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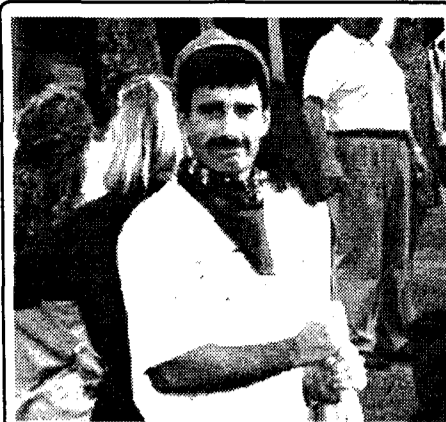
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Brad Williams ponders his odds in the raft race. For the results and the scoop on Homecoming events, see the spread on 16 and 17.

Travel to the Amazon with Dr. Barker

by Christie MacDonald

Have you ever wanted to explore the jungles of the Amazon? For those with the exotic hunger and ecological interest, Dr. Barry Barker will be taking a group of students to the Amazon from January 2-9.

The trip is part of the Amazonia Cloud Forest Biodiversity Project, a cooperative program among Nova Southeastern University, the Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Dreher Park Zoo, and The Biodiversity Project. The purpose of the trip is to provide hands-on experience working with the threatened and endangered species of the Amazonia Cloud Forest.

The seven-day trip consists of service in the zoo and small villages of the San Martin Zoological Gardens in Baños, Ecuador. Other activities may include trips to the Jatun Sacha Biological Research Station in the Amazon jungle, visits to native Andean



The King Vulture of the Amazon standing proud.

markets, and to the hot natural baths that gave the village its name.

The Amazonian trip is for credit as part of GEO 291. Interested students must sign-up for this class for the Winter Semester.

The cost for the trip is approximately \$1,000. For more information, see AN OPPORTUNITY on 6.

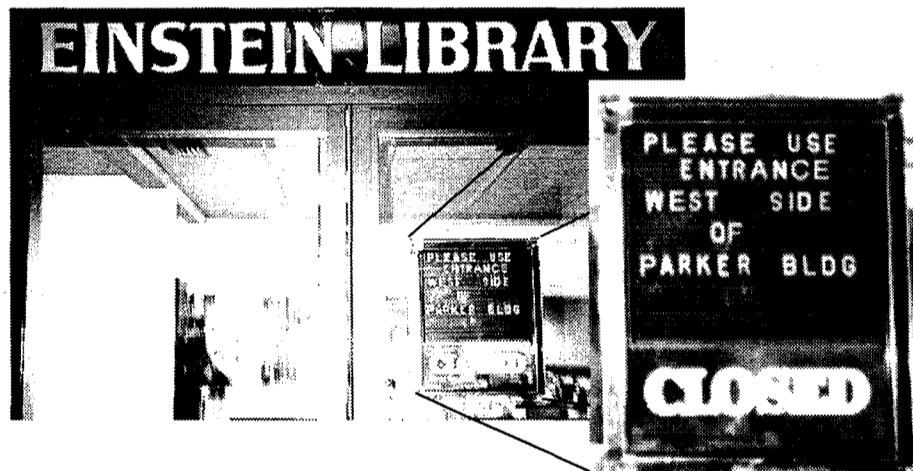
FOR THE LOWDOWN ON ALL THE HOMECOMING NEWS, SEE PAGES 16 AND 17

Nick gets the skinny on Parker changes

by Nicola DiGiallonardo

Nova Southeastern University is going through a second metamorphosis in its last four years. The previous change came about with the addition of University Hall, (now Leo Goodwin

Hall) the cafeteria and book store expansion to the Rosenthal Student Center, the classroom and office space additions to the Speech and Language Institute, the Dolphin Training Facility, and the intramural and soccer see NICK on 6



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When a hurricane strikes

The ins and outs of Florida's greatest natural disaster

by Nicola DiGiallonardo

The only Hurricanes that any one has to fear these days are the ferocious storms lurking in the tropics of the Atlantic. Definitely not the University of Miami Hurricanes, who lurk in the Orange Bowl.

The University of Miami Hurricanes were once a devastatingly destructive team with an aerial assault that picked apart any opposing team's secondary. A weather hurricane is "a tropical cyclone in which winds reach a constant speed of at least 74 mph, and may gust up to 200 mph" (1995 Hurricane Map & Guide).

There are spiral clouds containing torrential rains, packing enough power to cause rows of tornadoes. These clouds revolve around the "eye of the storm." The "eye" is the center of a hurricane that is tranquil, warm, free of rain and clouds, and when it passes over you, only half of the storm is through.

The names of the hurricanes are picked in the beginning of the season by the National Weather Service. They alternate between male and female. The remaining names are as follows: Roxanne, Sebastian, Tanya, Van, and Wendy.

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st, and ends on November 30th. But Mother Nature does not follow our pre-determined calendar anymore. South Florida has had its share of storms before and after the season's official dates, more so since the Gulf War.

Hurricane Opal, the third hurricane to attack the panhandle this season, ripped through the mainland with such force that she left behind 2.5 million dollars in damage and claimed the lives of sixteen people. Many South Floridians were unaware that a hurricane was even on its way.

For the last two months of the hurricane season, the majority of storms have not been brewed off the coast of Africa. They are formulated a bit closer to home, in the ocean just outside the Gulf of Mexico (but this statement is not a rule anymore). The hurricanes' new starting point accounts for quick formation, an increase of power, and almost certain landfall.

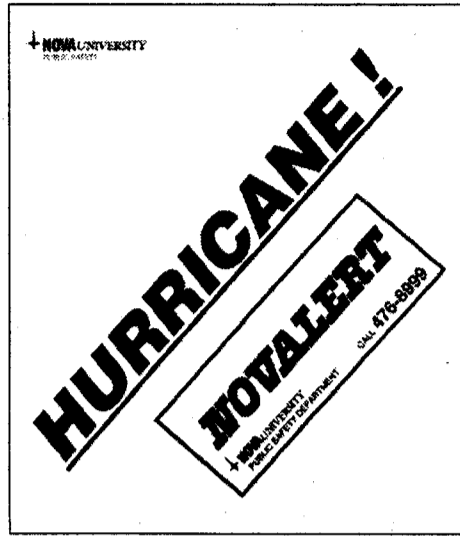
Public Safety developed a hurricane manual in case the Nova Southeastern community becomes the target of a devastating storm. The manual includes information for employees and residents. Some information included in the manual is what

to do with your office computer, where paperwork should be placed, who to listen to for weather information, and what the resident students should do to prepare their rooms.

The Residential Life Office and Daka were prepared in serving the students who were here for Andrew (1992). Both departments prepare well ahead for the annoyances that could accompany the storm (i.e. power outages, food preparation, ice manufacturing, etc.).

Tammy Pappacoda, Director of Residential Life, states that "after notice of a hurricane watch, we, the Residential Life Office, prepare the Senior Staff, Resident Advisors, and Resident Halls in advance. Goodwin Hall is set up as home base," and Pappacoda added that "the Senior Staff and an on-duty Public Safety officer are on-hand to handle situations that arise."

She also added that she was very happy with her staff and the R.A.s in



The cover of Novalert's hurricane pamphlet. Pamphlet courtesy Nicola DiGiallonardo.

respect to their readiness in both storms (Andrew and Erin).

So far the Nova Southeastern University Campus has been lucky not to have had a storm come ashore and cause extensive damage, and with two months left in the hurricane season, let's all keep our fingers crossed that it doesn't happen at all.

Developing leaders through involvement

by Kimberly Brubeck

Throughout your many years at NSU, you will take part in many great experiences. Whether you decide to become a leader, make a difference through volunteering, or just show up at a T.G.I.F., everything that you do will have a profound influence on

your personal development.

Getting involved contributes to self-development. College life encompasses many of the activities that students can participate in. Clubs, organizations, T.G.I.F.'s, and volunteer events are some of the many ways that students can meet people, accomplish a task, or get involved.

NSU is unique in providing students many opportunities to get involved in leadership roles. Education majors might want to join Future Florida Educators of America, and learn more about the teaching field or just help out local students.

Legal studies majors might want to join Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity and get hands-on experience on applying to law school or participating in national law conventions. Clubs and Organizations allow students to learn and participate in activities that are tailored to specific interests.

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The Knight is NSU's established vehicle for the transmission of student reporting, opinion, and arts. All community members are invited to contribute anything they desire to The Knight.

The Knight is readily available at several sites around the campus and the local community, including the East Campus site, the Oceanographic Center in Dania, and the Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Com-

merce. Address all distribution concerns to Daniel Illman, 1995-96 Associate Editor of Internal Affairs, at (305) 370-5670.

The Knight is now also available online. Students may access the online version of The Knight at "http://www.cris.com/~goldenr/knight.html."

