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Oktoberfest Brings German Culture to NSU



By Kristine Belzair
Distribution Manager

On Sept. 26, over 200 members of the NSU community gathered in the University Center Flight Deck to celebrate the German holiday of Oktoberfest, hosted by the Student Union Board and coordinated by Program Assistants, Seniors Rob Keever and Crystal Conway.

Oktoberfest is a two-week beer festival held each year in Munich and Bavaria, Germany during late September and early October. It is one of the most famous events in the country and the world's largest fair, with some six million people attending.

"SUB wanted to create a great way to get students out in the middle of the week," said Marisa Mingus, Program Coordinator for

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Left: Students have their picks at the German dish.
Photo by Mike Palozzola

Sex Talk Panel Discusses Sexuality and Personal Identity

By Kristine Belzair
Distribution Manager

On Oct. 5, NSU Students gathered in room 123 of the Parker Building for the first in a series of panel discussions about sex and sexual identity.

Sex Talk explores the issue of different types of sexual identities like heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality. Because NSU's theme this year is Identity, the series will focus on sexual identity and what it means to be a sexual person. The program will also explore the issues of biology and culture. According to Professor Kate Waites, the purpose of the series is "to raise awareness about sexuality as a component of personal identity and to explore that conceptually and intellectually."

Dr. Allison Brimmer, journalism professor at NSU, introduced the panel, which included NSU students, faculty and community members, who addressed different questions from the audience and spoke about their own personal experiences with their sexual identities.

When asked about how they came to understand their sexuality and the experiences

they had when they were aware of their sexual identity, one of the panel members spoke about growing up through a time of "gay bashing." She spoke about getting married to a man, but later realized that she was attracted to women. Other panel members spoke about being raised in a family with strict religious and moral values and living in a very strict society where any type of "gay" activity was not allowed, while others had very supportive parents.

A topic of discussion was whether or not biological factors are associated with homosexuality. The panel was asked if they believed that they were born that way or chose to be gay. To answer the question, the panel simply asked if it even matters if it is biological or physical. Some of the panel members said that they knew that they were gay from a young age. One of the panel members also added, that "sexuality is something that you do not suddenly realize, it is something that you gradually come to understand."

The panel also spoke about the

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Left Behind: Eternal Forces Preview

Has entertainment gone too far?

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

Violence in video games, music, movies, media, and just about anything else is a notion that everyone (especially teenagers) should be used to by now. It is practically a known and established fact that violence sells all sorts of entertainment. So, what would happen if the touchy topic of religion was introduced to classic video game violence? The result would be the awkward computer game, *Left Behind: Eternal Forces*, based on the best selling book series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.

The series' and game's plot revolves around the survival of people left behind after the rapture, a biblical event that is supposed to involve the taking up of all Christians by God. Naturally, I figured this game would be shrouded by controversy.

In the game, the player takes charge of the Tribulation Forces, made up of the moral people who believe they have experienced the rapture and are unfortunately abandoned on Earth because they are not true believers. The unfortunate-ness has two parts: these people are left behind simply because they do not believe in God and they must defend themselves from the deadly Global Community of Peacekeepers, the Antichrist's army. See where the controversy begins? It may just be my sensitive atheist self, but the game crosses a few lines.

The ironies in this game are so awkward that they border hilarious. I don't understand how the Antichrist's army could be called the Global Community of Peacekeepers. The GCP sounds like a harmless activist group. When I played the demo I found out how apparent the ironies are.

LB:EF plays no differently than any other real-time strategy game, like *Age of Empires* or *Command and Conquer*; the player must control an army, the Tribulation Forces in this case, and micromanage all of the resources needed to expand and grow. The player

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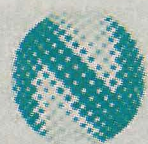
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Election 2006 Spotlight: Virginia Senate Race

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

The Virginia Senate race has been one of the most talked about races lately as Republican incumbent Sen. George Allen is running against Democratic hopeful Jim Webb for a seat in the upcoming November election.

Allen has been a controversial figure since he used the word "macaca" in reference to a campaign volunteer of Indian descent. According to the Associated Press, some cultures consider that word to be an ethnic slur, but Allen contends that he did not know the meaning of the word and rather made it up when speaking to his

campaign worker. He later personally apologized.

It was later revealed that Allen is of Jewish descent, a secret the senator said he was sworn by his mother to protect. Allen was then attacked a former college teammate, Dr. Ken Shelton, who claimed that the senator had racist tendencies. Shelton claimed that he and Allen once took a deer's head and stuffed it into the mailbox of a black family that lived near their college town in Virginia. He also said that Allen used racial slurs back in the 1970's when he was around his white friends.

Allen's other teammates rushed

to his defense and said that they had never heard about that incident or seen any type of racist behavior from Allen during his college years.

Webb has also been accused of using racist terminology in the past. "I don't think that there's anyone that grew up in the South that hasn't had the word pass through their lips at one time or another in their life," Webb told the Associated Press. Webb was questioned about his political views because racial slurs against African Americans were used several times in the novel that he had published.

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Disgraced Congressman's Resignation Raises Questions

Did Republican leaders withhold information for political gain?

By Greg Kyriakakis
Nation & World Editor

Following the resignation of Congressman Mark Foley, a Republican from Florida, new questions have arisen as to how much Republican leaders knew of the inappropriate behavior and why nothing was done before.

Last week, ABC News revealed the details of e-mail and instant message exchanges between Foley and a teenaged male page who worked in his office. The released communications, as described by the Windy City Times, were "sexually suggestive" though they did not suggest that any physical contact had been

made.

Though some originally believed that the originally released e-mail was simply "overly friendly," Bay Buchanan, president of American Cause, said in a Detroit Free Press report that they "had predator stamped all over it."

A poll by Pew Research Center found that the scandal may have no effect on upcoming elections. In a press release by the center, results showed that the percentage of those voting for either party remained unchanged, while "the scandal's impact on opinions of GOP congressional leaders and the Republican Party's image for honest and ethical governance has been fairly limited."

"I think that the conservative religious core of the Republican Party will be those most offended by the conduct," said Timothy Dixon, professor of history and legal studies at NSU. "I think the polls need to be more focused." The scandal's impact,

if any, might come from religious republicans who simply choose not to vote out of disgust.

According to The Age, many have questioned whether House Speaker Dennis Hastert, who reportedly knew about Foley's inappropriate messages a year ago should resign for failing to act. Hastert contends that he was unaware of Foley's actions and believes the scandal to be a ploy by Democrats as mid-term elections near.

"I have done nothing wrong and for me to resign would just play into the hands of our opponents," the speaker told radio host Rush Limbaugh. "If they get to me it looks like they could affect our election as well."

"It's interesting that many asking him to resign are Republicans," said Dixon. He explained that the matter has become a political issue and

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Saddam Goes Out of Court for the Third Time at Genocide Trial

Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

Saddam Hussein's trial for genocide against the Kurdish people continued after Hussein was thrown out of court because he could not remain quiet during proceedings on Sept. 26. Hussein and a co-defendant were thrown out during the trial with the newly-selected chief judge Mohammad al-Ureibi — a judge who threw Hussein out of two previous hearings.

Hussein was allegedly passionate about his words and told the judge what

was really on his mind. "Is this the justice that you rule people with? Let this kind of justice be damned," the former ruler declared.

According to The Hindu News Update Service, the outburst started when Hussein refused to be quiet after repeated requests from the judge. While clutching his Quran, Hussein tried to make a statement, interrupting the prosecution's questioning of a witness.

Al-Ureibi was apparently furious and told Hussein to "shut up" before

he decided to eject the defendant from the courtroom. According to Daily News and Analysis, Hussein left smiling. His six co-defendants tried to follow them but the judge demanded that they return to their seats.

Hussein's co-defendants shouted in uproar and pointed fingers at al-Ureibi. According to Daily News and Analysis, the shouting was left on for television broadcasts,

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From the Editors of E/The
Environmental Magazine

EARTH TALK

Dear EarthTalk: What environmental impacts should our community expect if we allow Wal-Mart to open up a store nearby?

-- Sara Jones, Davenport, IA

With more than 6,000 stores spread out across the globe--Wal-Mart is the world's biggest retailer, hands down, and also a magnet for criticism for its low wages, inadequate health coverage and effect on struggling downtowns. Wal-Mart has also had its share of environmental problems.

Environmentalists complain that the company's stores--often on the outskirts of rural communities--eat up open space, replacing farms and forests with concrete and pavement. And the company has been fined repeatedly in recent years by various agencies for environmental negligence. For example, in 2005, Wal-Mart paid \$1.15 million in fines to the state of Connecticut for the improper storage of pesticides and other toxins that polluted streams near its stores there, according to the website WakeUpWalMart.com.

A year earlier, Florida fined the company \$765,000 for violating petroleum storage tank laws at its auto service centers. The company admits that it failed to register its fuel tanks and to install devices that prevent overflow, and that it did not perform monthly monitoring, and that it blocked state inspections. That same year, Georgia fined Wal-Mart \$150,000 for contaminating water outside of Atlanta.

And the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency penalized the company \$3 million in 2004 for violating the Clean Water Act in nine states. The company was also forced to change its building practices so as to prevent future water contamination. This came on the heels of a \$1 million fine for Clean Water Act violations at 17 locations in four other states. Wal-Mart also agreed to establish a \$4.5 million environmental management plan to improve its compliance with environmental laws at construction sites.

Wal-Mart says that change is afoot within the company. CEO Lee Scott has said that sustainability in all its forms is a key concern moving forward. "As one of the largest companies in the world, with an expanding global presence, environmental problems are our problems," Scott told company employees last October.

