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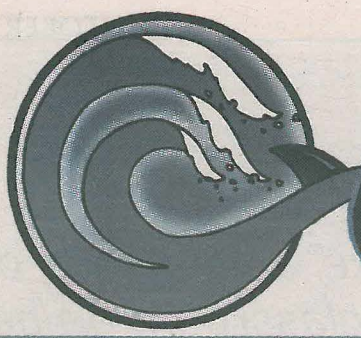
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Scary-oke Scares Up a Crowd

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On Oct. 26, NSU students gathered in the Flight Deck for the SUB sponsored Halloween party, Scary-oke, complete with free food, candy, prizes and raffle tickets.

"SUB wanted to do something to celebrate Halloween, so instead of having a normal Halloween party we wanted to have a karaoke party," said Rob Keever, Live Stage Program Manager for the Student Union Board.

Students were greeted at the door with goodie bags, candy and raffle tickets. At the event, prizes were given out for costumes in different categories: scariest, funniest most original, sexiest and overall best. Students also received prizes for the best pumpkin carving from Quad Thursday.

For the karaoke portion of the event, students performed on stage, singing songs like "Barbie Girl," "Cry," "Californication" and "Thriller." Sophomore Willie Wood, who performed on stage said, "I just wanted to get up there and promote the event. I figured that they saw me at NSU Idol, so I decided to give them another taste."

Prizes were given to the contestants for best performance, best try, and the best singing. Prizes included Scary Movie DVDs and gift certificates.

"It's awesome," said sophomore and legal studies major Vivian Martin Del Campo. "There is food, music, games, and face painting and people making fools of themselves in karaoke. It was a great event to bring the NSU community together."



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This was just one of the "SCARY" acts to set stage in the UC Flight Deck on Thursday, October 26.

Gubernatorial Debates Takes Place at NSU

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

On Oct 24, NSU hosted the gubernatorial debates at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Republican Attorney General Charlie Crist and Democratic Congressman Jim Davis debated the issues face-to-face just two weeks before Election Day on Nov. 7. The candidates discussed education, insurance rates, taxes, healthcare and immigration. During the course of the hour long debate each candidate presented his view of a bigger and better Florida.

Davis wanted to change the current path of education in Florida by putting an end to the FCAT test. "The FCAT is used to punish children, teachers and their schools," he said. He feels that the exam should be used as a learning tool but not as the sole measure for success in that school. Davis also said that he plans to increase teacher salaries and lower the property taxes in school by implementing a one billion dollar tax cut for all property owners next year. Crist disagreed with his education plan, however, and feels that the FCAT should not be thrown out. "It's right to take a measure of what happens in the classroom on behalf of our children," he said. "They don't get a second chance to go to elementary school, middle school or high school." Crist pointed out that the quality of education in Florida's schools has been steadily increasing since 1998 and that the state has surpassed the national trends. He said that he will continue to make sure that the schools are accountable to the parents and that the money is spent in the classroom on the children.

Crist proposed a new plan to stop the soaring interest rates in the state and to lower the property taxes. He wants all of the automobile insurance companies to add home insurance coverage to their plans. He feels that it is unfair that some of these companies are only around for "the good stuff" and he wants them all to partake in providing home insurance to the citizens of Florida. He also said that he will support a constitutional amendment to double the homestead exemption to \$50,000 in order to provide relief to the taxpayers. "The goals should be to lower your property taxes," he said. Davis argued that Crist will not take immediate action on these proposals but will instead wait four years to help the people of Florida. "Change is coming depending on who the next governor is," he said. He proposed a tax cut that would lower property taxes by one billion dollars next year. He said that he plans to fight the special interest groups in Tallahassee that are not paying their fair share of taxes in the state. "I'll say something to these insurance companies they haven't heard in a long time: No!"

Crist called Davis' insurance plan a "risky scheme" and accused of him of planning to raise taxes. He said that Davis planned to reinstate the intangibles tax, which hurts middle class investors saving for retirement as well as seniors, in order to come up with the one billion dollar property tax cut. He accused Davis of trying to bail out these insurance companies on the backs

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Life 101: Still Very Much Alive at NSU

By Kristine Belizaire
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By the middle of the fall semester, NSU usually begins Life 101, a speaker series that brings famous individuals with amazing success stories to speak to the NSU community. Life 101 has been a long standing tradition at NSU with speakers in the past that include Vanessa Williams, Jamie-Lynne DiScala, Michael Phelps, James Earl Jones, Dan Abrams, and H. Wayne Huizenga.

According to Katie Blanco, Director of Student Engagement, Life 101 is still part of the planned activities for the academic year. Blanco added that it has been very difficult to find a speaker that really stands for the mission

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of the Florida taxpayers. Davis argued that Crist had been the attorney general for six years and had not stood up to these insurance companies. He said that Crist had done nothing about them. "If we don't lower our insurance then our state will not be a place to continue living," he said. "I won't just show up, I will stand up." Crist told Davis that it was too little, too late. "You didn't just have an empty chair, you have the second worst attendance record in the United States Congress," he said. "I've been in my chair, I've turned up for office, I've shown up." He criticized Davis for being absent for most of his term

in office and pointed out that he had only passed five bills over the course of his ten years in Congress. "I got back eight million dollars for Floridians," he said in regards to a lawsuit he filed against the insurance companies. "But I guess he wasn't in his chair the day that happened."

The candidates then argued about healthcare as the debates grew in intensity. Davis said that he wanted to make sure that more families and more seniors would be able to get the drugs that they needed. "Charlie had a chance to stand up and do something and he didn't," he said. "I will fight these drug companies to lower prescription drug

"It's right to take a measure of what happens in the classroom on behalf of our children."

- Republican Attorney General Charlie Crist

"The FCAT is used to punish children, teachers and their schools."

- Democratic Congressman Jim Davis

prices." Crist said that he wanted to lift the ban on the importation of drugs from Canada because they were cheaper. He also praised the new discount cards that have been introduced into Wal-mart, Target and several other retail stores across the nation. He advocated issuing discount cards to all Floridians who were in need of cheaper medications from the drug stores. He said that he would work and fight for the people at all times. "I want to be the people's governor," he said. "Jim Davis wants to be the government's governor."

Crist and Davis debated several other topics and then had the chance

to ask one another different questions about the issues at hand. As the hour drew to a close they were each given a chance to give their final statements. Davis ended by saying "Charlie sounds a lot like Ronald Reagan, but he wants to govern like George Bush. We live in a wonderful state and I just think that we can do much better." He was followed by Crist who said "Government needs to live within its means. My opponent wants to protect government. I want to protect the people...If you vote for Charlie Crist you'll get positive change for a better future."

NSU Idols and Hollywood Squares

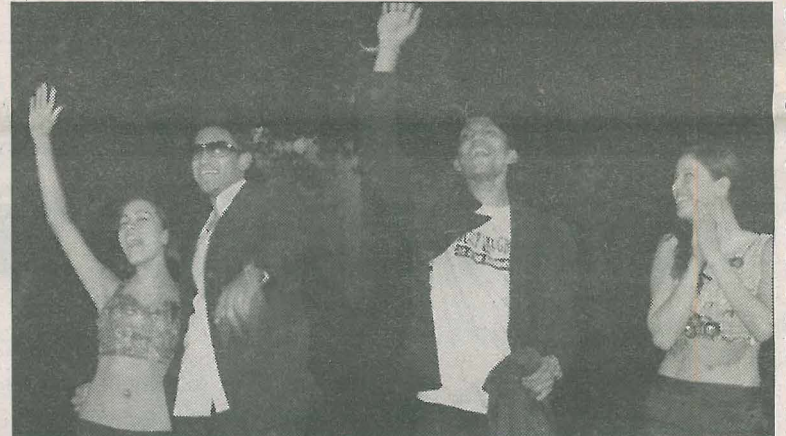
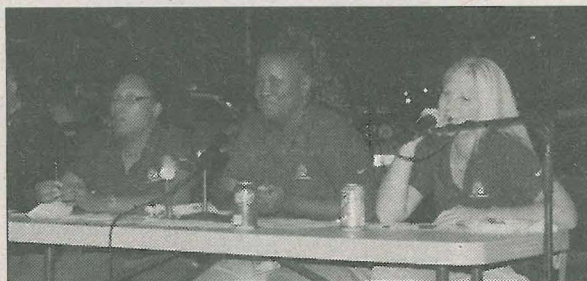
The Office of Student Affairs hosted its very own NSU Idols and 16th Annual Hollywood Squares event on October 19 and 20, respectively. NSU Idols consisted of 22 acts, in which only six were able to move on the finals. On October 20, all six finalists returned to perform once more during Hollywood Squares. However, only three went home with cash prizes for their organization. First place: Karla Montenegro (Delta Phi Epsilon; \$2,000), Second Place: Willie Wood and Anthony DeSantis (RSA; \$1,000), and Third Place: Indian Student Association (\$500).



ABOVE: Karla Montenegro excites crowd with her performance of Whitney Houston's single, "I Have Nothing."



ABOVE: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship adopt a religious message into popular single, "Baby Got Back." **BELOW:** The judges of NSU Idols.



ABOVE: Indian Student Association (ISA) performs a combination of Shaggy songs.



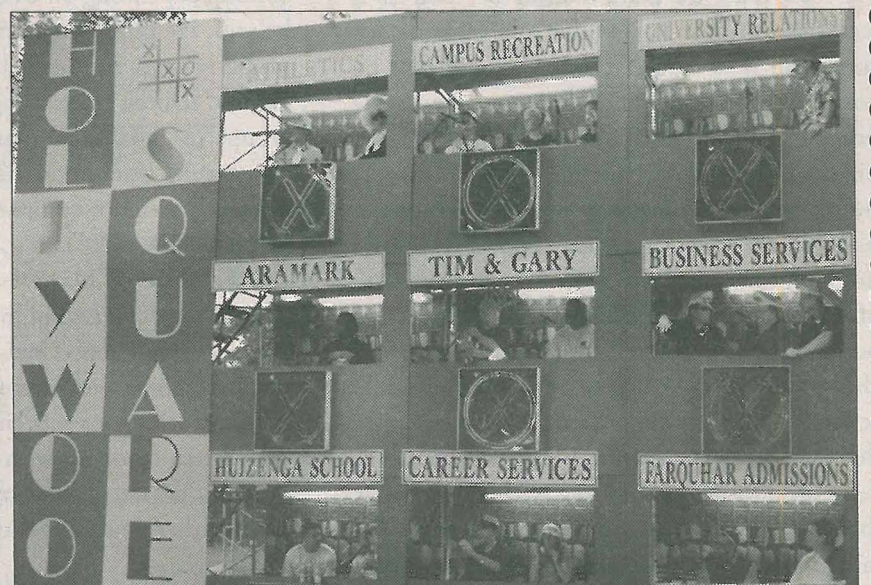
LEFT: Jesse Aron sings Fiona Apple's Criminal



ABOVE: Host B'RAD poses questions to the contestants of Hollywood Squares. **BELOW:** Phi Sigma Sigma all spice and nothing nice.



RIGHT: Camille Wright and Kaye Fenelus of Radio X.



Photos by Jany Cabezas and Portia Jones

A New Strategy for Iraq?