The deadline for submissions for this year's fifth issue, which appears on November 3, is October 20. The advertising deadline for the fifth issue is October 25. E-mail the Advisor at Internet address "jackson@polaris.ncs.nova.edu" to find out how you can become involved with the SCO.

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Letter from SGA president



Dear Fellow Students,

Respect, decency, and basic human kindness. These concept words are probably the most important to keep in mind as we develop into mature, educated people.

Many people feel that there is no parking problem on campus, but as I have noticed, there seems to be a problem developing. At various locations around campus, yellow lines painted near curbs with the words,

"NO PARKING: FIRE ZONE." They clearly designate the key areas that firefighters need to access to combat a fire if one should break out. What I have noticed is people disregarding the notices and the lives of fellow stu-

dents by parking in these areas for extended periods of times. I cannot stress enough how important it is that these areas are kept clear at ALL times. see RESPECTING on 4

Club and organization update

by Christie MacDonald

Phi Alpha Delta will have a Membership Drive from October 30 to November 4. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Phi Alpha Delta should check the bulletin board for more details. The next meeting for interested rushees is October 26, at 7 p.m. in the Rosenthal Student Center.

Phi Alpha Delta will also have a pizza and movie night on October 20, at 6 p.m. They will hold a LSAT

workshop open to all from 7-8 p.m. on October 30. For more information about Phi Alpha Delta, talk to any of the club officers. The club officers are as follows:

- President - Heather Gates
- Vice-President - Lisa Metellus
- Secretary - Angel Shakir
- Treasurer - Sylvana C. DiFiore
- Marshall - John Burgess

On Saturday, October 21, **Catholic Club Ministry** will hold a workshop entitled, "The Work of Justice and Peace in Public Life" by

speaker Ray Rufo, Coordinator of the Center for Justice & Peace at the Institute for Pastoral Ministries at St. Thomas University. The workshop will take place at St. David Catholic Church at 3900

South University Drive between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Sandy Boudewyns at (305) 525-5157, or e-mail Ileana Gomez at (gomezi@polaris.ncs.nova.edu.)

Christie's Clubhouse

Upcoming events for October

- OCTOBER 27** BETA THETA PI HALLOWEEN PARTY
- OCTOBER 28** MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY: KARNIVAL FOR KIDS OUTSIDE GOODWIN RESIDENCE HALL. MORNING TO 5 P.M.

Christie's Cyberroom World Wide Web the place to go

by Christie MacDonald

Welcome to Christie's Cyberroom. The Cyberroom is one of the many features offered in Christie's Clubhouse. In every issue, the Cyberroom will feature new and exciting information about the cyberworld that impacts the Nova student.

Many find themselves lost and overwhelmed as they enter the information highway. But all one needs is the right direction to find useful information and fun activities.

An excellent place to begin your journey in the cyberworld is within the World Wide Web. The NSU Microlab offers many outlets to this source.

The best way to get beautiful graphics and useful information is through Netscape. This program is available in Windows 3.1. After entering the Windows program, simply click on "Netscape" to begin your journey.

In Netscape, your screen will first display Nova's homepage. A homepage is one's residence on the World Wide Web. Homepages offer information, pictures and links to

other sites of a similar interest.

To explore the Web, click on "Net Search." Net Search offers numerous search devices like Engine Search and the Webcrawler. Type a subject in the space provided, and the search program will supply you with the links that relate to that subject.

Another way to explore is to click on "What's Cool." In this section, Netscape offers numerous links to homepages that they consider interesting.

I encourage you to explore this new and ever-changing world of the World Wide Web. It provides one with the resources to travel around the world without leaving your terminal. The possibilities are endless.

Future issues will feature specific sites on subjects pertinent to Nova students like scholarship information, entertainment, politics, and Graduate School. If you know of any unique sites, please e-mail me at (macchris@polaris.ncs.nova.edu), and I would be more than happy to publish them.

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by Joel Natt

With the coming of the 1995-96 school year, many changes have come to the Nova community and its organizations.

One organization, the chess club, is undergoing many changes

Chess Club is re-organized for 1995-96 school year: PK-4, your move

with the start of the 1995-96 academic year.

Over the summer, we lost our President, a National Tournament, and our Advisor.

Since our losses, the chess club has reorganized.

We have a new advisor in Russel J. Splain, and a new student coordinator in Joel Natt. Now, we are ready to start this year with a bang. All that is required of members is an interest in chess.

We will provide the knowledge

of the game and all subordinate details.

If you have any questions about the chess club, contact Joel Natt at (nattj@polaris), or Russel Splain at (splanr@polaris).

Until then, have fun and play fair.

Respecting others is not that much work

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Now, I am sure many of you are saying, "Fire? A concrete building cannot burn down." Well, I've got news for you. Many of the buildings on campus do indeed have concrete as a major component, but a large percentage of the buildings' contents are not. They are made with rubber, wood, cloth, and other combustibles that can cause a major catastrophe if a fire ever breaks out.

The residence halls are a perfect example. Residents are allowed to smoke in their rooms, and as a result, the potential for a person falling asleep with a lit cigarette is extremely high, causing a fire. Even though it is not allowed, people in the dorms do burn candles and incense in their rooms creating an even higher potential for a fire to start. No matter how cautious we might be, one spark is all you need.

Even in the other buildings on

campus, the possibility is just the same. Fire does not discriminate. It can happen anywhere on campus. The fire zones in front of Parker are just as important, especially with the Science Annex housing several combustible materials.

Now taking into account all that may happen, is it worth blocking a fire zone just so you won't have to walk six or seven steps farther? All it takes is for one person to be careless, and many people could end up paying for it with their lives.

One other growing problem on campus is students illegally parking in handicap spots. Remembering those three concept words I mentioned earlier should remind you that there are those less fortunate than most of us when it comes to the ability to walk. It is not just handicapped students that I am defending here. It is our elderly and genuinely handicapped visitors as well.

Sure, it may seem that there are plenty of parking spaces, but they should be accessible if the need arises. There are also a select few on campus who believe if there is no "HANDICAP PARKING ONLY" sign, it is O.K. to park in that spot, even though it is surrounded by blue paint and other handicap parking. I should hope at this level of higher education that these few do realize that their selfish ways are only a reflection of their own laziness, and does not look good for the rest of the student body in the eyes of the administration and visitors.

So the next time you are in a rush, or you just do not feel like walking a few extra steps, remember to ask yourself, "Who am I going to hurt?" Also, ask yourself if you are a respectful, decent, and kind human being before you park in a place where you should not be. This world might be a better place if we think of others before we think of ourselves.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dominici, President
Nova College Student Government

Getting involved is becoming aware of NSU

from page 2

For people that want to get involved and make a campus impact, Student Government provides opportunities to help mold policy and voice the concerns of the student body. By attending Student Government meetings or running for an SGA office, you will serve as a student representative, helping to make decisions that will affect students for years to come.

Student Life provides a more hands-on opportunity to make a difference. With Student Life opportunities in Volunteerism, People Yearly Yearbook, Campus Entertainment Board, International Student Services, Campus Sports and Recreation, Greek Affairs, and Commuter Affairs, stu-

dents have a way to find information as well as participating in many of the activities that NSU has to offer.

Developing the student is what getting involved is all about. By providing students with the opportunity to get involved, NSU activities promote responsibility, commitment, creativity, and a way to make an impact. All these are components of a leader and by becoming a leader you will learn skills that will stay with you for years to come.

(Editors' Note: *The Knight* and *WNSU Radio* are always looking for new contributors. Get involved with us. Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:30. All are welcome.)

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fields. In the next two years the Nova campus will experience a second "facelift," constructing six new buildings and remodeling two.

By the beginning of November, the recreational center will open for business. The center will contain a pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, and an indoor multi-purpose room. Next year, the Medical School will be operational. In the fall of the following year, the School of Psychology will have a new center, located at the corner of Abe Fischler Drive and College Avenue. As a direct result, the Mailman/Hollywood Center will then house the undergraduate faculty and staff.

One of the most obvious changes affecting the undergraduate population and their studies is the construction in and around the Parker Building. Student services, originally on the first floor of Parker, and the Learning Resource Center, originally in a trailer off to the side of Parker, are now located on the third floor of the Parker Building. The construction also changes the shape of the Einstein Library and Microcomputer lab, as well as the entrances to those departments.

With respect to the changes in the Parker Building, mainly the changes

Nick finally makes it to the library

in the library, I conducted an interview with Chris Wiley. Chris, a third year undergraduate student and employee of the library, works the circulation desk in the front office. Here is an abridged account of that interview:

N— Chris, as an employee of the library and a returning student, what are the benefits to the students pertaining to the changes in the library?

C— There is a new reference desk.

N— And what does that entail?

C— A person will staff the desk from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist the students with CD ROMS, general reference questions, book locations, and the best places to find information.

