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# THE KNIGHT

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## Dalai Lama Gives NSU a "Peace" of His Mind

*His Holiness visits Broward for first time for NSU lecture*

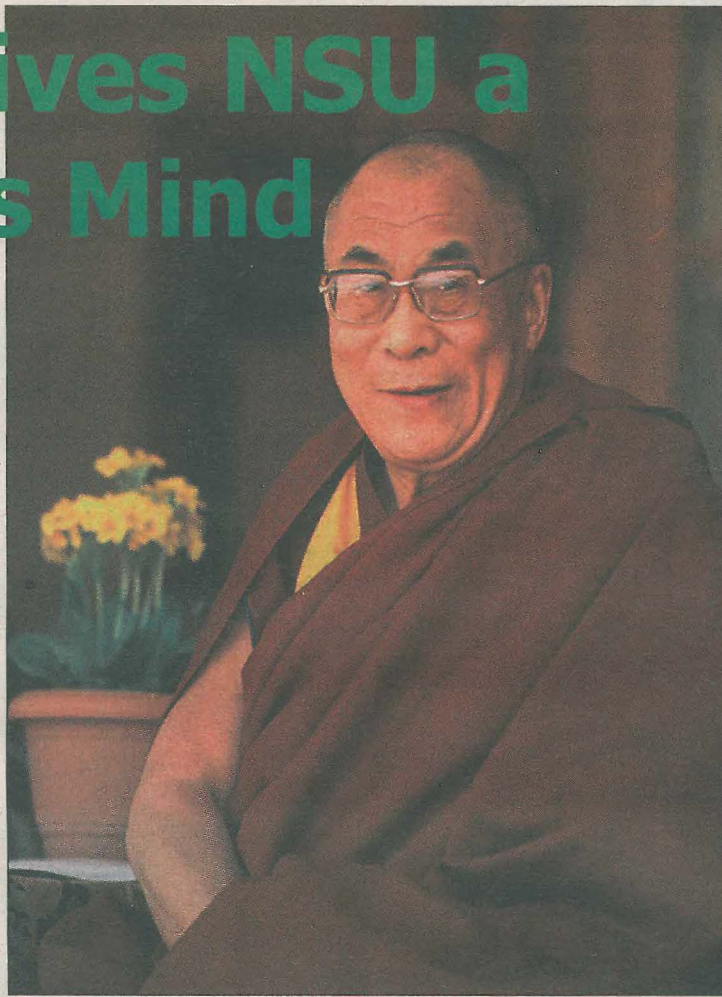


Photo of the Dalai Lama by Sonam Zoksang

By Taylor Williams  
Graduate Assistant for Student Media  
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The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, a Tibetan Buddhist leader, is the third most recognizable man on the planet, behind the Catholic Pope and President George W. Bush. His Holiness' message of world peace and human connection has changed the lives of millions internationally, and earned the leader the Nobel Peace Prize. This spiritual icon made history with his first visit to Broward County when he addressed guests at the September 18 lecture at Nova Southeastern University.

"We are extremely honored that His Holiness has agreed to grace the citizens of Broward County with his presence and message of hope," NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr. said. "It is fitting that an institution of higher education like Nova Southeastern University, which is focused on bringing people together for the exchange of knowledge, should be the host of this historic event."

The Dalai Lama program began at 9:30 a.m., with His Holiness scheduled to speak at 10 a.m. NSU hosted over 10,000 guests under a specially constructed amphitheatre in front of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. His Holiness not only shared a prepared speech, but he also answered locally derived questions for 30

minutes after the conclusion of his lecture.

"This visit comes at a very appropriate time with significantly polarized views," Executive Director of University Relations Dave Dawson said. "The Dalai Lama represents mankind's point of view, and his message will allow us to stop and reflect on what is important."

The event also included the blessing of a Buddhist Prayer Wheel that was created by Tibetan metal smiths and monks for NSU. Philanthropist Albert J. Miniaci has donated this interactive spiritual tool, and it will be available for use by the community in NSU's library. The Prayer Wheel contains millions of prayers that are sent out into humanity once the wheel is spun.

In recognition of his humanitarian efforts, His Holiness received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from President Ferrero.

"NSU is proud to have offered His Holiness the Dalai Lama, a man who has done so much to further peace and tolerance in the world, an honorary degree," President Ferrero said. "His teachings, based on mutual respect and compassion, are the hallmark of civilized society and speak to the heart of our community."

## Insight into Buddhism

By Javeshnev Aimee Rivera-Azua  
News Editor

Suspense hung in the air while students and faculty fidgeted and fussed over preparations. The secret service escorted the Dalai Lama onto the Nova Southeastern University Main Campus at 10 a.m. this past Saturday, September 18. Guarded as a Head of State, His Holiness the Dalai Lama is regarded as the embodiment of the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama *Avalokiteshvara* ("Ocean of Wisdom").

Since his last visit to Florida in 1999, this was His Holiness' first stop on his multi-country visit to the Americas and the Caribbean. The purpose of his tour is to promote the discipline of Buddhism. "We have within us the seed of purity, the essence of a One Gone Thus (*Tathagatagarbha*), that is to be transformed and fully developed into Buddhahood," which is the practice of cleansing an impure body to a pure spirit, as clearly stated by the Dalai

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### Editor's Note

Amanda Brown  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

We had a couple of letters to the editor after the first issue, which is actually a great sign! It proves that people are not only looking at *The Knight*, but also critically reading it and caring about its content. With success comes responsibility, and *The Knight's* responsibility has certainly grown. We appreciate and highly encourage letters to the editor. We need to know what the readers would like, do not like, recommend, etc. We read and consider every letter sent. Even though every letter is not published, it is still highly valued and appreciated. Please do send in your letters, opinion pieces, comments, etc. to [nsunews@nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nova.edu).

Thank you,

Amanda N. Brown

### Corrections

In the September 13 issue, Frances was misspelled on page 1.

On page 13 of the September 13 issue, the names of three PAKSA members were spelled incorrectly. They are Humera Ali, Saima Rafiq, and Kiran Sheikh.

On page 5 of the September 13 issue, in the article "Teaching Excellence at Nova Southeastern University," Swaziland was referred to as a country in South Africa. However, it is a country in Southern Africa.

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# Race for the White House Gets Dirty

*Personal attacks over issues define 2004 election*

By Greg Kyriakakis  
Staff Writer

The Republicans held their 9/11-themed convention in New York City from August 30 to September 2. Moderate, high profile Republicans such as California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani delivered speeches aimed at swing voters. President George W. Bush formally accepted the nomination on the final day of the convention and outlined plans to fight the war on terror, promote ownership, and reform education. Some thought the party was playing on the emotions of the attacks to win support. D.A., a junior at NSU says, "the Republicans are using the sympathy of 9/11 for votes" at a convention that was void of any mention of Osama Bin Laden. Directly following the event, a Newsweek poll found Bush leading Democratic challenger John Kerry by 11%, a number that has since dropped to 6%.

The Democrats held their convention in Boston, on July 26 through July 29, at which time Kerry accepted his party's nomination and promised to strengthen the economy, defeat terrorism, and win back America's credibility in the world.

Vietnam has become a central issue in a presidential campaign 30 years after the fact. Kerry has used his Vietnam service as a key component in his campaign, and Republicans have elected to attack it. Most notably, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a "527" organization comprised of men who served with Kerry in Vietnam, launched an ad campaign because, as Spokesman John O'Neill says, they "resent very deeply the false war crimes charges he made coming back from Vietnam in 1971." It was later revealed that many of these men were not present during the incident that earned Kerry three Purple Hearts, a story they claimed he fabricated. President Bush condemns all "527" groups, but would not specifically address the Swift Boat Veterans.

Bush's National Guard service has also been an issue of recent weeks as new documents obtained by CBS News raise questions as to whether he skipped his duties and received special treatment because of family ties. The validity of the documents is a concern, and the White House has produced files validating Bush's service. As this story continues to unfold, NSU

sophomore Mary Charles feels "their prior service is irrelevant" and that the focus should be on the issues currently facing the nation.

Personal attacks are becoming more prevalent and stunningly biting as Election Day nears. Vice President Dick Cheney has come under fire for remarks regarding the election, saying, "If we make the wrong choice, then the danger is that we'll get hit again," fueling speculation that the Bush Administration is using fear to win the White House. Reuters reports that Cheney later clarified his statement, saying Bush's policy of pre-emption is effective against terrorism. A Kerry spokesman responded that the senator "will hunt down and kill the terrorists before they get us." In another incident, Bush also attacked Kerry, stating that Saddam Hussein would still be in power if the senator had his way. This brings into question whether Kerry's policies regarding Iraq have been clearly established.

Kitoye Naku, a freshman at NSU, thinks, "Kerry hasn't talked enough about what he would have done about Iraq." For both parties, winning votes will come from clearly

defining platforms and getting to the truth of harsh rhetoric.

A lesser-addressed, yet important, issue is gun control, namely the September 13 expiration of the 10-year Assault Weapons Ban signed by President Bill Clinton, the termination of which will allow for the sale of 19 previously banned weapons. Bush says he would have signed the bill if passed by Congress, but made no push to get it through. Pressure from lobby groups like the NRA and members of Congress that are opposed to the ban have held it up. Kerry has already begun using the lapse as a campaign issue, as the Associated Press quotes him as saying, "George Bush made a choice today. He chose his powerful friends in the gun lobby over the police officers and the families he promised to protect." In contrast, a National Institute of Justice study found that "there has been no discernible reduction in the lethality and injuriousness of gun violence" because of the bill. Still, students like Naku believe "they shouldn't have let the Assault Weapons Ban expire," a sentiment shared by many police agencies fearful of these deadly weapons reappearing on the streets.

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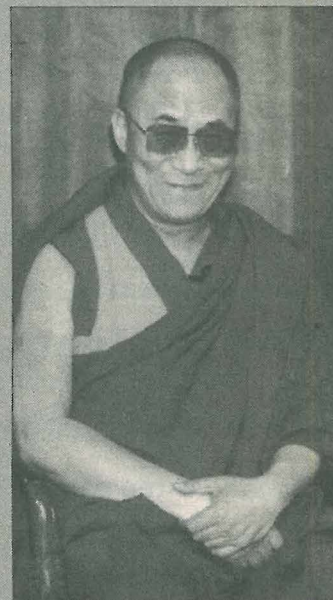
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### *Promotion of "Universal Responsibility" is the Dalai Lama's main goal*

Lama in his narration "OM MANI PADME HUM."

"Regardless of the city, state, or country to which His Holiness travels, his objectives are always global in scope," said Mr. Nawang Rabgyal, representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the Americas, in the NSU News e-Bulletin.

The Dalai Lama's objective is to globalize the conception of peace, or what he calls the "Universal Responsibility." According to the Dalai Lama, if the authentic Buddhism of Tibetan Lamas is disintegrated from the surface of the Earth, the loss will bring an imbalance that will leave us all responsible for its effects.



The Dalai Lama  
Photo courtesy Robert-Zeller.com





**Left:** Residents of Beslan mourn over the lives lost. **Above:** Frantic relatives hunted for their loved ones amid the confusion. **Below:** Desperately scanning lists of victims, individuals search for familiar names. **Bottom:** Russian commandos stormed the building in an unplanned response to the sudden violence. Photos courtesy BBC news.

