NSU Ethics Bowl. The teams, which are composed of undergraduate students, debated the morality of some of the issues that affect society.

In an attempt to expose students to "real world" ethical problems, the bowl is hosted every year by NSU Spiritual Life, Division of Student Affairs. The debates do not end at the school; the winning team will be going to a regional competition and then, hopefully, nationally. Last year, our school team ended 8th in regional's, one rank away from going to national's.

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Haiti Hurricane Relief

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Being one of the world's poorest countries, Haiti was already suffering from the skyrocketing prices of goods and services. Now, after fierce winds and heavy flooding from recent storms, Haitians are left with a muddy deluge which killed nearly 800 individuals, according to the BBC Web site.

Due to this tragic outcome, NSU students started a relief effort to raise money and collect food for Haitians who have been devastated by recent hurricanes and tropical storms. This humanitarian act was organized by students from the Colleges of Pharmacy, Osteopathic Medicine and Allied Health and Nursing. This was a significant campaign and a collaborative effort with Food for the Poor, a Coconut Creek based charity.

The island was struck by hurricanes like Gustav and tropical storms Fay and Hannah during a month-long stretch. The storms caused widespread damage, leaving towns under water and residents without homes, food and potable water.

According to Javier A. Ramirez from Food for the Poor, "The situation in Gonaves, Haiti, is catastrophic. Half of the city is buried under mud and the other half is under 3 to 10 feet of water. Gonaves is completely cut off.

Some people in Haiti have been stranded, and exposed to the elements, without food or water, waiting to be rescued.

Thanks to the students of NSU, a truck was sent on Sept. 26 to pick up a full load of water, canned food, clothes and health supplies in order to aid these people in need.

The food drive was such a success the first time around that there is another one currently taking place which will conclude on Oct. 23. This time around they are mostly seeking canned foods.

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The Sims Go Live

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Freelance Writer

Ubtiverse.com is the corporate parent of a newly established virtual environment known as RedLightCenter.com. This Internet-based facility was established in 2002, with hopes of providing a thrilling, yet safe environment for people to interact efficiently and conveniently without restriction.

The leading inspiration for this unique social phenomenon comes from Amsterdam's notorious red light district. RedLightCenter.com offers a 3-D lifelike representation of yourself, which enables you to live the life you have always imagined, via Internet.

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The main goal of this site is to effectively globalize people in a way that will connect like-minded individuals without the worries of being judged on the basis of one's physical image.

"If we were able to recreate the Internet, it would not be based on class; it would be to create friendship and peace," said Brian Shuster, CEO of RedLightCenter.com.

Shuster also commented that in a world of high gas and food prices, the Web site could be used as a social tool to give economically struggling individuals a chance to live a more entertaining life.

Some individuals, however, feel that this site could be used in an escape mechanism and could create some negative results. "I feel that for some people, this idea could turn into a possible addiction, similar to the way many have become addicted to video games and other online sources. Then again, if you really think about it, too much of anything can be bad," says Assistant Professor Darren Hibbs, who asked how he felt about this technological endeavor.

"To me this is a perfect example of how the world is relying on technology entirely too much," said sophomore psychology major, Ashley Carpio.

For more information on this new virtual world, please visit http://www.redlightcenter.com/.
amongst the whole team; then we shared the information we found with the rest of the team,” stated the Smart Sharks, a group composed of undergraduate freshmen biology majors Nina Chandrasekaran, Roshny Joseph, Melanie Reddy, Ashis Patel and international business major Jaclyn Jennings.

The evening started with pizza, refreshments and a twelve minute dissertation of the meaning of ethics by Professor Mulvey. The latter was designed to let the participants know that they were expected to analyze each case from a universal point of view, not just how it affected them but society as a whole, without a biased perspective.

Topics included the morality of breaking lawyer-client confidentiality after a client has died, illegal immigrants studying in public universities, rights of Cherokee freedmen, poverty tours and the “Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act.”

At the end of the night the judges announced the first place winners to be the Smart Sharks placing NSU Leaders in second and Team SGA in third.

“We are very excited about regionals; we have to prepare!” said the Smart Sharks. “But we learned a lot tonight from the comments of the judges. We still can’t believe it!”