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

President Bush's strategy on Iraq has been fairly consistent throughout the war. He has repeatedly told the American people that the U.S. troops will continue to "stay the course" until the job is done and the terrorists have been defeated. However, in light of the increasingly large number of fatalities in Iraq during the month of October, many have called for a change of policy, or more specifically, a change in the course itself.

Bush has been attacked by several members of the Republican Party about his current policies in Iraq. According to a CNN report, Senator Arlen Specter, R-Penn., said he did not "believe that a shift in tactics ought to wait until after the election." He added that "there are too many casualties there."

Senator Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., also shared his thoughts on the current state of the war. He told the Associated Press "we're on the verge of chaos, and the

current plan is not working." Graham said that troop levels in Baghdad are too low and that an increased military is needed to win the war. Setting a timetable in Iraq, Graham said, is a death wish.

Prominent Democrats have also criticized Bush's plan and called for an end to the war. Senator John Kerry, D-Mass., said that the administration conveniently changed its course just in time for the midterm elections, but is still fighting a war that cannot be won.

"It is time to get tough with the Iraqis... We can't wait a year for a political solution in Iraq," Kerry told the Associated Press. The senator wants U.S. troops to place pressure on the Iraqi government to take control over their country.

Senator Joe Biden, D-Del., said that he too was skeptical of Bush's new course of action. "We tried to get them to accept benchmarks a year and a half ago and the president called it cutting and running. Now the president is setting benchmarks," he told Fox News.

White House Press Secretary Tony Snow said that the phrase "stay the course" was a misleading one used to describe the president's policy in the Middle East. He said that the President is not using the phrase any longer because it misled people into believing that the army would never adjust its strategies in Iraq, which was not the case.

Bush reiterated Snow's statements. "Stay the course is about a quarter right... My attitude is don't do what you're doing if it's not working—change," Bush said in an Associated Press release.

During an Oct. 25 press conference, Bush explained that "we're taking new steps to help secure Baghdad and are constantly changing our strategy in Iraq." Bush said that the plan for Iraq is

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FEMA Invests \$4 Million Dollars Into Hurricane Preparedness Plan

By Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

FEMA announced on Oct. 23 that they will be investing \$4 million over the next two years into developing more reliable flood maps and improved post hurricane response and recovery measures. FEMA's plan will begin in South Florida as the "model" for hurricane preparedness.

First on FEMA's priority list is the Lake Okeechobee region. Plans will then expand to include coastal regions and areas of South Florida from the Keys to Palm Beach County. According to Sun Sentinel, the two possible scenarios are a breach of the Herbert Hoover Dike and a catastrophic storm striking the greater Miami-Dade area.

"Florida serves as a model for the nation in the area of hurricane

preparedness," said FEMA Director David Paulison during a press conference at the National Hurricane Center in Miami-Dade County. "We're going to use this plan as a model across the rest of this country."

FEMA plans to have technicians update the flooding dangers surrounding the Lake Okeechobee region. According to the Palm Beach Post, technicians will be using the high resolution light detection and ranging technology (LIDAR) to get the job done.

The Sun Sentinel reported that the technicians will map out elevations to determine potential flooding areas, how rapidly water will flow and which areas might be swamped if the Herbert Hoover Dike is breached. Officials believe that such planning will greatly improve the

evacuation plan.

Craig Fugate, director of the Florida Division of Emergency management, said that he expects the new mapping will affect the charts that insurance companies use to determine which homeowners are required to have flood insurance.

Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center, noted that only a year ago South Florida residents were making preparations for Hurricane Wilma. He stressed the importance of South Florida residents having a hurricane plan before a hurricane comes. The planning is expected to be finished by next hurricane season.

College Students Pack On the Pounds

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Recent studies show that college students seem to be packing on pounds past the "freshman 15." It is now believed that the freshman 15 is more like the freshman seven or eight and that the real weight gain starts sophomore year.

According to stuff.co.nz, a public university in the Midwest performed a study in which 907 of the students showed that during their first year, males and females gained an average of 7.8 pounds. Others gained ten to fifteen pounds in the first semester.

Researchers are pointing fingers

at academic stress, lack of direct family support, alcohol, and easy access to greasy and fatty foods. The results also show that males are gaining more weight than females.

Physicians fear that this weight gain will ultimately continue past the student's college career and place students at risk of obesity in the future. One concern physicians have is that the obesity epidemic among children in the U.S. may cause the infamous "freshman 15" to endanger students earlier.

Doctors reported their findings at a meeting of the Obesity Society in Boston. The studies are two of the largest and longest ever done of college students'

weight gain. Researchers will continue to perform studies to find out why college students are gaining weight.

NSU students had a bit to say about the recent findings.

"According to the studies?" asked Joann Liria. "I guess I'm going to weigh like 180 pounds then."

"The freshman 15 stinks," said freshman Sharein El-Tourky.

NSU students tempted by the unhealthy foods should be reminded by the new findings that eating properly is a serious concern. Staying in contact with the folks at home may also help to reduce stress.

From the Editors of E/The
Environmental Magazine

EARTH TALK

Dear EarthTalk: What are so-called "debt-for-nature swaps" and how do they work?

— Howard W., via e-mail

A debt-for-nature swap is an agreement by which a wealthier, developed nation like the United States forgives debt owed to it by a developing country in exchange for a promise to use some or all of the money instead to preserve critical environmental areas. Typically, such deals are brokered by international non-profit organizations like The Nature Conservancy or Conservation International, which sometimes contribute additional funds to provide grants to local community organizations participating in the projects.

One of the largest debt-for-nature swaps to date occurred just recently, in October 2006, when the U.S. agreed to forgive \$24.4 million in debt from Guatemala to free up the money for use in forest conservation efforts there. The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International were instrumental in putting that deal together, and each committed \$1 million toward Guatemalan conservation initiatives as well. A similar deal will allow Botswana to repurpose \$8.3 million in debt payments owed to the U.S. for conservation and restoration of its tropical forests in the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park regions.

To date, the U.S. has arranged a dozen debt-for-nature swaps (one under President Clinton and the rest under George W. Bush), forgiving \$135 million worth of loans for conservation's sake from not only Guatemala and Botswana, but also Bangladesh, Belize, Colombia, El Salvador, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, the Philippines and Peru. Under the terms of the Tropical Forest Conservation Act, enacted in 1998, developing countries with a tropical forest of global or regional significance, a democratically elected government and plans for economic reform are eligible for debt forgiveness from the U.S. as long as they are willing to undertake conservation efforts accordingly. They also must cooperate with the U.S. on international narcotics control measures while neither supporting terrorism nor violating human rights.

While the U.S. has been the leader in encouraging debt-for-nature swaps, other developed countries are starting to get in on the act as well. Germany has forgiven tens of millions of Euros owed it by the governments of Indonesia and Bolivia, among others, for the benefit of the environment. And last June, France joined the fray by forgiving \$25 million in debt from Cameroon in the name of protecting still pristine stretches of the Congo

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Milk Bomb

A bomb squad was called in Swartz Creek, Mich., after a bottle of rancid milk was left in the men's bathroom. The Associated Press reported that the bottle had previously been resting in a student's locker and was originally thought to contain a deadly mixture of household chemicals. Bomb squad and police officers called to the scene refused to get near the substance and the school was evacuated. "I know that after the fact it makes us look on the silly side, that we sent kids home because of spoiled milk on the shelf," said the Swartz Creek police chief who added that "all of the right decisions were made."

Cheaters May Become Prisoners

School can be stressful, but not so much when someone else takes your tests. A Ghanaian man thought he might win favor with his wife by taking her science exam, but, according to Reuters, the couple may now face jail time. Since Kofi Ochere and wife Christiana Yeboah were taking the same tests—Kofi did not need to pass for certification—the scholarly Kofi swapped papers. Unfortunately for the couple, proctors noticed that his paper had a feminine name, tipping them off to the scandal. Husband and wife may each face five years in jail for their crime. Eight others have been arrested for impersonation during tests in Accra.

Woman Crashes into Motor Vehicle Building, Fails Test

Confusing the pedals during a driving test might cost the applicant his or her license. Confusing the pedals, jumping a curb, and crashing into the licensing building definitely will. An unidentified 20 year-old Indiana woman did just that, according to the Associated Press. A spokesman for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles explained that "it's fair to say the customer did not meet the required criteria." The car sustained damage to the hood and fenders and one person inside the building suffered a hip injury.

Feeling Guilty, Man Turns Self In Sixteen Years Later

Sixteen years after posting bail and never showing up for his court date for a drunk driving arrest, a Patrick Murray of Minneapolis finally turned himself in. Murray's car had slid down a ditch and he had left the scene but returned in a jeep and was arrested by Sergeant Tom Nyseth at that time. Once Murray failed to appear in court in 1990, a warrant was issued for his arrest. Having an outstanding warrant was something that had "been troubling [Murray] for awhile," so he surrendered to police. The arresting officer has since died.

American-Russian Research Team Discovers New Element

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

On Oct. 16, a group of American and Russian scientists announced the discovery of Element 118, the heaviest element to date.

The element, which would be a noble gas placed directly below radon on the periodic table, was observed for 1/1000th of a second on three occasions during testing in 2005, according to a press release from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Livermore-Dubna, the team of American and Russian scientists, also observed elements 113 and 115 a year prior, but as of press time, no other laboratory has reported being able to replicate the findings, according to a New York Times report.

"These very heavy elements don't

really occur in nature, so there's no reason for students to study them," said David Simon, Ph.D, who teaches physics at NSU. "They help understand the nature of the nucleus, so it's more important for researchers."

Other scientists cautioned the team on getting too worked up over the discovery, especially considering the 1999 discovery of 118 was later determined to have been the result of fabricated data.

While the discovery of new elements can be exciting in the world of research, it will not be affecting curriculum any time soon.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

North America

Arson suspected in Calif. brush fires

According to Reuters, "a deadly arson fire in rugged mountains near Palm Springs, Calif. burned out of control for a second day on Friday, Oct. 27, forcing dozens more people to flee their homes to escape a 15-mile wall of flames." Local media sources reported that more than 24,000 acres have been scorched and at least four firefighters have been killed and one was injured and was admitted to a hospital in critical condition. Though state officials have not explained "why they are treating the fire as arson and the deaths as murder" the Los Angeles Times cited several people who said they saw teenagers smoking marijuana around midnight on Oct. 26, "where the fire is thought to have started." The firefighters have forced over 800 people to abandon their homes, many in the middle of the night, and have told reporters that at least 10 buildings have been destroyed. An additional 400 to 1000 people "spent a tense night trapped by smoke and flames in a recreational park in the San Jacinto mountains." The fire is expected to burn for several more days before it is controlled. A reward for information regarding any suspects was recently increased to \$200,000.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

Middle East

NATO bombing mishap kills Afghan civilians

Local Afghani leaders told Reuters' reporters that North Atlantic Treaty Organization aircraft mistakenly killed at least 50 civilians, "mostly women and children," in a bombing run in southern Afghanistan on Oct. 26. The bombing took place on Oct. 24 during the Eid al-Fitr festival that marked the end of the Muslim fasting month in the Panjwai province. NATO officials said that several hundred insurgents have been killed in that area during the last offensive. The alliance has claimed that it has killed numerous insurgents in the nearby province of Kandahar, but also said that "credible reports" of civilian deaths have also been received. President Hamid Karzai has appointed the defense ministry and "a special team of local elders" to investigate the incident and reports. Provincial assembly member Agha Lalai said "it was late at night—that might be the reason they didn't know where to bomb." Another tribal elder, Naik Mohammad, said that reports of slain civilians conflicted: in a visit to a hospital, Mohammad counted 60 casualties from the five hour bombing. The United Nations mission in Afghanistan, UNAMA, has called for a complete investigation. "The safety and welfare of civilians must always come first and any civilian casualties are unacceptable, without exception," said UNAMA officials.

