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Leaders Party wins SGA elections

By: Victoria Rajkumar
Arts & Entertainment Editor

On April 13, the winner of the 2012-2013 SGA elections were announced. Between the two parties that ran, Fresh Perspective and The Leaders Party, the Leaders Party won by 54 percent in student votes. More than 200 students and faculty attended the event held in the Flight Deck.

More than 600 students voted this year. Christopher Mignocchi, the new president of SGA said he and his team are ready to begin working to improve student life at NSU.

"The new Executive Board and myself will be here the entire summer working on Homecoming, Electric Waterworks, Raft Races,

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LEADERS Party

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"LEADING STUDENT GOVERNMENT FROM THE FRONT"

The Leader's Party was elected as the new undergraduate student government association on April 13.

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JuiceBlendz CEO visits NSU

By: Victoria Rajkumar
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&
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Features Editor

On April 9, Adam Ogden, the founder and CEO of JuiceBlendz, a national smoothie and juice bar franchise based in South Florida, visited NSU to launch his College Road Tour and speak at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

A state-of-the-art JuiceBlendz Mobile Blending Unit was parked outside of the Don Taft University Center providing students with free samples of JuiceBlendz smoothies. Students were also able to pick up free T-shirts after following JuiceBlendz on Twitter and liking them on Facebook.

Nekisha Louis, graduate student in criminal justice, said she is grateful JuiceBlendz gave out free samples because she didn't want to spend her money on a smoothie without trying it first.

"I am a lot more likely to buy [JuiceBlendz products] now," she said. "I followed them on Twitter to get a free shirt, too. It's a pretty good



COURTESY OF JUICEBLENDZ

Adam Ogden, CEO of JuiceBlendz (2nd from the right), and his team visited NSU on April 9 to launch the company's College Road Tour.

incentive."

Ogden said that he thinks the partnership between NSU and JuiceBlendz has been successful and the brand has been received well by students because JuiceBlendz promotes a healthy choice for college students.

"I love health and making

healthy food choices. If I want to skip a meal, I can just grab one on the run. It really comes down to making good nutrition habits with your smoothies. We use a lot of fresh fruits and juices in our products," he said.

Preston Luce, sophomore marine biology major, said, "[JuiceBlendz] is very expensive,

and since I don't have a [declining balance] I don't get to have it often. But it was nice of them to have a free [sampling]. Their smoothies are great, especially their Peanut Butter and Jelly one."

During his visit, Ogden also spoke to the Graduate Business Student Association and the Franchise

Management undergraduate class about his experiences as an entrepreneur in the franchise industry.

Ogden said, "I'm excited to connect with students firsthand and lend some real-world advice as

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they prepare to enter the workforce. I want to show that it is possible to do a lot with a little – my story is a clear example of that – and I think [students] relate well to a younger entrepreneur who was in their shoes not long ago.”

Ogden started JuiceBlendz about six and half years ago when he was in his mid-twenties after he dropped out of college. Though he doesn't recommend that choice to students, he is very grateful for how well the business is doing.

“We have two brands now— JuiceBlendz and YoBlenz. Between both brands, we have about 30 stores and 120 in development nationwide. We recently started our new brand YoBlenz, which is a self-serve yogurt business. You may see one on campus soon,” he said.

JuiceBlendz is also re-doing their menu to add café foods to it, including salads and sandwiches. Ogden said he's not sure if the café-styled JuiceBlendz may be in NSU's future.

He said, “Maybe I'll propose that to the university. I think it would be really neat to expand the menu [here] to incorporate more healthy eating options. That's the reason we brought JuiceBlendz here — to give students a healthy choice.”

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and a number of other issues,” he said. “Our mission is to improve in every area and set new standards for excellence in student government.”

Angela Serrati, sophomore psychology major, said the election results were suspenseful.

“I was so nervous to hear the results. It seemed like a close one,” she said.

The Leaders Party plans to expand on the events held throughout the year and incorporate a Freshman Counsel.

“Every year we receive over ten candidates for freshman senator. Only two can be chosen but next year we plan to use the entire field and to create the first ever Freshmen Counsel,” he said. “This body will be led by the two freshmen senators and be tasked with relaying the voice of the freshmen to SGA, the Office of Orientation, the Office of Student Activities, and anyone interested in working with new students.”

Mignocchi also said he also plans to attend City Of Davie meetings to increase community outreach.

“I am looking to work with members of the new SGA, local businesses, and City Hall to “sharkify” Davie, particularly university Drive. When you go to Gainesville and Tallahassee you know there's a college there, Davie (locally at least) needs to be the same way,” he said. “We have many contacts throughout the university with people who make things happen and they want to work with us. We promise to use this privilege responsibly and to better the lives of students every time we can.”

Mignocchi said is confident that the future of SGA is brighter than ever.

“I know that everyone who ran in my party learned a very valuable lesson in hard work and will translate into hard work next year,” he said. “Overall I feel that SGA has the power to make students lives better and that's what we plan to do.”

STUEY award WINNERS

Staff Person of the Year 2012
CHRISTINE NELSON
Nova Southeastern University

Administrator of the Year 2012
JUDITH MCKAY, J.D., Ph.D.
Nova Southeastern University

Graduate Organization of the Year 2012
KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY, INC.
Nova Southeastern University

Undergraduate Organization of the Year 2012
DELTA PHI EPSILON
Nova Southeastern University

Student Government of the Year 2012
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Nova Southeastern University

Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year 2012
BRENDA DIAZ, M.S.
Nova Southeastern University

Athletic Team of the Year 2012
VOLLEYBALL
Nova Southeastern University

Corporate Partner of the Year 2012
BAPTIST HEALTH OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Nova Southeastern University

Professor of the Year 2012
ANA FINS, Ph.D.
Nova Southeastern University

Executive of the Year 2012
ABBY BRODIE, D.M.D.
Nova Southeastern University

Alumni of the Year 2012
SCOTT ROBERTS, M.B.A.
Nova Southeastern University

SEC Student of the Year 2012
WALTER UPSHAW
Nova Southeastern University

NSU Student of the Year 2012
JUSTIN JOHNSON
Nova Southeastern University

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events by students, for students

Wednesday, April 18

Founder's Week » Times vary. Venues vary

Sponsored by: Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.
The sorority celebrates its 11th annual Founder's Day with events from April 18-April 24th, including: Cake cutting, informational session, car wash, social networking discussion, and party walk.
Contact: Laura Villafane, lv199@nova.edu

Thursday, April 19

Get Hip to Cancer » 6 p.m., University Center pit

Sponsored by: Brave New Heroes
Come by and watch performers, enjoy music and food in support of cancer victims. Entry is free but a \$3 donation is welcome.
Contact: Antoinette Rivers, ar1357@nova.edu

Friday, April 20

Blue and Green Party » 7 p.m., Flight Deck

Sponsored by: NSU's Nature Club
There will be free food and music from RadioX. Everyone is welcome, and should wear either blue or green.
Contact: Erin Nassif at EN143@nova.edu

Spring Probate Show » 8:14 p.m., Shark Circle

Sponsored by: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Phi Beta Sigma introduces their new members during their Spring probate show.
Contact: Ted Delcima, delcima@nova.edu

Saturday, April 21

Strongman Competition » 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Library Quad

Sponsored by: Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Come join the men of Kappa Sigma and NSU's strongest as we lift and pull to find a cure for multiple sclerosis. All proceeds from the event to the M.S. Society.
Contact: Daniel Muggeo, dm1295@nova.edu

Phi Sigma Sigma Stroll Off » 8 p.m., Shark Fountain

Sponsored by: Sigma Sigma Sorority
Stroll Off to raise money for National Kidney Foundation.
Contact: Tanvi Patel, Tanvi@nova.edu

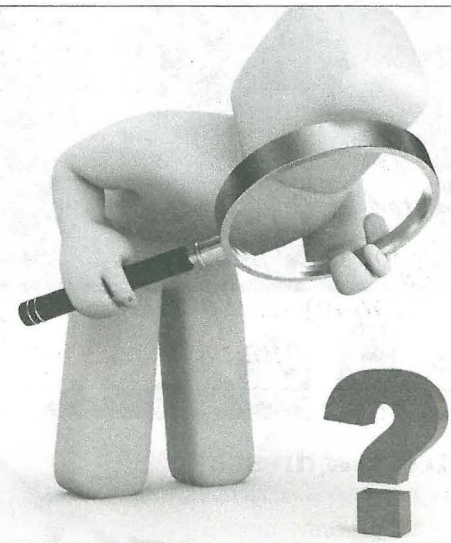
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Help Wanted

All students should contact the Office of Student Employment, located on the first floor of the Horvitz building, to apply for these positions. For more information email: studentemployment@nova.edu or visit www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment

**Job # 002****Senior Student Assistant**

Provide telephone technical support to the NSU computing community. Collect and record specific information regarding user requests and problems. Dispatch problem reports to appropriate personnel.

20-25 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 039**Desktop Computing Assistant**

Assist full-time employees with the daily installation and maintenance and support of personal computer hardware and software.

20 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 054**Lab Monitor**

Assist students and faculty computer related problems in the microcomputer lab.

25 hrs/wk; \$8/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 086**Graduate Student Assistant**

Assist coordinator with on-going projects within the department.

15-20 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 165**Lifeguard**

Prevent accidents through the enforcement of policies, rules, regulation, and the conduct of persons using the pool, saunas, and spa. Additional duties: scrub pool gutters, heavy vacuum and hosing deck. Available: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; \$9/hr

Job #: 224**Intramural Sports Official**

Officiate intramural sports based on rules and regulations as set forth by Campus Recreation. Ensure that teams/individuals follow rules and regulations. Provide all intramural participants with superior customer service. Remain visible and on post at all times.