NSU Leaders win second place.

Team SGA wins third place.

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Monday
Oct. 13

Lifelong Learning Institute Welcome Week

Come join the Lifelong Learning Institute as they celebrate their thirty-third year of educational service at NSU. Welcome week will be from Oct. 13 until Oct. 19, and will feature lectures on topics such as “Cultural Studies and Music” and “Historical Perspectives on Emerging Societies.” The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute located at 3424 South University Drive in Davie, Florida. For more visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/lli or call (954) 262-8471.

Tuesday
Oct. 14

Lucky 13 Bonus

Need some relaxation? Then attend the Lucky 13. event designed to provide students with techniques that focus on mental and physical health. The event will take place at 12 p.m. in room 3049 of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Dr. Dalis Dominguez at (954) 262-8485.

Wednesday
Oct. 15

Grab-a-Bite

Join the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship for a chance to network with fellow students while also enjoying a free lunch! The event will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the student lounge of the DeSantis Building. For more information, contact studgroups@huizenga.nova.edu.

Thursday
Oct. 16

4th Annual Connection Event

This event will help to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The event will begin at 8 a.m. in the courtyard of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Rochelle Clarke at rochclar@nova.edu.

Friday
Oct. 17

“Still the River Runs”

Join the Promethean Theatre, NSU’s professional theater company, in residence for the premiere of “Still the River Runs,” by Burton Bishop. The performances will run from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2. The performances will take place at 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre in the Performing and Visual Arts Wing in the University Center. Tickets for “Still the River Runs” are $25 for adults, $15 for seniors and $10 for all other students with valid ID. Only cash and checks are accepted at the door. For tickets, call (786) 317-7580 or email boxoffice@theprometheantheatre.org.
On Oct. 7, hundreds of job seekers attended the annual Fall NSU Career Fair, hosted by The Office of Career Development.

The goal of this event was to provide both NSU students and the surrounding community with an opportunity to network with national and local employers. A variety of companies were represented, including insurance agencies such as Allstate and GEICO, retail stores like Target, as well as medical groups such as Coventry Healthcare and Holy Cross Hospital.

This year, over 600 people attended the event, a 33 percent increase in attendance from the previous year. Robyn Furmancki, Coordinator of Employer Relations, expressed her satisfaction with the event.

"Without a doubt, this year's Career Fair will be able to benefit from attending the Career Fair." Furmancki is optimistic about future Career Fairs, given the strong interest from employers. "I am looking forward to continuing to grow the Career Fair," she stated. "I am looking forward to continuing to grow the Career Fair.""The Career Fair was "informative and provided a couple of great options," Warrick felt an if it will give her a head start on her job search after she has graduated.

The employers had positive remarks to say about job seekers. Bryan Name, store manager at a local Target, captures the essence of what recruiters felt. "I've been coming to NSU's Career Fair for the past three years and I am pleased with the whole process. There are lots of great candidates. In fact, some of my best recruits have been from here. They are professionals and greatly educated."

Jessica Moses, 26, is not affiliated with NSU but heard about the Career Fair by word of mouth. Like most job seekers, she and her husband attended the event in hopes of finding an ideal job. "Through I didn't specifically find what I was searching for," said Moses, "overall it gave me an opportunity to explore many other fields."

Furmancki is optimistic about future Career Fairs. "I feel that with every Career Fair, our office strives to make an improvement from the prior fairs based on feedback from students and employers," she stated. "I am looking forward to continuing to grow the Career Fair program with even more employers from different areas so that every student, no matter their major or degree program, will be able to benefit from attending the Career Fair."

Dr. Hibbs explains Augustine's theory as part of his one hour lecture on the afterlife.

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DOSA also recommends that attendees wear Halloween costumes at the finale. Prizes of $1,000, $500, and $250 will be awarded for first, second and third place winners, respectively. The money will be given to the organization that the performer represents. "This is a great chance for students to show their NSU spirit by supporting fellow students' acts," said Keever. "Students also get to choose to represent their organizations in front of the whole university. Also, we get to see a side of students on campus that we may not normally see."

