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CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

CPS Honors Students for Outstanding Achievement

On January 11, 2005 the Center for Psychological Studies held its 2nd Annual Student Scholarship and Recognition Award Ceremony at which time 27 CPS scholarships were awarded. Additionally, several more students and student groups were recognized for outstanding achievement.

CPS Faculty/Student Accomplishments

Four Major American Psychological Association Offices held by CPS Faculty - Professor Jan Faust is secretary/treasurer for APA Division 54, Pediatric Psychology. Professor Linda Sobell is president of Division 12, Professor Frank DePiano is president of Division 30, Society for Psychological Hypnosis and Professor Ron Levant is this year's APA President.

Dr. Vincent Van Hasselt, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Family Violence Program at the Center for Psychological Studies, provided a program entitled, "Abnormal Psychology for Hostage Negotiators" to police negotiation teams attending the South Florida Regional Conference of the Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators. The program was hosted by the Pembroke Pines Police Department and included attendees from as far north as Tallahassee and as far south as Key West. Dr. Van Hasselt, who is also a part-time police officer with the City of Plantation Police Department, is Training Coordinator for Crisis Response Teams (CRTs) of the Plantation and Pembroke Pines Police Departments. CRTs routinely respond to hostage and barricaded subject situations. They also assist with Critical Incident Debriefings following significant traumatic events, such as police-involved shootings, deaths, or serious injuries in the line of duty, etc. Dr. Van Hasselt has been an instructor at the FBI's National Crisis (Hostage) Negotiation Course at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia for several years. He is also a consultant to the FBI Behavioral Science and Law Enforcement Communication Units, and is a Team Psychologist for the FBI's recently developed Crisis Preparation and Intervention Program.

CPS Project Benefits Children Around The State

CPS students and faculty have been refurbishing computers for donation to the Florida Association of School Psychologists' (FASP) Children's Services Fund, FASP's charity arm. So far approximately 75 refurbished computers have been donated to families around the state who have children on free or reduced lunch and who have no other computer in their home. There are approximately 70 more computers to be refurbished for donation, and many CPS students and faculty members have already helped with the project. Many of

the computers were donated to CSFI by Indian River County Public Schools.

K. Bryant Smalley, a doctoral student in the clinical psychology program and president of the Student Government Association was awarded the 8th Annual Young Clinician Award. Dr. Dominic Callahan presented the award on behalf of the Broward Psychological Association.

Maryse Aupont, M.S., a fourth-year doctoral student at CPS authored *FPAGS Year of Change*, an article that appeared in the Winter 2004 edition of the Florida Psychologist.

K. Bryant Smalley, M.S., CPSSGA president and second year doctoral student, authored *Not Just Clinicians: The Important of Advocacy in Psychology*, which appeared in the Winter 2004 edition of the Florida Psychologist.

The CPS Ethnic Minority Association of Graduate Students (EMAGS) has been selected by the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (APAGS-CEMA) as a recipient of a \$500 APAGS-CEMA Grant. APAGS-CEMA grants are awarded for projects and events that focus on enhancing the recruitment, retention, and training of ethnic minority graduate students in psychology through workshops, conferences, speaker-series, mentorship programs, the development of local student organizations and other worth activities.

Gregory M. Jones, president of the CPS chapter of the NSU Gay-Straight Student Alliance, authored *Creation and Accomplishments of the Gay-Straight Student Alliance at the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University*, an article outlining the goals of the organization which include raising the awareness of issues of social, psychological, and cultural concerns in the GLBT community and creating an atmosphere that encourages exploration and dialogue of these topics, that appeared in the January 2005 edition of the FPA Update.

Colloquia/Workshops

The Center for Psychological Studies Continuing Education Series presented *Managing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Clinical Practice*. The program was presented by Patricia A. Resick, Ph.D. Dr. Resick is the Director, Women's Health Sciences Division of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The purpose of the workshop was to train participants in the implementation of cognitive processing therapy (CPT), an evidence-based treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). CPT is a 12-session protocol that has been demonstrated to be effective for the treatment of PTSD and depression resulting from a range of traumatic events, and can be implemented as an individual or group treatment. CPT consists of trauma-focused cognitive therapy and writing.

The CPS Student Government Association hosted a "Brown Bag Lunch" Colloquium, The Application of Learning Theory to Service K-9's. The presenter, CPS doctoral student Jeremy Bidwell, M.A. led a discussion of how the principles of classical and operant conditioning are applied in law enforcement and private industry to train dogs to detect odors such as narcotics, explosives, hydrocarbons (arson), and cadavers. Criminal apprehension ("bitework") was also discussed. "Jake", a golden retriever who works as an explosives detection K-9 with the local cruise lines joined the discussion to help dispel some of the myths regarding the temperament and disposition of these fantastic animals.

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Distinguished Lecture Series Brings Ambassador Paul Bremer to NSU's Campus

Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, III, former Presidential Envoy to Iraq, spoke on "Iraq and the War on Terrorism" as part of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences 3rd Annual Distinguished Speakers Series, February 17. As part of a week-long series of activities related to Ambassador Bremer's February presentation at NSU, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences organized three lectures and panel discussions to examine literary, scientific, and psychological dimensions related to the presentation. The three events focused expertise from the college's three divisions:

- **“What Saves Us’: Poetry, Poets, and War”—Division of Humanities:** Through reading and analysis, David McNaron, Division of Humanities philosophy professor, explored poems written about war and the public and sometimes controversial role that poetry and poets have played responding to 9/11 and the Iraq War.
- **“Forensic Science, Biometric Security, and Cyber Terrorism”—Division of Math, Science, and Technology:** Following an airing of “Cyberwar,” a PBS *Frontline* production, undergraduate students from the Division of Math, Science, and Technology presented an overview of the history of biological warfare. The students' presentation was followed by a broad MST panel on biological weapons and technology-related aspects of the War on Terrorism.
- **“Aggression and the Effects of Terror”—Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences:** A panel of psychologists, anthropologists, and experts in conflict analysis discussed the origins of aggression, at both individual and societal levels.

NSU Scholarships Created for Tibetan Students

During her January visit to NSU, Ms. Jetsun Pema, the younger sister of the Dalai Lama, met with Don Rosenblum, dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, about scholarships the university has offered two Tibetan students. The two students will begin studies—in biology and in business—in fall 2005. The scholarships will cover full tuition, fees, and room and board. At a lunch in the Presidential Dining Room with students and faculty from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Honors Program, Ms. Pema talked about her life of service to the Tibetan people, especially her legacy of helping thousands of exiled Tibetan children through the Tibetan Children's Village.

New Academic Programs in Development

Several new academic programs are in development within the College of Arts and Sciences. Faculty in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology are exploring a chemistry major, a math minor, an applied statistics minor, and an applied professional studies major specialization in computer engineering. In addition, new courses in bioinformatics are currently being developed that may serve as the basis for future major/minor/certificate programs in this critical area. The Humanities Division is exploring development of a major in American Studies and enhanced minors in Communication Studies and Spanish. Faculty in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences are exploring minors in Gender Studies, Diversity Studies, and Counseling. In addition, the College has proposed a Master of Arts degree program in Writing, which would serve current professionals in several fields seeking to enhance writing skills, as well as students seeking graduate level coursework and study in technical and creative writing.

NSU Hosts International Conference on Bioinformatics

The International Conference on Bioinformatics and its Applications (ICBA), hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, brought some of the world's top bioinformatics scientists to NSU, December 16-19. More than 120 researchers and 40 graduate and undergraduate students from 80 different universities in the United States and worldwide attended. To read more about the conference, visit http://undergrad.nova.edu/articles/200502_bioinfo/.

Workshop Links Broward Teachers with Distinguished ACS Speaker

A chemistry workshop presented by Dr. Jim Kessler, from the American Chemistry Society, was held January 29th. About 50 Broward school teachers attended the event. MST professor Vic Shanbhag coordinated the event.

Computer Programmers meet for Code Camp

More than 100 computer programmers attended Code Camp, a day-long series of computer programming workshops held February at the Sherman Library. The event was sponsored by the Florida .Net Developer User Group and coordinated by Matthew He, director of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology. Workshops covered diverse topics in computer information systems, from using new platforms (such as .Net) to techniques for developing ecommerce services. Code Camp was one of many technology workshops conducted by the Division of Math, Science, and Technology in conjunction with local information technology companies.

Third Annual Forensic Sciences Symposium held Early February

The 2005 Forensic Sciences Symposium sponsored by Farquhar and the Health Professions Division College of Medical Sciences was held in February. The symposium offered two days of seminars, workshops, and lectures in various aspects of forensics—from forensic entomology to blood pattern analysis. The keynote address was delivered by Court TV's Dayle Hinman, who previously served as chief profiler and Statewide Coordinator of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Crime Analysis/Profile Program.

Graduate Schools Planning Day Encourages Undergraduates to Plan Ahead

MST held its 4th annual Graduate Schools Planning Day in February. Representatives from NSU's graduate schools were in attendance, as well as schools from other Florida institutions, including Florida State University, the University of South Florida, and Barry University.

Seminar Teaches Effective Graphing Techniques for Research and Presentations

Naomi B. Robbins, author of *Creating More Effective Graphs* (Wiley-Interscience, 2004), gave an MST-sponsored seminar on effective graphing techniques in February. Robbins is president of NBR, a consulting company specializing in the presentation of graphical data, and is an officer of the Statistical Graphics Section of the American Statistical Association. The seminar was offered to help students, researchers, and other professionals who work with statistical data create clearer and more concise graphical presentations.

