

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS
MARCH 27, 2006**

ATHLETICS, DEPARTMENT OF

NSU Student-Athlete Academic report – Fall 2005:

- The NSU Student-Athlete cumulative GPA was 3.06 last semester.
- Women's XC had a 3.31 combined team GPA.
- 7 student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 semester GPA.
- 32 earned a 3.75 and above (Director's List).
- 96 earned a 3.25 or higher (Scholar Athletes).
- 126 student-athletes earned a 3.0 or higher.
- The student-athlete GPA has been a 3.0 or higher since the 2000-01 school year.

SSC Commissioners list # 1 in SSC:

- 40 NSU student-athletes were named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for the Fall 2005 semester.
- NSU led all SSC schools with the most honorees (40) of the 279 total student-athletes from all 9 Sunshine State Conference schools named to the Honor Roll.

Winter Sports Wrap-up:

- The NSU Men's Basketball team finished in 2nd place in the Sunshine State Conference regular season standings, in just their second season of eligibility to compete for conference championships.
- The Sharks recorded 17 wins, which was a 10-win improvement over the previous season.
- 17 total wins was the 3rd most wins in the 24-year history of the NSU men's BB program, and the most wins since the 1998-99 season.
- The men's team was ranked in the NCAA South Region poll for the first time in program history, reaching as high as #2 during the season.

Spring Sports Rankings:

- The NSU Women's Golf team is ranked #2 in nation; their highest NCAA team ranking ever.
- The NSU Baseball earned its highest NCAA ranking ever at #13 in the nation.
- The NSU Women's Tennis team is ranked #18 in nation.
- The #3 ranked NSU Women's Rowing team starts season this weekend at Rollins Invitational.

CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Program Highlights

More than 400 people attended the ceremony as NSU's Center for Psychological Studies presented Albert and Rose Miniaci with its 6th Annual Humanitarian of the Year Award. The event, which took place at the Hyatt Hotel Pier 66, honored Albert and Rose Miniaci for their untiring dedication and commitment to the Broward County Community. The Humanitarian of the Year Award was established six years ago in order to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Community. Monies raised by the annual event have been used to establish the CPS Humanitarian of the Year Endowed Scholarship.

On January 25, 2006, CPS students met with Lee Baer, Ph.D., CPS Distinguished Alumnus of the Year to learn more about Dr. Baer's research interests. Dr. Baer is an internationally recognized expert in the treatment of obsessive compulsive and related disorders.

The CPS Jewish Psychology Student Association hosted a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, January 27, 2006; the evening's distinguished speaker was Martin Ben-Moreh, Director-General of Meitar, the College of Judaism as Culture in Jerusalem.

In February 2006 The Center for Psychological Studies awarded 24 CPS scholarships. On April 11, 2005, the 3rd Annual Student Scholarship and Recognition Award Ceremony will take place at which time the scholarship recipients and several more students and student groups will be recognized for outstanding achievement.

The CPS Ethnic Minority Association of Graduate Students (EMAGS) held its bi-annual diversity lunch on Thursday, February 16, 2006. These "pot luck" luncheons, attended by CPS faculty, staff and students, foster healthy relationships and dialogue among all.

Presentations and Professional Activities

A distinguished lecture, *Helping Children Relocated Due to Hurricanes*, was presented to the Texas Association of School Administrators Conference in Austin, Texas by Dr. Scott Poland on January 31, 2006.

On February 03, 2006 Dr. Steven Gold presented, "*The Interpersonal and Developmental Context of Trauma and Dissociation: conceptualization and Treatment*," at Carlos Albizu University, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Dr. Linda Sobell gave the Presidential Address at the annual meeting of Division 12, Society of Clinical Psychology, American Psychological Association.

On February 18, 2006, Dr. Scott Poland presented the keynote address to the Illinois School Psychology Association in Chicago entitled, *Education is More than the Three Traditional R's: What About Relationships, Responsibility and Resiliency*.

Drs. Mark and Linda Sobell presented, *Guided Self-Change Treatment: Goal Choice with Alcohol and Drug Abusers,*” and “*Adapting a Motivational Intervention to Group Format for Alcohol and Drug Users,*” as part of a symposium on Moderation Approaches for Substance Users at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior and Cognitive Therapy, Washington, D.C.

During the last week of February 2006 Dr. Linda Sobell visited Russia to present, “*Motivational Interviewing and Projects Choices and Healthy Choices,*” at a two-day Research Seminar on Preventing Alcohol Syndrome in Russian Children presented at the Faculty of Psychology in the State University of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Publications

Professors Mark Sobell Linda Sobell co-authored an article, Guided Self-Change treatment for substance abusers that appeared in the *Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy, Volt 19.*

A journal article, Hormones, menstrual distress, and migraine across the phases of the menstrual cycle, co-authored by Associate Professor Jeffrey Kibler appeared in *Headache, 45.*

Colloquia/Continuing Education

On January 05, 2006 Lola Heverly, Ed.D. presented a colloquium entitled, *Developing Early Literacy with Young Children of Teenage Parents.*

The CPS Continuing Education Workshop Series in Forensic and Behavioral Criminology hosted, *FBI Profiling and Crime Analysis in Homicides, Sex Crimes, and Other Crimes of Violence,* presented by Gregg O. McCrary took place on January 21 & January 22, 2006.

A colloquium presentation entitled, *Taking Action in the Advocacy for Psychology: Use your voice as a tool to benefit many,* hosted by the CPS Student Organization for the Advancement of Psychology was presented on February 01, 2006 by Dr. Ralph “Gene” Cash and doctoral student.

A colloquium entitled, *Psychology and Federal Law Enforcement,* was presented by Special Agent and CPS alumnus Steve Gonzalez on February 07, 2006.

On February 08, 2006 a colloquium entitled, “*Psychopharmacology and Consulting with Treating Physicians: A Physician’s View,*” was presented by N. Benjamin Barnea, M.D.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

The CJI accepted the “2005 Community Partnership Award” from Broward County Crime Stoppers (BCCS) on behalf of Nova Southeastern University. A plaque was awarded to Dr. Tammy Kushner for the “Crime Time @ CJI” online whodunit game. Proceeds were contributed to BCCS in an effort to help fund the “tip line.” This award was presented on Friday February

17, 2005 at the Signature Grand during the Broward County Crime Stoppers Ball 25th Anniversary.

Broward County Crime Stoppers will likely assist with funding the proposed NSU Law Enforcement Executive Development Program by awarding grant money to the Criminal Justice Institute. CJI is one of several schools collaborating with local law enforcement agencies to establish a Law Enforcement Executive Development Program. Proposed topics include: Stress Management; Dealing with the Media; Budget & Finance; Human Resource/Personnel and Legal Issues; Dealing with Labor Organizations; Crime Prevention; and Human Diversity.

The multi-center Psychology Postdoctoral Residency program, sponsored by the Criminal Justice Institute is growing! The program has added an additional site and three additional resident positions for the 2006-2007 year. This collaborative program will now be partnered with the University School, the College of Dental Medicine, the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, the Center for Psychological Studies and the Fischler School of Education and Human Services.

A new dual admission program has been approved by both the CJI and the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. This “Fast Track” program will allow exceptional criminal justice undergraduate majors the opportunity to complete their Master of Science degree through the CJI at an accelerated pace.

The CJI is considering the establishment of a Joseph Gerwen’s memorial scholarship in honor of our recently deceased faculty and administrator. Mr. Gerwens passed away on Sunday January 29, 2006.

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences has actively expanded campus and community programming – reflecting the commitment to create broader awareness and appreciation for the expertise of faculty and the diversity of disciplines represented in the college. Faculty, students, and staff have been active in these efforts, which are coupled with notable guest speakers and performances.

Recent highlights include a public lecture by Nobel Laureate, writer, and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, the NSU Theatre performance of *Nickel and Dimed*, and sponsorship of the inaugural AIA Marathon in Fort Lauderdale.

Distinguished Speakers

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences welcomed Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, author and recipient of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, to NSU’s main campus in February. Wiesel is the author of more than forty books of fiction and non-fiction, including *Night* and *The Time of the Uprooted*, published in August. His visit to NSU, part of the college’s annual Distinguished Speakers Series, was sponsored by the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in conjunction with the college’s year-long exploration of its unifying academic theme—“Good and Evil.”

During the week of Wiesel's visit, two complementary College of Arts and Sciences panel events explored the issues of torture and of sports performance enhancement. Both are topics of great current social concern discussed through the lens of the "Good and Evil" theme.

- "Torture in the Modern Age," sponsored by the Division of Humanities examined historical and current issues related to torture. Panelists included Division of Humanities associate professor Stephen Levitt, L.L.M. and Shepard Broad Law Center professor Douglas Donoho, J.D.. The panel was moderated by Sean Erwin, Ph.D., Division of Humanities visiting professor of philosophy.
- "Enhancing Human Performance: Good vs. Evil," sponsored by the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, looked at the ethics of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs. Student presentations highlighted general issues, followed by a guided discussion about controversial steroid use, led by Larry Starr, M.Ed., NSU assistant athletic director for sports medicine. Finally, a moderated faculty panel discussed scientific and ethical aspects of enhancement, including consideration of controversial issues such as anti-aging and cloning research. The panel included Division of Math, Science, and Technology faculty members Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D. (moderator), Josh Loomis, Ph.D., and Mark Jaffe, D.P.M. The event was introduced by Patricia McGinn, Ph.D., assistant professor of athletic training.

Guest Speakers

Salvador Minuchin, M.D., one of the world's leading figures in family therapy, presented a January guest lecture. Minuchin presented his current work and described how his theoretical model—structural family therapy—offers an invaluable framework to help guide practitioners. The lecture was sponsored by the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Guest lecturer Marilyn Myerson, Ph.D., a professor of women's studies and philosophy at the University of South Florida, spoke about "What's Love Got to Do With It?: Understanding Complexities in Research," in February. Myerson explored stereotypes about research, looked at the influence of cultural factors on its process, and discussed how Nobel Prize winner Barbara McClintock stepped outside the box to develop a new vision of scientific inquiry. The lecture was sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and organized by Allison Brimmer, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Humanities.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), housed in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, sponsored a December lecture related to the college's special year-long academic theme—"Good and Evil." Candace McKinniss, a librarian with NSU's Sherman Library, offered a literary view of "Good and Evil" through discussion of the literature of Robert Lewis Stevenson, with an emphasis on *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

Community Partnership

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences launched a significant partnership through February's inaugural A1A Marathon, Broward County's first large-scale marathon. More than 3,500 runners participated in the event's full and half marathons. The College of Arts and Sciences joined

government, corporate, and media sponsors to create a successful, signature event for the South Florida community that will continue as a major athletic weekend in the years to come. These community partnerships—that include Wachovia Bank, American Airlines, and the *Sun-Sentinel*—don't just build relationships with business and government, they also extend the college's academic expertise “beyond the classroom.”