# Terror in Russia:

## Over 300 Killed; More Than 700 Wounded in Russian Standoff

By Rafia Chodhry  
Staff Writer

Wednesday, September 1, rebels took hostage of a southern school for three days in Beslan, Russia. On the third day, commandos stormed into the school gymnasium after bombs, which had been hung from basketball hoops by the hostage-takers, started exploding.

Regional Emergency Situation Minister Boris Dzgoyev reported that 332 people, including 156 children, were killed, and more than 700 were injured during the standoff. In addition, heavily armed men and women were killed in 10 hours of battles that shook the area around the school with gunfire and explosives. They were reportedly demanding independence for the Chechen Republic, said Dzgoyev in *The Herald*. Many Russians believe this is the cause of a decade old Russian-Chechen conflict and has some connection with the war in Chechnya.

Russian President Vladimir Putin went on National Television September 4 promising to toughen security forces and eliminate corruption. The event also had strong opposition from various government officials.

President Bush called it "another grim reminder of the length to which terrorists will go to threaten this civilized world."

A day after the tragedy, shocked relatives drifted among row after row of bodies in black or clear plastic body bags on a pavement at a morgue in Vladikavkaz, the capital of North Ossetia, where the dead from the school standoff were taken. Other relatives in Beslan scanned lists of the deceased to see if their loved ones had survived the tragedy.

Currently, investigation is underway. Officials are inquiring whether the authorities had prior knowledge about the attack and what the government is doing to alleviate the situation in Chechnya, where deadly fighting continues daily. In addition, the Foreign Prime Minister and Russia is currently in the process of extraditing people who they believe are linked with terrorism, including Chechen rebel representatives Akhmed Zakayev and Ilyas Akhmadov.



### ✓ At a Glance

- ✓ Occurred Wednesday, September 1, 2004
- ✓ Lasted three days in Beslan (Russia's North Ossetia region)
- ✓ Approximately 1,200 innocent civilians held hostage
- ✓ At least 339 people killed, of which 171 were children
- ✓ At least 10 Arabs among the terrorists



# Fences Make Way for New University Center

*\$52 million facility expected to be completed December 2005*

By Rafia Chodhry  
Staff Writer

For many students, fences around campus appeared out of thin air. They went to bed hoping to wake up to another exciting day on NSU's campus, but instead many have felt like they were being herded like sheep with all the fencing.

"I feel like a trapped hamster," said Claudia Harris, a freshman at NSU. "All the fencing is an inconvenience. I feel as if soon I am going to get hit by a car."

"It sucks!" was the reaction of Christian Sippus, a Junior at NSU. "What purpose does it have if you can't drive up to bookstore or cafeteria?"

Although the fencing might be an inconvenience to many, there is a logical explanation behind it, one which is of best interest to NSU students.

Site work has already begun for a 260,000 square foot, \$51 million University Center to be built on NSU's campus. "Site work will take approximately 90 days," said Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs. "Then there will be bulldozers, and soon extraction will begin, with the idea of completion to be in December of 2005, which is not very long to complete a building of that size and scope."

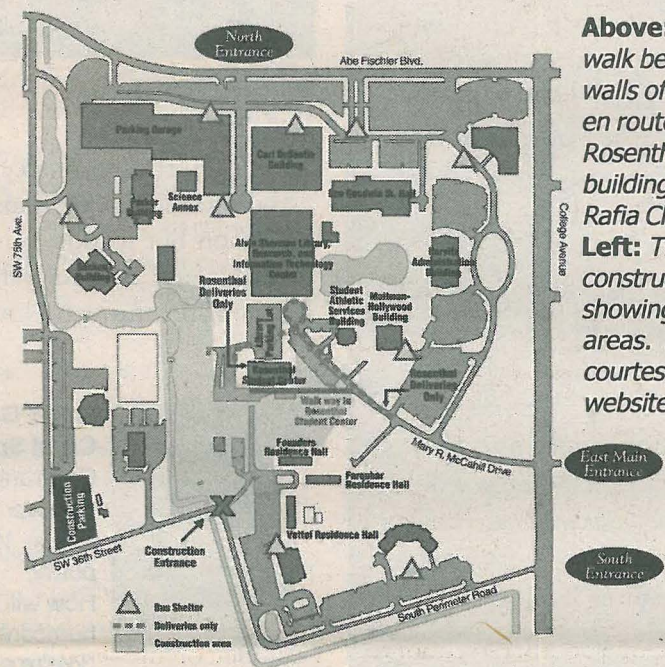
The center will feature a wellness and fitness center, performing arts center, food courts, traditional student union, and a convocation center sports arena, the second largest of its kind in Broward County. "The recreation and

wellness will create a fitness center for students that will be beautiful!" said Dean Williams. "There will be exercise machines, a weight room, racket ball courts, a rock climbing wall, and much more. The intercollegiate athletic program will have an arena that will be capable of holding 4,000 for intercollegiate athletic contests or up to 5,000 if we bring in concerts. There will be a whole performing arts wing that will host music and drama, there will be a recital hall, and the general student piece will include a new and improved flight deck."

The Rosenthal Building will be incorporated into the new University Center, while the RecPlex will be demolished. "The old RecPlex is scheduled to be torn down at the end of the project," said Deam Williams. The old RecPlex is eight years old and is really a cinder block building, while Rosenthal would blend in well."

For those students interested in knowing the status of whether signs will be put up for directions, the answer is yes. "There are signs and they are going to be put up," said Dean Williams. "I spoke with facilities management and there was a delay in signs most attributed to the fist hurricane. There will not only be signs, but also maps which will say, 'You are here' and this is the way to get to your destination."

Overall, NSU is asking everyone to be patient and tolerant about the rerouting and construction. "Before you know it, the University Center will be complete," said John J. Santulli, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management. "We're excited. Are you?"



**Above:** Students walk between walls of fencing en route to the Rosenthal building. Photo by Rafia Chodhry.  
**Left:** The current construction map, showing off-limits areas. Image courtesy NSU website.



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## NSU's Tri-County Policy Crowds Dorms

*Crowded dorms, lack of choices has some students questioning policy's validity*

By Rafia Chodhry  
Staff Writer

Students living in double dorms should consider themselves lucky. There are students living on NSU's campus that do not have the option of one roommate. Instead, they are living three per dorm in dorms that are built to only accommodate two students.

"It's very frustrating living in a triple dorm," said Juliann Baxter, a freshman at NSU. "We split the closet and everything, but I guess the person that came last really didn't have any input into what went on. The dorms are built for only two people. There are two dressers, two desks, and two closets, so you can't live with three people in a room, especially three girls, because girls need their space. There is never a quiet moment in this room. There is always somebody here; if you want to be alone, you can never be alone."

The main cause of overcrowding could be due to NSU's policy, which requires all Farquhar College of

Arts and Sciences Professional and Liberal Studies undergraduate students with 0 to 48 credit hours to live on campus. Unless the student is married, over the age of 25, or can reside with their immediate family (mother, father, or legal guardian) within the tri-county (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach), the student must live on campus.

"It's a university-wide decision," said Lua Hancock, Director of Residential Life and Housing. "Basically, it's the philosophy of the university that students receive an overall educational experience. That educational experience comes from both inside and outside the classroom. We believe that the education and experience they gain in the residential hall is extremely important and is part of their experience here as a college student and becoming part of the college culture. So, although we are somewhat crowded, it's not that bad."

It may be a university require-

ment, but many students do not understand the reasoning behind this policy. Lawanda Maxwell, a freshman at NSU, feels that the policy should be invalidated. "The whole point of the college experience is to learn to live on your own. If you want to make the decision - seeing how we all are legally adults - to live someplace else, off campus or near to campus, that should be our decision, not NSU's."

Even though there are some students who do get along fine with their roommates, many wouldn't mind not having to share one bathroom with three other people. "I am happy with my roommates," said Peter Clayton, a sophomore at NSU. "But if given the option to go into a double dorm instead of a triple, I would have definitely elected a double. Just for the convenience. In triple dorms, we aren't even provided the extra desks and drawers for the third person. I suppose if NSU didn't make it mandatory for students (who live outside the

tri-county area) to stay on campus, then it would have freed up a whole lot of space." When questioned about the overcrowding, Hancock stated that Residential Life and Housing is in the process of starting to move students out of those triples and into the doubles.

Despite the fact that action is being taken to disperse students living three per dorm into double dorms, some students feel that NSU's policy is of a greater advantage to NSU itself.

"I suppose in the long run, what it breaks down to, this is the best policy for NSU in terms of economics, because they make more money the more people that are living in the residential halls," said Clayton. "Of course, it does save you, because the cost of the dorm is divided into three as opposed to two. But either way, it still guarantees that NSU has a full house as opposed to dorms that are vacant."



## Gas Shortage: Frances and the Gas Frenzy

By Nicolle Garber  
Staff Writer

Gas Stations across Florida—South Florida in particular—lacked one major component as Frances approached: gas. Gas was sold out for a few days when radios and broadcasting centers frantically announced for residents to stock up on it. Long lines trailed through gas stations and out towards streets as motorists lined up, some waiting patiently while others perpetuated the “bad driver” stereotype.

On the road, some drivers were seen with gas caps open, gas ready to spill out at the next turn. Many encountered long lines, but some were lucky. “I actually didn’t have long lines because I went two days before,” says freshman Jennifer Tejada. After about three days, gas stations could be seen with yellow tape wrapped around the pumps and signs that read “NO Gas.” The stations were completely empty; motorists devoured every ounce of gas they could fill their tanks with, disregarding the insanely high price for the resource.

The unreasonable prices still have people complaining. “I hate them. [Prices are] way too high; I thought we went to Iraq to lower them,” says senior Kyle Dacosta. Others share the same opinion, but without such zeal. “I think it’s crazy, that’s all,” says Freshman Kristine Santos. Some gas stations allegedly told customers that the regular gas was sold out in order to make consumers buy much higher priced premium gas.

After a couple of days of rushing to the nearest station as though the world was coming to an end, the commotion settled as many finally had a full tank. As of now, the honeymoon from the tax-cut is over, and the reality of having to pay almost twenty dollars to fill up half a tank is back and despised more than ever.

# Threat of Hurricane Season Still Looms

By Greg Kyriakakis  
Staff Writer

Hurricane Frances taught NSU students important lessons about hurricane preparation and surviving uncomfortable conditions. While many evacuated the campus, some students who were far from home had no option but to ride out the storm in Goodwin Hall’s sturdy hallways. Some stocked up on essentials—canned foods and bottled water—while others took the hurricane and its threat too lightly. Since hurricane season continues through November 30, it’s important for students to be ready for anything.



**Jenet George**  
Coral Springs resident

On Frances:

“We were prepared with plenty of canned foods. We were lucky; we didn’t lose power.”

How will you prepare for future hurricanes?:

“We’re already set for Ivan. We still have bottles of water, candles, and canned foods.”



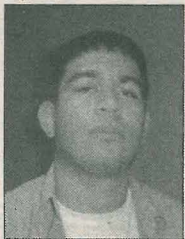
**Tiffany Goldwater**  
Pembroke Pines resident

On Frances:

“I was very prepared with supplies, and our house was protected with metal shutters. Our power went out about 6 hours into the hurricane, so we went to the Marriot, which took our pets.”

