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Dalai Lama Leads Community to Compassion *Lecture leaves NSU with positive energy*

By Taylor Anne Williams

Graduate Assistant for Student Media and Marketing

On the bright morning of Saturday, September 18, secret service agents and swat teams swarmed the Alvin Sherman Library, Resource, Information and Technology Center (LRITC). Snipers sat positioned on the rooftop of the Carl DeSantis Building, ready for any sign of odd behavior. Ironically, they were all there to protect one small man that preaches a message of peace.

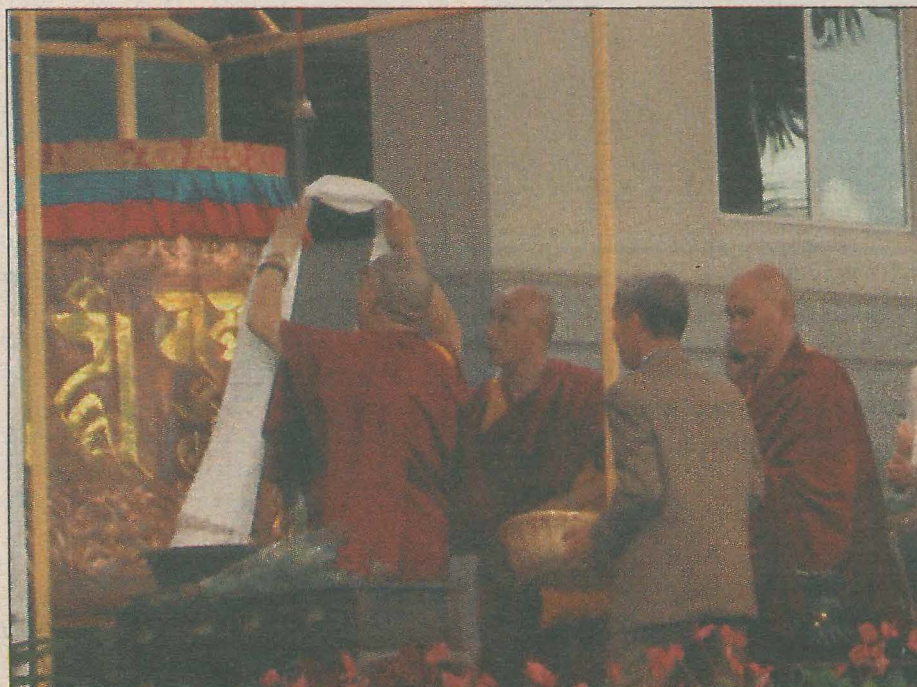
His Holiness The Dalai Lama appeared to a crowd of thousands from the Nova Southeastern University community and Broward County to share his thoughts about the power of one individual. His energy and charisma calmed the anxious audience. The Dalai Lama even illustrated a light-hearted sense of humor when he received his Honorary Doctorate of

Humane Letters. He remarked that, though he had many degrees from many schools, his knowledge was not increasing.

The strongest tone of the event was seen in the Dalai Lama's speech. His Holiness shared that negative emotions are like the tide, coming and

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Top: Doctoral robe draped over his shoulders, the Dalai Lama comments on his honorary degree. His Holiness was presented an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters prior to his speaking. **Left:** The Dalai Lama blesses the Tibetan prayer wheel donated by Alfred Miniaci. The prayer wheel is to be on permanent display in the atrium of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center. Photos by Taylor Williams

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Christie Bailey
Managing Editor

Dear NSU Community,

There has been a change of staff at *The Knight*. Amanda Brown, the Editor-in-Chief for approximately the last year, has decided to resign her position to make more time for her many other other academic and extra-curricular obligations—and maybe even a social life.

We at *The Knight* would like to thank her for all of her dedication; we have grown tremendously, and Amanda has played a great part in this. At the beginning of the 2003 fall semester, *The Knight* was a monthly publication, and there were only two people running it. One of them was Amanda. One year later, we publish weekly, have more than doubled our circulation, and are 12 staff members strong. Amanda has been with us through it all; this growth of the paper is a great testament to her devotion and labor. Despite her heavy workload, she has shown incredible commitment to the paper. We will miss her leadership, as well as her creative and journalistic insight.

For the interim, I – Managing Editor – will be overseeing matters at *The Knight* until we hire a new Editor-in-Chief. The rest of the staff and I are working hard to make sure that the newspaper continues to build and improve. We greatly encourage reader response. Remember, this is *your* student newspaper; your comments and suggestions help us to grow and to tailor the publication to your needs. Please, continue to send us your feedback! We can be reached at nsunews@nova.edu.

Sincerely,
Christie Bailey
Managing Editor

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Corrections

On page 2 of the September 20 issue, the Fall Career Fair was advertised as occurring at the wrong date, time, and location. The fair was actually on Wednesday, September 22, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the Carl DeSantis Building.

On page 11 of the September 20 issue, for the article "NSU Law School Graduate Gets Praise from the Donald," the show "The Apprentice" was mistakenly labeled as airing Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. It actually airs Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.

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Focus of Elections Shifts to Violent Iraq

New poll numbers unclear

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

The ongoing war in Iraq has been a central issue, with both presidential candidates weighing in on the continuing violence. *The New York Times* recently broke news of a highly critical report from the National Intelligence Council (NIC) that found bleak prospects for Iraq. *The Times* learned that the report outlined three grim scenarios for Iraq – “achievement of a tenuous stability by the end of next year; increased extremism and the fragmentation of Iraqi society; and civil war.”

Senator John Kerry immediately took to the offensive against President

George W. Bush on the topic during a speech to the National Guard Conference in Nevada. “His own intelligence officials have warned him for weeks that the mission in Iraq is in serious trouble,” Kerry said. “That is the truth – hard as it is to hear.” He went on to say that Bush has been “living in a fantasy world of spin” and made “serious mistakes” in the Iraq war. Kerry then promised to be honest with the people and the troops, to provide better benefits and equipment to Guard members, and to increase the number of troops in the armed forces in an attempt to “to hunt down the terrorists.”

Bush countered Kerry’s remarks in Minnesota. “There’s a lot of violence in Iraq; I understand that,” he said. “Iraq now has a strong Prime Minister, national council, and national elections are scheduled in January.” However, he failed to comment directly about the NIC report.

Vice President Dick Cheney also took an opportunity to counteract Kerry’s remarks during a speech in Nevada. “John Kerry said that our troops deserve no less than the best,”

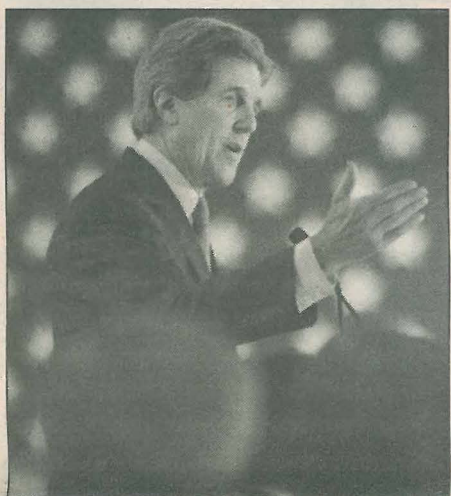
said Cheney. “[He] voted to send the troops into combat and then deny them the support they needed.” Cheney was referring to Kerry’s vote against the \$87 billion of funding for troops.

NSU student Yanick Kleyman said that negative information in the report is the “result of Bush’s haste,” and that his lack of a plan for post-war Iraq was “not a smart move.” Student John Dinh feels that, despite the depressing report, “Bush wants freedom in Iraq,” and “should stay in” the country until the job is finished.

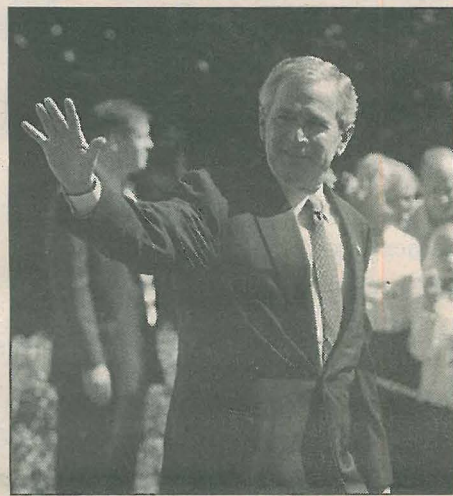
Recent polling shows major discrepancies and cast a cloud of uncertainty over which candidate will win the White House. A recent Gallup poll finds Bush leading Kerry 55 percent to 42 percent among likely voters and 52 percent to 42 percent among registered voters. However, a poll conducted by the Pew Research Center paints a different picture, as Bush leads Kerry 47 percent to 46 percent among likely voters and has the candidates deadlocked at 46 percent among registered voters. The Pew numbers also indicate that voters age

30 and younger, a demographic indicative of institutions such as NSU, are more likely to vote for Kerry, who holds a 14 percent lead over the incumbent Bush.

The Gallup figures reflect that Bush is still enjoying the bounce he received after the Republican National Convention, while the Pew Poll results resemble pre-convention numbers. These varying poll numbers are not trusted by NSU students. “A poll can be somewhat accurate,” said Luis Gurrieres. “But until election time, you can’t trust them.”



Presidential Candidate John Kerry
Photo courtesy Kerry-Edwards 2004, Inc.
from Sharon Farmer



President George W. Bush
Photo courtesy Paul Morse (from
whitehouse.gov)

Walk Like a Man...

Why will resident students be leaving their rides behind?

By Caroline Cullen
Section Editor

Effective July 1, 2005, all residents of NSU will be restricted from parking anywhere on campus, with the exception of their dorms. This controversial policy was initially set to take effect August 31. After careful consideration, the new policy was postponed and will be implemented this upcoming summer. This delay will enable current resident students to prepare alternate transportation to and from their destinations on campus. Resident students will be forced to exhaust resources such as walking, roller-blading, bicycling, and utilizing the free shuttles provided by NSU. Brad Williams, Ed. D., Dean of Student Affairs, foresees “an increase in the shuttles, with more frequent stops for convenience.”

Many of those who will be directly affected by this new policy are interested in how it will benefit them. According to Dean Williams, “This

University parking policy is designed to alleviate congestion on campus.” NSU is not the first college to implement such parking policies on its campus. Many universities hold further restrictions on their campuses concerning student parking. A number of colleges prevent all first and second year students from participating in parking privileges regardless of residential status, while some eliminate driving and parking all together.

Kunal Gahdhi, a resident of Goodwin Hall, shared her concerns on the future parking restrictions. “How safe is a young woman at night in the heart of Davie?” When it comes to safety on campus, Dean Williams and his colleagues are completely confident about NSU’s Public Safety team. NSU will be “well-lit and safe,” assures Williams. Students will be encouraged to practice common safety measures such as:

- The use of the buddy system. Travel with a friend or in groups, especially at night.
- If forced to walk alone, make sure to have some type of deterrent device and know how to use it. Even keys, pens, and pencils can be used as defense devices in an emergency.
- Stick to well-lit areas.
- Carry a cell phone and program the speed dial with emergency numbers.
- NSU’s Public Safety Department uses a safe and convenient 24 hour safety escort that will take you anywhere on campus free of charge.

One student resident speculates on the public metered parking lot, which is located on the east side of the parking garage between the library and the Parker Building. “Usually, there are only a few dozen cars in the

public parking lot; it seems like a waste of space,” says Senior Nimita Lakhani. Dean Williams makes sense of the matter, explaining, “There is an agreement between NSU and Broward County in which the county owns half of the library and the parking garage.” This enables the county to claim these spaces and charge by the minute.

As for weather conditions, resident students will have to keep a spare umbrella or poncho on them at all times to escape our frequent tropical rains.

Residents of NSU can expect a memo explaining this new policy in the near future. As for now, students are free to drive around for 20 minutes looking for a parking spot. Enjoy the freedom and frustration.

Please forward any comments or concerns regarding this matter to nsunews@nova.edu.



Jaheshnev Aimee Riveraz-Azua
News Editor

Tattoo Phenomenon

Everyone struggles with choices, some more difficult than others. Tattoos that may seem trivial to some represent "an art form" to others, as put by Yanick Kleyman, a sophomore at NSU who recently acquired his first tattoo at the age of 19. Many students at NSU have tattoos or some sort of body art representing their beliefs, affirmations, or a significant moment in their lives. Body art is seen as a dramatization of drastic accounts or significant experiences attained in an individual's life.

Certain cultures, such as Buddhism, consider body markings an illustration of a certain belief or affiliation, and some students at NSU have taken it to that extreme — acquiring a tattoo to represent some strong belief in their ever-changing lives. Sophomore Amy Eichelberg had recently lost a dear friend; she and other friends gathered to commemorate the passing of that special loved one by tattooing a letter "K" to their bodies.

"The majority of my friends that have one have more than one. It gets kind of addicting," said Eichelberg. Many agree that, once you have one,

it is common to want another.

