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Elephants on the rise

Written by:

Alyssa Sterkel

According to a Pew Research Center study, more 18 to 29-year-olds are identifying themselves as republicans, while fewer are registering with the Democratic Party.

In the last two years, the percentage of young democrats dropped eight percent, while the percentage of young republicans rose 10 percent.

David Patlat, operations director of the Miami-Dade Democratic Party, said he does not think the interest of young democrats decreased everywhere in the U.S. He said that in Miami-Dade County identification with the Democratic Party is going up and that democrats

have the majority of the registration.

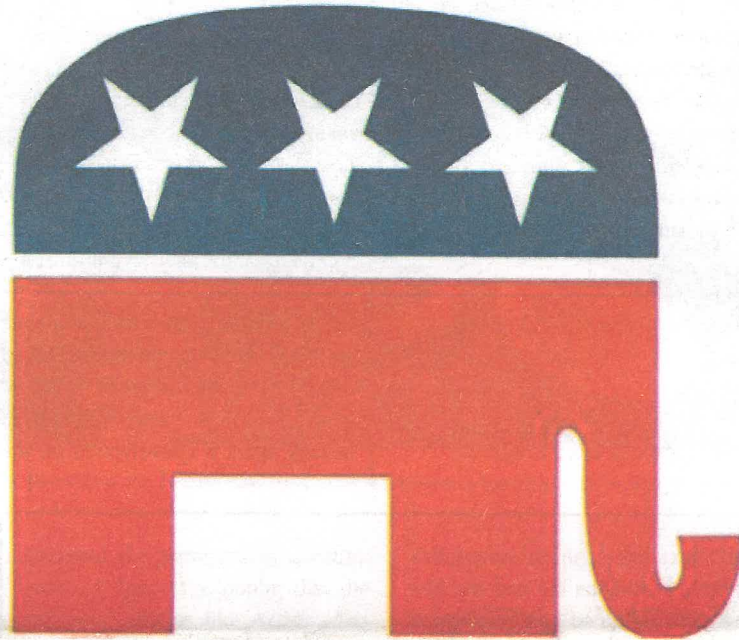
However, the Pew study showed that since the presidential election in 2008, the percentage of young democrats dropped from 62 to 54 percent, while the percentage of young republicans rose from 30 to 40 percent.

But Patlat said this is not out of the norm.

"We expect the youth to be more disinterested in the midterm elections because the presidential elections always attract more attention," he said.

Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., associate professor of legal studies in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said the rise in the number of republicans could also be due to the fact that the Democratic Party is in power.

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A new study shows that more people under 30 identify themselves as Republicans than in the past.

Candidates get riled up in heated debates at NSU

Written by:

Annarely Rodriguez

NSU hosted the senatorial and gubernatorial debates last week in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

On Oct. 19, senatorial candidates Democrat Kendrick Meek, Independent Charlie Crist and Republican Marco Rubio answered questions from several Florida journalists. On Oct. 20, candidates for governor, Democrat Alex Sink and Republican Rick Scott participated in the second of three debates before the elections. WFOR-4 anchor, Michael Mora, moderated both hour-long debates.

The first issue discussed in the senatorial debate was the creation of jobs. Rubio, who won the coin toss, responded first.

"Jobs are not created by politicians. They are created by everyday people," he said.

Crist attributed the difficulties in the job market during his time as governor to the economy.

"These have been the toughest four years in our state, as it relates to the economy, since the Great Depression," he said.

Finally, Meek defended the stimulus package saying that it was "a platform for a better economy."

Another issue raised in the debate was immigration. While Meek and Crist agreed on making the naturalization process easier, Rubio said his parents and his wife's parents were immigrants but that he was running on a platform that enforced America's current laws.

He also said, "I don't oppose the DREAM Act. I believe that children who were brought here by their parents at a young age and want to continue their education or serve in the military; I am in favor of them becoming citizens. But the DREAM Act doesn't stop there. It affects people of up to 35 years of age."

Eduardo Carrera, freshman biology major, was one of nine student leaders invited to attend the debate. He said he agreed with

SEE DEBATE 3

Teens use condoms more often than adults

Written by:

Annarely Rodriguez

A survey published in the Journal of Sexual Medicine in early October revealed that more teenagers than adults practice safe sex.

The online survey was conducted by Indiana University and was sponsored by the makers of Trojan condoms. It asked more than 5,800 Americans about their sexual habits and found that people under 40 are more likely to use condoms.

The study also showed that one out of four teenagers use condoms in vaginal intercourse.

Jhanelle Dawes, junior biology major, credited the media's focus on what could result from practicing unsafe sex for the high use of condoms among teenagers.

"I think, before, the media had a negative effect, but now there are more shows, even on MTV, to educate teenagers," she said.