Mon-Thurs, 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.; occasional weekends; \$8/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 374**Field Operations Assistant**

Assist the Operations Coordinator by ensuring fields and facilities are prepared for home games and events. Act as a troubleshooter at events by providing supervision. Also assist with game management.

20 hrs/week; \$8hr/wk

Job#: 397**Student Ambassador**

Conduct campus tours to prospective students and their families. Other duties include data entry. Answer incoming phone calls. Participate in special events and telecounseling.

20 hrs/wk; \$8.25/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 500**Phonathon Worker**

Call alumni from all over the country to update their information. Let our alumni know about new developments at NSU and ask for support of NSU through our annual giving program.

10-15 hrs/wk; \$8.50/hr

Job #: 568**Admin. Student Assistant (West Palm Beach)**

Provide administrative support and services to the SEC recruiting staff, meeting enrollment goals and objectives. Assist in providing office coverage to front desk. Provide customer service to all callers and visitors in a professional manner.

20-25 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 595**Technology Assistant**

Editing web pages, data entry. Maintaining department web schedules. Other duties as assigned.

\$8/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job # 629**Student Accounting Intern**

Accounting intern needed to assist in working on spreadsheets (Excel), journal entries, support controller and manager of taxation, preparation of schedules, creation of flowcharts. Work closely with the controller.

20 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 679**Senior Student Assistant**

Provide clerical support and administrative assistance to the various administrators.

20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 778**Student Assistant**

Receive technical hardware and software. Process the items with a barcode scanner and computer. Deliver items to various departments on- and off-campus.

20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 779**Operations Assistant/Facilities**

Answer telephones, manage the operation of the front service desk, answer questions, enforce facility and program policies, conduct face checks, and distribute information and directions. Maintain the cleanliness of the facility and the upkeep of the facility program space.

\$7.50/hr

Job #: 783**Personal Trainer**

Provide members with a quality, safe, and effective workout. Maintain written documentation of each client.

20 hrs/wk; \$18/hr - starting and depending on experience.

Job #: 827**Student Assistant for the Office of Student Media and Information**

Assist with the operation of Student Poster Printing Services. Job functions include but not limited to processing print requests being sent via email, online, and/or in person. Keep record, manage, maintain log files of the printing requests, answering phone calls and responding to Poster Printing Services email, and other duties as assigned. Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Publisher. Working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, and other Adobe application is a plus. Works collaboratively. Great customer service skills. Reliable and can work independently with ability to trouble shoot.

20-25 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Federal Work Study preferred but not required

Job #: 910**Student Assistant, East Campus, Fort Lauderdale**

Operate telephone switchboard to route, receive, and place calls to all campus locations. Disseminate information to callers on NSU programs of study, events and special advertisements. Place and track long distance calls for internal NSU customers. Other duties as assigned. On occasional basis, attend divisional and NSU sponsored meetings and instructional workshops. Supervisor will provide more detailed job description.

20 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 925**Administrative Student Assistant, Tampa**

Provide administrative support and services to the recruiting staff in meeting enrollment goals and objectives. Assist by providing office coverage at front desk and customer service to all callers and visitors in a courteous manner. Event participation (i.e. open house and new student orientation).

20-25 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 956**Building Manager**

Promote programs and services and provide support for activities and events. Provide for the safety of the building, its users and staff by enforcing University Center (UC) and University policies. Monitor potential safety/liability problems and assisting guests to meet their needs while using facilities. Act as a liaison to the UC janitorial staff to ensure a clean environment for guests. Perform general maintenance and upkeep of the UC equipment (easels, rental machines, tables, chairs, A/V equipment, etc.) Maintain inventory of appropriate supplies and stored items. Post signs, daily schedules

and ensure buildings are opened appropriately. Evening and weekend work involved.

20 hrs/wk; \$8.50/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: 989**Student Assistant for the Office of Student Media and Information**

This student assistant position will focus on graphic design, including creating print and digital marketing pieces for events, initiatives and activities on behalf of the NSU Division of Student Affairs. This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in graphic design and marketing. Experience in InDesign, Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator is required. Works collaboratively. Demonstrates creativity and ability to work under deadlines. Reliable and can work independently.

20-25 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Federal Work Study preferred but not required

Job #: HPD 011**Graduate Assistant**

Manage email alias for department. Assist with coding of applications. Assist with sending correspondence. Other duties as assigned. Must be enrolled in graduate program at NSU. Able to use various computer programs. Detailed oriented.

10 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: HPD 130**Student Assistant**

Check for accuracy of data; review charts and prepare billable procedures. Collect necessary data for reports. Create files. Make phone calls to patients and doctors. Update appointments and support peers. Must have advanced computer skills in spreadsheets, Word, etc. Ability to work on databases. Effective communication skills. Able to answer phone. Assist others as a back up in special project needs.

20 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

Job #: HPD 146**Student Assistant**

Data entry in Access database. Be able to reconcile multiple Excel reports and software program reports, update spreadsheets. Be able to manage large quantities of confidential documents. Check in orders and ensure accuracy then distribute to correct department. Must have working experience in Ms Access.

20 hrs/wk; \$8.50/hr

Must have Federal Work Study

News Briefs

Tours of NSU's new exercise and sport science lab available
On April 18, from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., tours of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' new Exercise and Sport Science Teaching and Research Laboratory will take place as part of an open house event for the college. The state-of-the-art lab, which opened earlier this semester, features lab equipment and tools, which enable students to practice assessments such as: balance, body composition, cardiorespiratory fitness, functional movement and muscular strength. Visitors at the open house will learn more about the research conducted at the lab and, if time permits, receive an analysis of body composition, reaction time, or flexibility. For more information, contact Monique Mokha at (954) 262-8046.

NSU pharmaceutical fraternity raises \$10,000 for pediatric AIDS

On March 31, NSU's Delta Rho chapter of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., hosted the 4th Annual Dance Marathon in the Don Taft University Center pit and raised more than \$10,000 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. More than 200 people participated in the event. The aim of the event was to raise money to support the foundation's efforts to promote research, and provide aid to affected children in impoverished countries.

NSU students study End of Days prediction

Undergraduate students in an Introduction to Astronomy class taught by Stefan Kautsch, assistant professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, recently conducted research with results that concluded that the world will not end in December 2012 as predicted by the close of the ancient Mayan calendar. The students made the conclusions by researching astronomical prophecies such as the alignment of the Earth, Sun and the black hole at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy, and used astronomical knowledge and facts to prove that the prophecies were incorrect.

Seaweed saves city money

Between April 7 and April 11, clean-up crews removed more than 50 tons of refuse from Fort Lauderdale beaches. The bulk of the refuse was seaweed. The large volume of seaweed removed from beaches has been used to create a compost pile at Snyder Park in Fort Lauderdale. The left-over dirt from the compost is used in local landscaping projects, which saves the city about \$180,000 a year. Experts say that the rise in seaweed results from strong and steady easterly winds and a possible dip in the Gulf Stream.

Diary of... a student who visited genocide memorials abroad

By: **Lindsey Goldstein**

Lindsey Farah Goldstein is a sophomore education major and leadership minor. She is the vice president of Hillel, is in the Razor's Edge Leadership Scholarship Program, is the Relay for Life Committee Team Development Chair, is the Office of Student Activities SEA Thursday Chair, is the Secretary and Historian of CAUSE and an Orientation Assistant for the 2012-2013 school year. Her favorite quote is, "Life is like photography, you develop from the negatives."

For most students spring break means partying at the beach or lying out by the pool. Well, my spring break was pretty much as opposite from that as you can get. I traveled to Poland, Bosnia, and Serbia with my "Genocide in the Twentieth Century and Beyond" class. I know you are probably thinking, why would I take a class like this? Instead of taking an "easy," or irrelevant elective, I wanted to take something more meaningful. When I heard about this class, which Professor Gary Gershman offers every two years, I knew that if I took it I would be a part of something greater than myself.

This class and the trip component were particularly meaningful to me because my late grandparents were Holocaust survivors. One of the most emotionally intense days of the trip was while we were in Krakow, Poland. We went to Auschwitz, the

largest concentration camp used during World War II. I had seen pictures and heard about it, but actually being there and walking the same steps that so many victims (including my relatives) walked, it was one of the hardest experiences of my life.

With every step I felt as though knives were piercing my heart. When we reached the last remaining gas chamber, I stood outside and stared at it in silence for several minutes. I walked up to the door and turned around, walked back up to the door and turned around multiple times. As I paced back and forth, I tried to decide if I should go in or not. I didn't know if I could handle seeing the last sight that millions of people saw before their death. I figured I had come all this way to be there and I would kick myself later if I didn't go in. So I took a deep breath and opened the door. I could only bear to be inside for a few minutes. Tears burned as they poured out of my eyes.

The support of my classmates and Professor Gershman made this process a little easier. I was surprised that I was the only Jewish person in the class besides Professor Gershman. It was incredible to have so many different perspectives. I've learned about the Holocaust for years and always associated it with the

phrase "never again," as if genocide was something of the past. But this class opened my eyes to so much more, not just about the Holocaust, but about more recent genocides in the Balkans, Darfur, Rwanda, etc.

Before this class I could not even tell you where Bosnia and Serbia were on a map. And just a few months into the class I was on a plane (actually several planes) to go to these countries. In Bosnia and Serbia, we learned about the Srebrenica Genocide of 1995. More than 8,372 people died and I had no idea about it! I use such an exact number because this is the number on the stone outside the cemetery which was followed by three dots (...) to show that more bodies are still being found.

Walking around the cemetery and seeing all the headstones was emotional, but not nearly as emotional as actually meeting the "Mothers of Srebrenica," who lost their entire families to this genocide. While listening to their stories, horrific images flooded my head that I couldn't shake. I couldn't believe how clueless I was about something that happened within my lifetime. As I gave the women who told us their stories a hug and donation, I wish there was more I could do. This class and experience taught me that there is.