"It's a pleasant sensation, especially when they get to the bone." It is a "new kind of pain, it dulls out," said Kleyman. "Your body is a canvas. You must balance it out. You just get attached."

NSU junior Kristen Gasiewski got her first tattoo at the age of 21. "I conned my job into paying for it, convinced them that it would be beneficial to advertise." As some students at the university seem to have an inclination towards getting markings upon their flesh, she did mention a young woman she knew who had once referred to getting a tattoo as giving birth — not everyone is capable or willing to have one.

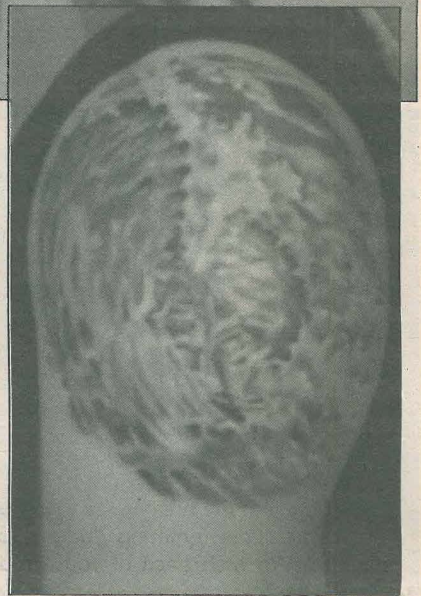
Acquiring a tattoo is a lifelong commitment; once you get one, it sticks for the rest of your life. There are surgeries that can remove tattoos, yet they cost an arm and a leg, as well as scar your skin. The procedure is harsh; it takes three layers of skin off and allows no re-growth of the epithelial layer (the 1st layer of skin), thus making unmistakable scars.

Once you commit yourself to



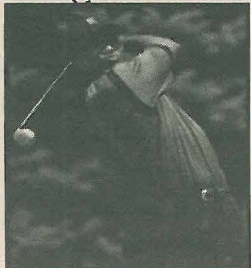
acquiring a tattoo, you have signed an agreement that will last you a lifetime. Whether it is a "sporadic, spontaneous" decision, as referred to by Andrea Tambasco, a junior at NSU, or a premeditated, planned, and thoroughly considered one, it is a commitment and an acceptance.

Above: Gasiewski's butterfly tattoo.
Right: Unique one-of-a-kind tattoo, especially made for Kleyman to represent surfing in a complementary way. Photos by Jaheshnev Aimee Riveraz-Azua.



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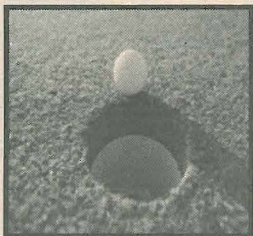
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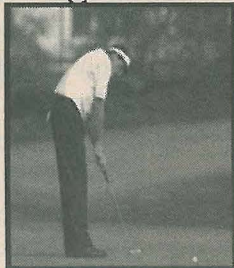
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This class is not just for women, though! Most men typically stay away from aerobics class because they think it is not for them. Well, think again! There is no choreography to understand, no rhythms to move to, just straight up total body training! Joel Sanderson, Graduate Assistant in the office of Recreation and Wellness has attended the class several times and says, "This class is no joke! I didn't know what to expect going into a 'Group Exercise' class that only girls go to, but I quickly realized it wasn't the typical aerobics class. It was a lot of fun and I really got a great workout. It reminded me of the training we used to do playing team sports in high school and college. I would encourage my friends to try it with me and have a little competition out there!"

H.E.A.T is every Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the RecPlex (located directly across from the Main Library). Classes are open to all NSU Faculty, Staff, and Students. Bring some water, a towel, and get ready to feel the H.E.A.T! Go to www.rec.nova.edu for a schedule of all of Nova's Recreation and Wellness offerings!

Keep it Down: Cellular Policies and their Exemptions

By Jaheshnev Aimee Rivera-Azua
News Editor

Not one day goes by without there being a disturbance in class by cellular phones: either it is the newest downloaded version of pop-music star Britney Spears, or the rhythmic motions of Lil'Bow-Wow; either it is vibrating and flashing, or sounding its musical notes. Whether they are songs or sounds, the tones are deafening. The interruption is ignored or scorned at, yet no action is taken! There was a time when these "contraptions" would have been confiscated and kept till further notice. However, no longer is this the case in our fast-paced cellular dependant society. Even the library is not an exception. Before, cells weren't allowed in; now, their use is accepted in designated areas of the university.

Laura Kukich, the Collection Maintenance Coordinator at the Alvin Shermin Library said, "Within the library regulations, cell phones are to be used in the designated areas such as the Internet Café, the Hallways of

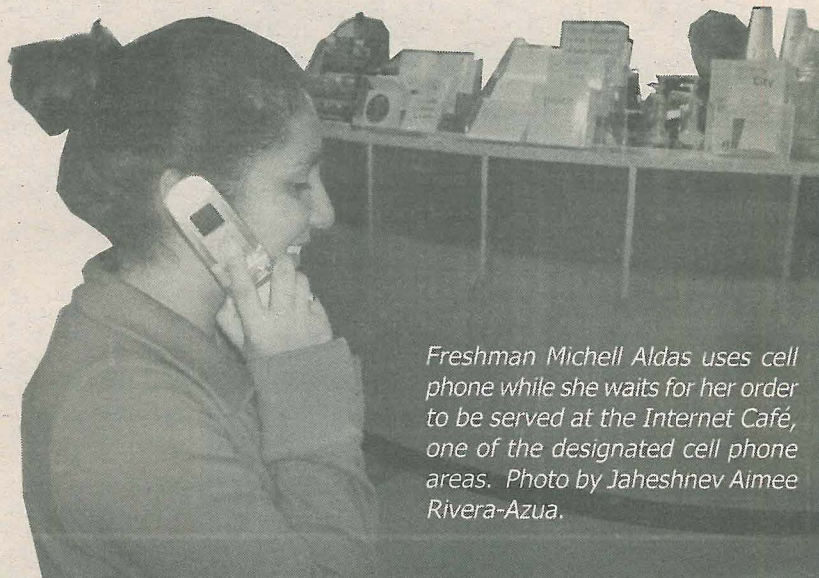
second, third, and fourth floor, wherever it says (cell phone zone)." If these regulations were to be defied "you would be asked to leave that area; it is a quiet area, it kind of intrudes."

Professors generally inform their students about their own unique cell phone policies whilst in their classes; most professors request you put the cell on vibrate if expecting an urgent call, or to otherwise turn it off.

When asked around campus, most students concurred that having a cell phone was a primary way of staying in communication with their families, friends, and with emergency lines. However, some agreed that at times it can be a burden. Mary Lou Suppa, a student at NSU, stated in an exasperated tone, "It rings all day! Nonstop!" However, she feels that it is her only means of communication when not at home (which is the majority of the time); it makes her accessible to her sorority. The same thought is shared

by Andrea Tambasco, though her appraisal of the device is extreme: "[It is] definitely useful; god forbid something happened, I would have communication." However, she still hates "the damn thing."

Burdensome, antagonizing, obnoxious, useful, necessary, all these words represent one single device: the cell phone.



Freshman Michell Aldas uses cell phone while she waits for her order to be served at the Internet Café, one of the designated cell phone areas. Photo by Jaheshnev Aimee Rivera-Azua.

Welcome to NSU –New and Returning Students!

On behalf of the 2004-2005 Presidential Knights, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all new entering students to the University as well as all faculty, staff and students. We wish each of you a most successful academic year and hope your education at Nova Southeastern University is an exciting one!

Returning "Presidential Knights"

Mary Chrisochos, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Gabriela Girola, College of Pharmacy
Karthik Krishnamurthy, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Olga Martinez, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Stephanie May, Center for Psychological Studies
Amanda Patterson, H.Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Kareem Shaker, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Leyda Su Ham, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Michelle Jaffe, Shepard Broad Law Center
Micaela Mercado, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
Natascha Minidis, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Anthony Nardi, College of Pharmacy
Andy Shieh, College of Dental Medicine
Julieo Thompson, H.Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship

New "Presidential Knights"

Jacquelyn Blanco, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
Brian DeSesa, Shepard Broad Law Center
Harrison Diep, College of Allied Health and Nursing
Robert Keller, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Kristin Charoudis, College of Allied Health and Nursing
Robert Hosea, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Kristophe Karami, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Brandon Lichtman, Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services
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Amanda Meier, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
Jessica Parker, Center for Psychological Studies
Nicole Pasternak, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
Jennifer Smith, College of Optometry
Daniel Torres, College of Dental Medicine

NSU's Presidential Knights-2004-2005

What are the Presidential Knights? Presidential Knights serve as voluntary student ambassadors for Nova Southeastern University. Their work promotes pride in the University as they help to share positive experiences as a student at the university with the people of the state of Florida and local community. They do this through close contact with dignitaries, alumni, and other guests who visit our campus and participate in University sponsored events. Presidential Knights are nominated by faculty, staff, and administrators during the spring semester and go through an extensive interview process that is very competitive. Nominees possess good communication skills, leadership ability, are in good academic standing, personable, and demonstrate a positive attitude about Nova Southeastern University. Most importantly these student leaders serve as ambassadors for the University and help to represent the President at many important campus events and functions. For additional information on the Presidential Knights program, please contact Kenny Hendrickson, Director of Student Development/Special Events, (954) 262-7283 or Terry Weech, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, at (954) 262-7293.

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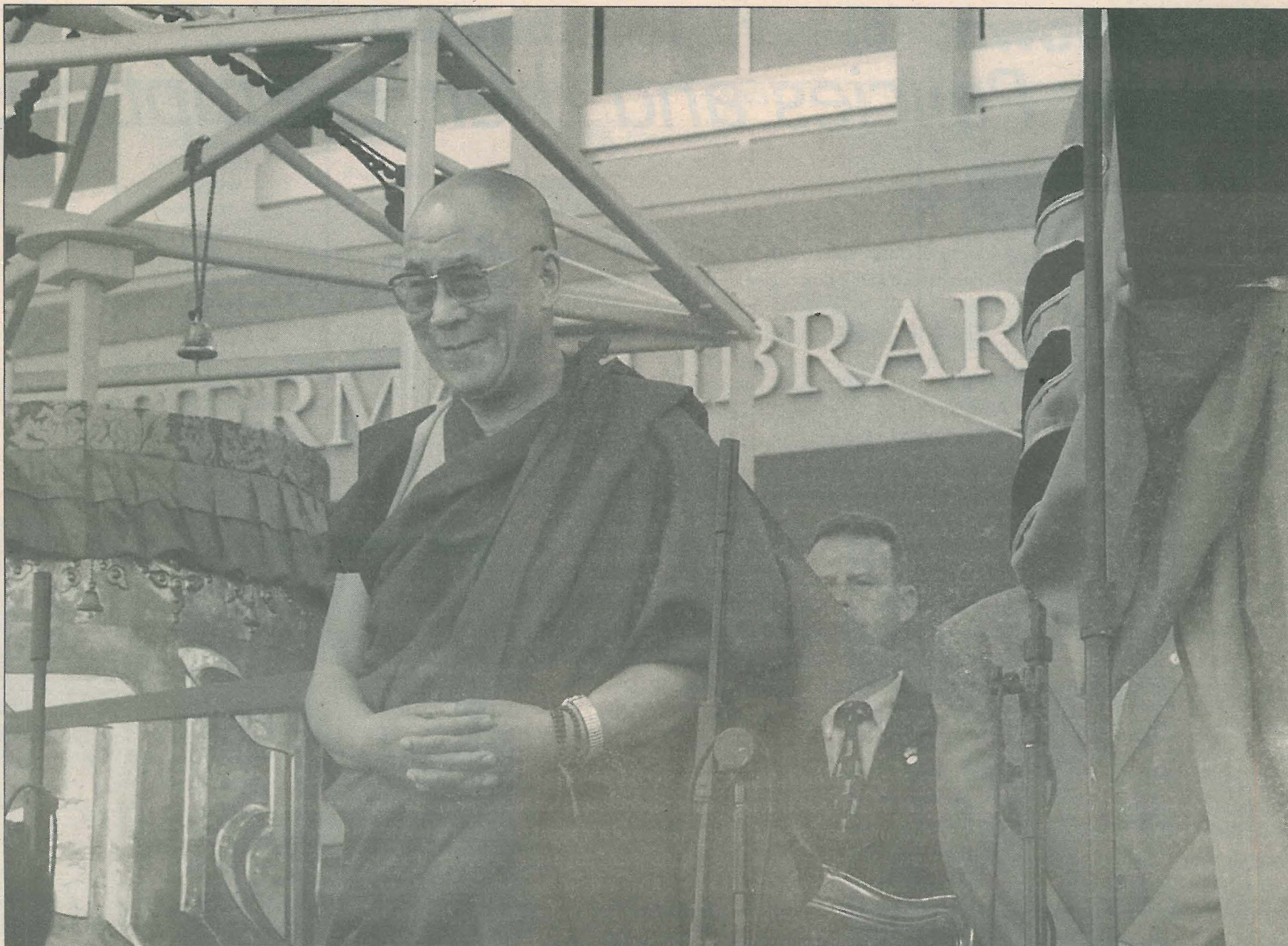
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Dalai Lama's speech followed by blessing of prayer wheel, meeting with students

going, and that apathy is not natural. One's sense of compassion is a more permanent fixture of the mind.

