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Big Brothers Big Sisters with Big Hearts



Bounce house rocks!



Above: Future WNBA All-Star.
Right: Yum, COOKIES! Participants help themselves to free food. Photos by Rafia Chodrhry.



By Rafia N. Chodhry
News Editor

The sight behind the Goodwin Dorms on Friday, March 19, could not possibly be summed up in one word. As kids and adults alike played games, competed in sports, and gave each other high fives, it was obvious that The Fourth Annual Little Buddies Carnival was a success.

Initiated four years ago by the Office of Volunteerism, the event has since kept up its reputation of inviting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward. This year's coordinator, Jennifer Bowman, stated that the tradition established by Kenny Hendrickson, former director of Special Events and Student Development, was continued in this

year's event. "My director, Kenny, has been a Big Brother prior to working at NSU and carried that tradition once he was here."

For over a century, Big Brothers Big Sisters has had a positive impact on communities. Through its mentoring program, Bandi, 11, one of the little buddies present at the carnival, said that his life has been enhanced. "My family is really, really poor, and I would never be able to have this much fun if it wasn't for the program."

Linda, the mother of David, 10, first heard about the program from her sister. She said that after her husband's death, her son needed a male figure in his life and Big Brothers

Big Sisters seemed the perfect program to provide him with a role model. "He lives in a house of girls and it seems anything we put him in, there are plenty of females, but no males."

Friday's event was full of activities and adventures for all ages. Games such as chess, Yahtzee, Chinese checkers, and Scrabble lined the tables under the tent for

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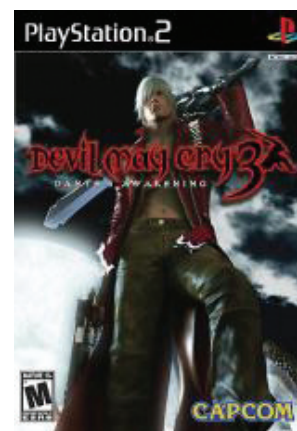
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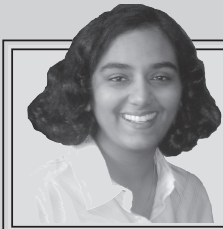
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Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

Common Sense: Office Etiquette

Have you ever felt uncomfortable in your work situation? Have you ever wondered why it's seemingly impossible for all of the employees to be respectful, responsible and reliable with regard to their behavior as well as maintenance of a clean working environment? The workplace would indeed be a very pleasant experience if all employees lived and labored in harmony. Alas, this is no more than unattainable wishful thinking!

Co-workers don't always get along with each other. Sometimes heated debates and arguments can arise over something as simple as who should be the next American Idol, or over a matter as complex as personal space.

At our workplace, we all have come across at least one individual who needs a little lesson in office etiquette. Whether that employee is really out of tune with his office manners or just needs a little brush up, hopefully these tips will help:

1. Office is to paperwork as home is to your personal belongings: If you have a personal office, then it is okay to decorate it with pictures and personal items. But, if you are in a setting where you have to share space with more than one employee than leave your personal stuff at home. Apparel, meaning clothes and shoes, belong in your house. If circumstances force you to bring your apparel to the office, place your belongings in a drawer or out of others way. Also, if you bring lunch from home, please do not leave it decaying in the office. Take it home the same day.

2. Computers come with speakers as well as a place to plug in your headphones: If there is mutual consent, music can be shared with your co-workers. But don't be rude and force them to listen to your music just because you feel like listening. If you have your own personal office, the more music the merrier. But if not, it is best to listen to music with headphones. The same goes for watching TV. Not everyone has the same taste in music or television programs, so show some respect.

4. P.C. means "Personal Computer": It is considered extremely rude to use your co-workers' personal computer without their permission. If in your office you share computers, then it is also prudent to check with everyone before deleting any files. Computers are valuable tools because they help to efficiently get work done. They also are quite expensive. If you want to use someone's computer, ask permission. If you're finished with a community computer, close your files. Others may want to use the computer and will have full rights to close your stuff- it's your responsibility to save your work.

3. Respect equals happiness: If you want to be treated with respect from your co-workers, you have to learn to treat them with respect. Simple as that! If you horse around a little too much with your co-workers, chances are they won't take you seriously. It is better to keep a distance than get too friendly. When you joke around, others might joke around with you. If you want to joke around, make sure you can handle a joke in return; if not, it's better to keep your mouth shut.

Reference Librarian Invited to Serve on American Library Committee

By Africa Barfield

Director of Marketing and Community Relations

Reference Librarian Robin Kear has been invited by the American Library Association to serve as an intern of the ALA Council International Relations Committee. The appointment is for a two-year term. Kear has also been asked to speak on a panel session for the American Library Association - International Relations Round Table at ALA annual in Chicago in June. The session is "Librarians Going Global: Making International Connections". Kear's topic will be an expansion of her article



Reference Librarian Robin Kear. Photo by Piya Chayanuwat

International Librarianship: Getting There from Here http://www.liscareer.com/kear_international.htm.

Ireland for Kids Author Event

On March 9, the Alvin Sherman Library hosted children's authors Patricia Reilly Giff and Susan Bartoletti for the Historically Speaking-Ireland for Kids event. The event included individual presentation, group discussions, a reception, and book signing.

Local Children's Author Sergio Andricain to visit Alvin Sherman Library

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center on the main campus of Nova Southeastern University will kick off National Library Week with a visit from children's author, Sergio Andricain on Tuesday, April 12 from 7-7:45 p.m. The free event is open to the public and will be held on the first floor of the library in the Public Library Services division.

Sergio Andricain is the author of several children's books in



Children's author Susan Bartoletti and Youth Service Librarian Amy Stultz. Photo by Molly Kinny

Spanish, including *Un Zoológico en Casa*, *Hace Muchísimo Tiempo*, *La Caja de las Coplas*, and *El Libro de Antón Pirulero*. In addition to his work in children's literature, Sergio Andricain has worked as an editor, translator, and writer for such magazines as *Buen Hogar*, and the Spanish editions of *Maxim* and *Travel & Leisure*. A graduate of the University of Havana in Cuba, Mr. Andricain now resides in Miami. For additional information on this event please call (954) 262-5477.

Leading Irish Politician Visits NSU

By Greg Kyriakakis

Staff Writer

Mark Durkan, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP) in Ireland, visited NSU on Tuesday, March 15, to talk about the Good Friday Agreement and the prospects of peace in the divided country. NSU humanities professor Dr. James Doan, who organized The Troubled Images: Posters and Images of the Northern Ireland Conflict, an exhibit dealing with the turmoil in Ireland, introduced the politician, who addressed attendees in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building.

Durkan spoke about the history of peace talks in Ireland, notably the Good Friday Agreement, which he called "the heart of our peace process" because it allowed the North and South to come to terms on how they could live together as "friends and equals." He said that the agreement allowed for a "new framework" to be created for their relationship. Since it was passed with high numbers on both sides, Durkan believes that the people will accept doing things at an "all-Ireland" level as opposed to having separate governments.



Mark Durkan. Photo by Greg Kyriakakis.

By honoring the agreement, the entire country will be able to "reap the benefits of growing together."