Scott's green vision includes powering facilities and fleet with renewable energy, cutting back on waste, and selling green products. Wal-Mart reportedly crafted their

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

China's Animal Olympics Outrage World

Bears, monkeys, elephants, and other lovable creatures took part in China's biannual Animal Olympic Games at the Shanghai Wildlife Park. The Daily Mail reported that as part of the competition, chimps were "forced to play basketball and apparently lift huge weights, while a docile brown bear is dressed in a tutu while navigating a makeshift obstacle course." The events, attended by thousands of spectators, also included sea lions battling for the high jump record, elephant tug of war, and kangaroo versus human boxing matches. Critics, such as the Born Free foundation, contend that the games are "degrading for the animals, insulting to our intelligence and a disaster for any possible chance of increasing respect for the wild animals we share the world with."

Breast Implants Save Woman from Death, Deflate

A Bulgarian woman is alive after her breast implants acted as an airbag during a car accident. According to AFP, the 24 year-old was driving her car in Ruse when she ran a red light and collided with another vehicle. A local paper claimed that "the two cars were crumpled past recognition in the crash but the woman's silicone breasts acted as airbags and saved her life." Tragically, the implants did not survive the wreck.

Police Lose 6,000 "Little Paragraphs" after Computer Crash

St. Louis, MO, police have a slight problem after a week's worth of criminal reports were lost when a computer system crashed. Apparently not the type to back up potentially important data, the Associated Press reported that a three year-old server died, just as new hardware literally stood in the same room waiting for installation. Officers may have to recreate narrative portions, or "little paragraphs," as the director of planning and technology Barbara Wright calls them, of up to 6,000 files. Though there was suspicion that a disgruntled employee may have deleted the data, Wright said that the man "had no ability to do that." Nevertheless, an investigation by the police fraud unit is underway.

Mom Declares Marijuana Aesthetically Pleasing, Allows Son to Grow

A Hillsborough County woman was charged with allowing her son to grow marijuana in the yard. Esther Soto did not mind that her underage child was growing the drug because "it was a nice looking plant," reported the Associated Press. Seventy-three grams of marijuana were found in the home as Soto was charged with felony possession and a misdemeanor of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Her green-thumbed son also faces charges.

Screaming Phone Hopes to Deter Thieves

A new cell phone service introduced in London causes stolen phones to emit an "ear-piercing scream" when stolen. The screaming will not stop until the battery is removed, and the phone will not operate even with a new SIM card, stated the Associated Press. For \$18 a month, Remote XT will store customer information in a centralized location so that in the event of a theft, all personal data can be restored. The managing director of the company feels that the nightmarish feature will cause "the market for stolen handsets [to be] stamped out once and for all."

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News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

Africa

U.N. to move Sudanese refugees in Chad

In a press conference on Oct. 6, a spokesman of the U.N. refugee agency announced that it would be "moving several hundred Sudanese refugees in Chad away from the border to avoid an increases risk of violence in the Darfur region and from local rebels." The agency, UNHCR, is reportedly going to assist about 213,000 Sudanese in eastern Chad who have long migrated from the western Sudan to escape "ethnic and political violence" that has killed "tens of thousands of people and displaced more than two million since 2003." Spokesman of UNHCR in Chad, Matthew Conway, told reporters that the agency has asked the refugees seeking shelter in Chad to be moved further into Chad's borders "because of the deteriorating situation in Darfur, where Sudan's government refuses to accept a U.N. peacekeeping force." Peace has also not been guaranteed in eastern Chad, where rebels fighting to overthrow President Idriss Deby have been in conflict with government troops. Conway commented, saying "there are fears that the situation is deteriorating further in Darfur, with refugees risking being caught between two fires, Darfur and the Chadian rebellion."

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

North America

U.S. Navy medic testifies in Iraqi civilian death case

According to a report by MSNBC News Services, "a Navy corpsman testified Friday, Oct. 6 that Marines in his patrol seized an Iraqi civilian from his home, threw him into a hole and put at least 10 bullets in his head after growing frustrated in their search for an insurgent." Petty Officer Third Class Melson J. Bacos, a medic in his patrol, was charged in addition to seven other Marines for the murder of Hashim Ibrahim Awad last spring. However, Bacos, 21, escaped prosecution when he "struck a deal" with prosecutors to plead guilty to kidnapping and conspiracy and testify against fellow corpsmen. "I knew what we were doing was wrong," Bacos said in his testimony. "I knew we were doing something wrong and I tried to say something." Although Bacos was the first of the group to be court-martialed, the seven Marines could face life in prison. During the trial, prosecutors argued that the servicemen "killed Awad out of frustration and then planted an AK-47 assault rifle and a show by the body to make it look as if he had been caught digging a hole for a roadside bomb." Bacos explained that squad leader Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins was "just mad" that their task involved capturing an insurgent that was captured on three separate occasions and released.

For more information, visit www.msnbc.com.

Middle East

Iraqi police forces suffered 4,000 casualties in past two years

The U.S. commander in charge of police training in Iraq has told the Associated Press that over the last two years more than 4,000 Iraqi police have been killed in duty and that more than 8,000 have been injured. Despite the discouraging figures, he added that "the forces performance was improving and officials are working to weed out militiamen" that have been inflicting the casualties. Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, a main goal has been "beefing up Iraq's security forces... to stop the violence that has torn the country." The increase in police forces has also been matched by increased targeting of police by Sunni insurgents. The Sunnis claim that the police, led by Shiite officials, has instigated sectarian violence that has killed thousands this year alone. They also claim the police have formed death squads of Shiite militiamen that kidnap and kill Sunnis. U.S. military officials have investigated the claims but Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Peterson said "it is hard to tell how many militia members have infiltrated the police forces."

For more information, visit www.cnn.com.

South America

Miners defend mine with dynamite

The Associated Press reported that "the Bolivian government deployed 700 additional police to quell a deadly clash that flared anew as rival bands of miners hurled dynamite at one another in a battle over one of South America's richest tin mines." Officials told reporters that at least 11 people have been killed and more than 50 have been injured during the fighting that began the week of Oct. 2. The independent miners' cooperative allied with President Evo Morales against miners employed by the Bolivian state mining company. The tin mine, located on the slopes of the Posokoni Mountain, is surrounded by ridges that the miners have used to fight one another. Reporters saw miners carrying dynamite and home-made explosives in backpacks and on their belts while others tossed explosives at rival miners no more than 50 feet away. Bolivia's National Police Commander Isaac Pimental told the press that he is sure the additional police will calm the violence but said he was not sure when a truce would be made.

For more information, visit www.msnbc.com.

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Teammates deny allegations of any type of racist behavior from Republican candidate George Allen during his college years

A former ROTC member, Dan Cragg, who knew Webb from his college years at the University of Southern California in the 1960's, has also criticized the challenger. Cragg said that he and Webb, along with other ROTC members, used to drive around black neighborhoods yelling racial slurs and pointing fake guns at African Americans.

He has also been criticized by several female Naval Academy graduates who said that they had a very difficult time in the Academy because of the article that Webb published against women in combat.

Both candidates have fallen under criticism for their actions during college. Many Republicans have argued that the Democrats cannot use the race card against their candidate because Webb seems to be mixed up with several racist acts of his own. According to the Associated Press, this political race is going to come down to the real political issues of today.

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allowing all Iraqis to watch and listen during several minutes of courtroom pandemonium. Al-Ureibi also ejected Hussein's co-defendant, former defense minister Sultan Hashim, forcing the recess.

"They cannot come back into today's session," one of the officials said. When the hearing had finally recommenced it was the first time that the genocide trial had preceded without the defendants present.

Hussein and his six co-defendants were responsible for the deaths of an estimated 180,000 Kurdish villagers in 1988, including thousands killed by poison gas. The trial has consisted of poignant testimonies from villagers.

Hussein and his cousin, Ali Hassan al-Majid, are both facing genocide charges while the remaining five co-defendants face charges for mass murder and crimes against humanity.

A verdict was expected to be announced on Oct. 16, but the Associated Press reported that it was "delayed until at least the end of the month while judges take extra time to review the evidence and make sure their case is airtight."

Some fear that the verdict may spark further violence; if Hussein is sentenced to death, Sunnis may become enraged, yet a lesser sentence could upset the Shiites who were oppressed by the dictator.

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Though some... believed that the originally released e-mail was simply "overly friendly," Bay Buchanan, president of American Cause, said in a Detroit Free Press report that they "had predator stamped all over it."

by resigning, Hastert would only "magnify the scope of the problem," making the scandal more prominent.

House majority whip Roy Blunt said that he would have handled the situation differently. "You have to be curious, you have to ask all the questions you can think of," Blunt told the Associated Press. "You absolutely can't decide not to look into activities because one individual's parents don't want you to."

Speaking at a school in

California, President Bush said that he "was disgusted by the revelations and disappointed that he would violate the trust of the citizens that placed him in office." AFP reported that the president did not call for Hastert's resignation and remained confident that the speaker "will provide whatever leadership he can to law enforcement" during a probe into Foley's conduct.

Since leaving office, Foley has entered an alcoholism rehabilitation

clinic. His attorney David Roth also revealed that the former congressman had been sexually abused by a clergyman "between the ages of 13 and 15." Suspicions about Foley's homosexuality were also confirmed.

AHN reported that Joe Negron will replace Foley in the upcoming election. "You are not voting for Mark Foley, you are voting for the Republican nominee, and I'm not Mark Foley," Negron reassured disgruntled voters.

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Walmart is working toward a vision that will include high-powered facilities with renewable energy and less waste

greening plan with the help of former Vice President Al Gore. Commitments include reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent at existing locations 20 percent, and investing \$500 million in environmental improvements each year moving forward.