"In order to transform the big human family of this planet, you must start with the individual," the Dalai Lama said. "Try to create more compassion within your family and society, because in the long run it's the only way."

After his 40-minute address, His Holiness took a handful of questions collected from the audience. The Dalai Lama then consecrated the Tibetan prayer wheel that was donated by phi-

lanthropist Albert Miniaci, Jr. The wheel was spun and blessed with flower petals by His Holiness.

When the event ended for the public, a small group convened for a reception with the Dalai Lama in LRITC. Prior to his visit, the humble monk requested to meet with a group of students. Graduate Assistant for Multiculturalism and Spirituality April Eldemire coordinated such a group of NSU students to meet the spiritual leader. Their personal accounts are available on page 16.

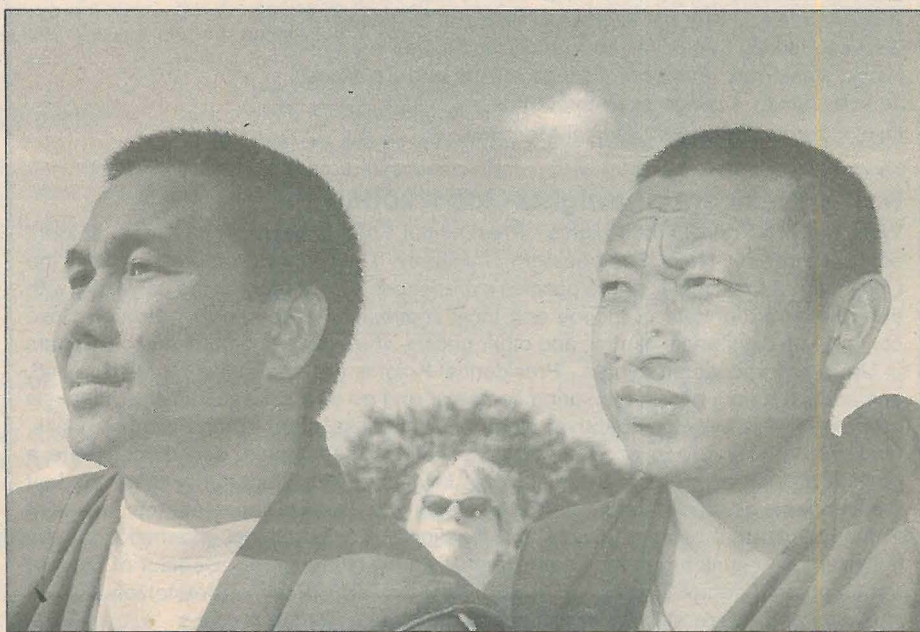
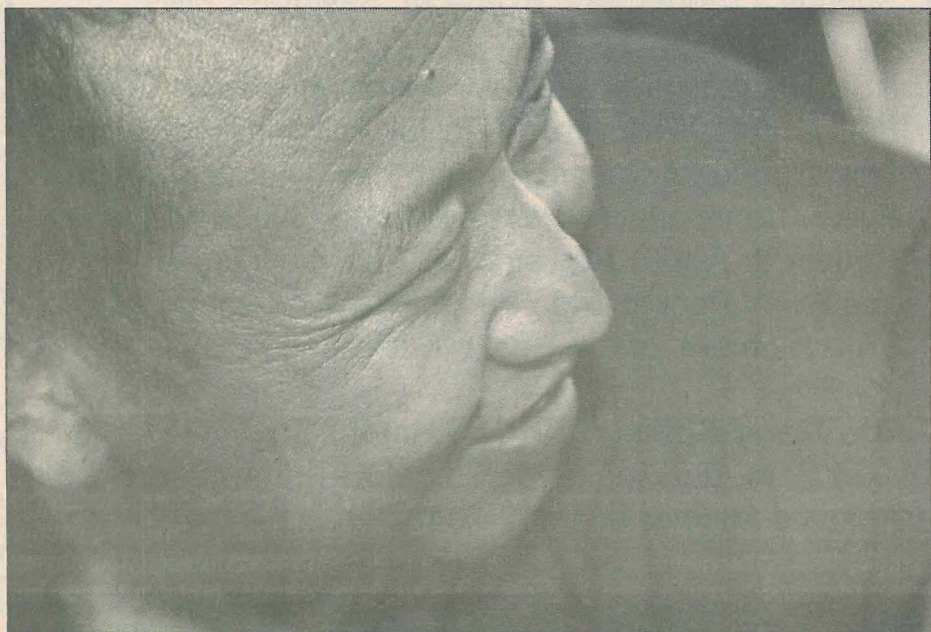
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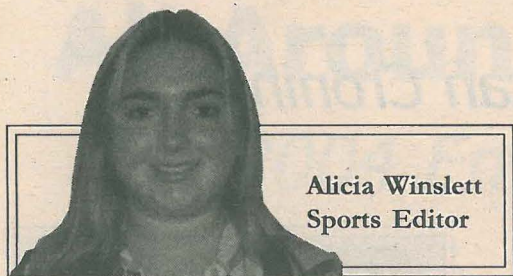
distance learning computer lesson, because of his interest in NSU's ability to provide an education to anyone anywhere. Though a man without material want or need for technological training, His Holiness keeps an open mind in the name of free learning. This is what makes his presence profound.

"In your mind heart and in the world, work for peace," the Dalai Lama said. "No matter what is going on around you, never give up."

E-mail nsunews@nova.edu with your thoughts and comments.

Above: The Dalai Lama waits with a serene smile as NSU President Ray Ferrero Jr. addresses the crowd. Photo by Jaheshnev Aimee Rivera-Azua. **Below Left:** Buddhist monk Nawang Wangchuk's dark, creased skin seemed to radiate kindness as he sat quietly, awaiting the arrival of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. For Nawang and his monastic companions, their excitement was concealed by apparently permanent expressions of satisfaction, peppered with the occasional jovial grin and laugh. **Below Right:** Buddhist monks Phupten Kalsang (left) and Nawang Wangchuk (right) gaze towards the stage where the Dalai Lama was scheduled to arrive soon. Phupten and Nawang traveled from out of state to hear the Dalai Lama's message of hope, which they eagerly awaited. Photos by Nick Zantop.





Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Professional Athletes: More Money Than They Know What To Do With

Some professional athletes make more money in a year than we'll ever see in a lifetime. Some make more than \$40 million dollars a year, while the president of the United States only makes \$250,000 a year. The one that is supposed to lead the country makes only a fraction of what some professional athletes make. Granted, most athletes enjoy what they do, but most of them get paid more than they know what to do with. This is why you see athletes all over the television getting sued or put in prison for something stupid they've done – sometimes the money gets out of hand.

In the 1996 season, playing 3,106 minutes, Michael Jordan made \$170,000 a day. Computed, this equalled out to be \$160.97 a second. Even more unbelievable are Mike Tyson's earnings in his match with Peter McNeeley. In a single second, he made \$281,000.

In most lines of work, people get paid for the value of their work. Most professional athletes practice 3-5 hours a day, play the sport they love, and get paid unbelievable amounts of money. It just does not seem fair. Not only do they

get paid for that, they get paid in revenue from ticket sales, odds and ends sold at games, and endorsements with other companies.

As an athlete in college, I know that playing a sport is a lot of hard work. We not only practice in season, but in off-season as well. We work so hard to become better at what we love, but to see that professional athletes make unbelievable amounts of money is unremarkable. Most professional athletes work all their lives to become amazing in their sport, and the chances of becoming a professional athlete after college are very slim. I'm more thankful than anything to be given the opportunity to play golf, a sport I love, in college. I think more professional athletes should be glad they were given the opportunity to play something they "love" instead of worrying about the dollar amount.

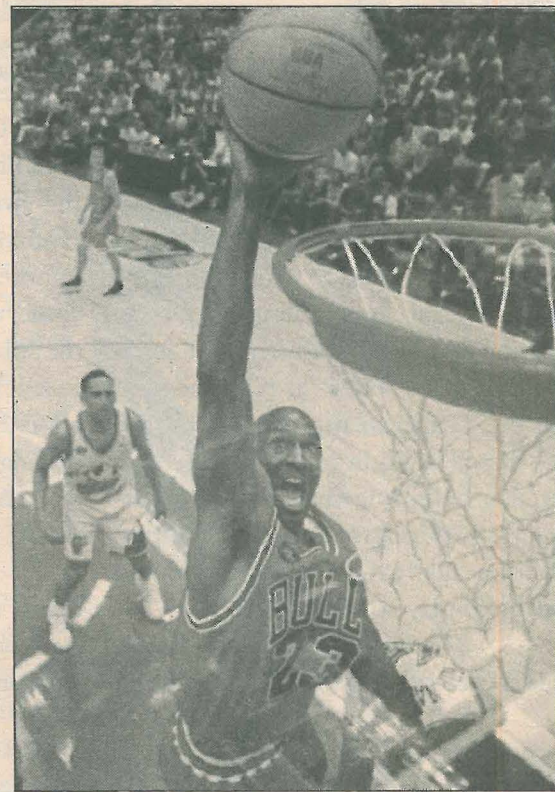
Professional athletes also get a lot of crap from everyone that is watching them. If they get paid enormous amounts of money and have a bad day, everyone lets them know about it, especially the press and the public eye.

Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers signed a contract for

\$252 million over ten years. The money he makes could feed the nation's poor for a year. The combined salaries of the Pittsburgh Pirates players were less than the personal salary of Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox.

The average NBA career lasts 6.2 years, and it's half that for the NFL. Most of the time this happens because these athletes don't know how to manage their money. They go out and spend extravagant amounts of money. These athletes do not think about it before they do, so they end up going broke in a couple of years.

In the 1960s, golfers were the ones making the most money. Gary Player and Arnold Palmer used to be the highest paid golfers, but you'd laugh at their makings if you saw how much athletes get paid today. One contract was for a half a million dollars, which was unheard of in sports then. Tiger Woods, one of the most widely



Michael Jordan, world renowned basketball star and one of the most marketable names in the industry. Photo taken from <http://www.programmheftboerse.de/bulls/>

known golfers, gets paid \$26.8 million a year.

I'm not saying athletes always get paid too much, but most of the time they do. They should stop looking at the dollar amount of everything and just *play!*

Nova Southeastern University Women's Golf Team Pick Up Second Place at Anderson College Invitational

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The tenth ranked Nova Southeastern University women's golf team competed in a two-day tournament in Anderson, SC for the fourth Annual Anderson College Invitational. The 11 teams that competed in the tournament played at Brookstone Meadows Golf Course. This was a par 72 course with a 5,818 yardage.

The University of West Florida took the title, shooting the two daily rounds of 312 and 321 as a team. NSU's team took second, shooting 322 and 330, followed by Pfeiffer University in third, shooting 341 and 339. The individual winner of the tourna-

ment was Lorena Fortlage from the University of West Florida, (75-80). Jenni Mostrom, from NSU, came in fifth place (83-78) for The Knights. All of the women on NSU's team came in the top 20 in the tournament. Anne-Sophie Friis came in seventh place, shooting 80, 83. Tied with Sophie was Lina Bjorklund, shooting 78, 85. Lindsey Colbert tied for fourteenth place (84-84). Lastly, Amanda Brown came in sixteenth place, shooting 81, 88.

The second tournament of the season will be held at the Lady Falcon Invitational hosted by Daytona

Beach Community College. The tournament will be played at Riviera Country Club in Ormond Beach, FL. Amanda Brown will defend her individual title on September 25-26 in the tournament.

"The ability of the girls has definitely gone up over the past year. If it was last year, the girls would have been content with how they played at Anderson, but since their level of play has increased, they wanted to win and were disappointed with the second place finish," said Assistant Women's Coach Kelly Andrzejewski.



Jenni Mostrom
Photo from NSU Athletics Website

Ireland Native Joins Men's Soccer Team

Former Horizon League Newcomer of the Year Lorcan Cronin optimistic about new team

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Sophomore Lorcan Cronin, a transfer student from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, is a new addition to the NSU Knights men's soccer team. The Dublin, Ireland native became interested in attending NSU after hearing good things about the school via a friend from home. Cronin "likes it a lot better" at NSU, because of the warmer weather and abundance of things to do in South Florida. He is also optimistic that the team, currently suffering from a few injuries, will be able to get everyone fit and ready to play soon.

The NSU soccer player began his soccer training with neighborhood

children on the streets in Ireland at age three. Cronin has since realized an accomplished career, earning a spot on the first-team all-conference in the Horizon League. In addition, he was honored as the Horizon League Newcomer of the Year, and was named to the All-Newcomer Team his freshman year at Wisconsin-Green Bay. Cronin's athletic career in Ireland consists of playing in four internationals on top of being a member of the Irish Skills soccer team.