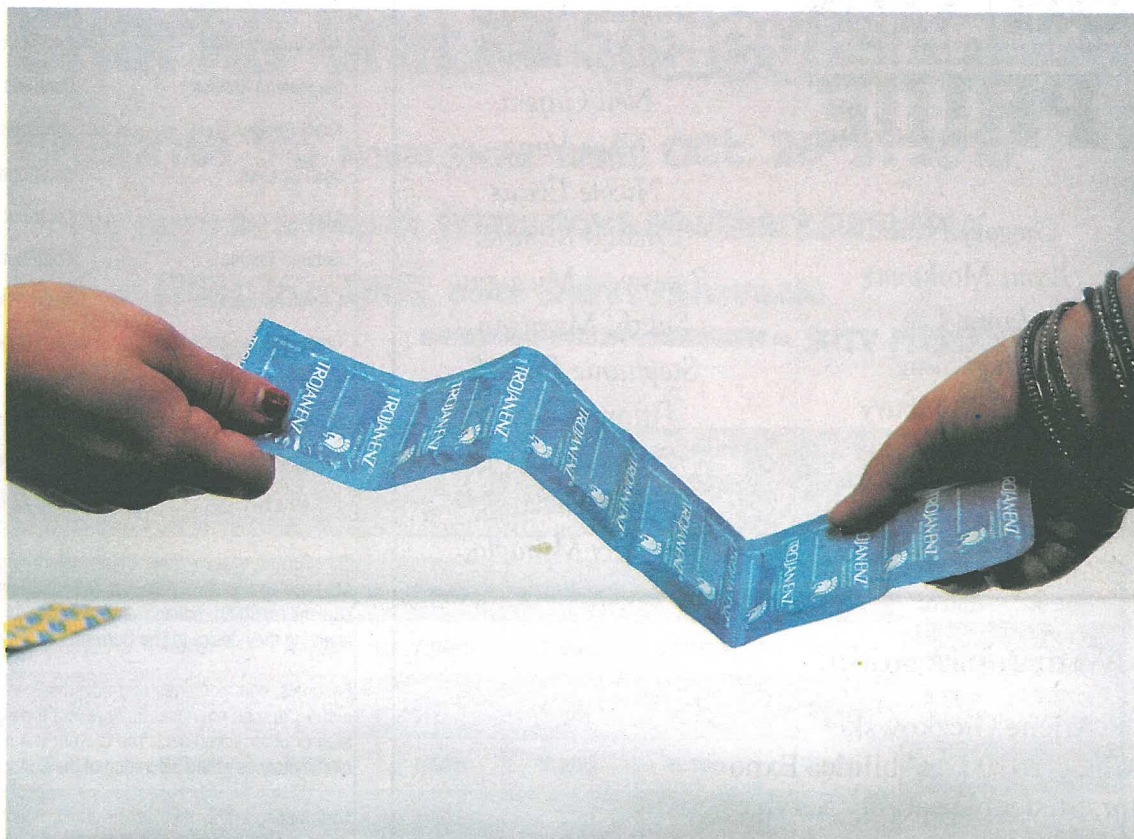


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A student gets condoms from the Henderson Student Counseling Center. The Office of Residential Life and Housing and resident assistants also have free condoms available.

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Sheela Venero, NSU alumna and staff on gubernatorial candidate, Republican Rick Scott's campaign, said the state of the economy caused students to gravitate to the conservative side.

"People are looking to the Republican Party for our conservative ideals like fiscal responsibility, which includes lowering taxes and balancing a budget," she said.

Evidence of this trend is the formation of the NSU Republicans club. The club was started by students who said they hoped to empower others to make informed decisions and actively participate in the political process.

The founders of NSU Republicans spent the first weeks of the school year structuring the executive board and clarifying their mission and goals. Within the next month, it will officially be a club.

After meeting many students that support the Republican Party's agenda, Gustavo Martinez, junior legal studies and business major said he felt the need to create the club.

"Given the importance of our current political events, we aim to educate young college students and promote the ideals of the Republican Party," he said.