For more information, visit www.reuters.com.

Europe

Soldiers suspended for skull photos

Germany's defense minister told Associated Press reporters that "Germany's military has suspended two soldiers from duty in connection with photos of troops posing with a skull in Afghanistan." A German newspaper, Bild, published the photos of several troops holding up a human skull had have "provoked widespread expressions of disgust." Many have called for a review of training procedures for soldiers deployed in foreign countries. Military officials also fear that "militants in Afghanistan and elsewhere could seize on the pictures to justify attacks on German soldiers or facilities." Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung said at a news conference that the department's "interest is in getting clarity as soon as possible." Jung said that the defense ministry would like to obtain answers before any of the 2,750 German troops in Afghanistan are endangered. State prosecutors and military committees are also investigating the photos.

For more information, visit www.msnbc.com.

North America

Haitian warlord in U.S. ordered to pay damages

U.S. District Judge Sidney Stein ordered Emmanuel "Toto" Constant to pay \$19 million to three women who say they "were raped and had their breasts slashed by his men" when he ran an anti-government paramilitary group in Haiti in 1993. Constant, who fled Haiti in 1994 after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned from exile, moved to New York City's Queens borough and became a real estate agent. Many immigrants in New York City were said to have recognized Constant at bars and nightclubs and he was arrested in July after he was charged for a \$1 million mortgage fraud scheme. The three women sued Constant last year in Manhattan and claimed that he authorized his men to torture and rape them. "Constant's conduct was clearly malicious," Stein said. "His organization was dedicated principally toward terrorizing and torturing political opponents of the military regime." Although the case against Constant is strong, Jennie Green, senior attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights said "it is not known if the women will ever see any of the money."

For more information, visit www.worldnews.com.

New Breast Cancer Risk Gene Revealed

Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

Scientists have discovered that women with a mutated version of the BRIP1 are at a higher risk of obtaining breast cancer, according to research at the Cancer Research in the UK of the National Cancer Research Institute.

Women with the mutated version of BRIP1 have twice the normal risk of developing breast cancer. According to Emaxhealth.com, scientists closely studied the BRIP1 gene in 1,212 women with breast cancer who also had a family history of the disease.

The Guardian reported that the faulty gene accounts for about 100 cases of breast cancer a year. According to the research, the deficiencies in the gene can increase the risk of breast cancer in women with a family history of the disease from one in 12 to one in six by the time they are 70 years old.

Researchers said that some women can be born with the mutated version of the gene but it does not mean that they will ultimately develop breast cancer; it just places them at a double the normal risk factor. They performed gene tests and found that 1 in 100 women with a family

history of breast cancer had a BRIP1 mutation. Among women without such a history, only 1 in 1,000 had the mutation.

Researchers say that identifying the mutant version of BRIP1 can help let women know what they need to do to avoid breast cancer development.

"This would not alter what most women do," said Nazneen Rahman, the genetics researcher who led the study.

Though there are many other genes that are also responsible for causing the development of breast cancer, the founding research concerning the BRIP1 gene is an important move toward early detection of breast cancer and the treatment. According to Newsday.com, the discovery of the gene's role in breast cancer is not likely to cause doctors to start screening women for the mutation or affect how they are treated if they have it.

The mutant gene's discovery is helping oncologists and physicians know what to look for genetically as well as the physically symptoms that are in some cases obvious by helping to narrow down causes of cancer.

IRAQ

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"It is time to get tough... We can't wait a year for a political solution..."

flexible and it will adjust to the current state of the government there in order to win this war.

The plan is to encourage the Iraqis to take more control over their own people more quickly. Iraqi government officials have agreed to develop a series of benchmarks by the end of this year that would help to stabilize the country and reduce the amount of violence there over the next 12 to 18 months.

Bush assured that the military is changing its training strategy for the Iraqi troops, increasing the number

of coalition advisors and changing the force structure for better response. The president also plans to disarm the illegal death squads, share oil revenues and amend the constitution.

Though Bush said that U.S. troops can return home as soon as the Iraqis are able to protect themselves, the administration has not set specific dates for these benchmarks and has no plans to penalize the government officials if they are unable to fulfill their commitments by the end of next year.

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River Basin, the world's second largest tropical forest after the Amazon.

Debt-for-nature deals have not all taken place without some controversy. According to the Uruguay-based World Rainforest Movement (WRM), last September Canada forgave \$680,000 in debt from Honduras in exchange for that country's establishment of tree planting and forest conservation programs. Arranged primarily within a debt-for-nature framework, Canada

will actually get credit in the deal toward the greenhouse gas emissions reductions it promised under the international Kyoto Protocol. Says WRM, "The powerful hand of industry is behind this project... this allows a major carbon dioxide-producing country... to be able to avoid implementing real measures to either reduce carbon emissions at their source or to implement the conservation of its own forests."

Take a Bite Out of This...

Current Events Calendar

MONDAY

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Monday Night Football
8:30 @ Flight Deck

TUESDAY

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Happy Halloween

CSO: "Commute O' Treats"
12-2pm Outside Parker

Haunted Goodwin Halls
5-10pm @ Goodwin Dorms

WEDNESDAY

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Are you sick of candy by now?

THURSDAY

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Quad Thursday
11:30-1pm @ Library Quad

A Midsummer Night's Dream
8pm @ Miniaci Center

FRIDAY

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A Midsummer Night's Dream
8pm @ Miniaci enter

The Promethean Theatre
presents Two Rooms
8pm @ Mailman Auditorium

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

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Building Stronger Communities
11-2pm @ Parker

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Saturday 8pm and Sunday 2 p.m.
@ Miniaci Center

NFL Sunday Ticket
1pm @ Flight Deck

Two Rooms - Production
Saturday, 8pm and Sunday, 2pm &
8pm @ Mailman Auditorium

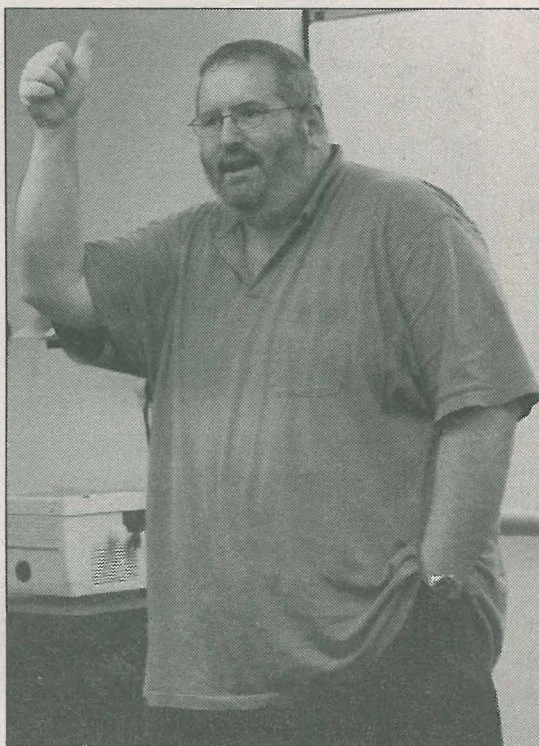
When Democracy Fails America Loses

Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

On Oct 18, Charles Zelden, PhD, history professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, gave a lecture entitled "When 1 + 1 Doesn't Always Equal 2: The 2000 Presidential Election Crisis and Why It Still Matters Today," which discussed the problems that occurred during the 2000 election cycle and the resulting effect that they had on the voting process as a whole. "The process matters more than the outcome," said Zelden.

He began by pointing out the fact that the nation was using voting machines at the time that had an error margin between 0.5 and 10 percent, which meant that 0.5 percent of the votes that were cast were not going to be counted. "Two people show up to the voting place," said Zelden, "But only one has their vote counted." He said the number of votes was never accurate during the election because there was too much room for error. However, it never really had an impact on any single election unless that race was exceptionally close. The final results in Florida were so close that they had no choice but to recount them and that is where the problem began, said Zelden. There were very few experts at that time who understood the process of recounting the votes.

The country had ballot machines that did not work properly and no means to fix those problems during an important election that would decide the fate of that nation for the next four years. The courts refused to reverse the ballots, though it was suspected the election was flawed. "We



had antiquated procedures. It's all being run by partisan individuals," said Zelden.

Putting all partisan politics aside however, Zelden felt that the biggest loser in this election was democracy itself. The issue was not whether George Bush or Al Gore won the election, but rather why these problems occurred in the first place. He said that it does not matter whether or not the outcome is favorable because the process matters more than the end result. He is worried about the upcoming election because there are several close races and he does not want the same issues to arise again. Zelden added that the will of the people ought to be expressed in their ability to choose their own leaders, and there should not be anything standing in their way. "Democracy is having the votes matter," said Zelden. "To the extent that people feel they can't win so they won't bother voting, democracy is dead."

Alpha Phi Omega Spearheads Project Linus

By Michael Bergbauer
Current Affairs Editor

On Oct. 25 and 26, Alpha Phi Omega had tables set up for students to participate in Project Linus, a service project that donates handmade blankets to children in need, named after the blanket toting Peanuts character Linus.

APO has participated annually in Project Linus since 2005. The idea to do so originally came from APO member Kandi Osman. "I researched some agencies to try and find a new and exciting project that we could do to benefit children," said Osman. "I found out about Project Linus, presented it to the chapter, and the chapter agreed to participate. Since then it has become one of the most looked forward to events from both the members of our chapter and the NSU community."

During the days of the project,

APO had supplies ready for passing students and APO members to make and decorate no-sew tie fleece blanket. When completed, the blankets are fixed with a patch featuring the character Linus and the words "Made with Tender Loving Care by Project Linus." Afterwards, the blankets are sent to a Project Linus drop-off point where they are then donated to hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters, and other places with needy children. "The idea is that all children need a blanket, a sense of security, something to call their own," said Osman.

When asked why APO participates in Project Linus every year, Osman replied, "We get a warm fuzzy feeling from helping touch the lives of children, and from playing in all the soft fleece. Not only is it a great project for the people it helps, it gets the NSU community together and doing something fun, all for a good cause."

For more information about Project Linus, visit <http://www.projectlinus.org>.

Nova's Faculty Speaks out about the UW controversy

Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

Despite his controversial stance on Sept. 11 attacks, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has retained Professor Kevin Barrett to teach a course on Islamic religion and culture.

Barrett is a member of an organization called Scholars for Sept. 11 Truth that believes U.S. officials were behind the deadly attacks and not the al-Qaida terrorists. He wrote an essay entitled "Interpreting the Unspeakable: The Myth of 911," in which he describes his views. At one point he wrote, "Like Bush and the neo-cons, Hitler and the Nazis inaugurated their new era by destroying an architectural monument and blaming its destruction on their designated enemies." His article is one of fifteen that have been collected from various sources and will be included on his syllabus as part of the mandatory readings for his

class.