Cronin has already proven to be an asset to NSU. He scored two game-winning goals this season, along with providing four assists. Adjusting

to the heat of Florida "wasn't a problem" because of his training, but the same cannot be said of the American referees.

Currently a business administration major, Cronin's future plans involve returning to Europe to play professional soccer. He finds inspiration in such players as Argentinean Diego Maradona and Everton's Kevin Kilbane. Cronin believes he can best help the team because of his will to win and his "soccer brain." The ninth ranked Knights men's soccer team has lost one game this season, bringing their record to 5-1.



Lorcan Cronin
Photo from NSU Athletics Website

Previously played for University of Wisconsin- Green Bay Soccer Team

Earned first-team all-conference recognition in the Horizon League

Experienced New Volleyball Coach Brings Positive Vibes to The Team

Michelle DeSantis prepares her team physically and mentally for conference play this weekend

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

Michelle DeSantis, head coach of the women's volleyball team, comes to Nova Southeastern University with ten years' playing and coaching experience. "After one season as a graduate assistant at Barry University, I began coaching at local high schools, as well as at Boomers Volleyball Club," says DeSantis.

Not only does she coach volleyball, but she played in college, as well. "I played collegiate volleyball at Barry University where I earned my accounting degree. During my tenure, we made three appearances to the Elite Eight tournament, placing second once and winning the national championship once, as well," explains DeSantis. She graduated from Hollywood Hills High School and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Barry University. She was also a graduate assistant coach at

Barry University 1998-1999. In addition, she has past coaching experiences as a club volleyball coach, and has been a head coach at Southside Volleyball Club in Plantation and the Boomers Volleyball Club in Fort Lauderdale.

"For the last year, she has served as head varsity volleyball coach at American Heritage High School. Previous to that, she was an assistant coach for the 2002 Class AAA State Champions - Pinecrest College Preparatory School. DeSantis was also the head volleyball coach at Flanagan High School from 1999-2003 and led the Falcons to a State Qualifier appearance in 2001," states the NSU athletic website.

"The NSU volleyball team returns seven players and adds four new athletes. After our first tourna-

ment out in California, I made some changes to the line-up, which has given us better match-ups on the court. We are a very young team without any seniors, and our inexperience sometimes gets the best of us. In practice, we are putting as much emphasis on the mental aspect of the game as we are with the physical aspect of the game," says DeSantis.

The upcoming games for the women's volleyball team are: September 21 against Northwood University at 4 p.m. at home, September 24 against Florida Tech at 7 p.m. at home, September 25 against Rollins College at 4 p.m. at home, and September 26 at 2 p.m. against Florida Southern College at 2 p.m. at home. "We are eager to start conference play this weekend, and will continue to practice and work hard," declares DeSantis.



Coach Michelle DeSantis
Photo courtesy of NSU Website

All Around Excitement

The 2004 Emmy Awards Ceremony

By Melanie Denny
Distribution Manager

Donald Trump, Simon Powel, Kelsey Grammer, Al Pacino, and Meryl Streep were just some of the big names present at the 56 Annual primetime Emmy Awards. The Award Ceremony aired live on Sunday, Sept 19 on ABC, and was broadcast from the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium. The auditorium was full of great actors, actresses, producers, writers, and many others who are responsible for producing television entertainment.

The hosts from several well known shows such as "Hollywood Squares," "Entertainment Tonight," and "The View," provided entertainment on the red carpet. The main event, hosted by Garry Shandling, proved to be a night full of familiar faces, stunning gowns, and laughs.

The show would not have been complete without a stab at the United

States government. "We missed Osama Bin Laden but got Martha Stewart. Don't we feel a little safer?" Host Shandling's sarcastic remark kept the star-studded building amused, while cleverly insulting our current administration.

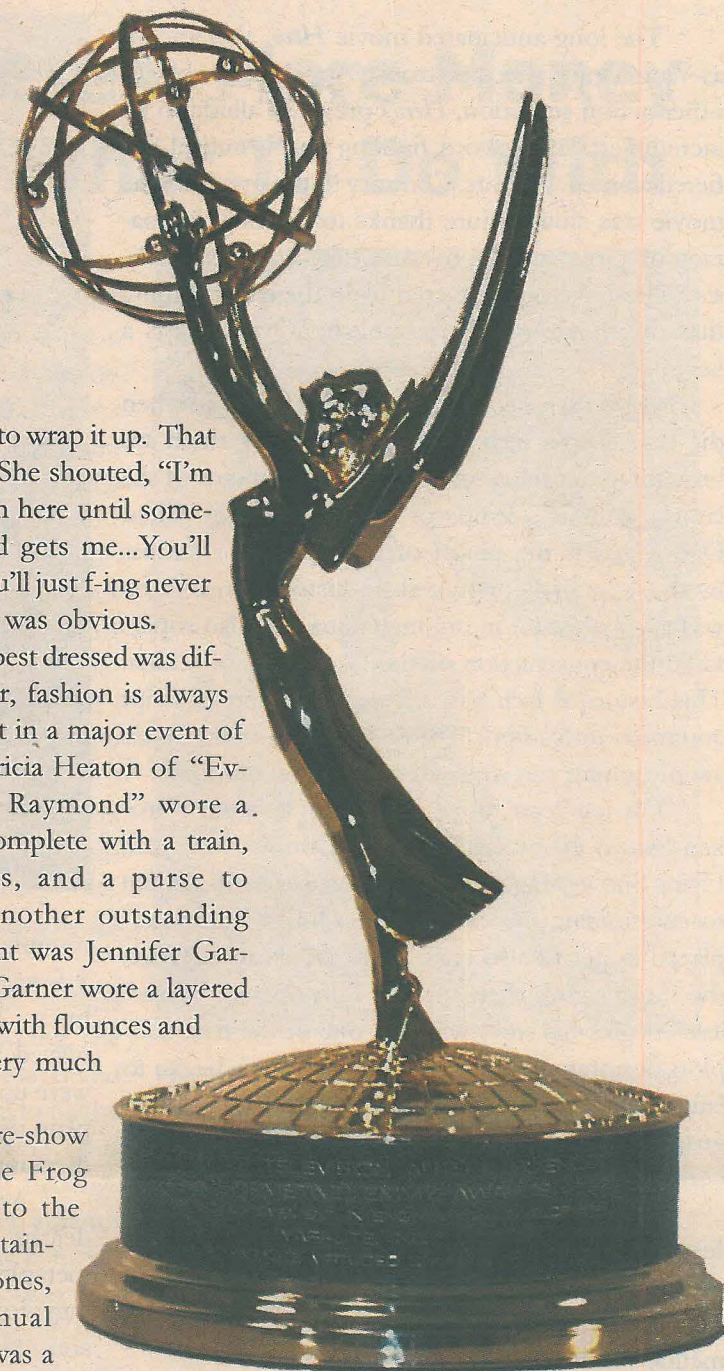
Among all the excitement, HBO dominated the night, with "Angels in America" receiving seven awards and "The Sopranos" receiving four. HBO managed to end as the night's top winner, bringing in a total of sixteen statuettes out of the twenty-seven distributed.

Among the more ecstatic winners was Elaine Stritch, who won for Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program for "Elaine Stritch: At Liberty." During her acceptance speech, she acknowledged her fellow nominees and exclaimed, "I'm so glad none of them won!" Stritch went on to speak, reiterating how happy she was to receive her Emmy. As her thirty second speech time was up, the band began to chime in while she spoke,

indicating to her to wrap it up. That didn't stop her. She shouted, "I'm not moving from here until somebody comes and gets me...You'll never know - you'll just f-ing never know!" Her joy was obvious.

Though best dressed was difficult to decipher, fashion is always a key component in a major event of this caliber. Patricia Heaton of "Everybody Loves Raymond" wore a striped gown, complete with a train, simple earrings, and a purse to accessorize. Another outstanding fashion statement was Jennifer Garner of "Alias." Garner wore a layered white lace gown with flounces and frills; she was very much noticed.

From the pre-show with Kermit the Frog and Ms. Piggy to the post-show entertainment with Star Jones, the 56th Annual Emmy Awards was a night of upscale fun, fashion, and recognition.



Left: Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog at Emmy Pre-Show.
Photo by Matthew Imaging



Has Literature Returned?

Literary genius has not been readily identified in the late twentieth century American author. In the modern era, the work of authors from other countries surpasses the work of authors native to the US. Talent like that of early authors Mark Twain and William Faulkner seems to be scarce in the present community of American writers. To the discredit of late twentieth century authors, literature does not have the draw it used to. A majority of written works that produce excitement in readers are those found in the science fiction or fantasy sections. There is nothing wrong with books of these genres, but as our generation grows and shuns reading for fun, what will happen as literary works of art fall to anonymity?

Literature has returned.

Recently, the *phenomenon* sweeping the American reader, other than that of fantasy and science fiction, is that of author Dan Brown. His literary mystery the *Da Vinci Code*, though entertaining, relies heavily on historic events as the basis of its content. Despite the fact that this book is consumed in mass quantities, a question arises about the content: if a piece relies heavily on past events or allusions to the work of other authors, is the original innovation of an author lost?

Matthew Pearl's *The Dante Club*, highlighted in Issue One of *The Knight*, answers this question. This literary mystery uses allusions to the *Divine Comedy* written by Dante Alighieri simply as a springboard

for the novel's events. Actions in the novel are interesting, fed by the unique way Dante is incorporated. Even though he relies on Dante's poem, Pearl's voice is not lost. Simply put, Pearl pays homage to the great author by allowing Dante's words to be brought into the modern world.

But the question persists: do the creations of these authors hold a candle to works of the past? Innovation is what separates the average person from the one who achieves fame. Any author's creativity and style cement them in the minds of readers for years. These authors, regardless of nationality, may be achieving some level of renown, but will it last as long as those of the past? Not every author achieves what Twain did. Sure, not every

author writes the novel of the century, but as these new authors try, do they even reach the bar?

Putting aside the question of whether these authors reach the bar, there is the more pressing matter of capitalism. While readers read less art, will less be published? Publishing companies take risks when they publish, and if readers are reading certain genres, these may be the only ones published. Will society reach a period when an author who writes the great novel of this time is not published because it does not profit? With the changing dichotomy of readers and authors, will the headway literature has made remain? If literature has returned, I fear it may be only temporary.

Movie Review

"Hero's" Metaphors are Lost in a Sea of Cinematography

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

The long-anticipated movie *Hero*, also known as *Ying Xiong*, was disastrous. Appearing to be another action sensation, *Hero's* previews allude to an incredible tale of sword fighting and beautiful but fierce women warriors. Contrary to the previews the movie was slow torture thanks to the ongoing parade of plots and the overuse of computer graphics. These factors detracted from the true meaning that the movie tried to establish: What truly is a hero?

This saga, set in China, occurs in a time when the land is split into kingdoms. Many of them are brought under the dominion of Qin, emperor of the largest domain. Emperor Qin Shihuangdi (Chen Dao Ming) is the object of assassination attempts by those he had conquered. In historical reality, he was a key element in uniting China. He also supervised the construction of the Great Wall of China. This historical fact was incorporated into a script and made into a film. The end result is a film that is simply a long run-on sentence in slow motion.

For ten years, three of the top assassins, Broken Sword (Tony Leung), Sky (Donnie Yen), and Flying Snow (Maggie Cheung), have each attempted to exterminate the emperor of Qin. "Nameless," played by Jet Li also champions their cause. When the theater goes dark and the film opens, "Nameless" begins his story which is one of the four sub-plots. Ignorant people watching the movie began to laugh at the unfamiliar sound of the Chinese language as Nameless and the emperor began to converse.

The multiple twists and turns of the four different sub-plots are unbearable to those without tremendous patience. However, each sub-plot is skillfully presented within a mixture of ornate environments, wardrobes, and tones.

Some fighting scenes were absolutely dynamic, while others were hindered by slow-motion cinematography. The bursts of slow-motion caused scenes to look fake and unrealistic. For example, Sky and Nameless duel during a comical display where the two men prance and bounce upon water, looking more like ballerinas than warriors.

The backdrops, nonetheless, were breathtaking endless realms of pale sand, another of immense



mountains cascading along a motionless lake and, a forest drenched with blazing yellow and orange hues. Elements of earth, fire, wind, and water played into the film's metaphors, which to many were undetectable. Although some scenes were just plain ridiculous, they all attempt to convey a deeper meaning.

Aside from the exasperating plots and multiple deaths of the same characters, the movie was a metaphorical masterpiece. Director, Yimou Zhang ingeniously portrays intermingled themes of nature and man. Zhang conveys the importance of unity and sacrifice, as well as portraying the fate of love and death. Although common themes, these metaphors are communicated through the fighting, the detailed wardrobes, and the stunning acting skills of the all-star Asian cast. The average movie viewer does not leave the theatre imbued with an understanding of these themes. Instead, these profound ideas were lost, hidden by cheap looking cinematography and the exaggerated special effects.

