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Human Rights Activist Kerry Kennedy Speaks at NSU

May 12, 2008

On Thursday, April 17, the Knight auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building was filled with NSU students and professors anxiously awaiting the arrival of human rights activist Kerry Kennedy. Kennedy was brought to NSU as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. In conjunction with the college’s academic theme of truth and power this year, Kennedy was chosen to give a lecture on her book titled Speak Truth to Power.

According to Kennedy, the inspiration for her book came from a nun who gave her a lesson she would always remember. "At school, Kennedy enjoyed speaking in the halls even when she knew it would get her in trouble. One day, a nun at the school sat her down and said, 'Kerry, silence is golden but sometimes it's yellow.' This lesson always remained with her and one day it became her base on why to write Speak Truth to Power."

During her lecture, Kennedy addressed many accomplishments of human rights activist heroes such as Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Tutu, and Elliot Vizel. According to Kennedy, heroes are people who exercise courage and overcome their fears.

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have over 1,200 colleges and universities
that we partner with throughout the
country," said Murphy. "With Books for
Africa, we are working to help the orphans
in Africa because the number one killer on
the continent of Africa is AIDS, which is
astounding to me." Murphy emphasized
the mission of Books for Africa which is to
end the cycle of poverty through education.
"When you’re teaching people literacy and
giving them an education you’re giving
them a better life," said Murphy. According
to the Better World Books Web site, 42
million children in sub-Saharan Africa
are currently not enrolled in schools, and
40% of Africans over the age of 15 and
50% of women above the age of 25 remain
illiterate. Illiteracy among Africans over
the age of 15 stands at 41%, but African
girls who are literate become 50 times less
likely to contract HIV/AIDS.
Murphy said that Better World Books
helps Africa in two important ways:
socially and environmentally. "We send
over 864,000 books directly and we’ve
given more than $900,000 in funding," said Murphy. Books for Africa, according
to the Web site, has collected 11.3 million
books and has raised $2.7 million to
support literacy and non-profit educational
programs. The second impact has been
environmental since the organization has
saved 6,200 tons of books from landfills,
reclaimed 680,000 pounds of metal
shelving from libraries throughout the
country and prevented 1,725 tons of carbon
effector: "O’Neil has been really great
and wonderful," said Murphy. "She has really
educated herself enough about the cause
to be passionate about it, and even purchased
t-shirts herself just so she could really draw
more attention to the cause, which I think is
really great!"
Donated books will all be gathered
together and sorted into different piles.
Books with ISBN numbers will be placed
in one pile to be sent over to Africa and
distributed to different parts of the country.
Books without ISBN’s will be placed in
another pile to be donated to the Salvation
Army. There are also some books that will
not be able to be sent over to Africa but
will be sent to Better World Books online
bookstore to be sold to the general public at
discounted prices.
O’Neil was very happy to see the
high level of involvement from the NSU
community at large. "NSU is such a small
campus and I think that you can make such
a huge impact and it’s a great way to make
a difference," said O’Neil. "I’m so excited
about it continuing for next year. We’ve
only been doing it for two and a half weeks
and I think that the turnout has been great.
For more information about Better World
Books please contact Christi O’Neil at
christi@nova.edu or refer to the Better
betterworldbooks.com/default.aspx.

All About Israel
NSU celebrates the 60th anniversary of Israel’s independence
Tanya Parnes
NSU News Editor