Durkan also addressed groups like the Irish Republican Army (IRA), and proclaimed that each party has to stand firmly by the agreement and demand that the paramilitaries "go away" and not corrupt the peace process. He cited the murder of Robert McCartney as an example of the quest for justice. The IRA wants to kill those responsible,

but the victim's family would rather have the law handle the situation.

Durkan's lecture, "A Better Way for a Better Ireland," was hosted by numerous NSU groups, including the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, the Shepard Broad Law Center, the South Florida Irish Studies Consortium, and the Celtic American Law Society (at Shepard Broad).

The Terri Schiavo Controversy Continues

Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

The medical malpractice case that began in 1990 continues to this day as the heated arguments surrounding Terri Schiavo spill out into Congress. The fragile topic of the “right to die” has penetrated opinions at the personal and political levels: Michael Schiavo and Terri’s parents have been at odds concerning the removal of the feeding tube, and Democrats and Republicans have been debating over its constitutionality. The controversy lies in whether Schiavo should be kept alive. To Schiavo’s immediate family she is “very much alive,” according to the Miami Herald and House Republicans. They see her “persistent vegetative state” as no reason to condemn Schiavo to death. Others believe it is wrong to inhumanely submit Schiavo to repeated and unsuccessful medical treatments. As of yet, Congress, and not Schiavo’s family, will have control of her fate. The following outline tracks Schiavo history from when she collapsed in her home in 1990, to most recently:

- Feb. 25, 1990:
- Terri Schiavo collapses in her home from possible potassium imbalance, temporarily stopping her heart and cutting off oxygen to her brain.
- November 1992:
- Schiavo’s husband, Michael, wins more than \$1 million in malpractice suit.
- July 29, 1993:

Upset over Terri Schiavo’s care and the lawsuit money, her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, try to have Michael removed as Terri’s guardian. The case is later dismissed.

- Feb. 11, 2000:
- Circuit Judge George W. Greer approves Michael Schiavo’s request to have Terri’s feeding tube removed.
- April 2001:
- State and U.S. supreme courts refuse to intervene, and Terri Schiavo’s tube is removed, but another judge orders it reinserted two days later.

-Feb. 13, 2002:

Medication attempts fail, and Michael Schiavo again seeks permission to remove feeding tube.

-Nov. 22, 2002:

After hearing medical testimony, Judge Greer finds no evidence that Terri Schiavo has any hope of recovery and again orders tube removed.

-Oct. 15, 2003:

Tube removed for second time.

-Oct. 21, 2003:

Gov. Jeb Bush signs hastily passed bill allowing him to intervene, then orders tube reinserted.

-Dec. 2, 2003:

Independent guardian finds “no reasonable medical hope” that Schiavo will improve.

-Sept. 23, 2004:

Florida Supreme Court strikes down “Terri’s Law” as unconstitutional.

-Feb. 25, 2005:

After declining to give the Schindlers more time to pursue other legal and medical options, Judge Greer gives permission for tube removal at 1 p.m. March 18.

-March 16, 2005:

U.S. House passes a bill aimed at keeping Terri alive.

-March 17, 2005:

Florida House passes a bill intended to keep Terri alive; U.S. Senate passes bill different from U.S. House version.

-March 18, 2005:

Congressional Republicans try to put off tube removal by seeking her appearance at hearings, but Greer rules the tube must be removed. The tube is soon removed.

-March 19, 2005:

Congressional leaders from both parties reach deal on bill that would allow the tube to be reconnected



Above: Mary Schindler comforts her daughter Terri Schiavo.

Below: Protestors piled into the streets supporting the survival of Terri Schiavo. Photo courtesy of www.theherald.com.



while a federal court reviews the case. The White House said President Bush would sign the bill when it is passed.

-March 20, 2005:

The Senate passes the bill, but Democrats in the House delay passage of the measure, which could be voted on early the next day.

Timeline courtesy of the Associated Press.

Bizarre News

A Zimbabwe woman paid a local musician \$5,000 to fly “invisible mermaids” from London to Harare to aid in recovering her stolen cash and car. According to the Associated Press, Magrate Mapfumo also paid for lodging, cell phones, and electric generators for the mermaids while they stayed in a local tourist resort. Mapfumo knew the names of the magic creatures - “Emma, Charmaine, Sharvine, Bella and a fifth one who was said to be an Arab mermaid,” but was told only spirit mediums could see them.

In New Delhi, India, a woman with two blind sons killed herself in hopes that her eyes could be used by her sons. Reuters reported that the thirty-seven year-old woman’s sons have been blind since birth, and doctors told the family that their conditions could not be helped by a transplant.

When Rebekah Armstrong of London was awoken by noises coming from her garden at 2:00 a.m., she looked outside to see her sleep-walking husband mowing the lawn while nude. News24 found that Rebekah unplugged the mower and let her husband continue mowing until he finished. He did not believe her story until he looked at the soles of his feet, which were “filthy.”

A Cincinnati driver, consumed by unrelenting road rage, caused an eleven car pile-up when he swerved around a slow moving Kia and slammed on his breaks. The driver of the Ford Explorer responsible for the accident fled the scene but was tracked down when other motorists give police his license plate number, reported The Cincinnati Post. Two people were treated at the hospital and the road was closed for forty-five minutes.