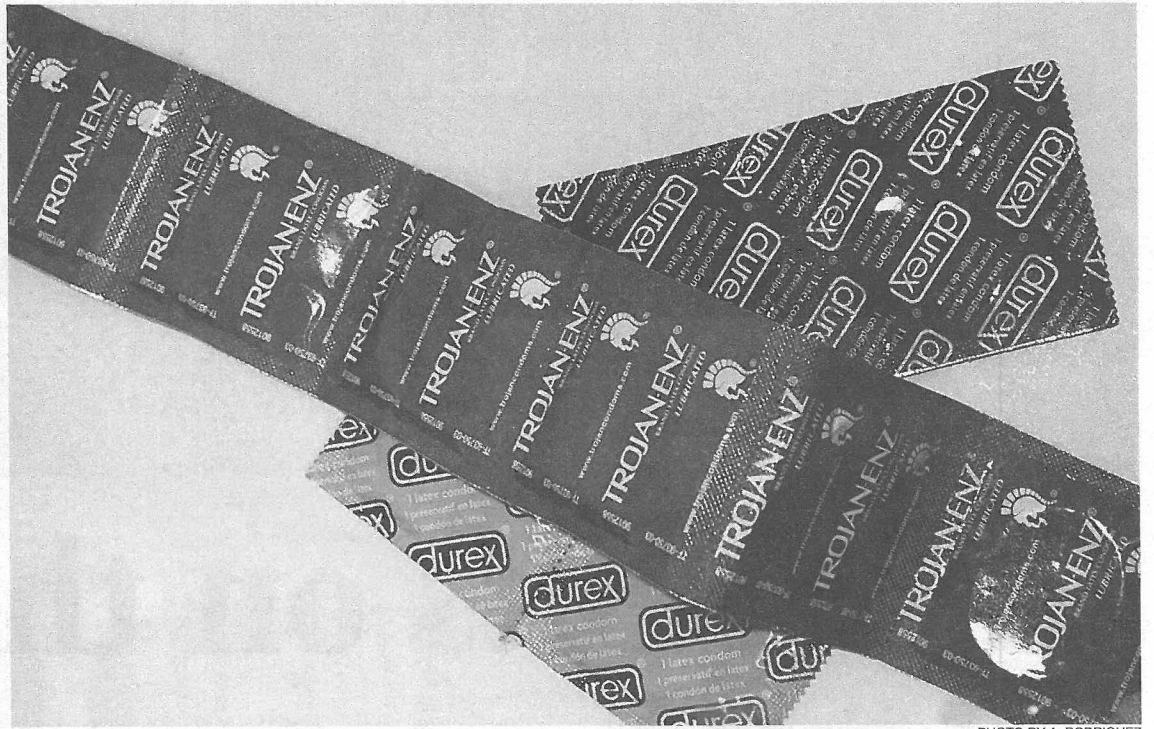
NSU Republicans is actively seeking membership from students

who wish to become involved. Once the club is chartered, it will host events on campus. The club's goals are to publish a pamphlet that addresses contemporary issues, to bring guest speakers to campus, and to actively support the election of republican candidates.

"It is a necessary movement that will continue to gain strength as more students realize the importance of becoming politically involved and how the ideals of the Republican Party fit with the current needs of our nation," Martinez said. "It is something I hope to be a part of in a positive manner."

Anthony Campenni, senior economics major and former president of NSU Conservatives, a now defunct club that had similar aims, said, "I think it's really good to see republicans take a stand around campus. Whether you're republican or democrat, I feel as long as you know the different views and take a stand for something you firmly believe in, you're doing your part to make our country as best as possible in making your voice be heard."

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Brands of condoms handed out by some NSU offices include Trojan and Durex.

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Sandi Scott-Holman, director of the Student Medical Center, said students who visit the center are very open and ask questions about any problems they may think they have.

"They're very well-informed. They don't seem ashamed or nervous. They talk about their symptoms and problems," she said.

There are posters and pamphlets on STDs in the examination rooms to inform students, said Scott-Holman. Those posters and pamphlets usually spark a conversation on the

topic," she said. She also said she encourages students to get tested.

"It's 2010 — you would think people would know this — but you need to be screened before any kinds of relations, but both of you need to be tested, not just yourself," said Scott-Holman. "You need to know your partner."

Another office that promotes safe sex is the Office of Residential Life and Housing. Heilit Biehl, graduate assistant for training and development in the office said they

provide free condoms to students and host talks near Spring Break to inform students about the consequences of having unprotected sex.

"Our resident assistants and professional staff are also open to talk about issues students may be concerned about," she said. "We encourage them to be informed about STDs, get checked regularly, keep safe, and communicate with their partners about their needs."

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Rubio's stance.

"People over 35 had the possibility of coming here legally and chose to come illegally. Their children didn't," said Carrera.

During a portion of the debate, candidates were questioned about their character, which caused Crist and Rubio to verbally attack each other.

While some students enjoyed the fervor of the debate, others said they thought candidates did not answer the questions.

"Meek, for example, he didn't really answer the questions. He just said 'vote for me,'" said Noemi Bermudez, freshman biology major, who also watched the debate in the Miniaci.

Charles Zelden, Ph. D., professor of history in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said the candidates were not able to answer the questions because their speeches were scripted.