Wal-Mart is also reportedly ramping up plans to offer organic produce and using local farms to save transportation costs. According to Ron McCormick, an executive in the company's produce division, Wal-Mart is already buying a wide variety of produce based on what's available in each region, instead of shipping produce across the country. "Our whole focus is: How can we reduce food-miles?" he says.

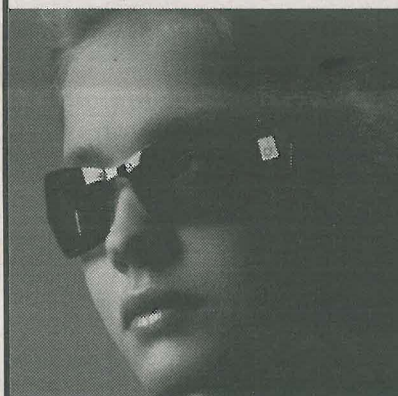
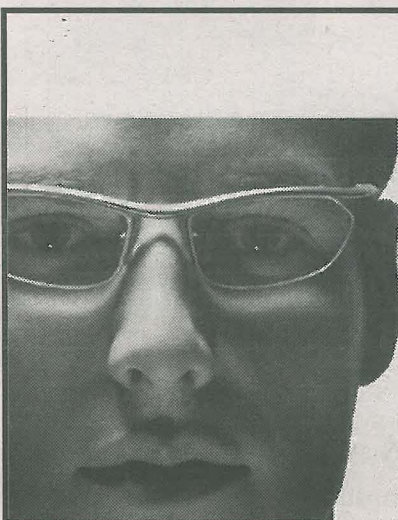
The green attitude also extends to other products, with the company increasing offerings of sustainably harvested fish and organic cotton clothing and bedding. Critics say Wal-Mart is so focused on profit that such efforts will never stick. Only time will tell if Scott's vision for a greener Wal-Mart becomes reality.

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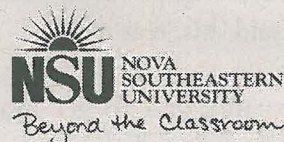


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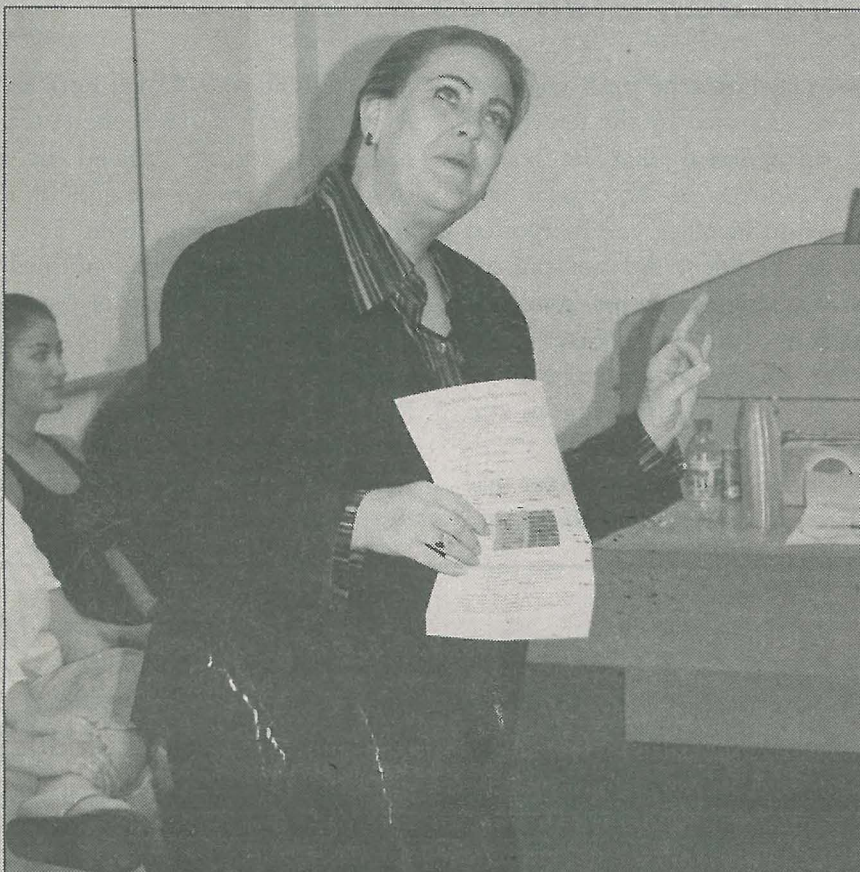
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MIKE PALOZZOLA/The Current
Journalism Professor Allison Brimmer introduces the panel.

stereotypes associated with gays and lesbians and said that they are usually untrue. One of the panel members, a lesbian, said that she is very feminine, as opposed to the assumption that lesbians have short hair and act like men.

Panel member and legal studies major sophomore Rico Hernan said his reason was "to help educate students about gay and bisexuality and to get more people aware about the reality and not what they see in television."

"I definitely think the event was a success. We just needed more time to discuss, and look forward to more events like this in the future," said Brimmer.

The next discussion in the series will be entitled Nature vs. Nature and will be held in room 2053 of the Alvin Sherman Library on Oct. 23. For more information, contact Vicky Toscano, Ph.D., and assistant professor at 954-262-8010.

CSA to Host All-White Party

By Kristine Belzaire
Distribution Manager

On Oct. 14, CSA at NSU will hold their first party of the fall semester, which will be an all-white party where attendees have the option of following the all white theme by dressing up in white clothes.

A CSA tradition since 2000, the event is intended to promote the Caribbean culture and will feature Caribbean-style food and music, including reggae music and Soca music, which is a mix of Trinidad's calypso and Indian music and rhythms.

"Students should attend the all-white party because it is a good college

experience, especially for people who like the Caribbean culture. It is also an opportunity to have a good time and socialize with other people" said Noelia Contreras, Vice President of CSA.

Sophomore and Biology major Tocarra Cunningham, who attended the event last year, said "It was great, I met a lot of new people and I look forward to the next one."

This event is free to all NSU students with their NSU ID. The party is also open to the public for a fee of \$5. The event will be held in the old flight deck in the Rosenthal Building from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.



Thursday, October 5, Radio X entertained students with pizza and music trivia. Photo by Mike Palozzola

Professor Waites Shares Particular Friendships at Barnes and Noble 1960s convent memoir gets first public reading

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

NSU students, faculty, and members of the larger community gathered at Barnes and Noble on Oct. 4 to hear NSU professor Kate Waites, Ph.D., read from her new book. *Particular Friendships: A Convent Memoir*, which came out in May 2006, is Waites' telling of her time spent in a Catholic convent in the 1960s.

"This was a very personal story that I had committed to writing 30 years ago," said Waites of her book, which took her ten years to write. "Because of the personal nature of the book, it

took me a long time."

Set in a time of social change in America, which Waites referred to as "a time of idealism," *Particular Friendships* explores the secretive and sometimes traumatic world inside the convent, as well as the rebellion against it.

"It's a strange environment to come of age in and lose your innocence," she said. "[Writing the book] was a way of reliving, revisiting those events ... trying to bring the readers into the story from the point of view of an innocent 18 year-old."

Waites shared the prologue of her book with an eager group

during the first public reading, which was followed by a question and answer session. Questions were asked on religion and convent life, as well as the book itself.

"I'm very happy in the sense that I finally did tell the story that I wanted to tell," said Waites. "It was a book of a very personal nature and I'm a very private person." She went on later to add: "It's interesting as a teacher of writing and literature to have my students read something that I wrote."

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Food and fun abounds during German festival

the Student Union, of the significance of hosting the German celebration at NSU.

At the event, students mingled and listened to German music while enjoying traditional German food which included sausage, bratwurst, weinerschnitzel, potato salad, roasted potatoes and cranberry sauce served by the members of SUB. Students were also given free beer steins, which are traditional German beer mugs. Attendees that were 21 years old and over could purchase German beer at the bar for \$1.

Students appeared to be having a good time at the event. "I have never seen this many people in the flight deck," remarked freshman biology major Danielle Padgett. Senior business major Natalie Cadavid agreed, saying "I think that it was a successful event that brought a lot of people out."

Take a Bite Out of This...