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

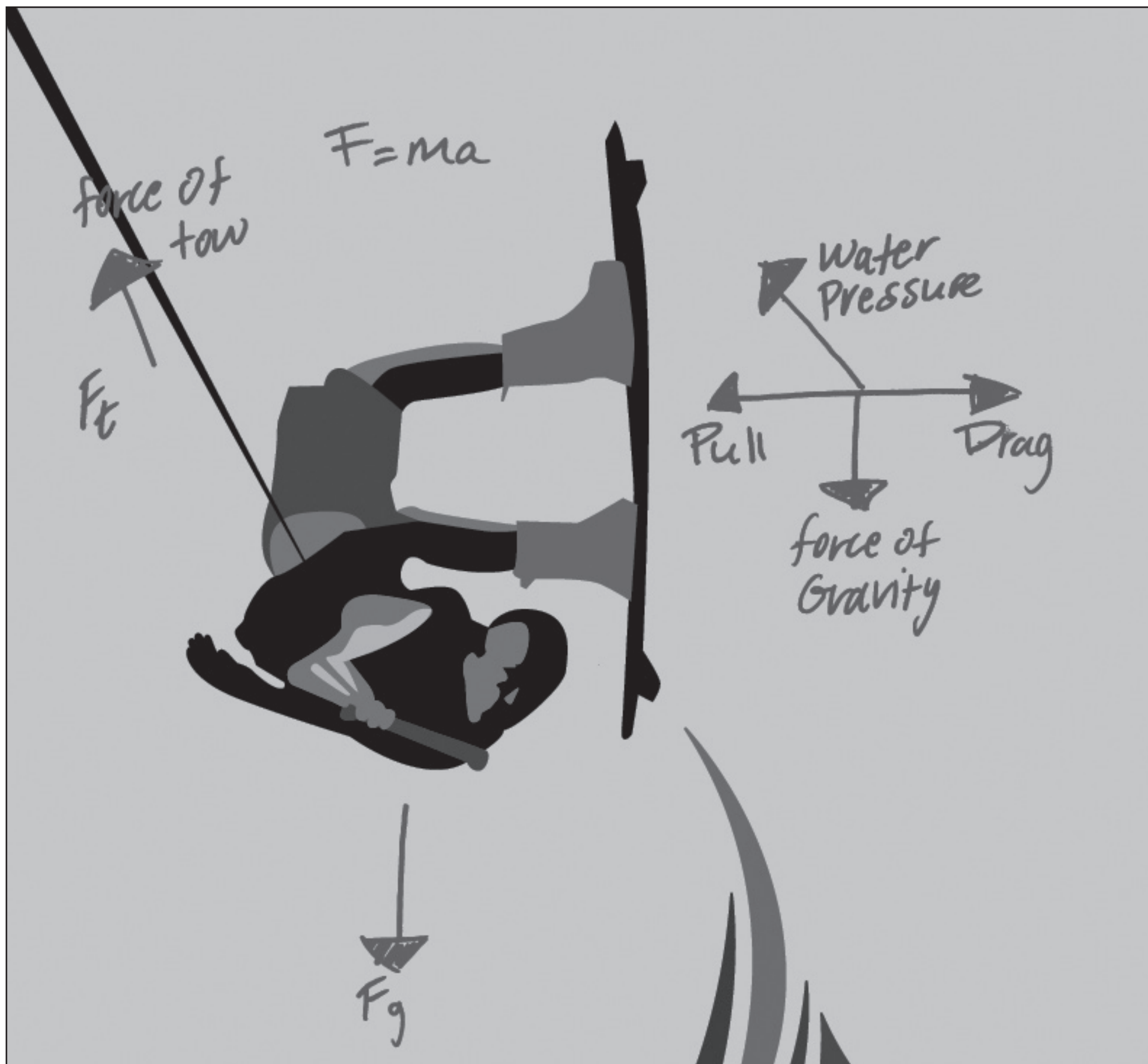
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Don't Become the Worm at the End of a Phisher's Hook!

By Laura George
Contributing Writer

Everyone knows that fishing brings to mind an idyllic picture of leaning back in a boat, a fat juicy worm on the end of a fishing pole, beautiful weather and not a single problem occurring in that peacefulness. But phishing, which draws its meaning from the wonderful preceding picture, can (in the world of computers) be both annoying and dangerous.

Phishing is a technological term referring to spammers and hackers who send out realistic looking emails (and some of these are quite good!), with links that redirect the end user to a fake website where they must provide personal information. Where this gets tricky is that the end user thinks they are responding to a legitimate company request. To explain this better, for our example we will use "Funny Money Bank" as our legitimate company. Funny Money Bank is a long-standing financial institution with a well-established reputation in the community. Along comes Bob Smith, our end user. He conducts his regular business on his email account. One day, he receives an email from Funny Money Bank, on their letterhead, explaining that they need him to answer and confirm his personal information as part of a routine check within the institution's system. He is informed not to respond to the email address, but instead to click on the link embedded in the

email. He selects the link and provides his name, social security number, address and other personal information about himself. Upon completing the information, he leaves the site, finishes his work in his email account and closes up for the day. Four months has passed by. While purchasing a new car, Bob learns from the salesman that there is a problem with his credit report. Bob sees that there are many types of outstanding bills and loans for purchases he never made and in places he has never been in.

There are two victims here: Funny Money Bank and Bob. Funny Money Bank has no idea that this false letter has been sent out until Bob comes into their bank demanding to know what they did to his credit. But Bob's problems are bigger than the bank's. He has had his identity stolen. It happened when he answered what he thought to be a legitimate email from Funny Money Bank.

How did this happen? The link that Bob clicked on which should have been the bank's site actually hopped about twenty or so times before arriving at its apparent destination in another country. The following is an example from a recent email seen on the IOC Listserv from an organization trying to help the end user obtain a mortgage. (*Note the location of the words .us, and later on ".br.")

(See below)

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traceroute to e0ki.defaultmtg.us (201.19.54.246), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
1 5.sub-66-174-38.myvzw.com (66.174.38.5) 371.576 ms 126.383 ms 147.76 ms
2 244.sub-66-174-168.myvzw.com (66.174.168.244) 143.321 ms 144.473 ms 140.655 ms
3 98.sub-66-174-38.myvzw.com (66.174.38.98) 150.648 ms 140.453 ms 142.14 ms
4 161.sub-66-174-36.myvzw.com (66.174.36.161) 134.833 ms 149.692 ms 130.505 ms
5 149.sub-66-174-99.myvzw.com (66.174.99.149) 216.591 ms 188.319 ms 218.466 ms
6 73.sub-66-174-98.myvzw.com (66.174.98.73) 205.831 ms 191.538 ms 211.535 ms
7 pos3-3.gw2.dfw9.alter.net (157.130.141.209) 226.549 ms 235.512 ms 227.545 ms
8 142.at-6-0-0.xr1.dfw9.alter.net (152.63.98.158) 243.668 ms 239.384 ms 245.628 ms
9 185.atm6-0.br4.dfw9.alter.net (152.63.100.217) 240.962 ms 390.541 ms 253.543 ms
10 acr1-at-3-0-0.dallas.savvis.net (204.255.168.82) 252.304 ms 249.697 ms 238.502 ms
11 acr1-loopback.miami.savvis.net (208.172.98.61) 262.577 ms acr2-loopback.miami.savvis.net (208.172.98.62) 270.384 ms acr1-loopback.miami.savvis.net (208.172.98.61) 262.186 ms
12 iar2-loopback.miami.savvis.net (208.172.98.13) 270.463 ms 282.224 ms 268.599 ms
13 telemar-norte-leste-sa.miami.savvis.net (208.173.90.90) 391.289 ms 477.627 ms 397.522 ms
14 200.223.254.110 (200.223.254.110) 389.313 ms 383.661 ms 345.558 ms
15 po4-0.bot-rj-rotn-01.telemar.net.br (200.223.131.134) 572.83 ms 335.595 ms 360.693 ms
16 po0-0.mpi-mg-rotn-01.telemar.net.br (200.223.131.121) 357.612 ms 305.084 ms 315.183 ms
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Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

Condom Sense

There is only one affective method against pregnancy and STD's besides abstinence, and that is CONDOMS! Now that we understand how to equip ourselves for responsible sex, how about the safety gear? How many times have you gone to the drug store or the gas station and been overwhelmed by the variety of condoms? First, you have all the different brands to choose from: Trojan, Durex, Lifestyles, Natural Lamb, Pleasure Plus etc. Once you pick a brand, you are then faced with an even more vexing dilemma: which



one? There are Her Pleasure, Non-Lubricant, Ultra Ribbed, Extra Strength, Shared Sensation and Magnum, just to name a few! Where does one begin?