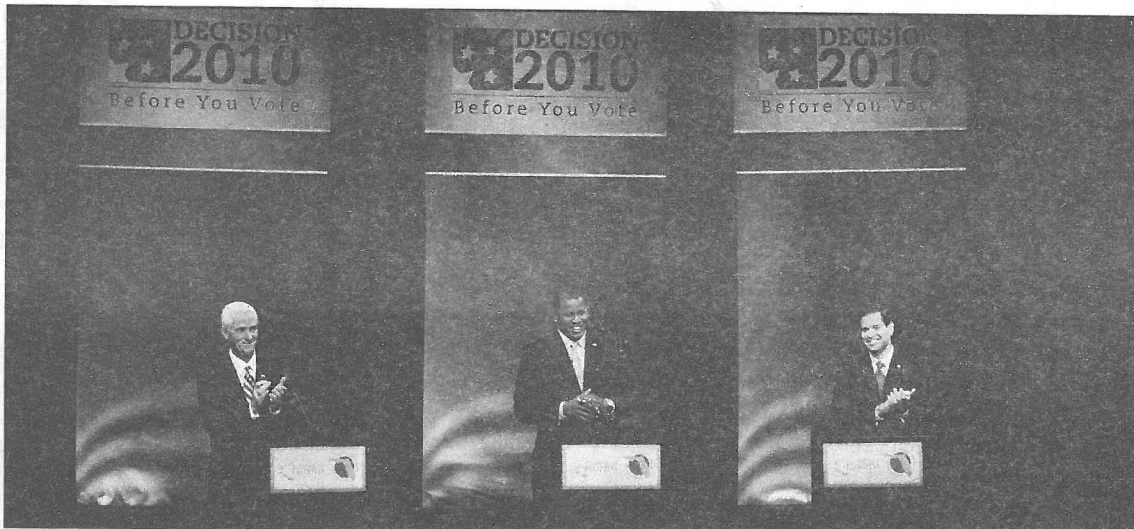
"It was all about jobs, jobs and 'I'm for seniors and he's not.' Sadly, we don't have real debates anymore. They know the media and in real debates you can make mistakes and those mistakes end up on YouTube and Jon Stewart ... So, what we had here today were three separate speeches," said Zelden.

The next day, candidates for governor Democrat Alex Sink and Republican Rick Scott debated on similar issues as the senators as well as homosexuality, government accountability and their opponent's ability to govern.

The two businesspeople agreed on three aspects: their opponent is very committed to his and her family, their opponent is not ready to govern, and Florida's economy will recover if the state is run like a business.

"You go back and do exactly what you do in a business. You start, you look at every agency and you say: 'Can I do that less expensively? Is it priority? Should we continue to do that?' So if you do that, there are significant savings," said Scott.

The candidates also discussed education and the FCAT, Florida's standardized test. While Scott said he believed the FCAT is good enough



Independent Charlie Crist, Democrat Kendrick Meek, and Republican Marco Rubio clap for the audience before the start of the senatorial debate on Oct. 19 in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.



Democrat Alex Sink answers the press's questions after the debate on Oct. 20 in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Rick Scott did not speak to the press after the debate.

for now, Sink said children should be tested more than once a year.

"We should have ways to evaluate and measure students' performance all through the year. So that if we get to November and a child is falling behind in reading or math, we don't have to wait until the end of the year to say we have to do some remedial help here," she said.

The candidates also discussed immigration. As was the case the previous night, the candidates agreed that the federal government should be the one to control illegal immigration.

John Iannotti, junior history major, said, "Rick Scott could have

answered the immigration question better. I have no doubt that he embraces policies like Arizona has enacted, and if he's in favor, that's a good thing, but he should have voiced it."

During much of the debate, the candidates criticized each other's character and previous business dealings. Sink accused Scott of being a mudslinger, and Scott called Sink a "Tallahassee insider."

The insults are a way to appeal to their target audience, said Jennifer Reem, M.S. instructor of communication studies.

"He's trying to paint himself as an outsider by calling her a

Tallahassee insider," she said. "She said she has the endorsement of 10 newspapers and he doesn't. He said that's because he doesn't talk to them because he's out there talking directly with the voters."

While some viewers like Reem and Iannotti were glad the gubernatorial candidates answered the questions better than the senatorial candidates, there were others who thought it was not enough.

Carol Bubani, 78, said, "They kept saying we have to do this and this, but they didn't give any ideas of how they were going to do it."

News Briefs

Volleyball team will raise money for breast cancer

During the Sharks volleyball game against Florida Tech on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m., "Dig Pink," a rally for breast cancer awareness, will raise money for breast cancer research. Attendees are encouraged to wear pink and donate a dollar. The goal is to raise \$1,000. "Dig Pink" members will attend several high school and college volleyball matches across the country throughout October to raise awareness.

Get a court job

The Office of Career Development will host a "Meet the Employer" seminar for students interested in a job in a U.S. court. Students of all majors are welcome to attend the event in the Carl DeSantis Building, Room 1053, on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. To RSVP, log on to www.nova.edu/careershawk.

Sales institute named after Huizenga

H. Wayne Huizenga donated a confidential amount of money to the newly-established Sales Institute. The institute was named the Huizenga Sales Institute.

iPhone app recognizes reptiles

Researchers at the Georgia Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health developed an iPhone application that provides information on 15 reptiles that reside in South Florida, but the list will grow. The app is free and available for iPhone 4.0 and is compatible with the 3.0 operating system.