N— How is this an improvement to the library and staff?

C— The reference librarians now have their own area closer to the CD ROMS and Reference books, where they can do the most good.

N— Are there more improvements?

C— Yes, all the journals before 1989 are now on compact shelving.

N— And what is compact shelving?

C— Compact shelving is where the shelves move to the left and right to expose more shelves behind them. It allows for more storage

space and it is easier to find current information.

N— Are there any other improvements?

C— There are now more books.

N— How many more?

C— I don't know, but according to the circulation computer, we now have 85,767 titles.

N— O.K. In respect to office equipment, computers, copy machines etc., what changes have taken place?

C— The electronic book catalog is updated, and there are three more computers.

N— How does that help?

C— Well, it cuts down the waiting time while finding books.

N— What about the CD ROMS?

C— They are now closer to the computer lab, and that makes it easier to download information and print it out all in two steps.

N— What about the copy machines?

C— We will eventually be opening another room closer to the reference section, with new copy machines.

N— Chris, what are some of the advantages to the employees?

C— We have a larger front desk, more work space, the full time employees have bigger offices. The inter-library loan office moved back near the administration office.

N— What are some of the obvious problems?

C— The entrance moved, and some of the students are confused.

N— So, now that the entrance is now is on the west side of the building, are there any problems with the new entrance?

C— People cut through the Microcomputer lab and the employees are getting upset.

N— Why should they get upset?

C— Well, when people don't show their I.D.'s or tell the monitor where they are going, that poses a security problem.

N— O.K. This is the last question and I thank you for your time. Do you personally think that all of the construction and new designs are necessary and accessible for the students?

C— Yes, I do think it is a better design but it will take some time to get used to, even for the employees.

After the interview with Chris, I felt the need to explore the traffic and security problems he addressed. To do so, I interviewed Damian Velez, an employee of the Microcomputer lab. Damian is a Resident Advisor on the 4th Floor East Wing of the Leo Goodwin Resident Hall and a Microcomputer Lab Monitor. Here is an abridged account of that interview.

N— Hello, Damian. As a lab monitor, what do you see as the biggest problem facing the computer lab in respect to the changes in the library?

D— There are many problems with students passing through the computer lab, using it as a short cut.

N— Can you give me some examples?

D— Sure. People say that they are going to just pass through, and then they stop in and use a computer without telling the lab monitor. Another example is the constant traffic in and out of the computer lab. That poses a security problem.

N— Are there any improvements going on in the computer lab to help rectify this situation?

D— The lab monitors are broken up between two desks front and back, to monitor hallway traffic.

N— Do you foresee the traffic lighting up?

D— No, I don't.

N— Is the computer lab going to hire more employees?

D— We already hired two new employees, and we will be looking for more.

N— How many more?

D— I don't know. I don't get to make those decisions.

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An opportunity to study abroad

from the cover

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NISA thanks Mexican Fiesta helpers

by Ana Lam

I want to dedicate this message to all those who helped make the Mexican Fiesta II a success. I want to thank everyone for the effort they put into the event.

Two weeks before the party, many of us were working very hard on the piñatas for the decoration. I must acknowledge the fact that we did a very good job. Each of us came up with the most interesting and decorative piñatas in the world.

The piñatas were made out of condoms, flour mixed with water, and different colors of tissue paper. I must admit that we had a great time making the piñatas.

Not only did we work on the

piñatas for the Mexican Fiesta II, but we also spent a lot of time on promotion. Two days before the Fiesta, we had students dressed up as Mexican boys handing out flyers, and a real donkey in front of Parker Building as a way of promoting the Fiesta.

We also had balloons to promote our extravaganza. They were attached to the doors in all of the dormitories.

As you can see, we worked very hard to make the Mexican Fiesta number one. Therefore, I want to take the time to appreciate the fine work from everyone who helped make this event become a success.

If it wasn't for you NISA members, we wouldn't have done such an impressive job. We had estimated a

turnout of 200 to 250 students from Nova and other universities such as UM, UF, FIU, and BCC attending the party.

Once again, Nova International Student Association, with the help of Student Life and the Office for International Students, held the greatest party of the year for the second time.

Thanks to: Anders Johnels, Alejandro Fernandez, David Escartin, Shalini Maharaj, Juan Pablo Correa, Nuria Chung, James Pate, Daniela Gonsalves, Cesar Roman, Harry Lui, Karina LeDezma, Wendy Sloan, Sola Kuton, Stephanie Castonguay, Frank Majnerich, Yamira Perez, Angel Sanchez, Karen Wasekanes, Erick Rosales, Anthony Dominici, and Kim Fichera.

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Nick returns his books

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N— Thank you, Damian. I hope I can interview you again if I need any more information about the improvements in the Micro-computer lab?

D— Of course. Anytime, Nick.

All of these changes indicate that Nova Southeastern University is growing. The additions show that the President, Vice-President, Deans, Directors of various departments, and Board of Trustees acknowledge Nova's growth potential and have the students' best interests at heart.

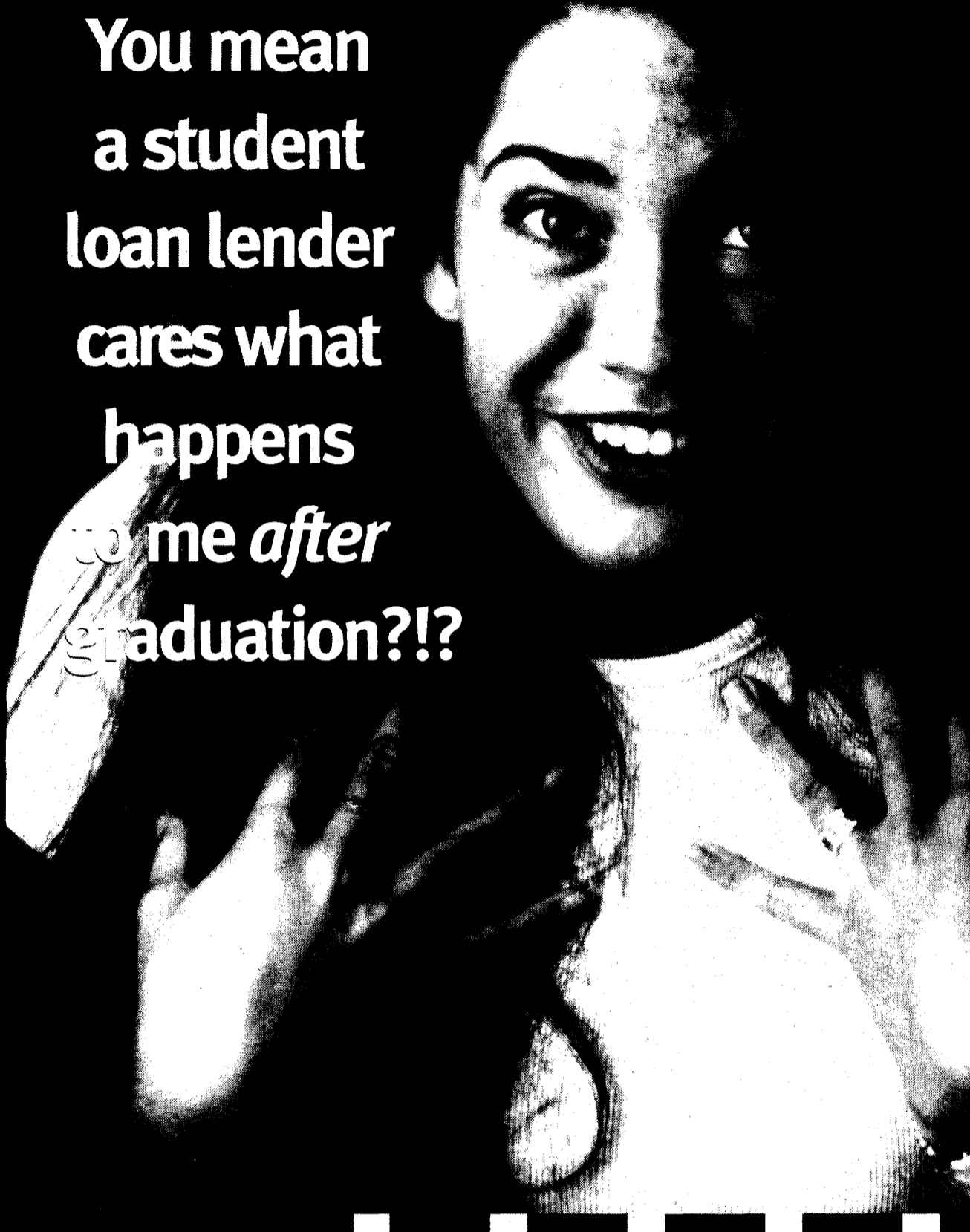
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Schulman speaks on Farquhar Center

by Christie MacDonald

Is it a bird? A plane? No, it's Associate Dean Allan Schulman flying through the Parker hallway to work on the new developments at the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. In addition to his job of overseeing the Career Development and off-campus programs, Dr. Schulman assists Dean Stuart Horn in the many new advancements in the daytime program.