I have consulted with the Trojan website to make sense out of all these love gloves. Although there are many different brands of condoms, Trojan is almost a household name and can be found wherever condoms are sold. Trojan also has a "condom selector" on their website that assists the consumer in finding the condom most suitable for him/her; the selector poses four questions to determine a perfect match: design feature, lube, material and fit. The following is a quick guide to some different types of condoms:

Enz – Special reservoir end for extra safety (for the Olympic shooters)

Her Pleasure – Features a prominent ribbing pattern of raised rings near the open end of the condom to stimulate a woman's most sensitive areas. (A little extra something for the ladies)

Non-Oxynol 9 (N-9) – Spermicidal lubricant for extra protection against pregnancy. (You can never be too safe)

Ultra Fit – Contour shaped for form fitting comfort. (A bit snugger)

Very Sensitive – Designed for sensitive sensation. (No clue what makes it so "sensitive")

Supra – Transmits body heat, ultra thin and ultra strong. (Now that's hot!)

Pleasure Mesh – Provides over 300 raised passion xxx's designed to stimulate both partners' most sensitive areas. (Oooo lala!)

Extended Pleasure – Climax Control Lubricant: clear and odorless lubricant

with special additive to help prevent premature ejaculation and help provide greater staying power. (Now that's what I'm talking about!)

Non-lubricant – (Ouch!)

Large – Longer and wider for greater comfort.

J Magnum - Larger than standard. J J

Magnum XL - 30% larger than standard condoms. (Ahhh! Run for your life!)

Remember, it is both the male's and female's responsibility to come prepared - never expect the other person to take the responsibility; step up to the plate! Feeling embarrassed to go into a store and buying condoms is a cop out, male or female. Stand tall, head up, firm voice and use your new "Condom Sense." We should all be filled with pride that others know that we protect ourselves! Hey, try surfing some of the following websites, many of them send free samples; also stop by Student Counseling and grab a handful of the free condoms that they supply.



For more condom info check out:

www.trojancondoms.com
www.condomania.com
www.ripnroll.com
www.justrubbers.com

Photo of the Week



The Un-Official School Mascot

The Squirrels of NSU are indispensable to the campus. A day at NSU is not complete without spying a squirrel going through the trash, staring blankly at passing students, chasing each other's tails around campus, or contemplating life, like the one pictured.

PHISHING

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The person who completed the trace stated that the .br domain seen in the very last line is probably owned by some individual or organization in Brazil. According to the chart of “Active Reported Phishing Sites by week October 2004 - January 2005” as seen on the homepage Anti-Phishing Working Group’s (<http://www.antiphishing.org>) website March 15, 2005, there were 948 active phishing sites during the week of January 29, 2005. Yet, as recently as October 2 of the prior year, the report showed that there were 161 sites. Imagine the number of end users who, in addition to Bob, might have had their identity stolen in the past six months. To keep from becoming a victim, there are some easy guidelines to follow when receiving emails asking for personal information. (See box below)

Identity theft and phishing expeditions are on the rise. Organizations like the Anti-Phishing Working Group now exist to track these incidents in an ongoing effort to put a stop to the problem. So instead of being a worm caught by a *phish*, be the early bird (wise end-user) who catches the worm (criminal)!

1. Well-established companies do not send requests for information over the Internet where their identity is concerned. (Examples: Washington Mutual, SunTrust, Citibank, AOL, etc.)

2. If the only link highlighted that the email directs response to is embedded in the text of the letter, do not respond to it.

3. When the mouse pointer is moved over the link; look at the bottom line of the browser window. The links address will be displayed there. Most likely it will be something different then the link itself. Again, do not respond to it.

4. Never click on links in emails, but instead type them in manually in the URL line. A new phishing scheme includes adding international characters from other languages that are not normally printed so the user cannot tell what the true destination is.

BBBS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters has a positive impact on the community.

all to enjoy. Out in the field, Big Brothers and their buddies enjoyed sports such as football and softball. A bounce house was available for toddlers. Pizza and garlic rolls were served with orange drinks donated by McDonalds.

With a turnout of over 100 kids, the event was a big accomplishment. During those three hours, experiences shared by Bigs and Littles will be something cherished by both. Nancy Park, Big Brothers Big Sisters Project Services Specialist, would agree. She is a strong believer that “the program boosts self-esteem and helps the child grow to be a healthy, confident individual.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward is just one chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters National Agency, headquartered in Philadelphia. Officially formed in New York City in 1904, the organization now includes more than 500 affiliations. Its mission is to match kids in need of positive role models with caring adults who can create lasting friendships and in essence be their big brother or big sister.

Those interested in

becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister are encouraged to contact Nancy Park at 954-522-7677 ext. 111. For more information visit www.bbbsbroward.org.



Top: This little buddy shoots some hoops. **Bottom:** Bam! Pow! Children take turns smashing the piñata for candy. Photo by Rafia Chodhry and Jennifer Bowman.

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NSU On The Scene:

"How do you feel about the Terri Schiavo ordeal?"

Davia McDonald
Junior
English
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

"The woman should be allowed to die. Its cruel to keep a human being hooked up to machines for 13 years."

David Hernandez
Sophmore
Biology
Davie, FL

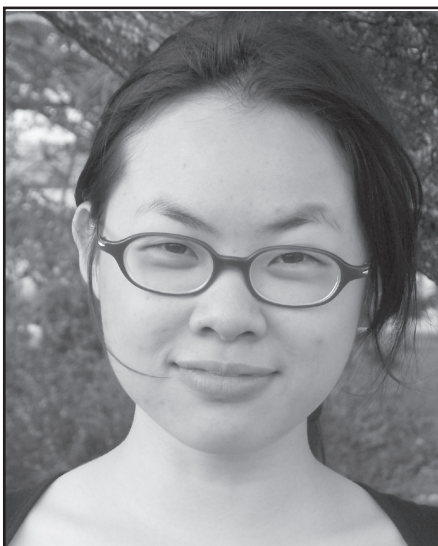
"Every human being deserves the right to live, yet it is better to die in peace than to live in suffering."

Randi Samuels
Senior
Psychology
San Francisco, CA

"The world is based on perceptions and as long as she is able to perceive a world around her, her feeding tube should remain in place."

Hasan Syed
Freshman
Biology
Atlanta, Georgia

**"if she dies, she dies"
- Ivan Diago"**



Yi Jen Lin
Sophomore
Biology
Taiwan

"They should keep the tube in. She doesn't seem to deserve to die."

Paul Sinclair
Sophomore
Psychology
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

"Even though she is disabled, she has the right to life. Keep the tube in and have parents care for her."

Jessica Boyd
Freshman
Marine Biology
Kokamo, Maryland

"They should keep the tube in. She shouldn't die because her husband is greedy and stealing all her money. If she's in pain, her suffering should end....rock on!"

Puneet Kulhari
Sophomore
Biology
Pembroke Pines, FL

"Take her off the feeding tube and let her die in peace rather than suffer."



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By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Recently, it seems that some famous person is always playing with the courts. Whether it is someone made famous by the hideousness of their crime like Scott Peterson, a basketball star like Kobe Bryant or the King of Pop himself, these seemingly famous people are catching the public's attention and turning it towards the judicial system. Old Hollywood has now joined the side show of court performers: Robert Blake was charged with murder and solicitation of murder for his wife, Bonnie Lee Bakley. He has since been acquitted of both counts and is now free to rejoin society.

Many have heard the name Robert Blake, but are unable to associate it with any of his work.