In addition to partnering on the race, the college sponsored the A1A Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, held the day before. The Nova Southeastern University Health & Fitness Expo featured a full day of educational lecture series—focusing on strength training and nutrition—designed by Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D., director of the Athletic Training Education Program, housed in the college's Division of Math, Science, and Technology. Seminars were led by Swann, Patricia McGinn, Ph.D., athletic training assistant professor, and an impressive roster of physicians, Olympic athletes, and seasoned sports trainers.

Students and faculty also got involved in other ways. Athletic training students volunteered during the weekend to help with race check-in and man stations along the race route that provided runners with water and encouragement. The college was also represented in the running of the race—Michele Mits Cash, Ph.D., director of the Office of Academic Services, ran the half marathon.

Comcast will broadcast a special program on March 15 about the A1A Marathon, including highlights from the Health & Fitness Expo, the race, the awards ceremony, and interviews with major sponsors, including Don Rosenblum, Ph.D., dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

Student Accomplishments

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences biology students Christine Lilja, Shani Kagan, and Lyubov Vayner were the co-authors on a poster presentation in December with Scott Schatz, O.D., a professor in the Health Professions Division College of Optometry. The poster, “Prevalence of Dry Eye in a Haitian Clinic Population,” was presented at the American Academy of Optometry meeting in San Diego.

Farheen F. Parvez and Kamal Kaur, biology students in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology, presented a research poster at “Angiogenesis in Cancer and Vascular Disease,” an international medical conference held in February in Miami. Their poster, “Induction of Apoptosis by Resveratrol in Cancer Cells During Combination Treatment with Nutlin-3 and TGF- β ,” focused on research into the anti-cancer effects of complementary drug treatments. Parvez and Kaur worked on the research project with mentoring faculty members and graduate students in NSU's College of Pharmacy. Their collaboration is the result of ongoing undergraduate involvement in graduate school research projects made possible through the College of Arts and Sciences' connections with NSU's graduate schools and centers. The college also provides academic and financial support for independent, mentored undergraduate research through its Undergraduate Honors Program.

Communication studies students from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences attended the 2005 National Conference of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), held in Miami Beach in mid-December. Four students from the Division of Humanities communication studies major attended—Susan Salvary, Danielle Garcia (double major with English), Desiree Cheatham, and Cheryl Clayton. Convention sessions covered all facets of the public relations field. Speakers included educators in the field; upper-level executives from corporations, such as General Motors and American Airlines; and CEOs from many internationally well-known public relations firms. The four NSU students also had the opportunity to network with other students from PRSSA chapters from around the world. Participation in the convention was funded by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Office of the Dean, which is committed to supporting student participation in independent research, professional activities, study abroad, and other educational opportunities outside of the classroom.

Information Exchange, a Radio X interview show devoted to NSU campus issues, airs Tuesdays from 7:00–7:30 p.m. with host Camille Wright, a communication studies student in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities. Shows focus on campus social, political, and community issues. Topics for recent shows have included:

- NSU’s Unity and Diversity Week—featuring interviews with Mike Brochu, dorm resident adviser, and Sami Ray, president of NSU’s campus chapter of Amnesty International.
- The Good and Evil Film Series, sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences—featuring interviews with Weylin Sternglanz, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, and his students about the movie *Crash*.

Faculty Accomplishments

Mark Duncan, M.F.A., assistant professor of theatre in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, portrayed the reindeer Comet in Rude Mechanical Productions’ December production of *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues*, by Jeff Goode, in West Palm Beach.

Jim Doan, Ph.D., a professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, has been invited to give two lectures, “Ulster Scot Immigration to America” and “The Irish in the Caribbean,” at Murray State University, Murray, KY in April as part of a series on the Irish Diaspora. In addition, his paper, “Images of British Unity and Disunity in Shakespeare’s Later Plays,” has been accepted for a conference in Aberdeen, Scotland, next summer that focuses on Icons and Iconoclasts: The Long Seventeenth Century, 1603-1714.

Ben Mulvey, Ph.D., assistant dean for curriculum and instruction in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, has published a review of *Therapy for the Sane: How Philosophy Can Change Your Life* by Lou Marinoff in the *European Journal of Psychology*, Volume 1, Number 4, November 2005.

Lorraine Stanchich, an adjunct instructor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, participated in a poetry reading in the Alvin Sherman Library’s Connections Café in January.

Stanchich, the author of *Witness*, a collection of her poetry published in 2003 by Epic Press, teaches classes in writing in the Division of Humanities.

Theatre Production

NSU Theatre in February presented *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, playwright Joan Holden's stage adaptation of the best-selling book by journalist Barbara Ehrenreich. NSU Theatre, part of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, is open to all members of the NSU community interested in the theater arts. In the fall, NSU Theatre produced *The Burial at Thebes*, poet Seamus Heaney's translation of Sophocles' *Antigone*. The final offering of the 2005–2006 season will be the *Night of the Assassins*. Cuban playwright Jose Triana's drama about family conflict amid revolution, first produced in Cuba in 1965, was subsequently banned there for 30 years. The performance is scheduled for two evenings, April 7 and 8, 2006.

Faculty Lecture Series

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences initiated its Faculty Lecture Series in January. The series explores the college faculty's diverse areas of interest in the humanities, biological and physical science, and social and behavioral sciences. Ten events were scheduled for the winter semester.

- January. Allison Brimmer, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Humanities, discussed how we develop conceptions of our identities, in "What Do We Really Know, Anyway?"
- January. Tom Fagan, Ph.D., associate professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, discussed the reality of life in American prisons in "Prison Facts and Myths."
- February. Robin Sherman, Ph.D., assistant director of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology, spoke about efforts to study and protect South Florida's coral reef systems in "Building artificial reefs with used tires? Bad idea."
- February. "U.S. Foreign Policy During World War II and the Cold War" included presentations by Division of Humanities history professors David Kilroy, Ph.D., Stephen R. Levitt, LL.M., and Tim Dixon, J.D., and was moderated by humanities professor Jim Doan, Ph.D.
- February. To complement NSU Theatre's production of *Nickel and Dimed*, faculty members from the Division of Humanities met for a post-performance conversation about disparity in the workplace, welfare reform, business ethics, and other issues. Participating faculty members were Allison Brimmer, Ph.D., Chetachi Egwu, Ph.D., Sean Erwin, Ph.D., Vicki Toscano, Ph.D., and Kate Waites, Ph.D.
- February. David McNaron, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, asked, "Is Open-mindedness a Virtue?" and discussed how to distinguish the virtue of open-mindedness from various imposters.

- Upcoming—March 14. Darren Hibbs, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, and his students will discuss “The Problem of Evil.”
- Upcoming—March 21. Evan Haskell, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology. A lunchtime talk with NSU Oceanographic Center faculty and senior Ph.D. students, noon–1 p.m. Parker 241.
- Upcoming—April 4. Gary Gershman, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Humanities. Follow-up on study abroad to Europe noon–1 p.m. Parker Lobby.
- Upcoming—April 20. Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D., associate professor in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology. Follow-up on Study Abroad trip to Greece noon–1 p.m., Parker 241.

Ars Flores, NSU’s orchestra in residence, will perform its April Fools Family Concert on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Ars Flores is a unique center for musical education, made up half by seasoned professional musicians and half student “fellows” from colleges and high schools. The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences proudly partners with Ars Flores as the orchestra provides musical education and collaborative opportunities for the Nova Singers and other campus arts organizations.

Black History Month

As part of NSU’s Black History Month celebration, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Public Affairs co-sponsored a February film and discussion series to focus on important moments in African American history. Films were followed with discussions about film, law, and history moderated by members of the faculty.

- *The Long Walk Home*—Sissy Spacek and Whoopi Goldberg in a film about the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott. Discussion Moderators: Gary Gershman, Ph.D. (Division of Humanities) and Robin Sherman, Ph.D. (Division of Math, Science, and Technology).
- *BaadAsssss Cinema*— A documentary examining the short-lived but deeply influential 1970s black independent film movement now known as “blaxploitation.” Discussion Moderators: Allison Brimmer, Ph.D. and Chetachi Egwu, Ph.D. (Division of Humanities).
- *The Challenge of Freedom*—Episode four of the PBS series *Slavery and the Making of America*, which covers the Civil War to the start of the Civil Rights Movement. Discussion Moderators: Eileen Smith, Ph.D. and Alicia Jackson, Ph.D. (Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences).

As part of NSU’s Black History Month celebration, David P. Kilroy, Ph.D., associate professor of history in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities, lectured in February on the role of African Americans in the U.S. Military. In his presentation, Kilroy focused on the subject of his 2003 book, *For Race and Country: The Life and Career of Colonel Charles Young*. Colonel Charles Young served at the turn of the 19th century and up until 1917 was the highest-ranking African American officer in the U.S. Army. A history of Young’s life transcends the fields of military, diplomatic, and African American history.

As part of NSU's Black History Month celebration, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and the Alvin Sherman Library cosponsored "A Literary Explosion" at the Sherman Library in February. The event featured readings by local writers and an open mic session in the second floor gallery of the library where the art exhibition "Rock My Soul: The Black Legacy of Rock and Roll," is on display. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter sponsored the event's reception.

Film Series

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring a film series that explores the theme of "Good and Evil." Weylin Sternglanz, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences organized the series. *Crash* (2005) was shown in January, *Europa, Europa* (1999) was shown in February, and *Born into Brothels* (2004) will be shown Thursday, March 16, 2006. All films are followed by a post-film discussion.

Dance Classes

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring free dance classes during winter semester for all students, faculty, and staff. In February, renowned dance teacher and choreographer Jackie T. taught her unique style of funk, jazz, and hip-hop fusion. Upcoming classes include urban fusion/hip-hop with Zedrick Bumbrey in March and Modern Dance with Soledad Centurion Yedro of the Miami Contemporary Dance Company in April. Classes are organized by Chetachi Egwu, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Humanities.