I recently caught Dr. Schulman midair between meetings, and talked with him about the many innovations



Dr. Schulman hard at work, as usual. Photo by Dr. Christine Jackson.

at the Farquhar Center.

This year, Nova Southeastern University will be evaluated for reaccreditation by the Southeastern

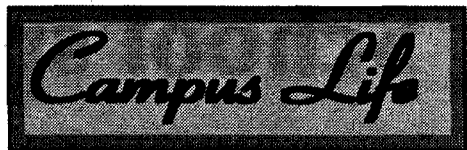
Accreditation for Colleges and Schools (SACS). A team of examiners will come to campus to check that all aspects of the University operate at accreditation standards. NSU will be reevaluated twice in the next ten years. Normally, evaluation takes place every ten years. However, since the merger of Nova and Southeastern Universities, we are considered a new institution that must be evaluated twice in the first ten years, and once every ten years thereafter.

Look out environmentalists, because Nova is joining the bandwagon! The Farquhar Center also plans to build a Nature Preserve located between the Recreation Center and the trailer area. Dr. Barry Barker and a committee of students will oversee the return of the land to its original condition. The land will have trails, plant displays, and an outdoor classroom. This facility will be especially helpful for class projects, but also open to the entire community.

For those of you who wish to teach preschool, the Farquhar center is offering a new major called Early Childhood Education. This new major fo-

cuses on pre-school and lower elementary grade school children and their special needs. The difference between Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education is not only early development emphasis, but field experience. Early Childhood Ed. requires field experience from the very beginning, where Elementary Ed. only offers field experience in the fourth year. NSU is one of the few schools to offer a major in Early Childhood Education.

Dr. Schulman is excited about the many new improvements of the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate



Studies. He also hopes to better the Career Development and off-campus programs by having services directed specifically at this majority population. For example, he hopes to have the electronic library system available to campuses at other locations, like the Bahamas, for easier researching.

Even though Dr. Schulman stays busy, he is never too busy to hear from students. His door, on the second floor of Parker, is open for any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Suzanne Williamson on life, home, work, school

by Aimee Bucchino

When you walk into the Dean's office, there is an immediate sense of warmth, happiness, and belonging. This feeling is sometimes hard to come by. The Dean's office carries this emotion because of a person who may not be familiar to most of us: Suzanne Williamson.

Williamson is an administrative assistant to Dean Stuart Horn. Her personality is open, warm, and she is passionate about what she is doing, as well as those around her.

Suzanne was born and raised in Miramar, Florida. At the age of eighteen, she moved to California to seek out opportunities. Among the chances she found was a twelve year service in the United States Air Force. After serving time in the military, Suzanne decided to move back to California, where she lived until 1992, when she moved back to South Florida.

Suzanne comes from a large family. She has five siblings, three older and two younger. During the period in which she grew up, her family was considered a small Catholic family.

As she has said, "We had just enough children so that there was still room in the pew at church for other members of the parish."

Suzanne is also a Career Development Student at NSU. Her focus is General Studies. She is a junior who plans to graduate in May of 1997. Suzanne has planned something unique and special after the completion of her degree. She wants

to build a retreat on a mountainside for women and their families. This will provide for an atmosphere to enable distraught women to heal. Suzanne wants to help other women get help.

The name of the retreat is going to be "Serendipity," which according



Administrative Assistant to Dean Horn, Suzanne Williamson. Photo by Christie MacDonald.

to Webster's Dictionary is defined as, a gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for. "Serendipity will be built by the inhabitants from the ground up."

All food, decor, and other needs will be met through the talents and skills of the inhabitants. Suzanne feels as though she has a special ability to pick out people's talents and help them to enhance those skills.

Suzanne also wants to include acupuncture, massage therapy, and vegetarianism in the retreat. Inhabitants who want to eat meat would have to do the life-taking as well as the cooking themselves. Suzanne's immediate family is very supportive of her choice to earn a degree and carry out her dream.

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School spirit: Be active in Nova community

by Cindy Milloy

When I first arrived on campus, the enthusiasm that radiated from the "buddies" and returning students was overwhelming. I thought how wonderful it was to be a member of a school with such spirit. I wanted to be a part of the excitement. Then, classes started, meetings were sched-

uled, and sports events began. As I sat in my second meeting of The Knight, discussing topics for this edition, I decided that I would write a story on "school spirit." After all, there seemed to be an abundance of it during Orientation Week.

This was not an easy story to tell. It seemed that the more people I talked to, the more I heard that NSU

did not have any school spirit. I decided to investigate. I saw a poster advertising the Lady Knights playing volleyball against Rollins College. I was told not to be disappointed when the stands were filled with only about five spectators in the stands. This was O.K., because I invited five people to join me. This way, there would be ten spectators, and I was sure some-

one could explain the game to me. Now, I must confess, I knew absolutely nothing about the game, except that a bunch of people hit a ball over a net and hope the other team misses. It didn't take long however to catch onto the scoring system, and get caught up in the spirit of the game. Even though the crowd was small, the cheers were loud.

As I sat watching the Lady Knights, I thought of all those students who said there was no school spirit at NSU, and realized that they were not at the game.

The following game, the Lady Knights played Palm Beach Atlantic College, and the crowd grew. As I entered the gymnasium, I was surprised to see that the stands were beginning to fill. The Delta Phi Epsilon sorority showed their school spirit as they shouted their cheers along with other students and faculty spotted there. But do you know that I never did see those students who said that there was no school spirit? Do you think maybe they just haven't caught the spirit yet? After all, they can't use see *CATCH* on 20

Betas begin this year with a bang

by Louis Gittens

This year has been quite a success so far for the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi. Our group has almost

doubled after acquiring new quality pledges at the beginning of last month. Beta has also managed to put in over 100 hours of community service this year.

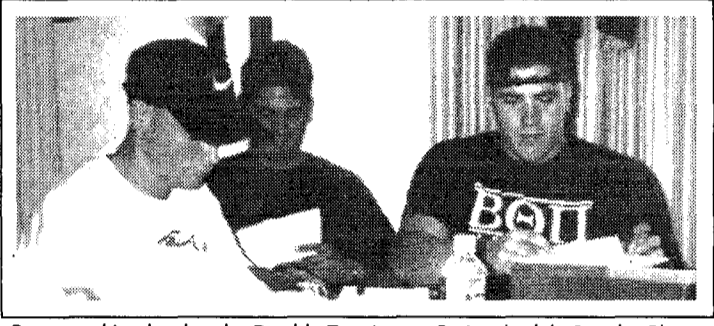
Beta volunteered to support a beach clean-up with the University in September. A week earlier, we helped the Gilda Radner Foundation at the Double Tree Inn on Fort Lauder-

dale Beach.

This semester, we plan to continue serving the community by participating in Karnival-4-Kids and other upcoming community activities.

Currently, we are planning our annual Halloween Party. In the past, all of our parties have been successful and we hope this one will be, too. As always, our socials are held off-campus.

This party will be the first one that Beta is throwing this year, and we highly encourage everyone to come out on Friday, October 27, for a night full of fun with the Betas!



Betas working hard at the Double Tree Inn on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. Photo courtesy Louis Gittens.

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Sports points to ponder

by Gus Bravo

Once again, here are a few thoughts on the sports world that I have gathered during my educational breaks. Of course, these are my own personal beliefs which some of you may or may not agree with. Any suggestions, comments, and/or other *publishable* remarks should be addressed to our office. We would be more than happy to print your commentaries. Honest.

-Dolfans, without a doubt Miami has the most talent in the AFC. The real question is whether it's sufficient enough to match or better San Fran's or Dallas'. If the fish can continue their defensive prowess and develop a sound running game, January's Super Bowl showdown could be one of the most exciting and evenly matched games in more than a decade.

-How about those California Angels? With an apparently insurmountable eleven game lead just a few weeks ago, the Angels lost the battle with the Mariners and Yankees for a playoff spot. Another incredible downfall for Southern California fans who are all too used to it by now.

-Mike Tyson's next opponent is Buster Mathis Jr. Funny how business savvy Don King has decided to show this fight on Showtime, free for the average viewer. Call it a hunch, but do you think a certain Peter McNeely had something to do with it?

-Is there any doubt who the best player on the Marlins is? Please don't tell me it's Jeff Conine, because for all that he's done, it still does not equal Gary Sheffield's All Star talent.

-Hello, Lost & Found. Please look for the University of Miami football team. You know, the most successful team in the 80's. There's an ugly rumor going around that they lost to Virginia Tech!