Barrett's new course has sparked controversy in Wisconsin. According to an Associated Press article, 61 legislators denounced the university's actions and one county board has cut its funding by \$8,247, the total amount that Barrett will make while teaching this course.

Democratic Governor Jim Doyle, along with his Republican opponent Mark Green both agree that Barrett should be fired from the university immediately. The university's chief academic officer Provost Patrick Ferrell believed that his decision to keep Barrett at the university was justified since he had the right to express his opinion in the classroom as long as he allowed his student to oppose his viewpoint.

This controversy has attracted nationwide attention and has brought many issues to light.

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Sex Talk Part 2: Nature vs Nurture

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

On Oct. 23, students gathered in the Alvin Sherman Library for a lecture on Nature vs. Nurture, the second in a series of lectures about sexual identity.

Panel members included NSU Professors Kate Waites, who gave the introduction to the lecture, Joshua Feingold, who spoke about the biological aspect of "nature" of gender and sexual identity, and Eileen Smith-Cavaros who spoke about the impact of society on sexual identity, or the "nurture" side.

Feingold spoke about chromosomes and reproduction and explained the biology of man, and what makes someone female or male. He described a male as an individual that produces sperm and female as an individual that produces eggs.

Smith talked about society's role and the social implications relating to sexuality. She spoke about kissing, and asked the audience if they think kissing is natural just because humans enjoy the activity. She also mentioned that there are other societies who consider kissing to be appalling.

She said that we as a society often think of ourselves as reproductive roles, and that a lot of people in the American society cannot understand asexuality and bisexuality.

Smith then showed a video about people with ambiguous genitalia. One of the girls in the video was born with a long clitoris that resembled a small penis and not realizing that she was different until she observed her friends private body parts. Regardless, she had gone on to live a happy life. The video also portrayed other women with ambiguous genitalia who had surgery at a young age and later in their lives experienced physical complications, like not being to achieve an orgasm. By looking at these cases, the video posed a question to the audience, "is it ethical to determine sex for ambiguous sex babies?"

When asked about the importance of knowing your sexual identity, Smith said "I think that what is really important is being comfortable with who you are instead of allowing society to define you. I never deny what an important role society plays but we are lucky because we as a people can change society if we don't like it."

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of Life 101, which is to bring models of success, dedication, perseverance, and achievement to share their perspectives and experiences with the NSU community. She has been looking at a number of different speakers for the event which include Bill Clinton, Conan O'Brien, Louis Black, Colin Powell, Anderson Cooper and Miami Heat players Alonzo Mourning, Dwayne Wade, and Shaquille O'Neal. Unfortunately, these speakers had conflicting schedules due to prior engagements. She said that they are looking at Dwayne Johnson "The Rock" as a speaker to come to NSU sometime in November or in the winter semester.

When some students were

asked about who they would like to see speak at the Life 101 series, sophomore and nursing major Kristen Ramy suggested "The Rock, because he is so dreamy." Biology major Nicole Koenig said, "I would like to see Paris Hilton because I am interested in what she would have to say," and sophomore Natiesha Cross added, "Denzel Washington; have you seen the man?"

Students have the opportunity to recommend their own speakers, and are encouraged to do so. To suggest a potential speaker, students can go to <http://www.nova.edu/life101/suggest.html> and fill out a suggestion form.

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"I think it belittles students to pretend that you don't have opinions in politics," said Alison Brimmer, a journalism professor at NSU. She explained that every professor has an agenda and that it is common practice for them to teach their own points of view in the classroom.

"I also think it belittles students to think that you have the power to ram your opinions down their throats and that they don't have the ability to think for themselves." Brimmer said it is important to be honest with students and to encourage critical thinking.

Professor Ben Mulvey feels that universities are places for examining different kinds of ideas in order to arrive at the best possible decisions. "It seems to me that the burden of proof is on the people who seek to disclude him instead of including him."

Mulvey said Barrett has a right to his own opinions regardless of how unconventional they may seem, and that his political views were irrelevant as long as he was fulfilling his basic duties as a teacher.

"To single people out that have controversial views or to make sure that they pass some extra test is egregious and has a chilling effect," he said.

Tim Dixon, professor of history and legal studies, feels that the Barrett issue has generated a tremendous amount of attention because this particular conspiracy theory is so far out in the fringe.

"I think that he is a kook," said Dixon. "The conspiracy theorists are so far out there that they are not rational about things." Dixon does not take issue with the fact that Barrett has been hired to teach at the university or with the fact that he is spreading these ideas. However, he does question the professor's ability to discuss the structure of the jets used in the attack since he does not have a background in engineering.

However, Gary Gershman, a history professor, feels that this professor may not be the best choice

for the university. He does not object to the university's decision to hire Barrett and he respects his point of view.

Yet, he feels that Barrett is going to have a tough time being open-minded about this issue in his classroom. "We all have agendas," he said. "But I think that if you teach with a purpose of indoctrinating your students with your opinions then you have a problem." Gershman thinks it is very dangerous to present these theories as anything more than just that because the truth often gets lost along the way.

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Q: My ex-wife and I have been divorced for 2 years, and we have a 3 year-old daughter. Our divorce was messy, and we're not on the best of terms. Even though we only speak when we have to (usually about our daughter), it usually leads to a fight. I don't want our daughter to suffer from our mistakes, but it seems impossible for us to get along with so much bad blood between us. Any ideas?

A: Parenting is hard enough when you're sharing the difficulties and responsibilities with someone you love, trust, and can communicate with. But, as you've found out, it becomes excruciatingly difficult when you have to figure everything out with someone you don't live with, you don't like, you don't trust, and you'd rather never see or talk to again.

You've got your head and your heart in exactly the right place, though: You don't want your daughter to suffer. With this as your guiding principle, you'll be able to make choices and find ways to work things out that you never thought possible. Time will also help—you've got a good 15 years ahead of you to figure out ways to make things better for her.

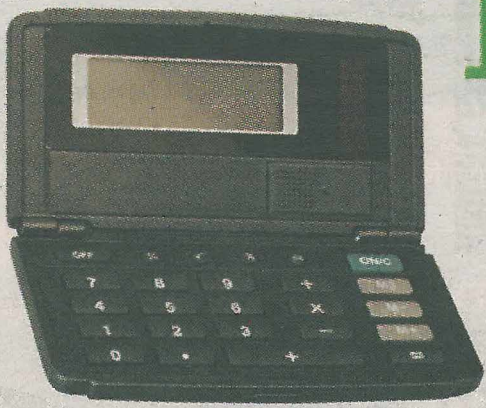
Are rendezvous times as difficult for you as they are for most others? In normal circumstances, face-to-face meetings can make it easier to settle disagreements, but in divorce situations, the opposite is usually true. You might do best not to try to bring up or resolve anything while you're dropping off or picking up your daughter. And you'd certainly want to steer clear of trying to negotiate anything at jointly attended events—music recitals, parent-teacher conferences, etc.

Have you found a way of communicating that's less charged? E-mail? Voice mail? Letters? In general, time-delayed interactions tend to work better, at least in the beginning, because they give you time to calm down and plan a more useful (i.e., not a satisfyingly vengeful) response to her most recent provocation. If you do have to talk on the phone, can you choose times that are less likely to be stressful for either of you? (Yup, even though she doesn't deserve it, you'd be wise to do what you can to help your spouse stay calm. And then never ever expect or ask for any thanks for your thoughtfulness—after all, you're doing it for your daughter, not for your ex.)

When it becomes necessary to actually talk to each other, you might want to plan and rehearse your conversation prior to engaging in it. Know what you want to communicate, and commit to not getting into unresolved marital issues, giving yourself permission to respectfully stop the conversation if it begins to get ugly.

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Movie Review

Much like a magic trick, *The Prestige* is an illusion

By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

According to Christopher Nolan's (*Batman Begins*, *Memento*) new movie, there are three parts to a magic trick or illusion: the pledge (where the magician shows you something ordinary), the turn (where he or she makes the ordinary do something extraordinary), and the prestige (where he or she shows you something you've never seen before). With that, Nolan titled his film appropriately, as it unlike any film I've ever seen before and much like the illusions showcased in the film, it is sure to shock and amaze.

The story begins in turn-of-the-century London where Robert Angier and Alfred Borden are two rival magicians, who are constantly, dangerously, and carelessly trying to outdo each other in any way possible. However, there is one very big difference between the two, one is a fairly good magician, but the other is great and truly an illusionist. And while the movie is about their rivalry, it is also an in-depth and detailed character study of two men on the verge of "making it or breaking it" and what ambition can do a person (or people, in this case).

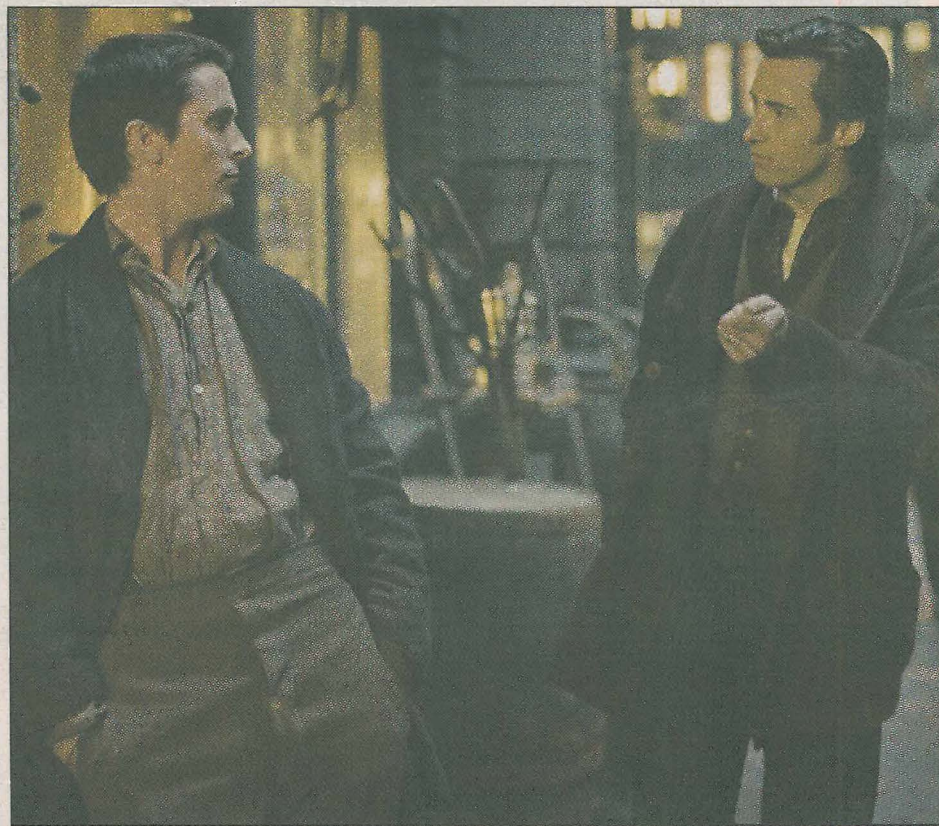
Hugh Jackman (*X-Men* trilogy, *Van Helsing*) stars as Robert, the lesser magician whose wife was accidentally killed by Alfred during a performance when the two were understudies (this is what sparks the rivalry in the first place). Jackman is perfectly cast in the role because his intense personality

and presence on screen helped give the character that obsessive, conniving, and at times evil attitude that I think Nolan was looking for. Besides Wolverine, I think this is the best role I have ever seen him in and his acting was extremely convincing; almost scary at times.