In the past, he has played roles from mass murderer John List in a TV movie to detectives and military personnel. Blake was able to maintain innocence despite attempts to paint him as a killer

Robert Blake, in court, standing trial for the murder and solicitation of the murder of his wife.

because of what jurors called "flimsy evidence."

Michael Jackson Trial Update

Alaina Siminovsky
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The Michael Jackson saga continues as an extended family affair with Jackson's immediate family as well as his fans gathered around the courthouse. With a total of 10 charges against the King of Pop, the defense and prosecution continue to duke it out in court with Judge Melville as the arbiter. The latest hot topic in the trial has been the recent testimony of the Neverland housekeeper, Kiki Fournier. She attested to having seen children drunk in the house on a few occasions and that they basically had run of the house. When she referred to the 1993 Michael Jackson molestation case, the defense moved for a mistrial. This prior allegation of misconduct on the part of Michael Jackson has not been admitted in the current trial. The mistrial motion was dismissed, as other witnesses have referred



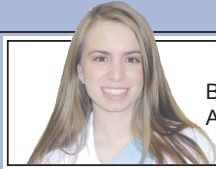
to the 1993 actions.

On Friday, March 18, Judge Melville was forced to ponder the question of admissibility of the evidence from the 1993 allegations. He told both sides that the previous accuser would not be required to attend the hearing, but

could be called in at a later time. The previous cases against Jackson did not yield any charges and were instead settled monetarily outside of court.

The trial will continue for at least the next few weeks. For more information, see cnn.com, or for another view check out Sky News at sky.com.

Photos: Its an extended family event with blood relatives and fans who feel like family coming to support their king. Photo Courtesy Fox.com



By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Compromise is Key

Democracy is much more than one person, one vote. It encompasses most of what we hold dear: free elections, free speech etc. One of the keys of democracy is consensus building and communication; communication that will lead to compromise. Recently, it can be said that the system that rests on compromise and communication has been deteriorating. Both the educated and illiterate electorate finds themselves voting on party lines. This voting pattern is paralleled in Congress where it seems that voting with the party is more important than attempting compromise and actually serving your constituency.

The most recent development in party politics of the week has been the bill that the Senate passed in regards to drilling for oil in Alaska. The issue has been quite a hot topic and in the past was thwarted by a democratic filibuster is now tied to the budget in order to stop this tactic. Democrats attempted to wrest the issue from the budget, but did so to no avail. Their plight now? They must attempt to compromise with those in favor of drilling. Without the majority, or even enough to thwart the bill, the Democrats cannot use an "I refuse" response when dealing in Congress.

At times, breakdowns in our system come when one party supports something that the other simply refuses to discuss or even entertain. When the situation is like it is today, the Democrats don't really retain the leverage to act like that and still get their way. With a Conservative majority in both Houses, bills can be passed without any of the other party's support. That's where compromise comes in. Instead of dismissing issues that are not typically supported by one's party, attacking the bill and adding on provisions that you can reconcile yourself with is the only viable option. Leaving a bill unchecked could cause more harm than good.

When our options are limited, compromise is key. If we refuse to engage in dialogue, we disenfranchise ourselves. Compromise is not just a political tool, however. It should be used in our dealings with our professors and our peers alike. No one can get their way all of the time and maintain peaceful working or living arrangements. Although getting your way all of the time would be ideal, it's simply not worth the stress and alienation necessary to attempt. If we train ourselves to shoot for the moon, and if we don't get our way, compromise: instead of settling for a star, maybe you could find yourself on another moon in a place you never thought of, but aren't disappointed about either.

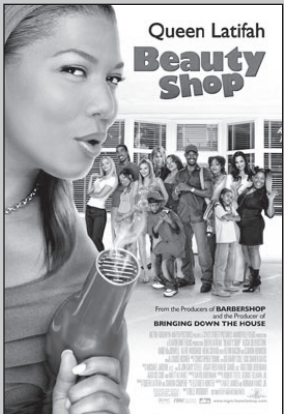
This Week in Arts and Entertainment

Movie Openings:

Wednesday, March 30

Beauty Shop opens to audiences nationwide on March 30. This comedy is rated PG-13 and stars: Queen Latifa, Alfre Woodard, Alicia Silverstone, Andie MacDowell, and Della Reese.

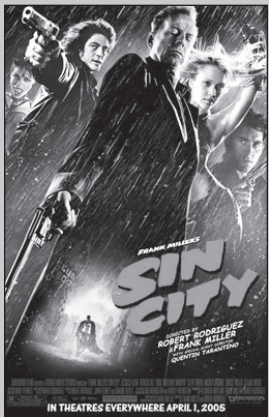
Synopsis: Gina Norris (Queen Latifa) is a long way from the *Barbershop*- now she's in Atlanta making a name for herself at a post Southern salon with her cutting-edge hairstyles. But when her flamboyant, egotistical boss (Kevin Bacon) takes it one criticism too far, she leave his salon to open a shop of her own, taking the shampoo girl (Alicia Silverstone) and a few key clients (Andie MacDowell and Mena Suvri) with her. Gina buys a random salon and inherits an opinionated group of headstrong stylists (including Alfre Woodard), a colorful clientele, and a sexy upstairs neighbor (Djimon Hounsou).



Friday, April 1

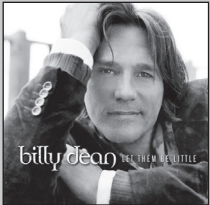
Sin City opens to audiences nationwide on April 1. This action/adventure, crime/gangster film is rated R and stars Mickey Rourke, Bruce Willis, Benicio Del Toro, Clive Owen, Elijah Wood and Jessica Alba.

Synopsis: Sin City is a violent city where the police department is as corrupt as the streets are deadly. In this film, we follow three stories, the central of which is Marv, a tough-as-nails and nearly impossible to kill street fighter who does on a rampage of vengeance when a beautiful woman, Goldie, is killed while lying in bed with him.

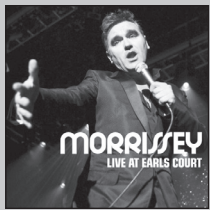


CD Releases Tuesday, March 29

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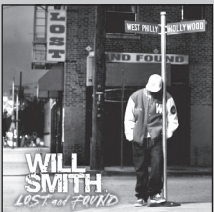


Morrissey **Live at Earl's Court**



Larry the Cable Guy **Right to Bare Arms**

Will Smith **Lost and Found**



Performances:

Tuesday, March 29

Tony Bennett, March 29 at 8 p.m., Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Au Rene Theatre, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312



Thursday, March 31

Papa Roach Featuring Trust Company and No Warning, March 31 at 6:30 p.m., Revolution, 200 West Broward Blvd., Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312



Compiled by Alaina Siminovsky

Video Game Review Part 2 of 2 Devil May Cry 3: Dante's Awakening

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer



Mistakes are opportunities to learn and correct faults, and Capcom learned from their error in releasing the mediocre Devil May Cry 2. The resulting correction is Devil May Cry 3: Dante's Awakening. This game, without a doubt, is the most extreme and challenging gaming experience ever to hit the Playstation 2 console. Although DMC 1 was amazing for its time, DMC 3 easily surpasses the original game in the quality of the storyline, gameplay, and graphics. Not to mention, DMC 3 gives the player a workout as well; many calloused thumbs can attest that the difficulty levels in the first two releases are a joke compared to this latest installment.