-Thank God Monica Seles is back. Perhaps now, we will be spared from watching the mixed doubles finals because CBS or NBC has to fill out the time slot somehow. I guess they were not counting on that exciting 20 minute women's championship.

-Virginia Tech? Nah, it couldn't be true.

-Great news, Heat fans! Pat Riley's first move as coach, part-owner, part-general manager, and occasional team mascot was to hire

Larry Pfund as vice president. I hear Larry can still throw down with the best of them. He might need to.

-Jerry Jones just bought himself a Super Bowl title when he signed Deion Sanders to a ludicrous signing bonus.

-Still, aren't the words "Deion"

and "long-term" sort of an oxymoron. Last time I checked, "Prime Time" was giving his word to his 49er teammates that he would return. I guess even integrity has a certain price.

-Nothing like listening to Chris "I have more nicknames than Mark Furhman" Berman recap NFL games

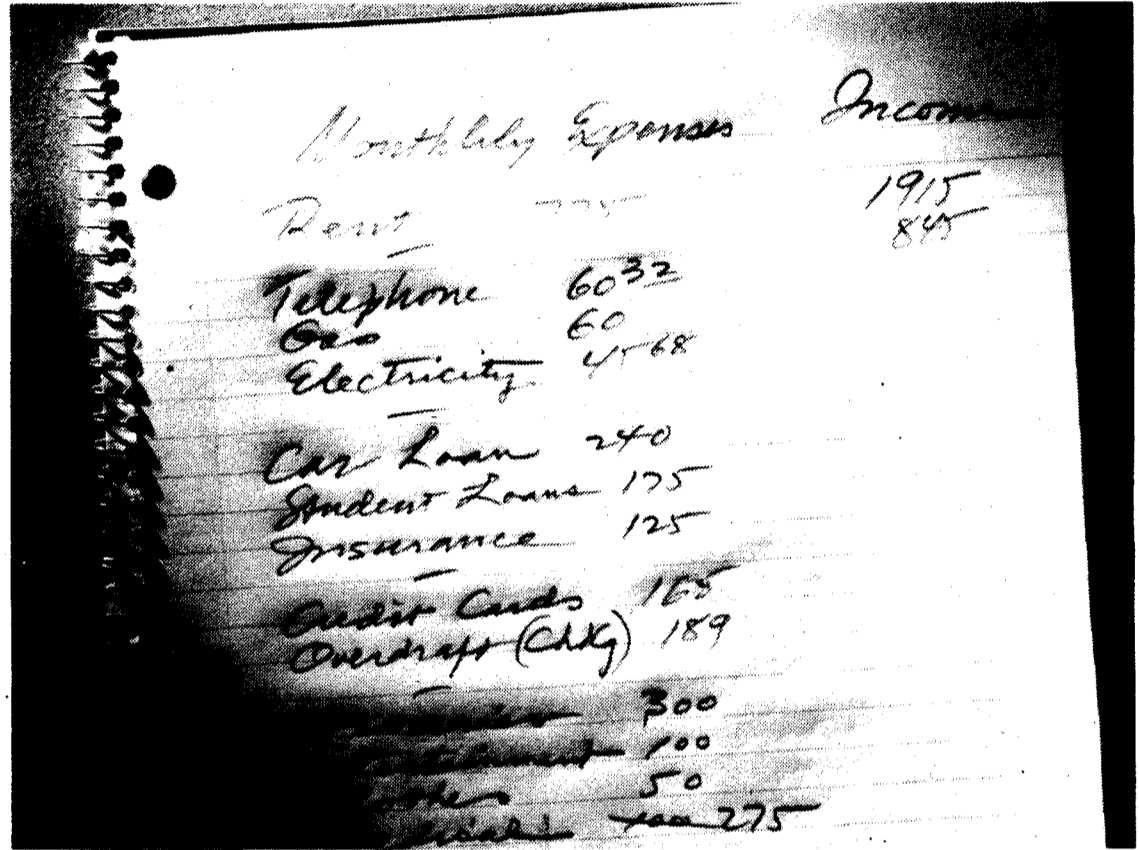
Sports

on PrimeTime every Sunday night.

-Are men ignorant pigs just because they always know what the spread for the Dolphins game is, but can never remember their significant

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We need your support: Watch NSU teams perform

by Gus Bravo

The game is drawing to its conclusion. Both sides have expended all of their resources to win this cru-

cial conference match. As the clock continues to wind down, the home team commences their final surge. Soon the crowd joins in, lifting their players onto victory. These are con-

ditions that every college athlete dreams of playing in front of, when they are at home. To see their peers on the sidelines, supporting every attack, cheering each goal or homerun

swing. That is the essence of inter-collegiate athletics.

On the next level, when players are compensated for their deeds and fans have to dish out several Benjamin Franklins to scrutinize their much publicized actions, this relationship becomes superficial. "You @#! bum, getting all of those millions and you can't even catch a ball!" is one of the suggestions often hollered inside the confinements of a professional arena. Judging from the ludicrous earnings these individuals acquire to simply perform, these and other critical comments are at times, well-deserved.

In contrast, a collegiate atmosphere provides a much more virginal setting. The amateur athlete intermingles with his/her supporters on a daily basis. Whether it's in the classroom, cafeteria, or dorm room, students constantly witness the student, not the high-priced athlete, outside the competitive field. Instead of paying a sum equaling two DAKA entree meals to meet a pro at some overpriced card show, college competitors are normally available everyday on campus, at no expense whatsoever (well, that depends on who you talk to).

There, a fan or just another casual observer gets a chance to befriend a student during the day and see CHEER on facing page

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Short insights on the sporting world

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other's birthday? At least we can always shut off the TV whenever the Dolphins are bugging us. Suffice to say, I have yet to find a remote that can shut off the other.

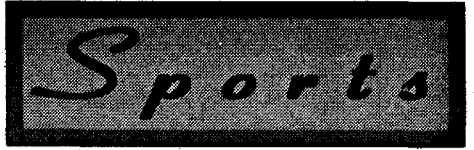
-Sorry, that was a cheap shot. But I'm sure I'm not the only male who possesses such a belief.

-Thank God for football season! Now I have something to look forward to on Sundays, undoubtedly the longest day of the week.

-Quick survey. Does anyone actually watch Australian Rules Football on TV? Hands, anyone, anyone... Bueller?

Achieving success

Nova teams are starting a winning trend



by Gus Bravo

On Friday, October 6, in front of an energetic ambiance created by the home crowd, both men and women's soccer teams were victorious against Palm Beach Atlantic. As part of

Homecoming Week, and for the first time this year, NSU fans had an opportunity to witness a soccer double-header. They were not disappointed. To commence the evening's activities, the women, coming off three successful conference road games in which

they amassed two wins and a tie, took the field full of confidence, but with one small dilemma. Where would they put the red rose that head coach Akram Molaka handed to each team member prior to the game? After solving that problem, the ladies turned

their attention towards deciphering their opponents' defensive scheme. Despite the soggy conditions, the team established a smooth offensive rhythm and attack. However it was not until the latter part of the second

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Cheer out LOUD, have an impact!

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cheer for him/her at night. Thus, the tension that is constantly prevalent in a professional environment ceases to exist in a collegiate setting. Besides, since most home games are either free to students or offered at a substantially lower price, all that the college fan loses out on is time.

Perhaps some of you are unaware of the impact that your presence can have on the outcome of most games. Your cheers and vociferous urgings echo off the hearts of each and every

player during a match. The competitive environment provides so many highs and lows that athletes often find themselves alone. One moment, one may make a good play, only to misjudge that fly ball or miss-hit that crucial spike a few minutes later. At this moment, the individual's emotions are boiling at a feverish pace. Still, he/she must gather these vexing feelings because, like coaches always preach, the game waits for no one. Whether one admits to paying attention, an athlete can always hear the crowd.

Most of the time, we acquiesce to the support subconsciously, giving that extra push whenever the crowd becomes involved. Moreover, competitors often recognize the difference such a player/fan exchange makes on the final outcome, as evident by the improved play at home. Especially if those cheering you on will be there to resume your off-the field relationship the following day, regardless of the outcome. Therefore, if you have not heard it before, then you will read about it now.

This is a plea to all NSU students, faculty, alumni, employees, and other campus visitors. We would love to see all of your faces at our next home games. As for those who already come out to support us, we appreciate your attendance. With your help, we can make our campus a difficult place for any opponent to come into. From all of the individuals who proudly wear the NSU logo representing all of you, we want you to watch your team perform.