The event will take place at 6 p.m. on the ASA Patio. All applications should be submitted by Oct. 17. Applications are available at the ASA desk or can be downloaded at http://www.nova.edu/studentengagement/got_talent.html.

For more information about participating in NSU's Got Talent, contact the Student Union Board at (954) 262-7223 or sub@nova.edu. For general information about NSU's Got Talent or the NSU t-shirt exchange, contact the Office of Student Engagement at (954) 262-7193.
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Women's Golf

Former SSC Player of the Year, junior Romain Onteniente (10) lived up to his title as he assisted on NSU's next three goals. First he found the Sharks leading scorer on a counter attack leaving Wahlberg (11) with just the keeper to beat as he tied the game back up at 2-2 with a tidy strike. Onteniente (10) then displayed great speed and created a chance of his own which struck the crossbar, but Sharks captain sophomore Craig Heenighan (8) was there with an acrobatic strike to give NSU the lead for the second time.

In the 66th minute, the Sharks found some breathing room as Onteniente (10) passed the ball through the Bucs defense to find Wahlberg (11), who then struck his second goal of the evening. Wahlberg kept the game interesting as they scored a third goal in the 71st minute, but NSU's defense held strong to capture their first conference victory by a score of 4-3.

Women's Golf

NSU's women's golf team competed in the LSU Waterfleec Invitational held Oct. 6 and 7, consisting of challenging Division I opponents.

Upon concluding round one of play, the Sharks managed to hold on to their third place slot, just four strokes behind the leaders. Thunderstorms cut the round short by 10 holes. NSU shot a combined total of 294.

Sophomore Sandra Changkija posted the Sharks' best score, shooting one under par 71 to place herself in a tie for seventh place. Following Changkija was fellow sophomore Nicole Whitmore with a two over 74.

Rounding out the Sharks' scorecard was sophomore Taylor Collins, junior Maria Garcia-Austt and senior Andrea Maldonado who finished day one in 20th, 34th and 47th respectively.

On day two, the officials decided that the field of golfers would only complete the previous day's second round play, not play a third. After completing the remaining 18 holes, NSU held on to their third place position, shooting a combined score of 298 on the day for total of 592.

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SSC Runners and Volleyball Player of the Week

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NSU's men's and women's cross country team underwent a weekend of great success at the brunnlers.com Invitational as sophomore Jeff Palmer grabbed the title of SSC Runner of the Week for the third time. This 2008 season, after completing the run, he was named at a career best time of 25:32.16 in the 5k race.

Upon putting together outstanding numbers during the Shark's first week of SSC competition, senior setter (8) was named SSC Offensive Volleyball Player of the Week. This setter averaged 2.1 kills and 10.8 assists while aiding her team to a 2-1 record in SSC play. Number 8 leads the Sharks with an outstanding .94 serving percentage along with a valuable .487 setting average.

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Inside the Locker Room with David Wahlberg
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Sports Editor

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“If I found $1,000 on the street I would probably go to the casino and have some fun!”

“My favorite holiday is Christmas, because all my family is together and I like snow.”
Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.
presents

Performing For Peace

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Community Event

Wednesday,
October 15, 2008
6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
HPD Terry Building,
Steele Auditorium,
NSU main campus

Performances include:

Poetry readings from:
Mr. Wispers
Write Side Poets

Dance performances by:
Imperial Jade Bellydance Theatre
Dancefusion
NSU students

Singing by:
Jordana Forrest
Brazilian Voices

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. is partnering with the American Medical Women's Association, to facilitate a community event to raise awareness and prevention about domestic violence, while promoting healthy relationships. Women in Distress is the only state-certified fully accredited domestic violence agency in Broward County. Women in Distress is a not for profit organization, whose mission is to stop abuse for everyone through crisis intervention, advocacy, and education. Broward County has seen a 300% increase in domestic violence homicides in the last year, and we are honoring the victims who lost their lives this year for October's Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The community awareness event is being held at Nova Southeastern University's Health Profession Division, Terry Administration Building, in the Steele Auditorium, on Wednesday, October 15th, 2008, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and family to show their support for this great cause! There will be a bake sale outside of the auditorium from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and seating begins at approximately 6:10 p.m. The name of the event is Performing for Peace, in which various artists are standing united against domestic violence.