Government lifts oil drill ban

On Oct. 12, the federal government lifted a ban on drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico. This lift is the first step to recovery for oil workers and many others affected by the spill. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar moved up the ban's expiration date because he believes safety rules are stronger now. The ban was set to end on Nov. 30.

CPR guidelines revised

The American Heart Association issued new guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. To revive a heart attack victim, one must only pump on the victim's chest instead of performing traditional CPR. However, the other version of CPR is still recommended for oxygen deprivation heart attacks.



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Diary of...

A single mother and full-time student

Written by:
Samantha Hill

Samantha Hill is a senior nursing major. Her hobbies include going to the park with her son and spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite poem is "Phenomenal Woman" by Maya Angelou.

Earlier this week, I was reading Shape magazine when a quote by Joan Baez caught my eye: "You don't get to choose how you're going to die, or when. But you can decide how you're going to live now." That quote hit me like a ton of bricks. Things had been so crazy for me and still are but those words woke me up and gave me a little boost — a much-needed boost.

I guess you could say I am a mother first, a student second and Publix cashier last. There are two things I have always known about myself: I've always wanted to be a mom and I've always wanted to be

a nurse. It has been a challenge but somehow I've made it. I graduated high school in 2005. Then I went to Broward College and got my pre-nursing associate degree in 2007.

I gave birth to my son on July 17, 2007. The feeling of holding him for the first time is one I will never forget. Before Justin came into my life, whatever I did, I did for me first. But now I do things for him first.

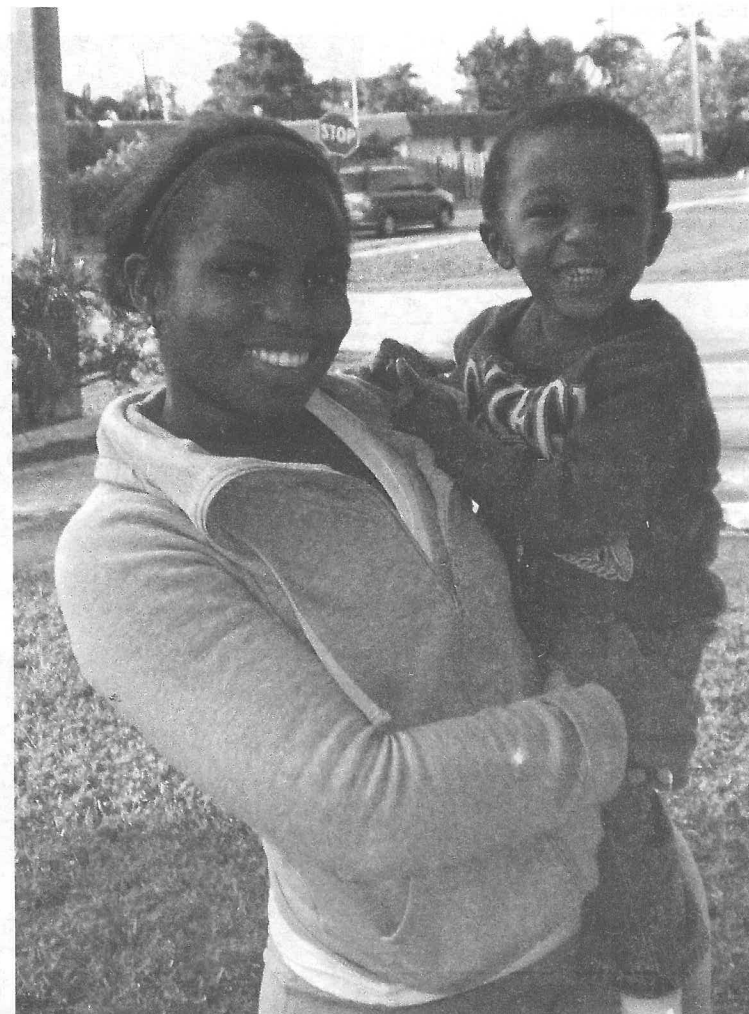
It hasn't been easy being a single mom who works and goes to school but with my mother's help I've been able to do it. We live in a two-bedroom apartment and my mother works full time and I work part time.

My school schedule and my mom's work schedule determine when I can work. When she is able to, she babysits so I can go to work. When I first started nursing school, I worked a lot more but as the semesters went by and my school workload increased, my time at work decreased, which meant less money in the bank.

There have been times when I didn't know what the next day would bring. Would I be able to work or have enough time to study — or sleep? Would I have time to play with my son? For me, not being able to spend the time I would've liked to with my son was the hardest part. With time I developed better time-management skills, so I was able to make time for work, school and Justin. Sometimes sacrifices had to be made but I made them with good intentions.

People like to ask me how I do it. Honestly, I have no idea. I am a strong believer that we are never given more than we can handle. Sometimes it seems like I can't take another step but I take a deep breath and keep on chugging. Soon I will graduate with my bachelor's degree in nursing, take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, receive my license and, hopefully, soon after find a job.