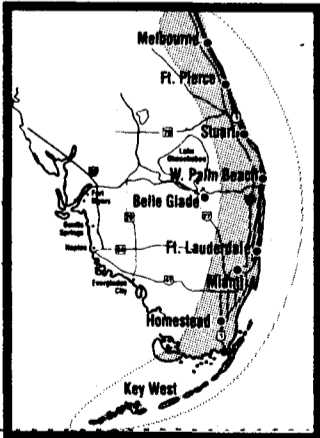
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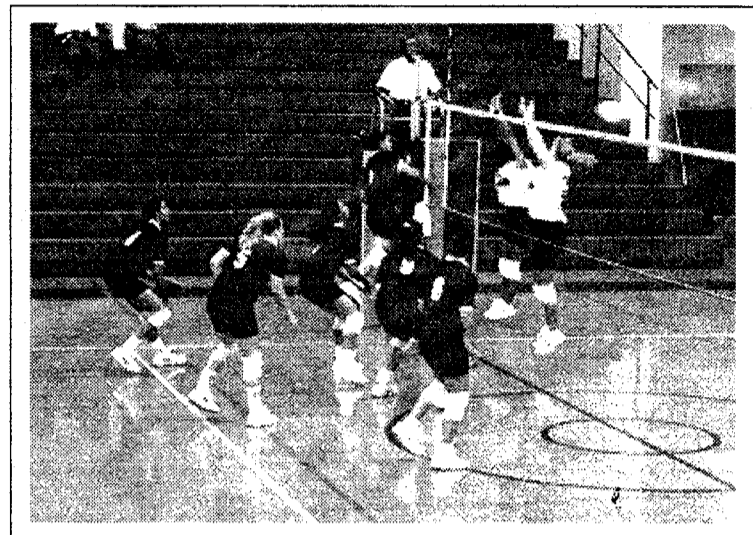
Amazing Knights: Volleyball team assembles winning streak

Winning streaks. Such a feat is difficult to achieve in the competitive arena where every time you step on the court or field, the opponent has winning as its ultimate goal. Even more difficult to fathom is an eleven game unbeaten streak. Yet, that is exactly what the women's volleyball team has managed to attain. As of Saturday October 7, the Lady Knights have been displaying a merciless style of play, culminating with their eleventh consecutive victory. During that span, the women added the Palm Beach Atlantic College Tournament title to their already inundated trophy case. By winning all seven tournament matches, the ladies not only continued their winning ways, but also solidified their place as the team

to beat in this area. Both the coaching staff and the players have to be commended for such a quick turnaround after a dismal start which saw this championship team playing .500 ball. Judging from the overall talent that the team regained from its returning players and a solid recruiting class, this current streak should come as no surprise to those who follow Lady Knight's Volleyball. Still, one positive aspect was obtained from the less than desirable start. It made the ladies mentally tough and proved that talent alone is not sufficient to win games. Now that the team is clicking on all cylinders and playing fundamental volleyball, their victorious run is extremely entertaining to watch. Hopefully, the ladies' resurgence will not go unnoticed, and most of you

will demonstrate your appreciation by attending the next home game at the Gloria Dei Gym.

(Editor's Note: The Lady Knights improved their record to 13-4 on Sunday, October 8 by defeating conference rival St. Thomas University (16-12) in four grueling games. The next home match at Gloria Dei Gymnasium will be on October 21 against Miami Dade Community College Kendall. Catch the action live or listen to the live call on 92.9 WNSU.)



Wham!!! Bam!!! Thank you, ma'am! Photo by Nathan Burgess.

NSU in limelight due to triumphant series

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half, when Nova finally distanced itself from its hapless foe. Thus, as the evening daylight gave way to night, the goals started to amount. Eventually, the women extended a one goal lead into a four goal victory. Afterwards, there was a slight sense of euphoria on the sideline. Not only were the ladies celebrating a convincing win against a conference foe, but also a prosperous week that saw them strengthen their status as the best team in their league. The Knights travel to Tampa (USF) before coming home for the remainder of the season.

As an encore, fans witnessed another exciting soccer match. The men, although not by choice, provided the evening's closest encounter. Their opponent, clearly not as talented as the home team, embarked on a defensive mode with little attack. Still, they managed to produce a few scoring opportunities in the first half that awoke the sluggish Knights. Excellent goalkeeping kept the visitors in the game, as PBA withstood a barrage of shots from the revived men. Although the numerous scoring chances accurately depicted the Knights' overall control of the game, the lack of points on the scoreboard also foretold their offensive futility. But thanks to the resounding support

from the lively crowd, NSU maintained their poise and did not surrender a heartbreaking, last minute goal like it has in previous games.

Instead, the men kept pounding on Victory's doorsteps until she answered their continuous beckoning in the form of two overtime goals. It was obvious to see, from the relieved faces exiting the field, that the monkey had finally been lifted from the pin-striped home team. For the first time this year, the Knights could celebrate a victory at home.

Nevertheless, the previous home losses did provide plenty of exciting, down-to-the-wire action, as was the case with Lynn's visit on October 2. Despite playing with just ten players (one team member received a red card), the men had several opportunities to tie the Nationally ranked visitors. But, like past home defeats, luck was not on their side.

However, all of that changed on Friday night. Next up for the men is St. Thomas at home before heading towards the Panhandle to participate in the Panama Beach Tournament.

The Cross-Country team has attained solid results in recent meets. Though on paper the team appears to be inexperienced, this youthful group has grown in leaps and bounds. On September 23, the men and

women traveled to Stetson. There, they competed against a field consisting of 13 teams from their conference and other regions. For the women's team who placed 6th overall, Miranda Carburry and Jennifer Daria were their top two finishers. Carburry completed a distance of 5,000 meters in just 20:27 to place 8th in the ladies' standings. Barely eight seconds behind, Daria came in next with a time of 20:35. On the men's side, Chris Hannon and Don Black guided the

team towards their 7th place finish. Running 8,000 meters in an impressive time of 28:48, Hannon came in just seven spots behind the winner. Along with Hannon, Black also solidified the team's place by accomplishing the required travel in 30:36. After traveling to the University of South Florida for their next meet on Friday, October 13th, the Knights will once again return to central Florida to compete in the Warner Southern meet the following Friday.

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Opinion

OJ set free: It didn't take a psychic

by Nathan Burgess

On October 3, 1995, the world stood still watching O.J. Simpson being set free from a LA county courthouse to live his life as a free man. Watching the shocked faces and gleeful cheers, one thought came to mind. That thought: What else could the jury have done?

At this point, one crucial aspect of the trial must be realized. Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. By the time the case went to trial, billions of dollars had been lost through court costs, lawyers fees, and, amazingly enough, by companies that lost money when their workers would gossip about the case while at work.

Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. Judge Ito, as all judges do before deliberation, gave the usual instructions to the jury in regards to discussion of the case before deliberation, media attention, etc. etc. The jury did not care. Some jury members had their belongings packed on the morning before the first deliberation began. The jury knew that the trial would end that day. There were less than four hours of deliberation. Of the four hours, ninety minutes were dedicated to the reading of the limo driver's testimony.

Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. There were exactly 8 minutes between the time the jury asked for the verdict forms, and the time the buzzer announcing the completion of the forms was rung three times.

Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. The jury knew, consciously or unconsciously that if OJ see WE on 19

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Kiss from a rose: '95 extravaganza

Enticing event full of entertainment, elegance, & energy

by Amy Levine

As the 1995 Homecoming Committee geared up for a warm "fire crackling" and wild time on October 5th, the 1st night of homecoming, the ever-present "Nova Cloud" hovered over campus, and rained out the events for the evening. However, the wetness didn't dampen the overall spirit of the students.

Friday, October 6th marked the second day of activities. The ever-changing RAFT RACE, a tradition on NSU's campus, was held. Athletic teams, Greeks, clubs, staff, and alumni all competed in the "Anything That Floats" contest.

Each team, consisting of three men and three women, were supplied

with \$50 by Student Life to create/build a raft. Rafts were judged on the basis of both spirit and time elapsed.

After the winners were announced, students headed towards the sports fields to watch the Men's and Lady's Soccer teams overcome their opponents in fierce competition.

Then to kick back, students curtailed it over to the Rosenthal Student Center to see one of NSU's favorite guests; Eric Lambert, a professional comedian. His hilariously amusing act kept everyone in stitches.

He nonchalantly cracked on Brad Williams and his glorious raft race experience. Along with picking on Brad, Eric Lambert found a few other scapegoats to gag, including Scott

"Jerkoff" Chitoff, and many others that "graced" the stage with their presence.

"Kiss From A Rose," the Homecoming Dance, was held at the Sheraton Yankee Trader on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. The banquet hall, decorated by Beth Sparr, Maria Menendez, and the rest of the Homecoming Committee was simple, yet elegant.

The DJ was none other than Nova's favorite, Frankie, who kept most of the guests on their feet until one o'clock. At midnight, the Homecoming Court was announced. The elected representatives are as follows:

Freshman - Alison Barker and Jason Morris

Sophomore - Sherri Waddell and Chad Bobik

Junior - Vanessa Gutierrez and Mike Cali

And last, but not least, the honor of Homecoming King and Queen was awarded to Chris Cronin and Thelma White.