Free event and open to public
Sponsored by: The American Medical Women's Association

Bake Sale
Give Aways
When Leena and TJ got home, the rotsetter, whom they named Champ, shivered in a corner and looked very scared. When they tried to coax him with treats to get out of the corner, he stuck even more into himself.

“What’s wrong with him?!” TJ asked.

“I don’t know,” Leena answered. “Remember, he’s still a baby, so it’s ok for him to be scared. Or, maybe he just needs some time to get used to us and the house.”

“Maybe,” TJ said unconvincingly. “I think something is wrong with him though. How about we give him a piece of meat, like beef or something.”

“That’s a bad idea,” Leena commented. “Maybe it will get out of his shell a bit.”

Leena went into the freezer and took out a thick piece of sirloin, and placed it in a bowl of water to thaw. They decided to leave Champ where he was until he made up his mind to move. Leena went upstairs to take a shower and catch up on her marking of student’s essays, and TJ ran over to his friend’s house to brag about his new rotsetter.

Champ was alone in the living room, in the same corner he left him. He was still shivering, scared as if he were alone in a haunted house. All of a sudden, his head shot up and his pupils dilated to size of dinner plates. Now alert on all fours, he sniffed the air vigorously, hunting for the source of the scent. He moved from the corner and sniffed his way to the sink that had the piece of sirloin in the bowl of water. The scent was so powerful, that the air ran from his mouth like a heavy shower of rain, and formed a pool of water around his huge, baby paws. Like some bionic dog from hell, he leaped onto the sink and started to massacre the piece of sirloin.

From upstairs, Leena was startled by the sound of glasses and plates crashing to the floor, one after the other. She immediately ran downstairs to find out what the commotion was all about, and to see TJ was badly hurt.

“TJ, honey are you ok?” she asked as she ran towards the noise. “TJ, what the hell is going on?”

Champ lifted his head momentarily, and showed the pieces of flesh and droplets of blood that seemed to decorate his snout.

“What the hell is wrong with you?” Leena asked, a question more for her than the dog.

“Get down from there now! Do you hear me?” Champ answered her by deepening his growl, and turning a deadly stare in her direction. He finished devouring his meal, and started towards Leena as if she were seconds.

“Champ, good dog. Sit, Sit, Champ,” Leena commanded, while walking slowly back. Champ jumped off the kitchen counter and was steadily making his way towards her.

“Good dog, good dog.” But Champ did not ease up. Growling and salivating, with yellow eyes the size of pizza pies, Champ’s determined approach had Leena cornered between him and the stairs.

“Mom, I’m back. What’s for dinner?” TJ yelled as he came in through the back door and headed towards the kitchen.

“I’m starving mom. Tommy’s mom cooked salmon and steaming beans... a ten on my gross-o-meter!” TJ continued. “I got out here as quickly as I could before she invited me to stay for dinner.” He opened the refrigerator, searching for a snack.

“Mom, where are you? Why aren’t you saying anything? And what happened in the sink?” he asked, walking towards the living room.

“Mom are you ok? What...” TJ gasped and froze, as he saw his mother trembling and ghostly pale, with her hands outstretched, whispering to Champ not to hurt her. She glanced up at TJ, not wanting to alert Champ to his presence, as he didn’t seem to hear TJ when he came in.

“TJ, turn around and go get some help. Now.” Leena whispered, but TJ was transfixed to the spot, staring at the scene before him.

“I do you hear me? Leave the house and get some help,” she said once again.

“But mom, I can’t leave you.”

“Just go honey, I’ll be fine.”

“Ok...”

“Go TJ. Please honey, just go,” she pleaded, while keeping her eyes on Champ.

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Halloween Horror Nights 2008
Bloody Mary

Tranell Mesa & Tim Coenraad
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"Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist" Strums to its Own Tune

Stefani Rubino
Opinions Editor

At its heart, "Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist" tries to tell the story of every young person who struggles to find a sense of identity and someone to share it with. The story is not typical, and it is one of those romantic comedies you can predict fairly easily. However, Peter Scofield and Lorene Scarfari spin a different, timelike tale of love, music, and the love of music that should fit into the ranks of films like "Empire Records" and "High Fidelity.