Current Events Calendar

MONDAY

09

Paintball Trip sign up starts today
Reserve your spot for Oct. 21 - \$15
Student Union

IOC Meeting
5:15 p.m. 2nd Floor, UC Lounge

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

TUESDAY

10

Reading Day – No Classes

Addiction Medicine – Journal Club
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. HPD 1393

Guest Speaker: Orthodontist
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Parker 201

IMAN Iftaars
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. BUS 2056

WEDNESDAY

11

Undergraduate Exam Day

THURSDAY

12

Undergraduate Exam Day

Quad Thursday
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Quad

Spiritual Life Council Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Rosenthal 208

IMAN Iftaars
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. BUS 2056

FRIDAY

13

Undergraduate Exam Day

"Get Your Commute On"
Commuter Student Organization
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ASA 104

Diversity Ambassadors Meeting
5:00 p.m. Rosenthal Cafeteria

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

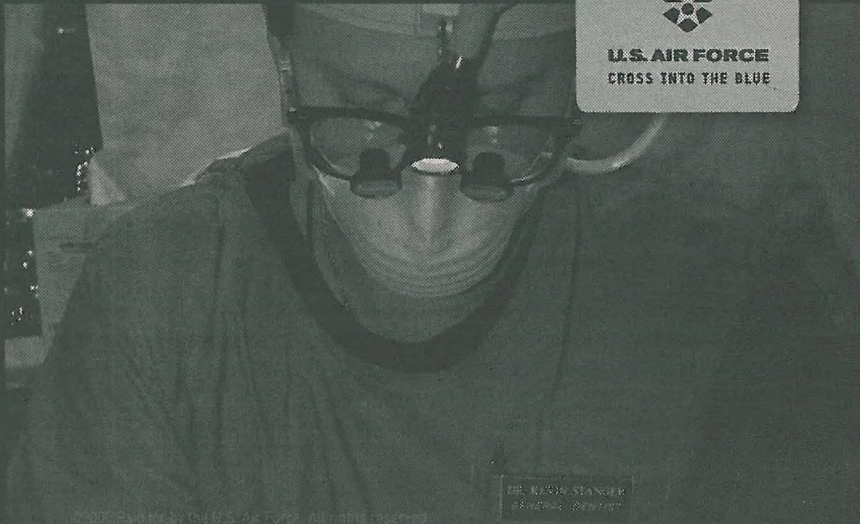
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Alpha Phi Omega Sigma Pledge Class Meeting
Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Goodwin Class

Midnight Madness
Saturday, 10:00 p.m. University Center Arena

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

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The Center for Psychological Studies at NSU needs volunteers ages 21-65 with diagnosed type-2 diabetes to participate in a study examining predictors of healthy outcomes. The study will take 60-75 minutes and involves measuring blood sugar, height and weight, and surveys about emotions and healthy behaviors. Participants receive a \$10 Target gift certificate and a package of diabetes care materials, including an *Abbott Freestyle* blood sugar monitor and an exercise video. Volunteers are not eligible if diagnosed with type-1 diabetes, heart disease, atherosclerosis, kidney disease, or vision problems. For more information or to register for the study, please leave a voicemail with name and phone number at 954-262-5706. A member of the study will return the call.

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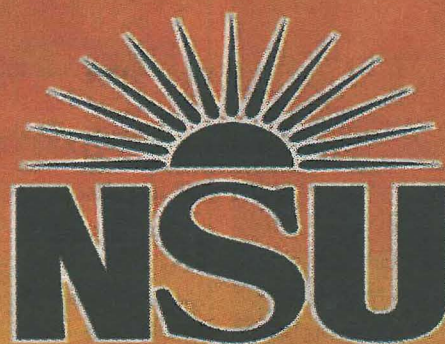
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Movie Review

The Science of Great Filmmaking

The Science of Sleep is sure to leave you speechless

Stephanie Rubino
A & E Editor

It seems that filmmaker Michel Gondry is obsessed with the human mind, and it's workings as he brings us his newest creation, *The Science of Sleep*. Much like his first full-length feature film, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *The Science of Sleep* examines a specific function of the human mind, it's ability to create dreams and fantasies, and it's effects on personal relationships and "real life."

Gael Garcia Bernal stars as Stephane, who takes his mother's advice and moves back to France after his father dies. Stephane's mother also cons him into a typesetting job which she promised would allow him to use his creativity, but ultimately doesn't and makes him miserable. Bernal turns a character that could otherwise be cheesy into a loveable yet hard-headed aspiring artist whose dreams get the best of him, literally.

Soon, just when Stephane thought things could only get worse, he gets a beautiful new neighbor, Stephanie (Charlotte Gainsbourg). Stephanie is a talented composer and

plays "hard to get" during the whole film. Stephane's intense and eccentric personality draws him to the girl but she just refuses to let her guard down. As Gainsbourg's first American release, she does an outstanding job playing Stephanie with a perfect mixture of a "hard to get" beauty and soft-hearted, down-to-earth nerd. She is intense but also very light and quite funny at times.

Bernal and Gainsbourg serve as the most perfect Stephane and Stephanie because the chemistry between them makes the viewer feel the tension, anger, and joy that they share together as if it were real. Due to Gondry's incredible filmmaking techniques, he does a great job of really pulling the viewer into the story making the situations very realistic, even in Stephane's dreams.

It's truly amazing how Gondry can capture raw emotion and, more specifically, heartbreak, the way that he does. He takes scenes that could be utterly emotionless to most theater patrons and turns them into something that grabs a hold of emotions. He did it well in *Eternal Sunshine*, but now he seems to have perfected it; the flexibility of Bernal's acting doesn't hurt either.

The only thing that the typical American movie-goer might find a little "hokey" is Gondry's use of claymation instead of typical computer generated images and graphics. However, it's not hokey at all when it works hand-in-



Credit: www.pathefilms.ch

"Stephanie is always lost in his dreams"

hand with very convincing acting and superb filmmaking to put a little bit of a trance on the viewer. When the animation was on the screen, I couldn't take my eyes off of it and, frankly, I was more amazed by the claymation than I am with other movies with computer simulated graphics.

Although it succeeds at mesmerizing the viewer, keeping the viewer interested, and making the viewer really "feel" for the characters, it falls a little short of giving the viewer that truly intelligent dialogue and a beautifully crafted story like *Eternal Sunshine* did. Don't get me wrong, *The Science of the Sleep* is a beautiful film with tons of imagery and imagination, but it falls right below that "almost perfect" status that *Eternal Sunshine* so greatly deserves.

The film's real downfall is that there is more an emphasis put on clay-mation, the soundtrack, and scenery than there was on dialogue and scene transitions. It would be easy for anybody not familiar with Gondry's style to get lost or not understand the story correctly. But as far as the film goes, I'm pretty sure that most people seeing it are Gondry fans.

When my friends and I walked out of the theater, we were speechless and did not do our usual critique of the film. We just didn't know what to say. The film was stunning and sure to inspire some "oohs" and "ahs". Despite a few little kinks in the story and production, the imagery is incredible, the characters are intense and easy to love, and the film is all-in-all an incredible success.

CD Review:

A New Label Can't Cramp their Style

Stephanie Rubino
A & E Editor

If there's something the Decemberists have that other bands don't, it's their ability to tell creative and vibrant stories with their lyrics. They use vivid language and perfect rhyming to illustrate a view of the world that is sometimes beautiful and sometimes pretty dreary. After an unexpected move to Capitol Records, the Decemberists put their skills to good use to bring us their fourth album, *The Crane Wife*.

After their jump to a major label, *The Crane Wife* may prove to be one of the most important albums to come from the Decemberists. It seems they must have a great contract, because instead of changing their sound (as most bands do after the jump) they've simply perfected it. *The Crane Wife* has some of the best material I've

ever heard from them and I won't be surprised if their next album off of Capitol is just as excellent.

As always, it's lead singer Colin Meloy's incredibly literate story-telling that makes most of their albums so great, but on *The Crane Wife* they've done something a bit different. They use heavy instrumentals to help tell their stories and the instruments are right there along with Meloy's wonderfully nasally voice; not to mention the fact that they make an electric guitar sound just as stunning as a classical piano.

They're also incredibly skilled at taking a story that is completely gloomy and depressing and using the music to make it seem cheery and easy to sing along with. On "O, Valencia," they do just that. With lyrics about a forbidden love affair ending in a very dramatic and surprising death,

it would seem like there was no way to turn this song into something that people could sing along to, but after one listen, I was whistling it all day long.

The truly wonderful thing about this record is its diversity. The songs go from a very instrumental and very progressive 10-minute interlude to a pretty eerie lullaby-style type song to an accordion-filled ballad that seems to compare war to the big ocean blue. Also, the album seems to have to residing themes, one being love, of course (like any well constructed indie album) and war, but they're not so quick to reveal that; it's hidden beneath the surface.

My personal favorite on this album is "Summersong", which is slightly romantic and completely opposite of any song about summer you'll ever hear. Meloy sings about a



summer as if it is a beautiful girl that he's sitting with on the beach. The horn section of this song aids in the depression of Meloy as he watches summer "get swallowed by a wave."

All-in-all, *The Crane Wife* will be a great surprise for all those skeptics of major labels and what they do to great bands. Meloy and crew have managed to create another beautiful album that will fit well in anybody's collection. I can't wait to hear more from them in the future.

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has an overhead view of the area of play and can click on people and buildings to access menus of various actions.

At the start, I had to build chapels and develop housing for my holy army (an atheist running a holy army, ha!). Chapels, similar to barracks in other games, are used to train musicians and disciples. Now, here is where it gets strange: musicians roam around and play music (duh!), but their music influences non-believers to join the Tribulation Forces. This introduces the Spirit feature; each human has a Spirit rating. The higher the spirit, the higher chance they will join the TF, the lower the spirit, the more likely they will join the nasty GCP or a number of unruly street gangs looking to rough up the goodly people. The disciples basically wander the streets (unarmed, I should mention) and stop non-believers to convince them to join.

In Command in Conquer, the player is armed with brutal weaponry, in LB:EF, the player is armed only with faith. As far as I could

tell from the demo, the TF have no weapons. Spirit is defense and Spirit is a weapon. While I understand that the TF should be a peaceful group, why do they not have any physical forms of protection? In my first encounter with the GCP (who are armed with assault rifles and wear SWAT gear, mind you), the only option I was given was to have my small army gather in a group and pray to raise their Spirit. Let's just say the GCP squads surrounded my band of praying people and sprayed them with gunfire. Is the controversy obvious now?

I researched the game online and looked at videos to see if there was some way to defend members of the TF but only found the same scenario. Even in the official trailer released by Left Behind Games, the groups of TF members simply gets slaughtered by the GCP. I am assuming the Spirit feature further develops later in the game to somehow allow the player to defend and actually attack, but that is yet to be seen.

As for gameplay, there is



Photo courtesy www.ign.com.

Do the Tribulations Forces really have a chance? It doesn't look like it so far.

nothing new with this game that hasn't been done in other RTS games. Graphically, LB:EF is aesthetically pleasing; at various points in the game there are large numbers of people on the screen and there is plenty action going on.