Student Services

The Fifth Annual Graduate Schools Planning Day—sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences—was held in February. Representatives from NSU graduate programs, as well as from programs at other universities, were there to meet with students, answer questions, and provide application materials. A wide variety of disciplines were represented. Other institutions represented include the University of Miami, the University of Central Florida, Barry University, Florida State University, Saint Thomas University, and the University of South Florida. Students at all levels were encouraged to attend and start planning ahead for their graduate school education.

A series of special writing workshops are being offered to NSU students throughout the winter semester by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Office of Academic Services. The "Grammar and Writing Process Workshops" are geared toward two student populations—NSU students in general who need support for grammar and the writing process, and students whose first language is not English, who have a greater need for grammar and sentence structure. Mark Jaffe, D.P.M., an assistant professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Math, Science, and Technology, brought undergraduate volunteers to January's Southwest Focal Senior Health Fair in Pembroke Pines for a day of medical outreach. College of Arts and Sciences students Richard Voskoboynikov, Julee Gil, Jasmine Rivas, Shardal Koppa, and Marcia Durity assisted Jaffe, learning hands-on how to perform a lower extremity Health Fair screening history and physical exam. They screened over 30 people in a little over an hour. The

students also networked with graduate students from NSU's College of Occupational Therapy. This is the second year Jaffe and his students—under the auspices of the NSU Health Professions Division's Senior Services Team—are performing health care outreach.

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Office of Admissions is seeking undergraduate students interested in returning to their high school during Spring Break to speak with prospective students and guidance counselors about their experience at NSU. Participating students will receive a \$50 bookstore gift certificate.

Farquhar Forum

The Fall 2005 issue of the Farquhar Forum, the community magazine of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, is online at <http://undergrad.nova.edu/farquharforum/index.cfm>. The Farquhar Forum highlights accomplishments and activities of the college's faculty, students, and alumni. The fall issue includes articles on several key college programs and activities, including the college's current annual theme ("Good and Evil"), as well as profiles of study abroad programs in the Amazon, the "Psychology View From NSU" television show, and student research in genomics. The magazine is published twice a year by the college's Office of Information Services.

FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Accreditation granted by University Council of Jamaica

The Applied Professional Studies (APS) program and Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP) have been fully accredited by the University Council of Jamaica.

Faculty member honored as national principal of the year

Mel Riddile, Ed.D., an advisor with the Doctorate in Educational Leadership program, was recently named 2006 National Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife after being named the 2006 Virginia High School Principal by the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals. He is a high school principal in Fairfax County, VA.

Faculty member appointed to governing board-Sunshine State TESOL 2006

Dr. Rashid A. Moore, Program Professor in TESOL and UTEP ESOL Coordinator, has been appointed as a Member-at-Large to the governing board of Sunshine State TESOL for 2006. Sunshine State TESOL is the Florida affiliate of the national TESOL organization and promotes research in the field of TESOL and advocates on behalf of English language learners in the state.

Fischler School providing mental health care services to torture victims

FSEHS is proud to announce that its post doctoral psychology students are now providing mental health care services to International Victims of Political Torture. These and other services will be

provided at the Health Professions Division Health Care Center located on the North Miami Beach campus in support of the current and future endeavors to assist the survivors of political torture in rebuilding their lives. Sufferers will be referred by the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc. and Florida Center for Survivors of Torture facilities.

FSEHS Ed.D graduate awarded high school administrator of the year

Dr. Ian B. Saltzman, Principal of Palm Beach Central High School, has been awarded Administrator of the Year by the Palm Beach Counseling Association. The Palm Beach Counseling Association recognized Dr. Saltzman for his support and advocacy in addressing the needs and growth of children.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SHSS Activities and Program Events

The School-wide Luncheon was held on January 25. American Express Awards were presented at the luncheon to:

- Alexia Georgakopoulos, Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis & Communication
- Noreen Hartmann, Program Coordinator, Family Therapy
- Christine Hellkamp, Operations Coordinator
- Lauren Hill, Communications Services Coordinator
- Adam Matheson, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Operations
- Anne Rambo, Associate Professor of Family Therapy
- Lee Shilts, Professor of Family Therapy
- Hamdesa Tusso, Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution & Sociology
- Lisa Wallen, Student Services Coordinator
- Ann Zomerfeld, Assistant to the Dean's Office

A joint Open House for the Graduate School of Humanities & Social Sciences and the Center for Psychological Studies was held on February 10.

Michaela Koettig, a visiting professor and social worker from Germany, joined SHSS in February to collaborate with faculty members in DCAR. Her research focuses on extreme right wing young women (young adults and teens) in the Federal Republic of Germany - in Neo-Nazi and skinhead groups.

The 14th Residential Institute (RI) for distance learning students was held February 18-22 on the Main Campus for the first time.

The first Clinical Institute (CI) was held for family therapy cluster students from Jacksonville and Orlando.

Dr. Brian Polkinghorn was the keynote speaker at this year's Residential Institute. His presentation was entitled: "An Examination of Current Trends in the Academic and Practical World of Conflict Resolution."

The SHSS Student Association held its winter social at the Flight Deck on February 19.

A panel discussion, "Structure and Dynamics of Conflict in Africa" was held during Residential Institute on February 20.

The film *Silent Waters* was shown on February 20 followed by a facilitated discussion by Dr. Marcia Sweedler. The film *Faces of Change* was shown on February 21 followed by a discussion led by Dr. Julia Chaitin and Margaret Armand as well as the film *Barakia* on February 22 followed by a discussion led by Dr. John Linstroth for Residential Institute students.

The SHSS Student Association sponsored a booth for the "CommunityFest" held on February 18.

SHSS is hosting an Alumni Reception on March 9 in the Maltz Building. The reception will include a presentation by Dr. Judith McKay titled Building Collaborations to Support Our Multicultural Communities: The Community Resources, Partnerships and Solutions Project.

Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Tommie Boyd, Chair of the Department of Family Therapy/Assistant Professor, attended the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) conference February 12-14 in Tallahassee. She has also been involved in the supervision of the launch of the Jacksonville family therapy cluster site.

Dr. Jean-Mathieu Essoh Essis, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Public Policy, was featured in an article in the Fall 2005 edition of New York University magazine *The Square* entitled "Scholars in Peril." The article discussed the danger he faced once a civil war broke out when he reentered his country, Cote d'Ivoire, as a scholar studying in America. He also had an article published in *International Negotiation Journal* entitled "From Individual State Preferences to Collective Decisions: An Analytic Account of the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference."

Dr. Shelley Green, Associate Professor of Family Therapy, presented an all-day institute entitled "Approved Supervision Refresher Course: Having Fun Jump-Starting Supervision" at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Kansas City, MO on October 20, 2005.

Dr. John Linstroth, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology, will be attending the International Studies Association, 47th Annual Convention in San Diego, CA March 20-27.

Dr. Susanne Marshall, Director of the Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies and Special Assistant to the Dean for Academic Affairs, co-facilitated an open, informal dialog about relevant diversity topics along with Dr. Debra Nixon on February 16 for SHSS and CPS students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Debra Nixon, Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, was promoted to Associate Chair for the Department of Family Therapy. She also co-facilitated an open, informal dialog about relevant diversity topics along with Dr. Susanne Marshall on February 16 for SHSS and CPS students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Marie Olson-Lounsbery, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and International Studies, will be attending the International Studies Association, 47th Annual Convention in San Diego, CA March 20-27.

Dr. Lee Shilts, Professor of Family Therapy, will be attending the Brief Family Therapy Center, "Solution Focused Trainers Conference" in Amsterdam, Netherlands March 22-27.

Dr. Hamdesa Tusso, Associate Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, has been selected to be the Distinguished Visiting Esau Professor for the 2006-2007 Academic Year with the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies at Menno Simons College, University of Winnipeg where he will teach classes and conducts research.

Dr. Honggang Yang, Dean of SHSS, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, co-facilitated the 3rd Annual Forum on U.S. - China Higher Education Administration in Washington, D.C. on February 3rd and 4th. He also traveled to Los Angeles, CA to attend the American Council on Education 88th Annual Meeting February 10-14.

Erica Guterman joined SHSS on January 30 as the Assistant to the Office of Student and Academic Affairs.

Janelle Miller was promoted from her Receptionist position to the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

Student News

Tony Gaskew, DCAR Ph.D. candidate, submitted a piece to the ACR Newsletter on the culture of terrorism, which explores, among other things, the idea of seeing the foundations of terrorism through the lens of the violence triangle a construct that begins with direct violence as the event that is intended to insult the basic needs of others.

Tina Jaeckle, DCAR student, was awarded by the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) for her endeavors in Crisis Intervention.

Alumni News

Jaime Arango, DCAR Alum, was the 2005 Fourth Quarter Winner of the Helen Graham Employee Achievement Award of Excellence at NSU. Jaime works as the Institutional Review Board Administrator in the Office of Grants and Contracts and has been an employee at NSU for almost 10 years.

Dr. Clyde A. Baliey, DFT Alum, upon his graduation from SHSS, earned a fulltime job as a Clinical Therapist at the Center for Family Services in West Palm Beach. The agency is over 30 years old and serves a wide cross section of the community including offering Employees Assistance Programs to various companies and organizations within the county.

Emily Gonzalez-Abreu, DFT Alumna, was featured in the Sun-Sentinel among a panel of experts in an article discussing the recent violence against the homeless by teenagers in Fort Lauderdale.

Dr. Florence Ross, Ph.D. DCAR Alumna, was honored at Temple Adath Or in Cooper City on January 28. The temple honored Ross for her seven decades of peacemaking. Ross' peacemaking activities range from co-founding a Muslim-Jewish-Christian dialogue in South Florida to starting the Institute of Peacemaking Elders at NSU. *The Miami Herald* profiled Ross and her efforts as a peace activist in the "Tropical Life" section in the Saturday, January 28 edition.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Faculty Scholarly Accomplishments

Abramson, G. (2005). Applied Learning Technology. *Journal of Instruction Delivery Systems*, 19(3), 3-4.

Abramson, G. (2006, February). Library Services for Distant Learners. SALT 2006 Conference on New Learning Technologies, Orlando, FL.