Panel of Journalists and Photographers Discusses Role of Media Icons

A panel of journalists and photographers discussed the public lives and the public's perceptions of Princess Diana, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and others who have gained iconic status in the modern media. Panelists included New York Post photographer Susan May Tell, New York Times reporter Sharon Waxman, New York Post reporter Bill Hoffmann, and Joan Rosen, the director of photography for the Times-Herald Record in Middletown, New York. Prior to the evening panel, Ms. Rosen spent the day on campus with students discussing the field of photojournalism and sharing stories about her career as a photo editor for newspapers and the Associated Press, including the experience of covering the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks. The panel was moderated by Kate Waites, professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities. It was sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences in collaboration with the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, whose exhibition, "Diana: A Celebration" ran through early February.

Panel Addresses Medical and Ethical Issues of Stem Cell Research

The medical promise and ethical questions surrounding stem cell research have fueled scientific and social debates nationally and internationally. "Stem Cell Research: A Medical Miracle/Ethical Dilemma," a panel representing medical, legal, and religious perspectives, addressed those debates in January in the Sherman Library. Panelists included Lois Waldman, American Jewish Congress; Juan Dominguez Bendala, University of Miami; Kevin B. Quinn, S.J., Georgetown University Law Center; and Paul Plotkin, rabbi of Temple Beth Am. The panel was sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and was moderated by Robert Seltzer, professor in NSU's Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities

Exhibit, Symposia, and Lectures Bring Northern Ireland Conflict to NSU

"Troubled Images: Posters and Images of the Northern Ireland Conflict," is a traveling exhibit of posters from the collection of the Linen Hall Library in Belfast being shown in the Sherman Library until March 20th. Faculty members and students from the Division of Humanities participated in an opening day symposium and a dramatic reading of poetry and plays dealing with the decades-long conflict. Humanities faculty members have also been involved in a film discussion series related to the exhibit. The capstone public event for "Troubled Images" will be a lecture by Mark Durkan, head of SDLP (Northern Ireland's main constitutional nationalist party), March 15th at 6 p.m. in the DeSantis Knight Auditorium, followed by a reception in the DeSantis atrium. Durkan is being hosted by 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).

Student Research Symposium and Humanities Festival Scheduled for April 8th; Deadline for Applications is March 18th

The Student Research Symposium and Humanities Festival, sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, is scheduled for April 8th. The symposium and festival is open to NSU undergraduates from all disciplines in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. The symposium and festival presents student projects and performances through oral presentations, paper submissions, and poster displays. It serves as a showcase for

demonstrating the outstanding scholarship of NSU's undergraduate students. The SRS will take place on Friday, April 8th, starting at 1:00 p.m., in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

College Picnic Scheduled for March 20th

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will hold its first Annual Family Picnic March 20th at Tree Tops Park in Davie. All college faculty members and staff are invited to the lunch picnic as an appreciation for the year's success.

Math Olympics Scheduled for April

NSU's Math Olympics 2005 is scheduled for April. The purpose of the contest is to promote interest in mathematics among South Florida high school students, to encourage them toward careers in mathematics, computer science, and science, and to recognize their mathematical prowess by awarding scholarships, prizes, and certificates. The Olympics focuses on problem solving, and questions will be drawn from different areas of precalculus mathematics, such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry, logic, and combinatorics (including probability). The MST program committee includes Jerry Bartolomeo (event coordinator), Diego Castano, Elena Boguslavsky, and Frank Zhang.

Biology Honor Society Plans Induction Ceremony

Emily Schmitt, biology chairperson and assistant professor in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, is coordinating the annual Induction Ceremony for Beta Beta Beta, the national biology student society. The event will be held on Friday, March 18, 2005. More than 65 biology students met qualifications for this national honor society.

Alpha Chi Honor Society Induction Ceremony Scheduled

Alpha Chi, the national honor society for outstanding junior and senior undergraduate students in all majors, will hold its annual induction ceremony on Friday, April 1, 2005. More than 100 students will be inducted to this society which recognizes academic achievement for upper class students in the top 10% of each major. Stephen Levitt, assistant professor in the Division of Humanities, serves as faculty adviser to this group.

Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society Plans Induction Ceremony

The Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences has announced the annual induction ceremony for the psychology honors society, Psi Chi, to be held on April 9, 2005. Membership is limited to students who have excelled in coursework and have a commitment to future professional practice or research in psychology.

Paul Joseph Symposium

The faculties of the Shepard Broad Law Center, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, and Oceanographic Center will present the Paul Joseph Symposium on Wednesday, March 9. The topic will focus on tuna fishing, which endangers dolphins.

Faculty News and Publications

MST Director Inducted into International Diplomatic Academy

At the International Conference on Bioinformatics and its Applications, MST director Matthew He received Grand Ph.D. and Academician awards from the International Diplomatic Academy and has joined a list of outstanding researchers and professors—including Nobel Prize winners—at <http://www.bridgeworld.org/alf/alf.htm?l=H>.

FCAS theatre professor directs *Romeo and Juliet* for Hollywood Shakespeare Festival

The Hollywood Boulevard Theatre presented *Romeo & Juliet* at the Fourth Annual Hollywood Shakespeare Festival, January 21 through February 13 at the Hollywood Playhouse. The play's director was Mark Duncan, theatre professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities.

Humanities Director Moderates Environmental Ethics Session at South Florida Conference

Ben Mulvey, Humanities Divisions director, moderated "Linking Cultures, Communities and Places," a session at the 4th Annual Florida Environmental Ethics Conference in February. The day-long conference at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale was co-sponsored by the University of Miami Ethics Programs, Florida Atlantic University, the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, and the Florida Bioethics Network. It focused on ethical considerations in environmental policy, urban design, and community building. The theme of this year's conference – "Living on the Edge" – invited discussion of the ethical and social challenges of maintaining a balance between South Florida's built and natural environments.

Farquhar College Professors Join Panel During Da Vinci Code Symposium

James Doan and Christine Jackson, professors in the Division of Humanities, were among four panelists to discuss Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, in a January public event at the Southwest Regional Library in Pembroke Pines.

Humanities Professor to Discuss Free Will

Bob Seltzer, Division of Humanities assistant professor, will be speaking on "Free Will: Freedom in a Causal World?" March 16 at 7:30 p.m., at Miami Intelligence, a nonprofit arts and cultural institution in Coconut Grove. Given the scientific view of the world, that includes causal laws, is it still possible to talk meaningfully about human freedom or choice? Does this causal nature of the world rule out basic concepts of freedom? The lecture will discuss the possibilities between the deterministic view of the world (that "everything has a cause") and our basic intuitions about freedom, rationality, and control.

Humanities Division Director to Present Paper on Philosophy

Ben Mulvey, Director of the Division of Humanities, will present his essay, "Can there be a Regional (Caribbean) Philosophy?" to the Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium at the University of the West Indies, Barbados, March 31, 2005.

Student News

Psychology students conduct war research study

Students from NSU's Psi Chi Honor Society (Psychology Honor Society) conducted a research study entitled "War Research." NSU Students were invited to attend one of the study's sessions to discuss their views on war.

Communication Studies Major Takes Fourth Place in State-wide Oratory Competition

Cheryl Clayton, a communication studies major in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities has been awarded fourth place in the statewide Claude Pepper Foundation Oratory Competition held late February at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Clayton competed against other skilled public speakers from speech and debate teams at colleges and universities across the state. In the competition, each university representative was required to present an 8-10 minute persuasive speech on this year's topic: "Social Security: How do we make it secure now, and for generations to come?" As fourth place winner, Clayton was awarded a medal and \$300. The transcript of her speech will be placed on the Claude Pepper Foundation website (<http://www.claudepepper.org/foundation/programs/oratory.htm>) along with pictures of her with the other contestants, Pepper Foundation dignitaries, and competition staff.

Admissions

High school guidance counselors visit campus for "progressive" breakfast tour

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Office of Undergraduate Admissions welcomed high school guidance counselors in February for a special campus tour. The 30 guidance counselors, from schools across the country, were on a state-wide tour of 16 private Florida colleges and universities. When the counselors arrived at NSU, they were greeted by admission officers, a trolley to take them around campus, and an innovative "progressive" breakfast. At each campus location they were served different breakfast items (and aspects of NSU)—juice, danish, and an overview of academic programs in the newly refurbished Parker Lobby; fruit kabobs and dorm rooms at the Goodwin Residence Hall; a breakfast feast and student panel in the Sherman Library. Finally, in the DeSantis Building, the counselors were treated to strawberries, mimosas, and admissions procedures.

NSU Joins the Florida Academic Tracking and Counseling System

Prospective NSU undergraduate students may now apply to the university through the Florida Academic Tracking and Counseling System (FACTS). FACTS (www.facts.org) allows Florida high school students to use one online application for many of the state's colleges and universities. The system was designed by the Florida Department of Education to help students plan their education, manage the financial aid process, and receive career development advice. Prospective NSU undergraduates now have the option of sending paper applications or applying online using either FACTS or NSU's standard online application. So far this year, more than 75 undergraduate applications have been received through the FACTS system.

FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

District Parent Resource Center – Grand Opening

On Monday, February 14, the Miami Dade Public Schools' Office of Parental Involvement unveiled a new Parent Resource Center located at the School Board Administration Building, Second Floor, Suite #216, 1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in partnership with FSEHS through the Florida School Choice Resource Center, businesses, and the Office of Parental Involvement and Title 1 Administration, are reaching out to parents. This unique partnership was formed in 2004 and the other two Centers are housed at the Fischler North Miami Beach campus and the Student Center in Kendall. They came to life because of the important role that family involvement plays in children's education.

The Center will offer parents materials and information on community resources, homework tools, FCAT study guides, and much more. It will also act as a meeting place for parent groups, a workshop site for parent training workshops, and features a "Kids Corner" for pre-kindergarten children and M-DCPS students.

Fischler School Remembers MLK

On Thursday, January 13, the Office of Community Education and Diversity Affairs (OCEDA) at FSEHS hosted the Second Annual Reception commemorating the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Readers representing a cross section of Fischler's diverse population shared excerpts from a variety of King's speeches, letters and sermons.