This game, despite striking a couple nerves, has me thoroughly confused. I have no idea what the finished product will be like when it is released in November, but I know for sure that it will insult at least a few atheists and Christians alike.

CD Review:

An Album Apart

Bande A Part will definitely be a surprise to all

Stephanie Rubino
A & E Editor

Two years ago, Nouvelle Vague shocked the world, or at least the independent label scene, with their debut packed with cheeky bossa nova covers of various post-punk, early punk, and new wave acts (including Joy Division, Depeche Mode, the Clash, and others). Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, they released *Bande A Part*, which brings back that early-80's rebellion of songs by the Buzzcocks, New Order, and even Blondie, and turns them into cheerful bossa nova compositions.

The album is filled with familiar '80's hits that have been turned into something that is almost completely opposite of their originals. Songs that could be considered somewhat depressing or intense or even too "heavy" for some have been transformed into detailed and charismatically crafted music that can be listened to even when having a cocktail on the beach. Don't be mistaken; I love the originals, but what Nouvelle Vague has done is turn these songs into more "user friendly" versions, even friendly enough for a young child who would love the bounce and

rhythms of these covers.

Even though I'm a huge fan of New Order, I don't know which version of "Blue Monday" is better, the original or Nouvelle Vague's take on it. The percussion on the cover is certainly notable and even more so, the woman singing turns this song about a pretty miserable love affair into something completely magic and almost fun. Not to mention the playful piano that picks up the voice and carries it throughout the song. You'll definitely be able to tap your foot to the cover, which can't really be said for the original.

Most people would be the most familiar with Nouvelle Vague's covers of "Heart of Glass" (Blondie) and "Dancing with Myself" (Billy Idol). The Blondie cover is almost completely unlike the original; it is stripped down from its electronic instruments to acoustic guitars, various percussion instruments, and even an accordion. The major difference is, of course, the undeniable cheerfulness that Nouvelle Vague seems to stick into every one of their songs and the fact that a man sings this version, which actually makes the song quite interesting to listen

to.

Now, "Dancing with Myself" has to be the most outgoing song on the whole album. Billy Idol's original version sounds almost completely depressed, but Nouvelle Vague's version sounds like something that would come out of West Side Story, with snapping, horns, and even what sounds like a sort of tap dancing in the background. The song is so upbeat, you almost wouldn't know how sad and lonely the song really is.

One of the more obscure covers on the album is the Buzzcocks' "Ever Fallen in Love." Nouvelle Vague's creativity really shows on this track: they've made one of post-punk's best songs sound almost Latin and completely danceable. Surprising as this may be, this track shows that Nouvelle Vague can truly handle anything; they could take even the

most angry and heavy of songs and turn them into head-bobbing sing-alongs. This track is one of the tracks I play the most from this album, and the original definitely doesn't put me in high spirits like Nouvelle Vague's version does.

Personally, I'm impressed with Nouvelle Vague's abilities. They've made post-punk and new wave very easily accessible and hopefully will encourage young listeners to check out the music that made their grandparents scratch their heads 25 years ago. *Bande A Part* has to be one of the best cover albums (besides their debut and the Ramones' *Acideaters*) I have heard in my very short life. Hopefully, more bands interested in doing a cover album will take a few lessons from these guys.



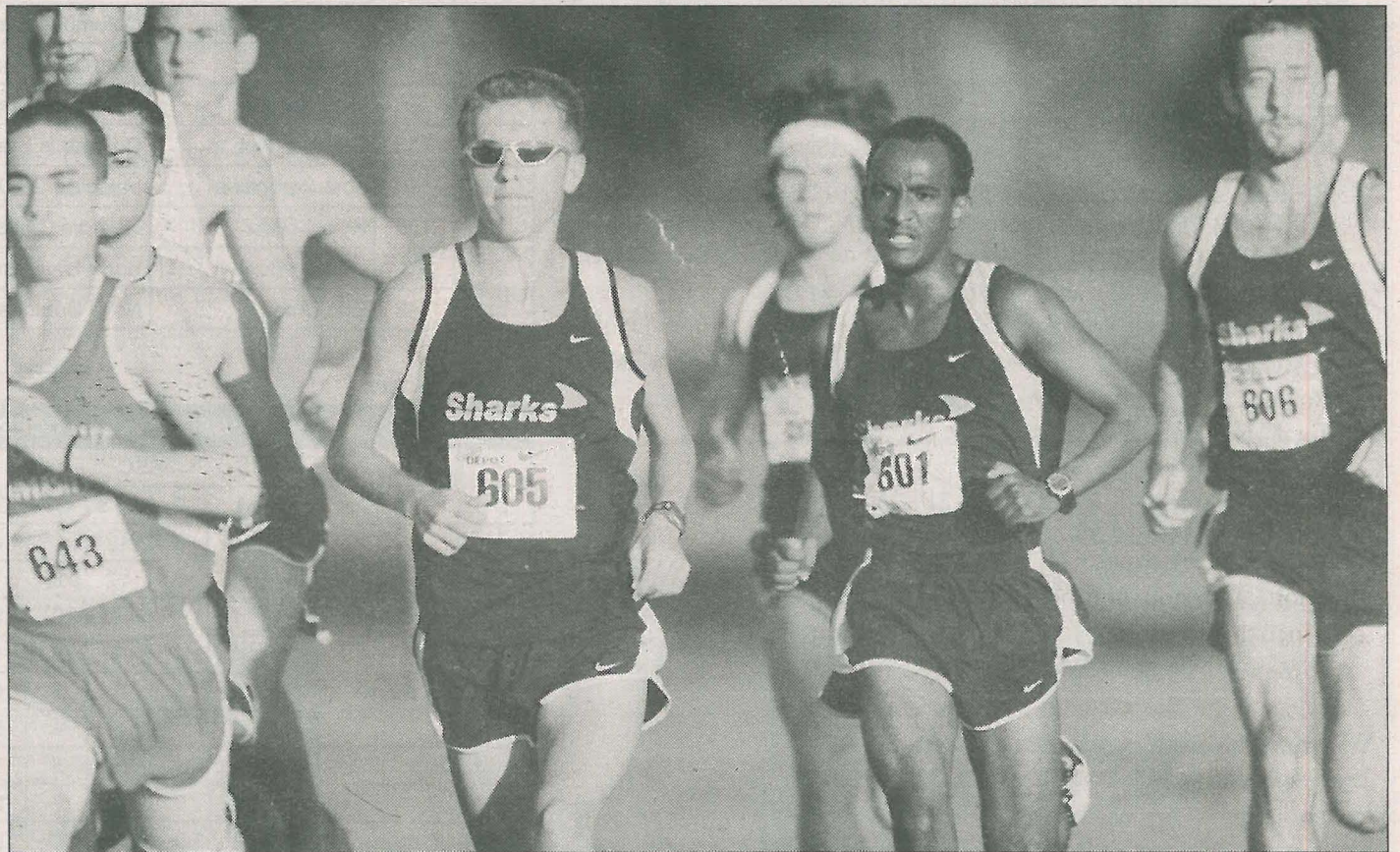
Men's Cross Country Team Wins FLRunners.com Invitational

Eskender Abdalla Finishes 2nd Overall and Earns SSC Runner of the Week Honors

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Sept. 29, the men's and women's cross country teams competed in the FLRunners.com Cross Country Invitational in Tampa, Fla.

The men's team took home the team title as Eskender Abdalla finished second overall. He finished the 5k run in 16:23.07, about 10 seconds behind winner Jeremy DuVall. For the week of Oct. 2, Abdalla was also honored with SSC runner of the week for the second time in 2006. On Sept. 5, he earned male runner of the week honors after assisting NSU to a third place finish in the Sharks Invitational. Behind Abdalla was sophomore Robert Maughan, who finished in fifth place with a time of 16:56.21. In eighth place was Aaron Kolterjahn with a time of 17:07.33. In 12th place was Brandon Peterson with a time of 17:25.46. Chad Turnipseed finished in 21st place with a time of 18:06.58. Overall, the Sharks totaled



From left to right: Robert Maughan, Chad Turnipseed, Eskender Abdalla, and Brandon Petersen race against other schools. Photos by NSU Sports Information

31 points, finishing 24 points ahead of Division I Florida Atlantic, who had 55 points. Bethune-Cookman finished in 3rd place with 98 points.

The NSU women's cross country team finished in second place as a team with 99 points. Florida Atlantic University finished in first place with

only 36 points. Coming in third place was the University of Central Florida with 107 points as a team. Leading the Sharks was sophomore Bethany Brenkus who finished in seventh place with a time of 19:55.58 in the 5k race. Stefi Cevallos finished in 13th place with a time of 20:18.35. Freshman

Tara Haddock finished in 16th place with a time of 20:32.80. Courtney Clearwaters finished with a time of 21:25.47, Jaymie Brooks finished with a time of 21:48.45, Alice Henley finished with a time of 22:22.27, and Dayliset Oliva finished with a time of 22:46.17.

NSU Men's Soccer Team Defeats Barry University 4-2

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU men's soccer team (6-3-1; 2-0-1 SSC) hosted their first SAAC night on Sept. 27 while taking on Barry University, who they defeated 4-2.

NSU's men jumped on the Buccaneers in the first two minutes of the game. Anton Siedlitzki, a freshman who has contributed greatly to the Sharks success thus far, made the first goal of the game after receiving a key assist from freshman Michael Collins.

Unfortunately for the men's soccer team, their SAAC night was a wet one. Once NSU registered a couple more goals from Collins, as well as freshman Michael Kammermeyer, the Sharks battled heavy rain and the game was put on delay.