Alfred, the better magician, is played by Christian Bale (*American Psycho*, *Batman Begins*), who's gentleness and shy personality makes him seem like the more innocent one of the competition. As the film mostly focuses on Jackman's character's emotions, there aren't too many scenes where Bale's abilities are brought out completely, like they were in some of the other films he's in, especially not like they were in *American Psycho*. At the same time though, he did do a really great job with what was shown and made it really easy for the audience to almost feel bad for him.

Even though Jackman and Bale are the stars of the film, I can't forget about the performances of Michael Caine as Cutter, who is almost like an agent for magicians and who books performance spaces for Jackman; and Scarlett Johansson as Olivia, who starts out as the assistant and girlfriend of Jackman's character. They both did a fantastic job backing up the two main characters and their performances were just a good. They were essential to the story and Caine and Johansson play the characters as if they were.

The setting was wonderful, also. If you can imagine how *Gangs of New York*



"Angier (Hugh Jackman) and Borden (Christian Bale) discussing a magic trick"

looked in the background, *The Prestige* looked better. It's as if you were actually in London at the turn of the century, it was dark, cold, and the streets were made of cobblestone. Not to mention the wardrobe, which was incredibly 19th century; the men were debonair and the women were very sophisticated. This helped draw the audience into the story even more; it was a dark setting for a very dark subject matter.

My favorite part of the film, however, would have to be the

appearance of David Bowie as Tesla, very intelligent French scientist and, what seems like, wizard. As a big fan of his work, I'd have to say this was a nice treat. He actually did a really great job playing Tesla: he was distant and apathetic but still emotional and depressed. It's too bad they opted not to put his music on the soundtrack.

With the impeccable acting, great

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Man of the Year definitely not Movie of the Year

By Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

Not what you'd expect. Period. There is nothing worse than a misleading commercial and/or trailer...well maybe the actual movie can top the trailer's mediocrity. *Man of the Year* certainly isn't as humorous as it intends to be. In fact, it is more so a tragic accident in which comedy has a head on collision with a thriller/drama. The causalities? The audience.

Robin Williams is well known for his superb acting in both drama and comedic works. It's unfortunate that he took a wrong turn with this one; more over, a sharp swerve, in which his comedic vehicle flips over multiple times and crashes into a pond of fetid drama. His humor is weak and ephemeral, being that it lasts for a minute portion

of the entire movie, letting other distractions run amok. Needless to say, his character does not compensate. President Tom Dobbs, a political comedian that wins the presidential election through a computer glitch, is flat, predictable, and tiresome. As for character Eleanor Green (Laura Linney), her acts of instability aren't believable, her nervous character was too early revealed and her reactions of madness weren't a bit moving.

The film begins after he is elected, rather than how he got to that position. There is no need to go to the theaters to grasp the little quality this movie offers. The trailer reveals the top moments of comedy, as well as the

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Game Review

Why the Fuss?

"Bully" Videogame Stirs Controversy

By Greg Kyriakakis
Nation & World Editor

Adult content in videogames has always been a hot topic. Starting with the now relatively tame violence of *Mortal Kombat* in 1992, politicians and parents have used games as scapegoats for troubled children.

The controversy surrounding Rockstar's Playstation 2 game "Bully" is nothing new for the company. As the maker of the wildly popular "Grand Theft Auto" series, where shooting everything

and everyone is fair game, the mention of a new product stirred speculation of just how violent it would be.

When the game, which takes place at a school where the player must outwit or join with bullies, received a "T for Teen" rating from the Entertainment Software Ratings Board, some were outraged, despite having actually played it.

Infamous and outspoken Florida Attorney Jack Thompson filed suit in hopes of keeping the

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Marie Antoinette Get a New-Wave Makeover

By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

When I heard that Grammy-winner Sofia Coppola's (*Virgin Suicides*, *Lost in Translation*) new film received an overwhelming amount of "boos" at the Cannes film festival, I was curious to know why. After watching the film, I have nothing but respect for the fact the Coppola had the courage to show it at the festival, which has an almost completely French audience. Coppola's take on one of the most revered of French royalty is both edgy and, well, a bit controversial.

The film takes us from Marie Antoinette's arranged engagement to Louis XVI at the age of fourteen to the beginning of her reign as queen at age nineteen to the beginning of the French Revolution. Coppola also puts special emphasis on how long it took the teenage couple to consummate their marriage, have children, and how partying and spending money was more important to them than running a country (not to mention their unceasing decadence).

With an eclectic blend of characters comes Coppola's very eclectic casting for these roles. Coppola has been quoted as saying that Versailles must have been a very eclectic (and eccentric) place, so that is how she chose her cast of characters. I don't know how right she is about Versailles, but I do know that the movie would have been completely different (and probably more boring) without the amount of different personalities in these

roles. Each actor and actress brought their own little "something" to their parts, which made the characters interesting and fun.

Kirsten Dunst (*Virgin Suicides*, *Spider-Man 1 and 2*) stars as the iconic queen, whose girlish looks and bubbly personality bring to life Coppola's version of Marie so well that it's no wonder she was cast for the role. She was sweet, likeable, and, with the help of a magnificent wardrobe, looked like a pastry the whole time (after all, Marie did coin the phrase "let them eat cake"). Also, when the time came, she was perfectly emotional, even crying on cue, and very alluring, as well. I mean, who said queens can't be attractive and sexy?

While I was surprised to see Dunst cast as Marie, I was even more shocked that Coppola cast her cousin, Jason Schwartzman, as Louis XVI. As big of a Schwartzman fan as I am, I just couldn't see him in the role. Well, I was wrong and he did a fantastic job playing the legendary teen king. He plays a very reserved and unbelievable unromantic version of Louis, and Schwartzman's somewhat passive personality definitely aided in the role he was playing. However, Schwartzman fans won't be disappointed, he still got to use his charming sarcasm and razor-sharp wit a little bit and I wouldn't be surprised if those lines were his idea.

Besides the flawless casting, the



"The 'teen' queen (Kirsten Dunst) in all her decadence"

best things about the film are the look of it and the sounds. Shot on location in France, the scenery is beautiful and so is the setting. The architecture and horse-drawn carriages really gives this period film its identity. Also, the wardrobe is very eighteenth century, with the huge dresses and big, overdone hair styles. In one scene, a character says to another that Marie has a "somewhat artistic temperament." That couldn't be truer when it comes to Coppola, with the classical scenery and dress she still manages to keep it modern with the soundtrack and teenage slang secretly shoved into almost every piece of dialogue.

The soundtrack itself is full of '80's new wave and some 21st century hits (like the Strokes). As a huge new wave

fan, I think this was a great addition to the movie. Featuring tracks from New Order, Gang of Four, and Bow Wow Wow, the soundtrack gives what could have been a boring history lesson a fresh and interesting feel. Who knew Siouxsie and the Banshees could go so well with 18th Century dance moves?

Although I was pretty much satisfied at the end, the film moves pretty slow and I'm sure most people won't have the patience for it. I liked it a lot and while it's probably not the best film of the year, it's definitely notable and worth trying. Coppola's take on the teenage king and queen shows viewers how youth can damage the ability to reign and how fun the 18th century may have been (if you're royalty, that is).

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decent threads of humor from it. It is most misleading because it doesn't even hint at the subplots within the film. After the first 20 minutes, most humor trails off into the spontaneous fragments of flashing neon lights.

As for the remaining (and drawn out) time, a subplot takes over the main story; a romantic-thriller story engulfs the already low dose of laughter and ruins the satirical momentum of the movie. The transition from comedy to thriller is instantaneous with almost no development. Williams attempts to provide 'comic relief' within the dramatic scenes only to fail and make the scenes more choppy and confusing for the audience.

If anything, you'll want to leave

the theater before the unclear climax takes place. I spent more time looking at my watch than laughing. Too bad such a good satirical idea (at least in hindsight) went to waste; two hours and ten minutes of waste to be precise.

Even if bored out of your mind, don't consider watching it—unless you eliminate any thread of high expectations beforehand. Belly laughs will not follow Williams' jokes, the thriller aspect will only confuse the main plot (not to mention the inconsistent momentum) and the overall quality is weak.

This is unquestionably one of Williams' most flimsy and substandard works to date.

NSU Theater to Present A Midsummer Night's Dream

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

NSU's Theatre will be putting on their first play for the semester, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a classic comedy by William Shakespeare.

A Midsummer Night's Dream tells the story of several sets of lovers who go through a series of hilarious events and eventually return to each other. The play features magic, transformation, fairies, and plenty of humor. "NSU Theatre chose to put on this play because they like to perform classic plays," said Stage Manager Liz Harbaugh. "*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is Shakespeare's most accessible comedy. For our second season, we wanted to do one of Shakespeare's plays, and Mark Duncan thought this would be a show everyone would enjoy — both the actors and the audience."

"Students should come see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for several reasons," said Harbaugh, "First,

it's always great to see everything NSU has to offer, from the arts to athletics, as part of experiencing the diverse opportunities on campus. Second, watching fellow students and professors onstage is always an enjoyable experience. And third, well, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is just funny. It's a really funny show and I really think the audiences will enjoy it."

A Midsummer Night's Dream will run from Nov. 2 to 4 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center attached to the Alvin Sherman Library on the main campus. Admission is free, but reservations are required. For reservations, please email nsutheatre@nova.edu or call 954.262.8179.

For more information about NSU Theatre and upcoming events, visit <http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/nsutheatre>.

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an in-depth and detailed character study of two men on the verge of "making it or breaking it"

scenery, and flawless story, the film is sure to generate some kind of Oscar-buzz and if not, it certainly deserves it. I don't usually like films about magic, but this was definitely

enjoyable and I would recommend it to anyone interested in being fooled for a while. The movie's tagline is "are you watching closely?" so watch closely and keep an open mind.

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Shark Bites

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Women's Golf

On Oct. 24, the women's golf team competed in the Flagler Fall Slam in St. Augustine, Fla. They played at the World Golf Village, and the course was a par 72, 5,987 yards. The Sharks finished in second place with a two-day team total of 614. They were only one shot behind the University of West Florida who won the tournament with a two-day total of 613 in the 36 hole tournament.

Marcia Garcia Austt lead the Sharks team as she finished in a tie for third place with a total of 151. Sophie Friis tied for sixth place with a two-day total of 154, and Lina Bjorklund tied for eighth, shooting 77-78.

Volleyball

On Oct. 22, the University of Tampa Spartans took down the Sharks in three games on the road in Tampa, Fla. The scores were 30-17, 30-20, and 30-24. The Sharks are now 10-17 overall and 2-10 in the SSC. The Spartans improved to 25-1 and 11-1 in the SSC. Melinda Gorman had 11 kills for the Sharks, while Christina Chubb had nine kills and Itza Miranda had a match high of 17 digs.