The reason the difficulty of DMC 3 is incredibly challenging is that an element of strategy has been incorporated into the gameplay. Unlike the first two games, where the player can get along just fine by relentlessly hacking and blasting, DMC 3 requires tactical use of the different weapons and the new styles of fighting. Although handguns function well against several demonic foes, a shotgun or rocket launcher probably has more value. Where speed is a necessity, the slow reload time of rocket launcher is not as advantageous as the handguns. Also, weapons enchanted with fire easily damage opponents comprised of ice. Six new fighting styles have also been added to the protagonist's arsenal: Dante can use Swordmaster to specialize in close combat or can switch to Gunslinger to handle firearms like Neo only wishes he could. Each of the four available styles and the two that are obtained later in the game have their own benefits and flaws. Choosing the right combination of weapons and styles lessens the chances of complete annihilation by regular enemies and the inhumanely tough bosses.

To compensate for the pure insanity of the action in DMC 3, game designers have increased the speed and strength of the main character. Dante is far more agile and powerful than he

was in the preceding games, and it is fortunate too: the artificial intelligence of the enemies in the first two games had them generally meandering until Dante attacked. In DMC 3, however, the enemies are far more intelligent and aggressive, persistently attacking and drawing the player into combat. But the AI is not solely set on attacking either: if the gamer is prone to jumping to avoid harm then the enemies will also jump, chasing Dante. And if guns are used, the enemy will take a defensive strategy, dodging side to side and leaping. DMC 3 is designed to test not only the reflexes of the player, but also how effectively the player can adapt to situations.

The storytelling methods make the plot more intriguing this time around. The original game and DMC 2 featured cutscenes at the beginning of each mission, which were pleasant but not informative in the context of the plot. They revealed next to nothing as to what was happening. DMC 3, on the other hand, gradually reveals the history of Dante's mysterious father and twin brother, Virgil. And the cutscenes not only reveal this with the quality of big movie productions, but also with humor and dramatic voice-acting. DMC 3 feels like the gamer is playing a movie.

Little can be said about the flaws of DMC 3 because there are so few. The only complaints gamers may have are concerning the camera angles that are awkward at times and the harshly steep learning curve. Newcomers will curse at the screen, but of course, veterans will too. And therein lies the fun.



Left: What other game lets the character hop on downed opponents, skate around, and blast other foes? None. **Right:** When guns and swords fail, a good ol' boot to the face works fine. Photo Courtesy www.ign.com.

Ring Two Takes Number One in the Box Office

By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Rating:



\$4, Good Acting, A few Scary Moments, More Suspense would have helped the plot along.



Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) coaches her son Aidan (David Dorfman) into the bathtub to warm him, since he’s conspicuously become as cold as the dead. **Left:** She only enters later to see him drowning; when she attempts to pull him out, Samara is there instead, so she thrusts the girl back into the water to bring her son back. Photos Courtesy Dream-

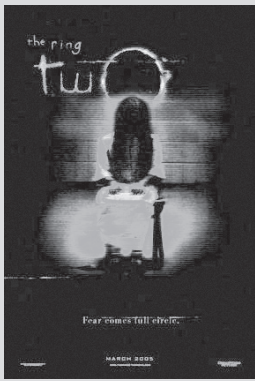
There has been a lot of talk about sequels that just don’t reach the mark left by their predecessors. Sometimes it’s a failure of plot, but sometimes it’s not a failure at all, but a completely different approach yielding virtually a completely different film. Hideo Nakata’s latest installment to *The Ring*, *Ring Two* didn’t quite pack the punch that one would expect after seeing the first film. In fact, after the first frightening moments which mimic the original’s opening, the frightful scenes exist and may throw you, but they are not as plentiful as one would think.

The key word to this sequel is suspense. After what seems like an abridged eternity of the opening sequence where the audience is socialized to the events that span the few months since *The Ring*, the action tapers off and a heavy plot emphasis takes its place. Aidan and Rachel have moved to a new place to escape the memories of Samara’s haunting and the sadness left in the wake of her destruction. But she follows. The opening scene is almost *Scream*-like in that it literally could have been taken from *The Ring*’s cutting room floor. Two kids- one attempts to make the other watch the tape. She doesn’t... He dies. Samara’s back and there’s no difference in what she wants: a mother. This time she tries to basically possess Aidan by using him as a conduit between life and death. Through the

boy, the girl regains life. While the film was less scary than expected, and the plot interesting but not superb, the acting met the mark. Aidan (David Dorfman) was simply enchanting. The independent youth from the first film is maintained, as the spooky child still hasn’t warmed up to his mother.... Until he, or she rather, stars calling Rachel “mommy.” Its eerie and disturbing more than outright scary, but Dorfman pulls it off. Naomi Watts gives a virtually stellar performance, overcoming a mother’s stereotypical role to *be a good mother*. Finally, the film ends with Aidan being saved from eternal sleep by his mother’s sacrifice - however, because the plot winds down so nicely, Rachel finds a way back from inside the tape.

Motifs and visions are the same, but taken further from *The Ring* and are used to give Rachel a way out. In effect, Rachel emulates her visions: She finds that old mirror and is captured by it; she finds Samara’s mother and learns the truth; she goes to the well and closes it; she falls off of the cliff... Just like Samara’s adoptive mother. However, Rachel, in doing so, finds a way back to her son. There is only one question that many movie goers are left with: Why are Rachel and Aidan attacked by bucks in the wood? If anyone missed that there were maybe hundreds of antlers in Samara’s adoptive parent’s basement, they

simply weren’t paying any attention. Her adoptive parents obviously had a similar encounter with the beasts or hunted them, allowing Samara to gain familiarity with them and then use them in the future - in this case, against our protagonist. The only issue with the bucks is the animation - could it have been more fake? The actor’s execution is flawless, but the sequel is nonetheless not perfect. If the suspense was intensified and the storyline jolted with a few more big scares, the *Ring Two* might have rivaled the first. But hype is hype, and the film did gross \$36million dollars for the number one spot in the box office.



Rated: PG-13
Director: Hideo Nakata
Distributor: DreamWorks Pictures
Starring: Naomi Watts, David Dorfman, Elizabeth Perkins, Simon Baker

MOVIE REVIEWS



\$6- BRAVE THE TIMES OPENING NIGHT!



\$5- SEE IT NEXT WEEK.



\$4- BORED? AFTERNOON MATINEE.



\$3- NO HURRY, RENT IT.



\$2- ACCIDENTLY CATCH IT ON HBO.



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American Idol Recap

By Alaina Siminovsky
Arts and Entertainment Editor

When Ruben and Clay virtually tied, American Idol did not demand a recount. However, last week after some of the most stellar performances of the competition, the numerical codes displayed by the show were incorrect and misleading. During the “ballot” review, two numbers were displayed and only one

was correct. Because of this major glitch the voting was declared null and void. On Wednesday March 23, the infamous night of elimination, no one got the boot and instead the previous night’s performances were replayed. After Wednesday’s replay, voting was reopened and the elimination was rescheduled for Thursday, March 24.