Once returning from the postponement, the Buccaneers pulled it together to score twice, adding pressure for NSU as the score shot up, 3-2. Upon facing a bit of struggle in the last few minutes of the game where it seemed Barry was about to tie the game up, senior Lorcan Cronin sealed the deal by making a goal off a break

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Lorcan Cronin
kicks the ball
down the field.

NSU Takes Down Barry, but Loses to St. Leo

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU women's soccer team (8-1-0; 2-1 SSC) endured their first loss of the 2006 season while battling out conference rivals, St. Leo University, 1-0.

However, prior to the Sharks' loss to the Lions, NSU put an end

to an on-going losing streak they were battling out with Barry University. The Sharks overwhelmed the Buccaneers, dominating the field and never letting up, ending it with a

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NSU Volleyball Team Defeated by Lynn University

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU's women's volleyball team (6-14-0; 0-6 SSC) were defeated by conference rivals of Lynn University while on their home court on the University center in a 4-game match as well as losing to Barry University in a total of 5-games while on the road.

On Sept. 30 the Sharks made their way down to Miami Shore where they battled it out with the Buccaneers, taking them to a fifth

game where the deciding factor was made by a service ace by one of Barry's key players. Despite the loss, NSU senior libero Itza Miranda maintained her strong defense by putting up 15 digs. Alongside Miranda's success was fellow teammate, senior Megan Johansen who had 55 set assists; as well as 12 digs of her own.

"Despite the numbers

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NSU's Sports Stats of the Week

Men's Cross Country

Team Scores

Rank	Team	Total	1	2	3	4	5	*6	*7	*8	*9
1	Nova Southeastern Univer	31	1	2	4	8	16	23			
	Total Time:	1:25:58.65									
	Average:	17:11.73									
2	Florida Atlantic Universi	55	5	7	10	13	20	22	33		
	Total Time:	1:28:30.20									
	Average:	17:42.04									
3	Bethune-Cookman College	98	9	11	14	25	39	43	44		
	Total Time:	1:35:06.09									
	Average:	19:01.22									
4	Flagler College	99	3	17	18	30	31				
	Total Time:	1:33:13.07									
	Average:	18:38.62									
5	Rollins College	119	6	26	27	28	32	34	37		
	Total Time:	1:35:00.81									
	Average:	19:00.17									
6	Stetson University	121	12	21	24	29	35	36			
	Total Time:	1:35:22.89									
	Average:	19:04.58									
7	Saint Leo University	153	15	19	38	40	41	42			
	Total Time:	1:45:47.29									
	Average:	21:09.46									

Women's Cross Country

Team Scores

Rank	Team	Total	1	2	3	4	5	*6	*7	*8	*9
1	Florida Atlantic Universi	36	1	2	6	7	20	21	30		
	Total Time:	1:37:27.48									
	Average:	19:29.50									
2	Nova Southeastern Univer	99	5	10	13	34	37	46	53		
	Total Time:	1:44:00.65									
	Average:	20:48.13									
3	University of Central Flo	107	14	17	22	26	28	31	32		
	Total Time:	1:44:27.04									
	Average:	20:53.41									
4	Florida Gulf Coast Univer	121	9	15	16	39	42	44	77		
	Total Time:	1:45:43.79									
	Average:	21:08.76									
5	Palm Beach Atlantic Unive	139	3	8	12	57	59	72	75		
	Total Time:	1:45:39.53									
	Average:	21:07.91									
6	University of South Flori	179	18	29	35	48	49	50	54		
	Total Time:	1:48:26.93									
	Average:	21:41.39									
7	Stetson University	187	11	27	41	47	61	66	70		
	Total Time:	1:49:06.28									
	Average:	21:49.26									

Men's Golf

Team Leader Board							
Course:Green Island Country Club: Par 71 - 6435 yards							
current position	team	scoring			rounds		total score
		to par	thru	today	1	2	
1	Columbus State U.	-2	F	-4	286	280	566
T2	Georgia Coll & St. U	+5	F	+6	283	290	573
T2	Valdosta St. U.	+5	F	+11	278	295	573
T2	Barry University	+5	F	+2	287	286	573
5	West Florida, U. of	+7	F	+8	283	292	575
6	Nova Southeastern U.	+9	F	E	293	284	577
7	North Alabama, U. of	+10	F	+6	288	290	578
8	Armstrong Atlantic U	+13	F	+2	295	286	581

Individuals

T1	T3	Johan Cronvall	Georgia Coll & St. U	-4	F	-1	68	70	138
T1	T7	Chris Wolfe ⁽¹⁰⁾	Armstrong Atlantic U	-4	F	-2	69	69	138
T3	T13	Jake Amos	Lander University	-3	F	-2	70	69	139
T3	T3	Matthew Galloway	West Florida, U. of	-3	F	E	68	71	139
T3	T3	Andrew Georgiou	Columbus State U.	-3	F	E	68	71	139
T6	T24	Daniel Creel	North Alabama, U. of	-2	F	-3	72	68	140
T6	T7	Wes Ker-Fox *	Columbus State U.	-2	F	E	69	71	140
T6	T13	Brandon Kuban	Columbus State U.	-2	F	-1	70	70	140
T6	1	Josh Tompkins	Valdosta St. U.	-2	F	+3	66	74	140
10	T20	Kyle Collins	Georgia Coll & St. U	-1	F	-1	71	70	141
T11	T3	Hernan Borja	Barry University	E	F	+3	68	74	142
T11	T42	Eric Cole	Nova Southeastern U.	E	F	-3	74	68	142

Men's Soccer

SSC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Lynn	4	1	0	12	12	4	9	1	0	.900	25	5
Rollins	4	1	0	12	15	7	10	2	0	.833	52	16
Nova Southeastern	2	1	1	7	12	8	6	4	1	.591	22	19
Saint Leo	2	1	1	7	8	8	7	4	1	.625	28	20
Florida Southern	2	2	0	6	6	8	4	6	1	.409	15	22
Eckerd	1	2	0	3	4	5	4	4	1	.500	13	12
Florida Tech	1	2	0	3	5	9	4	6	1	.409	30	23
Barry	1	4	0	3	7	15	6	4	1	.591	27	21
Tampa	1	4	0	3	11	11	5	7	0	.417	27	26

Women's Soccer

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Tampa	4	0	0	12	16	3	10	1	0	.909	38	7
Saint Leo	3	2	0	9	9	4	8	2	1	.773	20	5
Rollins	2	0	1	7	4	1	9	2	1	.792	37	14
Lynn	2	1	0	6	4	1	6	4	1	.591	18	14
Nova Southeastern	2	2	0	6	10	3	8	2	0	.800	36	5
Florida Tech	1	1	2	5	3	7	6	3	3	.625	23	13
Florida Southern	1	4	0	3	5	13	4	8	0	.333	19	25
Barry	0	2	2	2	1	8	2	7	3	.292	10	20
Eckerd	0	3	1	1	3	15	2	8	1	.227	9	29

Volleyball

SSC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Florida Southern	7	0	1.000	19	2	.905
Tampa	8	1	.889	20	1	.952
Barry	5	3	.625	10	5	.667
Saint Leo	4	3	.571	13	5	.722
Lynn	3	3	.500	8	7	.533
Rollins	3	4	.429	11	7	.611
Eckerd	3	5	.375	12	9	.571
Nova Southeastern	0	7	.000	6	14	.300
Florida Tech	0	7	.000	2	18	.100

Men's and Women's Cross Country

October 13- Stetson Hatter Invitational at the Sperling Sports Complex in DeLand, FL at 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer

October 10- Home game against Lynn University at 7 p.m.
October 14- Game against Florida Southern College - Lakeland, FL at 2 p.m.

Women's and Men's Golf

October 15- NSU Fall Invitational in Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Men's Soccer

October 11- Home game against Lynn University at 7 p.m.
October 14- Game against Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL at 7 p.m.

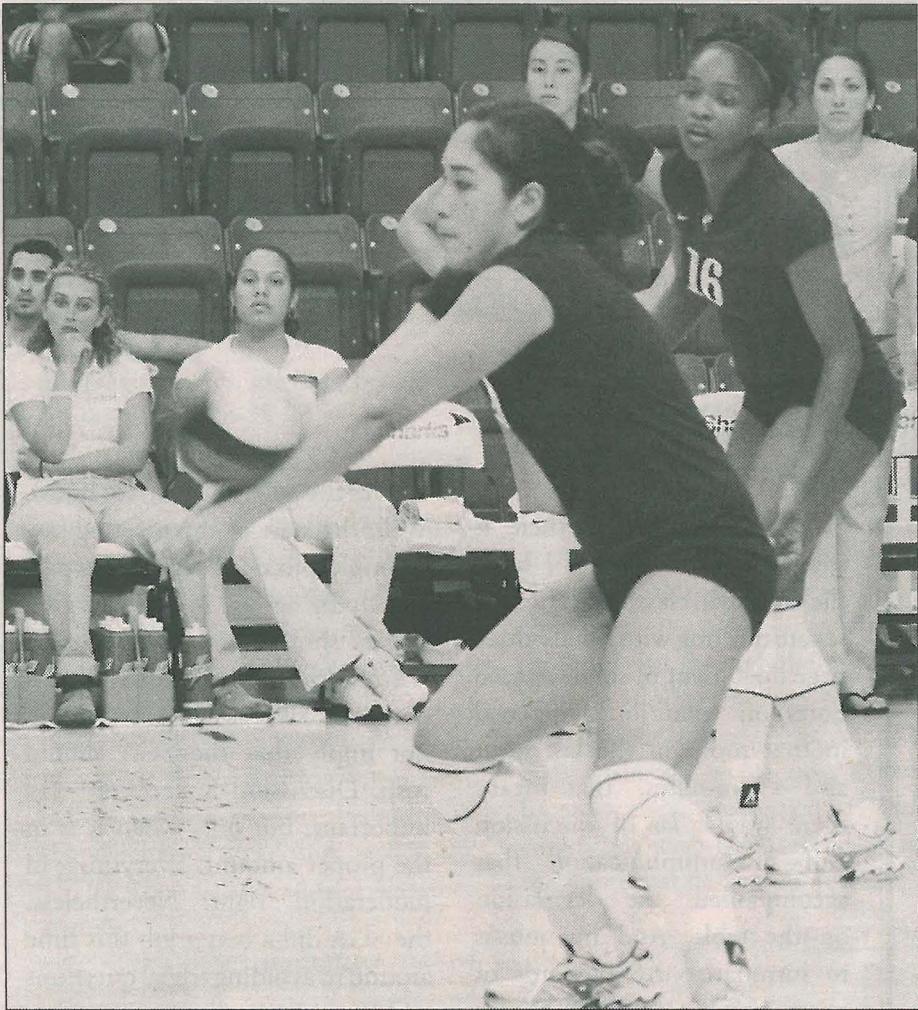
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One Shark fan believes it is just a matter of time before the NSU Volleyball team takes it home