The Jewish Federation of Broward County
hosted an all day celebration at
NSU on May 4, from 11-6 p.m. in honor
of the 60th anniversary of the establishment
of the state of Israel. The event was
sponsored by Bank of America and numerous
synagogues, agencies and other corporate spon-
sors. This year’s "Israel60" featured Israeli
art, Israeli artists, Israeli singers, over 100
Israeli-marketplace style vendors, Israeli
food that was 100% kosher, entertainment
for children which included a petting zoo,
an archeological dig and other forms of
entertainment, business and trade displays,
historic displays about Israel, presentations
by local synagogues, agencies and other
organizations and presentations by some
selected officials and dignitaries.
Vendors, entertainers and others set
up booths throughout the University
Center, utilizing both the downstairs
and upstairs areas. The carnival, petting zoo
and other forms of entertainment for the
children were set up on the quad in front
of the Alvin Sherman Library. Some of
the entertainers included a cantorial choir,
Israeli dancing with Mada’ot, singer Ester
Irene Brewda, the magic of Avi Frier,
Israeli recording artist Habanot Nachama,
the Jaime Bronstein Orchestra performing
Klezmer, and the Shalom Trio.
"Ivel Paroulek, a Miami-Dade county
resident who came up especially for
this event was really impressed with the
celebration. "I think that the event was very
well organized and I think that it was nice
to see people from different backgrounds
there so that they could see and experience
what Israel is really all about," said
Paroulek. Paroulek noted that her favorite
part of the event was the wall of Jerusalem,
which was displayed on the lower level of
the UC arena that showcased a different
description about the various gates of
Jerusalem. "You could send a message
to Israel by putting them down on little
pieces of white paper that would then be
collected and sent over to Israel to be put
into the Western Wall," said Paroulek. "I
enjoyed the whole event. The turnout was
fantastic. Not only were the people looking
at the Israeli exhibits but I think that this
event helped parents who have very small
children to come see the university at the
same time. It benefited both Israel and
Nova Southeastern University," said Paroulek.
"I really thought that this was a great event
because it brought so many people of
different backgrounds together in unity.
"I think that this event will bring more people
to the university, especially to the library
and to the clinics, because many people
might not have known that NSU offered
these services prior to this event, especially
in the medical field," said Paroulek.
Rabbi Zechariah Beltran of B’nai
Yahshuah Synagogue in North Miami
Beach was really happy with the
celebration and enjoyed the event very
much. "It was an excellent event," said
Beltran. "I noticed that a lot of people
assisted and supported the event because
of the fact that they support the country
of Israel." Beltran said that there were
two things in particular that he liked
most about the event. "The first is that
the organizations in the different booths
were offering their services to help out the
community," said Beltran. "It also really
enjoyed the concerts, the music and the
different performances," Beltran noted.
"There were a lot of people around the areas
where they were serving meals and that
was a bit disorderly. "I wanted to see
more typical Israeli food being served."
Beltran pointed out that the vendors
running the booths were very
nice, well educated and gave out a lot of
information about the services they offer
to the community. Beltran hopes that this
event will continue to be sponsored by
NSU every year. For more information or
questions about Israel60, please visit
http://www.jewishbroward.org/israel60.
To close the academic year, the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences conducted the “Directors’ Festival of One-Acts” for four days. The event showcased three single act plays directed and performed by students and faculty within the Humanities Division.

The show was kicked off by the musical staged version of a single act play directed and performed by Lauren Kairalla. Having the largest cast for all the plays, “Love Comedies” was a musical staged version of a new-age Malvolio, dressed in ghastly dazzling clothes, in order to impress the Lady of the House and also a murderous husband about to put a knife in his wife’s heart. The boisterously campy humor and dialogue was smooth, real and infused with so much emotion that you felt a part of the character’s private exchange. The play tells the story of a couple separated by money problems lead Ed to traffic cocaine and put his relationship tight spot with Dora on the line. After Dora gets hurt and Ed dies, his identical twin, Ty, tries to help mend things with Dora on behalf of Ed and tries to get himself on her loving and giving side. The idea of the play was to give details about the plot through the dialogue but the dialogue was too much and expectations placed for all the plays, as if they didn’t even notice the humming audience before them. Their perfections, as if they didn’t even notice their lack of sensibility. Recycling the cast from the first play, with a few additions, “Passion, Poison, Petrification,” directed by Colin Morgan, told the story of the idle upper-class and their lack of sensibility. Recyling the cast from the first play, with a few additions, “Passion, Poison, Petrification” starts off lop-sided with a dancing maid, hollering about the imminent death of her love-sick mistress. Not very clear as to the reason, the play careers into the introduction of a new-age Malvolio, dressed in ghastly dazzling clothes, in order to impress the Lady of the House and also a murderous husband about to put a knife in his wife’s heart. The boisterously campy humor and inane situations kept the play going at a break neck pace.