COURTESY OF L. GOLDSTEIN
Lindsey Goldstein, sophomore education major, visited Poland, Bosnia and Serbia with her "Genocide in the Twentieth Century and Beyond" class. One of the places she visited was Auschwitz.

Studying genocide has allowed me to educate others. This class and this trip have made me an advocate against genocide for my generation. For me it was taking this class and trip. For others it can be helping hang posters for Kony 2012, or learning more about Uganda or other areas of genocide.

The difference between my

generation and all of those that have come before is that we can no longer plead ignorance. The internet and all the information in the world are at our fingertips and we have the social media to spread it. We just have to seize it and take the opportunities to educate ourselves and others.

How to dress for an interview

By: **Alyssa Sterkel**

Features Editor

Your parents have always told you that first impressions are important. They were right. How you present yourself can make a lasting impression on someone you've just met, like a future employer. A great first impression doesn't just mean answering all the questions correctly or having a perfect resume with references on hand. It includes dressing the part and looking appropriate. If you're scheduled for an interview soon, keep these tips in mind:

Always "over-dress."

I don't know what company you have an interview with. It could be a small business, department store or business firm, but no matter what type of job you're interviewing for, remember being overdressed is better than being underdressed. You don't want to walk into an interview, wearing slacks, a polo shirt and tennis shoes while everyone else is wearing suits. At the very least, dress business-casual. For guys, business casual is: dress pants or slacks, a button down shirt, dress shoes and a sport coat. For girls, business casual is: a skirt (not mini!) or dress pants, a nice blouse, heels and a jacket if desired. But the best way to avoid

any confusion is to simply ask what the dress code is.

Keep it simple.

Trying out all your new jewelry at once or diving head-first into color blocking is a "no-go" when you're going to an interview. The trick is to keep it simple. Otherwise, the person interviewing you will pay more attention to what you're wearing than what you're saying. If you're wearing a bright-colored shirt, pair it with neutrals. If you want to wear a statement necklace, keep any other jewelry to a minimum. And if you want to try that new Mickey Mouse tie you got for Christmas, leave it at home.

Make sure it fits.

You've got your gray suit all picked out with a nice tie or a great blouse but when you put it on, you realize it's too big. What do you do? Choose a new outfit. Wearing a suit that doesn't fit is like wearing jeans and sneakers to an interview. Avoid wearing clothes that are too long or a size too big at all costs — otherwise your interviewer will think you don't care.

It's not just about your clothes.

I'm all for the messy hair look (I tend to forgo a hair brush most days),

but when it comes to an interview, you have to focus on your entire look, which includes your hair and shoes. Don't try a new hairdo days before your interview. Stick to your tried and true style. You don't want to wake up the morning of the interview and not know what to do with your hair. Men, take the time to fix up your facial hair if necessary. If you look better with no facial hair, shave. If you can't part with your beard or mustache, trim it up and make sure you look professional. The wear and tear of your shoes is also an important factor. If your favorite pair of shoes looks like they're your favorite pair of shoes, don't wear them. Your outfit matters from top to bottom so make sure your shoes are clean.

Going on an interview can be nerve-racking. You want to impress your interviewer and, ultimately get the job. One way to calm the butterflies in your stomach is to make sure you dress appropriately. Hopefully these tips will help you land your dream job.



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Make sure when you're going on an interview that you "dress for success." You want to look appropriate for your first impression with an employer

Eating healthy at NSU

By: **Tyler Conti**
Contributing Writer

At NSU, eating healthy can be quite difficult, as well as quite expensive. Most of the food options don't offer readily available nutritional information to students and tend to charge high prices for items that appear to be healthy alternatives. So here are a few tips that will save you money and keep your waistline in check:

Watch out for Denny's Fresh Express. They might offer some of the cheaper items at NSU, but the majority of them are excessively high in sodium, fat, and calories. Some of their meals carry as much as 1300 calories. If you do get something from Denny's, get the Fit Slam (scrambled egg whites with spinach, tomatoes, plus two turkey bacon strips, an English muffin and a side of seasonal fruit). It will cost you 390 calories, but it has only 12 grams of fat and offers 27 grams of protein. Be sure, though, to wash it down with lots of water because the Fit Slam carries a heart-stopping 850 grams of sodium.

Don't order sodas. Order water (even if the soda is included in the combo meal). The typical soda served at NSU is 32 oz. and will cost you 400 calories and give you 100 grams of sugar and that's just one drink. Drinking two or three sodas per day will quickly add to your waistline.

Don't order meat at Greens Etc. Instead of ordering chicken, order beans. Beans are filled with nutrients and protein. They're rich super foods that will do any body good. Also, ordering beans in place of chicken will save you the \$2 charge and give you the same nutrients.

Outtakes can be your friend. Next time you stop by Outtakes get two Chobani yogurts and a StarKist tuna lunch. The total cost will be around \$6 and you will consume roughly 500 calories and almost 50 grams of protein. Top this off with a free water from any of the campus dining locations (don't tell them I told you that) and you have one of the healthiest, most affordable, meals on campus.

Don't order chips with your sandwich. This applies to both Subway and the West End Deli. A bag of chips will generally cost your body close to 200 calories and your wallet \$1- \$2. Chips make healthy sandwiches unhealthy. A \$5 foot-long turkey sub at Subway that comes out at 550 calories will jump to 700+ calories with the inclusion of just a bag of chips. As an alternative, order fruit, like an apple, banana, or pear, from any of the locations at NSU.

Whenever you order food, don't be afraid to ask for the nutritional information. It will help you make informed decisions about what you're about to eat. No one can make you eat healthy; you must make that choice for yourself.

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Farquhar Writing Contest winner

By: **Kareen Barakat**
Contributing Writer

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences held the 1st Annual Farquhar Writing Contest this semester. The contest was for undergraduate students who wanted to submit a 3-5 page personal essay surrounding NSU's theme of "Truth and Power." The prompt for the contest was: "How does the theme of Truth and Power help you understand your role as a student at NSU?" Below is the winning essay written by Kareen Barakat, freshman English major.

Education as Power

I remember as ten-year-old child sitting by my mother in the kitchen with flour all over my hands and face as I tried to roll dough as perfectly as she did. Of course my lump of mess looked nothing like her perfectly smooth and round circles, but I was proud of my work anyway. We used to sit for hours in the kitchen and anything my mother did, I mimicked.

At that age I saw her as the smartest and strongest woman in the world. In my eyes she could do no wrong. She used to look at me smiling, and tell me about her own childhood and her own mother that I never met. Those days we spent together built this will in me to be

just like my mother.

I remember about two years later, my first year in middle school, the girls at the lunch table all discussed what they wanted to do with their future. Out of a group of nine or ten girls, every single one stated which college she would like to attend. When it was finally my turn I declared that I wanted to be a stay at home mom, just like my own mother.

The girls gave me a blank stare. I remember one even chuckled at what I said. Not until that moment did I realize my ambition was not the norm. In fact, it was even looked down upon.

I went home that day completely perplexed. I shuffled into the kitchen, threw my books and bags on the floor, all the while recounting what happened to me at lunch that day. My mother stayed quiet and looked at me with pursed lips.

"Kareen," she told me, "Of course you are going to college. That is a privilege. You should want to go to college, I always wished I did." In my mind I was still totally opposed to the idea, but I agreed just to appease her.

As I transitioned into high school, it almost seemed like the world was crashing around me. I do not say this because something abrupt or tragic happened, but because I suddenly came to the realization that not everything was as perfect as I

once believed. The issues that were always present finally hit me when my parents got a divorce my freshman year of high school.

Among many personal issues, the one of most significance was the fact that my mom no longer could depend on my father's income and she had no form of higher education. Jobs you could get with a high school diploma did not feed three children. Unfortunately, child support does not last forever. My mother's role in the household changed quickly because she became a student just like me and my siblings, while also acting as the nurturing mother we always had.

I watched my mother stay up late trying to remember the things she learned so long ago for her new college-level classes. Many people did not believe she would be able to juggle education and maintaining a household. Her own sisters used to call her and tell her to stop wasting her time in difficult courses and encouraged her to do something quick that would make her money.

She ignored them and continued on her goal to become a nurse. I believed she could do it. Just like when I used to watch her roll dough in my childhood, I would sit near her in the same way watching and helping her study. I spent long nights helping her.

Meanwhile, in the daytime

I attended a prestigious, college preparatory private school. Everything about that atmosphere tried to compel students to go to college. First of all, we were told from our freshman year that we could not graduate if we did not get accepted to a college. That meant we had to think about GPA and SAT all throughout high school.

Subsequently, the students were competitive against each other. Everyone wanted to get into the best schools with the most scholarship money, even if it meant competing against your best friend. Teachers and counselors all assumed students would go to college, and always spoke to us accordingly.

One could say that my future was decided for me, but that is not true. If I really did not want to go to college I could have easily avoided it. But in my heart I truly wanted to get a degree, and nothing helped me decide that more than my mother's struggle.

I knew she was having a hard time in college. She always told me her brain was rusty and needed to try and catch up before she could catch on to things. But somehow, she seemed happier than I ever knew her. She spoke excitedly about her professors and classmates, and for some reason began to understand our school experiences better.

She kept her thick textbooks

with her, always propped up in front of her so she could study and still watch "American Idol" with us. Even though I was happy for her, I did not understand how someone could be so excited about school. That is, not until I began college as well.

Something about this new atmosphere almost inspired me to exert myself. Finally I understood how my mother felt. She was certainly excited, but especially because she felt more powerful. For once I felt like I had control over my own life. I did not have teachers hovering over me and forcing me to think like they did. I got to choose my own area of study and actually enjoy what I was doing.

More than ever, I could relate to my mother. Even though she changed so much within the last four or five years of my life, it brought us even closer together. We understand each other on a different level because we both understand the power we have gained through our education.