How will you prepare for future hurricanes?:

“They’re inevitable in South Florida. We’ve left our shutters up for now.”



**Gabriel Jimenez**  
Goodwin Hall resident

On Frances:

“I actually didn’t prepare for Frances, I just got soda and chips. Unfortunately, I got tired of eating that junk all

week.”

How will you prepare for future hurricanes?:

“I’d go to Publix earlier and buy more water. But still, bring on the hurricane. I’m not afraid of Mother Nature.”



**Saleem Sheikh**  
Goodwin Hall resident

On Frances:

“It wasn’t terrible staying on the 2nd floor, west side. The other floors were stricter; they had to use the RA’s bathroom! We had TV and cards in the hallway; it was

fun.”

How will you prepare for future hurricanes?:

“Stock up on water and non-perishable foods, but not Spam.”



**Chip**  
Pembroke Pines resident

On Frances:

“We put up shutters and it never came; I almost fell off the ladder. My dad is the shutter Nazi.”

How will you prepare for future hurricanes?:

“I won’t put up storm shutters ever again. Ivan doesn’t scare me.”

Individual photos by Greg Kyriakakis. Ivan satellite photo courtesy National Hurricane Service

## “Benjamins” Distributed Across Campus

### Organizations across campus receive funds from SGA

By Javeshnev Aimee Rivera-Azua  
News Editor

The Student Government Association met on Sunday, September 11, a few days before Hurricane Ivan passed by. It was a hectic procedure that had been postponed twice before because of hurricanes. The Nova Southeastern University SGA was given a task of “allocating 100,000 dollars towards anything they want. ... They can do anything with the 100,000; they have the power, but they want to fulfill their two goals,” stated Terry Morrow, Assistant Director to Student Activities and Leadership

Development. “Two goals, yes: to be the voice of the students and unite the campus as a community.” SGA wants the clubs and organizations to benefit from this money. As best as they can, they will allocate the money by considering the needs of the organizations.

Every year, NSU disburses \$100,000 to the SGA, money that the organizations can benefit from—not as a crutch, but as help up towards a better budget for their organizations. The organizations within NSU have a certain budget for each of their events.

Each organization “gives the SGA the budget they need for their club, and if approved, all the organizations have to do come time of their event is pick up their money here from our Accounts Analysts,” stated Morrow.

The SGA has always divided the disbursement of the \$100,000 in two: \$60,000 for the Fall semester, and \$40,000 for the Winter semester. The unequal allotment is due to the fact that more events occur during the Fall semester, such as holiday events and this year’s upcoming Homecoming Ball.



## Men's Soccer: Undefeated

*NSU Men's soccer begins the season with a record of 4-0*

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

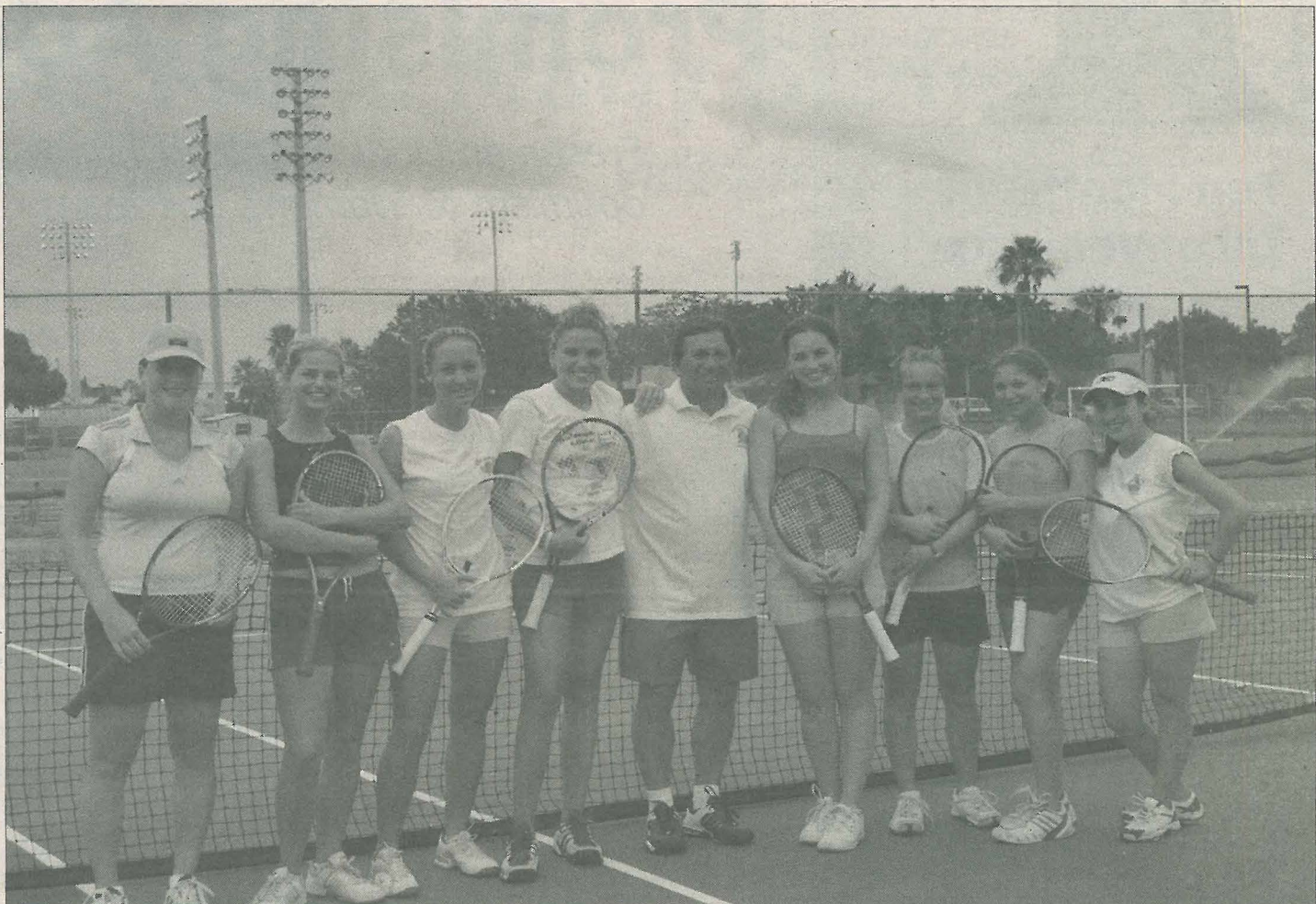
The Nova Southeastern University men's soccer team is now 4 and 0 in their season so far. The team is now ranked 18<sup>th</sup> after their win over the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers (0-4) by a score of 3-1. The soccer team competed in Arkadelphia, Ark. on the Friday, September 10.

Senior Rasmus Jespersen (Frederiksberg, Denmark) and Andrew Morris (Coventry, England) scored the first two goals for NSU. Rasmus scored his first goal in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute of the game with an assist from Cronin. Sophomore forward Lorcan Cronin (Dublin, Ireland) scored his second game-winning goal of the season. He was given an assist by one of his teammates, scored in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute of the game. Cronin scored his game-winning goal after he took a throw in by Eric Naples, a sophomore from Houston, Texas. He curled the shot from the left corner of the penalty area and inside the right post. Cronin is now leading the team with 2 goals and 4 assists.

In the second half, the Tigers scored to cut their deficit to just one goal. They scored from a long throw-in from Mark Leonard and headed by David Cook in the 74<sup>th</sup> minute.

That didn't stop NSU though, because they sealed the win in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute with a free kick from Andrew Morris.

The Knights held a 19-9 advantage in shots, including a 12-6 edge in shots on goal. But, Robinson and Bailey combined to make seven saves, while a pair of shots by NSU, forward Adam Ludden (junior from Overland Park, Kan.) were knocked off the line by the Tigers.



Simin Schmitz, Anna Schmidtman, Victoria Drescher, Jessica Homerlein, Coach Michael Coleman, Michelle Alvarez, Stefanie Gribi, Andrea Moncada, Stephanie Zevallos. Photo by Alicia Winslett

## Women's Tennis Team: High Hopes for Second Season

### *New Recruits and Transfers Help Bring Diversity and Talent to Team*

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

This is only the second year for the Nova Southeastern University's women's tennis team. This season, they have four returning players, with the rest of the women either being new incoming freshmen or transfer students.

There are twelve people on the roster this year, doubling the size of the team they had last year. Michelle Alvarez is a senior this year on the team. Last year, she was the number one player for the Knights. Previous to playing for the Knights, she played in high school in Southern California. She was the MVP of the tennis team at Adolfo Camarillo High School during her senior year, and she was all-league #1 in Singles/Doubles for all four years of high school. Alvarez thinks that this year, the team will be "really strong and we can develop more." She also says, "The small amount of time we've spent together, we're developing on and off the court." This year, Alvarez has high goals for herself and for the team. "This year, I will focus on graduating, doing well in tennis, and applying to law school. We have a lot of transfers

that are so good, and all bring something to the team. It will be fun and competitive. We want to be very positive and go far."

The women have been practicing for about three weeks at the tennis courts behind the elementary school on campus. After BCC finishes resurfacing their courts, the women will be practicing there. They will be playing in 3-5 matches in the fall, all as individuals. They play mostly Division II teams, along with some Division I teams. Their first match will be this weekend in Jacksonville, FL.

Andrea Moncada transferred to NSU this year as a sophomore and is new to the Knights team this year. She's originally from Honduras, played in nationals, and held a world ranking. This year she will be playing in doubles and singles for The Knights. Already, she thinks Coach Coleman plays an important role on the team. "He's a great coach. I think we're going to do good this year. The team is different and I'm very comfortable already, even though I'm new to the team," Moncada says. Her goals for herself and the team this year are to, "Play the best I

can and stand up for the team. We all need to have positive attitudes and play our best and compete."

Anna Schmidtman is a transfer student originally from Germany. Her goals this year are to, "Stay up on the court and fight, do what we can do."

This year is Coach Michael Coleman's second year with the women's tennis team. "This year, we had time to recruit and not just solely recruit off campus, so we're looking forward to the year. We have good potential to be competitive and to be seen more by other teams," Coach Coleman says. With all the new recruits, the team is more pushed and practices have improved because of it. His main goal this year for his team are, "To be as competitive in conference in and out of season. It's a little more realistic [this year] to have bigger expectations. I look forward for a good season; the team has people to push them and they know that in competition." The team says they are really meshing together well so far. "We're a much stronger team this year, and I look forward to doing well," Coach Coleman says.





Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

## Ten Months of Inconvenience Around Campus Will Result in The University Center

*Patience is key factor*

For the next ten months or so, everyone on the NSU campus will have to endure all the construction and fencing all around the school. The biggest problems are walking to classes and parking. The walkways, paths, and some parking spaces surrounding the Founders, Farquhar, and Vettel Residence Halls have become a part of the construction site. This is a big surrounding area, but the whole area is where the construction is. Walking to the cafeteria and walking to classes will be very inconvenient, but we're going to have to go through it. It's going to be hard to get adjusted to the longer walks, but once the University Center is open, it will be all worth it.