Abramson, G., Lee, T.C., Wang, Q., & Ward, C. (2006, February). Technology Supported Solutions for Special Populations, Opening Gates in Teacher Education, 2006: International Virtual Conference. (Synchronous voice-and-image online, global presentation with doctoral students from Ohio, Washington DC, and Florida)

Abramson, G. (2006, February). Session Chair: *Design*. SALT 2006 Conference on New Learning Technologies, Orlando, FL.

Abramson, G. (2006). Editorial board review of manuscript for the *Journal of Computing and Teacher Education*.

Abramson, G. (2006). Editorial board review of manuscript for the *International Journal on E-Learning*.

Ackerman, E.S., Appointed to a new position within the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, (IEEE) as the Region Three Student Activities Chairman. This position is part of the executive committee that is responsible for all interactions between over 90 colleges and universities within the United States and Jamaica, including KY, VA, TN, NC, MS, AL, GA, SC, FL and parts of IN and IL. The position also oversees all student involvement at the regional SoutheastCon conferences.

Cohen, M.S. (2006, February). Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, Computer Science Panel, Arlington, VA.

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

Cohen, M.S., Supervise Ally Lee's NASA Grant - \$24,000, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006. "How can users navigate within a 3-D environment?"

Dringus, L.P., Editor in Chief, *The Internet and Higher Education*, Elsevier journal.

Dringus, L.P. (2005). Editor's choice: Selected online learning resources. *The Internet and Higher Education*, 8(4), 345-357.

Ellis, T.J. & Hafner, W. (2006). ACLE: A communication environment for asynchronous collaborative learning. *Proceedings of the 37th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*. Piscataway, NJ: IEEE.

Hafner, W., Director, Institute for Privacy and Security Studies (I-PASS) at Nova Southeastern University. This organization has hosted the monthly meetings for the South Florida chapter of "InfraGard," a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) program that focuses on Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) activities in counterterrorism, cyber crime and other major crime programs. Dr. Hafner also hosts the monthly meetings for the South Florida Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA).

Ellis, T.J. & Hafner, W. (2006). ACLE: A communication environment for asynchronous collaborative learning. *Proceedings of the 37th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*. Piscataway, NJ: IEEE.

Laszlo, M., & Mukherjee, S. (2006, January), A class of heuristics for the constrained forest problem, *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, 154(1), 6-14.

Levy, Y., referee for the following papers submitted to the Information Resource Management Association (IRMA) International Conference 2006, Washington D.C.

- "Abas-net model: e-university maturity model"
- "Evolution of virtual universities"
- "The seen playfulness as aspect of the e-learning"

Levy, Y., referee for the following papers a paper submitted to the Informing Science + Information Technology Education Conference 2006, Greater Manchester, UK.

- "Strategies to enhance student learning in a capstone MIS course"
- "Processes for ex-ante evaluation of IT projects-case studies in Brazilian companies"

Levy, Y., Referee for seven (7) papers submitted to the IEEE SoutheastCon 2006 conference. Reviews were done on January, 2006.

Levy, Y., Refereed “Improving an airline’s event-response capabilities application of business activity monitoring in the airline industry” submitted to the *Journal of Cases of Information Technology (JCIT)*. Review was done on January, 2006.

Levy, Y., Refereed “A proposed index for collaboration and cooperation in undergraduate project teams” submitted to the *Journal of Information Systems Education (JISE)*. Review was done on January, 2006.

Levy, Y., Delegate to the IS Junior Faculty Consortium, International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) 2005, Las Vegas, NV.

Levy, Y., Member, International Board of Reviewers, Informing Science + Information Technology Education (InSITE) 2006, Greater Manchester, UK.

Levy, Y., Member, International Program Committee, International Conference on Communications, Internet and Information Technology (CIIT) 2006, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

Levy, Y., Track co-chair - Education Track, IEEE SoutheastCon 2006 conference, Memphis, TN.

Li, W., & Vaughn, R. (2006). Modeling and Simulating System Exploitations through Exploitation Graphs for Security Engineering. *Proceedings of the 39th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences* (p. 225). January 4-7, Kauai, Hawaii: IEEE Press. Full paper available on proceedings CD.

Li, W., & Vaughn, R. (2006). Cluster Security Research Involving the Modeling of Network Exploitations Using Exploitation Graphs. *Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Cluster Security*. May 17, Singapore: IEEE Press.

Li, W., & Vaughn, R. (2006). Modeling and Simulating Network Exploitations Using Simplified Exploitation Graphs. *Symposium for Simulation Software Security: Proceedings of the 2006 Spring Simulation Multiconference (SMC'06)*. April 2-6, Huntsville, AL: The Society for Modeling and Simulation International.

Littman, M.K., Member, International Program Committee, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Mobility Conference 2006.

Littman, M.K., Member, Technical Committee, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Mobility Conference, 2006.

Littman, M.K., Member, Information Resources Management Association Program Committee (IRMA) 2006 International Conference, Washington, D.C.

Littman, M.K., Reviewer, Information Resources Management Association (IRMA) 2006 Conference Proceedings.

Littman, M.K., Reviewer, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) SoutheastCon 2006 Proceedings.

Mitropoulos, F., Reviewer, IEEE SoutheastCon 2006.

Mitropoulos, F., Reviewer, Prentice-Hall Publishing Company.

Levin, J. & Scigliano, J. A. (2006, February). Achieving high-level performance and quality of service in support of innovation in online and distance education programs. *Proceedings, SALT Conference on The New Learning Technologies 2006*, Orlando, Florida.

Scigliano, J.A., (2006). Reviewer for a paper to be presented at the American Society for Engineering Education 113th Annual Conference in Chicago.

Scigliano, J.A., Reviewer for *The Internet and Higher Education Journal (IHE)*.

Scigliano, J.A., Editorial Board for *The Internet and Higher Education Journal (IHE)*.

Simco, G., Reviewer, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) SoutheastCON 2006.

Sun, J., Reviewer and program committee member, International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Applications, February, 2006.

Sun, J., Reviewer for the Journal *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers IEEE MultiMedia*.

Sun, J., Reviewer for *International Journal of Systems Science and Systems Engineering*.

Sun, J., Associated Editor for *Journal of Engineering Letters*.

Sun, J., Associated Editor for the *International Journal of Computers and Their Applications*.

Terrell, S., (2005). Introduction to special issues of the AERA Education and World Wide Web Special Interest Group (EdWeb/SIG). *Internet in Higher Education*, 8(4), 277-278.

Cady, D. & Terrell, S., (2005, November). An investigation of the effects of the integration of computing technology in a science curriculum on female students' self-efficacy beliefs toward computing. Paper presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Florida Educational Research Association, Miami, FL.

Terrell, S., Member, Village of Wellington Educational Advisory Committee.

Terrell, S., Chair, Education and the WWW Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association.

Terrell, S., Statistical Editor, *Journal of the Internet in Higher Education*.

Terrell, S., Editorial review board for the *Teachers College Record*.

Terrell, S., Editorial review board for the *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*.

Adjunct Faculty Accomplishments

DeMichiell, R., Manning, R., Griffith, T., Klein, A. (2006). *Engaging Students to Think Creatively: Insight Exercises for Educators in the Information Age*. ISBN: 1-933788-17-8. Worcester, MA: EII Publications.

Doctoral Student Accomplishments

Brown, Wayne. (2006). Chief Information Officer *Effectiveness in Higher Education*. *EDUCAUSE Quarterly*, 29(1).

Brown, Wayne. (2006, February). *Chief Information Officer Effectiveness in Higher Education*. Paper presented at the EDUCAUSE Southwest Regional Conference, Austin, TX.

Brown, Wayne. (2006). What Should I Do? *EDUCAUSE Quarterly*, 29(1).

Deubel, Patricia. (2006). Game on! Game-based learning. *T.H.E. Journal*, 33(6), 30-33, 41. Available: <http://www.thejournal.com/articles/17788>

Ehrlich, D.M., Social Network Survey Paper *The International Journal of Learning and Intellectual Capital*, Accepted for publication in the 2006, Vol 1, No. 1.

Franklin, S., Smith, S., & Perez, J., A grid implementation for domain decomposition in solving stochastic partial differential equations. *Annual Journal of Concurrent Engineering* 12, 431-436.

Groom, Jeffrey. (2006). Medical Decision Making Under Stress – Evaluating the Impact of Medical Simulation Instruction on Affective Domain Learning, 1st Place Award – Research in Medical Simulation: Education. Awarded January 15, 2006. Presented at the 6th Annual International Meeting on Medical Simulation, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by the Society for Medical Simulation.

Morales, J., Perez, J. & Addepalli, S. (2005). Implementing a grid service of the electron nuclear dynamics theory, *Annual Journal of Concurrent Engineering*, 12, 469-472.

Park, R., (2005, November). Measuring Factors that Influence the Success of E-government Initiatives: Part One. Paper was presented at the 2005 Korean Management Information Systems International Conference at Jeju Island, South Korea.

Perez, J. (2005). A description of a grid-based solution to manage copyrighted digital content to licensed users and their information appliances. *Annual Journal of Concurrent Engineering*, 12, 155-159

Saleh, M. F. (2005, December). Semantic Web Knowledge Management. Paper presented at the International Conference on Systems, Computing Sciences and Software Engineering, Bridgeport, CT.

Shonfeld, Miri & Schrire, Sarah. (2006, February). Conference coordinators for Opening Gates in Teacher Education, 2006: International Virtual Conference. (Conference run by the MOFET Institute – the consortium of Israel’s 43 colleges of education, dedicated to serving each college and faculty member, as well as to advancing education at home and abroad.)

Sperano, Patricia & Sperano, Ronald. (2006, February). “Content and Technology Interoperability” paper presented at the SALT 2006 Conference on New Learning Technologies, Orlando, FL

Wang, Q. (2006). Quality assurance – Best practices for assessing online programs. *International Journal on E-Learning*, 5(2), 265-274.

H. WAYNE HUIZENGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Creating Access for Students in Multiple Disciplines.

Six graduate students earned a top 20 worldwide ranking for their performance in an Internet based competition. Over 320 schools from across the globe compete in the weekly BSG-Online interactive game. Students who participate are from areas including Canada, Australia, Mexico, Japan and the United States.

The Huizenga School opted to incorporate the interactive game into coursework of the final class required to complete the MBA program, which is taught by Dr. Rodolfo Silberstein. He has utilized the concept of bringing real-world business strategies into his classroom through this interactive game, as it is designed to simulate the growth and development of real-life companies and presents students with business-related scenarios that involve a wide range of business concepts.