All of them were excited and honored to be elected part of the 1995 Homecoming Court.

"I thought that Homecoming was good. It was only my second one. I was impressed with the DJ, and his ability to read a crowd. The food and service was also impeccable. There was a common feeling among all of those who attended which contributed to the all-around atmosphere, the feeling of excitement.

"My only disappointment was the lack of involvement from the faculty. A true test to the success of the dance is whether or not the Sheraton Yankee Trader invites us back there next year," stated SGA President, Anthony Dominici.

"There was a sense of spirit throughout the dance and you could tell that everyone let their hair down and had a good time," said Candi Kehl.

"This was the first time in two years that my group even made it to the finish line, and that excited me," stated PASA member, Herve Jean-Pierre.

All in all, the Homecoming weekend was a success, and though the "Nova Cloud" poured on "our parade," it did not drench the spirits of all who attended.

A Week to Remember

by Christie MacDonald

Brad Williams sunk, Eric Lambert bumped, and we all danced in great funk. Yes, Homecoming has come and gone, and memories have been made. Are they good? Well, that's between the Sheraton Yankee Trader's rooms and its guests. Oh, if the walls could talk!

The week o' fun was supposed to begin with a grand pep rally and bonfire on Thursday, October 5. But alas, rain drenched the pile of wooden ornaments that lay near the intramural volleyball courts instead of matches igniting them with fiery passion.

Fortunately, Friday's raft race sprang from the curse of ominous weather and was a striking success judging from the turnout of water-balloon throwing, cheering personas

who lined the blue and gold canal.

The hijinks began when the first heat of rafts approached the starting line, as P.A.S.A.'s raft slipped from under Kelvin Vidale's grasp. The crowd roared in laughter as Kelvin hesitantly went waist-high into the murky water, plopped himself upon the raft, and went through the long process of attempting to get back to shore where the other P.A.S.A. participants waited.

After Kelvin's "performance," the race began. Immediately, the baseball team steamed their way down the canal as if there was a motor connected to their raft.

The other entries struggled, played bumper boats, dodged water balloons, and paddled their way with sand shovels (P.A.S.A.), pieces of plastic (Phi Sigma Sigma), and dinosaur-

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PASA stays afloat for the first time. Photo by Nathan Burgess.



Last year's victors attempt to take the lead in the raft race. Photo by Nathan Burgess.

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Canals, comedians, camaraderie collide this year at Homecoming

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sized oars (Alpha Phi Omega).

The second heat featured the sailor-capped F.F.E.A. members and staff rafts courtesy of Student and Residential Life. Residential Life's huge raft sported beach balls for flotation, and cushioned seats for the comfort of the brave water-goers.

P.A.S.A. floated for the first time in three years. But Student Life's raft premiered last in the race with most of its members, especially Brad, gulping in defeat.

In the end, the baseball team left with free Homecoming tickets and hotel rooms for party ammunition. Beta Theta Pi and Theta Delta Chi departed with numerous Homecoming tickets to lift the burden from their members' wallets. Most left the area drenched, but with smiles on their faces and leeches in their pants.

No matter who won or lost, all

left wearing grins for the fun of flotation.

Friday's evening continued with comedy live from "Club Rosenthal." Comedian Eric Lambert, for the umpteenth year-in-a-row, appeared at RSC, and entertained audience members with his wacky style.

After his opening act merely warmed us up, Eric awakened us with his boisterous voice and stage presence. His spoofs of Romeo & Juliet premiered Melissa Dranka's and David Nurbin's maiden venture into the Thespian world.

Throughout his act, Lambert's jokes of married life made the audience chuckle as they related to the hard truth of the battle of the sexes. Eric ended the evening playing a set of human-bongos on three lucky audience members to the old-favorite Queen song, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Homecoming week concluded

in formal elegance with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 7. Nova Students arrived at the Sheridan Yankee Trader on Ft. Lauderdale Beach decked out in formal attire.

The theme, "Kissed by a Rose" was evident by the lovely display of rose centerpieces throughout the room. The tables were set up in a semi-circle formation so all the beautiful people could check each other out.

The flashy party-goers first dined on the pasta/turkey buffet to gather energy for an evening of bumping, grinding, romancing, and disco-dancing. The dance floor was packed all night. Whether it was doing the Marcarena, Electric Slide, or Y.M.C.A., most people weren't keen on keeping their rumps warm on a chair, but burning it off on the dance floor.

At Midnight, the evening cli-

maxed with the presentation of the Homecoming court. Susana Marti, last year's Homecoming Queen, introduced the nominees and announced the winners in the midst of wild, cheering supporters.

Homecoming King, Chris Cronin, and Queen Thelma White led the dance to the theme song of the evening: Seal's "Kissed by a Rose."

At 1 a.m., the gorgeous guests retired to their rooms, the lobby bar, or left for the evening. Free chocolate roses were provided by Student Government as parting gifts. Thanks, Tony!

Now that the seas have calmed, the laughs have faded, and the dresses have been returned to the drycleaners, what remains of Homecoming? We are left with our memories, pictures, stories, and of course, our hangovers. Hey, pass the aspirin!

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In your head 2

by Nick Moore

Wow, those two weeks have gone real fast, and there is much news to spill!

Okay, first of all, I would like to thank my close friend DJ Junior from the radio station for providing some really cool tunes on Thursdays 2 - 4 pm and Saturday 10 - noon, and for not trashing my strip like he would a really bad song.

Also, Junior will be leaving the station on October 20th, and he says

he's going to have a block party blast that day. So tune in on the 20th. I promise you won't be disappointed by "Farewell, Mr. Junior."

Next, more radio news. STP fans, you've wanted something good, and something new from the band. "Purple" and "Core" just do not satisfy you anymore. Well, the wait is almost over! Stone Temple Pilots is going into the studio for a release date sometime in February!

Okay, okay, 'nuff about that. Read the comic strip first, and then

I'll get to some points you might find interesting. Go ahead, I'll wait.

Go on. This column will still be here when you're done.

Okay, first thing: you might have noticed a slight incident with elfmoose (that's what they are, don't ask me why) dealing with anatomy in frames three and four.

I'm going to let this part stew and debate for two weeks and then let you all in on it. Second and final thing: I have decided that I didn't like the way I draw the Valkyrs, and so I am resort-

ing to much better means: I am practicing in what little spare time I have.

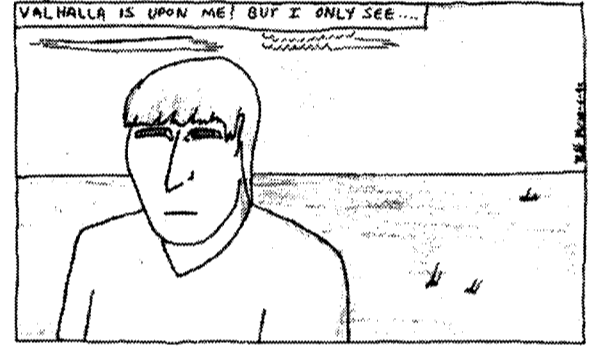
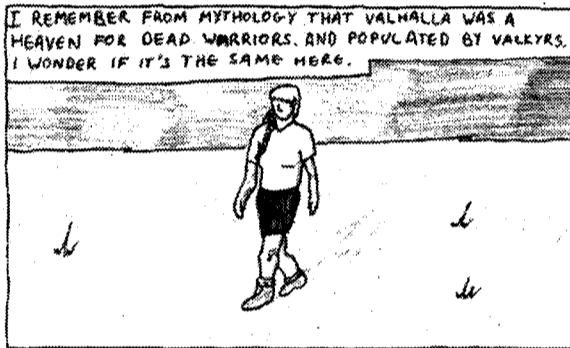
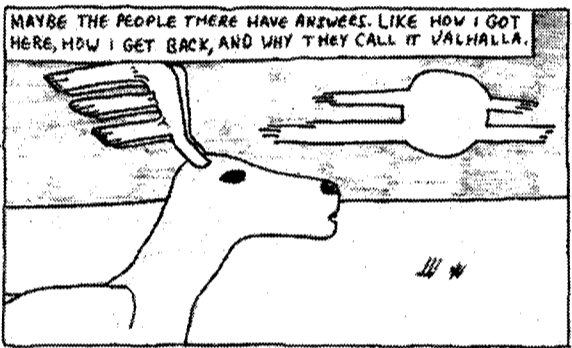
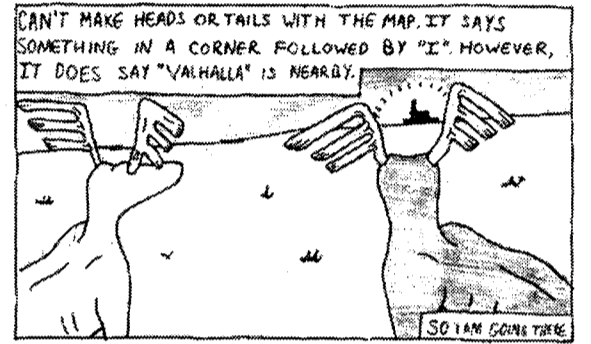
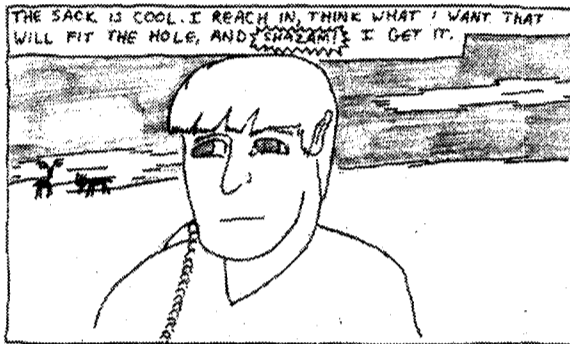
Does this make me a terrible artist? Should I give up and go home simply because I want to merge my skills with professionalism?