the team's record puts up I think our team is awesome," NSU Shark fan and sophomore cheerleader, Stefanie DiMichele said. "I try to go to as many games as I get the opportunity to and they seem confident, determined and hard working, it's just a matter of time before it all comes together for the girls."

Following the two important conference games, the Sharks faced Florida Gulf Coast once again. The nationally ranked Eagles triumphed over NSU in 3 short games.

The Sharks will be taking on more conference rivalry this up coming weekend at the UC against Florida Tech. and Rollins College.



Andrea Irrarrazabal sets the volleyball up.

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Senior Lorcan Cronin seals the deal, leaving the Buccaneers hopes for a tie squashed

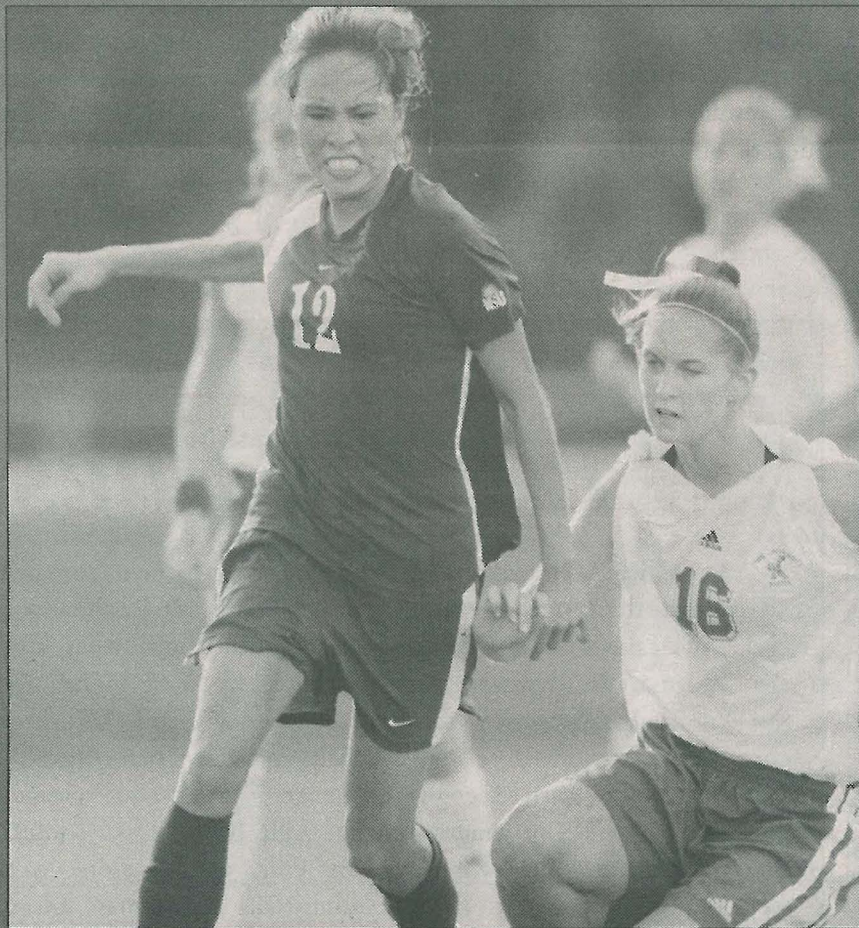
away, ensuring the Sharks' win. This was Cronin's fifth goal of the season.

Near the ending of the game there was hint of a fight towards NSU's bench, instigated by a Barry Buccaneer.

"Once we saw the fight break out our whole team said to one another that it wouldn't be a Barry game without a fight. It was typical behavior of our rivals upon losing an important conference game, but it made the win so much sweeter," Senior Greg Kegan said in reference to the argument. "Lorcan's goal was great; it was the nail in the coffin," added Kegan. He is credited for the assist in NSU's third goal of the game.

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Women's Soccer endure their first loss of the 2006 season



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Hayley Oligane does her best to keep the ball away from the defender.

shattering score of 4-0.

The game winning goal was registered by sophomore Lauren Huffman from the left corner of the field.

"It was one of the most exciting shots I've seen," exclaimed score keeper Katie Pepper. "I had to try really hard not to jump up and down in excitement for the girls!"

Additional goals were made by freshman Kelly Diershow, freshman Alexis Hernandez, and sophomore Stephanie Quinones.

In reference to the loss versus St. Leo, previous women's soccer

team member sophomore Michelle Little said "I'm so proud of the girls, and they didn't give up the win easily."

The game was an extremely physical one, both teams leaving everything they had all out on the field.

"The match was tough, but I know the girls won't let the loss faze them," Fin-atic Little said confidently. "Their chemistry off the field, alongside the trust they have in one another on the field will lead them to their next victory."

Shark Bites

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Men's Golf

Oct. 1 and 2, the men's golf team competed in the Aflac/Cougar Invitational in Columbus, Ga., and played at the Green Island Country Club. The course was 6,435 yards, par 71. Host Columbus State University won team titles with a total of 566. The Sharks finished in sixth place with a team total of 577. Freshman Eric Cole led the Sharks, finishing the two-day tournament even par 142. Cole finished tied for 11th place out of 96 golfers. Taking home the individual title was Johan Cronvall of Georgia College and State University with a two-day total of 138, four under par. Behind Cole was senior Michael Davenport who finished tied for 17th with a two-day total of 143.

Women's Tennis

On Sept. 30, the women's tennis team competed in the ITA Regional Tournament. Alexa Korotkevich won her round of 16 match against Florida Gulf Coast's Maria Braniecka 7-5, 6-4. Korotkevich won her quarterfinals match against Senka Softic of Florida Southern 6-2, 6-1. However, Korotkevich lost her semifinals match to Alex Shunk of Lynn, 6-1, 7-5. Shark newcomer Edita Kulichova lost her round of 16 match to Senka Softic 6-1, 6-4. Korotkevich and Tsippy Waterman also played in doubles action. Together, they lost their quarterfinal match against Marnie Mahler and Tasi Purcell of Rollins, 9-8.

Women's Volleyball

On Oct. 3, Florida Gulf Coast took down NSU in three games by the scores of 30-13, 30-15, and 30-17. The Eagles now have fourteen consecutive wins. The Sharks are now 6-14 in the polls. Melinda Gorman led NSU with seven kills. Karla Ortiz had six kills, and Irza Miranda recorded nine digs in the games.

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Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

What's new is occasionally confusing, as many undergraduates have noticed this past week.

Reading week seems to be a new thing here, and it's apparent that some people don't really understand what's going on. This may be because some professors aren't really acknowledging the days off, which has their students wondering what kind of effect that it's going to have on their exam schedule. A few people have even been sufficiently confused to ask me what's up, and to tell the truth, the best I've been able to do is shake my head and tell them that I don't know any better than they do.

Hopefully, things will be a little clearer by the time anyone reads this, but since I'm writing it on Wednesday, it has a Wednesday perspective.

I think the problem is that everyone is on a different page. One of my professors insisted that the days off didn't apply to his class, while another seems to have forgotten to mention it (both despite my classmates mentioning that they have exams during our class time- one of them in the same room). Either of them would have to rearrange their syllabi to accommodate the lack of class during the week.

Maybe it's me, but it's a little bit bizarre to have a week off in the middle of the semester when it isn't a holiday. I suppose it's no different than spring break and I'm certainly not complaining, but maybe some of the newer professors should have been told what reading week was when they turn in their syllabi. I've been told that a syllabus has to be reviewed and approved before class starts, so I find myself wondering if whoever reviews them doesn't check dates very closely. You would think that several teachers having class being conducted on their schedules during a week that there should be no class would stand out, but maybe I'm mistaken.