FSEHS Awarded Contract to Train Chilean Teachers

FSEHS, in conjunction with CREAD, has been awarded one of four international contracts to train Chilean teachers. One of the expressed priorities of the Chilean government is to become a functional, bilingual country by 2010. FSEHS will be offering two courses in the Master of Science degree in TESOL to the 20 participating Chilean teachers who will come to the United States from July 10 – August 6. The teachers who participate in the study abroad program are selected in a nationwide competition in Chile.

FSEHS Awards Scholarships to Teacher of the Year Winners

As part of the continuous effort to provide quality programs to outstanding educational professionals, FSEHS recently awarded scholarships to Teacher of the Year finalists and winners from counties all across the state of Florida. In all, 61 scholarships were awarded to well deserving educators, totaling over \$77,500. Scholarships ranged from \$500 up to \$5,000 in value and are valid through August 1, 2006. These scholarships are given as a gesture of thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Hillsborough County Scholarships Awarded: 15
Broward County Scholarships Awarded: 9
Miami-Dade County Scholarships Awarded: 8
Palm Beach County Scholarships Awarded: 1
Orange County Scholarships: 6

Clark County Scholarships Awarded: 2
Lee County Scholarships Awarded: 6
Pinellas County Scholarships Awarded: 7
Volusia County Scholarships Awarded: 7

FSEHS teams up with ASPIRA to put disadvantaged youths on path for College Education

On February 18th the FSEHS was host to 40 high school seniors and juniors, from Miami Central, North Miami, and Miami Carol City high schools along with 6 middle school students. The students, participants of the ASPIRA Florida Talent Search Program, a federally funded program designed to increase disadvantaged youth access to and success in college, attended the FSEHS Pre-College tour program.

While at NSU, the students learned about various degree programs, the admissions process, and the FSEHS Common Knowledge Scholarship. They also had a chance to visit the Parent Resource Center, undergraduate dormitories, Alvin Sherman library, Miniaci Performing Arts Theater, and eat lunch in the cafeteria with “real college” students.

The tour culminated with a pinning ceremony, where each student pledged to attend college, and was presented with a certificate and NSU lapel pin. After completing the tour, 43 of the students stated they were more likely to attend college now.

If you have questions or need additional information about this tour or upcoming Pre-college Tours, please contact Dr. Shanika Taylor at staylor@nsu.nova.edu or 954-262-7844.

Graduate Students Present Works of Disabled Artist

A group of Fischler graduate students presented the works of quadriplegic artist and advocate Queenie Archer at a special exhibition tour. The tour began with a grand opening at NSU’s Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center on January 18 and the series culminated with a showing at a gallery in Miami’s Design District, February 13–20.

Twice a year, Queenie Archer teaches severely disabled 6 to 13-year-old children how to use adaptive equipment to access computers and the Internet. She is the vice president of Handicapped Arts Painting Productions for You (HAPPY), a group which promotes the work of disabled artists. Her story compelled a group of graduate students at FSEHS to organize a tour on her behalf. Members of the National Speech-Language and Hearing Association wrote her biography, printed invitations, and prepared a video documenting her story.

\$17,000 raised for United Way

The two week Employee Fundraising Campaign for the United Way began with an employee breakfast and included daily events such as Casual Days, Privileged Parking, and special events like Executive Prison and International Food Day. The \$10,000 goal was raised two days before the official end of the campaign and total funds raised exceeded \$17,000.

Training offered statewide for certified Supported Living Coaches and Supported Employment Training Coaches

FSEHS recently launched a series of three-day workshops to train and certify Supported Employment and Supported Living Coaches who assist individuals with disabilities as they secure meaningful employment and live more independent lives. Training sessions already have been conducted at NSU facilities in Davie and Kendall, with nearly 100 individuals completing the programs; additional sessions are scheduled for NSU's West Palm Beach, Jacksonville, and Orlando sites, as well as more sessions in Davie and Kendall. Program organizers expect the programs will lead to more than 500 individuals being trained in the next year across the state.

The Supported Employment Coach Training is a comprehensive tool for training staff to provide the highest quality supported employment services to individuals with disabilities in a variety of work settings. The curriculum espouses the "consumer first" philosophy and prepares staff to work well with employers of individuals with disabilities. This course covers a wide range of topics from philosophy to marketing. Individuals attending this training will leave the classroom well-prepared to assist people with disabilities find and keep the jobs of their choice.

The curricula have been approved by the state, and meet current state standards for certification as Supported Employment and Supported Living Coaches. Training programs stem from a federally funded project, Transition Depot, designed to assist individuals with disabilities to gain independence, self-determination through quality of life opportunities. Transition Depot was funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Training sessions currently scheduled include:

West Palm Beach SEC, March 14-16, Supported Living

West Palm Beach SEC, March 28-30, Supported Employment

Orlando SEC, April 7-9, Supported Living

Jacksonville SEC, May 9-11, Supported Living

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

GSCIS Alumnus Appointed Chief Information Security Officer of Case Western

Dr. Ray LeClerc, who received his Ph.D. in Information Systems, has been appointed Chief Information Security Officer at Case Western Reserve University. With over 20 years of experience in building global and enterprise-wide security infrastructures, LeClerc is responsible for developing and monitoring security policies and procedures. Previously, LeClerc was vice president of information security at Lehman Brothers, and director of information security for NBC Universal, both located in New York City.

GSCIS Alumnus Selected as DoD Fellow

Dr. Frederick Moxley, who received his Ph.D. in Information Systems, was selected Distinguished West Point Fellow and Visiting Professor in Computer Science at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Dr. Moxley is Chief of Net-Centric Information Engineering at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) in Washington, D.C.

Previously, Dr. Moxley served as the U.S. representative to the NATO Open Systems Working Group and was recently its chairman.

Faculty Scholarly Accomplishments

Abramson, T. (2005). Academic Integrity in Writing Assignments. Presented at *SALT 2005 New Learning Technologies Conference*. Orlando, FL.

Abramson, T. (2005). Session Chairperson: Education. *SALT 2005 New Learning Technologies Conference*. Orlando FL.

Abramson, T. (2004). Book review of Augier, M. & March, J. (2004). *Models of a man: Essays in memory of Herbert A. Simon*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. In *Computing Reviews (reviews.com)*.

Abramson, T. (2004). Review of the Literature in the Internet Age. *Journal of Instruction Delivery Systems*, 18(3), 3-4.

Abramson, T. (2005). Executive Editor, *Journal of Instruction Delivery Systems*, 18(3).

Abramson, T., served as program committee reviewer for the 2005 *Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference (SITE)*.

Abramson, T. (2004). The State of E-Learning a Decade after Mosaic. Invited Speaker: *E-Learn 2004*. Washington, DC.

Cannady, J., appointed Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE).

Cannady, J., served as Associate Editor, *International Journal of Information Technology and Decision Making (IT&DM)*.

Cannady, J., served as referee for IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks.

Cannady, J., served as reviewer for IEEE SouthEastCon 2005.

Cannady, J., served as Program Committee Member for Genetic Algorithms and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO) 2005.

Cohen, M.S., served as Session Chair for the Society for Applied Learning Technology (SALT) Conference, Orlando, FL.

Cohen, M.S., served as Category Editor for ACM Computing Reviews.

Cohen, M.S., Continue to supervise Ally Lee's NASA Grant - \$24,000, July 1, 2004 – July 1, 2005. "How can users navigate within a 3-D environment?" Grant is in second year.

Dringus, L.P., served as Editor-in-Chief, *The Internet and Higher Education*.

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Hafner, W., received information security certification as a C_SAFE Trainer by Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

Hafner, W. (2005). Passwords are bad. e-newsletter "News from the Edge" published by SECNAP Network Security.

Laszlo, M. and Mukherjee, S. "Adapting Clustering Algorithms for Confidentiality Protection in Microaggregation," presented at the *International Conference on the Future of Statistical Theory, Practice and Education*, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India.

Laszlo, M., reviewed paper for *Information Processing Letters*.

Levy, Y. (2004). Comparing dropouts and persistence in e-learning courses. *Proceedings, IASTED International Conference on Communications, Internet and Information Technology (CIIT 2004)*, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

Levy, Y., served as a referee for the IEEE SoutheastCon 2005 conference.

Levy, Y., served as a referee for a book chapter of *Teaching in the knowledge society: New skills and instruments for teachers*, Cartelli, A. (Ed.) to be published by Idea-Group Publishing.

Levy, Y., served as a session co-chair - Education and E-learning Session, *IASTED International Conference on Communications, Internet and Information Technology (CIIT 2004) Conference*, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

Levy, Y., served as the editor for the IEEE SoutheastCon 2005 conference proceedings.

Littman, M., served as a member for the International Program Committee, *IEEE Mobility Conference- 2005* Guangzhou, China.

Littman, M., served as a member, IRMA (Information Resources Management Association) Program Committee, *IRMA 2005 International Conference*, San Diego, California.

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H. WAYNE HUIZENGA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Creating access for students in multiple disciplines

Huizenga School launches its first M.B.A. cluster at Tyco. A new M.B.A. degree cohort program offered by the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship has just started at the Boca Raton headquarters of Tyco. The cohort class is composed of business professionals in various departments from Tyco, ADT, and SimplexGrinell.