“To succeed in this game, a student must have a complex understanding of all business strategies and concepts ranging from finance, human resources, manufacturing to administration. All of these concepts take place in the real-world, and that is why 60% of the student’s grade for the class is based on how well they perform in the game. The success in the game reflects how prepared they are to meet the demands of the real business world,” said Silberstein

Volusia County government employees have joined together to pursue their Master’s in Public Administration degrees, with the aspirations of being positive leaders in their communities.

The cluster was developed with the help of the Volusia County human resources department. The consensus was that the cluster format would be an advantage for the county as well as the employees, recognizing that the students would have an opportunity to work together in solving realistic problems in local government administration.

NSU professors personally travel to Volusia county corporate training classrooms to conduct classes. The program is designed in an 18-month alternative weekend format.

Expanding Fund Raising and Externally Sponsored Fund Raising Efforts.

On Friday March 3, the Huizenga School hosted its second annual Rock 'n' Roll Night – Dollars for Scholars – fundraising event for undergraduate scholarships. The event featured South Florida's best rock 'n' roll bands, *Ready Steady Go*, and other celebrity performers. \$100,000 in scholarship money was raised last year.

The Huizenga School Business Ethics and Global Social Responsibility Scholarship, has been established to support scholarly research by Huizenga School doctoral students that will advance the fields of business ethics and global responsibility, as well as the field of ethics in the public sector.

The scholarship was conceived and created by Dr. Frank J. Cavico, J.D., LL.M, Professor of Business Law and Ethics, and Dr. Bahaudin Mujtaba, D.B.A., Associate Professor of International Management. Professor's Cavico and Mujtaba are co- authors of the text, *Business Ethics: Transcending Requirements through Moral Leadership* (Pearson Publishing 2005), and are active researchers and writers in the fields of business ethics and global social responsibility, and teach the MBA course. The professors are providing funds to this scholarship from the royalties from the sale of the aforementioned business ethics text, which currently is used by over six different colleges and universities.

Maintaining a Global Institutional Perspective.

Professor Bahaudin Mujtaba, D.B.A., recently participated in the annual SAE/SAAE Conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. The theme of this year's conference was, "*The role of private sector enterprises in the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan.*" Nearly 200 people participated in this two day conference, which was held at Kabul University from December 17-18 2005.

The society of Afghan Engineers (SAE) and the Society of Afghan Architects and Engineers (SAAE) argue that the role of private sector enterprises in the reconstruction and long term development of Afghanistan is important. Through his role as conference Chair, Mujtaba was given the opportunity to provide training to Afghan Wireless managers and directors, of whom represent 13 different countries. His training was based on the concept of delivering quality service, during which he gave a formal presentation on the topic of "*Creating an Empowering Organizational Culture to Deliver Superior Value.*" In addition, Mujtaba was a presenting speaker at the conference, and donated over 250 copies of his self-authored book, "*Privatization and Market-Based Leadership.*"

Enhancing Student Engagements Off-Campus.

The Huizenga School continued its Distinguished Lecture series with Robert L. Johnson, founder and Chairman of Black Entertainment Television (BET) , RLT Companies and, George C. Nolen, president, and CEO of Siemens Corporation. Johnson spoke on January 23, to over 200 students. BET is a subsidiary of Viacom, Inc. (NYSE: VIA and VIA.B). Founded in 1980, BET is the nation's first and leading television network that provides quality entertainment music, news, sports, and public affairs programming for the African-American audience.

George C. Nolen, who has been president and CEO of Siemens Corporation since 2004, leads 70,000 Siemens employees based in all 50 states. The \$16.6 billion U.S. Company is a leader in healthcare technology and information management, power generation and transmission, automation and controls, lighting, information and communications technology, transportation, and building technologies. He is also Chairman of the Board of Siemens One, the U.S. Company's cross-selling and solutions arm.

MAILMAN SEGAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Pearson Allyn & Bacon recently published and began distributing Marilyn Mailman Segal, Ph.D.'s acclaimed series *All About Childcare and Early Education*. Pearson Allyn & Bacon Publishers is the foremost publisher of textbooks for the college and community college markets. The series, which includes a main text, a trainees manual, and an instructor's guide, will be used to teach the Child Development Associate (CDA) Certification nationally.

The institute's *Lorraine Breffni* presented to Head Start teachers on "Creative Curriculum," a leading early childhood curriculum. The presentations, scheduled for February and March, delve into constructing learning environments, responding to young children, developmentally-appropriate practices, and positive discipline techniques.

The 7th Annual *Evening Under the Stars Cocktail Party and Silent Auction*, contributing to the scholarship funds of the Family Center Preschool, Parenting Place, and Infant and Toddler programs, will be held Saturday, April 29th 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 and will carry a Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory-inspired theme.

OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER

Amphipod Actions



Dr. Thomas looks through a microscope while Kris Klebba (forefront) looks on.

Jim Thomas, Ph.D. and his MS student, Kris Klebba attended the 12th International Colloquium on Amphipoda at the National University of Ireland in Cork from July 24-26, 2005. Fifty amphipod specialists from around the world gathered to share recent developments in amphipod research. Thomas presented the "Unexplored diversity and cryptic species in leucothoid amphipods: status, progress, and needs." Klebba presented "The development and use of the *Leucothoe* amphipod taxonomic database" that she has put together as part of her Masters thesis.

Thomas and Klebba also spent one week at the London Museum of Natural History sorting through their collection of Leucothoid amphipods. The collections house many amphipod species dating back to the 1800s. They took many digital images and character notes for their comparative database of Leucothoids. This trip has helped to locate several type specimens needed for further research on this amphipod family. (Luckily, their travels brought them to London a week after the subway bombings!)

From August 31 to September 15, Thomas conducted a research diving project in Belize at Smithsonian's field station at Carrie Bow Caye. Graduate students Klebba and Joe Hall helped collect endocommensal crustaceans. Thomas also served as the station manager.

Thomas also organized and led a 4-day workshop October 10-13 on the taxonomy of marine bioindicators at the Southeastern Regional Taxonomic Center, in Charleston, South Carolina. The workshop focused on developing scientific expertise in selecting and identifying marine invertebrate bioindicators. Sixteen participants attended the workshop representing academic, federal, state, and regional scientists and resource managers.

Mexico Matters

From September 2-8, Edward O. Keith, Ph.D. was in Mexico working on a variety of projects. He and his collaborator, Jane Guentzel, Ph.D. from Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC, were collecting samples in the Alvarado Lagoon System (ALS) in the state of Veracruz. The ALS is formed by the deltas of four rivers, the Rio Blanco, Rio Limon, Rio Acula, and Rio Papaloapan. As these rivers approach the Gulf of Mexico about 50 km south of the city of Veracruz, Mexico, they widen and form a complex interconnected system of lagoons and estuaries. A previous survey of the ALS in 2003 had indicated that the waters contained baseline levels of mercury, equivalent to estuarine waters around the world, but that certain fish species, especially the Mojarra (*Eugerres plumieri*) contained enough mercury to cause concern if that species of

fish were to be consumed on a daily basis. Additionally, the concentration of mercury in the water was not positively correlated with dissolved organic carbon (DOC), in contrast to most other estuaries that have been studied.

These preliminary results provided a rationale for further study of the problem, and Keith and Guentzel received a NSU President's Faculty Research and Development Grant in 2004 to investigate mercury contamination in the water, marine life, sediment, and inhabitants of the ALS. The September trip was the second trip to the region this year, following up on a previous trip in March 2005. During these trips, water and sediment samples were collected from various locations in the ALS. The sediment samples are anticipated to provide insight into the mechanisms by which metallic mercury (Hg) is converted to bioavailable methyl-mercury, which can then undergo biomagnification as it moves up the food chain. This may also explain the inverse correlation between the concentration of methyl mercury in the water and the DOC. Samples of fish and other seafood were purchased from local fishermen and in the fish market in the town of Alvarado, which is the point of entry into the ALS. Additionally, hair samples were collected from the human inhabitants of the region to investigate the degree of their contamination by mercury. This study was approved by the NSU Institutional Review Board and by the University of Veracruz, in Xalapa, Mexico.

While in Mexico, Keith also met with investigators from the Institute of Ecology (INECOL) in Xalapa who are working in a freshwater wetland adjacent to the ALS known as La Popotera. This is an extensive system of marshes, ponds, rivers and sand dunes combined with a thick mangrove forest. The estuarine nature of the waters makes the site an ideal resting and breeding ground for numerous species. A total of 78 endangered or threatened species and an estimated 300 species of waterfowl inhabit the area. Sugar cane agriculture; cattle ranching and poaching constitute the main potential threats to this wetland, which was declared Ramsar site No. 1462 on 6 May 2005.



(L-R) Drs. Keith and Guentzel with Drs. Miguel De la Torre and Gustavo Leon, both from the Dept. of Applied Ecology of the Institute of Ecology in Xalapa, Mexico.

The Convention on Wetlands, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971, is an international treaty that provides the framework for national and international conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. There are presently 146 parties to the Convention, with 1469 wetland sites, totaling 128.9 million hectares (ha), designated for inclusion in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance. Being included on this list is an important step in the protection and rehabilitation of wetlands worldwide. The investigators from INECOL are looking for

collaborators to investigate heavy metal and organochlorine contaminants in La Popotera, and Keith and Guentzel met with them with the anticipation of working with them in the future.

Veracruz Vision

Prior to Keith's visit to Mexico, Richard Dodge, Ph.D., Dean of the NSUOC, had received a letter from scientists at a Coral Reef National Park near Veracruz. Taking advantage of the fact that Keith was going to be in the area, Dodge suggested that Keith meet with these scientists to explore how the NSUOC might begin collaborative investigations of the coral reefs in the area. Keith met with Elvira Carvajal, Ph.D. who is the Director of the "Sistema Arrecifal Veracruzano" (Veracruz Coral Reef National Park) that includes over 25 different reefs located near Veracruz. This area was declared a marine national park in 1992, and Ramsar site No. 1346 on February 2, 2005. The reef system is rich in fauna, with 84 different coral species, 339 mollusks, 47 sponges and 140 crustaceans. There are large sea grass beds, and pioneer coastal dune vegetation, coconut palms and mangroves are present on emerged keys.