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The White Rose: Stephen R. Levitt, LLM., associate professor in the Division of Humanities, will lecture on "The White Rose: The Courage to Challenge Evil." The White Rose was a group of students who resisted Hitler. When they were caught, they were sentenced to death. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

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Introduction to Astronomy: Join Bob Ennis, M.D., as he speaks on the history and current state of space exploration. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Have a great summer!!!
NSU Recognizes Student Leaders with Banquet

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

Every year, the Student Leadership Awards Banquet is held to honor and recognize the most motivated, informed, proactive leaders and organizations that are fostering student success and contributing to NSU's success.

This year's banquet was introduced by Tricia Realbuto, GA for Programs at NSU, and she was later joined by Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, and Terry Morrow Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, in congratulating the distinguished awardees. Several organizations and offices presented awards to their internal members; however, the real excitement came from the announcement of the winners of the Leadership Banquet's official categories.

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**NSU Sports**

**Player Profile:** Stephanie Sarosi  
Tim Coenraad  
Staff Writer

The NSU Athletic Department is proud to have a new addition to the women's basketball team, an athlete who has only been a part of the Shark family for a short period of time but has already left her mark on NSU Athletic history: sophomore Stephanie Sarosi.

In just her first year at NSU, Sarosi played a tremendous part in helping the Sharks record their best-ever season to date with a 21-6 overall 2007-08 season record and 14-2 in the SSC. Sarosi also led the Sharks to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, where they brought home the gold.

Sarosi transferred from the University of South Florida where she played out her freshman collegiate year. As a high school athlete, she won a 4A State Championship and was a McDonalds All-American Candidate. At NSU, Sarosi considers her team as family: "They are definitely a major part of my life. We are together everyday so we are like a huge family. I come from a small family, so it is exciting to feel like I have a big one while I'm at school."

Sarosi's performance indicates that she is a leader on the team, she defines a leader as, "someone that a teammate can go to for guidance, someone that encourages the team and lifts it up when it is down, and someone that is always there for his/her teammates."

Being such a talented player, it is only natural that Sarosi would have many others look to her for inspiration. However, the people who Sarosi looks up to the most are her family members. "I really look up to my brother, but my heroes are my parents," said Sarosi.

The future definitely looks bright for the NSU women's basketball team with Sarosi returning for another two years. The Sharks are excited for what is to come.

**SSC Rowing Champs for Second Year Running**

Upon travelling all the way to Oak Ridge, Tenn., on April 20 to compete in the SR8A Championships, NN1's 3-crew team had another top notch performance with the Varsity 8- crossing the finish line in an third place.

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**Shark Softball Posts Best Season in Program History**

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Upon returning from Oak Ridge, the NSU softball team (43-20, 12-9 SSC) ended their spectacular 2006 season on a sail note on April 26 after being swept by the first time all year by St. Leo University, crushing the Shark's hopes for moving forward into the NCAA Regional Tournament for the very first time.

The Sharks were able to see the brighter side of things, despite the abrupt ending of an extremely exciting year of softball for NSU. The Sharks made history in a number of ways in 2006, setting a new record for most ever wins in a single season played at 43, and breaking the record for most consecutive victories at 12. In addition, NSU defied the odds placed against them by the pre-season polls, which ranked them as sevenths, by placing fifth in the SSC - their best finish in program history.