Today my mother is still working towards her degree, but she is stronger than I ever remember. Just like when I was a child, I still aspire to be like her in many respects. But today she is a different person than ten years ago, and arguably an improved version of herself. I feel better as well, because I know we are both powerful women and better because of our education.

Golf finishes up play at conference tournament

By: **Kevin Preciado**
Sports Editor

Both golf teams will conclude play at the Sunshine State Conference Championship today. The women have won it the previous two years, while the men won it last year. They are both ranked second in the nation, and are hoping to walk away as conference champions.

The women finished in second place in their previous competition, and the team that won the competition was a Division I opponent. Amanda Brown, head coach, said she's confident the team has what it takes to succeed at the tournament, but they will be facing tough opposition. There are five other teams from the conference who are ranked in the top ten.

"The SSC Championship is always very competitive in women's golf," said Brown. "The National Championship team has come from the SSC for the last ten years or more. In many ways, it's a great test heading into the South Regional and nationals."

Brown said the key for the team to win at conference for the third year in a row will be avoiding big numbers and having a solid performance from all four golfers. Three of her golfers are individually ranked in the top five.

"Having three of the nation's



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Daniela Ortiz, freshman, is ranked the number two female golfer in Division II.

top five girls on the team is a huge advantage. No other team can come close to it. But we need all four scores to be solid for a win," said Brown.

Meanwhile, the men will be looking to secure consecutive conference championships. Ben Taylor, sophomore golfer, was confident the team could accomplish this. He said the team was maturing at the right time and was up to the task.

"[Winning two years in a row] would be very motivational," said Taylor. "We all know that we are

one of the favorites for conference and to win two years in a row would without doubt be a huge boost going into regionals and nationals."

Taylor felt the best thing that could happen to the team is a strong start.

"Our highest advantage would be to get off to a fast start on day one. This is because our best rounds are always our last, so to be in contention from the start will certainly prove vital to how we do," he said.

ON THE BENCH

Commentary by:
Mohamed Abdihakim



Wrestling: Sport or soap opera?

So, there's this episode of South Park (stay with me now) where the main characters try their hands at wrestling. The brand of wrestling the boys take on is one of drama, story lines, and little-to-none actual wrestling. It involved all sorts of convoluted plots and cheesy stories about girlfriend-stealing, revenge and the like. There was even this gentleman (his name escapes me) who was frustrated with this format. He harked back to the days of "wrestling", the type of wrestling you see in high schools and colleges – jock straps and all.

Part of me sympathizes with him. Maybe there's this traditional appeal to what some consider as being "classic wrestling". Maybe, just maybe, we're being fooled into believing that this is an actual sport and not a barrage of bad acting and chair-tossing. Maybe.

Perhaps, none of us care. And, heck, maybe nobody should. Here's the thing about sports that survive – they all have entertainment value. For the old school among us, let's go ahead and give some appreciation to what a sport really is. Ray Lewis called football a sport of "gladiators." Magic Johnson considered basketball to be "an art form." That is what

a sport is. It's a fusion of battle and beauty, anarchy and art, chaos and creativity. It's the personification of the peak of the human condition. Now, take your pretty little definition and sit down. Wrestling is on.

Wrestling provides a satisfaction to its fans (who are not few, I assure you) in that it is both a sport (technically) and a captivating story. Consider this: log on to ESPN's site right now and read any headline or preview of whatever sporting event there is. The Heat vs. the Lakers is, "The King vs. The Black Mamba." The Master's is something about Tiger winning his third billionth tournament or something. The point here is that even marketers and producers get it – we all like sports, but we LOVE a good story. That is what wrestling is. It's a good, old fashioned drama, centered around scantily clad dudes and pectorals the size of car tires.

I mean, technically speaking, these guys are athletes. They do jump. There's no ball involved, but there is an arena. And honestly, what more do we really want on television than a gathering of juiced up drama queens? Throw in the chairs, perhaps a cage, and let's wrestle.

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Softball prepared for important series with Florida Southern



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Katie Kelton, senior centerfielder, is second on the team in hits.

By: **Kevin Preciado**
Sports Editor

Through the first 45 games of the season, the team stood with a record of (26-19) and fifth in the conference. With an important series coming up against Florida Southern from April 20-21, the team felt this would be the opportunity to move up in the conference, and try to improve their case for a spot in the regional tournament.

Lesla Boneé, head coach, said the team has picked it up since the Rollins series on March 9-10 and have been playing their best all year. She said that she expects the team to finish fourth in the conference, and that it would not automatically lead to an appearance at regionals. Florida Southern is one of the teams fighting for the same spot, and that's why Boneé stressed the significance of the matchup. She said the team needs work on their consistency. However, there are several components she's been pleased with.

"There [are] some aspects of the offensive game that are doing very well," said Boneé. "Laura Saladrigas surpassed her home run single-season record. The short game has been very good to us this year. I'm very pleased with that, because my freshmen Lorena Spaulding and Melanie Spicola have done a great job with that, and we flipped Jaimee Vega around also and she's done well."

The team has already surpassed their home run total from last year, and they have posted the most hits in the conference. Lorena Spaulding, freshman leftfielder, has set the tone for the offense in the leadoff spot and has been working everyday with her coaches to improve her hitting.

She said her first week was a rough one, but thanked her teammates for helping push her and overcome it. Spaulding credited Boneé for her success at the plate.

"Coach Boneé just always [harping on] us about hitting and doing mechanics right," said Spaulding.

Sara DeMuth, senior pitcher, has pitched the most innings in the conference and struck out the most batters as well. Boneé said the more DeMuth pitches the better she gets. DeMuth's teammates have been impressed by her performance. Katie Kelton, senior centerfielder, is one of those teammates.

"Sara has astounded all of us. Her pitching is phenomenal. I saw her potential last year and knew she was a great pitcher, but I'm still surprised with how well she has done in the standings," said Kelton.

For the team to have success against Florida Southern, Kelton felt the offense needs to be more consistent.

"I think we just need to improve on being consistent at the plate. Just the flow of us all; we get in little moods where we will flow and gel, but then times we fall out of it. So, I think just us staying focused on the one goal, one agenda and continuing one through nine at the plate," she said.

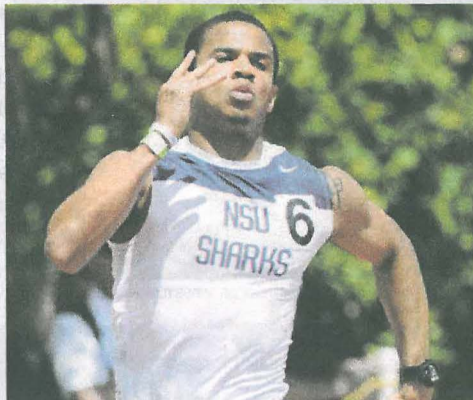
Boneé said the team is ready for this critical stretch of the season.

"They're intelligent women, they realize it's crunch time. We have to take care of our own destiny. We can't rely on other people beating other people. We have to win games that we can win," she said.

SPORTS SHORTS

WRITTEN BY
Kevin Preciado

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD



The team participated at the Florida Relays. Their best event was a 21st place finish in the 1,600-sprint medley. The runners were Jonathan Gil, Patrico Morency, Dionte Madden, and Frantz Massenat.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD



The ladies competed in the Florida Relays from April 6-7. The 4,000-meter distance medley proved to be their best event as they finished in ninth place. The runners were Peri Bowman, Brittaney Smash, Tiffany Richardson, and Courtney McAuliffe.



BASEBALL

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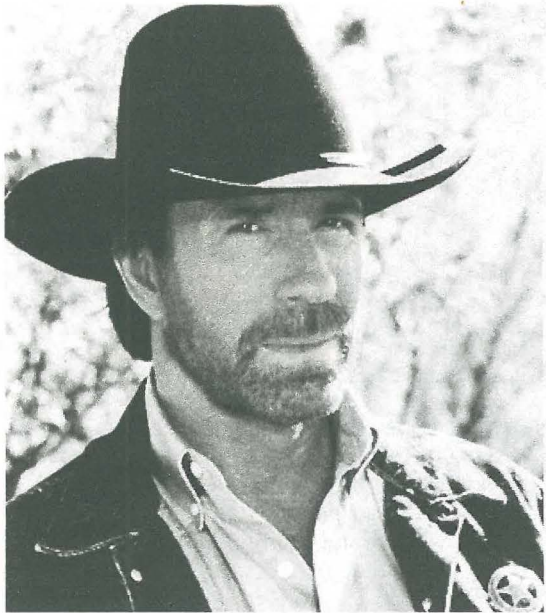
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Athletes turned successful actors

By: **Saily Regueiro**
Contributing Writer

Some athletes got bitten by the "acting bug" when it was time to hang up their cleats or put away their jerseys. These athletes made their transition from the field to the bright lights of Hollywood, and for some it has worked out. Here is a list of some athletes who have turned into successful actors.



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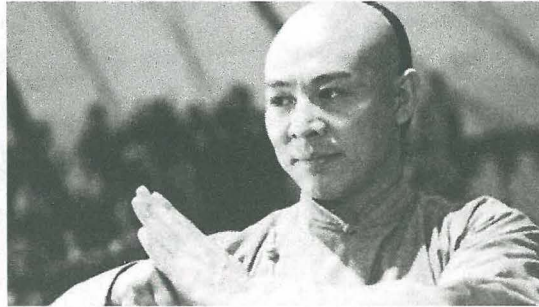
Chuck Norris: Before becoming a pop culture icon, Chuck Norris was a nationally ranked martial artist who rose to fame as an actor with his popular television show "Walker Texas Ranger." He has starred in a number of action films, but many may know him best for his fitness infomercials. He is set to appear alongside some of his fellow athletes-turned-action-stars in the movie "The Expendables 2."