Hero—probably on one level, excellent on another, was directed by Yimou Zhang and produced by Shoufang Dou and Bill Kong.

This hour and a half long action/adventure film is out in theatres. Rating, PG-13. Distributor, Miramax.

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Movie Review

Resident Evil: Apocalypse Brings More Of The Same

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

If *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* seems familiar, it could be because it features a recycled plot strikingly similar to that of *Dawn of the Dead*, the 2004 *Dawn of the Dead* remake, *28 Days Later*, or any of the countless films where zombies play prominent roles. *Apocalypse* falters in its futile attempts to take the horror/apocalyptic genre to new heights. While the creators tried to introduce new elements to surpass the tired horror clichés, the end result is a convoluted, predictable film that follows nearly every convention of the genre.

When viewing *Apocalypse*, the audience does not need to know much about the first *Resident Evil* film. In case one finds the details a bit foggy, there's no need to worry, since part two endlessly recaps the events. Once the film gets moving, Alice (Milla Jovovich), the anti-heroine of the first film, awakens from an induced coma. Upon awakening, she finds the oddly named Umbrella Corporation's latest biomedical experiment has escaped its underground facility, "The Hive." The creature is turning much of the even odder named Raccoon City's inhabitants into zombies. Umbrella evacuates their top brass and families, but shockingly, the car carrying the lead scientist's daughter wrecks, leaving the helpless girl stranded in an abandoned school. Police officer Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory) and Special Forces member Carlos Oliveira (Oded Fehr) are trapped in the quarantined city and cut a deal with the scientist, Dr. Ashford. If they find his daughter, he will get them out. With a nuclear strike and subsequent cover-up planned by Umbrella, the group is inexplicably joined by the mutated Alice, who conveniently pops up during tumultuous times. They must find Ashford's daughter and escape the city in order to expose the illegal workings of the corporation.

Apocalypse suffers from its halfhearted attempt to expand upon the horror genre. Instead of taking the typical zombie to a new level, this film leaves them unchanged, but calls them "biological weapons." Shockingly, a member of the group becomes infected and turns into a so-called "biological weapon" after a few hours. What should they do? With heavy hearts, they let him live so he can maul them later on. These remarkably smart char-

acters also decide to split up to search an abandoned building, a move that predictably gets them attacked one by one. On more than one occasion, a member of the group will appear to save the day. Not to worry, the classic scene where the protagonist slowly walks up behind a non-responsive, bloodied person in a chair who turns out to be a zombie is there too.

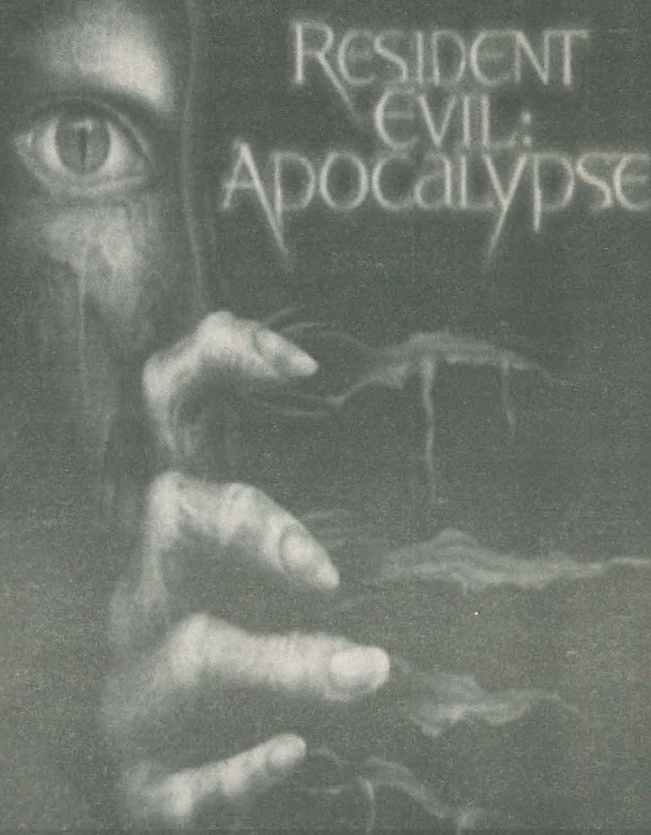
To their limited credit, the filmmakers tried changing the typical horror formula by introducing the "Nemesis," a hulking mutated beast wielding a machine gun and rocket launcher. Umbrella uses the outbreak to test this "weapon;" his mission is to slaughter the Special Forces team that is trying to contain the epidemic. Interestingly, before becoming a disfigured freak, the "Nemesis" was Alice's boyfriend, a fact that comes in handy during their climactic battle. Besides this halfway decent addition (which fans of the video game will already expect), this film takes the clichés of the horror genre and embraces them with a vice grip.

Resident Evil: Apocalypse may, at times, completely defy logic, but the action is intense and entertaining. In addition, Mike Epps provides some extremely funny moments as a reluctant hero. The ending is also somewhat surprising, and sets the scene for an inevitable third film. Fans of the video game series will undoubtedly enjoy the numerous nods to the games, and action fans will like the mostly well-done fight sequences. Unfortunately, besides those two groups, there is little left for anyone else. "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" is presented by Screen Gems, written by Paul W.S. Anderson, and directed by Alexander Witt. It is rated R.

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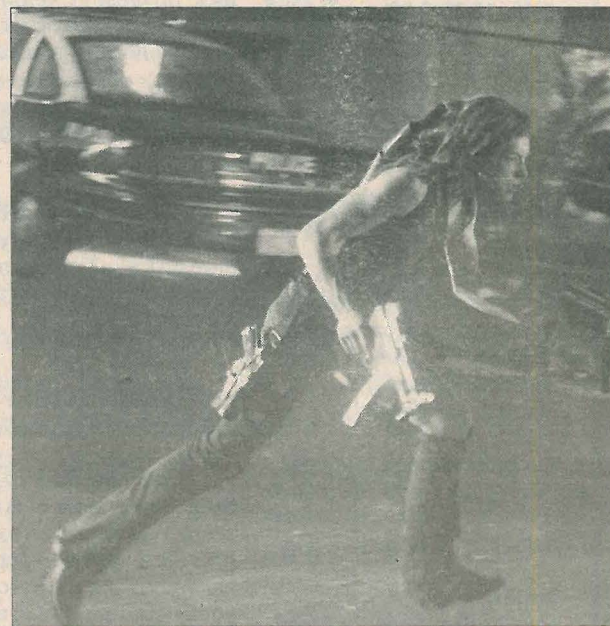
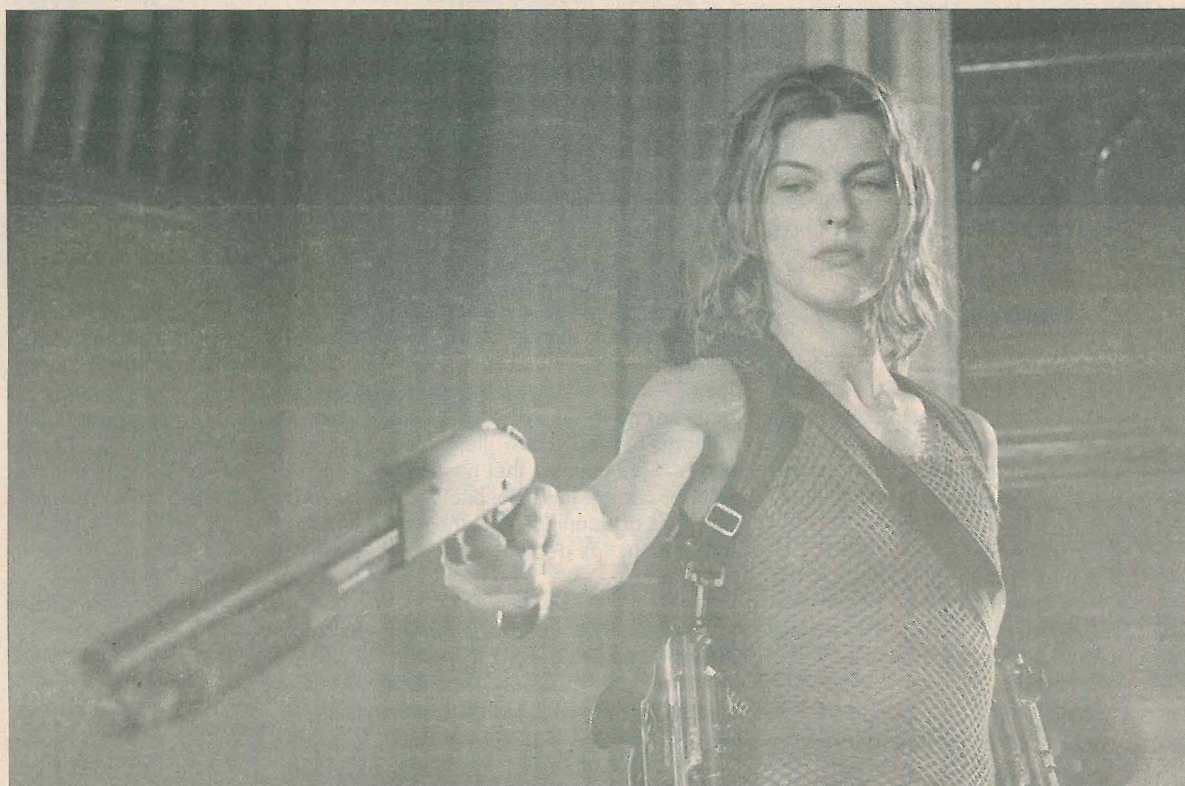
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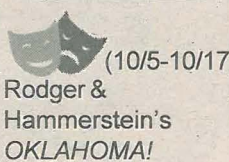


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Left: Alice (Milla Jovovich) keeps her barrel trained on one of the many foes she comes up against. **Above:** Alice speeds through the streets of Raccoon City, pumped and ready for action. Photos courtesy www.cinecon.com

Calendar of Events

9/27 ASL <i>Navigating the Public Library Services Website</i>	9/28 Rascal Flatts <i>Feels Like Today</i> Hillary Duff <i>The Used</i> <i>In Love & Death,</i> Al Franken <i>O'Franken Factor</i> <i>Factor: The Very Best of Al Franken</i> ASL <i>Using Libraries Here and At Home, Exploring the USA PATRIOT Act</i> OD <i>Incubus</i>	9/29 AA (9/29-10/3) <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>  ASL <i>Navigating the Public Library Services Website</i>	9/30 OD <i>Phil Collins</i> ASL <i>Thursday Movies Series</i> <i>Books Over Biscotti</i>	9/31  Ladder 49 Opening 10/1	10/1 (10/1-10/3) Sesame Street Live  Ladder 49 <i>Shark's Tale</i> <i>Tying the Knot</i> ASL <i>NSU Open Mic Night</i>	10/2 (10/2-10/3) Arts to the Rescue Benefit Concert  For ticketing or more information contact the Broward Center at www.browardcenter.org or Autonation Box Office at 800-564-9539.
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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.)

9/28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Using Libraries Here and At Home* Host: Harriet MacDougall

October 5, 6-7 p.m. *Love and Relationships*. Host: Paula Adams

Tech Program

9/27, 1-3p.m. *Navigating the Public Library Services Web site with Candace McKinniss*, Institute for Learning in Retirement Open House, University Park Plaza – North, For more information call (954) 262-8472

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Thursday Movies Series

9/30, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
 Film: *Baseball* by Ken Burns
 Special guest, Marty Mulford, Group Sales Manager for the Florida Marlins

10/7, 12:30-2 p.m.

Institute for Learning in Retirement, University Park Plaza North

Psychopaths in Film: A discussion of horror films from the 1930s to today with a focus on actor Jack Nicholson. Guest Lecture: Professor Kate Waites.

Books Over Biscotti

9/30, 7-9p.m.

An informal book discussion group: Sue Monk Kidd's *Secret Life of Bees*. For more information, contact Paula Adams (954) 262-5485

Total Fitness Series

Part II: Jewish Law for Americans.

10/4, 6-7:30 p.m.

A presentation by Attorney Donna Litman, Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University on Jewish Law. Professor Litman teaches tax, business, estate plan-

ning and Jewish Law at the Shephard Broad Law Center. A networking and hors d'oeuvres reception will precede the presentation. Sponsored by Hadassah Professional Women's Council.

Other Events

Exploring the USA PATRIOT Act

10/28, 4 - 6 p.m.