The story centers around Nick (Michael Cera) and Norah (Kat Dennings), two New Jersey teens struggling with their dwindling relationships. The only prescription for their misery is independent music, and particularly one band called Where’s Fluffy. The two start out with their only connection being that Norah takes Nick’s heartfelt mix tapes for his ex-girlfriend, Tris, out of the garbage after she throws them away. But the story really starts when Norah asks Nick to pretend to be her boyfriend, and they share a kiss. Accompanied by Nick’s gay bandmates, Dev (Rafi Gavron) and Thom (Aaron Yoo), the rest of the night is spent navigating through New York City and searching for Norah’s drunken best friend Caroline (Ari Graynor).

Dennings (“The 40-Year-Old Virgin” and “The House Bunny”). Cera’s performances always seem sincere and heartfelt which is just begging for her to share it with. Accompanied by Nick’s gay bandmates, Dev (Rafi Gavron) and Thom (Aaron Yoo), the rest of the night is spent navigating through New York City and searching for Norah’s drunken best friend Caroline (Ari Graynor), and the secret performance of their favorite band.

Although all of the performances in the film were memorable, the film’s weight is really carried by Michael Cera (“Superbad” and “North Shore”), Ari Graynor (“Sex and the City”), and Kat Dennings (“The 40-Year-Old Virgin” and “The House Bunny”). Cera’s performances always seem sincere and heartfelt which makes his characters so accessible and relatable. Dennings did an amazing job opposite him with her withdrawn sort-of attitude that is just begging for her to acknowledge how into Cera she really is. They delivered their lines perfectly, comically and together made every awkward moment cringe-worthy. The only downside is that the two had no real “sexual” chemistry until the very last scene, which was shot flakewealy. An Graynor’s (“Mystic River” and “Imaginary Heroes”) performance provided the most comic relief throughout the film. Her acting was spot-on so the would not be surprised if she was actually drunk in some of the scenes. She gets lost in New York City, pukes on her cell phone, eats gum from a toilet, and still stands to see Where’s Fluffy play. If you don’t at least laugh at some of her lines, there is probably no hope for you.

Even though the entire film is predictable, and a little cheesy at some points, “Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist” is a wonderful examination of “young people” doing the things that “young people” do. This may not represent all of us, but it is certainly a refreshing and positive take on teenagers in the world today.

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Religious is, and will continue to be, a "hot-button" issue. In fact, it is so "hot-button," that people are not sure when it is a good time to discuss it. Grandma said not to talk about it at the dinner table, professors always said not to mention it in class, and clergywomen told us to never question it. All of this has still led us to the unanswered questions: When and where can we talk about religion? What is it about religion that makes people so uncomfortable? And why are people so willing to give up their rationality to follow religion? In "Religious," Bill Maher, through humor, sarcasm, and tons of skepticism, strives to answer these questions and more. No religion is safe from his wrath or his wit, as he travels to Jerusalem, the Vatican, Salt Lake City, and even Miami, interviewing Christians, Muslims, Hasidic Jews and Satanists. He manages to setup and record interviews with recognizable figures from each religion, and takes them on one by one only to break them down.

At one point, Maher takes on Scientology in London's Hyde Park by dressing up as a homeless man to spew the doctrines of Scientology to all who would listen. He sounded like a mad man, and looked crazy, but the only things that came out of his mouth were the words written by L. Ron Hubbard about his religion. It was interesting to see people reacting in such a negative way when those same people accept Scientology, as they would Christianity, because so many famous people endorse it.

If it wasn’t clear before, this film is not for everyone, but it is definitely worth seeing at least once. Maher’s mission was to start a dialogue amongst the masses about religion and its role in the world, and I think he accomplished just that. I was laughing all the way till the end, but most people around me just sat there and ate their popcorn. This is unfortunate because people should be able to enjoy this documentary without worrying about what Maher has to say about their faith. Roger Ebert said in his review, “You may very well hate it, but at least you’ve been informed. Perhaps you could enjoy the material about other religions, and tune out when yours is being discussed. That’s only human nature.”