In any event, we're a few days away from all that theoretical time off, and it's still mostly theoretical. Hopefully, everyone will figure out what is going on between now and then, because nobody wants to get up and run to class just to discover you don't have one.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly on the Wall: Roles

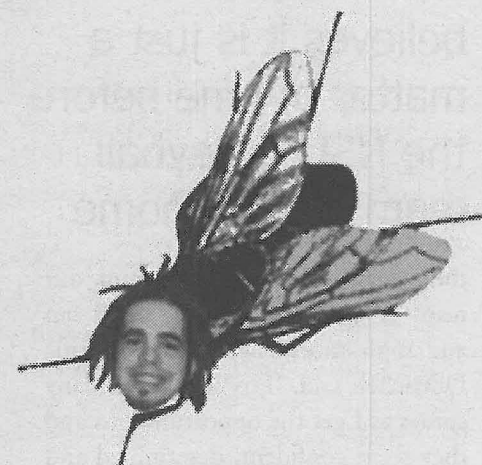
By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

It is easy to tell there is something amiss when I leave the Goodwin classroom after the senate meeting with a hefty three page document of single-spaced notes on what just happened in that room in the last hour and 45 minutes. That means there was a lot of discussion and miscommunication that accompanied the legislation on the table. And my job is to summarize 1,800 words of notes into less than 900 words that won't bore the reader to a horrible death. How else is the student body supposed to find out what happened when the SGA meeting is as popular as a DMV office on a Saturday?

In the previous installment I mentioned how the SGA tends to discuss certain issues with a degree of unnecessary detail at times, but that that is usually the result of some proportional degree of confusion, be it the

fault of the SGA or a club (or both). Well, the start of the meeting saw a couple pieces of legislation pass and fly by so fast my poor typing fingers short circuited and froze. I don't know how much what I say holds sway exactly, but I did not imply that the SGA should rush. Discussion is necessary and important, but only when it is in the proper amount. Everything in moderation, right? Nevertheless, the SGA did a better job this time around in avoiding trivial questions with some issues.

A bill that flew was IMAN's Fast-A-Thon bill that returned from the previous week. The bill was read and revealed that IMAN was asking for \$3,700 in funding, more than when the bill was first presented. Residential Senator Etta Mills asked why the bill was asking for so much and the IMAN representative answered, saying that IMAN was co-sponsoring with OASIS and thus included more people, food, and seating in



the bill. Nearly no discussion and the bill was passed with a vote of 4-2-0.

The issues and trends this bill brings up were overlooked. The bill asked for \$3,700 and the club representative mentioned previously that this event raised nearly two grand for charity last year. While I am sure that this is a great event and that the money is going to a great charity, why is the requested amount far more than the money the event is able to raise? This is the case for most clubs' philanthropic events. In addition, most clubs' contribution is usually next to nothing. I've heard one half-joking question escape the lips of many people: would it not just be easier to cut a check to the charity? Of course it would, but the SGA's

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Space for Reflection

The Big Questions

As college students, we are used to the class/study/test cycle: We take a course, study the information, demonstrate our knowledge by giving the correct answers on an exam, and (hopefully!) earn a good grade. This pattern of gauging how well we are doing by how well we respond to questions is so much a part of our lives as students that it becomes normal to think success is all about having the right answers.

But is it possible that success can be just as much tied to having the right questions as the right answers? Maybe even having questions for which we have no answers? Confused yet? I'm not talking about academic success now but about leading a meaningful, fulfilling life. Asking the "big" questions in life may not directly lead to an A on a test, but it could make you a happier person.

So what are the big questions? These are the

questions that make us stop and ponder what life is all about, what matters most, what kind of people we want to be. The Multicultural and Spiritual Affairs program here at NSU sponsors a yearly contest called the Life Questions contest. Last year, 64 questions were submitted, each one asking a "big" question to promote deep thought within the NSU community.

Some of the questions touch on identity, such as "How do you define yourself?" Some of them have to do with how we treat other people, such as "How can I choose love over judgment?" Other questions address our purpose in life, such as "What will you do with today?" and "What is your life passion?" Another subject those submitting questions confronted was the issue of meaning. One submission was "What is the meaning of your life?" Another was simply, "What matters?"

The questions were all great because they make us think about the important stuff in life. The Life Questions Contest Committee has made their selection of the five winning questions. Look for an announcement of the winners in next week's paper. And start considering what question you might want to submit for this year's contest!

Yes, it's great to have answers, especially when we're taking a test. But remember to value questions themselves. Ask yourself (and your friends) the big questions. It may be the start of a really cool conversation. We don't have to have the answers at this point. Just the fact that we are thinking about these deep issues will add meaning to our lives.

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guidelines say that they cannot directly donate to a charity.

Public Relations Director Sean Burque previously asked IMAN's representatives "why aren't you being self-sufficient, why are you relying completely on the SGA?" Good question, very good, indeed. I know it is difficult to fundraise as a club, but most clubs have little interaction with the SGA that go past the pocketbook. Clubs ask for money then run off like muggers, never to be seen until the next time they are in need of some greenbacks. SGA has become synonymous with ATM. The SGA serves the students, yet they, we, rarely show any sign of appreciation past a mere "thank you" that may not even be sincere.

Moving on, another bill that saw plenty of discussion was the NSUSGA Networking Reception Bill. Once again, this bill had a simple goal which was to hold a reception that would allow the SGA to network with administrators in a closed environment.

Here is the script. The first question asked by the senators was whether or not this event was open to the students. President Andrew Ibrahim summed it up nicely: "Technically, no." Though any event has to be open to the students, the idea behind this bill, as Ibrahim explained, is to have the SGA network first and this way the SGA will become better educated and can better answer the questions of students. Evan Fish, who was later confirmed as the fraternity senator, interjected and said that the idea was a good one, but that it was unfair because students were not invited. The sororities and fraternities would also like to attend the reception, he assured. Boyd then explained that the LDC was planning a larger reception for student leaders in December. Confusion naturally arose as SGA Advisor Terry Morrow pointed out that Fish's point was missed. SGA Advisor Gary Gershman clarified that this reception and the one in December had two different goals: the networking reception was for the SGA and the administration only and the one planned by the LDC was for networking among student leaders. Fish meant that student leaders would like to meet

the administrators. VPJ Laxmi Lalwani made it crystal clear the purpose was to have the SGA meet the administration in a closed environment that would be more vis-à-vis instead of having the students overwhelm the administrators. The bill was tabled unanimously anyway. Apparently for revision. Exit stage left.

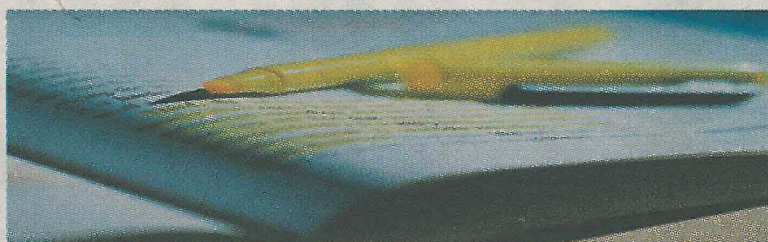
While the meaning of the bill was lost in translation somehow, I seriously doubt that the number of students lining up to RSVP for this event would take precedence over what the SGA was trying to accomplish. Let the SGA have their one-on-one so they can better serve the ungrateful students. The presence of students will minimize the effectiveness of the networking receptions. It is not like another reception, if it is so desperately desired, is not possible.

Additional (Quick) Notes

A bunch of people were appointed to senate positions.

A resolution is in the works to find storage space for clubs.

Ibrahim is close to securing a student representative in the board of trustees.

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Correction

In the Oct. 3 Issue of *The Current*, the headline for the **Men's Soccer** story on page 11 read: "NSU Men's Soccer Team Downed by Eckerd College, 2-1." However, the Men's Soccer team was defeated by St. Edwards University, not Eckerd College.

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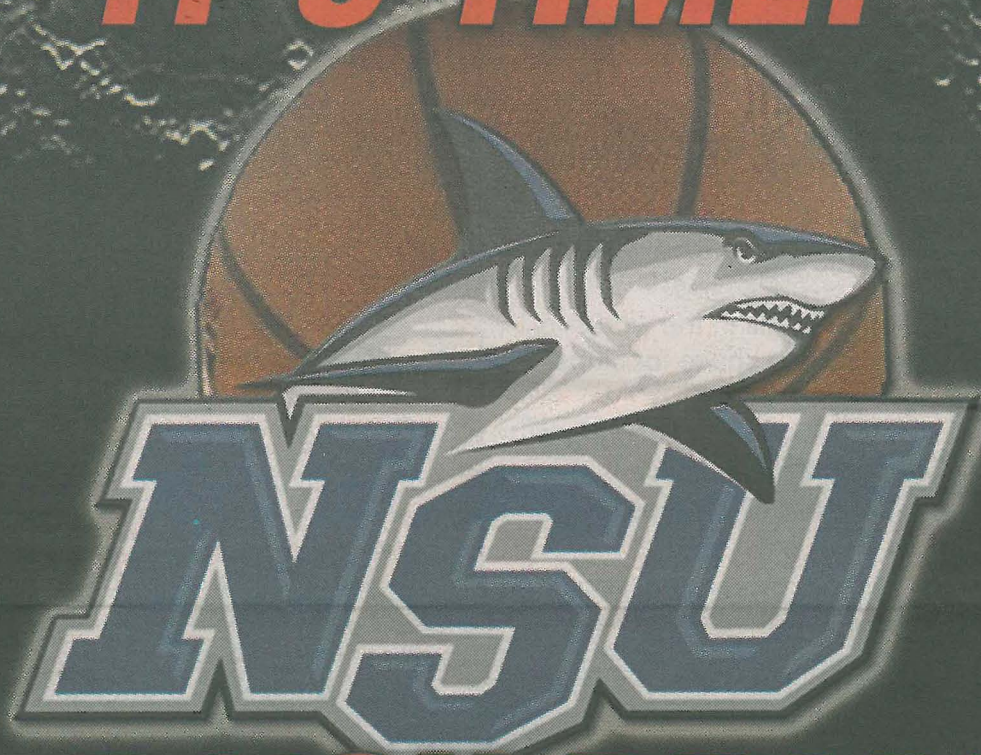
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