According to the NSU website, "The University Center will be for NCAA Division II and recreational athletics. It will also be a place to enjoy fine arts; support personal wellness, nutrition, and fitness; attend sports events; concerts and lectures; and host local, national, and international conferences." The center is going to be a 260,000 square foot, state of the art, multi-use facility – the second largest of its kind in Broward County. Everyone at the University will benefit from the University Center.

Also, according to John Santulli, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, "Rosenthal will maintain all services and regular hours of operation while the area is under construction. This includes the bookstore, student dining, radio station, and Flight Deck. There will be no parking available at the Rosenthal Student Center for the duration of the project, approximately 10 months. A walkway along the south side of the building will be available for all pedestrian traffic only."

I did find a lot of people that agreed that the construction is going to be hard to get used to. Brittany Imperial, a sophomore from Jacksonville, FL said, "The fencing is really annoying and takes up too much space, basically because they're not doing construction in all those areas. It also takes away from the look of our campus. [The parking] makes it less convenient for everyone." Marlee Forsthofer, a sophomore from Glastonbury, Conn., said, "It's a huge inconvenience and it takes away from the look of our college. It looks more like a construction site than a college campus." I definitely agree with her on that, but once this is all over, we will have one of the most prestigious and beautiful University Centers in the nation.

# NSU Women's Golf's Promising Addition

*Freshman Lindsey Colbert brings talent and optimism to Women's golf team*

By Greg Kyriakakis  
Staff Writer

Freshman Lindsey Colbert joined NSU's women's golf team this year with hopes of leading the team to the title of national champions. Inspired by her father, Colbert, a Denver, Colorado native, took up golf at age 7 and began playing competitively at age 14. Her dedication to the sport throughout high school earned her a top 20 spot in the state ranking; now, the 18-year-old golfer is bringing her talents to NSU.

Colbert decided to join NSU after a recruiting visit last December with coach Duke Donahue. She loved the area and bonded with members of the team, which made her choice to attend simple. The move to Florida and into college life has presented some challenges for Colbert. She notes that, "The grass is different in Colo-

rado; it's Bent grass opposed to the Bermuda grass here." Generally good weather conditions and a lack of mountain courses are more favorable toward South Florida golfers compared to those in Colorado. Support from teammates has made the transition to college life easier, as they have a "great time" together going to the beach, shopping, and playing volleyball.

With the team practicing four hours each day, the work schedule is tough, but Colbert believes it to be fun. In addition to typical training, players also undergo workouts and Pilates sessions. Colbert says that the team is "going to do awesome," and believes that they can win the national championship.

Admiring great golfers like Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods also plays a part in Colbert's hope



Lindsey Colbert  
Photo by Greg Kyriakakis

to keep "[golf] a part of [her] life" no matter what career she decides on. She hopes to enter either the business or communication fields and still "teach or coach, even if it's not [her] main job." With a solid background and high hopes for the future, Colbert will play a key role in helping The Knights achieve their goals on the golf team this year.

## NSU Men's Soccer Team Edges the University of Central Arkansas 2-1 To Remain Perfect on Season

*Second half goals by Rasmus Jespersen and Adam Ludden lead knights to 5th win*

By Eddie Kenny  
Sports Information

The #18 ranked Nova Southeastern University men's soccer team (5-0) remained undefeated after edging the University of Central Arkansas Bears (1-3-1) on Sunday afternoon, September 12, at Farris Field on the campus of Central Arkansas.

NSU has won their first five games of the 2004 season and wrapped up a sweep of their two-game set in Arkansas, as they previously defeated Ouachita Baptist by a 3-1 final on Thursday evening.

UCA struck first in the 23rd minute as forward Ryan

McKean put the host Bears up 1-0 with a 35-yard strike that curled just inside the left post. NSU goalkeeper Matt Bergantzel (Sr., Albany, Ore.) was partially screened on the play and was unable to react in time to save the well-placed shot.

NSU evened the score seven minutes into the second half when midfielder Rasmus Jespersen (Sr., Fredriksberg, Denmark) penetrated deep into the Central Arkansas half of the field. He dribbled along the end line, lofted the ball into the goal area, and beat UCA keeper Ian Goodman to the

far post for the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute equalizer.

After a flurry of opportunities at each end, the Knights broke through in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute when Andrew Morris (Sr., Coventry, England) rushed forward from his right back position and carried the ball down the right flank. Morris served a beautiful ball into the area that NSU forward Adam Ludden (Jr., Overland Park, Kan.) headed past Goodman for the game-winner.

Ludden has three goals on the season, including two game-winning tallies, while Bergantzel picked up his 5<sup>th</sup> win in goal for NSU.



## MTV VMAs Make Many Statements

*What we can take from the August 29<sup>th</sup> Video Music Awards Show*

By Alaina Siminovsky  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Earlier this month, MTV's VMAs broadcasted live from Miami. And as usual, the VMAs juxtaposed designer fashion with most stars' casual styles. This award show allows for music moguls to gain greater renown and for newcomers to grow in popularity. Along with the fashion and music statements, this year's VMAs had a clear statement about youth. Celebrities want today's youth to know that in our age there is power, and this comes with the right to vote.

### Music

The VMAs rarely disappoint. This year's performers lit up the stage just like in years past. They displayed their talents but did not shine over the night's winners. The statement that this year's VMAs made to the music world is that obscurity can come as suddenly as fame, but for some, fame can be maintained. Jay-Z and Outkast were the early winners, walking away with the coveted *Moon men* before the awards had even begun. Jay-Z's awards demonstrate that he has not only star power but staying power. His video *99 Problems* received four awards. After several years in the music industry, Jay-Z proves hard work maintains celebrity status.

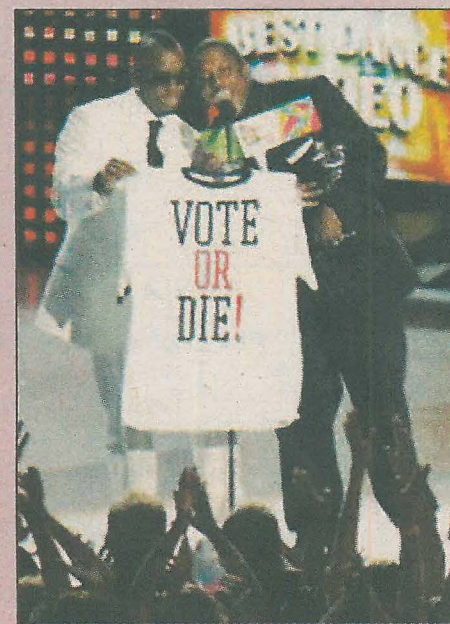
As stars flooded down the red carpet, an absence went unnoticed. Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears

were missing in action. Timberlake, who lost out to an ecstatic Usher, wasn't on hand, though he was a nominee. Spears, also a nominee, didn't come to Miami to enjoy the festivities. Not one of the MTV newscasters noted their absence. The once crowned prince and princess of pop have abdicated their thrones. They both still enjoy a large fan base and sold out concerts, but clearly their importance to the pop world has diminished.

New-fangled stars like Ashlee Simpson and the trio of rock bands, Yellowcard, Hoobastank, and Jet, graced the stage with powerful performances that riled up the crowds, who sang and yelled along with the artists. MTV boosts many careers, and these are just a few that enjoyed the spotlight at this year's awards.



Jay-Z holds his four MTV Video Music awards in Miami, Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004. Jay-Z won Best Rap Video, Best Direction in a Video, Best Editing and Best Cinematography. Photo courtesy AP Photo/J. Pat Carter/ Yahoo Music Links



P.Diddy and Mase perform at the MTV Billboard awards in Miami, Florida, August 29, 2004. This is the first time that the two performers have appeared on stage together in five years. Photo courtesy REUTERS/Ethan Miller, Yahoo Music Links

### Vote or Die!

The artists at this year's VMAs wanted to make one statement unmistakable: VOTE!

Daughters of each of the entrenched party's candidates promoted the vote, and also took a moment to promote their fathers.

Instead of this partisan promotion, the stars remained neutral, only promoting the power of the youth vote. According to the Center for Voting and Democracy, voter turnout in young American adults has almost met its all-time low. These popular music figures are using their influence with this age group to try to persuade them to use power of their vote.

Senior Amanda Brown smiles while she says, "I learned the date to vote from P. Diddy." During the awards, Diddy emerged as the star most fixated on getting out the vote. He seemed certain that stressing the power that comes with the right to vote would impress youth enough to do so.

**Above left:** Performer Jennifer Lopez poses for photos on the red carpet at the MTV Billboard awards in Miami, Florida, August 29, 2004. **Left:** Jessica Simpson gets caught on camera as she takes a stroll down the red carpet. Both photos courtesy REUTERS/Bill Davila, Yahoo Music Links

### Fashion

Celebrities clad in t-shirts and jeans shared the same red carpet spotlight as those in flowing gowns. However, the clash of chic verses casual does not fall along the gender stereotypes as one would expect. Men strutted their stuff down the red carpet in stylish suits that rivaled the women's dresses.

White seems to have been the color of the evening. Usher, P. Diddy, and John Norris, the red carpet host, all donned white in different ways. Usher's white on white attire enjoyed a splash of pink, introduced by the handkerchief in his sport coat pocket. P. Diddy's white suit was contrasted not only by his black tie but also by Mase, lead member of his entourage, who wore the opposite of Diddy. Jay-Z, who from the beginning of the event seemed to be the night's winner, wore white on white with an orange accent, and as such took his rightful place with the other kings of hip hop. Newcomer Kanye West joined this crew of well-dressed men, but shunned their typical white or black dress

code by wearing instead a pink shirt as the center of his outfit.

Jessica Simpson followed suit with the men, wearing a white dress with silver accents. Again, the embodiment of grace, she showed only tasteful cleavage in her casual outfit which caught her below the knee. On her arm was husband Nick Lachey, who was also casually dressed in jeans and a button down shirt. Other casually dressed stars included the members of Hoobastank, Jojo, and Haley and Hillary Duff.

Lil' Kim, Alicia Keys, and J-Lo (who is named the "unofficial queen of Miami") all wore designer dresses. J-Lo's earth toned tube dress was complimented by her big brimmed brown hat. Lil' Kim had a very different accessory. Though more covered than usual, Lil' Kim, who wore a floor length gown, wore her breasts as the gown's main accessory.

With best dressed, worst dressed, and casually dressed celebrities, the VMAs never disappoint the fashion savvy.







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Arts & Entertainment Editor

# Nothing to Do? Think Again

All too often people say "there's nothing to do." Once you've exhausted the options of going to movies and parties, you may think that you're left with few or no options. Thus, you lay around playing video games or maybe watching TV. When you complain, someone might tell you to read a book. Now, I'm not naïve – I know that the last thing most college students want to do is add to their substantial reading load. So, you're left bored out of your mind with "nothing to do."

That's simply not the case. South Florida offers a plethora of ways to occupy your time. Instead of a movie, see a

show. Instead of watching TV, go to an art gallery. I know "art" isn't really fascinating to many people, but you can find something that holds your interest. I was surfing the web, checking out upcoming events for the arts and entertainment calendar and ran across a lot of fascinating events. Maybe you like satirical cartoons – well, head over to "It's Debatable" at the University of Miami, where there's a political cartoon gallery set up. If you like it, one of the artists highlighted will be coming to NSU in a few weeks and you might want to check him out. If politics don't tickle your fancy, find something else. For example, the Museum of Lifestyle and Fashion History

is having a display dedicated to *Lunch Box History*.