Maybe he is right, but I still think that if you can worship an invisible deity through sculptured representations of it, you should be able to laugh at anything, especially this film. Either way, Maher has proven himself to be more than just a hilarious comic, and has launched himself into the higher realm of tongue-in-cheek social criticism.
We’ve Come a Long Way, Baby… or Have We?

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Opinions Editor

As we look forward to the upcoming election, all issues over the political spectrum are being debated, challenged, and, in some cases, ignored. Although, lately it seems as if the most attention has been centralized on “issues” of racism, sexism, and even eucentricity. We try to pretend that it is not there, that things are equal now; that things are better now than they ever were before. Sure, race relations and acceptance have gotten much better, but is everything really equal now? Have we, as a nation, risen to the point where we can accept people of different races, ethnicities, sexualities, etc.?

I also mentioned how it seems that prejudice against homosexual couples and heterosexual domestic partners have flared up again recently. For instance, in the “great” state of Florida, an amendment will be on our ballot to take away the hospital visitation rights, burial rights, and various other domestic partner “benefits” from these couples. I know, I thought they were joking, too. Even some of our democratic representatives have joined Lauderdale Mayor Jim Nagel, whose fear of homosexuals became more apparent earlier this year when he claimed that city park restrooms were being used as homosexual “hook-up spots.” Next thing we know, they’ll be tattooing “sodomy” on everyone in the state, like the priest, Rev. Peter Mullen, from London earlier this year when he claimed that the late-night food is a hit. The only way to get rid of the prejudices is to confront them. We have to take a deep, uninterrupted look inside of ourselves and figure out why this keeps coming up. Realistically we can’t expect every racist, prejudice and sexist person to begin accepting people for who they are. However, we can, as a nation, as a state and even as a university stand up to these stereotypes and misconstrued notions of how people of different races, sexualities, sexes, etc. act. Every movement has to start somewhere, and I’m asking you to start here and now; believe your neighbor (no matter what color he/she is), attend a Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, learn about someone else’s culture and tell them about yours, and don’t be afraid to ask questions; that is the only way we will ever truly understand one another.

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Who do you think would make a better vice president, Sarah Palin or Joe Biden?

As I look around campus, I am impressed with how far we have come. Over the past few years, buildings have sprung up like cut outs in a pop-up book. Students everywhere are more engaged as the streets and University Center are now packed with laughing, backpacking, involved students.

This engagement is evident in the emerging political scene. Some would say that students these days have become apathetic about voting. However, the students on this campus have put a dent in this assumption as they have taken the initiative to create their own political interest groups from the ground up.

I am referring to the newly developing NSU Liberals group who hope to join the NSU Conservatives in their quest to represent the views of different party lines. Seeing young people strive to represent both perspectives on “the issues” is a refreshing occurrence because that is what our democratic system is about: striving to “agree to disagree,” while sharing ideas to come to a well thought-out consensus.

Additionally, The Flight Deck is now packed with students nightly. I felt my age the other night as I went in to get some late-night food and found myself saying “gee golly it is noisy in here.” Age aside, I am excited to see The Flight Deck is becoming a cool nightly hang-out spot and that the late-night food is a hit.

Finally, I have to give props to the SUB office for getting students to camp-out, sleeping bags included, in front of the University Center Box Office as they waited for their chance to snag Halloween Horror Nights tickets. To see students anxiously waiting in line as early as 7 a.m. resembled the dedication of the fictional boy-hungry girls that wait in line to get their New Kids on the Block tickets. Okay, so not that many people were waiting, and there wasn’t any drooling, but such student involvement still brought a joyful tear to my eye.

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“Joe Biden, because he has experience in the Senate.”
Victoria Lafferty, a junior psychology major.

“I think Biden would make a better VP because a lot of people are looking for change.”
Edward Dungca, a junior biology major.

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Nathalie Solomon, a senior theatre major.

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“I think either one will be okay. I’m just not sure why he [McCain] chose a woman when Obama didn’t.”
Jason Hanley, a freshman theatre major.

“Joe Biden, because Sarah Palin makes me wary.”
Rosana Morales, a senior biology major.
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