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The Knights Softball Team Splits Doubleheader With Winona State

In First Game the Knights Overcame the Warriors, then Unable to Come Back in the Second Game

By Alicia Winslett
Staff Writer

On March 15, the women's softball team (12-13) competed against Winona State University (6-5) in a double header at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex. In the first game, the Knights had a come from behind victory to win the game 4-3. Then in the second game, they lost 8-0 in five innings due to great offense from the Warriors.

The Warriors had started strong in the first inning of the first game when Sarah Carlson scored on an error by the centerfielder. But, in the bottom of the second inning Katie Veltri scored on an error by the Warriors shortstop. This brought

the game to a 1-1 tie.

In the fourth inning, Winona State added one run by a sacrifice fly to center field by Katie Wegner that allowed Kristin Noble to score. The final run for the Warriors came in the sixth inning when Brittany Roy singled into



Rigil Gruca pitches the ball down to the plate.
Photo by Alicia Winslett



3rd baseman Janette Rodriguez and Shortstop Jessica Reader waits for the play. Photo by Alicia Winslett

left field bringing home Sarch Carlson from third base.

In the bottom of the seventh the Warriors were up ahead of the Knights 3-1, but the Knights did not let it end like that. They started scoring off when Nicole

Rodriguez hit a single to right center bringing home Jennifer Koffman from third base. With one out, Diana Goolsby hit a single to right field bringing home Lindsay Hoffman. The final score came from Angela Martinez when she hit a single to center, bringing Rodriguez home to score. The Knights notched their win 4-3, with

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The Women's Golf Team Competes in the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational

Amanda Brown Leads the Knights Individually and Jenni Mostrom One Stroke Behind

By Alicia Winslett
Staff Writer

March 14 and 15, the Nova Southeastern University Golf team competed in the 54-hole tournament at the Rollins College Invitational at Tuscawilla Country Club in Winterpark, FL. The women's team finished in twelfth place with a three round total of 974 (324-325-325). The golf course was a par 72 with a yardage of 6,089.

This was a very tough field: it was filled with three of the top-10 teams in the NCAA Division II, as well as nine Division I schools and one of the top junior college teams in

the nation. But the team that took the win was Division II Rollins College, winning the event with a 54-hole total of 901 (298-300-303).

Senior Amanda Brown led the Knights individually, shooting a pair of 80s the first day when the team played 36 holes. In the final round, she shot 81 for a total of 241.

In the end, there was a tie for the individual title, so there was a playoff to determine the champion. Pamela Feggans of

Florida Southern birdied the first playoff hole to capture the individual title over Jenna Schmidt of UNC-Greensboro.

With the Knights, Jenni Mostrom tied for 39th with a three round total of 242 (82-80-80). Freshman, Lina Bjorklund tied for 44th with a 244 (81-83-80). Sophie Friis shot a total of 253 to tie for 64th. Elizabeth Bond tied for 67th (81-89-84=254).



By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

A Serious Problem

The U.S. Government has now stepped in to the MLB and their steroid problem. I would say that Jose Canseco's book had a lot to do with that: in *Juiced*, Canseco names a lot of people that did steroids with him. But now that some of the players have had hearings, the courts say the worst the players get is suspension. So that means that they don't have to pay for their steroid use, just suspension for what they did? I think that it's wrong to use anything to help a player get better without the hard work they should be putting in.

Congressmen have been criticizing the MLB for the fines they were going to put on the baseball players, so the management officials told the committee they were willing to take away the fine provision. The fines came all the way from the drug-testing agreement in 2002. In my eyes, if you have a fine, you should have to pay for it, regardless. But a lot of professional athletes get relieved of a lot of fines because they are so well known.

Donald Fehr has now made an agreement that any player that tests positive for steroids will be suspended. Everyone knew this was going to happen, so I don't know why Fehr is making such a big deal of it now in the courts. Commissioner Bud Selig also kept saying that it was his intention to suspend all players that tested positive. Shouldn't any player have some penalty for using an illegal substance? Until now, the MLB didn't think the players should have any penalty. To some extent everyone was just ignoring the whole problem. At least now, it's on the surface and someone else is stepping in to stop this problem.

In the new agreement, the players will have penalties as follows: In the first positive test there will be a 10-day suspension or up to a \$10,000 fine. A second positive test will result in a 30-day suspension or up to \$25,000 fine. A third positive will be a 60-day suspension or up to \$50,000 fine. In the fourth positive test in one year there will be a one-year suspension or up to \$100,000 fine. After that, the discipline will be decided by the commissioner.

Agreeing with me, Sen. John McCain also says that there should be a tougher plan for the MLB players. These guys get more money than I will ever see, and the suspensions and money spent doesn't mean a lot to them. They can do their steroids and just sit out and pay their money, and that's it. "It just seems to me they can't be trusted. It seems to me that we ought to seriously consider... a law that says all professional sports have a minimum level of performance-enhancing drug testing," said the Arizona Republican McCain on ABC.

Men's and Women's Sports Stats

Baseball (21-9, 6-3 SSC)

The Knights have won 9 out of 10, including taking two out of three from No. 17 Barry University this past weekend. Junior 2B Sean McFadden (Hollywood, Fla.) leads the team with a .361 BA (39-for-108) and 25 RBI. Sophomore SS Shawn Langlois (West Palm Beach, Fla.) is tied with McFadden for the team lead in hits with 39 (.355 BA) and leads the team with 28 runs scored and 19 stolen bases.

Senior right-handed pitchers Kyle Ruwe (Sunrise, Fla.) and Derek Antelo (Miami, Fla.) lead the pitching staff. Ruwe has a 5-3 record and a 2.54 ERA with a team-high 47 strikeouts in 63.2 innings of work. Antelo (2.02 ERA) is still a perfect 6-0 following his first no-decision of the season this weekend, and has allowed just 11 earned runs in 49.0 innings with 46 K's.

for-88), 25 RBI and 14 extra base hits as well as a .591 slugging percentage. Senior Diana Goolsby (Ocala, Fla.) leads the team with 36 hits, 23 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. Freshman pitcher Laura Cepicky (Waterloo, Ill.) is 10-4 with a 1.98 ERA and has registered 99 strikeouts in 92.0 innings of work.

SSC STANDINGS							
	SSC			OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Tampa	6	0	1.000	25	3	0	.893
Nova Southeastern	6	3	.667	21	9	0	.700
Florida Tech	4	2	.667	18	12	0	.600
Florida Southern	3	3	.500	21	4	0	.840
Lynn	3	3	.500	18	9	0	.667
Rollins	2	4	.333	19	9	0	.679
Barry	2	4	.333	18	10	0	.643
Eckerd	1	5	.167	9	18	0	.333
Saint Leo	0	3	.000	14	13	0	.519

	SSC			OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Saint Leo	7	2	.778	22	5	0	.815
Barry	7	2	.778	21	10	0	.677
Lynn	9	3	.750	26	5	0	.839
Florida Tech	8	4	.667	18	7	0	.720
Florida Southern	5	4	.556	21	7	0	.750
Nova Southeastern	4	5	.444	16	15	0	.516
Rollins	5	7	.417	22	9	0	.710
Tampa	3	9	.250	11	14	0	.440
Eckerd	0	12	.000	4	23	0	.148

Women's Tennis (5-9)

The No. 19 Knights are led by Tsippy Waterman (Fr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) who won each of her singles matches this past week. The freshman posted three straight-set victories over opponents from USMA West Point, Indianapolis University and Florida Gulf Coast University and is now 9-5 on the season in singles action.