The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship sponsored the MIT Enterprise Forum of South Florida's two-part program, "Venture Capital Update: Forecasting the Markets of 2005" on Thursday, Jan. 20 in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building. Faculty members and students were encouraged to join the MIT Enterprise Forum of South Florida at this two-part program focusing on what matters most to entrepreneurs. Participants were able to hear from prominent industry executives via direct satellite link from MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, followed by an interactive session with some of South Florida's most reputable leaders in the venture capital community. The group discussed what 2005 holds in areas impacting the availability of capital for entrepreneurs. Local panelists reflected on the satellite discussion and took questions from the audience on topics that are top of mind for entrepreneurs: the availability of and access to venture capital for both growth and start-up companies. The following are the general information on speakers, time and location.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - Registration and Networking (refreshments served)
 7:00 p.m. - Presentation and Panel Discussion

Guest Speakers: Bob Crowley, President, Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation
(Via Satellite) Daphne Dufresne, Principal, Weston Presidio
Oscar Jazdowski, Senior Relationship Manager, Silicon Valley Bank
T.L. Stebbins, Managing Director, Adams Harkness' Investment Banking Group
Carol Vallone, President and CEO, WebCT

Local Panelists: Amer Akhtar, Senior Director, ADP TotalSource
Jon Kislak, Principal, Antares Capital Corporation
Ravi Ugale, Partner, Crossbow Ventures
Jonathan Cole, Partner, Edwards & Angell, LLP

Registration: In advance at www.mitforumfl.org \$20, or at the door \$30, students \$10

Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity hosted membership information sessions on Jan. 12 and Jan. 18 in the Knight Auditorium/Room 1124 of the Carl DeSantis Building from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Alpha Kappa Psi is the world's oldest and largest international, co-ed professional business fraternity. It was founded in 1904 at New York University. There are more than 250 college chapters, more than 80 alumni chapters, and nearly 200,000 members worldwide. Its primary focus is to provide an excellent forum for leadership development through programs and workshops about the business world. Some benefits of membership are:

- networking with top business professionals in Broward County and potential employment recruiters
- inclusion in the 2004 Resume CD for prospective employers
- posting of your membership on your NSU official co-curricular transcript
- social events such as corporate tours, golf tournaments, and parties
- professional events such as leadership development, self-employment and investment seminars, business etiquette dinners, and travel opportunities

Expanding fund raising and externally sponsored fund raising efforts.

Huizenga School Corporate Partners Update Huizenga School Corporate Partners are the windows to businesses and industries that surround us. Our partners provide valuable exchanges and establish working relationships that continue to be the driving force behind our success. We welcome our new 2005 Corporate Partners: Tickets of America (Michael J. Lipman), Host.net (Jeffrey A. Davis), and Service Solutions Construction (Robert Sousa).

Huizenga School sponsored the South Florida Business Journal Book of Lists Gala on January 18th, 2004 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Carl DeSantis Building Atrium. The Huizenga School hosted about 300 South Florida CEO's for a celebration of excellence. This was a great opportunity for Huizenga School faculty members to network with current and prospective employers of NSU's students. The Book of Lists provides listings of hundreds of the hottest area companies in their fields, by ranking. It also includes the names of key decision makers, along with their titles and complete contact information. The cocktails and hors d'oeuvres reception was held in honor of the business leaders named in the Book of Lists.

The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship hosted its inaugural Rock 'n' Roll Night—Dollars for Scholars fund-raising event for undergraduate scholarships which raised more than \$100,000. The event was held Friday, February 11, 2005, Signature Grand, Davie,

Florida. South Florida's best rock 'n' roll band, Ready, Steady, Go and "doo wop" singing group, The Dukes of Harmony performed along with "local" celebrities such as Mark Levinson, Levinson Jewelers; Paul Sallarulo, NSU Trustee; Don Bowen, Urban League of Broward County; George Zoley of the GEO Group; and J. Preston Jones, Associate Dean, Huizenga School. The special guest was Nokie Edwards, 2005 Grammy nominee and lead guitarist of The Ventures.

Enhanced diversity

Huizenga School hosted Tibet Film Showing in February. The documentary, Searching for Shangri-la, was shown 7:00–8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, in room 1124 (Knight Auditorium) of the Carl DeSantis Building. Directed by Laurence J. Brahm, this acclaimed 2003 documentary offers a rarely seen glimpse into the Tibetan region. Searching for Shangri-la chronicles the director's journey through Tibet, Qinghai, and Yunnan interviewing dancers, musicians, fashion designers, several living Buddha, nomads, and ethnic minorities determined to hold on to their traditions in an effort to find the elusive Shangri-la mentioned in the 1933 literary classic Lost Horizon. Through the efforts and inspiration of these individuals, viewers gain a unique glimpse of one of the most environmentally sound regions left in the world and study themes of self-enlightenment, peace, environmentalism, and creative freedom. This film had its U.S. premiere here at Nova Southeastern University last September prior to the visit by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. This showing was another opportunity to see this wonderful film about an extraordinary place.

Enhancing student engagements off-campus

Huizenga DBA graduate, Donald F. Kuratko, was recently named executive director of Indiana Universities Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Kuratko comes from Ball State University where he ran the schools nationally respected entrepreneurship program. Dr. Kuratko is the author of more than 150 articles and 20 books on various aspects of entrepreneurship, new venture development and corporate entrepreneurship. He has been a consultant on corporate entrepreneurial strategies to a number of major corporations such as Anthem, AT&T, United Technologies, Ameritech, Acordia, Union Carbide Corp., ServiceMaster and TruServ. He holds a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University, a master of business administration degree from Benedictine University and a doctorate in business administration from NSU.

The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship hosted an Open House for potential students interested in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in business in the Carl DeSantis Building on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 10:00 a.m. The open house provided an opportunity to meet with marketing managers to learn more about the admission requirements, curriculum, class schedule, and other items prospective students may have questions about for each program at the Huizenga School. A financial aid representative was available to discuss student loans.

MIBA alumni had another great opportunity to interact with each other and network at a recent gathering in South Florida. On Saturday, December 4, 2004 the MIBA Alumni Chapter celebrated their second annual Holiday Party. The gathering was held in Kendall, FL thanks to their gracious hosts Lenora and Larry Harshman. Guests enjoyed the company of great friends, good music, and tasty Nicaraguan cuisine.

About eleven of Huizenga School's faculty members and graduate students participated and presented academic papers at the annual Applied Business Research Conference and the College Teaching and Learning Conference (2005), held at Walt Disney World, FL on January 3-7, 2005. Bahaudin G. Mujtaba, D.B.A., assistant professor international management and the Director of Institutional Relations, Planning, and Accreditation at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship, won three best paper awards at these conferences. The papers were:

- “The Creation and Implementation of a Comprehensive Formal Faculty Training Program at the School of Business.”
- “What Online Students Should Know: Essential Cyberspace Skills for Chatting, Emailing and Learning ,” co-written with Shruti Salghur (MIBA student at the Huizenga School), and
- “Affective Teaching and Facilitation: Increase Learning, Enforce Ethical Standards, and Reduce Dishonesty in the College Classroom,” co-written with Dr. Joe Kennedy who earned his DBA at NSU in 2003.

The Office Depot Center and Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship have formed a new multi-dimensional partnership designed to promote and market both organizations. “It's a terrific testimonial to have a prestigious school of business recognize our partnership as a valued business investment,” Chief Operating Officer Michael Yormark said. “We're pleased to be associated with such an esteemed institution. Companies recognize how well our building is programmed and they see the value of partnerships with the Office Depot Center.” Office Depot Center is home to more than 165 events annually and the Florida Panthers Hockey Club. The Office Depot Center is the preeminent sports and entertainment venue in Florida and among the best in the world, with more than 2 million customers entering its doors annually.

As part of the new partnership with the Office Depot Center, the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship will set up informational booths at select Office Depot Center events. Huizenga business school students and professors will be available to speak with and answer questions from Office Depot Center guests regarding the school's impressive program and varied offerings. Students at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship will also develop relationships with numerous Office Depot Center sponsors in an effort to foster business knowledge and recognize employment possibilities. The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship will also receive advertisement in Live On Stage magazine. Students at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship learn to look at business in an entirely new way. The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship is committed to delivering an up-to-date curriculum that fosters the spirit of innovative thinking in the workplace. At the core of the curriculum is the concept of value creation, a fully integrated philosophical approach to managing and leading.

Maintaining a global institutional perspective

A three-day “Accreditation Site Visit” and workshop was facilitated by the nationally known expert / speaker on outcomes assessment, Dr. Patty Castelli (Professor at College of Management, Lawrence Technological University) on February 14-16, 2005. Dr. Castelli met with all program directors and faculty members. And, she provided a structured Outcomes Assessment session to everyone, including Huizenga School staff members. About 35 faculty

members and 25 administrators attended one of the sessions. Overall, as a result of attending the session, faculty members and staff are more familiar with IACBE's:

1. Accreditation process and its importance for quality assurance and continuous improvement.
2. Outcomes Assessment and how it relates to the Huizenga School staff, directors, faculty, and Program Chairs.
3. Expectations with regard to everyone's role in assuring and demonstrating that students actually learn what we say they learn. Everyone also knows that their involvement during outcomes assessment (which is a continuous process) is critical in the coming years.

A new MBA degree cohort program offered by the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship was started at Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines at their Port of Miami Headquarters. The cohort class is comprised of business professionals in various departments at Miami. The Online MBA is available and being utilized by employees who cannot take all courses in the HQ Training Center classroom. This will be the fourth MBA cluster program at Royal Caribbean since 1998. Enrollment sessions are also underway for a Bachelor degree in Business program at the HQ site to begin in spring term.

There was a Presentation by Dr. Stephen A. Ross (Franco Modigliani Professor of Finance and Economics - MIT Sloan School of Management), on February 10th 2005 on the topic of "Neoclassical Finance vs. Behavioral Finance: The Case of the Closed End Funds." All faculty members, students and staff were invited and encouraged to attend. The presentation was an excellent opportunity for everyone to hear new ideas from this expert and to exchange ideas on how this information can enhance Huizenga School's programs. The following is a brief biography of Dr. Ross.