Arnold Schwarzenegger: Schwarzenegger, or as many still refer to him as the "Terminator," was a former bodybuilder. Schwarzenegger broke into acting with his first role in "Hercules in New York" in the 70s, but it wasn't until 1982 when he really got his big break playing Conan in "Conan the Barbarian." Schwarzenegger has done well for himself — he became the Governor of California after all. Schwarzenegger will be making his return to the big screen this year with his role in "The Expendables 2."



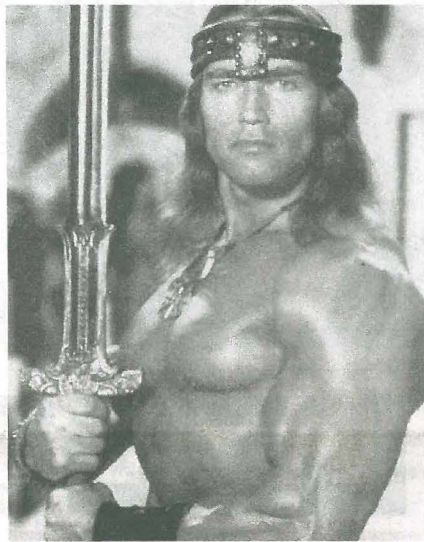
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Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson: Long before he was being called Dwayne Johnson by Hollywood, he went by one name, "The Rock." After playing football for the University of Miami, "The Rock" rose to fame as a professional wrestler in the WWE; being called by all those who admired him as "The People's Champ." He made his acting debut with his lead role in "The Scorpion King" in 2002. Since then he has made his name synonymous with acting. His versatility in action and comedic roles has made him a superstar outside the ring. This summer, he will appear in the movie "G.I. Joe: Retaliation."



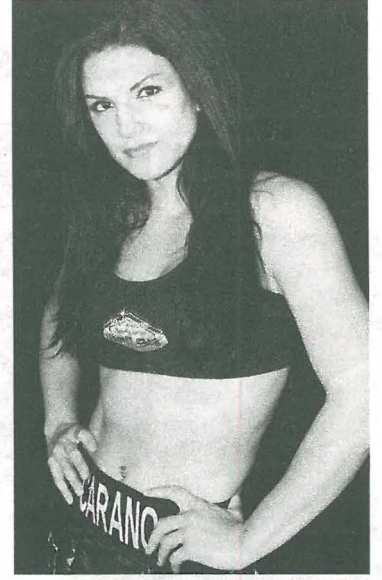
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Jet Li: From a young age, Li was destined for greatness. He is a Chinese Martial Artist and Wushu champion. Like other martial artists, Li transitioned into an acting career, becoming a star in China before moving on to international stardom. His first Hollywood leading role was in "Romeo Must Die." Since then he has gone on to star in many action films such as "The Forbidden Kingdom," alongside Jackie Chan.



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Jason Statham: Jason Statham, who has made his name as an action star, was originally a professional diver for Britain's National Diving Squad. Statham has appeared in many films such as "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," but it wasn't until he was given a starring role as "The Transporter" that he was really able to reveal himself as a true action movie star.



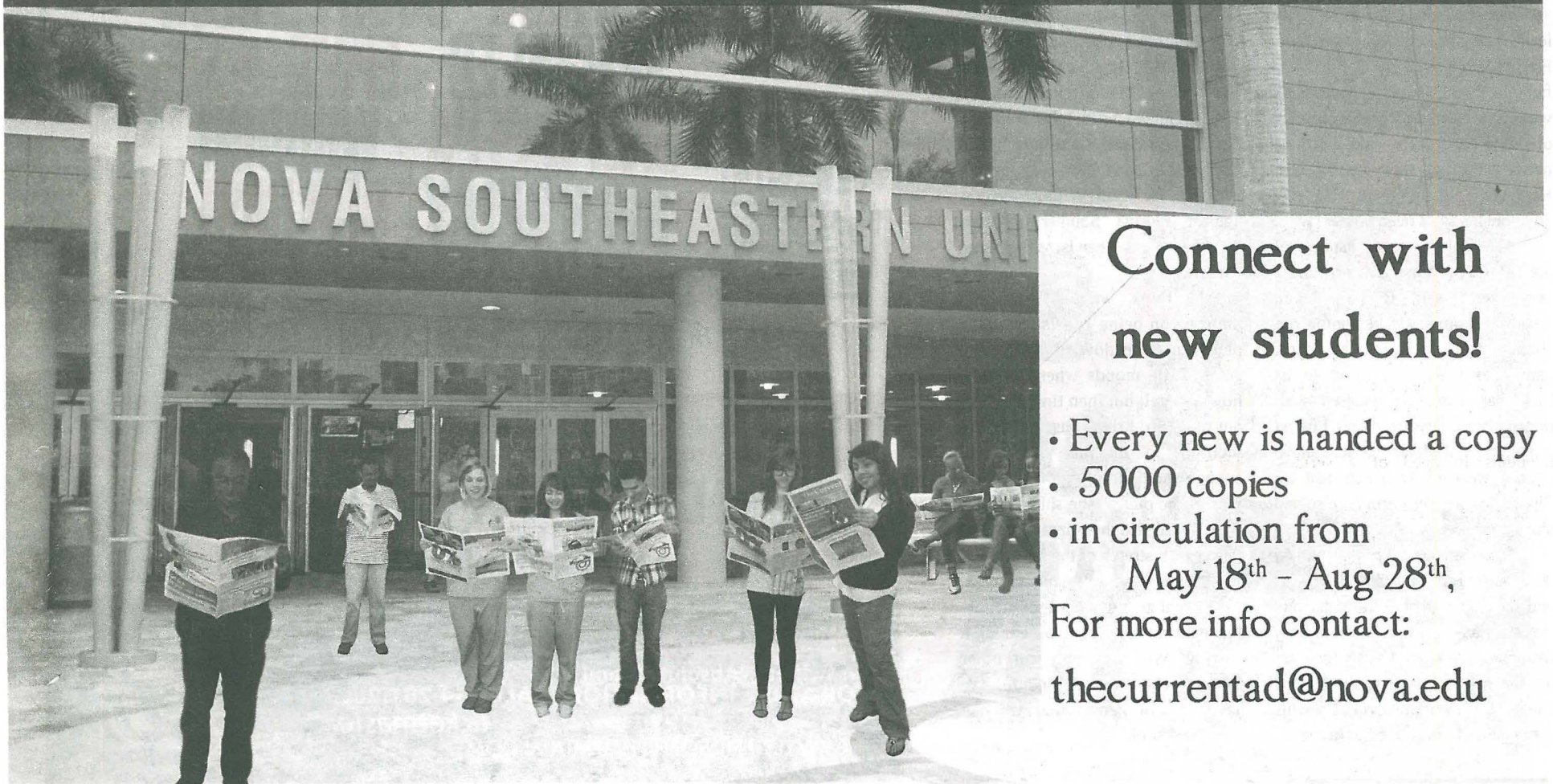
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Gina Cerano: Cerano is a professional Mixed Martial Artist turned actress. She has been referred to as "the face" for women's MMA and was formerly ranked as the third best female fighter in the world. Cerano is not new to the acting world; she has appeared in television shows such as "American Gladiator," and in 2009 landed the leading role in "Haywire." The next movie that she will be appearing in is "In the Blood."



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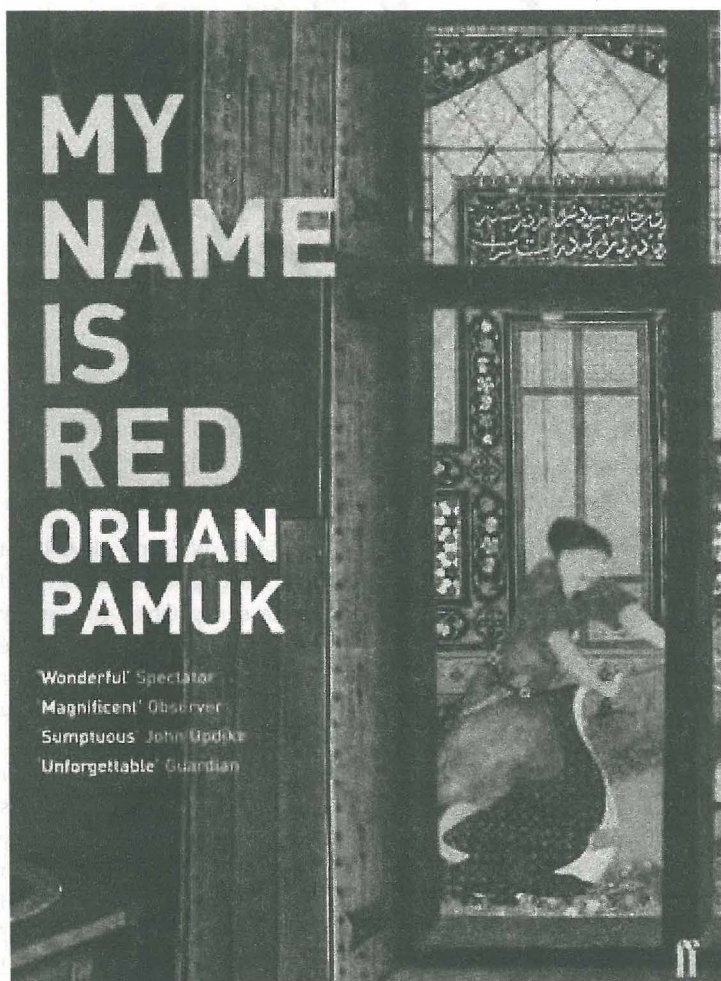
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Orhan Pamuk's "My Name is Red" puts art into perspective



By: **Joseph Cirino**
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When a novel begins with the line "I am nothing but a corpse, a body at the bottom of a well", you know you're in for something special.