Freshmen starting pitcher Lexi Sarrated and speedster Rachael Talmaiden, along with senior powerhouse Ashley Baker, led the way for the Sharks this season with their tremendous performances on the field.

Ending her career with a .386 batting average, Baker was the backbone of the Sharks offense, leading in every single category tallying seven home runs and 38 RBIs. As expected, Baker was chosen as a member of the First All-SSC Team. Alongside Baker is fellow sophomore teammate, Noemi Luciani who put together a .411 batting average. Talmaiden made a name for herself early on, setting an NSU record with 35 steals in the 2006 season, being virtually unstoppable on the base paths.

Sarrated held the Sharks together while on the mound, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on April 14. Sarrated was the key to the Shark's defense with 36 appearances and a grand total of 181 innings pitched; she also maintained the lowest ERA on the team with a 1.47.

Sophomore Dani Caron had a wonderful season as well, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on March 17. Caron finished the season off with a solid win-loss record of 14-9.

The Sharks will continue their stellar playing into the summer with Baker being selected to play on the NTCA Second Team and Talmaiden and Sarrated being selected for the Darkhorses All-Region team.
NSU Athletes Earn Victories off the Field at 2008 Athletic Banquet

Tranelle Mesa
Sports Editor

April 30 was truly a night to remember as NSU honored its athletes for their many accomplishments during the 2007-08 school year at the Annual NSU Athletics Banquet. 

Athletes gathered together at the Signature Grand banquet hall for a formal celebration. Many would agree that it was an exciting surprise to see NSU's student-athletes dressed up for the occasion, as opposed to the normal practice gear most of them are seen trudging around in each day around campus. It was an impressive year for NSU Athletics, which saw two key seasons in program history for a number of Shark athletic teams, such as softball, men's and women's track, and SSC championship titles for the women's basketball, rowing and golf teams. The Sports Marketing Department presented its banquet that recapitulated highlights of NSU's 15 athletic teams throughout the fall, winter and spring and emphasized the hard working athletic training program and its students. A number of awards were presented throughout the evening, none more exciting than the announcement of Male and Female Athletes of the Year which went to women's basketball player, sophomore Stephanie Sarosi and men's soccer player, sophomore Romain Onteniente.

Senior women's soccer player, Jahmila Williams and senior men's golf player, Kevin Chester, were honored by NSU Athletics with the SSC Sportsmanship award as a result of their magnificent attitudes on the field and court. The softball team was the proud recipient of the Shark Challenge Award, which recognizes community service efforts, for their second consecutive year. NSU athletes have begun to joke that the Shark Challenge award, which has only been around for two years, should be changed to the "Challenge Softball Award."

The J.A.W.S. award, which given to the team with the highest GPA, was distributed to the men's and women's cross country team for their academic excellence on the 2007-2008 year.

The following were awards given out to two members on each athletic team from their respective teammates and coaches:

Cross Country
Most Valuable Female Runner: Tara Haddock
Coach's Award: Chelsea Gilbert

Most Valuable Male Runner: Eskender Abdalla
Male Coach's Award: John Besharat

Volleyball
Most Valuable Player: Melinda Gorman
Coach's Award: Andrea Irarrazabal

Men's Soccer
Most Valuable Player: Romain Onteniente
Coach's Award: Christian Benitez

Women's Soccer
Most Valuable Player: Shurell Burton
Coach's Award: Jahmila Williams

Women's Basketball
Most Valuable Player: Stephanie Sarosi
Coach's Award: Abbie Tepe

Men's Basketball
Most Valuable Player: Tim Coenraad
Coach's Award: Kevin Chester

Cheerleading
Most Valuable: Caroline Issovitz
Coach's Award: Monica Moya

Men's Golf
Going Strong
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The 2008 campaign in style with a first place finish at the SSC Championships, shooting a 214 (68-70-76). O'Mahony finished the day in a three way tie, but finished the tie-breaker with a birdie to land the title.