The lack of "things to do" is not the problem; rather, it seems to be a lack of motivation to look for something to do. Southflorida.com offers a venue that can be used to get information about events going on in the area. Check it out – if you're interested in music and stage, they might send you to the Broward Stage Door Theatre to see a show like *Anything Goes*. Maybe you want to go dancing. Maybe you want to check out an art gallery. The options are endless.

In response to this lethargy, *The Knight* will publish a calendar in the Arts and En-

tertainment section. This calendar will highlight community events, such as those at the library or at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, as well as concerts, movie openings, CD releases, and other special events. Check out the calendar if you're at a loss for something to do, and hopefully you can find something that might interest you.

Instead of complaining about eventless weekends, take an active role to find something to do. There are activities out there if you only look.

Some Resources: *The Knight* A&E Calendar and southflorida.com.

## Calendar of Events

<b>9/20</b> <b>CD Releases</b> <b>Office Depot Center</b> <b>Alvin Sherman Library</b> <b>American Airlines Arena</b> <b>Movie Openings</b> <b>Broward Center</b>	<b>9/21</b> <b>Green Day</b> <i>American Idiot</i> , <b>Ben Harper and the Blind Boys of Alabama</b> <i>There will be a Light</i> <b>The Rat Pack</b> <i>Boys Night Out</i> <b>Mark Chestnutt</b> <i>Savin' the Honky Tonk</i> <b>Voting American Style</b>	<b>9/22</b> <b>OD</b> <b>(9/22-9/26)</b> <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> 	<b>9/23</b> <b>AA</b> <i>Usher and Kanye West</i>	<b>9/24</b> <b>A Dirty Shame</b> <i>First Daughter</i> <i>The Forgotten</i> 	<b>9/25</b> <b>AA</b> <b>(9/25-126)</b> <i>Gloria Estefan</i>	<b>9/26</b> <b>Festival Miami</b>  For ticketing or more information contact the Broward Center at <a href="http://www.browardcenter.org">www.browardcenter.org</a> or Autonation Box Office at 800-564-9539.
<b>9/27</b> <b>ASL</b> <i>Navigating the Public Library Services Website</i>	<b>9/28</b> <b>Rascal Flatts</b> <i>Feels Like Today</i> <b>Hillary Duff</b> <i>Hillary Duff</i> <b>The Used</b> <i>In Love &amp; Death</i> , <b>Al Franken</b> <i>O'Franken Factor</i> <i>Factor: The Very Best of Al Franken</i> <b>Using Libraries Here and At Home, Exploring the USA PATRIOT Act</b> <b>Incubus</b>	<b>9/29</b> <b>AA</b> <b>(9/29-10/3)</b> <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> <b>Navigating the Public Library Services Website</b>	<b>9/30</b> <b>OD</b> <i>Phil Collins</i> <b>ASL</b> <i>Thursday Movies Series</i> <i>Books Over Biscotti</i>	<b>9/31</b> <b>Ladder 49</b> <b>Opening 10/1</b>	<b>10/1 (10/1-10/3)</b> <b>Sesame Street Live</b> <b>Ladder 49</b> <i>Shark's Tale</i> <i>Tying the Knot</i> <b>ASL</b> <i>NSU Open Mic Night</i>	<b>10/2</b> <b>ASL</b> All programs are held in Public Library Services, First Floor, unless otherwise indicated. For more information call (954) 262-5477 <b>AA</b> For ticketing or more information contact the American Airlines Arena at <a href="http://www.aaarena.com">www.aaarena.com</a> 768-777-1250 or for tickets contact Ticket Master at <a href="http://www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a> <b>OD</b> For ticketing or more information contact <a href="http://www.officedepotcenter.com">www.officedepotcenter.com</a> 954-835-8499 or <a href="http://www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a>

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**Alvin Sherman Library Events:**  
*New English Café at the Connections Café* (Informal discussion class for adults new to the English language.)  
 9/21, 6 - 7 pm *Voting American Style*  
 Host: Molly Kinney  
 9/28, 6:30-7:30 pm *Using Libraries Here and At Home*  
 Host: Harriet MacDougall

**Tech Program**  
 Mon., 9/27, Wed, 9/29 1-3pm  
*Navigating the Public Library Services Website with Candace McKinniss*,  
 Institute for Learning in Retirement  
 Open House, University Park Plaza – North, For more information call (954) 262-8472

**Thursday Movies Series**  
 9/30, 12:30-2:30 pm  
 Film: *Baseball* by Ken Burns  
 Special guest, Marty Mulford, Group Sales Manager for the Florida Marlins  
 Sponsored by the Davie-Cooper City Rotary Club

**Books Over Biscotti**  
 9/30, 7-9pm  
 An informal book discussion group: Sue Monk Kidd's *Secret Life of Bees* For more information, contact Paula Adams (954) 262-5485

**Other Events:**  
**Exploring the USA PATRIOT Act**  
 Tuesday, 9/28, 4 - 6 pm  
 Panel members from the US Justice Department, Howard Simon from the ACLU, Marc Stern from American Jewish Congress, and Teleb Salhab from the Arab American Community Center will discuss the USA PATRIOT ACT; guest hosted by Johnny Burris, Esq. **Location Room 4009**

**NSU Open Mic**  
 Friday, 10/1, 7-9pm at the *Connections Café*: An evening sponsored by Connections Café – Music, poetry, and dance - from classical through new age and rock. (In order to perform, you must be affiliated with NSU, however, the evening's entertainment is open to the public.) Host: Richard Toumey

**American Airlines Arena:**  
*Usher and Kanye West*: 9/23 at 8:00pm. Usher brings his "Truth" tour to the American Airlines Arena with special guest Kanye West. Tickets range from \$47.50-\$65. Please see the contact information listed above for more information.

*Gloria Estefan Returns*: 9/25-26, 2004 Time TBA. "Hometown Girl" Gloria Estefan brings her "Live and Re-Wrapped" Tour to the American Airlines Arena. Tickets are \$30-\$125.

*Disney on Ice, Beauty and the Beast*  
 Classic fairytale comes alive on ice! Tickets range from \$9 to \$46. For schedule see [www.aaarena.com](http://www.aaarena.com)

**Broward Center of the Performing Arts Productions:**  
*Festival Miami*: 9/26 at 4:00pm For the first time ever, Festival Miami comes to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts! The University of Miami Symphony Orchestra, Thomas Sleeper, conductor, presents *Tod und Verklarung* (Death and Transfiguration), by Richard Strauss. Special guest artist, heralded bass-baritone, Donnie Ray Albert sings Carlisle Floyd's *Pilgrimage*, a set of 5 biblical texts for low voice and orchestra. University of Miami faculty

artist Ross Harbaugh plays the Elgar Concerto for Violoncello, Op. 85. Tickets are \$25

*Sesame Street Live*: 10/1-3 An average day becomes extraordinary when Terry and her Muppet friends teach their intergalactic visitors all about Earth. The live show includes popular segments such as Elmo's World and Journey to Ernie, as well as a letter and number of the day. Your favorite Sesame Street friends teach children how much we have in common. Tickets are \$10-\$23. For times see website.

**Office Depot Center:**  
*Disney on Ice, Beauty and the Beast*: Classic fairytale comes alive on ice! This show is running 9/22-9/26 with shows twice on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and thrice on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets range from \$15 to \$46. For schedule see website.

*Incubus*: 9/28, 2004 at 7:30pm-One night only at the Office Depot Center. If you like Incubus get your tickets soon! Tickets are \$34. Please see the contact information above for more information.

*Phil Collins*: 9/30, 2004 at 8:00pm-Catch Phil Collins at the Office Depot Center. Tickets range in price from \$45-\$85. Please see the contact information above for more information.

**Movie Openings:**  
*A Dirty Shame (Comedy)*: Opens in limited theatres 9/24 starring Selma Blair, Tracy Ullman and Johnny Knoxville and directed by John Waters. NC-17. Fine Line Films. Synopsis: When the owner of a Baltimore convenience store, Sylvia Stickles (Ullman), suffers a concussion,

the injury causes a drastic change in her sexual drive, turning her into a sex addict, much to the joy and then frustration of her husband (Isaak) who has trouble keeping up with her, as her new personality threatens to tear apart the remnants of what wasn't an entirely perfect family to begin with.

*First Daughter (Romantic Comedy)*: Opens nationwide on 9/24. Cast: Katie Holmes, Marc Blucas, Michael Keaton and directed by Forest Whitaker. PG. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox. Synopsis: When Samantha Mackenzie (Holmes), 18-year-old daughter of the president of the United States, demands that she be allowed to go to college without having to be followed by a fleet of secret service agents, her dad agrees... while actually assigning one of the youngest Secret Service agents to follow her around on campus disguised as a student. The president's plan goes smoothly until the young agent falls in love with this girl he has to spend all day following, and she falls in love with him too, until... she finds out who he really is. Can their love outlive the deception that gave it fruit?

*The Forgotten (Thriller)*: Opens nationwide on 9/24. Julianne Moore, Dominic West, Gary Sinise; directed by Joseph Ruben. PG-13. Revolution Studios. Synopsis: When a single mother, Telly Paretta (Moore), loses her 8-year-old son, she seeks the help of a psychiatrist (Sinise) to cope with the pain of her grief, only to be told that her son is merely a figment of her imagination, with her mind making up eight years of false memories. When she meets a father (West) who has had another similar experience with his own

disappearing daughter recently, the two team up to try to find the answers behind the mystery.

*Ladder 49 (Drama)*: Opens nationwide 10/1. Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, Jacinda Barrett and directed by Jay Russell. PG-13. Synopsis: Trapped in a fire that looks likely to kill him, a fireman (Phoenix) takes the opportunity to look back over his life, career and marriage, while he waits for his company, Ladder 49, to rescue him, if they can...

*Shark Tale (Animated Action/Adventure)*: Opens nationwide 10/1. Voices: Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Jack Black, Renee Zellweger, Angelina Jolie, and directed by Bibi Bergeron and Vicky Jenson. Not Rated. Dreamworks SKG. Synopsis: Oscar (Will Smith) is a fast-talking fish who dreams big. But his big dreams land him in hot water when a great white lie turns him into an unlikely hero. At first, his fellow fish swallow Oscar's story hook, line and sinker and he is showered with fame. It's all going swimmingly until it starts to become clear that Oscar's tale is all wet. Oscar is finding out that being a hero comes at a Market Price when his lie threatens to make him the Catch of the Day. Now he has to tread water until he can get the scales to tip back in his favor again.

*Tying the Knot (Documentary)*: Opens in limited theatres 10/1. Directed by: Jim de Seve. Roadside Attractions. Synopsis: A look at the debate over same sex marriage in the USA. Reasons behind it are illustrated by real life couples that have run afoul of current laws, and the reasons against it are debunked by proponents.