While the writing in one of Pamuk's most well known translated works (originally written in Turkish) isn't as experimental as Danielewski's "House of Leaves" or Palahniuk's "Fight Club," "My Name is Red" is a thoroughly engrossing novel that forces the reader to think and analyze what is written rather than simply reading it.

The novel begins in a style of metafiction popularized by many of Jorge Luis Borges's shorts. The dead man introduced in the opening line is that of Eloquent Effendi, a miniaturist to the Ottoman Sultan Murat III. Effendi speaks directly to the reader throughout most of the novel, noting important notions and concepts that are referenced later in the text.

While an understanding of philosophy, mythology and history

will help, the novel only touches on each of these subjects much like an artist uses many different pastels in the painting of a piece. The novel revolves most intently on the nature of the novel itself, and often makes ironic references to other ancient books, both real and fictitious within an encircling plot of mystery, romance and intense debate.

However, Effendi is not the only character in this work of art. He is joined by many other miniaturists, artists, and villains. Pamuk follows their lives and interactions in the wake of Effendi's murder over the course of nine wintry days in late 1591. This menagerie of miniaturists and characters slowly come to exemplify a very controversial question towards Islam — the nature of art.

The very nature of art is both questioned and mocked throughout the novel, as one character demonstrates that it is the sole ability of God to create art; portraiture is forbidden, she says, as it can become a "cult of idolatry" that conflicts with the grand perspective in God's creation of the world as a whole.

The idea is presented later, that if one were to see God in all of natural creation, and one were to create art that represents nature, one competes against God in creation.

Perspective in this debate of art is also mocked on a literary scale, as the immortality of the work of art is questioned as well. In the opening chapter, and elsewhere in the novel, Effendi and other characters question the reader directly with questions. Effendi notes that by writing from his place in the afterlife, he has become immortal even if there is no afterlife, for the reader may be reading in any time or place in all the worlds of history.

"My Name is Red" is a novel that truly makes you think. Even before the last page is turned and the spell is broken, the questions Pamuk's character's ask linger on the mind. The cultural and religious conflicts presented within the novel echo even to today, and the ideas and concepts spoken of bear weight even today. Can one attain immortality through art? If so, then I thank you, reader, for giving me mine.

"Punk'd" should punk politicians

By: **Tyler Conti**
Contributing Writer

We all remember MTV's hit show, "Punk'd," where Ashton Kutcher mercilessly pranked his fellow celebrities in hilarious, even borderline sadistic, fashion. The show "Punk'd" is set to be released on the airwaves again, but I have some doubts.

Pranking celebrities has gotten, well, boring. Sure it's fun to watch celebrities freak out over trivial pranks, but pranking has lost its luster, and in many ways it feels like beating a dead horse. This is why "Punk'd" needs to deviate from celebrities.

I would find much more entertainment in watching those who run our country, either to new heights or into the ground depending on your perspective, face the wrath of pranks that we are able to devise. It can be a form of punishment aired on national television that holds politicians accountable in a less dignified way. The whole purpose is to expose their true nature, the one they hide away from the cameras, their side that only emerges when exposed to information that either excites them in joy or makes them rage in anger.

Here are a few political potentials in need of a serious "punking":

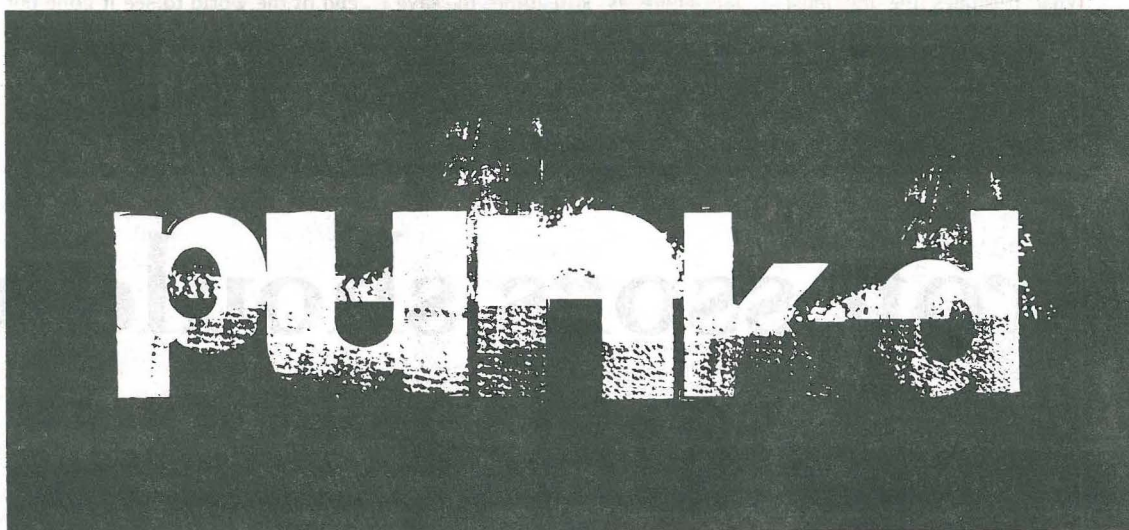
Let's start with Mitt Romney. He's a multi-billionaire with no connections to the middle class. He's currently the front-runner for the Grand Old Party, or Republicans to the rest of us, and in spite of several victories he's still struggling to win the support of his party. There are several options for "punking" this man. For instance, let's have someone disguised as

Reince Priebus, current chair of the Republican party, call Romney and inform him that, despite his lead in the delegates, the party wishes him to resign from the race to the White House. The following conversation between Romney and Priebus would be hilarious as an infuriated Romney exhales a thesaurus of anger before being informed that he's just been politically "Punk'd."

The same prank would also work on Newt Gingrich. Have someone call Gingrich in the middle of the night and tell him that all other competitors have resigned from the race and left him running alone with all the delegates. His hysterical joy, followed by a furious rage when informed that he's just been politically "Punk'd" would be quite entertaining.

For our current Commander-In-Chief, President Barack Obama, a midnight phone call informing him that the Supreme Court has decided not to review any legislation passed by his administration, would send him into a political bliss, but when informed that he's just been "Punk'd" and that his legislation is still susceptible to the Constitution, he's undoubtedly to give a soft spoken message of disfavor to the one who just politically "Punk'd" him.

Politicians, either local or national are prime targets for "Punk'd-ery." The 24-hour news networks have made them into celebrities; their actions have derived anger and praise across America's political spectrum so someone somewhere will enjoy watching a politician get "Punk'd." In addition to their popularity, politicians turn over every two to six years so there will always be new faces arriving and awaiting their "Punk'd" prank.



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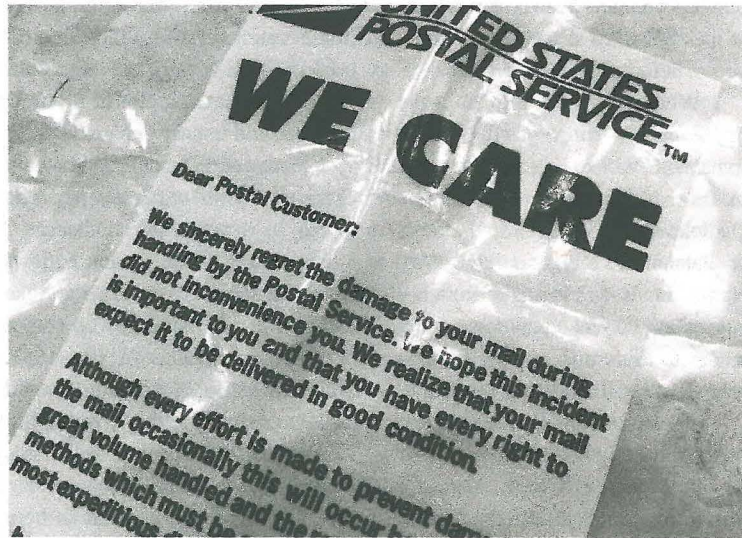
There's still time to save the post office

By: **Davis Yahn**
Opinions Editor

Have you ever had a piece of mail ruined? A letter crunched or a poster bent? Chances are that the culprit behind such destructive negligence was someone employed or some machine used by the United States Postal Service. I cannot tell you how many issues of my Transworld subscription have been destroyed by poor handling or how many packages have ended up in wrong states only to be told that an error had occurred and, "We're sorry."

You would imagine that these errors could be blamed on an insufficient receiving and collection processes. It must be so disorganized and out of control at your local post office that it is no surprise that there is such bad service, right? Wrong, the post office actually runs one of the tightest and mind numbing bureaucratic systems. It is the customer service that is really hurting them. The post office generally doesn't care about problems with your mail or how long you had to wait, they would rather you leave them be satisfied.

What frustrates me the most about the USPS is how I can go to a competitor like the United Parcel Service, and get better service and



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The reason the post office is so cheap: they don't guarantee their work.

care for me and my package while paying just a little bit more. So why keep the old system?

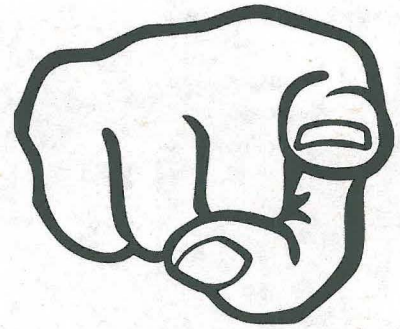
Many politicians are starting to think the same way and have been calling for a revamp of the old ways. Privatization of Post offices, removing offices and reducing the scale has been effective but more is going to be needed.

There is still time to save the USPS from its fate of mass-Privatization or obliteration. Instead of raising the price of

stamps and relying on laws that monopolizes mailing letters, the post office needs new ideas like federally protected email, or even actually controlling inter office emails which has been a growing demand for large companies.