Dr. Stephen A. Ross is the Franco Modigliani Professor of Finance and Economics at MIT and the chairman and CEO of CVI, Inc. He was previously the Sterling Professor of Economics and Finance at Yale University and, before that, a professor of economics and finance at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Professor Ross is the author of more than 100 articles in economics and finance and is the coauthor of an introductory textbook in finance. He received his B.S. with honors from CalTech in 1965 where he majored in physics and his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard in 1970. While he has worked on a variety of topics in economics and finance, he is probably best known for having invented the Arbitrage Pricing Theory and the Theory of Agency, and as the co discoverer of risk neutral pricing and of the binomial model for pricing derivatives. Models developed by him and coworkers, including term structure models and option pricing models, are now standards for pricing in major securities trading firms. He has been the recipient of numerous prizes and awards including the Graham and Dodd Award for financial writing, the Pomerance Prize for excellence in the area of options research, the University of Chicago's Leo Melamed Prize for the best research by a business school professor and the 1996 IAFE Financial Engineer of the Year Award. A Fellow of the Econometric Society and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he currently serves as an Associate Editor of several economics and finance journals and in 1988 was President of the American Finance Association.

Dr. Ross has been a consultant to a number of investment banks as well as many major corporations. In addition, he has served as an advisor to government departments such as the U.S. Treasury, the Commerce Department, the Internal Revenue Service and the EXIM Bank. He is a former chairman of the American Express Advisory Panel, and a former

director of General Re and of CREF, and is currently a member of the board of directors of Freddie Mac, and a trustee of CalTech.

MAILMAN SEGAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

The institute's Dean Wendy Masi will be honored at the 27th Annual Silver Medallion Awards Dinner taking place Saturday, March 12, 2005 at the Signature Grand. Honorary Chairs for the event are NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., FAU President Frank Brogan, and BCC President Larry Calderon. The award is presented to outstanding individuals within our community who are dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism.

The institute's Susan Kabot, MS, Med was featured as part of the Today Show story, The Marino Family's Fight Against Autism, which aired on February 22nd. Ms. Kabot, Michael Marino's former speech therapist, was asked to describe what symptoms she observed when first meeting Michael. The show is part of NBC's ongoing series on autism airing this month.

The 6th Annual *Evening Under the Stars Cocktail Party and Silent Auction*, contributing to the scholarship funds of the Family Center Village Preschool, Family Center Village Parenting Place, and Infant and Toddler program, will be held Saturday, April 16th at 7:30pm. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on items created by children in the classrooms with every dollar going to benefit needy families. The event will take place at the Jim & Jan Moran Family Center village located on five acres adjacent to NSU's main campus.

The institute won a \$175,000 grant from the *A.D. Henderson Foundation, Inc.* to train and mentor childcare directors and providers working in low-income child care centers within the Broward County community. The training will concentrate on fostering literacy in children birth through four years of age. The two-year grant will begin in March and end in February, 2007.

OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER

Researchers Concerned by drop in Seaturtle Nesting!

Stefanie Ouellette, manager of NSUOC's sea turtle conservation program, under contract with Broward County, attended the 25th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation in Savannah, Georgia, January 16-22, along with several workers from the project, including **Joe Hall, Jessie Watters, Nicole Hamati, Fred Ottman, Christian Legner, and Leslye Waugh**. The conference attracted about 1,000 biologists and conservationists working with marine turtles, and the main topic of discussion was the declining number of sea turtles nests which has alarmed researchers across Florida.



Female Loggerhead sea turtle digging her nest on a Broward County beach.

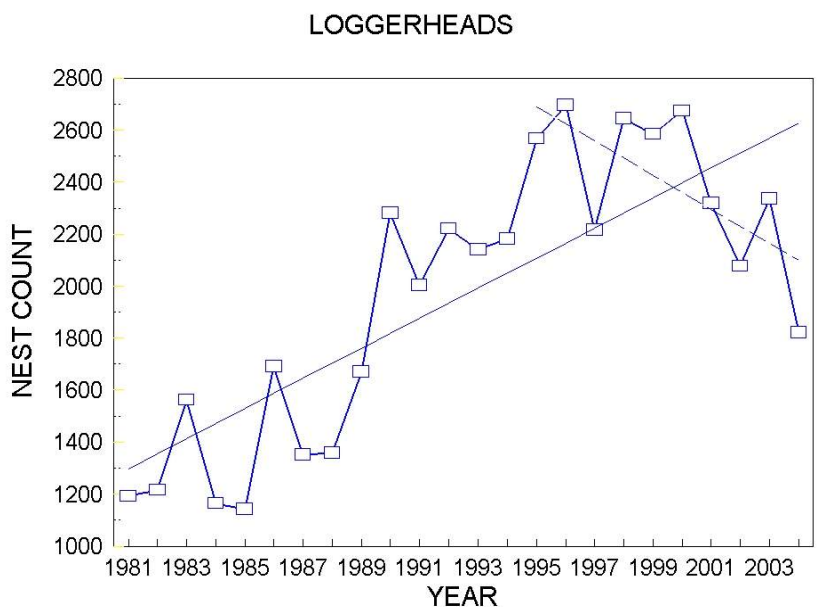
Since 1978, the Oceanographic Center, under contract with Broward County, has provided for the conservation of endangered and threatened sea turtle species within its area of responsibility. Three types of turtles nest in Florida: the loggerhead, the green, and the largest member of the sea turtle population, the leatherback. Over the last decade, researchers have found a significant decline in loggerhead nests. Ouellette presented a poster titled, "A status of sea turtle nesting in Broward County, FL", co-authored by **Curtis Burney**, Ph.D. and principle investigator (PI) of the sea turtle program. Just since 2000,

loggerhead nesting in Broward County has declined by more than 31 percent. This year's count was the lowest since 1996 and could be attributed in part to the hurricanes that hit the Florida east coast. Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne adversely impacted 245 loggerhead and 64 green nests. It depended on which type of nest (*in situ* or relocated) and/or where the nest was located on the beach, as to the impact the nest would face. Of the affected nests, almost all of the *in situ* nests or their markers were washed out, and the relocated ones were buried with excess sand.

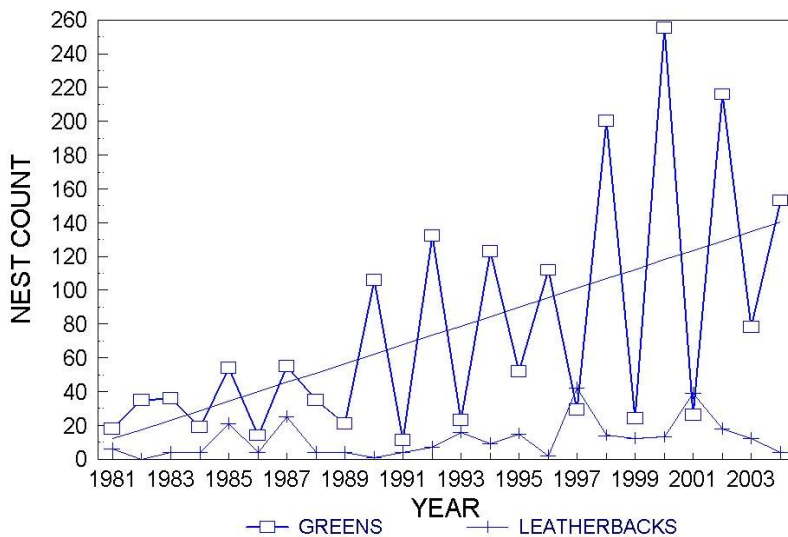
Green sea turtles have shown a pattern of relatively high and low nesting in alternating years, suggesting a predominant two-year remigration interval which has persisted for 16 years. And while they continued this alternating pattern with higher nesting on even numbered years, this year's nest count was the lowest in an even numbered year since 1996. Leatherbacks are a lot less predictable and common on Broward County beaches. There were only four nests this season, so it is not possible to get significant data regarding their habits.

This downward trend seemed indicative of other nesting beaches across Florida. Data from the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, a 20-mile stretch on Florida's east coast from Melbourne Beach to Wabasso Beach, shows the number of loggerhead nests have dropped steadily since 1998, when almost 18,000 nests were dug in the refuge, to last year's approximate 8,000, an almost 45 percent decline!

While sea turtle nesting normally fluctuates from year to year, such a sustained decline is ominous and could suggest a decline in the size of the sea turtle population. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported that the number of dead or debilitated turtles reported from January to July, 2004 was 88 percent above the previous ten-year mean.



GREENS AND LEATHERBACKS



For more information on the Sea Turtle Conservation program go to <http://www.nova.edu/ocean/seaturtles/index.htm>

International Coral Reef Restoration

On Feb 10-12, **Richard E. Dodge**, Ph.D., Dean of the OC, attended a meeting of the Coral Reef Restoration Working Group (RRWG). The meeting was held on the campus of the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom. The RRWG is one of six working groups of the World Bank Global Environmental Fund Targeted Research Project. This is an international effort to increase knowledge and to build capacity for the study of reefs.



(L-R) Richard E. Dodge; Ed Gomez, University Professor, Marine Science Institute, College of Science, University of the Philippines; Baruch Rinkevich, Senior Scientist, Head of Department, Marine Biology and Biotechnology, The National Institute of Oceanography, Israel; Alasdair J. Edwards, Senior Lecturer; and Tadashi Kimura, Senior Research Scientist, Japan Wildlife Research Center.

Science of the restoration of coral reefs is in its infancy with the largest attempts at restoration focusing on restoring coral cover on just a few hectares of reef. Coral reefs are complex ecosystems which are being rapidly degraded by a host of natural and anthropogenic causes. Our scientific understanding of their ecology is insufficient to allow us to manipulate them with confidence.