# NSU Law School Graduate Gets Praise from The Donald

*Apprentice 2 Contestant, South Florida Attorney Bradford leads his team to victory*

By Alaina Siminovsky  
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Last year's TV reality sensation was not the new season of *Survivor*. Instead, it was the same sort of cut-throat action, but set in the concrete jungle of New York. "The Apprentice," starring real estate mogul Donald Trump, beat out the competition to become last season's #1 show. NBC hopes to recreate its success with the sequel, "The Apprentice 2," which began September 9, 2004.

For those who aren't reality TV buffs, "The Apprentice" gives one young rising star in the professional world a chance to work for Donald Trump. During the first episode, Trump splits the contestants into two groups, which remain (hopefully) until the end. Each week, the groups compete in an exercise, led by one who serves as the "project manager." The group that wins is rewarded in some way, while the group that loses places three people, one being the project manager, on the chopping block, where Trump makes the final decision, declaring to one of them those infamous words, "You're fired."

Among this year's contestants is young, 33-year-old lawyer Bradford, who graduated from NSU's Shepard Law School. According to NBC's candidate profile, Bradford is a successful attorney and real estate investor in South Florida. Before the show, you

could have caught a glimpse of him either at the courthouse or putting around in a customized golf cart complete with monster truck tires.

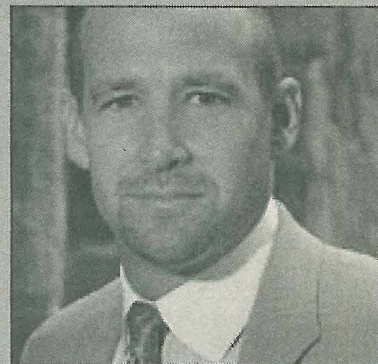
Clearly, our hometown "hero" has a lot of personality; we can only hope that he communicates it "right" on the screen. Bradford told "Entertainment Weekly" that he should win, because, "Winning, to me, is everything. That's what I do." And he's right. Thursday, September 9, on the premier episode, Bradford served as project manager for the women's team and led them to victory during the Mattel Toy Company challenge. Bradford showed leadership skills, enthusiasm, and charisma, which ultimately allowed him to inspire the Apex team. (Apex is the women's team name; Mosaic is their nemesis.) As a reward for winning, the team received a night in Trump's suite with the Donald and a gourmet meal. Bradford, as team leader, won immunity for the next task, meaning if his team loses, he cannot be brought into the boardroom to be considered for dismissal. Bradford exudes the traits that Donald looks for in an apprentice; he is willing to compromise, a strong leader, and enthusiastic and attentive.

This single, successful attorney has done his homework and is prepared

to take on other candidates who are without a doubt successful in their own right. According to his interview, he is well versed in the mistakes of last year's contestants and exemplified this well by being a strong leader in the first challenge.

When he's not making facetious, yet clever comments, he is quite humble, naming his father as the person he most admires. "My dad has always been an individual I admire more than anyone I know. He taught me the value of hard work, integrity, honesty, loyalty, sacrifice, and keeping one's word. Any business man who exudes those qualities is one that I respect and admire."

Through interviews, the contestant pool – which starts out with thousands – has been narrowed to eighteen. From there, each contestant will have to show individuality and promise in order to keep his position on the show. Success is the name of the game, a game that Bradford scores by the achievement of respect. "My definition of success is gaining the respect of the people I admire most, living well, laughing often, having the ability to do whatever I want whenever I want to do it, and leaving my mark on society. There are different measures of success. No one would dispute that there were richer men than



Bradford  
Photo courtesy NBC

**"The  
Apprentice 2"  
on NBC  
Thursdays at  
8:30 p.m.**

Albert Einstein, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln; however, can anyone dispute the mark they left on future generations?"

To catch future episodes of Bradford's success in the concrete jungle, tune into "The Apprentice 2" on NBC at 9 p.m. Thursday evenings.

## Movie Review

# Ghost in the Shell 2:

By Christie Bailey  
Managing Editor

It has been nine years since the release of the phenomenal anime movie "Ghost in the Shell," a movie that inspired the Wachowski brothers' "Matrix" trilogy. Now, almost a decade later, Mamoru Oshii returns as director of the graphically glittering, thought-provoking sequel, "Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence."

"Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence," based on the popular Japanese comic by Shirow Masamune, portrays a world in which humans and machines coexist. It is a world inhabited by a strange menagerie of cybernetically enhanced humans, artificially intelligent robots, and purely electronic personalities that, at one time, had been able to call themselves "human." Using the main character, a cyborg named Batou, as a guide, the movie addresses the question, "Under such conditions, what is the meaning of human existence?"

The film attempts to answer this question on many levels, exploring such subjects as emotion, the meaning of family, the human spirit, the human connection with animals, and the validity of memory in a time

when the brain can be programmed like a computer. In order to fully examine the meaning of humanity, the director makes comparisons to the human experience through the use of dogs and dolls (both toy dolls and androids, which are referred to in the movie as "dolls"). There is a five-minute interlude that consists entirely of Batou spending time with his beloved basset hound. This scene quietly plumbs the depths of human emotion and attachment by providing a glimpse into domestic life, and thus comes close to revealing an answer to the movie's ongoing question. Still, as with any philosophical inquiry, there is no answer, only more questions.

Two kinds of animation were used: hand drawn, 2D characters, who are superimposed on computer generated, 3D backgrounds. The movie took four years to complete, and used several powerful pieces of software to render its brilliant 3D backgrounds. Says Oshii, "Although the characters are 2D, when you look at the picture, it's hard to draw a line between 2D and 3D, because they are so well

blended together." Indeed, while the juxtaposition of the two types of animation is dazzling to the eye, it also serves to reinforce the story's theme: the merging of human and machine.

Anime fans may rejoice to know that this movie will be released with subtitles, not dubbing, given that subtitles usually allow for a more accurate translation. However, attempting to keep up with the jargon-filled, often philosophically complex dialogue takes away from the enjoyment of the movie.

With plenty of action, beautiful graphics, artistic interludes, philosophical examinations, and an interesting plot, "Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence" has a lot to offer – perhaps even a little too much. Moviegoers may feel a bit overwhelmed by this intense movie experience. One thing is for sure: it is definitely a movie to be watched several times over.

"Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence" has become the sixth ever animated movie to compete at the Cannes International Film Festival, and the first anime (Japanimation). It was directed



## Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence

**Studio:**  
Dreamworks  
**Director:**  
Mamoru Oshii  
**Producer:**  
Production I.G.  
**Rating: PG-13**

by Mamoru Oshii, was produced by Production I.G., and is being released by Dreamworks. It is rated PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and brief language.



## Letter to the Editor

I sincerely hope the Volume 15 Issue 1 edition of The Knight is not an indication of the quality of the paper for the rest of the year. I am not a journalist. However, as a consumer of news, I know what I like and what I dislike. I strongly disliked this issue.

The most repulsive thing I found was an editorial (not even a well written one at that) mixed among news articles on page 3. What happened to the Op/Ed page?

"Get Out and Vote...One Student's Opinion" is clearly a partisan opinion piece and does not belong on the same page as legitimate (and also poorly written) news pieces such as "New Student Center to be Erected on Campus" and "Provisional Dental Care for Underprivileged and Disabled." ...

...There are many more errors and editorial flaws in this issue of the Knight and time does not permit me to comment on all of them. I understand this is a student run organization and I look forward to these issues being addressed and to the Knight improving every week.

John Paul

*Parts of this letter were omitted due to length.*

## The Editor's Reply

John Paul,

The opinion piece "Get Out and Vote...One Student's Opinion" is clearly labeled as an opinion piece within its title. It was placed in the News Section due to the lack of copy needed to create an entire Opinion Section.

Amanda N. Brown  
Editor-in-Chief

## Price Gouging In Florida: Illegal, unethical, and disgusting

By Nicolle Garber  
Staff Writer

During the Hurricane Frances mayhem, when shelves were licked clean of any nourishment, and the only water left was that which was falling from gloomy clouds, some stores had the audacity to charge as high as \$50 for a 24-pack of bottled water. Normally, it would cost around \$10 to \$12 dollars. Instead of aiding those who needed supplies, some businesses were more concerned with making a substantial profit.

The meaning of "price gouging" is pricing above the market when no alternative retailer is available. To put it more simply: charging insane prices when critical resources are scarce.

Water is a must; it is a key item needed to survive, especially during a hurricane. Stores know that. Complaints arose statewide. "That's just stupid; they shouldn't take advantage of people during a time [of] need," says sophomore Rob Keeves, a commuter.

Gas, water, and plywood were some of the top items being price gouged.

Also, hotels like the Days Inn in West Palm Beach now have lawsuits

filed against them for charging extraordinary prices for room and board because evacuated families and tourists had no other choice – either pay or be left in the storm. The names of some of the businesses were not released, most likely for safety reasons.

Florida has a price gouging statute that states that, during a state of emergency, businesses must retain the average price of an item for thirty days.

Price gouging is illegal, and fines are one thousand dollars for every occurrence – twenty-five thousand if it has happened repeatedly within 24 hours. There is also the Deceptive and Unfair Trade Act that fines \$10,000 per incident, and \$15,000 if the cheated person is handicapped or a senior citizen.

"It sucks; it's unfair to the consumer, because they have no control over prices," says sophomore Gabe Jimenez. It's appalling to realize that, during an emergency, money is valued more than life itself. Avoid being a victim by saving receipts and not buying a fifty-dollar pack of water – stock up early.



On Intimacy

Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

## Sexy Lobster

Listen up, ladies. This is not only for the boys! As considerate lovers, it is necessary to hold back, take your time, and approach lovemaking as a journey. Too corny for you? All right, how about comparing good sex to a lobster dinner? A significant part of enjoying lobster is the labor you invest into it. You can't just cut it up and start chomping. You have to pay attention, take your time, and gently work the meat out of the shell. It can get messy, but that's part of the fun.

One of the best techniques for foreplay is gentle caresses all over, and that goes for both men and women.

Many women complain that men just want to "slam, bam, thank you ma'am." You have to keep in mind that it takes two to tango. Men also need some gentle teasing from their partner. If you just go straight to the bank and make a deposit, then that's it!

You have to invest in stocks to make them flourish! Work around the "obvious" spots and wake up each other's bodies. Get the blood pumping and the skin tingling. More foreplay at the beginning makes for a more satisfying ending.

## Grand Theft Auto: South Florida Edition

By Nicolle Jewel Garber  
Staff Writer

South Florida: sun, warm beaches, bikinis, mosquitoes the size of a child's fist, air so dense with water that you breath and drink simultaneously, and enormous malls that attract foreigners from exotic places such as Cambodia and other places where people have tea time and wrestle rocodiles. All these traits are marvelous, but nothing – absolutely nothing – can surpass the prestige and glory of South Florida's greatest trademark. Ladies and gentlemen, a drum roll please: bad drivers.

"A day of driving isn't complete without the occasional finger, someone beeping their horn, and the person next to you who cuts you off and as they speed away gives you the finger," says freshman Paul Saneaux, who is also a native to South Florida. As South Florida natives, this is all too familiar to us, yet to many out-of-state freshmen, it is a complete and total shock. "In Maryland, we have different laws. Over here you can wait in the middle of an intersection to go, and I didn't know that; also, people in Maryland don't honk," says freshman Jessica Boyd. I recently took a ride

with Jessica, and on the way to our destination, we encountered three cut-offs, one finger, and one truck that nearly slammed into the driver's side of her car. I didn't notice.