The post office may be very lacking but it certainly isn't out of the game yet. It wouldn't be the end of the world to see it gone but it sure would make sense.

Letter to the Editor



This letter is in response to the article entitled: "NSU social Greek Community in a state of gridlock," which was published in Issue 27 on April 10.

Your letter: After reading the article on the Greek community, I was perturbed. The Greeks on campus are visible, that is unless you walk around campus with your eyes closed. We eat lunch together in the UC pit daily. We wear T-shirts to promote our events. We have a closet full of lettered shirts and it's hard to find something not Greek to wear.

I for one would like to know where you walk around not to see someone Greek. It's almost impossible. When I first came to Nova it was all I saw — lettered shirts, hats, buttons, "Greek Rho" by the parking garage. It's everywhere.

The author of that article was comparing Nova to FIU, well sorry

Dean Gabriel Williams, Nova has a smaller undergrad population and we are a strong Greek community whether you see it or not. We are out there every day representing our organizations with pride and making a difference for our philanthropies.

I would like to thank you for making such ignorant remarks regarding the Greek community here on campus. In a weird way, you promoted us to band together and we all showed a common feeling of outrage and we were actually kind of sad. Look around Dean Gabriel Williams, there is a whole world full of Greek life here on campus, all you have to do is open your eyes.

Sincerely,

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Senior, philosophy major

Professors should meet English proficiency requirement

By: **Louise Laurent**
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University life can be stressful. Sitting in a classroom where half the characters on the board look like Greek, and those in the textbook look like caveman markings, is a major contributing factor to this nightmare and is exactly why universities employ well-educated professors to demystify the text and mold the minds of future scholars.

These professors are given the task of communicating information in such a way that it is easier to grasp. However, if you spend half the time trying to grasp what the professor is saying because their sentences are the equivalent to reading alphabet soup, it can be assumed that you learn very little.

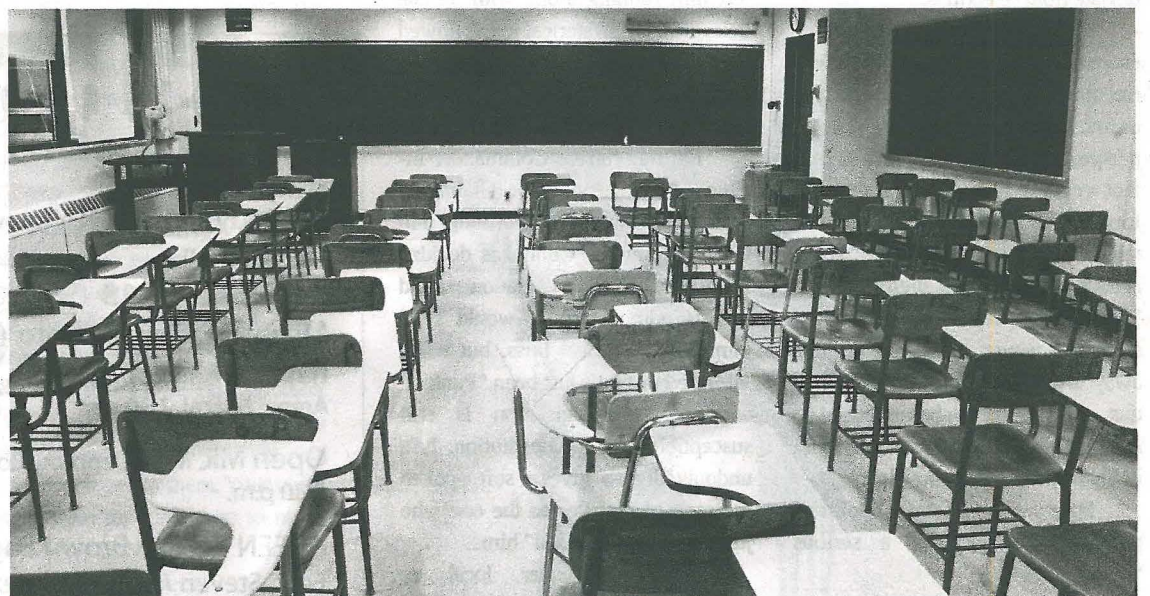
It is a requirement at English speaking schools for prospective students whose first language is not English to take an English proficiency exam (TOEFL or IELTS), have documentation from an official that this person is fluent

in the English language, or have previously attended an English speaking institution. This is a logical position as teaching biology in English to a person who speaks only French, might as well be teaching a brick how to fly.

However, this is not the requirement for professors in the same situation. Of course it is assumed these professors have some grasp of the language, but in my opinion, this is the equivalent of sending a neuroscientist with low level German speaking skills to Germany and expecting him to excel in his efforts to teach.

Regardless of your position, if you cannot verbalize a sentence with proper subject-verb agreement, use of rhetoric, and order food in any language, you cannot speak that language. If universities make an effort to ensure that their students can speak English, shouldn't they also make an effort to ensure that their educators can do the same?

Instead of proficiency exams, professors are taken through an



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Should professors have to prove they can speak English in order to teach? A student thinks so.

interview process and hired or not based on the merits of their resume and that interview. There is no extensive evaluation of this person's ability to communicate the basics of a subject and that can cause problems for students who now have to expend more effort than necessary

to understand the topic.

It can be argued that it is subjecting the professor to some level of embarrassment by requiring them to take a language proficiency exam to work at the university. However, I find it unfair that a foreign student who sounds more American than

myself is still asked to take an eight week class at the language institute because he is from a country where English is not the first language. Is it not embarrassing to ask that of him? Still students take it with no fight. If they can do it, why can't our professors?

FCAT, SATs, ACTs and the GRE: A standardized life and a scholar's nightmare

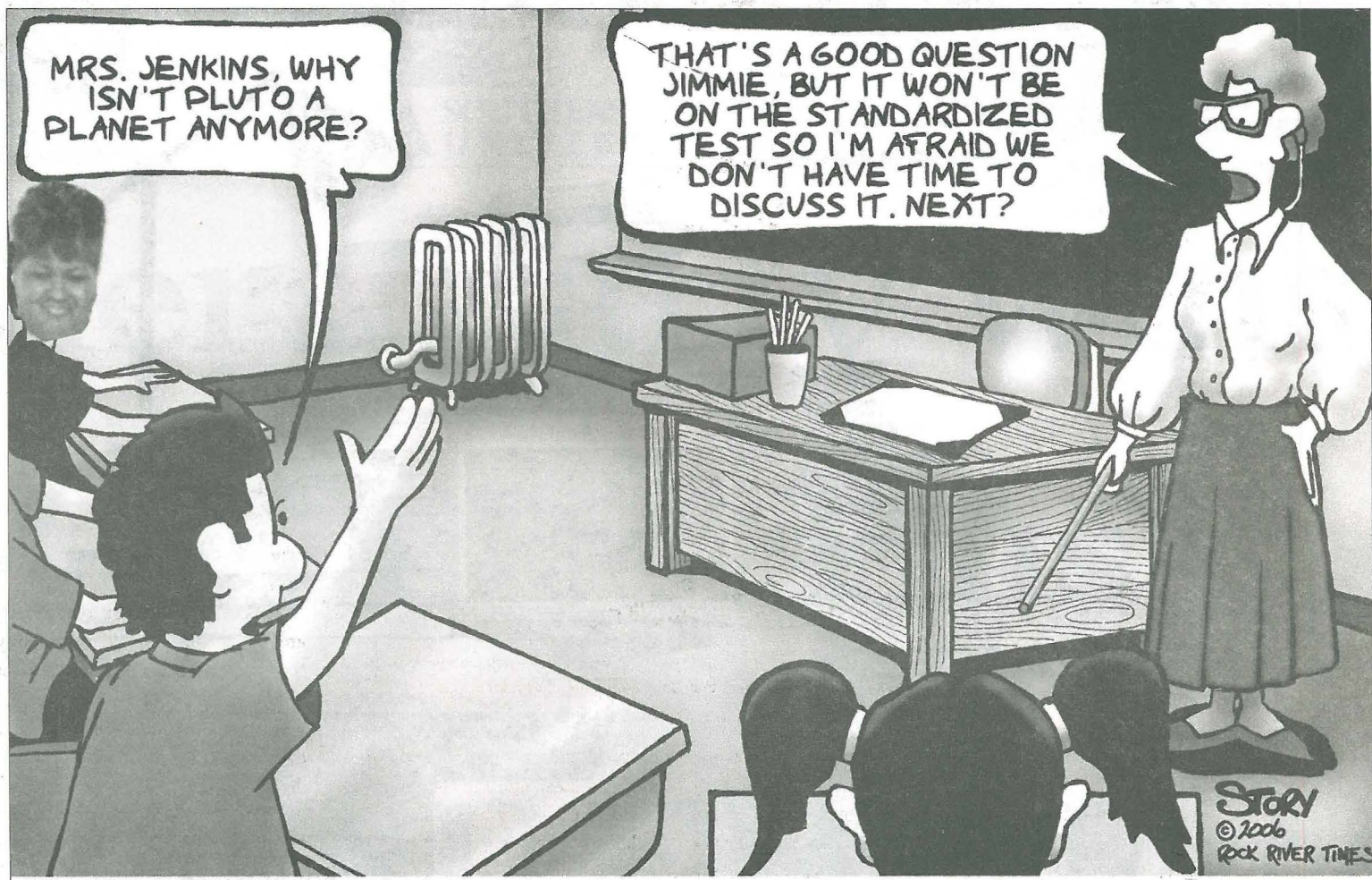
By: **Victoria Rajkumar**
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I don't understand the deal with Florida. We have issues in voting, ridiculous crime situations, it's too damn hot, and the educational system is not only one of the worst in the country — but the kiddies in grades K-11 are shoved through a standardized testing conveyor belt like unfortunate cattle in a McDonald's slaughterhouse — and for what?

More testing of course!