I hope not. I just want to do something better for the world.

I happen to know that at least one reader liked "I" so much last ish that they actually cut it out. So I'll try to give you the best stuff I can and you just give me some feedback sometime. Thank you for your support.

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The curse of Michael Myers a curse for film-lovers

by Jason Kronenberg

In 1978, movie audiences were scared stiff by a new film thanks to little known writer/director John Carpenter. Carpenter's "Halloween" ter-

rified audiences with breathtaking suspense, shocking camera angles, and a haunting musical score. The movie spawned several imitations, not to mention a couple of sequels of its own. Now six years after part five,

there's a new installment to the series: "Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers." This new sequel provides very few thrills and much of the film is incoherent.

Michael Myers once again returns

to Haddonfield, to reclaim and kill his son! Also returning is the mysterious man with the hat and silver-tipped boots, who helped Michael escape from prison in the final scenes of part

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Trivia Tidbits: How America became America

by Karina LeDezma

Did you know that although "America" was named after Amerigo Vespucci, it was not named by Amerigo Vespucci. The misnomer, "America," came from Martin Waldseemuller, (1470-1518) an ambitious clergyman

with a particular interest in names.

Waldseemuller was a member of the Gymnase Vosgien, which had managed to acquire a printing press in Saint-Die in 1500. Waldseemuller was left with the impression that Vespucci had been the "discoverer" of the New World. The group was inspired to cre-

ate a volume called *Cosmographiae Introductio*. Waldseemuller contributed to the volume, and casually commented in a chapter:

"Inasmuch as both Europe and Asia received their names from women, I see no reason why anyone should justly object to calling this part

Amerige, [from the Greek "ge" meaning "land of"] i.e., the land of Amerigo, or America, after Amerigo, its discoverer, a man of great ability."

Thus, this is how "America" (South, Central, and North) came to be christened.

(Source) Boorstin, Daniel J.. *The Discoverers*. Random House., New York: 1983. pg. 252-253.

We could have predicted it...couldn't you?

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was found guilty, the following would of had a chance of happening:

- Riots (strong likelihood)
- The pain of two families would be partially relieved. (Goldman & Brown)
- Strong likelihood of an appeal. (the case would have never left the court system)
- OJ's children would have to know that their father is a murderer.

(1 plus, 3 minuses)

If OJ had been found not guilty, the following would have had a chance of happening:

- Fred Goldman (Father of Ron Goldman) might have gotten revenge on OJ, which in some opinions is what he deserves (see accompanying next section).
- LAPD would have been viewed with a general lack of confidence. This is nothing new after the King incident, so the point is mute.

(1 plus, 1 minus)

Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. The entire deliberation process was a joke that was accompanied by perfect timing. The verdict came in on the day of *erev Yom Kippur* (The day of the starting night of Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement). Someone, somewhere knew that Fred Goldman would not go through with any revenge plans on this day due to his religious convictions. A day later, or a day earlier,

and it is a distinct possibility that revenge may have been taken.

Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. The jury set free a man who performed one act of violence involving two people. The odds are that he will not kill again, and in that sense is not a menace to society.

Whether OJ was guilty or not did not matter. The jury, or some mas-termind in contact with the jury was

playing the sociopolitical version of Wargames. All the options were looked at and this seemed to be the one with the least amount of negative results.

I am not defending OJ or the verdict. I won't claim to have followed the case, or care for that matter, until the end when everything fell together and the really interesting stuff happened. People reacted.

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five. After years of psychopathic murdering, we find out that Michael has been the victim of an ancient Pagan curse, which has driven him to sacrifice his family. Once the murders start to occur, Dr. Loomis (portrayed by the late Donald Pleasance) comes out of retirement to stop Michael.

Daniel Farrands' farfetched script plays itself out quickly. Apparently, Farrands gives no thought to the char-

acters or the elements in the story. The script hurls a bunch of characters at you, then tries to fit them all together later in the film. This makes the film messy and confusing. Farrands attempts to tell a slick story at the expense of any real scares. Moreover, Farrands tries to do too much with too little. Farrands can't take all the blame though, as director Joe Chappelle uses every "Halloween" cliché in the book. In too many scenes, Michael is hid-

ing in the shadows where the audience can see him, but the characters in the film cannot. These scenes are used to drive tension and they fail miserably in this film. Everything from horny teenagers to annoying, chauvinistic males are used-up clichés.

To top it all off, this "Halloween" is simply not scary. Michael Myers and his "faceless" mask are seen in entirely too much light. You see him so much that you almost expect him

to remove his mask and speak! Although there are some fun moments at the end, the editing never seems to pace the film correctly. Chappelle cuts quickly from scene to scene with Michael making his usual rounds of murders. The film never gives any feeling of suspense. Even during the rare fun moments of the film, Carpenters' musical score is barely used!

All of these failed elements make for a very ineffective "Halloween." These films are made to be "in-your-face" horrific, and this film has none of it. Instead of Myers being the driving force behind the film, he becomes another dull character. It's disappointing because I believe that there may still be a decent "Halloween" story left. A story that can actually be suspenseful and put Michael to rest for good.

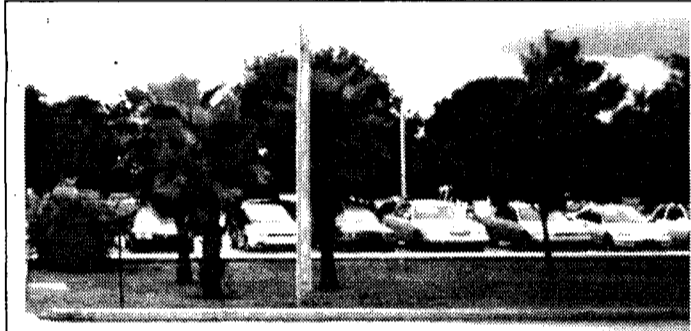
This film points out why the original is such a classic. Story, tension, and thrills is what makes the original so remarkable. The lack thereof in this one makes it so bad. "Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers" is another example of quickbuck moviemaking. Unfortunately, this film leaves the door open for a "Halloween 7."

Give me a break, Novalert

by Marsha Berry

It's a gloomy, rainy morning. The roads are slick and motorists refuse to drive. There's a big construction site on the corners of Hollywood Boulevard, and University Drive. This could only mean that traffic will move even slower!

You have a test and it looks like you are going to be late...again. Yep,



The parking lot in front of the Parker Building is shown here chok full of cars. Photo by Karina LeDezma

about that nice big space next to the curb? Shoot, fire lane. This would definitely get your car towed. That spot marked "Service Vehicles" wouldn't be too bad. It's next to the school's entrance, and since your umbrella's broken, you won't get too wet. Perfect! You have even seen other people park there.

You take your test, and felt you've aced it. Your day may not be so bad after all.

How about celebrating over lunch? You are hungry and it's time to eat. Outside, on the window of your car waiting to greet you, is a warning sticker from Novalert. Does this sound familiar?

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being broke or no transportation, as the game is played at Gloria Dei and is free to all students with an NSU ID.

Now just a reminder. You don't have to be a student to have school spirit. This school is filled with pro-

fessors and administrative staff also. So put on that NSU T-shirt and attend a game. You might even have a good time, while cheering on those students that spend their free time entertaining us! **CATCH THE NSU SPIRIT!** See you at the next game.

personal experience!

No one could have as many warning stickers as I do. I'm almost positive that I have enough to neatly cover a window of my car, with more to spare. Yep, believe it. The last warning sticker I received had the word "towed" circled. I guess they're trying to tell me something.

So, what's the solution? I don't know. Unfortunately, I have a complaint, but no solution to offer. While one is in the making, though, Novalert should give people a break, especially me!

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