Freshman Jiyeon Won, who has been living in South Florida for almost 10 years, says, "The driving is okay." Jiyeon recently received a 2004 Audi A4, so I am sure her opinion will change quite soon. While natives have adapted to such disturbing conditions, out-of-state freshmen, and out-of-state students in general, are having a hard time acclimating themselves to the chaos.

But everyone is affected by the aggressiveness of our drivers.

"I thought L.A. was the worst driving place on earth, but I changed my mind when I moved down here," says freshman Kelly Kostner. It is survival of the fittest and the rudest, and like my mother says, "Driving reflects how a person is in life." Apparently, South Florida is full of aggressive and malicious people. Oh, well. The masses are in a hurry, they have jobs and families to tend to, and a slow

motorist is a dead one. But whose fault is it?

Whose leniency is giving these people a right to drive? All it takes is a simple five-minute test and a plastic card that says any psycho can control a mechanical monster. "By giving someone a license, you are putting your life and other's in danger. The DMV should be more cautious of who they give a license to," says freshman Naima Jinnah. The Drive Safely signs that are remembrances of those who have crashed and died are all over the place, especially in the Davie area." She is not the only one to notice the spreading epidemic of those depressing, makeshift gravestones.

Although Florida didn't make number one for "deadliest state for driving" (Wyoming took first place), Grand Theft Auto: Vice City has absolutely nothing on us, and South Florida is clearly infamous for its mad drivers and appalling mannerisms. To listen to the complaints and astonishment of newcomers from Pennsylvania, New York, and Kentucky is actually quite amusing – but in time, they too will evolve into a South Floridian Driver.





**Left:** Rosie O'Donnell speaking on the behalf of the GLBT community at the Rally with Rosie **Below:** NSU's GSSA attends the Rally, From left to right: (Advisor) Dr. William Hammack, (Member) Tom Parks, (Member) J.C. Murray, Richard Wilson, Caroline Cullen, (President) Marie Cueno, Diana Hoffman, (Treasurer) Giselle Gaviria, and (Co-Vice President) Jason Peebles. Photos courtesy of GSSA website



## Rally with Rosie!

*NSU's GSSA makes its presence known at rally for the Human Rights Campaign*

By Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

Friday, August 27, Equality Florida coordinated a politically charged rally with Rosie O'Donnell as the guest speaker. O'Donnell spoke to the group at the rally for the Human Rights Campaign at the Double Tree Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The rally, which was aimed at the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, was a plea for voter turnout in the upcoming Presidential Election. Gay Straight Student Alliance was in attendance, representing both Nova Southeastern University and themselves as individuals.

Tom Parks, a NSU graduate student and active member of GSSA,

tells us why this event was so important: "To show support of the democratic, who are in favor of John Kerry as President. Rosie mentioned to all [in attendance] the hatred and cruelty that disgusting President Bush, and I use that term lightly, has shown to the GLBT population. She gave us an example of an adopted girl in the state of Florida who was being removed from her home because of the fact that the parents are proudly gay. I was adopted, and the very thought of taking *anyone* from a family, who picked you out of many, makes me nauseous."

Dr. Hammack, the GSSA advisor at NSU, was asked the same question about the relevance of such an event, "It wasn't that long ago that folks would have been scared to attend such an event in South Florida; even now, there are some professors who felt uncomfortable at the idea of attending this event even though they are gay. The more events like this one that occur, the more ordinary they seem. And of course, [it increases] the chance to meet others and establish collaborations. ... Although GSSA should be non-political, it is important that the students in it be aware of groups working for change, not so

much toward 'regime change' as in getting Bush out of office, but the major issues Equality Florida is fighting for, the rights of committed, loving couples to have rights to marriage, adoption, etc. even though it just happens they both are of the same gender."

Equality Florida is Florida's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights organization working for a Florida law so that no one suffers harassment or discrimination on the basis of social orientation or expression. For more information on how you can be a part of this movement, please contact [www.eqfl.org](http://www.eqfl.org)



Taylor Williams  
Graduate Assistant for Student  
Media and Marketing

## Being American By Asking Questions

*Information is the best weapon in a volatile world*

The evolution of technology has dramatically altered the perception of the modern college student. With numerous e-mail accounts, a variety of the latest video-game consoles, and the ability to carry music wherever they go, students are super-saturated by stimulation. However, this influx of information has changed entertainment priorities for today's student with too much on their plate.

Ask any student who Britney Spears is, and they will probably give you a description of her career, her hair color, and that kiss with Madonna. If asked again, the same student could probably identify Kobe Bryant, his basketball team, and his wife's 4 million dollar ring. Now, ask them who Paul Wolfowitz is, and watch the

blank stare ensue.

So, why is it that today's youth knows more about pop stars and basketball players than they do about the Deputy Secretary of Defense? One communication theory points to America's outlet of information, the media. "Agenda setting" is the notion that the media does not tell you what to think, but what to think about.

In essence, the media elevates both popular culture and current events to the same viewing stature. Students who are already inundated with a vast amount of information find that knowing governmental policies, elected officials, or foreign diplomacy is not important. CNN's hard-nosed information falls to the wayside, and is replaced by the light-

hearted musings of MTV.

What will this mean for future generations that will be spawned in this quick-paced environment? When does the desire for information switch to a more civic and humanitarian focus? What will happen to our country if fashion, music, and movies become more important than laws, bills, and aid efforts?

The Daily Show with John Stewart is fighting against this fad by showcasing current events in an entertaining fashion. The Emmy award-winning program touts itself as a "fake news show." However, it provides young adult viewers with the sarcastic and comedic perspective that is appealing to their generation.

The most important facet of The

Daily Show is that it sparks important questions about events both in America and around the world. By watching a television program, students become curious about how their country is being politically maintained. Students are finding interest in information beyond the world of corporate entertainment.

Though you may be busy with homework, clubs, and your job, it is vital that you know what decisions are being made on your behalf. Endangered animals may need your help and global tension might be brewing, but you might never know it. Keep yourself informed about all that goes on around you, and fight ignorance with small daily pursuits of knowledge.



# Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

## Coming Out!

By Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

When congress passed the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, lawmakers mandated the collection of information regarding crimes motivated by a bias against race, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity/national origin. The Attorney General designated the FBI to satisfy that requirement. With the cooperation and assistance of many local and state law enforcement agencies familiar with the investigations of hate crimes, the UCK Program created a data collection system to comply with the congressional mandate. The 2002 data included reports of 1,464 offenses caused by a sexual-oriented bias. Of these, male homosexuals were the targets of 65.4 percent of the attacks. Law enforcement attributed the remaining offenses to anti-homosexual bias, 17.7 percent; anti-female homosexual bias, 14.1 percent; anti-heterosexual bias, 1.8 percent; and anti-bisexual bias, 1.0 percent.

What is a hate crime? According to the Human Rights Campaign, "A hate crime is an unlawful act motivated by bias." The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement – hate crimes legislation pending in Congress – broadens the legal definition. It describes "hate crimes" as a violent act causing death or bodily injury "because of the actual or perception of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability" of the victim. This law currently in place does not include sexual orientation, gender, or disability. Hate crimes send a threatening message to whole community. The big difference between hate crimes and other crimes is that the offender is motivated by the victim's personal character. According to the FBI in 2000, 29% of reported hate crimes

occurred in residential areas; 19% occurred on highways, roads, alleys, or streets; and 10% occurred at schools and colleges. The remaining 26% occurred at other random locations.

With such startling statistics, how can each individual feel safe and comfortable with coming out? Some believe that sexuality or gender identity is not a choice, that it chooses them. In the 1970s, the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association revised their positions on homosexuality. Both determined that homosexuality is not a mental disorder. In 1994, the American Medical Association released a statement saying, "Most of the emotional disturbance experienced by gay men and lesbians around their sexual identity is not based on physiological causes but rather is due more to a sense of alienation in an unaccepting environment."

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation explains "coming out" as identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. The National Coming Out Project is part of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender civil rights organization. The HRCF believes that coming out isn't a one-time event – they see it as a journey that lasts a lifetime. The National Coming Out Project operates on the belief that no one should have to travel that path alone. It provides both printed and online resources and information to support gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people on that journey. For example: "This Resource Guide to Coming Out" assists those who are just beginning to come out. "Ask the Experts" and "Coming Out Stories," both

of which are available online, are for people already on the road to coming out. Those who are ready to be more politically active can find information on starting a safe zone at school or work and polling data on how coming out positively influences the fight for GLBT equality. The project was born out of the 1987 GLBT march in Washington, D.C., where hundreds of thousands of Americans marched to support equal rights. Today, National Coming Out Day events are held in hundreds of cities across the country and around the world.

"There is immeasurable power in being visible," said Candace Ginrich, HRC's National Coming Out Project Manager. NSU's Gay Straight Student Alliance is doing just that. The GSSA is a group of students and faculty of different ages, races, genders, and sexual orientations. The GSSA chooses not to accept ignorance or tolerate discrimination or alienation. Dr. William Hammack is a faculty member at NSU and also an advisor of GSSA, along with Dr. Kaite Waites and Dr. "Bob" Seltzer. Hammack offers, "Because of the perception among some GLBT students that NSU was non-friendly, we felt it to be useful to make a clear statement that the club had significant support by having a bunch of advisors."

Dr. Hammack believes that the GSSA "will help to break down stereotypes, give hope, and promote tolerance while providing some great parties!" He feels that NSU has been supportive of issues such as non-discrimination statements. In particular, he applauds the efforts of Student Activities and Leadership Director Terry Weech, and Assistant Director Terry Morrow for assisting GSSA. The

GSSA is also working with Lindsay Doran on the issues of Safe Zones. "One of GSSA's goals is to help GLBT feel like part of the campus and be seen as just other students," states Hammack. There have been no reported hate crimes or any gay bashing at NSU, although there have been minor incidents such as vandalism of the GSSA bulletin board located in the Parker building. Tom Parks, a graduate student and GSSA member at NSU, looks forward to the establishment of safe zones at NSU. "Eventually, I will come out, but this campus does not offer any safe zones yet. I am not worried about being harmed; I can take myself. What about others?"

What can you do? GSSA says, "Get informed and get involved, stand up for yourself, and stand up for others!"

For information, contact these organizations:

Gay Straight Student Alliance/  
GSSA  
www.nova.edu/gssa/  
Equality Florida  
www.eqfl.org  
The Trevor Help line  
1-866-4-U-TREVOR  
National Gay and Lesbian Youth  
Hotline  
1-800-347-TEEN (8336)  
Gay and Lesbian National  
Hotline  
1-888-843-GLNH

For copies of the Resource Guide to Coming Out or more information on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and its National Coming Out Project, please contact: 800/866-NCOD, [ncop@hrc.org](mailto:ncop@hrc.org) or 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington DC 20036.

## Pride on the Ride

# NSU Brings the DMV to Campus

By Taylor Williams  
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Nova Southeastern University is one of the fastest developing private schools in the country. Athletics, academic programs, and campus life draw students from all over the world. Now, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is making it easier to ride in NSU style by selling university license plates.