This is my beef with standardized testing: It's bogus — especially when you were unfortunate enough to have been passed through the entire Florida educational system. For those of you feeling the impending doom of the post-college life, I'm right there with you. Graduate school sounds like a fantastic escape from the "real world," right? Ehh, not when you step out of a GRE testing center.

This may be a personal one for me, but I am not going into a master's program that requires me to know how many oranges it takes to fill up a shopping cart when applied to x times the weight of the sun. OK, I may be exaggerating, but math is an extraterrestrial language to me. The point is, why is my degree (that took a lifetime in itself to earn) not enough to prove my competence and ability to function in yet another educational system?



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I'll be honest; the math section of the GRE massacred my self-esteem and possibly ruined my total score, which in turn, ruined my chances of getting accepted into my desired master's program. I think that it is time to put an end to this

testing nonsense. I shouldn't have to pay an additional \$160 to complete a test that has nothing to do with my academic endeavors. And, I'm broke! Having a \$160 piece of paper tell me I'm broke AND incompetent does not make me feel any better

about spending God-knows-how-much on NSU tuition.

Hopefully, I'm at the end of the standardized testing road. It's been a long, pointless and expensive journey. My hope for the future of education is that this

standardized testing business is removed because the scholars of Florida are being screwed out of a real education; which is something every human being should be entitled to — sans the number two pencils.

On the Scene: What do you think of the SGA-suggested student service fee increase from \$250 to \$300?

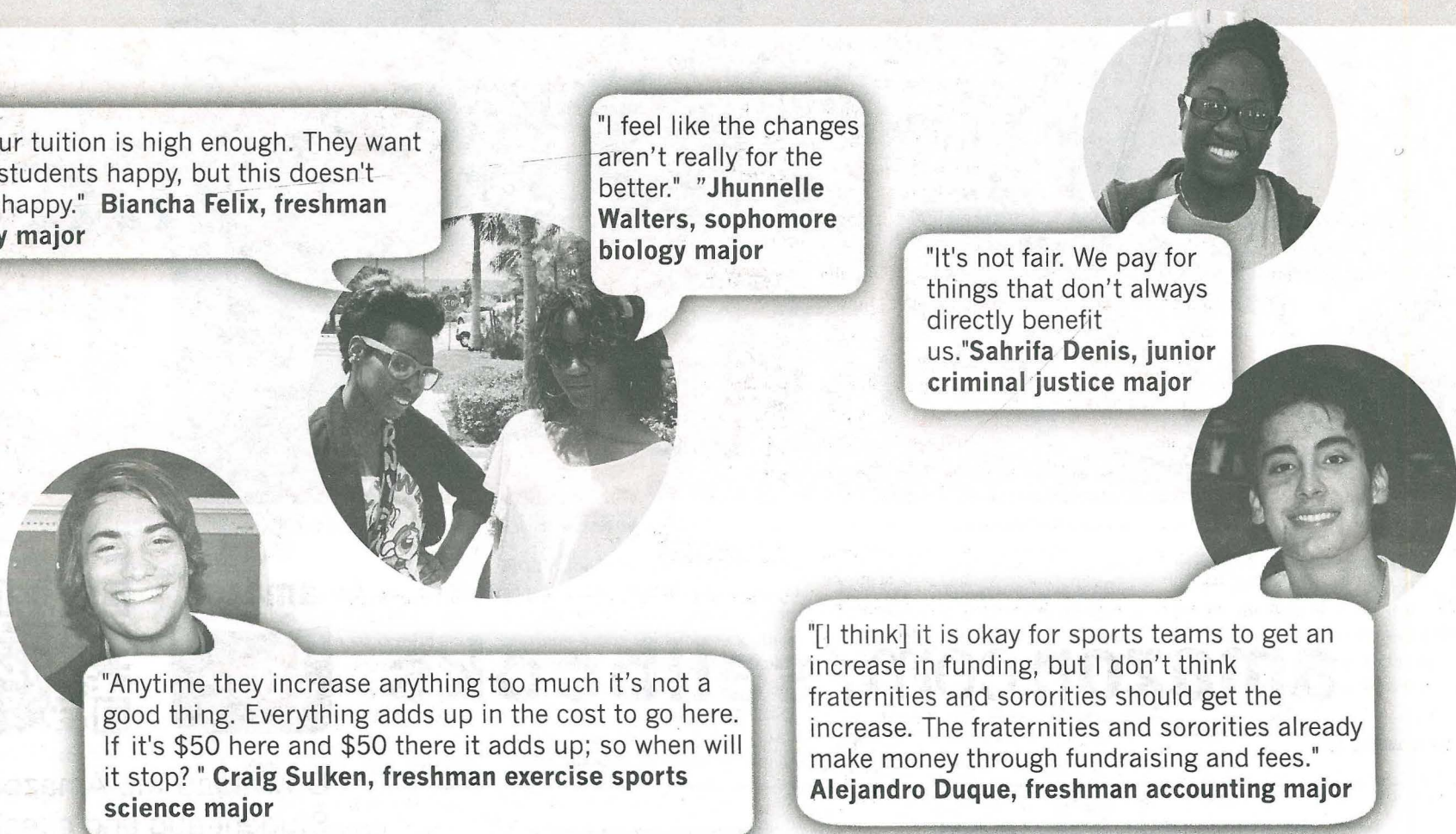
"I think our tuition is high enough. They want to make students happy, but this doesn't make us happy." **Biancha Felix, freshman sociology major**

"I feel like the changes aren't really for the better." **Jhunnelle Walters, sophomore biology major**

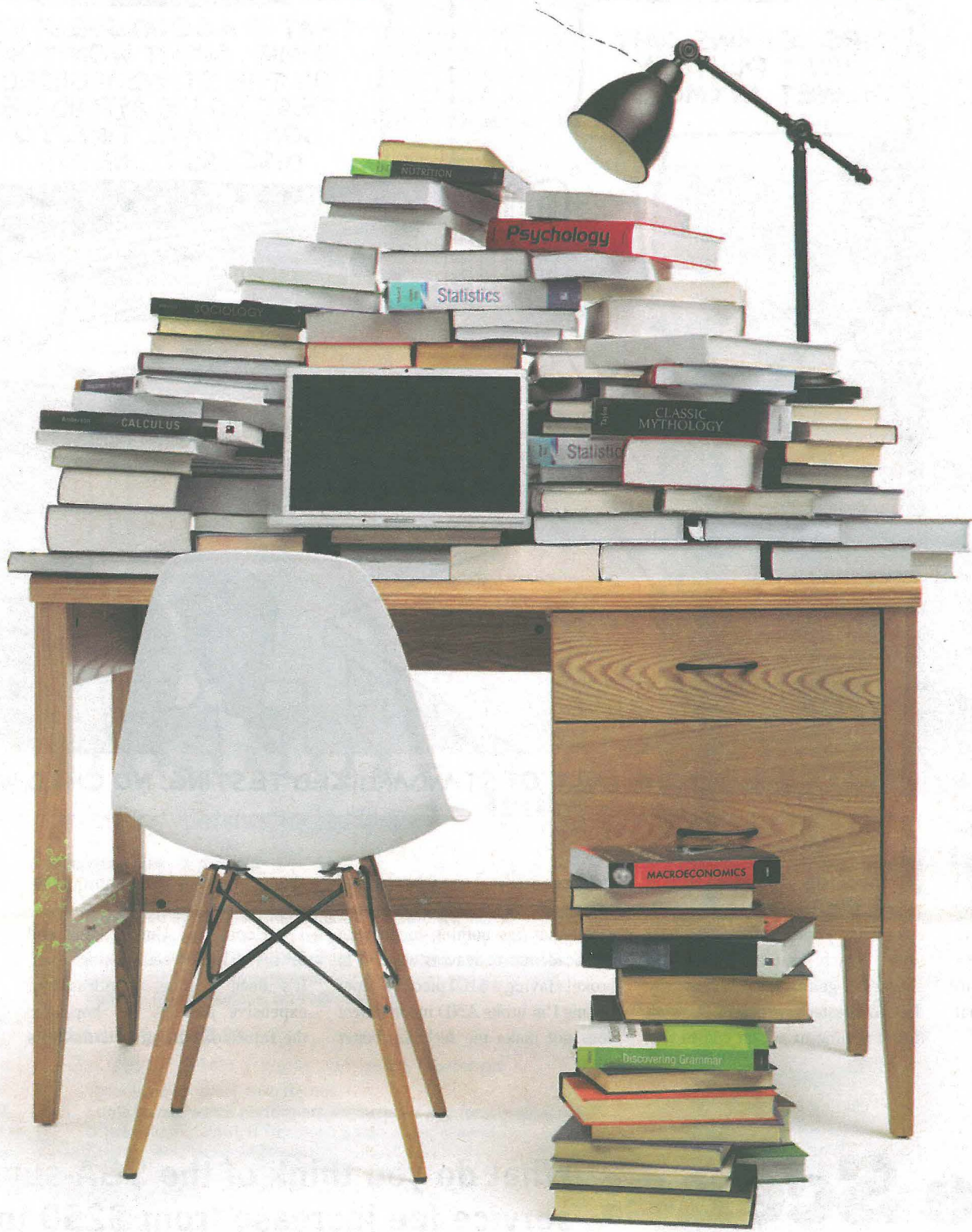
"It's not fair. We pay for things that don't always directly benefit us." **Sahrifa Denis, junior criminal justice major**

"Anytime they increase anything too much it's not a good thing. Everything adds up in the cost to go here. If it's \$50 here and \$50 there it adds up; so when will it stop?" **Craig Sulken, freshman exercise sports science major**

"[I think] it is okay for sports teams to get an increase in funding, but I don't think fraternities and sororities should get the increase. The fraternities and sororities already make money through fundraising and fees." **Alejandro Duque, freshman accounting major**



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