The men's golf team, consisting of Schwartz, O'Mahony, sophomore Byron Marsh, was deservingly named the SSC Team selection of the Year, for their second consecutive year.

Women's Golf
Earning Big Wins
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The women's golf team has been soaker in success for their 2008 season bringing in a number of honors and accolades for both the team and its individual members. The Sharks brought home their first ever SSC Championship, finishing 10 strokes ahead of the rest as well as being dubbed the No. 2 team in the nation.

Individually, freshman standout Sandra Changkija was named the SSC's Freshman of the Year by capturing the overall individual title at the SSC Championships after shooting a three-round 223 (69-76-78). In addition to this, Changkija put together eight top 10 finishes as well as being named to the All-SSC Second Team alongside fellow Shark and Division II Player of the Year, sophomore Maria Garcia Austin who landed an All-SSC First Team selection.

Head Coach of the Sharks, Kevin Marsh, was deservedly named the SSC Coach of the Year after leading his team to three tournament victories and four second place finishes en route to having the team named the top seed in the NCAA Division II South Region. The NSF women's golf team, consisting of Changkija, Austin and freshmen Fredrika Hakansson, Nicole Whitemore and Taylor Collins, secured victory at the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament. With this victory, the Sharks are off to the NCAA Division II National Championship.
NSU Baseball has Big Finish, 31-21

The NSU baseball team had an impressive 2008 season, finishing with a 31-21 record, including 14-8 in Sunshine State Conference play, putting them in a strong third place finish in the conference.

The season started on a high note with seniors Matthew Mindick and Bryan Cook being named pre-season All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball Magazine. From then on, the Sharks never dropped more than three games in a row while mounting an impressive six game winning streak during the middle of the season.

Senior Rudy Garcia was the first Shark to receive SSC honors in the spring, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week for his outstanding performance on the mound the week ending on April 7. Garcia held a remarkable 8-2 win-loss record over the season.

Cook kept the Shark’s name alive in the SSC, earning Player of the Week for the week ending on April 14 with an outstanding .500 batting average, eight RBI’s and seven runs scored. Cook’s ability was admirable throughout the entire season as he led the Sharks with a soaring .418 batting average and a tremendous .799 slugging percentage. He also amassed 48 RBI’s and 62 runs scored over the season.

Freshman J.D. Martinez was the last Shark to be named SSC Player of the Week on April 28, putting up incredible numbers, including a .529 batting average to go along with six runs scored and nine RBI’s. Martinez capped his amazing freshman regular season with a .370 batting average, 54 runs scored and a team high of 56 RBI’s for the 2008 season.

Pitcher Nick Carris finished off his senior year on an excellent note, cementing himself as NSU’s main closer for the year, tallying up nine saves for the year.

As of press time, the Sharks are awaiting for the announcement of whether or not they will receive an invitation to the NCAA Post-Season Regional Tournament.

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A French Comedy With a Twist
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Sometimes Americans think that their humor far surpasses that of any other country in the world. Frankly, that notion is not only incredibly incorrect, but it doesn’t leave room for comedy from other countries. British humor has infiltrated the American movie screen more times than one can count, but what about the French? One does not see too many funny French films on our side of the world and it seems as if Priceless is out to change all of that.

Set in the all too perfect and picturesque French Riviera, Priceless focuses on the story of the fan-loving and gold-digging Irene (Audrey Tautou). Irene is beautiful, charming, and smart; so smart that she has been able to play-act as a member of the upper-class for virtually her entire life. In a twist of events and a case of mistaken identity, Irene begins seducing a lonely hotel bartender, Jean (Gad Elmaleh) and through some deception of his doing, their romance comes to an immediate halt the next morning, and even though Jean was the perfect opposite of the upper-class for virtually her entire life, it may take him. Elmelah takes Jean to a pretty nice place to rebuild his life and meet some new decisions, and although Apatow has made it almost as if the film was meant for each other, their romance comes to an immediate halt the next morning, and even though Jean tries to get her back, she realizes that she is only interested in men with money. In his desperation, Jean begins bemoaning one of the older rich women of the hotel, just as Irene bambousire one of the older rich men. As their games of take, take, intensify, both begin to realize that they were meant for each other.