Panel members from the US Justice Department, Howard Simon from the ACLU, Marc Stern from the American Jewish Congress, and Teleb Salhab from the Arab American Community Center will discuss the USA PATRIOT ACT, guest hosted by Johnny Burris, Esq. Sponsored by the, Alvin Sherman Library, American Jewish Congress, Shepard Broad Law Center. **Location Room 4009**

NSU Open Mic

10/1, 7-9p.m. at the *Connections Cafe*: An evening of music, sponsored by Connections Café — Music, poetry, and dance - from classical through new age and rock. (In order to perform, you must be affiliated with Nova Southeastern University, however, the evening's entertainment is open to the public.) Host: Richard Toumey **American Airlines Arena:**

Disney on Ice, *Beauty and the Beast* Classic fairytale comes alive on ice! Tickets are \$9 to \$46. (For event schedule see www.aaarena.com)

Broward Center of the Performing Arts Productions:

Sesame Street Live: 10/1-3 See Times below, An average sunny day becomes extraordinary when Terry and her Muppet friends teach their intergalactic visitors all about Earth. The live show includes popular segments such as Elmos World and Journey to Ernie, as well as a letter and number of the day. Tickets are \$10-\$23. (For event schedule see www.browardcenter.org)

Arts to the Rescue Benefit Concert presented by Dillard Center for the Arts at the Amature Theater. 10/2-3. A Benefit Concert for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund Music! Dance! Theatre! Visual Art! Dillard Center for the Arts, Broward County's premier magnet program for the performing and visual arts, is pleased to present Arts to the Rescue. Anchored by the DCA Orchestra and featuring a wide array of styles from classical to contemporary, students representing every DCA artistic discipline will be on hand to provide an evening filled with style and grace, excitement and energy, all together for a one-of-a-kind performance in celebration of the power of the Arts to benefit our communities so badly affected by hurricanes Charlie and Frances. Tickets \$10.

Rodger & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! Presented by Broadway in Fort Lauderdale at the A-Rene Theater. 10/ 5-17. It is, quite simply, the show that changed the American musical forever — Rodgers & Hammerstein's landmark musical OKLAHOMA! On the heels of the acclaimed London and Broadway revivals, this sparkling new touring production of OKLAHOMA! is adapted from the Cameron Mackintosh presentation of the Royal National Theatre production that won the hearts of a new generation of theatergoers. Tickets \$21-64.

Office Depot Center:

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

Phil Collins: 9/30, at 8:00p.m.- Catch Phil Collins at the Office Depot Center. Tickets are \$45-\$85. Please see the contact information listed above for more information.

Movie Openings:

Ladder 49 (Drama): Opens nationwide 10/1. Cast: Joaquin

Phoenix, John Travolta, Jacinda Barrett and directed by Jay Russell. Rating: PG-13. Distributor: Touchstone Pictures. 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... (Travolta plays Phoenix's fire chief and mentor; Barrett plays his wife).

Shark Tale (Animated Action/Adventure): Opens nationwide 10/ 1. Voices behind animation: Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Jack Black, Renee Zellweger, Angelina Jolie, and directed by Bibi Bergeron and Vicky Jenson. Rating: Not Rated. Distributor: Dreamworks SKG. Synopsis: Oscar (Will Smith) is a fast-talking little fish that 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 and fortune. It's all going along swimmingly, until it starts to become clear that Oscar's tale about being the defender of the Reef 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. Distributor: Roadside Attractions. Synopsis: A look at the debate over same sex marriage in the USA. The reasons behind it are illustrated with real life couples that have run afoul of current laws despite varying levels of planning. Also, the reason against it is debunked by proponents.

Friday Night Lights (Drama): Opens nationwide 10/8. Directed by Peter Berg. Universal Pictures. Billy Bob Thornton, Derek Luke, Garrett Hedlund, Jay Hernandez, Lucas Black. PG-13. Synopsis: Based on the book about high school football by H.G. Bissinger,

Friday Night Lights chronicles the entire 1988 season of the Permian High Panthers of Odessa, Texas. In depicting the daily grind of coach Gary Gaines' (Billy Bob Thornton) winning team and the potential destinies of its individual players, the story paints a vivid portrait of Odessa where, once a week during the fall, the town and its dreams come alive beneath the dazzling and disorienting Friday night lights...when the Panthers take to the field. Friday Night Lights illuminates the hopes and dreams of Odessa's townsfolk

Raise Your Voice (Drama, Musical/Performing Arts and Romance): Opens nation wide 10/8. Directed by Sean McNamara. New Line Cinema. Hilary Duff, John Corbett, Ashlee Simpson, Jason Ritter, Rita Wilson. PG. Synopsis: Following the death of her brother in a car accident, a teenage girl from a small town spends the summer in Los Angeles studying at a performing arts school. This exposes her to a whole new world and way of life outside the sheltered existence and social circles she has always known.

The Child that I Never Was (Drama): This film opens in limited theatres 10/ 8. Directed by Kai S. Pieck. Strand Releasing. Tobias Schenke, Sebastian Urzendowsky, Ulrike Bliefert, Walter Gontermann, Sebastian Ruger. Not Rated. Synopsis: This film is a fictionalized biography of Jurgen Bartsch, a sexually repressed teenage butcher's assistant who became notorious in Germany when he was convicted for the murders and (post-mortem) rapings (ie, necrophilia) of four young boys that occurred from 1962 to 1966. The story is told through flashbacks, as the post-conviction Bartsch, filmed in black and white, remembers his youth and crimes, which are shown in color.

I Smell Sex and Candy Here...

Attain real intimacy, both physically and emotionally

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

Sex and Chocolate – what more could one ask for in life?

NSU's Office of Recreation and Wellness took it one step further by inviting Sexologist Marilyn Volker, Ed.D to the Goodwin Hall on September 14 to discuss what many college students think about on a daily basis: sex. Students curiously wandered into this discussion on intimacy expecting to get a good laugh; what they walked out with were invaluable insights on sex. From behavior to emotions to oral pleasure and orgasms, students had plenty to talk about.

The Goodwin classroom was littered with flavored condoms and lubricants mixed with Hershey's and M&Ms. Approximately 30 chairs were set up in a circle with a table in the center; on the table sat three bags, each containing questions. The first bag's questions were directed to the men, and the second to the women; the third was a mixture of questions for both sexes. "Do women think about sex as often as men do?" read one question. "Probably more than the men," answered one of the enthusiastic females in attendance that evening. What is the best position? Do women prefer a man who is groomed in the "southern" region? These were some of the topics discussed during the Sex and Chocolate workshop. "It was fun, in-

teresting, and educational; students didn't have to participate, but still learned and enjoyed," says Kunal Ganhdhi, a sophomore and resident at Goodwin Hall.

Marilyn K. Volker, Ed.D, Sexologist for the past 32 years, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Sexology and an Associate Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. She sits on the faculty of four South Florida Universities; she is also an Associate Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, San Francisco, California, where she received her Doctorate in 1991. The list of this woman's education and achievements could not possibly fit on one page. "Heart on, before hard on," is the motto Volker teaches. The Sexologist believes in approaching sex with skills, the two participants putting the puzzle of each other together. Dr. Volker expresses that human beings must understand each other's sexual response centers. According to Volker, there are eight types of intimacy: affection, sexual intimacy, social intimacy,

emotional intimacy, intellectual intimacy, physical intimacy, spiritual intimacy, and aesthetic intimacy.

Sexual intimacy includes both inner and outer course. Volker compares a woman with a car:

"Never

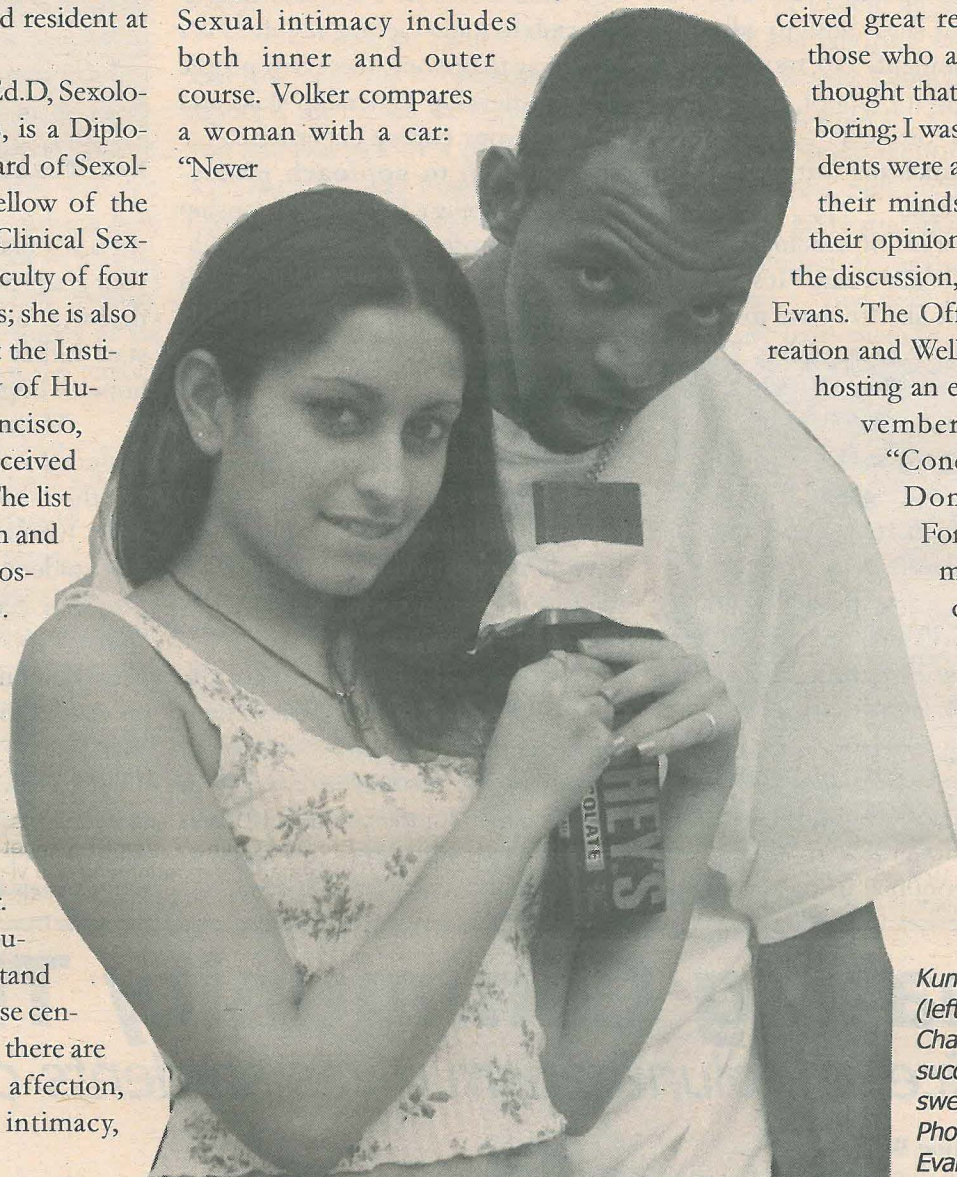
start in fifth; always shift the gears or else she'll stall."

Overall, this event received great reviews from those who attended. "I thought that it would be boring; I was wrong. Students were able to speak their minds and voice their opinions. We were the discussion," says David Evans. The Office of Recreation and Wellness will be hosting an event in November called

"Condomology."

Don't miss it!

For more information on upcoming events, call (954) 262-7042.



Kunal Gandhi (left) and Adrian Chandler (right) succumbing to sweet surrender. Photo by David Evans.

Here Kitty, Kitty, Kitty ...

More and More Colleges are Becoming Pet Friendly

By Rafia N. Chodhry
Staff Writer

Since 1996, part of Mohawk Hall at the State University of New York has been dedicated as the "Pet Wing." The wing can house 48 pets and consists of two-dozen pet friendly rooms.

Recently, a second school was added to the list of pet-friendly colleges. Stephens College, a women's college in Missouri, initiated a pet-friendly dorm on the first floor, which permits dogs, cats, and rabbits. The program only permits dogs 40 pounds or less. Students are required to keep the pet(s) in crates or cages when the student is out of the room. They must also walk their animals in a fenced dog run.

With NSU policy permitting students to keep only a fish, many stu-

dents feel heartbroken and consider the policy unfair. Others could not be happier.

Blake Blakenship, a freshman from Virginia, was not permitted to bring his pet turtle, Leo, because turtles can carry salmonella. "I have had Leo for 15 years and I never had any problems with it. But they would still not let me bring it down. I am very sad. NSU should change its policy," said Blankenship.

Even though Blakenship might be heartbroken, there is a good reason behind NSU's policy. Reasons for prohibiting pets include noise, smell, allergies, and concerns about sanitation. "A lot of people are allergic, and it's really unsanitary having

pets – especially dogs – living on campus," Freshman Natalie Saintus said. "There are already problems with roaches. I am zoo phobic – I do not like animals."

Even though there are students that desperately miss their pets and would like NSU to change its policy, it seems highly unlikely any changes will be occurring in the near future.

A student who chooses to remain anonymous recommended the following advice: "Students who miss their pets should visit them as often as possible. For those who live out of state, they can always talk to their pets on the phone or have their family e-mail pictures."



