constitutes a person’s identity? Some factors are situational—for example, I am a resident of Florida and a graduate student at NSU. Some factors are relational—I am Jack’s wife, baby sister to five siblings, friend of many, “mother” of two dogs and a cat. Other factors are cultural or social—you may identify yourself by nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion. But if we take away the situational and

relational factors, the cultural and social factors, is there anything else to our identity?

“Your original face, before time and space” suggests something that exists beyond where we were born, what school we go to, whom we consider our friends. It points to something more fundamental—our essence, our spiritual nature. Each one of us embodies a unique combination of qualities such as compassion, intelligence, humor, creativity, patience, integrity, courage. And each of us expresses our qualities in entirely individual and distinct ways. Perhaps these qualities are the “stuff” of our spiritual identity.

It’s a vast subject, and our understandings of identity will certainly vary. I’d be interested to hear your thoughts on the subject: How do you figure out who you are?

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# “...what does this bill say about our NSUSGA?”

The original \$10,000 members of the NSUSGA for doing compensation that Dean Williams provided, which came from his budget to SALD to the NSUSGA President, was taken away on a decision made by Terry Morrow, the Assistant Director of SALD, Terry Weech, the Director of SALD, and Dean Williams. Why was it taken away? I personally don't know.

I haven't investigated that situation too much, because it doesn't pertain to me. Maybe it was taken away because of the performance of last year's Executive Board. Maybe it was taken away because our Directors felt that it was no longer worth investing in the NSUSGA. Maybe they felt that it was time to take the training wheels off. These are all maybes, all just my thoughts.

But what does this bill say about our NSUSGA? About your NSUSGA? It says that we take all the easy roads to all the problems, like paying ourselves versus proving one's worth to the Dean, proving our worth to SALD. To prove ourselves to whomever we need to, to earn the SGA budget increase to pay the

a great job, not an ok job.

Listen, SGA, taking \$19,000 for yourselves, is \$19,000 that clubs, all clubs, present and potential, do not and will not have access to. This bill is a joke; this shouldn't even be a thought in the senator's minds. It should be an honor to uphold the mantle of a senator position – you shouldn't be doing it just because it's an extra \$250 in your pocket in December.

The fact is, Senators are not taking the time to communicate with their constituents, because if they were, then their constituents would be shooting this down, and this bill would have died three weeks ago. Also, the NSUSGA is badly understaffed, and by using this Compensation Bill, the Executive Board hopes to increase their man power.

Editor, my hope is that this bill rallies anger and curiosity in the student body and they show up to the NSUSGA meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20 to shoot this bill down.

- Steven Reddy

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up when a new senator was appointed. Nevertheless, as miserable fate would have it, the bill was tabled for this week. I should have saved my secondary title of “Status Quo” from last week's article for this installment, but I was going for a Kurt Vonnegut look.

My thoughts turned to the clubs and organizations after the bill was re-shelved. What would they think of this Compensation Bill that will pull a partial amount of its total from money they are supposed to receive to fund their own events? Former Freshman Senator Steven Reddy was in attendance and made it clear that clubs will not be happy. I would have asked someone from a club what they thought, being the seasoned investigative journalist I am, but no one was there. I am not even sure someone is reading this. As it generally happens, clubs only show up to support their bill, then scatter like roaches when the money is in their hands (or they do not show up at all).

Here is another issue that will not and has not made clubs giggle with glee or double up with delight: a not-so-good portion of the clubs and organizations have lost their charters

because they have not fulfilled the (oxymoron alert!) mandatory volunteer hours required by Student Affairs and Leadership Development. Gershman told the SGA that this year's clubs are suffering because of this mandate. He also predicted that re-chartered clubs will come back in the winter semester asking for funds and suggested that the SGA keep more money than usual in its reserve funds in anticipation.

The possible situation posed by re-chartered clubs and the fact that money will be drawn out of the SGA's budget for the Compensation Bill leaves the SGA in a dangerous position. Last year's SGA was able to spend practically its entire budget, but it looks like that might be more of a challenge this time around.

But, hey, we all know that optimistic, ancient proverb: “What does not kill you makes you stronger.” Let us just hope that applies to student government associations as well.

Additional Notes

Amy Van was appointed as the first of three IOC Senators.

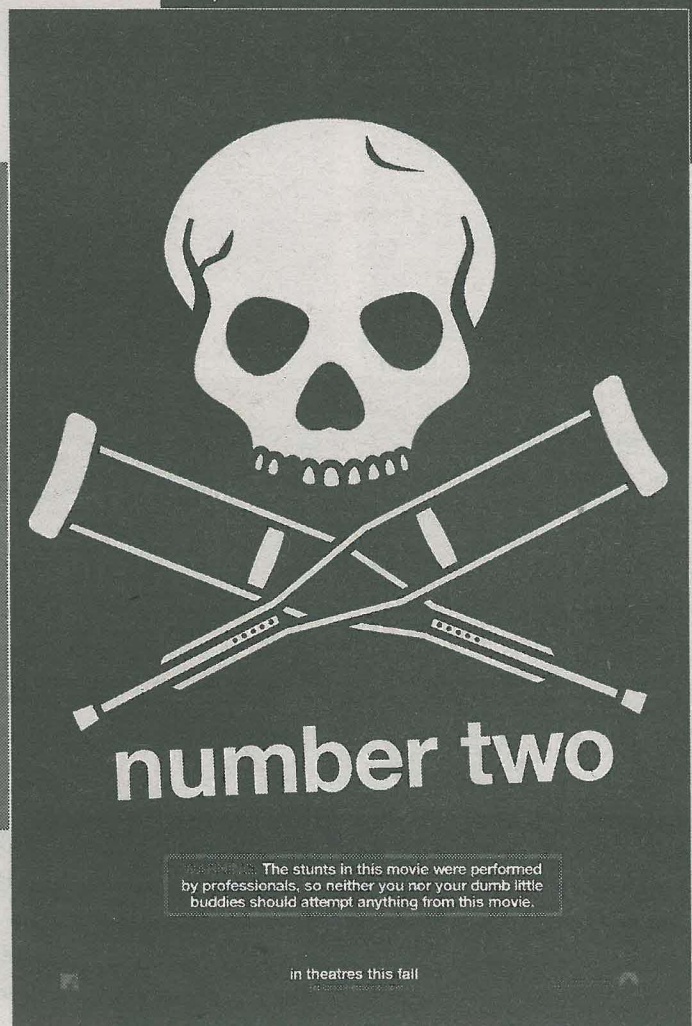
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