The Restoration and Remediation Working Group (RRWG) is studying the restoration of coral reefs at a range of temporal and spatial scales in a series of integrated experiments. The RRWG will initially develop and apply experimental protocols at the Southeast Asia Centre of Excellence at the Bolinao Marine Laboratory of the Marine Science Institute, University of the Philippines. Later investigations will test these in other regions with different environments and ecology.

NCRI and Coral Reef Capacity Building in the Middle East

Sam Purkis Ph.D. and **Bernhard Riegl** Ph.D. spent January in the Arabian Gulf initiating a three year project that aims to advance the conservation, management and sustainable use of coral reefs in the waters off the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the State of Qatar. Besides Bernhard and Sam, the project is staffed by representatives from ERWDA (Abu Dhabi's Environmental Research and Wildlife and Development Agency) and SCENR (Qatar's Supreme Council for the Environment and Natural Reserves) while the exercise is marshaled by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Emphasis is placed on producing an inventory of coral reefs in the study area and auditing the diversity and condition of the coral habitats. Through continued training in the classroom and field, Riegl and Purkis will build the capacity of local scientists to facilitate long-term monitoring and conservation in the region. In collaboration with the local agencies, NCRI and WWF, a management strategy for the area will be formulated and installed. In addition to valuable fieldwork, the exercise serves as means to exchange knowledge between different agencies and increase collaboration in the Middle East. The two NSUOC scientists will return to the Gulf in April 2005 to lead a joint field cruise to the offshore reefs and shoals of the Qatari peninsula.



Left: Sam Purkis relaxes with an eager class of SCENR researchers.

Research on Amphipods in the Pacific

During the months of October-November **James Thomas**, Ph.D. and MS student **Kris Klebba** traveled to Hawaii and Sulawesi, Indonesia to conduct research on the systematics and evolutionary diversity of coral reef amphipods. In Hawaii, Thomas and Klebba were investigating preliminary reports of a possible introduction of a non-native species of amphipod, *Paraleucothoe flindersi* to Hawaiian waters. This amphipod, which dwells inside sponges, was first reported in Hawaii in 1996 from Pearl Harbor. This highly unique amphipod species was previously known only from a single specimen collected from Flinder's Passage (Australia) during the HMS *Challenger* voyage.

Scientists at the Bishop Museum in Hawaii suspected *P. flindersi* may have arrived on the US Navy dry dock, "Legacy" which was moved to Pearl Harbor from Subic Bay, Philippines. In prior visits to the Bishop Museum, Thomas discovered this unique amphipod in unprocessed collections of the Bishop Museum. During their visit Thomas and Klebba confirmed the identification of the amphipod from museum collections as *P. flindersi*. In a series of dives around Oahu they also discovered the host sponge species which was previously unknown. Since it was first recorded in Pearl Harbor in 1996, *P. flindersi* has now been recorded in collections from Molokai, Maui, and the big island of Hawaii. It is suspected that a number of non-indigenous species may have colonized Hawaiian waters after the arrival of the "Legacy" dry dock in 1996.

In Sulawesi, Thomas and Klebba investigated amphipod ecology on reefs from Bunaken and Lembeh Strait. They were successful in collecting several undescribed species, while confirming new host records and ecology for leucothoid amphipods.

Grants and Awards

Andrew Rogerson, Professor and Associate Dean of the Oceanographic Center, has been awarded \$60,000 from the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct a study entitled 'screening of surrogate species for ballast water treatment'. This research is needed so that the Coast Guard, in partnership with the Environment Technology Verification program, can compile protocols for monitoring the efficiencies of emerging treatment technologies ahead of installing these systems on board ship. This research is in collaboration with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Old Dominion University, and The University of Washington.



Andrew Rogerson with cruise ship in the background.

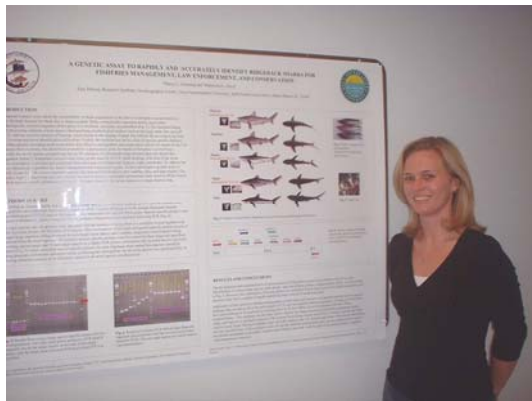
Edward O. Keith, Ph.D. has received an award of five days of ship time during May 2005 from the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) to conduct visual and acoustic surveys for cetaceans in the Bahamas. This award will allow Keith to follow up on a previous cruise supported by FIO to the Bahamas in November 2003. This research is being conducted in collaboration with scientists from the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and is designed to 1) expand our knowledge of marine mammal presence and distribution in the Bahamas, 2) instruct NSU OC graduate students in the visual and acoustic survey techniques, and 3) to collect ancillary oceanographic and biological data. Keith also received a research permit from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct the captive portion of his research project entitled "Development of an infrared underwater camera to detect manatees". This project is funded by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under the Manatee Avoidance Technology Program, and was one of only three such projects funded for FY 2004-05. Keith will be conducting this project at the Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa. This project attempts to explore the use

of new technology to reduce the primary known mortality factor for manatees in Florida, which is getting hit by boats. Keith envisions a system whereby an underwater camera mounted in the bow of the vessel projects an image on a monitor visible by the vessel operator, who can then slow down or make an evasive maneuver if a manatee is sighted in front of the vessel. Such cameras are already commercially available, and quite reasonably priced, so installing such a system would not constitute a major increase in the cost of new vessels sold in Florida, nor would it be prohibitive to retrofit existing vessels.

James Thomas, Ph.D. recently received a grant from the Smithsonian Institution to continue his work on the ecology and molecular systematics of commensal amphipods of the Belize Barrier Reef. Funding will be for travel, accommodation, and supplies for Professor Thomas and a student to work on Belize reefs from the Smithsonian Field station at Carrie Bow Caye, Belize.

Kris Klebba has been awarded a travel grant by the Australian Museum in Sydney to participate in a research inventory at Lizard Island Research Station in the northern section of the Great Barrier Reef. In late February Ms. Klebba will join a team of scientists from Australia and Europe that are participating in the first-ever taxonomic inventory of ecologically important crustacea. Kris will lend her expertise in underwater collection of small crustaceans to the project as well publish the results of her findings in the Records of the Australian Museum.

Marcy Henning, a graduate student under Mahmood Shivji, Ph.D. won the Edward Whittaker Research Poster Award for outstanding student presentation in forensic science at the recent 3rd Annual Forensic Sciences Symposium, held February 4th and 5th, 2005 at NSU's Health Professions Division auditorium. Her poster, entitled "A genetic assay to rapidly and accurately identify ridgeback sharks for fisheries management, law enforcement, and conservation," was in competition with almost 20 other student posters from various universities. As the winner of the competition, Marcy received a \$250.00 award and her name will be added to the Edward Whittaker Award plaque, to be displayed in the Library, Research, Information, and Technology Center on NSU's main campus.



The symposium brought together scientists and students involved in or interested in the forensic sciences and featured several speakers who are professionals or professors in the field. Other activities included a detector dog demonstration and workshops involving insect identification for forensic study and the collection of DNA samples by DNAPrint Genomics for biogeographic profiles. The keynote speech was delivered on Friday, February 4th by Ms. Dayle Hinman, host of Court TV's "Body of Evidence, From the Case Files of Dayle Hinman." Hinman recently retired from her position as the chief profiler and the Statewide Coordinator of the

FDLE Crime Analysis/Profile Program; her presentation discussed the process of criminal profiling, its evolution, the types of cases that are suitable for profiling, and the path to becoming a profiler.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SHSS Activities and Program Events

New Student Orientation was held on January 3 and 4. The first day included a welcome message from Dean Honggang Yang, learning community exercises, and a tour of the East Campus. The second day of orientation was spent familiarizing students with WebCT, which will be utilized for online classes. A comprehensive, interactive lecture was given to prepare the students for the technology demands of graduate study.

Diversity Conversations: Creating a Redemptive Atmosphere Workshop was presented by Dr. Debra Nixon on January 21.

The Celebration of Excellence was held January 24 at the Signature Grande. Department of Family Therapy alumna, Fanya Jabouin-Monday, was the recipient of the NSU Distinguished Alumni Award.

The School-wide Luncheon was held on January 26. American Express Awards were presented at the luncheon to:

Francesca Angiuli, Office Manager, Brief Therapy Institute (BTI)
Marci Arango, Student Recruitment Coordinator
Pat Cole, Associate Professor, Family Therapy
Fran Fassman, Associate Principle Investigator (CNAP)
Racquel Gibson, Program Coordinator, Family Therapy
Shelley Green, Associate Professor, Family Therapy
Noreen Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Family Therapy
Marie Olson Lounsbery, Assistant Professor, Conflict Analysis & Resolution
Lee Shazier, Program Coordinator, Conflict Analysis & Resolution
Cody Smith, Computer Applications Coordinator/Webmaster
Marcia Sweedler, Associate Chair/Assistant Professor, Conflict Analysis & Resolution

A United Way presentation was given by Kimberly Hill, Campaign Manager of the United Way, prior to the School-wide Luncheon.

Open House was held on January 28. Prospective students heard testimonials from SHSS alumni as well as presentations from Department Chairs and Faculty members.

The 12th Residential Institute for online students was held February 12-16 with over 150 distance students from 38 states and 8 countries in attendance. Keynote speakers included Dr. Mara Schiff who spoke on “Defining Restorative Justice: A Case for Principles” and Janice Fleischer, J.D. who spoke on “Public Policy Conflict Resolution: Facilitating in the Real World.”