Despite NSU's ban on keeping pets, domestic animals still manage to make their way onto campus, like this loose feline who makes her home near the Rosenthal Building. Photo by Rafia Chodhry

Make your First Year at NSU Your Best

Helpful tips for freshmen that want to survive and thrive at NSU

By Rafia Chodhry
Staff Writer

College life can be stressful for students, not to mention freshmen. Some have come from out of state, leaving behind their mom, dad, grandma, Aunt Peggy, and Uncle Joe – and let's not forget the family pet turtle, Speedy.

Along with getting accustomed to not seeing Speedy every day, students have to learn how to adjust to their environment. No more moms waking you up for school, or calling in sick for you. Students – it's time to get up and smell the textbooks. Welcome to college!

"It's a lot of reading," Freshman Maria Cevallos said. "It's just different; it's not like you have to turn in your homework or anything, and it's just a lot of reading, which I don't enjoy, but I am doing it."

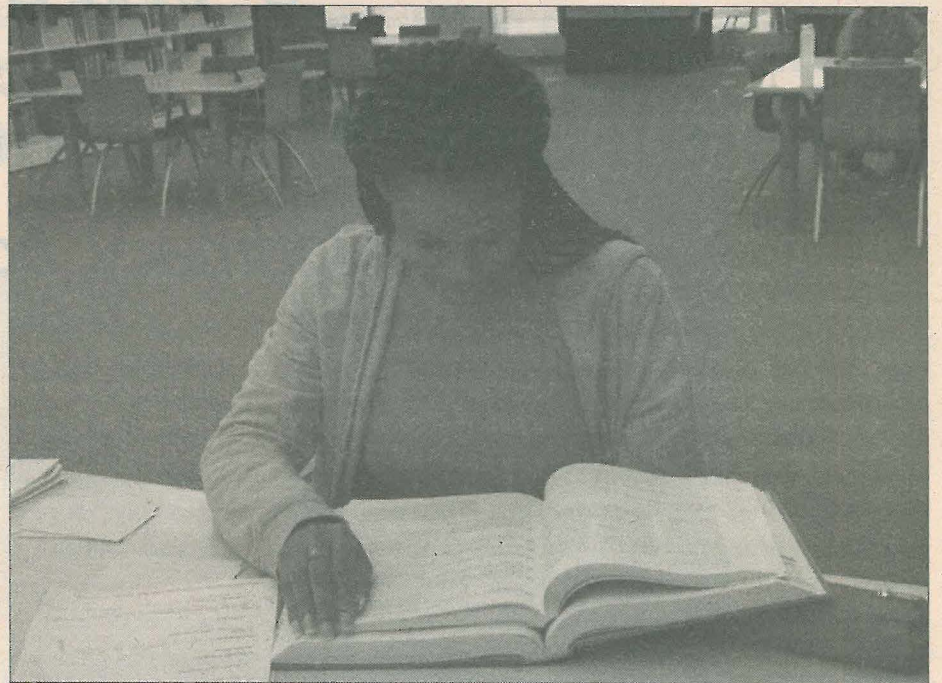
Being successful is an imperative part of the college experience. One's success during undergraduate years will not only assist in getting admitted into a prestigious graduate school, but will also prepare students for success in their chosen field. With more than a month already passed, many – if not all – should have a perception of how well their classes are going. Those who are doing exceptionally well should stick to their techniques and continue being successful.

Others who feel they have room for improvement should check out the following tips by students who have been in your shoes:

• **Get involved:** participate and become members of clubs and organizations that interest you. If you were majoring in Psychology, the Psychology Club would be a fun and beneficial club to join. Getting involved is a great way to not only meet new people but also develop leadership skills and enhance your college experience.

• **Learn to approach professors:** developing a friendly relationship with your professors will be very beneficial in the long run, especially when you need a recommendation letter. Senior Mary Lou Suppa remarks that your teacher can become your friend. "Since NSU is a small learning environment, professors are very approachable, even if they are teachers you do not have but are people you know or have heard of. They are always willing to lend a hand or give advice," explained Suppa.

• **GPA:** many students have the perception that they can slack off their freshman year. "Students should avoid doing that," commented Davia McDonald. "If students slack off their freshman year and are not that focused,



Kym Ali studies diligently for her nursing class. Photo by Rafia Chodhry

then it's extremely difficult to raise your grade point average." She advises that it is better to do well from the start rather than slack off and then hope to improve.

• **Major:** it is recommended that if students want to change their major, they should do it as soon as possible. Junior Bijou Stoc recommends that students research their major before they actually start taking classes. "Unless you change your major in the very beginning, it is very hard to make up classes and graduate in four years," said Stoc.

• **Time management:** this is a skill that many college students lack. Many don't know that every semester, classes become more and more

challenging. Sophomore Jaffer Ali recommended that students avoid procrastination and spend at least one hour every day on each of their classes. Beatrice Hyppolit, a junior, suggested that students should learn to differentiate between school time, fun time, and work time.

• **Always go to class:** "Don't miss one," is what Cheyenne Koskey, a sophomore at NSU commented. Students should remember that it is not just that you're learning information; you are also making an impression on the professor. "On those long essay questions on tests, the overall impression you make does count," said Koskey.

Creating Community Through Service

Office of Volunteerism gives students chance to get involved

By Taylor Anne Williams
Graduate Assistant for Student Media and Marketing

Volunteering is not about meeting class requirements or adding leverage to a resume. It is an act of kindness that humbles both the giver and receiver. Volunteering is rising above busy schedules and hectic lives to help those in need. Nova Southeastern University recognizes the importance of service, and gives students numerous opportunities to help their community.

The Office of Volunteerism is the base of operations for Student Affairs community service. Within the last two years, the office has expanded its agencies, programs, and outreach to local residents. Broward citizens are not the only people benefiting from the work done at NSU.

"Each and every year these programs seem to grow in numbers and in better quality of participation," Kenny Hendrickson, Director of Student Development and Special Events said. "...through more marketing and campus involvement, they are seen and grow in providing more university resources."

The Orphan's World Toy Drive is the latest to come from the Office

of Volunteerism. This drive is collecting both toys and money to send to Haitian children this Christmas. Orphan's World is a Christian non-profit humanitarian organization that enlists the help of others to make the holiday special for these impoverished children. The toy drive is looking for new or gently used items, and will be held through November.

The Office of Volunteerism will also be raising donations for the Teddy Bear Fund throughout October. These stuffed animals are collected for children affected by Domestic Violence. The group's goal is to acquire 500 bears and animals by October 31; drop boxes are located at hot spots around campus.

The December Senior Prom is perhaps the most impacting event hosted by the Office of Volunteerism. The third annual dinner and dance will be held on December 6, and is designed to give two local nursing home residents an exciting evening out. Couples at the prom include one student and one senior. Everyone dresses formally, and it is the seniors teaching volunteers how to cut a rug.

"By volunteering, students have a chance to meet new people and be introduced to new experiences," said Jen Bowman, Graduate Assistant for Student Development and Volunteerism. "To work with the NSU campus community helps within our local communities, builds self-esteem, and increases student leadership skills."

NSU contributes time not just to local residents, but also to those within its own community. The Presidential Knights are the crème de la crème of the student body, and are a personification of the NSU spirit. These volunteers serve as student ambassadors to the university. Presidential Knights represent President Ray Ferrero, Jr. at NSU functions, including the recent visit from the Dalai Lama. A student must be nominated by a faculty or staff member by early spring. Responsibilities include approximately four events per semester, but applicants must go through a competitive selection process.

Students looking to get involved on an organizational level should check out the recently formed

Volunteerism Club. The club hopes to form a network of service through student organizations and their members. By getting the word out, the Volunteerism Club will be a core group of dedicated community volunteers.

For more information about volunteering at NSU, visit www.nova.edu/volunteer or call 262-7297. E-mail nsunews@nova.edu with your thoughts or comments.

How You Can Help

Orphan's World Toy Drive Sept. 15 – Nov. 15

Drop boxes at: Goodwin Residence Hall and Rosenthal Student Center (Sept. & Oct.) Health Professions Division, Shepard Broad Law Center, Center for Psychological Studies and the Carl DeSantis Building (November)

Teddy Bear Fund

Oct. 1 – 31

Drop boxes at: Health Professions Division, Shepard Broad Law Center, Center for Psychological Studies and the Carl DeSantis Building.

Food for Thought: NSU's Dining Services

By Rafia Chodhry
Staff Writer

Dining services offered to students by NSU and ARAMARK provide a variety of food selections. The Knight Court Café, located in the Rosenthal Student Center, features Sbarro's Italian Eatery, the Green Pickle deli, a buffet salad bar, home-style entrees, a full service grill, Coca-Cola fountain beverages, and delicious desserts.

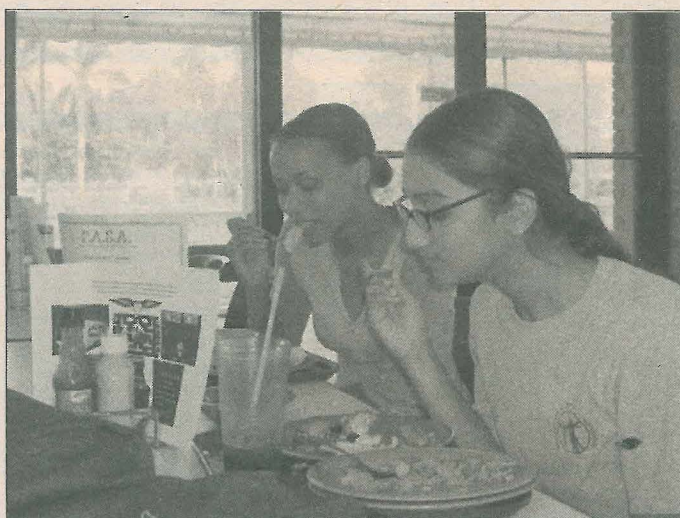
"The food tastes really great," freshman Natalie Saintus said. "I like the fact that the salad bar, pizza, and sandwiches are always available."

Many students do not realize that the dining services provide a variety of services.

ARAMARK catering services offer catering not just to the administration, but also the student body. They realize that originations are on a tight budget and therefore provide a specifically priced menu. They will also design a menu to suit the needs of you or your club.

Students who live on campus are required to have a declining balance meal plan of \$1200 per semester. For others, the service is voluntary. The university offers an Optional Declining Balance Account to students, faculty, and staff who would like to use the NSU I.D. Card as a debit card at the various dining locations on campus. In increments of \$100, \$200, \$300, or more, you can have the amount you want placed on your card to be used for meal purchases. Students on the Mandatory Declining Balance Account plan can also sign up for the supplemental plan to add more value to the required \$1200 Mandatory Declining Balance plan.

For more information, select "dining services" under "current students" on NSU's main website.



Students Vishala Charma (right) and Davina Bailey enjoying food provided by the Knight Court Café. Photo by Rafia Chodhry

Students should not be limited to the Knight Court Café. The following are other venues on campus to obtain food as stated on the NSU Dining Facilities Website: (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/bsv/aramark/>)

§ **The Connections Café:** located on the first floor in the NSU Alvin Sherman Library, a selection of hot and cold coffee beverages, gourmet pastries and desserts, specialty sandwiches, and salads. Service hours during fall and [winter] semesters are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m.

§ **Supreme Court Café:** a Starbucks Coffee Kiosk located in the atrium lobby of the Law Center, featuring Starbucks coffees, fresh baked pastries and desserts, and gourmet salads and sandwiches. Service hours during fall and [winter] semesters are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

§ **Health Professions Division:** located on the first floor in the Morton Terry Building, features comfortable indoor and outdoor seating. Menu selections include home-style entrees, buffet salad bar, full service grill, specialty desserts, salads and sandwiches packaged to go, large gourmet pizzas, and made-to-order deli sandwiches. Service hours during fall and [winter] semesters are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

§ **Starbucks Coffee Cart:** located in front of the HPD library and Hull Auditorium, it features Starbucks coffee beverages, gourmet pastries and desserts, specialty sandwiches, and salads. Service hours during fall and [winter] semesters are Monday through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Fridays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Cash Or Character?

Martha Stewart proves that only one is needed for survival

Arts and crafts guru Martha Stewart has requested to serve her five-month prison sentence immediately to ensure her freedom for spring planting. The notorious diva never apologized publicly for her involvement with insider trading, and continues to claim good character. Stewart will receive profits from her corporate empire while tinkering with the Feng Shui of her New York prison cell.

Celebrity scandal has taken a twist with this good-girl-gone-bad trial. Not only did Stewart cover-up her knowledge of a stock fall, but she also lied to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Stewart's best friends exposed her on the stand, and the queen of collage never flinched.

Barbara Walters was one of the first journalists to interview the convicted Stewart. When asked about the fear of prison, Stewart coldly admitted to some sense of emotion. "I'm going to have to face it, and take it and do it and get it over with," Stewart told Walters. "...there's many people that go to jail. Look at Nelson Mandela."

Mandela was imprisoned because of his valiant effort to end Apartheid. Stewart illegally traded her stock in order to save money she does not need. The only similarity between the two is that they both know the high fashion of one-size jumpsuits.