In the past few years, I have



Hill poses with her 3-year-old son, Justin in a park. In addition to being a single mother, she is a full-time student and works part time.

learned that life isn't always easy or pleasant, but without the challenges we've faced we wouldn't be the people we are today. We just have to

keep remembering that our cups are half full not half empty. A positive attitude will get you a long way in life.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: KIM REED

Written by:
Keren Moros

Usually, tough professors aren't appreciated by their students. But self-described tough professor Kim Reed, associate professor at the College of Optometry, has been the college's teacher of the year 15 times and won a Student Life Achievement Award in 2008 for professor of the year.

Reed said that she believes she won these awards because her students see her dedication to help them master the material before they apply it to patient care.

"My class is really hard," she said. "It's a very challenging class, but I think the students sense that I am completely committed to them

learning the material so they tolerate the difficulty because they know that it's in their best interest to learn the material."

Reed said that she has very high expectations of her students and that her class is harder than the medical board exams that her students have to pass to be certified.

"I expect them, in their second year, to be diagnosing and managing eye disease as if they were in practice," she said. "And the classes that my second-year students get are the equivalent or more challenging than the lectures I deliver nationally to practicing optometrists."

Reed described her relationship with her students as one of respect.

"I think that that's the first step in getting respect from your students

is for them to know that you have respect for them as learners," she said.

Reed's interest in optometry started when she was in ninth grade, but she didn't consider teaching until she did her residency at the Illinois College of Optometry. She said her original plan was to finish her residency and go into a private practice.

"But it was a residency that involved a lot of student contact and I loved teaching," she said. "I didn't know. I had never had any experience with it. But I enjoyed it so much that I stayed on as a faculty member."

Reed's favorite quote is "The future belongs to those who believe in the power of their dreams" by Eleanor Roosevelt. Reed never let go of her dream of working with eyes and she



Kim Reed is an associate professor at the College of Optometry.

doesn't let her students do so either.

"I don't allow my students to sell themselves short," she said. "If they want to be an optometrist, then they deserve to be the best optometrist they can. If this is their dream, then I give them the tools to achieve it to the fullest they can."

This determination to see her students succeed shows in Reed's commitment to her students and the way her expectations push them to success. A student of Reed's once

failed the class but was allowed to take a test to pass the course.

"She did so well on the re-test," Reed said. "When she came in to get her grade, she cried and hugged me for the chance to fail my class because it forced her to study it again and it clicked," Reed said. "And she was so glad that I didn't just bump her and pass her just for the sake of it. She was grateful for the opportunity to learn the material."

Reed reminds her students that a genuine desire to help others must be at the roots of their desires to be optometrists.

"There are frustrating days in every line of work, but when someone comes to you and says, 'Doctor, I need help,' you have to feel that and you have to be able to put yourself in the position of someone who needs to be cared for," she said. "And if you have the skills and knowledge to do so, it's your moral obligation, I think, to help someone."

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Things not to tell a cop when you get pulled over

Written by:

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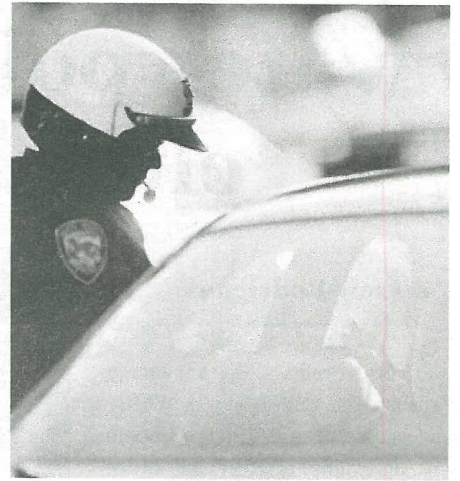
You are driving on I-595, rushing to get to class. Suddenly, you see a police car on the side of the road. You look at the speedometer and you're 20 miles over the speed limit.

You text your best friend and tell her, "OMG I need to slow down!" Then you apply the brakes slowly, hoping the cop won't notice your deceleration. Too late — the lights go on and the police officer pulls you over. What do you do?

Your only way out is to talk your way out. But what do you say? That's up to you but to

help you out, here are 15 things you should never tell a cop who pulled you over.

1. "Please don't give me a ticket. I don't have a license yet."
2. If in Arizona: "Hola!"
3. "OK, make this fast. I am sure you have to get back to Dunkin' Donuts."
4. "Nice boots, officer. Were you in the Village People?"
5. "If you give me a ticket, I'll tweet about you and you'll have to deal with Lady Gaga."
6. "What do you mean if I know why you stopped me? No. Duh!"
7. "I swear I'm not laughing at your tight pants and big belly. It's the weed talking. I swear!"
8. "If you don't give me a ticket you can have the rest of my beer."
9. "Bet your favorite song is 'Bad boys, bad boys, what you gonna do? What you gonna do when they come for you?'"
10. "Show you my driver's license? Show me yours."
11. "You can't stop me! I'm Lindsay Lohan!"
12. "I'm only in a rush to get rid of the body in my trunk."
13. "I'll give you my registration if you give me your number."
14. "Will 20 bucks change your mind?"
15. "I've never been put in handcuffs before. Well, at least not by a police officer."