Faculty talks were also given during the Residential Institute. Dr. Judith McKay, Chair of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution/ Assistant Professor spoke on “The Integration of Theory, Substance, and Practice: The Business of Consulting with Organizations.” Dr. Marie Olson Lounsbery, Assistant Professor of DCAR, spoke on “Potential Exit Strategies for Iraq: lessons from the Past.” Dr. Julia Chaitin, Assistant Professor of DCAR, spoke on “Palestine-Israel: Current Issues in War and Peace.” Finally, Dr. Marcia Sweedler, Associate Chair of DCAR/ Assistant Professor spoke on “Women, War, and Human Rights.”

SHSS collaborated with the NSU Library and FCAS in developing a series of activities pertaining to the Troubled Images Exhibition at the Alvin Sherman Library.

The SHSS clinics, Brief Therapy Institute (BTI) and Community Resolution Services (CRS) will be moving to the Maltz Building in April. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will be moving taking over the space at the back of the East Campus.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Tommie Boyd, Chair of the M.S. Program and Administrator of Family Systems Health Care/Assistant Professor of Family Therapy and Family Systems Healthcare, traveled to Tallahassee to lobby for FAMFT on January 23-25.

Dr. Julia Chaitin, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, is in the process of writing an auto-ethnography of her Israel and kibbutz experiences. The book will touch on issues such as identity, kibbutz society and community conflicts, conflicts within Israeli society as well as issues such as the Holocaust in daily Israeli life.

Dr. Mark Davidheiser, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology, recently had the following refereed articles accepted for publication:

- “Harmony, Peacemaking, and Power: Controlling Processes and African Mediation.” Forthcoming in Conflict Resolution Quarterly. 23:2.
- “Fictive Kinship and Conflict Resolution: The Role and Uses of ‘Tradition’ In Gambian Peacemaking.” Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines;
- “Mediation and Multiculturalism: Domestic and International Challenges.” Intractable Conflict Knowledge Base. Available online at www.beyondintractability.org/m/mediation_multiculturalism.jsp.

He also spoke on “Human Nature and the Social Construction of Aggression and Violence,” as an invited speaker for a panel discussion on “Aggression and the Effects of Terror” for Paul Bremer’s visit to FCAS on February 16.

Douglas Flemons, Director of Brief Therapy Institute and NSU Student Counseling/ Professor of Family Therapy participated in the STEP-UP event, a state wide initiative promoting physical activity and wellness on February 17, by providing at Tai Chi demonstration.

Drs. Shelley Green, Associate Professor of Family Therapy and Douglas Flemons, Director of Brief Therapy Institute and NSU Student Counseling/ Professor of Family Therapy, presented the keynote address at the annual conference of the Kentucky Association for Marriage and Family Therapy on February 25 in Louisville, KY. They also delivered a day-long workshop entitled Quickies: Working Briefly with Clients' Sexual Issues.

Dr. James Hibbel, Director, Institutional Assessment, Planning and Relations and Assistant Professor of Family Therapy and Dr. Fran Fassman, Associate Principle Investigator for the Community Nutrition Awareness Project (CNAP), participated in the STEP-UP Florida event on February 17 at Riverfront in Fort Lauderdale. Dr. Fassman also dedicated a garden to the Noble A. McArtor Adult Day Care Center on February 21. The CNAP staff and volunteers created special raised containers to make gardening easier for the senior citizens.

Dr. John Linstroth, lectured on the anthropological considerations of the Troubled Images Exhibition collection in relation to the Northern Ireland Conflict on February 9 at the Alvin Sherman Library. He was also an invited speaker for a panel discussion on “Aggression and the Effects of Terror” for Paul Bremer’s visit to the FCAS on February 16.

Dr. Debra Nixon, Assistant Professor of Family Therapy and Advisor to the Student Association, presented a workshop entitled “Diversity Conversations: Creating a Redemptive

Atmosphere” on January 21 in the in Alumni Hall Auditorium. She was also nominated for the 2005 African American Achievement Award sponsored by the Jim Moran Foundation.

Staff Activities

Deweese Eunick was promoted from her position as Receptionist at SHSS to the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

Michelle Proulx joined SHSS’s Brief Therapy Institute (BTI) on February 14 as the evening receptionist. She is a 2nd year Psy.D. student at NSU.

Student News

Margaret Mitchell Armand, DCAR, published an essay entitled *The Descent of the Lwa: Journey Through Haitian Mythology: The Works of Hersza Barjon* at the Center for Black Studies Art Book, University of California in December 2004.

Michael A. Fonkem, DCAR, contributed an article to the *Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict*, “The Democratic Struggle in Cameroon: Some Setbacks in the Nonviolent Approach.” Fonkem Achankeng I, is a traditional ruler in Cameroon, Humphrey fellow, and ad hoc faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Fox Valley and Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The SHSS Student Association sponsored a Mardi Gras party on February 13 in the Alumni Hall Auditorium for student attending Residential Institute. The event featured, caricaturists, stilt walkers, fire eaters, beads, masks and many other Mardi Gras themed activities.

Alumni News

Dr. Florence Ross, DCAR, contributed her thoughts to *Aging Today*, the bimonthly newspaper of the American Society of Aging. She currently serves on the advisory board for SHSS and chairs the Institute for Peacemaking Elders.

SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER

NSU Law Center Receives Major Gift from Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund, Inc.

The Law Center received a gift of \$150,000 from Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund, Inc., the nation’s first Bar-related® title insurance underwriter, to establish Attorneys’ Title Insurance Fund Faculty Enrichment Fund. The Fund will help enrich scholarship and other opportunities for faculty to continue their professional development in the area of real estate law. The endowment is one of five—totaling \$1 million—which the Fund is establishing at Florida-based law schools.

The Law Center Ranks in the Top of the National Jurist’s Technology Honor Roll

The Law Center ranked as #3 in the 2005 Technology Honor Roll just released by *The National Jurist* magazine. Only one other Florida law school made their top 50 list of law schools (Stetson University), and it ranked at number 34. Duke University School of Law and the University of Illinois were the only schools to outrank NSU Law this year. The rankings are done every three years, and NSU Law Center ranked #1 in the earlier two *National Jurist* “Most Wired” rankings (1998 and 2001 -- Illinois finished second in ’98; Duke trailed us in ’01). In addition to the

ranking list, *National Jurist* provided great coverage on NSU Law, including this comment: “Nova Southeastern has been a technology pioneer for the past decade. NSU Law Center installed the first wireless system in a law school in 1996 and was the first U.S. law school to provide totally wireless access to all faculty, staff and students.”

With Dean Harbaugh’s goal to minimize tuition increases, he felt it was unwise to match the funds other schools are now investing in hardware and software. The two top schools made huge investments in technology in the last three years. For example, Duke spent over \$2 million just renovating its two largest classrooms. The Law Center will, however, continue to be among the nation’s technology leaders by the creativity and innovation of the Law Center’s technology team, the willingness of the faculty to implement teaching/learning technology advances in the classroom, and the ability of NSU law students to remain ahead of the technology curve.

Public Interest Law Day

On February 17, NSU Law hosted The Thirteenth Annual Public Interest Law Day. Over 60 representatives from approximately 50 non-profit and government organizations visited the law school to share their experiences and speak to students about their work. The purpose of the event was to educate law students about opportunities in the field of public interest law, encourage student participation in the community, and set up internships for the summer. NSU Law alumni participating in the event included

Mertella Burris ’99 (Legal Aid Service of Broward County), Adam Chrzan ’03 (State Attorney’s Office-19th Circuit), Wayne Clark ’04 (Judicial Staff Attorney’s Office-17th Circuit), Frank De La Torre ’83 (Public Defender’s Office-17th Circuit), Alan Ehrlich ’79 (ACLU), Maria Harris ’95 (Administrative Office of the Courts-Domestic Violence Division), Rebecca Knox ’04 (Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida), Diamond Litty ’82 (Public Defender’s Office-19th Circuit), Barbara Mitchell ’78 (State Attorney’s Office-17th Circuit), Isis Perez ’90 (State Attorney’s Office-11th Circuit), Fawn Powers ’94 (City of Pompano Beach), Kimberly Rommel-Enright ’92 (Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County), Charmaine Santiago ’04 (Guardian Ad Litem-17th Circuit), Vicki Tucci ’04 (Guardian Ad Litem-15th Circuit), and Robert Scott Walker ’84 (City Prosecutor of Ft. Lauderdale).

Public Interest Law Charitable Auction

The Public Interest Law Society will present the 12th annual Public Interest Law Charitable Auction on March 18 at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will fund fellowships for students who dedicate their time working as legal interns for public interest organizations.

B’nai B’rith Honorees

Second year law students Rebecca Boyajian, Bram Maravent, Nicole Velasco, and Mary Collins were honored at the annual B’nai B’rith Installation Brunch on February 20 and received Constitutional Law book awards for their excellence in Con Law I.

Minority Law Day

The Law Center of Nova Southeastern University hosted Minority Law Day, an event designed to introduce minorities to the study and practice of law, on January 22. Participants had a chance

to interact with current students; tour the center; learn about different settings in which lawyers practice law including corporate practice, private practice, governmental practice and non-traditional legal careers; receive help planning their undergraduate pre-law studies; receive information on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and NSU Law's admission policies; experience mock law classes with law students; and network with alumni.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NSU

University School is proud to note that **Elizabeth Brennan, Ed.D.**, associate head/director, Lower School was recently named one of the *South Florida Business Journal's* recipients for their 2005 special editorial feature "Heavy Hitters in Education." The article features administrators, faculty members, researchers, and allied professionals who specialize in education and will include topics relating to the scope of their responsibilities, career achievements, and challenges faced in their present positions.

Drew Orvieto, a junior at University School, will be performing in a community concert series with the Florida Youth Orchestra on March 23 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The trombone has been Drew's instrument of preference for five years and he has been a member of the acclaimed orchestra for two years. Executive director Myra Weaver says the orchestra will be performing on the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center, celebrating National Music Education Month.