Many celebrities have committed criminal acts and continued to find success. Hugh Grant apologized for solicitation of prostitution on "The Tonight Show," and still receives top billing for any movie he appears in. Halle Berry was charged with a hit and run in 2000, but won the Academy Award two years later. R. Kelly is the self-proclaimed "pied piper of R&B," with 21 counts of pedophilia currently on his record.

These stars dealt with the savage nature of the media and did not call attention to the situation by asking the public for support of sales. America has found something worth saving by forgiving these fallen celebrities' actions. Their guilt was obvious, so they did not put spin on the situation.

Perhaps, Stewart could not resist the urge to shape her public fate. Her strengths as a businesswoman and entertainer have made her the Kaiser of creativity. Now, the attempt to make Stewart seem warm further illustrates her callousness.

To err is human, and recognition of that is pivotal for Stewart. She has missed her opportunity to come clean and regain professional respect. However, her tulips and begonias can keep her company after prison.

Character is an essential value in modern society. Liars, cheaters, and thieves will always be caught. Now, there will be one less person roaming winter dinner parties in the Hamptons. Martha Stewart in jail: "it's a good thing."

On Target: Career Services

By Luis Nicola "Nico" Aguilar
Intern

Explore your potential

Located on floor four of the Alvin Sherman Library, the office of Career Services offers services that go beyond those typically provided by colleges and universities. When asked to share the philosophy of the department, Assistant Director Patrick Madsen says, "We want to give life-long help." Madsen also explains that the main focus is on the developmental part of the student's career. In the first two years of college, Career Services helps students to "become prepared, find a career, understand yourself, and give life to your career," Madsen said. Juniors and seniors should already be on the run. Readiness is the key! Relating programs to careers is not easy, unless one is prepared.

Career Services has the answers for students' professional needs. From résumé writing to career counseling, students find a professionally active environment. Most of the staff is composed by graduate assistants with "developmental" counseling background.

They compose an incredible database with jobs and internships. For example, E-recruiting allows students to have a résumé online, and creates connectivity between students and employers. The Experiential Learning Program (ELP) is a planned progressive educational program that provides integration of student's academic studies and relative work experience in a professional environment. The program is a three-way partnership between the employer, the student, and the university. In order for the program to be successful, there must be a clear understanding of the role of each partner, as well as a firm commitment to the program. The ELP adheres to the parallel model of part-time paid work and full-time study.

The numbers are incredible: 10,000 students use Career Services; 2,700 make individual appointments; and 70 to 75 percent of jobs are in a "hidden market." Using all the resources available now will be benefi-

cial tomorrow. Students have to proactively go find a job, create a job, or search through networking.

Career Services organized a workshop on Sept. 14, "The Power of Internship," in which Maggie McIntyre and Robert J. Poleo from Northwestern Mutual explained some of the advantages of internships. They described internships as a training-mentoring process, during which one builds one's résumé, creates business networks, selects a career, benefits from income, and builds future opportunities. The best way to hit that "hidden market" of jobs is through networking: approximately 61 percent of jobs are found by networking or through word of mouth.

Career Services also organized the "Career Fair," which was held last week. Career fairs are organized throughout the whole year and NSU hosted four career fairs last year alone. For more info, go online to www.nova.edu/career/elp/, or call 954-262-7201.

On the Scene

Students share their experiences meeting the Dalai Lama face to face



Shruti Salghur

It is amazing how simplicity can be powerful and complex and perceptive. The Dalai Lama exuded this simplicity in an overwhelming and humbling experience for me. Being part of the privileged few on the VIP student list that had the unique opportunity to personally engage the Dalai Lama himself was incredible.

I remember the sudden gasp of breath that resonated in the stadium when the Dalai Lama made his initial entrance on the stage. It all seemed surreal, and as my eyes teared up I felt a surge of happiness and peace within me.

With the conclusion of his serious yet entertaining address to the crowd, the student VIPs, including myself, made our way past the secret services and the security guards into a quiet room. We introduced ourselves and shook His Holiness' hands. We each were given the opportunity to ask a question. As a student with a great passion and interest for the environment, I chose to inquire about his views on environmental issues in the developing countries and the various methods that would help enhance environmental awareness.

He first stated that environmental education is a key ingredient towards raising environmental awareness. Second, he affirmed the need for understanding and taking into consideration the context in which environmental degradation occurred. Therefore, in order to help sustain the natural resources, the government should play a prominent role facilitating proper training and education.

While many gathered for his blessings, I sat there thinking of "what have I done in my short life to have deserved such an unforgettable and enduring experience."

Since then, the Dalai Lama's presence has continued to influence me in every decision that I make. This experience has helped me look forward to a bigger and greater life filled with hope. I want to genuinely thank Brad Williams and April Eldemire for making everything possible. Also, I would like to Thank His Holiness for rejuvenating my life.



Meena Mahkijani

The single greatest experience of my life occurred on September 18 when I was one of five Nova Southeastern University students selected to have an audience with His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama of Tibet.

He personally greeted each of us with great warmth and sincerity. He even remarked on "Tibetan dress," or *chuba*, that I wore in his honor. The Dalai Lama sat in a circle with us, and wanted to know each of our names. He then posed to us a question that he received during the session in the main lecture. "What is your purpose here?"

As a first year medical student, I asked him about how medicine, specifically Western Medicine, can provide the elevation of others. He indicated here, as well as in the public speech, that it takes more than just medicine to treat patients. His response included the idea that as physicians, we must be well first, and have strong and happy spirits in order to be able to treat others. During the questions, His Holiness was extremely engaging and spirited. He laughed heartily and spoke directly to each of us. After the questions, I showed him a red thread from an initiation by him that I had attended in Los Angeles in 1997. He blessed the thread for me. I also showed him an early autographed autobiography of my grandfather's, who was a diplomat for the Government of India in the 1960s. He was quite amazed that I had this item, and called over the members of his entourage to see it. They were happy to see it, and read the inscription that was in Tibetan, indicating the book was signed in 1969. His Holiness kindly signed the book to me as well. Before leaving, I touched His Holiness' feet, a Buddhist and Hindu sign of deference, and that was an incredible honor for me to have done.

The entire experience was an absolute dream-come-true. I moved to Fort Lauderdale from Los Angeles less than two months ago to begin my medical education at NSU, and to be so lucky to have such an experience so early is unbelievable.



Farheen F. Parvez

As I walked through campus, I noticed flyers and posters about the visitation of His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama. I had heard of him before, but I was not exactly sure who he was or why he was famous. I was debating as to whether I should attend the event on September 18. Luckily, I was one of the very few students from NSU who was selected to meet His Holiness.

Although I was pretty much melting for an hour due to the heat, I can honestly say that the Dalai Lama's talk was worth it. He reinforced the universal message of peace, contentment, anger management, and happiness. It did not seem to me as if he was just lecturing for the sake of saying something. It felt as if he was talking to me directly. When I heard His Holiness speak, I could relate to him personally. From my own experiences, I have learned that happiness does not come from anything else but true satisfaction.

Although I have encountered disappointments and failures in life, I have learned to let things go. My mistakes and the mistakes of others have only made me a stronger and wiser individual.

After His Holiness finished his talk, I had the opportunity to see him personally. He rose from his seat

to greet each of the five students and Dean Brad Williams. The Dalai Lama made himself comfortable and created a friendly atmosphere for us. We asked him various questions, and I asked His Holiness who the most influential people in his life were. He thought about it for a few moments and told me that his mother is someone he will never forget because she was always there for him. He has deep respect for his teachers as well, and for the president of India that gave him refuge after he was exiled. His Holiness was humble and extremely kind. He had a great sense of humor, and his smile was definitely contagious! My name, Farheen, means "happiness" in Arabic. I will always remember to smile, and if people don't smile back, I'll smile again.



Pya Chayanuwat

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for giving me the opportunity to meet with His Holiness

the fourteenth Dalai Lama. I was nervous when I found out that we were going to have a private interview. However, during the whole interview, I was totally calmed and touched by his compassion and love.

His Holiness expressed the basic human inner values that promote a happy successful life, which is very dependent on our own inner strength and self-confidence. He mentioned that human affection is an example that no matter how powerful one individual is, his or her survival and successful life depend on others. Especially with today's modern economy, the environmental issues, and the

technology, our world continues to become much smaller. In reality, we are heavily interdependent.

He also discussed a sense of compassion, a sense of caring, and a sense of concern for others. These attributes would actually widen our mind. He also added that happiness comes from deep down inside, and not external facilities or external conditions.

Finally, if we try to increase these basic good human inner values and try to be a nice person, ultimately it will bring more happier days to our life.



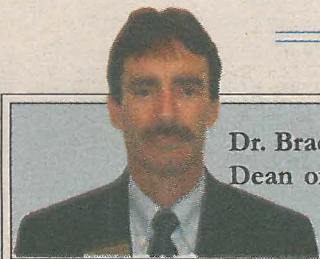
April Eldemire

The Dalai Lama is a person that you read about in newspapers and books. A person who, when talked about, is said to be one of the most revered men in the world. Through all of this, I have always asked questions like, "What would it be like to meet His Holiness?" and "What would I say to him if I had the chance?" Never in a million years

would I expect to get that opportunity, and through the efforts of President Ray Ferrero, Jr. and Dean of Students Brad Williams, I had the opportunity of doing just that.

Most of the morning was a blur. I met with four other students in front of Goodwin Residence Hall, and drove to the VIP section of campus. Traffic was a challenge, and so we arrived a little later than expected. We were quickly ushered to our seats, filled with the anticipation of what was to come. The Dalai Lama appeared and everyone in the crowd applauded with joy. His talk was captivating, and when it was over we were rushed to the Dalai Lama's private reception area. It was completely evident that His Holiness requested to speak with us specifically. To be able to bow in front of him in welcome and thanks was amazing. I was able to sit right next to him, ask him a

question, and he addressed me personally. I was able to capture all of his features in detail and listen to him more intently. The most rewarding moment was when I laughed with him. At the end of our time, he addressed us, the students, personally. I had the feeling that the Dalai Lama felt he had a duty, or a calling, to meet with us. His last few words were the most memorable. He told us that his generation is now much shorter than ours. He feels that he has done his best to relay his message to the world. He told us that it is now our time. It is our duty to live life with concern and regard for all humankind. We have a responsibility to love ourselves, and in turn, love others. How profound! I left with a new outlook on life. I left with a promise for the future. I will remember that day forever. It was the greatest experience of my life.



Dr. Brad A. Williams
Dean of Student Affairs

Having been a part of NSU for the past 16 years, I have experienced many moments of "school pride." Seemingly, these experiences are increasingly more frequent as the University builds and grows.

For weeks, we had been preparing for the Dalai Lama's visit, with thousands of details with facilities and security. Receptions were alphabetized with "A lists and B lists." So, I was wonderfully delighted when President Ferrero called me to personally invite students to a private reception and luncheon in the library atrium. Grounded solidly in "why we are here," the President wanted to make certain that NSU students had the

chance to interact at the highest of levels. We were able to identify five students, most international, some Buddhist, who would value and appreciate the opportunity as well as graciously represent the University. Thanks to the student-centeredness of Executive Director of University Relations Dave Dawson, we were set for the event.

The students and I sat as a group during the Dalai Lama's general remarks on the Alvin Sherman Library lawn. That in itself was meaningful. Although I guess we were not quite prepared for what happened afterwards. Upon entering the library, the students and I were escorted up

the staircase, down the hall past dozens of security personnel, and into a private room. There, warmly smiling and motioning for us to sit in a small circle of gathered chairs, was His High Holiness. The students and I had been granted a private audience with the Dalai Lama.

Now this was not a quick "photo-op." One at a time, His Holiness looked at each of us and asked where we were from. He was interested in learning our ancestral heritage. One by one, the students made me proud to be their Dean by asking rich, meaningful, and poignant questions. One young woman noted that His Holiness had influenced millions

with his writings and teachings. She was curious as to who had influenced him. (He responded by sharing that the "writings of the great teachers" through the ages were incredibly powerful to him. He shared that he had studied them so intently he felt that he knew the authors as if they were living.)

Thirty minutes later, it was time to bid farewell. Yet, I will never forget the Dalai Lama's closing remarks. For a moment, his normal warm smile became an intense and purposeful look as he slowly began to gesture to each student. "I am 69 years old," he shared. "I belong to the 20th century. But you [pointing to the stu-

dents], you are of the 21st century and this century belongs to you. Do what is necessary to make a difference." You could have heard a pin drop.

The students and I adjourned to a delicious luncheon, continuously with a "did that really just happen?" look on our faces. One student appeared somewhat overwhelmed emotionally. Another confided in me that this had been the single most important moment in his life. For me, I just had this overwhelming sense of pride; pride in my students, pride in my school, pride in the fact that education "Beyond the Classroom" was authentic and not just a marketing slogan. Indeed, it was yet another special day to be a part of NSU.

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