The DMV will visit campus this Tuesday and Wednesday, offering tag renewal and the opportunity to exchange for a new NSU license plate. Those who attend will receive gratis giveaways and can win tickets from American Airlines. These events also put money in student pockets, with 25 dollars of every specialty tag portion going to NSU scholarship funds.

Alvin Sherman Library, Re-

search, and Information Technology Center (LRITC) will host the DMV on September 21. Representatives will be in the first floor lobby from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. The Health Professions Division (HPD) will have a station open on September 22, from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Those interested can visit the DMV in HPD's South Atrium.

The process of signing up for a new plate is very quick and simple. Students, faculty, and staff must bring a drivers license, proof of insurance, and registration to qualify. The specialty tag fee is 27 dollars, and the additional cost is based on the renewal of the current plate registration. Cash and check will be the only forms of currency accepted.



Those who are interested in specialized vanity plates will not be able to order them at the DMV's campus visit. However, these plates are available at the Plantation DMV or via the United States postal service. Specialized tags can contain up to five characters, and only cost 12 dollars extra.

The NSU license plates are also helping taxpayers by being deducted as charitable gifts. School spirit

is not just enhancing the sense of campus community, but also assisting peers who desire a valuable education. This is a convenient way to avoid the long lines and arduous journey that can only be known as a trip to the DMV.

The closest to the main campus, the Plantation Motor Vehicle Service, is located at Pine Island Road and can be contacted at (954) 765-4697. E-mail [nsunews@nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nova.edu) with your thoughts and comments.



# NSU Rocks the Vote

## Student Groups Aim to Empower, Educate

By Taylor Williams

Graduate Assistant to Student Media and Marketing

Nova Southeastern University clubs and organizations are coming together to illustrate that the modern student can proactively participate in shaping their government. Rock the Vote is a voter registration campaign coordinated in cities across America by Music Television (MTV). NSU students have heeded that call to arms by making September a month to exercise true American rights.

With seven events planned for their own political awareness month, Rock the Vote is providing students the opportunity to become a registered voter within five minutes. The Nature Club, Social Action Social Awareness (SASA), Young Democrats, Feminist Alliance for Networking and Supporting (FANS), and the Student Organizations for the Advocacy of Psychology (S.O.A.P.) have come together to field this patriotic effort. This cause has also unified various colleges in an attempt to reach out to their student population.

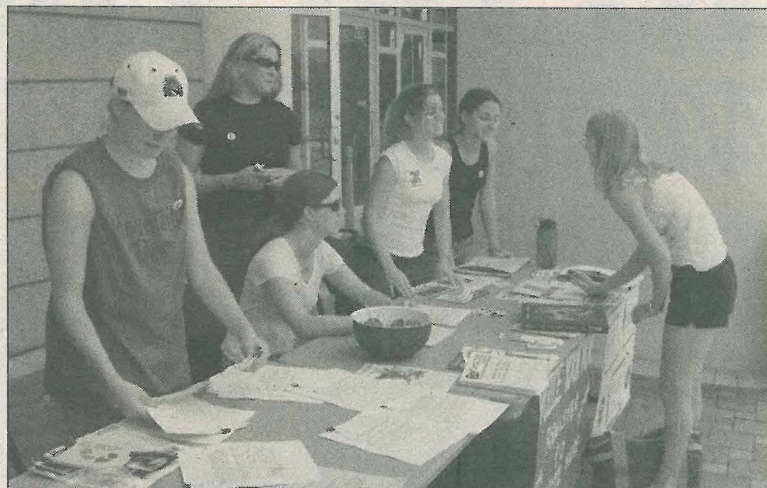
"We wanted to provide students with resources on the candidates," Nature Club President Shelly Haines said. "Voting is a civic duty."

The information distributed at these events range from basic voting publications to touch-screen voting instructions. After South Florida's 2000 voting controversy, the nation is poised to see if the Sunshine State can come through gracefully. Taking a few minutes to both register and gather information can change how you live the next four years of your life.

"You have got a choice," Rock the Vote organizer Tanner House said. "It is your responsibility to exercise your right to participate in democracy."

Rock the Vote also has information on absentee ballots for those students away from home.

"We are here to answer any questions that people may have about voting," co-sponsor Rachel Needle said. "They should take advantage of having us send it in."



Valerie Bates, Tanner House, Rachel Needle, Shelly Haines, and Tiffany Goldwater talk to freshman Lindsay Plant about registering to vote. Photo by Taylor Williams

Since the revolutionary colonists declared independence in 1776, many men and women have given and continue to give their lives to preserve democracy. All the average citizen must do to ensure its purity is make one decision every four years. Take this chance to embody one of America's most glorious aspects.

Voter registration applications are available in Rosenthal's Office of the Dean or at the Horovitz building. For more information about Rock the Vote events, call the Voice Your Vote group at (954) 242-9699 or e-mail [nrusso@nova.edu](mailto:nrusso@nova.edu). E-mail [nsunews@nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nova.edu) with your thoughts or comments.

### Rock the Vote Registration Drives

**Tuesday 9/21 – Center  
for Psychological Studies  
8:30 a.m. till 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday 9/22 –  
Health Professions Division  
11 am till 1 pm &  
Dorms 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.**

**Monday 9/27 – Parker  
Building Courtyard 11:30  
a.m. till 1:30 p.m.**

## Searching for Meaning

### The rise of spirituality on college campuses

By April Eldemire

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Increasingly, college students are shifting their thinking concerning the quest for meaning and purpose. Specifically, young adults are in search of personal spirituality and religious faith. On college campuses nationwide, students are now asking questions like, "What does faith mean to me?", "How do I find spiritual meaning in my everyday life?" and "Can religion relate to me?"

This exploration of integrating spirituality into college students' lives is rapidly increasing. UCLA was one of the first schools to recognize this dynamic movement. According to a recent spiritual/religious study taken from UCLA students, 73% said that these beliefs helped them develop a sense of identity, while 77% of students felt that these beliefs provided them with a sense of strength, support, and guidance. "When I think of spirituality, I think of freedom," NSU senior Diana Rakine says. "The values that I make for myself make me feel comfortable and free in my surroundings and in my religion."

In the past, educational institutions, including NSU, have focused primarily on students academically. Connecting a student's course of study with a higher sense of purpose has not been pursued outside of faith-based institutions. With significantly increasing frequency, students are identifying themselves as "spiritual." They are quick to point out that what

they seek is not religion, but a relationship with a power greater than themselves.

In hopes of providing venues for student spiritual development, the Division of Student Affairs at Nova Southeastern University is currently exploring creative avenues to support this innovative growth among its student body. Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Brad A. Williams said, "The student experience at NSU should be deep and rich, providing ample opportunities to grow the 'whole student' mind, body, and spirit." Consequently, Student Affairs is currently establishing an Inter-Faith Council. This entity will be responsible for promoting spiritual awareness and development on campus. The IC will provide opportunities for members of the student community to explore questions of faith, meaning, and identity. "The Inter-Faith Council is a great idea," says NSU junior Areege Afaneh. "The spiritual room gives every religion an opportunity to go into an environment that provides peace and quiet."

In addition, an inter-faith library is being developed, as well as a space for prayer, meditation, and reflection. The Inter-Faith Council will ensure exploratory dialogue to further collaborative spiritual and religious activities on campus. For further information regarding the Inter-Faith Council, contact April Eldemire at [eldemire@nova.edu](mailto:eldemire@nova.edu).

## You Are Not Alone: Student Counseling

By Luis Nicola Aguilar

Staff Writer

Times change at an ever-increasing pace, and sometimes our adaptation to those changes can't keep up. Our perception of counseling has also changed through the times, so today we understand that psychological counseling goes beyond mental illnesses and extreme cases. Currently, psychological counseling is valued and plays an important role in many fields.

In January 2004, counseling service at NSU was but a practicum for graduate students. Today, it is a service offered to students: NSU Student Counseling. Dr. Roxanne Bamond, Assistant Director of the department, explained how the department's main goal is to foster improvement and achievement in the student body. "We are looking on taking people to a better place," she explained. It is important to know that services are "free, confidential, independent, and professional." The service, which privately would be extremely expensive, is free for students, totally confidential, unrelated to the faculty body, and is quite professional.

The effectiveness of therapy is evident in such fields as athletics. In fact, the therapists of counseling services have been working with our athletes at NSU, focusing on relaxation, functioning, winning mentality, and group work. The services are not limited to the athletes; they are for every student that wants to improve him or herself. There are also provisions for groups. While there are no groups cur-

rently available, the department is open to proposals and is working on promoting groups focused on solving issues about body image, relationships, and stress management. The main goal is to focus on strengths and help students make the changes they want to make working in groups and with individuals.

Most of the counselors have a doctorate degree and/or a master's degree. Each counselor has a private office where students receive services. Their offices are furnished to be totally comfortable and confidential as well. The department provides psychiatric services for clients in need of clinical assistance. Finally, in accordance with the principles of professionalism and in order to guarantee the mental and physical wellness of our students, counseling services provides a crisis line 24 hours a day and 7 days a week (extension 7050).

The department is located in the first floor of the Parker building, and its entrance does not allow people to see who is inside the office; moreover, for those who feel uncomfortable being noticed, there is the possibility of using an independent back entrance. Make sure you call Mirna, the secretary of the department, to make this arrangement.

We all attempt to achieve harmony and general well-being. Student Counseling is just one example of how NSU provides the resources to go beyond academic achievement.



# NSU On The Scene:

## *What are students most looking forward to this semester?*

**Nikki Abatie**  
Freshman  
Undecided  
West Palm Beach, FL

“Living away from home.”



**Eric Thompson**  
Freshman  
Business  
Kansas City, Missouri

“I am definitely looking forward to having a good time with good people.”



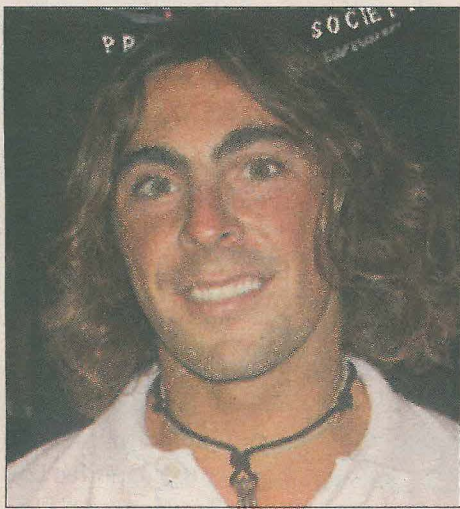
**Lauren Adamczyk**  
Sophomore  
History  
Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania

“I am excited about doing beach clean-ups, earth day celebrations, and wild-life preservation.”



**Kenny Moncada**  
Sophomore  
Biology  
Houston, Texas

“I am looking forward to losing 20 pounds and getting a girlfriend.”



**Michael Morro**  
Junior  
Biology  
Seaside Park, New Jersey

“I am not looking forward to classes, but I do want to surf some hurricanes.”



**Evie Herdean**  
Freshman  
Psychology  
Down the street

“I'm ready to learn time management, and to throw myself into academics.”



**John Fernandez**  
Freshman  
Biology  
Miami, FL

“I want to have a good time and do well in school.”



**Jana Bonito**  
Freshman  
Biology  
Cooper City, FL

“Meeting new people and being out of high school.”