Tautou’s (Amelie, The Da Vinci Code) performance in Priceless was her best since Amelie. In fact, it almost seems as if the whole film is carved out of her charming demeanor. She is sweeter than any other woman in the film and is a cruel money-loving prostitute, all at the same time. Her comedic timing is almost perfect and even though her character is flawed, there isn’t one flaw in her performance. She takes command of the screen in every shot and her interactions with Elmelah (The Valet) had an incredible amount of chemistry.

Elmelah’s Jean was the perfect opposite to Tautou’s Irene. Jean is a sappy romantic who follows her heart, no matter what it may take him. Elmelah takes Jean to a new level, a place where you really feel for the character as an actual person and wish for his well-being. His transition from hopeless romantic to gigolo provided some of the funniest moments of the film because of Elmelah’s amazing abilities. The combined charm of Tautou and Elmelah helped disguise the fact that these two were prostitutes, selling their bodies for expensive French goodies, so well that you forget that they ever did that. It is almost as if the film completely veers away from stereotypes and serious moments to bring us a unique and enduring love story. Because after all, they could buy all the diamonds and luxuries they want but it is their love that is truly “priceless.”

Forgetting Sarah Marshall is Worth Remembering
Stefani Rubino
Staff Writer

After the disgrace that was Drillbit Taylor, it wasn’t hard to be skeptical about Judd Apatow’s newest release, Forgetting Sarah Marshall. At first, the movie seemed like it would be a mushy romantic comedy with no real jokes, except for the ones about the main character’s broken heart.

In many ways, that’s exactly what it is, but in others, Apatow and crew (Jason Segel, Nicholas Stoller) have reinvented the romantic comedy on their own terms. Forgetting Sarah Marshall begins with the story of Peter (Jason Segel), an average guy who writes the score for a terrible television show, and Sarah (Kristen Bell), the star of this terrible show. For reasons obvious to Sarah, she breaks up with Peter, leaving him naked (literally, butt-naked) and blubbering and wondering what he will do now without her. In a fit of hysteria, he remembers a place in Hawaii that Sarah had told him about: “a pretty nice place to stay.” He takes off on a vacation, hoping to rebuild his life and meet some new people. Coincidentally, Sarah and her new boyfriend, Aldous (Russell Brand), are staying at the same hotel. Feeling defeated, Peter befriends the beautiful desk- clerk, Rachel (Mila Kunis) at the hotel and then all kinds of typical, romantic-comedy events ensue.

Jason Segel (Knocked Up, Franks and Geeks) has never been front-and-center in any of Apatow’s films, which, after Forgetting Sarah Marshall, seems like a big mistake. He holds the spotlight well and helps keep the movie rolling, even at the slow points. His timing is impeccable and his ability to go from one emotion to the next, no matter how funny it may be, is pretty much unmatched by most of Apatow’s leading men.

Even though I still believe someone else should have played Sarah, they seemed to have been looking for a bitchy blonde, and they got her. Kristen Bell’s (Pulse, Veronica Mars) performance was surprising and right on target. As for her counterpart, Rachel, Mila Kunis (That ’70s Show) could not have been a better fit. She was funny, but elusive and reluctant to give too much of herself away. Shining through was Russell Brand’s (Pentaplope) performance as the arrogant lead singer of one of the most popular bands around. His character seemed to be almost parodying singer Devendra Banhart, and it turned out to be one of the funniest performances of the entire film.

Sometimes filmmakers make bad decisions, and although Apatow has made a few, I’m willing to forgive him because of Forgetting Sarah Marshall. A lot of the movie is predictable, but it still manages to keep a sense of humor about it. Forgetting Sarah Marshall is worth seeing over and over again.
Q. Mr. Shark, I am an undergraduate student unhappy with a grade I recently got in one of my classes. I believe I deserved a better grade. What are my options?