Three main rivers have outlets in the vicinity, La Antigua, Jamapa-Atoyac, and Papaloapan, jointly discharging significant amounts of freshwater and sediments in the area, which pose a problem of turbidity. Additionally, water pollution comes from sewage and industrial waters from Veracruz and large vessels navigating close to the reefs. Over fishing is also affecting populations of lobsters, octopi and other species. In spite of these pressures, the recovery rate of the reef is greater than that of others in the Gulf of Mexico.

Carvajal and her colleagues were looking for technical and educational support for their programs and staff. At the meetings, Keith and Carvajal explored how the NSUOC could best provide this support, and discussed the possibility of future meetings between the staff of the Veracruz Coral Reef National Park and the National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) at NSU.

Keith has been working in the ALS for the past six years, initially collaborating with Enrique Portilla, Ph.D. and his students from the Institute for Biological Investigations (IIB) at the University of Veracruz, in Xalapa, on the biology and conservation of the Antillean manatee (*Trichechus manatus manatus*).



Antillean manatee at the Veracruz Aquarium.

These efforts have focused on educational and conservation programs to reduce poaching, the primary cause of manatee mortality in this region, and to delineate the optimal habitat for manatees in the ALS. Additionally, a total of six orphan manatee calves have been found and taken to the Veracruz Aquarium for rehabilitation and eventual release back into the ALS. As the number of manatees at the aquarium has increased, they have had to enlarge their facilities, and they now have more manatees than they can realistically maintain. Thus, they desire to release several of these manatees into the ALS, after a period of acclimatization at a captive facility in the ALS. A governmental agency of the state of Veracruz, the “Papaloapan Basin Development Commission” (Consejo de Desarrollo del Papaloapan) has recently constructed a concrete-lined tank suitable for manatee husbandry along the banks of the Acula River in the central ALS.

Keith and Portilla received a President’s Faculty Research and Development Grant from NSU in 2005 to purchase radio transmitters that will be attached to the captive manatees upon their release into the ALS. This grant also provides funding to support an educational campaign directed towards the inhabitants of the ALS designed to increase their awareness of the endangered status of manatees in Mexico, the need to protect the manatees from poaching and other forms of human related mortality, and their knowledge of the proposed release of manatees into the ALS.

Keith and Portilla also want to determine if manatees have been seen recently in the ALS by the local inhabitants, and add these records to a registry of sightings containing records through 1999-2000, but none subsequently. Keith and Portilla discussed writing more grants to secure more funding to support this important investigation, and a grant was submitted to the Wildlife without Borders program of the US Fish and Wildlife Service on 1 October 2005.



(L-R) Front row: Administrative assistant, Eduardo Varela Echevarria, chief of projects Leticia Rodrigues and Dr. Guentzel. Back row: Translator Asab Lopez, biologist Dr. Eduardo Lopez Diaz, and Dr. Keith.

On 4 February 2004, the ALS was designated Ramsar Site No. 1355 through the efforts of the IIB at the University of Veracruz and other organizations. The area encompasses 267,010 ha that includes most of the critical manatee habitat and other areas crucial to manatee survival. It is regarded as the most important site for the manatee in Veracruz. Silting, agricultural expansion, mangrove cutting and extensive cattle ranching are threatening the site, as are increases in fish catch and the use of banned fishing nets. The area is highly regarded as of conservation priority and listed as an Important Bird Area. Further information on the three

Ramsar sites mentioned here can be found on the following web page:

http://www.ramsar.org/profile/profiles_mexico.htm.

For the culmination of his busy and productive trip to Mexico, Keith addressed a group of residents of the ALS in the city hall in Alvarado on September 7. In 2001, September 7 was officially declared the “National Day of the Manatee” in Mexico, and Portilla and others from the IIB always develop a festival in Alvarado to celebrate the manatee and educate the inhabitants of the region about the need to protect and conserve this endangered species. The title of Keith’s presentation was “El Manatí en México, especie en peligro de extinción” (“The manatee in Mexico, a species in danger of extinction”).



Dr. Keith addresses residents of the Alvarado Lagoon System on the National Day of the Manatee (Sept. 7) in the town hall of Alvarado, Mexico.

Crinoid Capers

Charles Messing, Ph.D. spent six weeks from late August through the end of September at a series of museums in Europe, examining original type material of crinoids (sea lilies and feather stars) housed in their collections. A week each at the Natural History Museum, London, and the Zoologische Museum in Amsterdam was followed by a month at the Museum national d'Histoire naturelle in Paris. Examining type material--the original specimens on which descriptions of species are based--is critical for understanding relationships among species and where one species begins and another leaves off. In the case of crinoids (as well as many other marine organisms), the original descriptions are often vague, incomplete or poorly illustrated (if at all). So, Messing is re-examining them and compiling a database of digital photographs as a first step in reorganizing the classification of many of these animals. In Paris, he also worked with Nadia Ameziane, Curator of Echinoderms, and her graduate student, Marc Eleaume, on descriptions of new crinoid species from the Antarctic. When it was pointed out to him that his trip sounded more like a vacation, Messing noted that marine biologists are not absolutely required to study places like the bottom of Boston Harbor. He is currently pursuing further work on crinoid evolution and ecology in Australia.

Reef Restoration

David Gilliam, Ph.D. and Richard Dodge, Ph.D., presented at the Reef Restoration Workshop held Oct. 18-19 in Miami, FL. Gilliam’s presentation was titled, "Restoration Case Studies of South Florida" and Dodge’s was titled, "Habitat Equivalency Analysis."

Also in attendance at the meeting were M.S. students Jamie Monty, Venessa Brinkhuis, Melissa Phillips, Joanna Walczak, Erin Hodel, Beth Lacey, and Judy Robinson; Ph.D candidates Pat Quinn and Brian Walker and senior programmer Kevin Kohler.

Outreach & Education Recognition for NSU'S National Coral Reef Institute

At the Caribbean/Atlantic Regional Coral Reef Outreach Workshop held in Ft. Lauderdale in Fall 05, NSU Oceanographic Center's National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) media kit was recognized as the best outreach/education vehicle in the print category among those submitted for consideration. Each organization was limited to two submissions among the four categories. Bahamas Fisheries won for best overall, while Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, Consultores Educativos Ambientales from Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators, won in the other three categories. The friendly competition was a networking exercise designed to facilitate the sharing of ideas among and across the three dozen agency and organization representatives in the workshop hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coral Conservation Program. Behavior-change communications; assessment, planning, and design for outreach and education; target audiences; appropriate tools for multiple stakeholders; translating science and research for coral reef users and non-technical audiences; improving the connectivity of coral reef outreach and enforcement; monitoring and evaluation for outreach and education; and an "open space" forum were the main topics covered in the two-day workshop, facilitated by Environmental Systems Solutions and Conservation International.



NCRI Administrative Assistant Adrienne Carter compiles media kits to accompany NCRI scientists on their next trip.

Educational Events: New Distance Class Offered

International Coastal Zone Restoration: The marshlands of Iraq. Learn about the catastrophic destruction of Southern Iraq – the Mesopotamian marshlands and the indigenous Marsh Dwellers who lived there. Participate in the global effort to restore the region's ecosystems, culture and livelihoods. Become an "electronic intern" and help investigate, analyze and report on problem and restoration efforts. Assist Iraqi scientists and others to create a Center for Southern Iraq Restoration Studies at Basrah University.

NSUOC distance- learning student Tom Kunneke is definitely in the right place at the right time; sustainable coastal design has been a passion of his for the last few years, and has been a constant theme in his coursework. Kunneke works for HDR Engineering, a full service provider of engineering and environmental solutions to the public and private sector throughout the USA and Canada. The environment and resource management (E & RM) division includes environmental science, planning, water resources, and community design. An E & RM company-wide two-day conference is held every two years; this year over 400 participants were represented. There is a current initiative at the corporate level to promote environmentally sustainable design.



Tom Kunneke discusses his posters with Katie Stoddard, a water resources engineer at HDR.

OC-based projects formed the basis for his two poster presentations: “Sustainable Coastal Design” and “Integrated Coastal Management in Cuba”. Kunneke reports that his posters got a lot of interest, from the standpoint of being a new initiative whose time had come. He has since been given the green light to promote sustainable coastal design and the environmental applications that encompass the HDR initiatives.

Alumni Alerts

Ray Wolcott (M.S. - Marine Biology) left for California to be near his family and retire, until he was offered a job as adjunct professor of oceanography at Palomar College in San Marcos, CA. which put an end to his life of leisure. He hasn't cut his ties with the center, either, as he has been working on a paper with Charles Messing, Ph.D. that will appear in the Bulletin of Marine Science. He also is attempting to organize an Oceanographic Center Alumni Association. Wolcott's thesis was titled “A comparison of aeration methods & diets for larval culture of the edible sea urchin *Tripneustes ventricosus* (Echinodermata: Echinoidea).”



Ray Wolcott (Class of 2002)

Peggy VanArman (Ph.D.- Ocean Science) was the 2005 recipient of the Charles and Hazel Corts Award for Outstanding Teaching at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Dr. VanArman is an associate professor of Biology, School of Arts and Sciences, Biology Department. She belongs to several organizations including the American Association of University Women, Florida Academy of Scientists, Florida Association Environmental Professionals, International Association Astacologists (Crayfish News) and Sigma Xi Research Society. She actively participates in educational and applied environmental activities, such as Envirothon, Pathfinder Awards, science fair judging and community service projects. VanArman's dissertation was titled "Biology and ecology of epigeal crayfish that inhabit Everglades environments *Procambarus alleni* (Faxon) and *Procambarus fallax* (Hagen)."



Peggy VanArman (Class of 2003) with Chief Academic Officer Joseph A Kloba (left) and University President David W. Clark.

Marella Crane's (M.S. Marine Biology) capstone project was titled "A review of impacts associated with the Florida red tide toxic dinoflagellate, *Gymnodinium breve*: suggestions for prediction, management, and control." Utilizing her degree in marine biology, Crane went on to become a marine agent with Florida Sea Grant and the University of Florida IFAS Cooperative Extension Service in Miami-Dade County. As an outreach officer, she works with scientists, resource managers, industry, teachers, students and the general public to promote ways to protect the coastal environment. Crane teaches fish venting at boat shows and fishing clubs and was mentioned in an October 16 *Miami Herald* article regarding catch-and-release problems, especially with regards to deeper sea dwelling fish. Using the venting technique properly allows the fish to sink back down to their habitat.