Women's Soccer

On Oct. 25, the women's soccer team won 2-1 against Lynn University to advance to the Sunshine State Conference tournament semifinals. Carolyn Del Moral for the Sharks, scored in the 31st minute from 10 yards outside the penalty area. Then Kelly Diershow went into the penalty area unblocked and took a shot headed toward the lower right corner of the goal. One of the Lynn defenders tried to block it, but it went in the goal, giving the Sharks a score of 2-1.

Men's Soccer Team Downs Northwood University 3-2, Draws Even 2-2 Against Florida Tech

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU men's soccer team (8-5-3, 3-2-3 SSC) came out on top 3-2 while rallying with NAIA's Northwood University; as well as finishing in a draw 2-2 against conference rivals from Florida Tech.

Freshman Romain Onteniente opened the game up for the Sharks after capitalizing on a penalty kick. However, well into the second half Northwood took action as well as

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NSU Women's Soccer Team Ties 2-2 with Florida Tech and Draws Even with Rollins College After Double OT

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU women's soccer team (10-2-2; 4-2-2 SSC) underwent a frustrating weekend of soccer as they hit the road on the Oct. 17 to play Rollins College and after double overtime, still coming home with a 2-2 draw; along with their home game on the Oct. 21 resulting in a 2-2 draw against Florida Tech University.

Sophomore Hayley Oligane got things started for the Sharks while playing the Tars by assisting freshman Kelly Diershow with the first goal of the game. Despite the draw, NSU did an excellent job of never giving up their lead throughout the game. The Sharks maintained the lead up until the 75th minute when a Tars midfielder evened the score; even then it took less than two minutes for NSU's freshman Alexis Hernandez and sophomore Shurell Burton to work together and answer the call, with Hernandez registering the goal to score, making it 2-1.

"Working together and learning from our mistakes has helped us get back into our rhythm," said Oligane.

While at home Saturday, Oct. 21 to take on the Panthers of Florida Tech, NSU got off to a difficult start as the Panthers jumped on them in the first 30 seconds of the game, 1-0. After 23rd minutes of playing time, Burton toughened up to tie the score 1-1 off a penalty kick. After Florida Tech scored again off a penalty kick of their own, Diershow stepped it up once again to

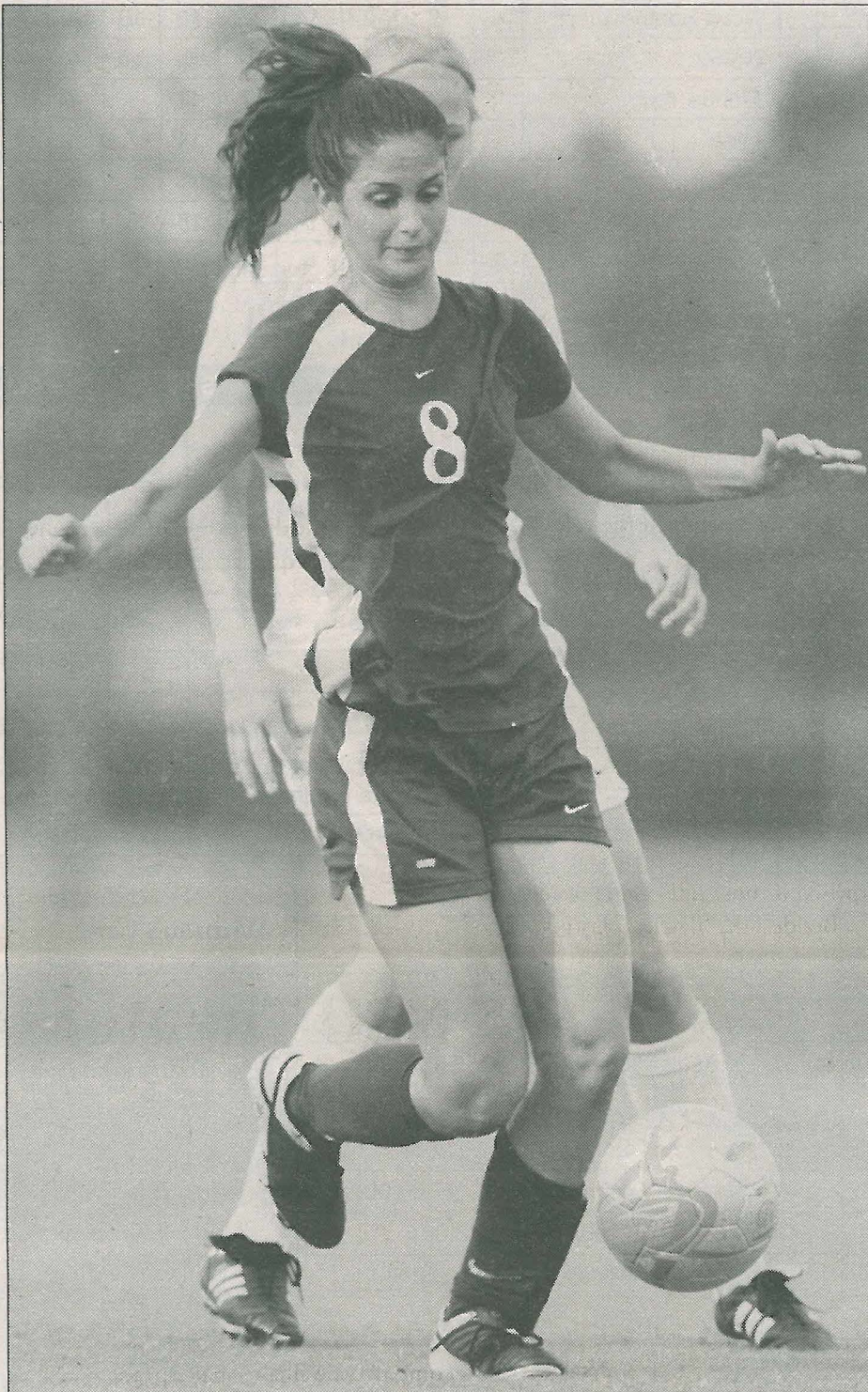


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Stephanie Quinones with the ball down the field.

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NSU Volleyball Wins 1, Loses 2

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

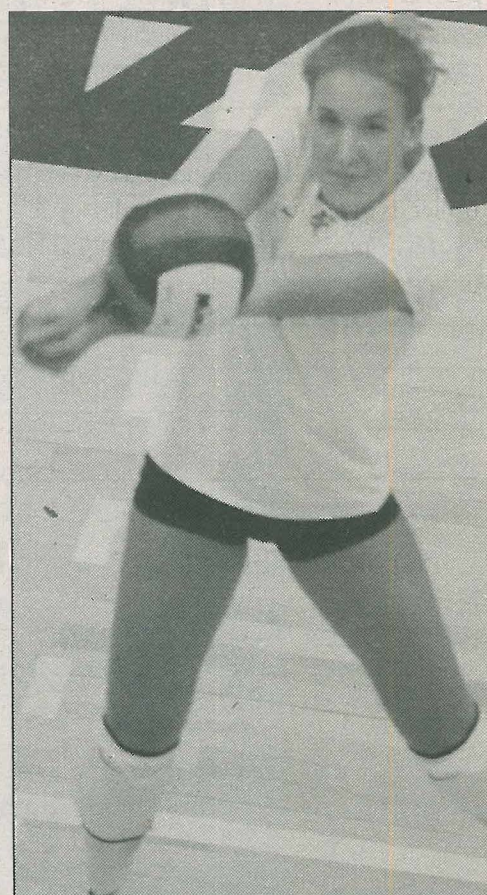
NSU's volleyball team (10-17; 2-10 SSC) had a busy weekend as they took on two conference rivals as well as the Rio Piedras, who came all the way from Puerto Rico. Unfortunately for them, they were sent back home with a loss.

On Oct. 19 the Sharks got off to a shaky start as they lost the first game of the match against Puerto Rico. However, they didn't get down on themselves and came back to take the next sending games, sending the Rio Piedras home after four. Freshman Kaitlyn McNeil has been key for the Sharks' success in the past few games as she had a career high of 11 blocks as well as registering nine kills.

Senior Night took place on Oct. 21 for the Sharks and after winning the first game of the match, the girls suffered a loss to Eckerd College. It was an emotional night as NSU honored their beloved seniors, Megan Johansen, Karla Ortiz, and Jenny Fitch.

NSU faced the number two ranked Tampa Spartans on Oct. 22 and lost in three games. Sophomore Melinda Gorman had 11 kills to help the Sharks as well as her fellow teammate, sophomore Christina Chubb who contributed 9 kills of her own.

Right: Christina Chubb setting up the ball. Photo courtesy NSU Sports Information



NSU's Sports Stats of the Week

Polls

SPORT		RANK		
Team	SSC	REG	NAT	
W. Rowing	2	1	3	
W. Golf	NR	NR	3	
W. Tennis	4	5	17	
Baseball	3	6	NR	
M. Golf	NR	NR	5	
Softball	6	NR	NR	
M. Basketball	2	NR	NR	
W. Basketball	4	NR	NR	
M. Soccer	4	6	NR	
W. Soccer	3	5	NR	
W. Cross Country	3	10	NR	
M. Cross Country	3	NR	NR	
Volleyball	8	NR	NR	

Women's Soccer

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Tampa	7	1	0	21	31	4	14	2	0	.875	57	8
Saint Leo	6	2	0	18	13	4	13	2	1	.844	29	6
Nova Southeastern	4	2	2	14	23	10	10	2	2	.786	49	12
Rollins	3	2	3	12	11	8	10	4	3	.676	44	21
Florida Tech	2	2	4	10	7	11	7	4	5	.594	27	17
Lynn	3	5	0	9	7	14	7	8	1	.469	21	27
Barry	2	4	2	8	6	11	5	9	3	.382	18	34
Florida Southern	2	6	0	6	8	18	6	11	0	.353	26	34
Eckerd	1	6	1	4	4	30	5	11	1	.324	17	46

Volleyball

SSC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Florida Southern	12	0	1.000	27	3	.900
Tampa	11	1	.917	25	1	.962
Saint Leo	6	5	.545	19	7	.731
Barry	6	6	.500	12	9	.571
Eckerd	5	6	.455	18	10	.643
Rollins	5	6	.455	16	10	.615
Lynn	5	7	.417	12	11	.522
Nova Southeastern	2	10	.167	10	17	.370
Florida Tech	0	11	.000	2	25	.074

Men's and Women's Cross Country
2006 SSC CHAMPIONSHIPS - TEAM RESULTS

WOMEN		PTS	MEN		PTS
1	Florida Southern	36	1	Florida Southern	16
2	Tampa	40	2	Tampa	49
3	Nova Southeastern	77	3	Nova Southeastern	79
4	Florida Tech	90	4	Florida Tech	106
5	Rollins	135	5	Rollins	135
6	Saint Leo	167	6	Saint Leo	164