Women's Rowing

The Knights won three of four events at the Rollins Spring Break Race this past weekend. NSU won the varsity eight race by 8-seconds over second place Barry University in a time of 6:37.0, then followed with a victory in the Division II varsity four with a time of 7:49.2. The winning continued in the varsity four race, as NSU's crew won not only the event, but remained undefeated this year. The Knights finished in a time of 7:16.9 with second-place Barry finishing in 7:24.1. NSU's novice eight crew finished 4th to first place Jacksonville University in a time of 7:30.1 in the final event of the day.

	SSC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Lynn	5	0	13	3
Barry	7	1	11	2
Rollins	4	2	7	3
Florida Southern	1	2	8	3
Tampa	1	2	5	7
Saint Leo	1	2	5	9
Nova Southeastern	1	3	5	9
Eckerd	0	1	7	3
Florida Tech	0	7	1	8

Softball (16-15, 4-5 SSC)

The Knights have won four out of five with senior Janette Rodriguez (Miami, Fla.) leading the team with a .375 BA (33-

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their rally. Shannon Lynch pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs and seven hits. Winona State's Elissa Wisniewski had her second loss of the season, allowing four runs on five hits. In the second game though, it was a different story for the Knights. The Knights couldn't bring home any runs, and that's all the Warriors were doing. In the third inning, Winona State added three runs when Jamie Kettwig Roy and Lindsay Rosicky scored. In the next two innings the Warriors added five more runs to end the game 8-0. Winona State's Jenny Stannis had her fourth win of the season. Rigil Gruca of the Knights had her first loss in her first start of the season. Gruca pitched four innings, and Michelle Scales relieved her in the fifth inning.



Angela Martinez swings at the ball. Photo by Alicia Winslett



Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Most of us have a number of fond childhood memories, and for many, some of these memories are attached to a favorite book, movie, or television program we watched when we were young. So when something happens to ruin such memories, it's fairly common for people to get a bit peevish with whatever is doing to ruining.

Such was my issue when I received a message on my cell phone (yes, the broken one) last week. "You will not believe it! Blasphemy! Pure blasphemy!" This is the sort of message I roll my eyes at a bit, because when the word 'blasphemy' is involved, I know that my mother (who was the one leaving the message) is not being entirely serious. Considering she was informing me that there was going to be a new movie rendition of "I Dream of Jeannie" and that Paris Hilton would be playing Jeannie, I had to concur that it was, indeed, blasphemy. At the very least.

Now, "I Dream of Jeannie" was my favorite television show when I was younger, and I'm still a fan. People who know me have probably seen me cruising around campus in my Jeannie shirt, and the only reason I don't bring food to school in my Jeannie lunchbox is that I don't want to scratch the paint. I realize, watching the show again after several years of not having seen it, just how terribly cheesy and silly it was, but at least it was wholesome. Which can not be said for Paris Hilton.

Now, I'm not blasting Paris. (Okay, maybe I am) I'm just saying that I'm a bit surprised that someone in Hollywood would make a decision to put someone with such a bad girl image in the place of the sainted Barbara Eden (who, for those not familiar with TV Land fodder, played Jeannie in the original television program). It's not as if she's the only blonde actress in the country. One would think that the producers would want to maintain the same kind of feel and image for the movie that they had for the T.V. program so as to keep the people who loved the original excited about the movie. The age group that would have been watching what we now call "Classic Television" during their young years (before there were re-runs) is one of the most difficult to lure into the movie theaters, and if someone is trying to use Paris as a lure, they must be hallucinating if they think it's going to work. As far as I know, the group they're most likely to pull in with her as a lead actress is the 20-something reality T.V. fan group. Or maybe 30-something, if they're lucky.

I'd like to keep my childhood memories whole and well, so as far as I'm concerned, Barbara Eden is the one and only Jeannie. No bad girl should be able to sully Jeannie's pristinely cute and wholesome image, thus tainting happy T.V. Land memories everywhere.

I guess I'm going to have to miss this episode.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

Gay, Homo, Fag...

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

Gay. Homo. Fag. These upsetting words were written on some club posters in the Parker Building's first floor hallways. As I walked up the stairs reading the club events, my eyes fell upon a friend's club, the Surf Club, where something along the lines of 'gay' and 'homo' were written in the corner of their calendar. Unnerving as it was, I walked non-chalantly to class as I contemplated those words—gay, homo, fag. Although I'm as straight as Lucy Liu's hair, I have no opposition towards homosexuality. In elementary school, I had a guy friend who was extremely eccentric—well,

the word was extremely gay, but I did not know that word until I reached high school.

As I continued to walk to class, I thought about all my lesbian and gay friends, and I thought, "people hate them just because they like their own sex, and this bias is most likely unjustified." Our society has ideals that have influenced narrow-mindedness: we only fall in love with beautiful people, we only fall in love with the opposite sex, and skirts are for women to wear only. Honestly, you would find it odd to see a young man in a skirt, but is that because our society says skirts are for ladies only? Or is it because *you* think it is weird?

These 'ideals' have caused some students at NSU to insolently express their intolerance, and I find it immature to the point where I feel like I am strolling the hallways of my old middle school. And I *hated* middle school. I thought college was a place where everyone was accepted and no one cared about orientation, sexual or otherwise. I was severely wrong. How naïve of me to think so idyllically! Ideals, ideals—the word is so extreme, yet so subtle. I wonder what boy or girl had the audacity to write something so offensive. I wonder if it made them feel better, so smug, so proud of themselves, thinking, "Wow, I just hurt someone for no reason at all."

This Week's Poll Question:

How do you feel anout the recent discrimination against the GLBT community?

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It upsets me.

☐

It's about time.

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What the heck is GLBT?

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Last Week's Question:
Who are you most likely to vote for?

Results:
67% would vote for the next American Idol

33% would vote for the next NSU student president

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Week in Pictures

A look at some of the most interesting things this week, captured all on film and located below for your viewing pleasures. Turn to the back cover for our "Photo of the Week!"

Right: Easter Time!

The Asian Student Association and Alpha Phi Omega combine forces to provide Easter gift baskets filled with candy and plush toys for the children of Joe DiMaggio's Hospital. Photo By Nicolle Garber.



Left: Appreciate Your Teacher

A student places a note in Dr. Sherman's pot. SGA held Teacher Appreciation Day where students were able to "appreciate" the teachers of their choice. Each pot had a teacher's name and was placed in the division where they teach. Photo by Nicolle Garber.



Right: Check out G.C Espinoza the 'Bomb' bartender at the Flight Fleck. Picture by Nimita Lakhani



Left: Ever wonder what the inside of a cat looks like? Students Carlos Arias and Denis Dospekhev found out while dissecting a cat in Dr. Sherman's A & P II Lab... ewww. Picture by Nimita Lakhani



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