My Fin, I would suggest couple of things. Try contacting your professor by email or telephone. If possible, meet with him/her personally and explain why you feel you deserved a better grade. Bring all of your exams, text and quizzes with you for reference. If you are not satisfied with his/her answer, or you do not feel comfortable meeting with your professor, each school has a departmental head that you can meet with. Also, your academic advisor would be a good resource. Use them to find out other procedures as well as the contact information of a departmental head or other concerned person. If your argument is logical and your professor or the departmental head thinks you deserved a better grade, they should change it. But remember, nothing is guaranteed.

Q. Mr. Shark, I am an undergraduate international student. I am registered for five classes (15 credits) in the fall semester. Instead of going home, I have decided to stay and work on campus. I heard that international students can work more hours during summer. I would strongly suggest you contact the International Student and Scholars office located in Horvitz Administration building or contacting them at 954-262-7240 to confirm your status requirements so that your employment position before you start working more hours.

Q. Mr. Shark I am an undergraduate student and heard about the Undergraduate Student Government Association’s State of the University Address. I unfortunately deleted the email sent to me but I would like to read it and see what my SGA has done this year. I know they did a lot of things and you have been an awesome president. I was wondering where I can find it.

My Fin, thank you for the kind words, it has been my honor and pleasure serving as the undergraduate student government president and working for the students and NSU community at large. The SGA State of the University Address is on the www.nova.edu/studentleadership Web site. Once you are on the Web site, you can find the Student Government Association subsection on the left. On the right, you can use the following link to take you to the university address: http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/sga/index.html. Let Mr. Shark know what you think.

My Fin, if you are returning to the university and taking no classes or up to two classes in summer, you can only work up to 20 hours a week. I would strongly suggest you contact the International Student and Scholars office located in Horvitz Administration building or contacting them at 954-262-7240 to confirm your status requirements so that your employment position before you start working more hours.

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On The Scene

What do you think of the new signs at the entrances to NSU?

‘They’re great! However, they need some landscaping décor around them.’

David Beltran 3rd Year Postgraduate, Dental

‘They’re beautiful. I think they make the campus look much nicer. They’re more convenient too. There’s a lot of signs telling everyone about what’s going on here.’

Brittany Green Senior, Psychology

‘They do look nice but we could have done without them. Is this the reason for the increase in our tuition? Nova is already expensive enough without students having to pay money for signage that only makes the university look better. They need to put that money towards bettering my education instead.’

Cody Peters Sophomore, Biology

‘I think that they are a waste of money. I’ve seen a lot better for probably a lot less money.’

John Hank Feeney Junior, Business Administration

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Q. Well NSU, the school year has finally come to a close. At this time, we all take home our own individual lessons from our personal and academic experiences. However, NSU has throughout the year been emphasizing the lessons behind truth and power.

There have been dozens of lectures and events throughout the year emphasizing the relationship between the ideas of truth and power. Unfortunately, the ideas presented seemed to be largely negative. People obfuscate the truth to obtain power. Those with power will enforce their own truths on others. The truth can be hard and disturbing, and power translates into an oppressive and corruptive force.

Working at The Current has given me some first hand experience with these ideas. It is the job of the press to disseminate information to the public. Members of the news media act as the watchdogs of the world. If one takes into consideration the old adage, ‘Knowledge is power,’ then the media is an institution of power. The Current has printed its share of controversial stories this year, and the presentation of information and student opinions have made for improvements and increased awareness at the university. Sharing knowledge to induce change, whether in attitude or practices, is a kind of power. When it behaves ethically, I think the media serves as a positive illustration of the relationship between truth and power.

During your summer, think of how you use truth and power. Strive for responsibility and seek positive change in your world.

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