TOP TEN FINISHERS

WOMEN - 6K		MEN - 8K	
1. Jael Koech, FSC (22:29.00)		1. Eric Walker, FSC (25:10.00)	
2. Carolyne Kwambai, FSC (23:08.00)		2. Evander Jones, FSC (25:18.00)	
3. Rachel Anderson, FSC (23:19.00)		3. Lief Thomason, FSC (25:53.00)	
4. Paige Williams, UT (23:24.00)		4. Scott Mackley, FSC (25:56.00)	
5. Alysha Duffy, UT (23:40.00)		5. Tony Nicolosi, UT (26:07.00)	
6. Kristina Aronson, RC (24:12.00)		6. Trevor Step, FSC (26:31.00)	
7. Bethany Brenkus, NSU (24:14.00)		7. Jeremy Lautzenheiser, UT (26:38.00)	
8. Jessica Forrester, UT (24:16.00)		8. David Forry, UT (26:48.00)	
9. Stefi Cevallos, NSU (25:14.00)		9. Eskender Abdalla, NSU (26:58.00)	
10. Danielle Shimer, FSC (25:18.00)		10. Jon Alter, FSC (27:10.00)	

Women's Golf

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4 Barry University 322 319 641 +65
T 5 Berry College 317 338 655 +79

Men's Soccer

SSC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS												
	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Lynn	7	1	0	21	22	5	14	1	0	.933	42	8
Rollins	5	3	0	15	21	14	11	5	0	.688	59	25
Saint Leo	4	3	1	13	13	14	10	6	1	.618	39	26
Nova Southeastern	3	2	3	12	16	17	8	5	3	.594	32	30
Barry	4	4	0	12	14	18	9	6	1	.594	35	29
Florida Southern	3	3	2	11	14	18	5	8	3	.406	23	32
Florida Tech	2	4	2	8	14	19	6	8	3	.441	42	35
Tampa	2	6	0	6	16	20	8	9	0	.471	39	36
Eckerd	2	6	0	6	12	17	5	8	1	.393	21	24

Individuals

School Scores
1 Victoria Jackson W. Florida 71 77 148 +4
2 Sarah Nicholson W. Florida 72 77 149 +5
T 3 Daniela Vargas Shorter 75 76 151 +7
T 3 Danielle Davis AASU 74 77 151 +7
T 3 Maria Garcia Austt NSU 75 76 151 +7
T 6 Anne-Sophie Friis NSU 75 79 154 +10
T 6 Daniela Iacobelli FL Tech 79 75 154 +10
T 8 Anna Haller EmbryRd-FL 76 79 155 +11
T 8 Lina Bjorklund NSU 77 78 155 +11
T 8 Lorena Fortlage W. Florida 79 76 155 +11
T 11 Elizabeth Bond NSU 75 81 156 +12
T 11 Tara Allen EmbryRd-FL 77 79 156 +12
T 13 Andrea Maldonado NSU 78 79 157 +13

Upcoming Games - Oct. 30 thru Nov. 5

Women's Basketball

• Saturday, Nov. 4th- Home game against Florida International University at 5 p.m.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

• Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4- NCAA South Regional at Shelby Farms in Memphis, Tennessee at 7:45 a.m.

Volleyball

• Wednesday, Nov. 1- Game against Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL at 7 p.m.
• Saturday, Nov. 4- Home game against Barry University at 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball

• Wednesday, Nov. 1- Home exhibition game against Broward Community College

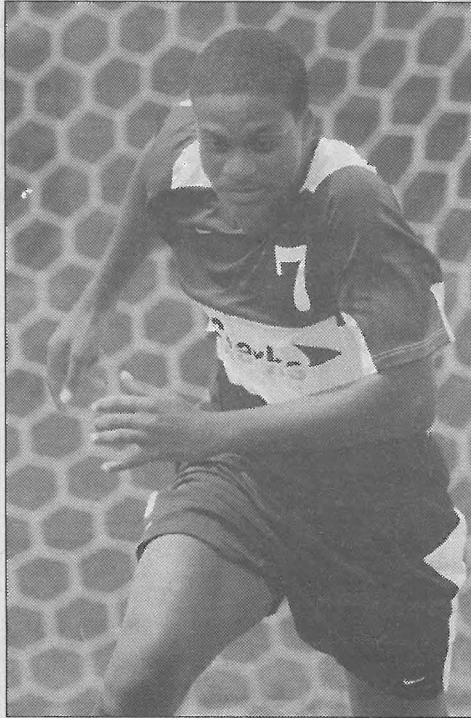
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the lead in just four minutes, quickly putting the score into their favor, 2-1. In a game lead by Shark freshmen, NSU came back with authority as freshman Michael Collins registered the goal to tie the game up, and with the help of fellow sophomore teammates Rich Bodek and Corey Sheriff, Collins made the game winner with just three minutes remaining.

While playing their Senior Night game against Florida Tech, the Sharks were able to tie the score up after a shot on goal was made by Onteniente, making the score 1-0 after an assist from senior Joseph Clancy. Upon the Panthers putting one past NSU goal keeper, junior Jarod Rennick, the score was put into Fl. Tech's favor, 2-1.

Later, Clancy and Onteniente worked together once again; however, this time the goal would be registered by Clancy, finalizing the score at 2-2. NSU finished in the number four slot for the SSC men's soccer standings.

Fortunately, the draw was enough to confirm an appearance into the post season for the Sharks as they will



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Eldon Yhip kicks the ball down the field.

play in the Sunshine State tournament at home.

"There is going to be stiff competition, but if we play our game we will have a chance of doing really well," said Rennick enthusiastically.

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even it up. Diershow has done an excellent job of proving herself to be an important asset to the Sharks as a freshman this 2006 season.

"We've been very focused in

practice lately. Everyone knows what we are capable of doing," commented Oligane.

NSU finished off their regular season in the number three slot in the SSC women's soccer standings.

The Sharks Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams Finish 3rd at SSC Cross Country Championships

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Saturday, Oct. 21, NSU hosted the 2006 SSC Cross Country Championships. McCrea said "Saturday's race at Markham Park went off without a hitch." He added that "the other teams really liked the course and our race day organization team excelled." He went on to thank NSU alumnus Islande Dillon, the race director.

Both the men's and women's team claimed third place at the SSC Championships. The men's team accumulated 79 points as a team. Eskender Abdalla finished in ninth place individually with a time of 26:58 in the 8k race. Robert Maughan finished in 11th place with a time of 27:13 and Brandon Petersen came in 17th with a time of 28:11.

Florida Southern College won the team titles for both the men and women. For the FSC men,

this was their 10th consecutive SSC Championship and the 11th in the last 12 years. For the FSC women, this was their first SSC title since 2001.

The NSU women's team earned 79 points and a third place finish. Bethany Brenkus led the Sharks as she finished the 6k race in 24:14. Stefi Cevallos finished in ninth place with a time of 25:14 and Tara Haddock placed 19th individually with a time of 26:30.

McCrea was very happy with the way both of his teams performed over the weekend at the SSC Championships. He said the teams' "goal at the start of the season was not to be any worse than third, so that is mission accomplished."

During the week of Nov. 3, both teams will travel to Memphis for the NCAA South Regional. "We're looking forward to some cooler weather and also to try improving on last year's placing," said McCrea.

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Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

As the calendar and the slough of themed events on campus indicates, Halloween is just around the corner.

Many of the people I've spoken to are excited about the holiday, while others, like myself, are somewhat more apathetic.

It isn't that I dislike Halloween (let alone hate it with a passion, as I do Valentine's Day), it's more that I've lost interest in the past few years. Maybe it's that I'm just not a party sort of person, and maybe it's the idea that I outgrew trick-or-treating a long time ago. Or maybe it's that pumpkins in Florida are just too expensive to carve up just to set them outside for a day or so before they begin to gather mold in the excessive heat.

I think some of the things that make a holiday fun and special are the traditions a person grows up with for that holiday. My Halloweens as a kid always involved carving pumpkins and cobbling together costumes from whatever we had laying around the house the day before (we never bought costumes, although we did occasionally buy some cheap makeup sticks), then going out trick-or-treating while Mom made us home-made chili with cornbread for when we returned. Now that I've outgrown trick-or-treating and I've discovered that both pumpkins and chili are unsuited to the Florida climate, I'm no longer excited about cobbling together those costumes (besides, half the fun was getting to wear Mom's stuff).

Then again, some of the things that make holidays fun are the new traditions (or maybe the lack thereof). The Scary-oke that SUB put on last week seemed like a fun twist, and karaoke is about a thousand times better than bobbing for apples (have you ever *tried* bobbing for apples? Not pretty.) And maybe if I had a little kid on hand to take trick-or-treating, the holiday would be more amusing.

But hey, to each his own. Hopefully, most of those reading this are still at least a little enchanted with the holiday, and to all of you: have fun. Even though it's no longer my bag, I'm glad to see that not everyone else has grown out of the fun.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly on the Wall: Meandering

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

My wish has come true! Not one controversial or even semi-controversial issue was brought to attention at last week's SGA meeting, meaning that, by some extreme freak accumulation of luck, I have really nothing to write about. Though some could argue, by their own indifference to the matters of the Fly on the Wall and the affairs of the SGA, that I actually write about "nothing" to begin with anyway, it is hard to believe that I do lack actual material for contemplation.

The obvious course then is to do a simple run-down of what happened and hope I can shove in an opinion or two. Also, I guess I will further explain my stance on the SGA's decision to reject Res. Life's bill for the Goodwin Haunted Halls, since a few people seemed to have misunderstood my point. Um... Okay, here I go.

Right now.

Now.

Uh... President Andrew Ibrahim mentioned during his report that his task of getting a student representative in the board of the trustees is going well and that he will soon be presenting research that examines 25 of the nations' universities that have such a student in the board. When this goal is accomplished, I assume the difficult part will be assigning the poor soul that will sit in those meetings. While a student representative would serve to inform the SGA as to what the board is up to and what issues they may handle, what kind of influence, if any, would that person have over the board of trustees? Just a little thought.

In Treasurer Alex Mitrani's report, he revealed the total

amount allocated by the SGA to date: \$30,944.37, to be exact. Now, this total was disclosed at the beginning and did not include the amount allocated that very day. Considering that there is roughly one-and-a-half months left in the semester, 30 thousand-something dollars allocated is quite a lot. Considering that clubs that are re-earning their charters after completing their "mandatory volunteer hours" may return to ask for funding, there isn't quite a lot left. Considering that the NSUSGA Compensation Bill hasn't had its quirks worked out and about \$18,000 (the amount requested) is still yet to be put aside to pay the SGA, there isn't quite a lot left. Maybe that explains why the SGA is slowly becoming more close-fisted with its wallet.

Another interesting piece of news from Mitrani is that the Finance Committee is considering creating guidelines for fundraising done by clubs and organizations. Although I am not sure at all what the proposed guidelines would entail and whether or not they would even be beneficial, I am 100 percent sure that the clubs and organizations would not appreciate more guidelines; no more than free, official SGA root canals, at least. Go Sharks!

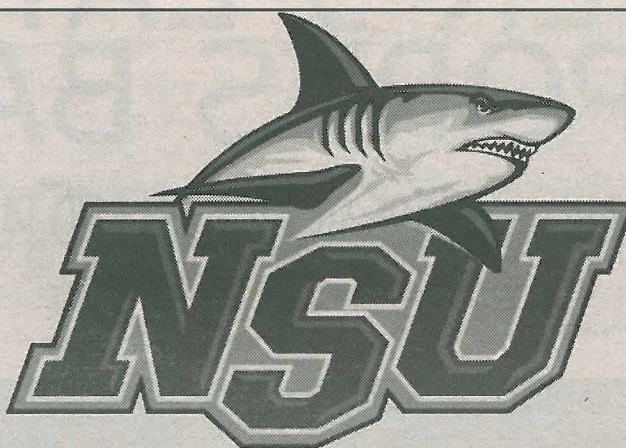
Public Relations Director Sean Burque said in his report that the budget guidelines are

now posted online and that the minutes for most recent SGA meetings have also been added to the site... in super-mega exciting stereophonic audio format! Now you can hear the meetings in all their glory, without actually having to be there! So, if you, dear reader, are suffering from insomnia, head to <http://nsusga.nova.edu> and find your cure.