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How to have a perfect Halloween

Written by:

Alek Culpepper

It's that time of year again. The air gets crisp, the leaves change colors and ghouls, goblins, superheroes, villains and a host of other characters emerge from the night to stalk neighborhoods searching for candy. It's Halloween — a great time to have fun and get scared. Not sure what tricks or treats you'll be up to this year? Well, South Florida is the place to be.

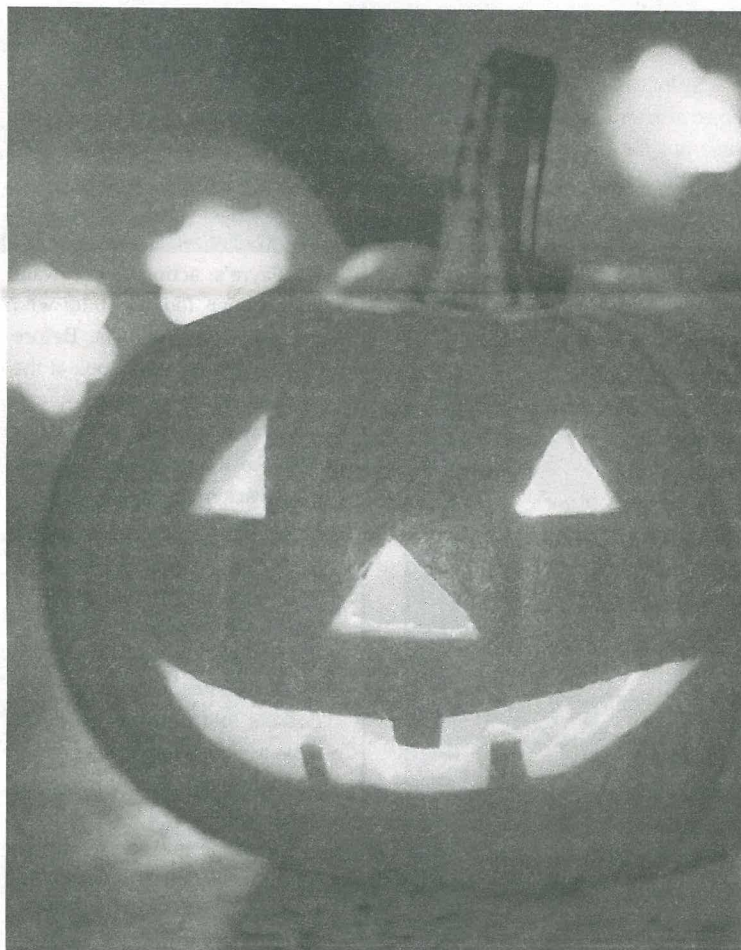
If you're too old for trick-or-treating but still love getting spooked on Halloween, it's time to trade in the superhero costume for a ticket to a haunted house or theme park. South Florida has many "spooktacular" events to celebrate Halloween. Here are a few ideas that will light your jack-o'-lantern.

Downtown Fort Lauderdale has a large-scale destination of doom and gloom. The War Memorial Auditorium has been transformed into the Village of Horrors, two full-scale haunted houses, surrounded by scare zones, a midway and sideshows. The Village of Horrors is open from Oct. 27 to Oct. 31.

House of Horror, a Halloween amusement park located at Miami International Mall, is open until Oct. 31. This amusement park includes a two-acre haunted house, carnival rides, circus attractions, carnival food, games and free parking.

If you're planning to leave the South Florida area, then head on up to Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights, recognized as one of the country's most popular Halloween events. This year offers 24 nights of thrills and chills with eight new haunted houses and a variety of scare zones. Bill and Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure and Brian Brushwood: Menace and Malice are the feature shows.

If you're planning on having a horror fest of your own, a costume contest is arguably the best way to encourage your friends to dress



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up for your Halloween gathering. You can let the party hosts choose the winners, have a panel of judges select them or let the guests vote. If you're thinking of making your Halloween party an annual event, it pays to splurge on excellent prizes to further inspire your guests to get creative.

For adult parties, set up a spooky room, darkened or lit only with black lights with long threads hanging from the ceiling and ghosts, skeletons, pumpkins and other decorations. Let people wander through at their leisure or set up fun, short and simple activities throughout the night.