U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz joined Headmaster Jerry Chermak, Ed.D., at a special assembly on Friday, Feb. 11, as the students of University School presented more than \$26,000 to UNICEF's **Tsunami Relief Campaign**. Charlyne Carruth, president of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, accepted the check for UNICEF. "Essentially we are kids helping kids that are no different from us other than their location in this world," said **Jared Baumwell**, senior and Student Council President.

Congratulations to **Josh Roberts**, a sophomore at University School! Roberts was one of the winners in *The Miami Herald*-sponsored contest celebrating Black History Month. His essay addressed the question, "Why is Black History Month Important in South Florida?" His essay, which discussed the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr., included the young man's thoughts on racial tension, and his hopes that the world will one day eliminate fear and prejudice, thereby triumphing in tolerance and understanding.

Congratulations to **Jaclyn Einstein**, a junior at University School, who was named as one of two top Florida youth volunteers for the 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Nominated by the school, Einstein will receive a \$1,000 award and be presented with an engraved silver medallion at a recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C., this May.

University School's Booster Club hosted the 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, February 9, at the Jacaranda Country Club in Plantation. The day will included lunch, silent auction, raffle prizes, and the awards dinner. Chairs Marcy Lippman, Liz Perez and Susie Tuchklaper organized the event together with the Advancement Office. Over \$70,000 in proceeds were raised to support athletic scholarships and team enhancements.

University School nominated one of its outstanding alumni, **Matthew Pearl '93**, for this year's Celebration of Excellence. Pearl, who graduated from Harvard University summa cum laude with a degree in English and American literature in 1997, won the prestigious Dante Prize from the Dante Society of America for his scholarly work. He wrote the draft of his first novel, *The Dante Club*, while attending Yale Law School where he received his J. D. in 2000. His second book, *The Poe Shadow* will be released in spring 2005.

University School students performed at an outstanding level and won placed first at the Florida State Scholastic Chess Championships in Kissimmee, where they competed in three levels: K-3 (Primary School), K-5 (Elementary School), and K-12 (High School). Team members are: **Ethan Abramson, Robert Appel, Nathan Barnavon, David Branse, Naor Brown, Taire Brown, Steven Buzgon, Kyle Desrossiers, David Fried, Zachary Gart, Brian Goldstein, Jonah Levine, Jordan Greissman, Arie Hariton, Ben New, Michael Parker, Sarah Parker, Eric Rodriguez, Eunice Rodriguez, Noah Rosenstein, Danny Sepler, Kaleb Shafa, Brent Stone, Drew Stone, Ricky Swieton, Alex Ting.** Additionally, University School freshman **Eunice Rodriguez** became Florida's Female Scholastic Chess Champion, and will be competing for the U.S. Female Scholastic Championship in August.

Allyson Winepol, a fifth grade student at University School, and several of her classmates make a weekly visit to interact with children who take part in the Therapy Learning Connection program (TLC) offered at Fischler School of Education and Human Services. The students, under the supervision of Rhoda Pilelsky-Levine, SLP.D., interact with children with significant communication difficulties.

University School recently launched two Novice Rowing Teams, one each for high school girls and boys. Sixty students came out for the teams when they were announced. The teams have competed in two state novice tournaments and they have done remarkably well. Notably, **Taylor Glazer** placed first in the boys' state individual "erg" race and Allie Calvar placed fifth in the girls state individual "erg" race. There were college recruiters on-hand to evaluate the athletes. The teams then competed in Turkey Lake, Orlando a couple of weeks later. The girls placed third in the four-person race and also in the eight-person race. The boys' team placed third in the four-man boat. All the winners received medals for their efforts.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

Nova Southeastern University and the North Broward Hospital District continue work on opening a world-class, state-of-the-art 150-bed acute care hospital, known as "The Medical Village at NSU." Currently, Letters of Support are being collected from members of the University, healthcare professionals, professional associations, and the community at large.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine

The students of the College of Osteopathic Medicine provided health care, including physical examinations, for more than 300 patients at the Belle Glade and Clewiston Health Fairs in February, 2005. This care included diagnostic and treatment protocols for primarily underserved populations.

The first step in development of active education delivered to all the students of the College of Osteopathic Medicine by full-time faculty into the third year for our students was approved this quarter with the beginning of the course on Infectious Disease which will begin next year. It will allow us direct contact with all of our students at the same time. Three-fourths of them will return to campus and the remainder will be conducted through distance education communication with campus sites in Central and Western Florida.

Dr. Anthony J. Silvagni, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, was honored by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine for service to the public and the profession.

Approximately 59% of the 4th year students in the College of Osteopathic Medicine matched with the American Osteopathic Association match held in February for resident positions this next year. 115 out of 197 students participated in the match. 83 of the students did not participate and will find out their residency match in March with the ACGME match. The students at NSU are active in supporting a joint match with the AOA and the ACGME, although this proposal is not supported by the leadership of the AOA.

The new research group joined the College of Osteopathic Medicine effective March 1st and with the team leaders of Dr. Fernandez and Dr. Bowen, they bring a team of 10 researchers and more than \$6M in grants primarily in the areas of HIV in Hispanic populations.

The College of Medical Sciences

The College of Medical Sciences sponsored the 3rd Annual Fort Lauderdale Forensic Conference at the Health Professions Division campus. Organized by Drs. Ronald Block and Kevin Tu, over 200 people attended the two-day meeting. The conference focused on the use of forensic science techniques in police investigations.

The College of Dental Medicine

The College of Dental Medicine finalized contract negotiations with Atlantic Dental, Inc. This contract will provide Medicaid care at the North Miami Beach clinic. The contract began in March, 2005.

Construction has begun on the College of Dental Medicine's Oral Maxillo-Facial Surgery space at the 3rd Floor of Broward General Hospital. The anticipated date of completion is July 1, 2005.

The College of Pharmacy

The College of Pharmacy International Pharmacy Student Association raised \$1,000.00 donated to tsunami relief in Southeast Asia.

Students and faculty from the College of Pharmacy attended the Legislative Health Fair in Tallahassee on March 15-17. They provided health screenings and met with elected officials.

The College of Optometry

The College of Optometry is proud to announce that we have been reaccredited for another seven years. The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education released its report pursuant to the

site visit the College underwent in November and it was received by Dr. Loshin on Monday, March 7th. There were “No Recommendation: every standard was met in full.”

The College of Optometry is proud to announce the arrival of Dr. Richard Dix, a nationally known vision researcher, who has joined our faculty as Professor of Optometry. Dr. Dix has already set-up his lab and is awaiting final news on his NIH grant application.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing

The College of Allied Health and Nursing will be hosting the Black Nurses Association on April 23, 2005

The Nursing Department has received approval from the NLNAC on their substantive change report for their entry level program.

The Nursing Department will begin the MSN program this Fall 2005 term.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing is planning to host the South Florida Organization of Nurse Executives on May 20th.

Dr. Lori Anderson and Dr. Barbara Kornblau from the College of Allied Health and Nursing's Occupational Therapy Program presented 12 continuing education workshops around the state of Florida for over 450 OT's on "Occupational Therapy Laws and Rules" and "Medical Errors."

Health Care Centers

A Senior Services Team has been created to provide seamless service to the senior population accessing services at the University. The Team includes members from all NSU Health Care Centers, including geriatric medicine, dental medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, psychology, neuropsychology, pharmacy, optometry, audiology and speech/language. The Team also includes library services and continuing education that support the efforts through their resources. This group meets monthly to facilitate understanding and communication between disciplines, coordinate training and services, identify and fill service gaps and network with other area agencies for elderly populations. Members of the Team have provided to the NSU-NBHD Hospital Task Force a comprehensive proposal to develop an interdisciplinary acute care geriatric hospital unit and geriatric consultation services for the NSU-NBHD Medical Village Hospital certificate of needs.

A pilot program has been created to provide a unique clinic service to address the issue of falls and balance loss. NSU's Interdisciplinary Balance and Fall Prevention Clinic was designed to simplify and accelerate the process of establishing why a person is having balance or fall problems. Professionals from several disciplines, including geriatric medicine, physical therapy, audiology, occupational therapy and psychology work together – simultaneously – to determine the possible cause(s) for the balance loss. This streamlined approach provides the client with valuable recommendations of appropriate tests and/or a course of treatment that is then supplied to the person's primary care physician for action. The interdisciplinary nature of this program provides exceptional care in a single location, while permitting students from different disciplines to learn to work as a team in addressing potentially serious conditions.

The North Miami Beach Medical Facility has completed construction in its reconfiguring to add an additional five rooms for a total of twelve treatment rooms to accommodate additional patient volume and student participation.

The Crossroads Group has been engaged by NSU to provide an assessment of its Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine Clinics (Davie Campus). Specifically, The Group has been asked to identify opportunities to improve the flow of patients through the clinics, with an emphasis on reducing non-value-added activities, eliminating delays, improving capacity, and better allocating material and human resources, without compromising quality of care or the organization's educational mission. In addition, they will identify specific opportunities to improve cross-functional team and communication between Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics.

In alliance with a national initiative as to suicide prevention, clinical faculty at Nova Southeastern University has launched a campus-wide Suicide Awareness and Prevention initiative. Anyone affiliated with NSU, including students, staff and faculty will undergo this training. The objectives are to: 1) put suicide in perspective, 2) recognize an individual's suicide potential, 3) take steps to prevent suicides and 4) learn about suicide prevention resources. Members of the Suicide Prevention and Awareness taskforce are: Dr. Robert Oller (Clinical Operations), Dr. Douglas Flemons (SHSS), Dr. Roxanne Bamond (SHSS), Dr. Gene Cash (CPS), Dr. Yukari Tomazoma (CPS), and Dr. Michelle Gagnon (HPD). Training has already taken place for NSU residential students as well as faculty and staff in the College and Clinics of Optometry, and will continue campus-wide.