Moving on.... slowly. Three new senators were appointed last week and interviews for a new Campus Entertainment Director also occurred. This week could see a new CED. This also means that the SGA is very close to filling all of its seats. Ibrahim said that this SGA is the larger than last year's. That is all good and well, but let us just hope that the slew of resignations that occurred last year don't repeat themselves this time around.

During Open Forum, the SGA discussed Sharkapalooza and how much the SGA was willing to fund past t-shirts and booth scaffolding for the clubs. Yes, that's right. Sharkapalooza took place last August and the issue still isn't resolved. Uh... that was a huge, lengthy discussion that I am sure will continue this week, so, I will recap that later.

That's all. Good day or night. Sorry for the brusqueness.



Happy
Halloween
Go Sharks!

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Players must outwit or join bullies

game out of retailers, but failed to convince a Miami court that the game's content merited such a ban. Gamespot.com reported that Thompson, who referred to the software as a "Columbine simulator," was able to have Judge Ronald Friedman view portions of the game but the judge decided there was nothing especially violent about the game.

"There's nothing in the game that you wouldn't see on TV every night," Friedman said. Though not something he would let his own children play, the judge decided that "shouldn't mean that the game won't ship."

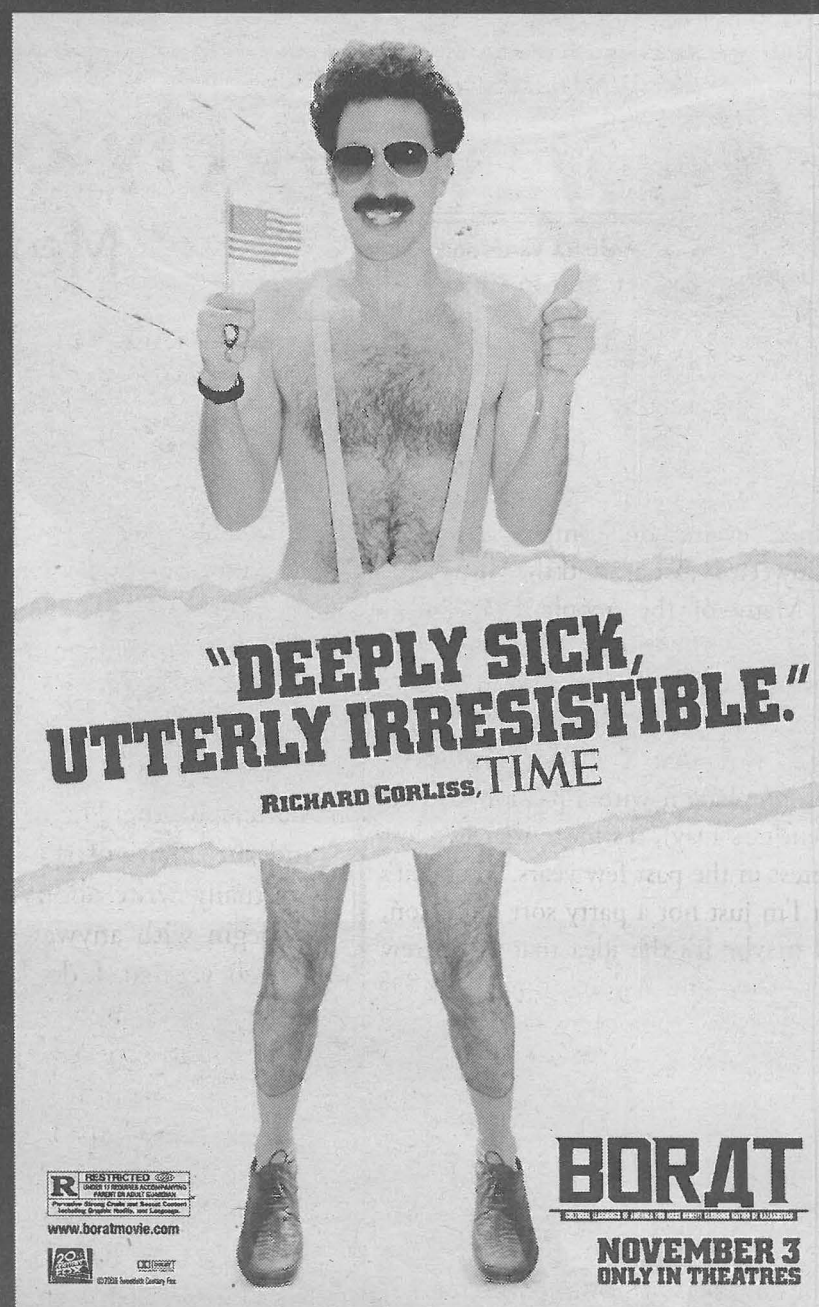
Thompson responded to the Friedman's ruling in an open letter, saying that the judge has "consigned innumerable children to skull fractures, eye injuries from slingshots, and beatings with baseball bats, without a hearing as to the danger."

In addition to the violence, the game features a possible scenario in which the male lead character kisses another boy, depending on how the game is played.

Thompson also took offense to the scene, writing to the ESRB president Patricia Vance. "We just found gay sexual content in Bully, as [main character] Jimmy Hopkins makes out with another male student. Good luck with your 'Teen' rating now." The ESRB said "that content was considered in the assignment of the rating."

The videogame blog Destructoid.com featured a video of a special hearing requested by the game's publisher that questioned why Thompson was not held in contempt of court for his remarks about the judge. Friedman said that "the statements made to this court about this court by Mr. Thompson, I find inappropriate for a member of the Florida bar, unprofessional, and contemptible," and said that he filed a complaint with the Florida bar.

Despite the bickering and trials, Bully shipped for the PS2 on Oct. 17 and has received favorable reviews from a number of gaming publications.



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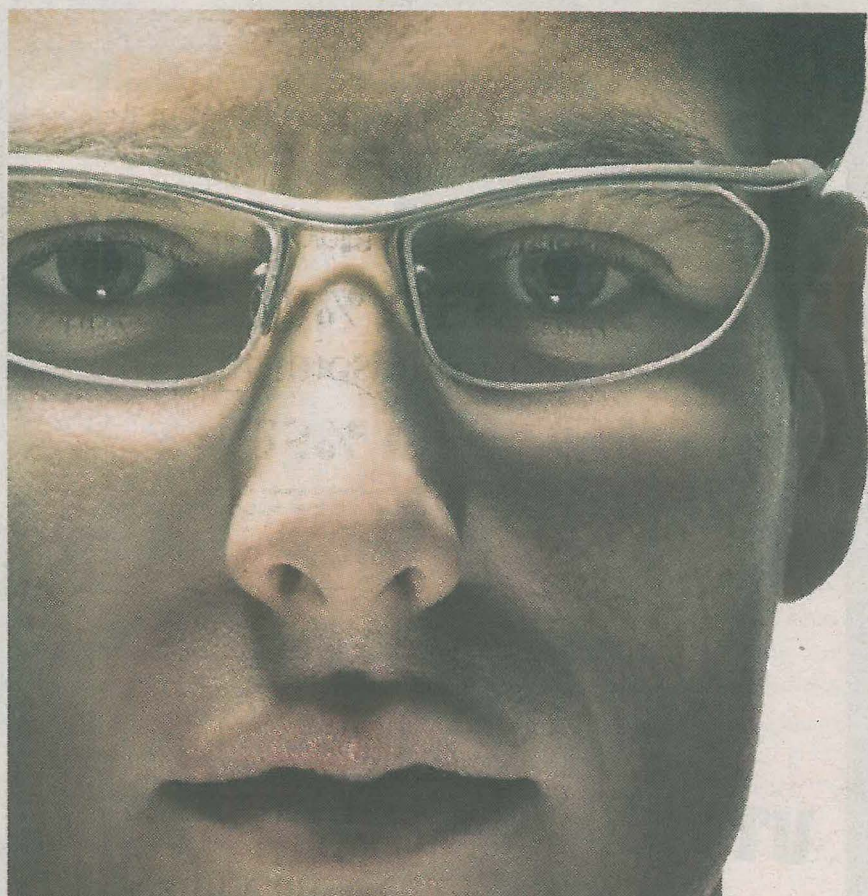
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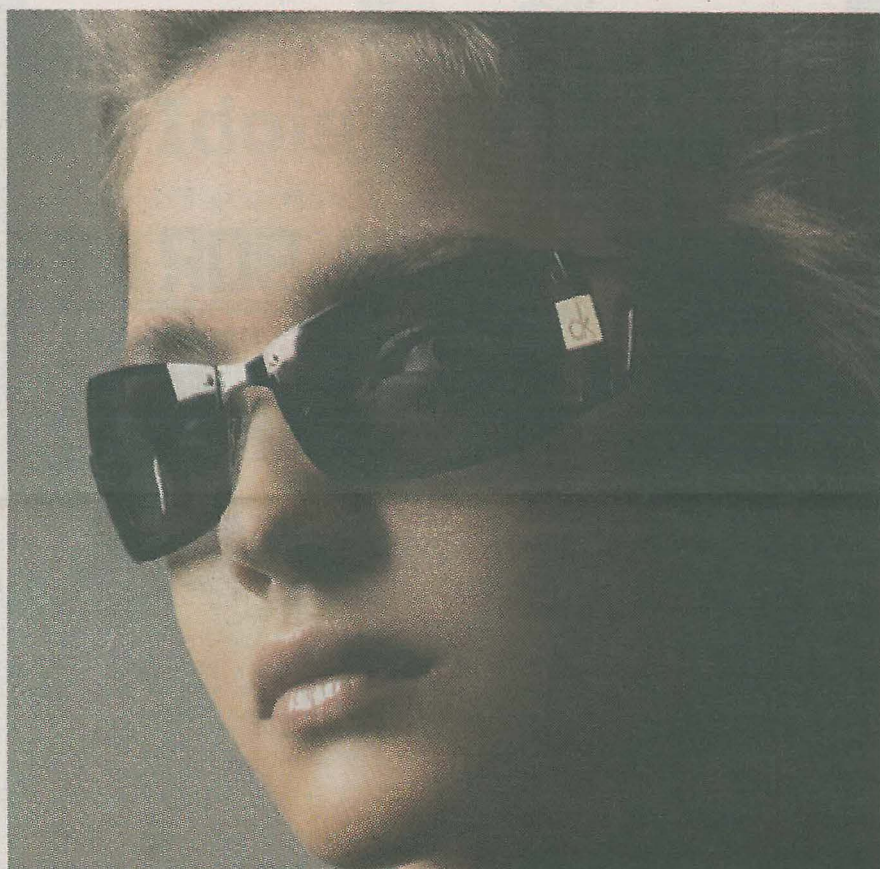



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