Marella Crane (Class of 2000)

Kevin Carter (M.S. - Marine Biology) is a Natural Resource Specialist III with the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection's Environmental Monitoring Division. He has been with Broward County for 10.5 years after graduating from Nova Southeastern University with a master's degree in marine biology in 1994. Prior to moving to Florida in 1990, Kevin received his B.S. in Agriculture from Ohio State University in 1989. He primarily works with surface water quality assessment. His major projects have included North Fork New River Restoration and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System monitoring. He also coordinates with other local, state, and federal agencies on issues such as total maximum daily loads, water quality criteria development, coastal water quality, and Everglades Restoration. Kevin is an adjunct professor at Broward Community College and a national and state member of the American Water Resources Association. Carter's thesis was titled "The egg production of calanoid copepods in coastal waters of Florida and its relation to the nutritional environment."



Kevin Carter (Class of 1995)

Seminars and Defenses

Thesis

John G. Foster, “Response of *Montastrea cavernosa* to elevated temperature and reduced irradiance.” Committee members: Bernhard Riegl, Ph.D., Richard Dodge, Ph.D., and Curtis Burney, Ph.D. Oct. 6.

Kristi A. Foster, “Responses of zooxanthella within *Montastrea cavernosa* to reduced light and elevated temperature stress.” Committee members: Bernhard Riegl, Ph.D., Richard Dodge, Ph.D., and Donald McCorquodale, Ph.D. Oct. 7.

Marcy L. Henning, “Highly streamlined PCR-based genetic identification of carcharhinid sharks (Family Carcharhinidae) for use in wildlife forensics, trade monitoring, and delineation of species distribution.” Committee members: Mahmood Shivji, Ph.D., Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D. and Richard Spieler, Ph.D. Oct. 14.

Vince Richards, “Genetic connectivity throughout Florida and the Caribbean: Comparative phylogeography of diverse reef taxa with contrasting reproductive strategies.” Committee members: Mahmood Shivji, Ph.D., James Thomas, Ph.D. and Charles Messing, Ph.D. Oct. 21.

Capstone

Sara B. Uhl, “Cetaceans and acoustics: the effects of anthropogenic sound pollution.” Committee members: Don McCorquodale, Ph.D. and Stefan Harzen, Ph.D. Sept. 9.

Nicole Marine Roddy, “The effect of temperature on loggerhead sea turtles, *Caretta caretta*, with emphasis on nesting in Broward County, Florida.” Committee members: Curtis Burney, Ph.D. and Edward O. Keith, Ph.D. Sept. 15.

Steve Kish III, “The golden crab (*Chaceon fenneri*), with particular emphasis on the southeast Florida fishery.” Committee members: Don S. McCorquodale, Ph.D. and Richard Spieler, Ph.D. Sept. 23.

David Radtke, “Organochlorine residues in Asian coastal marine organisms and the toxilogical effects on them and humans that consume them.” Committee members: Donald S. McCorquodale, Ph.D. and Curtis Burney, Ph.D., Oct. 12.

Dana Wingate, “A review of the biology and ecology of molluscan corallivores.” Committee members: Joshua Feingold, Ph.D., Charles Messing, Ph.D., and Bernhard Riegl, Ph.D. Nov. 11.

SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER

NSU Law Center Hosts a Conversation with Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, United States Supreme Court

The students, faculty members, and administration were honored to host U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens on Wednesday, February 1. This memorable visit was orchestrated by John Anderson, a distinguished visiting professor since 1987 whose prominent career in law and politics includes 10 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and a bid for the presidency in 1980.

Justice Stevens held a question and answer session with law students at Miniaci Auditorium at 11 a.m., and then joined faculty for lunch in the Law Center Faculty Terrace. Justice Stevens answered 19 questions, ranging from “How should the Supreme Court approach questions of executive power and what limit, if any, should there be on the President’s power to interfere with the rights of the nation’s citizens in wartime?” to “If you had the opportunity to change any part of the United States Constitution, what would it be and how should it be changed?” The latter question was asked by a student from the University of Barcelona enrolled in NSU Law’s dual degree program. In addition, Matthew Fiorello, a 1L student, sought the Justice’s best advice on how a law student can get the most out of the law school experience and incorporate that experience into a future career.

Justice Stevens was the first sitting member of the Supreme Court to visit the Law Center in its 32-year history (in the School’s earlier years, former Justices Tom C. Clark and Arthur Goldberg visited NSU after they retired from the Court). Most law students never have an opportunity for a face to face encounter with a Supreme Court Justice, and all felt privileged to make his acquaintance.

Born in Chicago in 1920, Justice Stevens married Maryan Mulholland, and has four children – John Joseph (deceased), Kathryn, Elizabeth Jane, and Susan Roberts. He holds an A.B. from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. He served in the United States Navy from 1942-1945, and was a law clerk to Justice Wiley Rutledge of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1947 Term. He was admitted to law practice in Illinois in 1949. He was Associate Counsel to the Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1951-1952, and a member of the Attorney General’s National Committee to Study Antitrust Law, 1953-1955. He was Second Vice President of the Chicago Bar Association in 1970. From 1970-1975, he served as a Judge for the United State Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. President Ford

nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat December 19, 1975.

The Afghanistan Rule of Law Project Visit

The Law Center had the exceptional opportunity to host the Afghan Legal Educators Study Tour Program from February 4 through February 11, 2006. The program was sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Afghanistan Rule of Law Project. NSU was the first of three American law schools to host the 12 member delegation from Kabul. The other host schools include the Phoenix International School of Law and the University of Washington Law School. The NSU program was designed to help Afghan legal educators strengthen the system of legal education in their country. Participants discussed the current status of legal education and jurisprudence in Afghanistan and learned about the American model of legal education, including a law school's mission, curriculum and syllabus design, law school libraries, and participatory teaching methodologies. The program includes a variety of pedagogical tools, such as translated materials, a mock trial, round-table discussions, and law library assignments.

The delegation included several deans and law professors from five Afghan universities. The delegation spoke Dari and was accompanied by three interpreters and a legal education expert from the Afghanistan Rule of Law Project. The members of the group were very impressed by the NSU campus and the people they met. Professor Steve Friedland chaired the event. Law Library Director Lisa Smith-Butler demonstrated the "smart" classroom, Dean Joseph Harbaugh presented information on clinical legal education, Associate Dean Patricia Jason explained the role of an associate dean, Professor Catherine Arcabascio discussed the Innocence Project, Professor Brion Blackwelder provided a tour of NSU Law's Clinic, and Professor Charlene Smith explained her position as an American Law Professor. Students Sabarish Neelakantaswamy, Jason Haber, Monica Pigna, Brian Miles and Elisabeth Bird coordinated the mock trial in which both the Afghans and high school students from the at-risk students program at the Florida Ocean Sciences Institute participated (a most unusual trial!).

For more information about the Afghan Rule of Law Project, please visit the USAID website at http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/afghanistan/.

Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Raised \$11,000 at the Annual Auction

The Public Interest Law Society hosted the 13th Annual Public Interest Law Society Auction on February 10 and, because of the generosity of faculty, students, alumni, and friends, this year's proceeds exceeded the money raised in former years. PILS generated over \$11,300 to support student fellowships for Public Interest work in the community during the summer.

Public Interest Law Day

The Law Center hosted the 14th annual Public Interest Law Day to give students an opportunity to meet those who work in the public sector. The Law Center was pleased to welcome many alumni representing organizations, including Judicial Staff Attorneys-17th Circuit, Legal Aid Service of Broward County -- Homeless Legal Rights Project, Public Defender's Office-17th

Circuit, Domestic Violence Division -- Administrative Office of the Courts-11th Circuit, Environmental & Land Use Law Center, State Attorney's Office-17th Circuit, Guardian Ad Litem-17th Circuit, and Fort Lauderdale City Prosecutor. In all, over thirty organizations were represented.

University of Barcelona Vice Chancellor and Vice Dean of Law Visit NSU to Enhance Dual-Degree Program

Dr. Mar Campins, Vice Chancellor of The University of Barcelona and Inmaculada Barral, Vice Dean of the Law School in Barcelona recently visited the Law Center to enhance and expand NSU's relationship with one of the oldest universities in the western world. Dr. Campins and Vice Dean Barral spent time with European and American law students, and met with deans and professors in the hope of advancing university relations between all NSU centers and The University of Barcelona.

Minority Law Day

The Law Center was pleased to present Minority Law Day, sponsored by the Law School Admission Council as part of National Minority Law School Recruitment Month, on February 25, 2006. The day's activities began at 9 a.m. with a panel addressing the State of Black Families in South Florida, followed by a lunch sponsored by Access Group at noon. The afternoon session was devoted to giving high school students, undergraduates, and other prospective law students the steps they need to take to attend law school. The entire day was free of charge, and over 100 attended.

Faculty Publications

Cerminara, Kathy, *Before You Get to the Writing Stage (Or How to Make Progress on Scholarship When You Have Four New Classes to Prepare)*, AALS New Law Professors Section, No. 1, January 2006 at 9.

Chase, Tony, *The Real French Constitution*, 90 *Nova L. Rev.* (forthcoming 2006).

Coleman, Phyllis, *Florida Family Law: Text and Commentary* (Carolina Academic Press 2006).

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Cross, Jane, *Making the Grade*, AALS New Law Professors Section, No. 1, January 2006, at 7.

Mintz, Joel, *Has Industry Captured the EPA?: Appraising Marver Bernstein's Captive Agency Theory After Fifty Years*, 17 *Fordham Env't'l L. Rev.* 1 (2005).

Mintz, Joel, update, *State and Local Government Environmental Liability* (West Group, 1995, & Update 2005).

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Mintz, Joel, *M. David Gelfand: A Tribute*, 37 *The Urban Lawyer* 641 (Fall, 2005).

Richmond, Gail Levin, *Tax Research: Tips for Avoiding Traps*, *Community Tax L. Rep.*, Spring/Summer 2005, at 9.

Sanchez, John, *2004-05 Survey of Florida Public Employment Law*, 20 *Nova L. Rev* 123 (Fall 2005).

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

This has been a banner year for University School. The Class of 2006, one of our most accomplished, boasts 29 AP scholars, strong early college acceptances and the highest SAT mean score in the school's history. Our music program continues to send record number of students to Florida All-State Choirs and Bands and we have expanded music offerings in all divisions this year. The theater production of *Crazy for You* was judged to be among the top few in the state and will travel to Tampa for the prestigious "Mainstage Festival" in April. In athletics, the growth in opportunities for student participation has been remarkable with the enhancement of the Lower School's after school sports, Middle School's involvement in a "four season" interscholastic league, and the addition of Upper School lacrosse and tackle football (Fall 2006).

In the next few weeks, we will break ground and begin construction of our new Aquatic Center and Middle School expansion which are both scheduled to be completed for use next fall. This will mark a new phase of our campaign to upgrade our facilities to serve our students' and teachers' growing needs. Reenrollment for 2006-07 is complete; we will be fully enrolled with wait lists in most grades.

As of July 1, 2006, Dr. Elizabeth Brennan, currently serving as Associate Head and Lower School Director will become a full-time Associate Head of School responsible for school-wide coordination of curriculum, technology and media, faculty development and in-service programs, collaborative programs with NSU and a host of other administrative duties in all three divisions which will improve the school's effectiveness.

In the next few weeks we will interview candidates for the Lower School Director's position and we are confident that we will appoint a worthy successor to Dr. Brennan; someone who will carry on the tradition of the nurturing, challenging and personalized program that is currently in place.

We will also be adding a new administrative position to the Upper School (Associate Director for Faculty Development and Special Projects) as of April 1, 2006 to develop new programs for teachers that will enhance their classroom effectiveness and support students in developing a strong profile for college admission.

We invite you to join us at the following events - for ticket information please call the Advancement Office at 954-262-4475:

- Saturday, March 25, 15th Annual Main Event, Grande Oaks Golf Club, 7pm
- Saturday, April 22, 15th Annual Golf Tournament, Jacaranda Country Club, 8:30am Shotgun start
- Wednesday, May 3rd, 14th Annual Literary Luncheon, author Elaine Viet, Signature Grand, 11:30am

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

This year's Annual Bal Fantastique was held on March 18, 2006. It proved to be a huge success with all attendees enjoying the evening of dinner and dancing.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine

The College of Osteopathic Medicine has established a new research fellowship program under the supervision of Dr. Isa Fernandez. Participating students will have an opportunity to spend one year on research activities as well as learning how to prepare research grants and properly organize research investigations. Selected fellows will defer a year of their clinical education to provide the time for this experience and will receive a year of tuition coverage as well.

Because of the success of our first compressed video lecture course in Infectious Diseases, the College of Osteopathic Medicine will be expanding the number of courses to be presented next semester to our M3 students at our off campus distant hospital sites. This allows us to provide educational input with content more appropriately given during the clinical training years than in the preclinical curriculum of years one and two. This further reduces contact hours during the first two years permitting more time for study.

Beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year, all students will be assigned to one of 12 academical societies. Each society will be composed of approximately 20 students per class, and 2 faculty society advisors. In order to assure that each society includes a diverse group of students, assignment to societies will be done randomly. Students remain in their designated academical society throughout their medical school experience. This creates a unique sense of community that students experience from their very first day in medical school. Each society organizes a program of peer advising the core of creating not only a four-year relationship between students but also between alumni of the society. Student-student and student-faculty interaction is fostered through academic/professional programs and social gatherings.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine has scheduled 4 mission trips for the 2005-06 academic year to Guatemala, Ecuador, Haiti, and Jamaica. The College anticipates over 90 students to

participate in the mission trips. In addition to annual mission trips, the College has been increasing the elective international experiences for M4 students by establishing Student Exchange Memorandum of Understandings. Recently, further potential opportunities have developed involving the countries of Sweden, Russia, and Columbia where institutions have shown an interest in allowing our students to complete elective clinical rotations.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine has implemented a new strategy over the past semester for improving the educational effectiveness of our “systems courses”. These courses make up the bulk of the M2 curriculum and play a key role in developing our student’s clinical diagnostic knowledge base. The revision involves expanding faculty participation to provide an individual coordinator for each of the 10 courses who will work under the supervision of a new Director of Systems Courses, Dr. Hilda DeGaetano. This method better ensures that course content is more critically reevaluated each year, examination content is more effectively edited, and any student needs and concerns arising during the course addressed in a timely manner.

The College of Pharmacy

Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy’s International Program currently enrolled 60 students from 25 countries: Australia, Bolivia, Finland, India, Japan, Kenya, Pakistan, S. Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, and Venezuela, etc.

The College of Pharmacy and the Departamento de Ciencias Quimico-Biologicas, Fundacion Universidad de las Americas of Mexico signed a letter of intent to initiate the development of plans and collaborations between both institutions. The overall goal is to develop mutual opportunities for institutional improvement. The relationships, collaborations, and partnerships should benefit the desired outcomes of scholarly activities, services and pharmacy practice.

Dr. Maria Maniscalco, faculty in the College of Pharmacy, has been invited to serve on the Editorial Panel of Florida Pharmacy Today.

The College of Optometry

The Dean of the College of Optometry and 8 students will attend Optometry Legislative Day in Tallahassee this week. They will bring with them retinal photos to be given to legislators and other visitors to show what kinds of information can be attained from the back of the eye. This helps non-optometrists understand better what an optometrist can do to improve eye conditions and diagnose disease.

Dean Loshin has been reappointed to the Executive Committee of the ASCO organization (Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry) and will be attending an executive meeting this weekend in St. Louis.

The Dean, many faculty, and some students attended both the annual American Academy of Optometry meeting in San Diego, Dec 7 to 11 and the annual Southern Council of Optometry meeting in Atlanta, Feb 22-27. At the Academy meeting, our faculty member Dr. Joseph Sowka became the first ever Diplomate in Disease - a new section for the academy community. We had

quite a number of faculty lecturing and/or presenting posters (often with students or residents) at both meetings. Additionally, at the SECO conference, the College hosted an alumni reception jointly with the Florida Optometric Association in honor of Sidney Stern, who became the President of SECO.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Nursing department annual retreat was held February 22-23, 2006

The Nurse Educator Conference on March 24rd will be held at NSU and sponsored by Succeed partners: Broward Community College, Barry University, and Nova Southeastern University

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's graduate nursing program's new MSN track in public/community health nursing was approved. The program is a collaborative effort between the Nursing Department and the College of Osteopathic Medicine's Master of Public Health Program. This MSN public/community health track's development is supported in part by AHEC

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Audiology Department held the Third Annual Weiser Lecture Series, Fall Prevention: A Balanced Approach, on campus in Ft. Lauderdale and video-tele-conferenced to NSU campuses in Jacksonville, Orlando, Ft. Myers, and Tampa. It was attended by more than 200 audiologists, physical therapists, and occupational therapists. Speakers included NSU faculty Lisa Hansel, Au.D. and Richard Saul, Ph.D., Audiology Department; Mary Blackinton, Ed.D., Physical Therapy; Rachelle Dorne, Ed.D., Occupational Therapy; Michelle Gagnon Blodgett, Psy.D., HPD Clinics; and Naushira Pandya, M.D., Geriatric Medicine. In addition, the keynote speaker was David Schwartz, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University and CEO of Eldercare Companies

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Physical Therapy Department held a Fall Prevention: A Balanced Approach, Videoconferencing course on March 4, 2006. This videoconference course involving the PT, OT, and Audiology departments and was offered at Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, and Orlando. Turnout was tremendous.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Physical Therapy Department, in addition to other departments, participated in NSU Healthy Aging Expo on March 12, 2006. This event included lectures on aging and wellness and provided health and wellness screenings etc.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Nursing and Occupational Therapy Departments were nominated for "Outstanding School Volunteer and Dade Partners Exemplary Award" as a partner with the Miami Lakes Educational Center of Dade County Public Schools System.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Physical Therapy students and faculty participated in the REACH Fair in Belle Glade and Clairmont for screenings for Health and Wellness - Diabetes, Fall Prevention, Safe Lifting. This was held on February 18 -19, 2006

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's Occupational Therapy Department's faculty member, Barbara Kornblau JD, OT/L, FAOTA received a Public Policy fellowship from the Robert Wood Foundation. She will spend a year in Washington D.C.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's joint MHS/Au.D for audiologists trained at the bachelor's level in the United Kingdom was announced in December at the British Academy of Audiology conference. The first student has been enrolled. This is an intra-college collaborative project with the Department of Audiology.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's MHS-Anesthesiologist Assistant Program received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs on March 17, 2006.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing's BHSc-Vascular Sonography received notice that their Accreditation Self-Study has been received and that a site visit will be scheduled during Summer, 2006, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

The College of Dental Medicine

Mr. Michael A. Siegel from the College of Dental Medicine was elected to the Council of Faculty Members-At-Large of the American Dental Education Association and will proceed through the positions of the ADEA's Council of Faculties Administrative Board over the next four years.

The ADA's annual "Give Kids A Smile" (GKAS) was hosted for the second time on February 4th by Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine, in partnership with the Broward County Dental Association and Broward Community College. An estimated 95 dental students and support faculty volunteered along with 16 Broward County Community Hygiene College students, 12 Broward County Dental Association dentists, 3 dental hygienists and 3 dental assistants. 50 underserved children from throughout the county were served. The patients were from families who have no other means of treatment and are not provided coverage under any other programs. They were referred by school nurses and received a myriad of care ranging from exams, restorations, sealants to extractions. The children were entertained by our 1st and 2nd yr students who performed a skit on oral health and taught them proper oral hygiene while the 3rd and 4th year students provided treatment and assisted in their care with the guidance of local dentists and faculty. An estimated \$12,000 in free care was provided by the volunteers with supplies being donated by Henry Schein and Procter and Gamble.

We are pleased to announce that a College of Dental Medicine second year student, Ms. Julie Mikhail, has received a Summer Dental Student Award Fellowship from the National Institute of Health. This marks the third year in row that a NSU/CDM undergraduate student has been awarded this prestigious award.

Ms. Jessica Shireman, a previous Summer Fellowship winner, has received notice that she has been selected as a Howard Hughes NIH Research Fellow. As such, she will spend the next year in Washington DC area immersed in a Research career track.

The Florida State Board exam for licensure was administered at NSU on March 5 & 6th. This is the second time the students have been allow to sit for the exam prior to graduation. Forty four students took the exam and we are pleased to have a 100% pass rate. These students will be eligible to begin practicing as soon as their degree is conferred in May.

The applications process for the 2006-07 academic year is complete. With almost 3500 applications submitted, we have filled the 105 positions. The students are diverse and come to us from through out the country.