If you enjoy a good scary movie, Halloween is the perfect night to watch all your favorite slasher films. Have guests make a list of scary movies to create a hair-raising night. Or let the evening's

soundtrack provide the scares by peppering familiar spooky songs in with regular party music. Try "Time Warp" from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Monster Mash" or Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Live on campus and don't have anything to do this Halloween? NSU has activities going on that are sure to be a scream. There will be classic horror movies nights on Oct. 29 from 3-5 p.m. and Oct. 30 from 5-8 p.m. at the Alvin Sherman Library in Room 1017. Explore cemeteries with genealogy students on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 1-3 p.m.

Halloween can be a holiday of fun for all ages. Go out and check out all of the spine-tingling good times that South Florida has to offer on Halloween. Please your sweet tooth, find your inner ghost or goblin, scare your friends and have a happy Halloween.

Razor's Edge sharpens NSU leaders

Written by:

Keren Moros

NSU isn't waiting for tomorrow's leaders to rise on campus. They're shaping them today.

The Razor's Edge Leadership Development Program chose 19 of 75 applicants to the program, which launched this fall after three years of planning. Each student lives on campus and serves as a leader in a student organization. Every school year, they receive a \$5,500 scholarship, \$4,000 toward housing and \$500 for the declining balance meal plan.

Terry Morrow, director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, said that the program prepares students for leadership positions in their professions.

"Employers are asking for self-awareness, project management skills, the ability to work on a team and communication and conflict management. Those types of things are the leadership skills that employers are looking for," she said.

Morrow said that the Razor's Edge program develops these skills in the students and builds an engaged campus community.

The program's curricular requirements include 16 credits in leadership, which will earn the students a certificate in leadership. Each year, students must also complete co-curricular requirements such as involvement and positions in organizations.

Morrow said that students who are not in the program will benefit from the work of the Razor's Edge leaders.

"It's important to prepare yourself to be an influence over others," Morrow said. "We want NSU students to be influencing others in a positive way and making a difference in our world."

Six weeks into the program, Lindsey Goldstein, freshman education major, is already the freshman delegate for social events and traditions in the Student Events and Activities Board; a member of Hillel, the Jewish student organization; Rotaract, a service organization and Community Action Using Student Empowerment.

Goldstein said that she feels proud to be a part of the program and to live out its motto, which is to learn, to lead, to achieve.

"You can be a leader in so many different ways, even if you don't have the title," Goldstein said. "If you're optimistic and if you have good character traits, then you can lead the group in another way. I think a leader is a good role model. You have to have good role models so you can influence the future of the campus so you'll have more leaders and get the morale of the school up."

Another Razor's Edge leader, Daniel Brookins, freshman business administration major, is the secretary of The Commons Hall Council, is a member of the Christian campus club Ablaze and plans to play intramural racquetball and intramural volleyball.

Brookins said he is honored to be in the program.

"It's a blessing not only financially but also educationally and, in terms of leadership, because it's helping me develop into a more effective, better leader," he said.

Brookins said that he believes the program's talented leaders will benefit NSU.

"In my view, leadership is a lot about character so you have a lot of leaders who try to lead without character," he said. "And I think that it's really important to have leaders with good character."

Bill Faulkner, Ph.D., assistant dean of student development, teaches a course called Self Leadership as part of Razor's Edge curricular requirements. He said that he sees the Razor's Edge leaders around campus and that they really want to make a difference.

"They really have a passion for getting involved and making a difference," he said.

Faulkner said that the Razor's Edge program is making NSU known to prospective students nationwide. He said that student leaders are critical not only for student organizations but also for the university as a whole.

"As we try to grow the undergraduate enrollment at the university, these are the students who are going to attract other students to get involved," he said. "I think that the more and stronger student leadership you have, the more students can influence their experience and really shape the institution to a way that meets not only their needs, but also makes it better for everybody."

Students to decide whether to bring water polo and lacrosse clubs to campus

Written by:
Annarely Rodriguez

The results of a survey distributed to students by the Office of Campus Recreation last month will determine whether the office will establish water polo and lacrosse clubs at NSU.

Tom Vitucci, director of Campus Recreation, said sports clubs are usually introduced after students express interest in them. However, the office is considering introducing water polo and lacrosse because the university has the facilities to host these sporting activities.

"With water polo, we have the new pool, so we have the facilities and the interest in lacrosse came because we have the field. So, we have the amenities for them, we just want to know if students are interested," said Vitucci.

Vitucci said a survey was sent to students via mass email and 343 people responded. If there is interest in the sports after the answers are analyzed, meetings, events and practice times will be scheduled for each club.

Benjamin Thayil, second-year optometry student, said that while he does not play either sport, he thinks



The pool at the RecPlex will host water polo club activities if students decide they want the club started on campus.

having the clubs would benefit students interested in the sports.

"A lot of people play those sports, but they're not offered here and I think having them would be a good way for students to get into them," said Thayil.

Vitucci said there is also the possibility of adding other clubs as long as students show interest in them.

"Like with martial arts and wrestling, we have had students who come up to us and say they're interested in a club and need help

getting it started," he said.

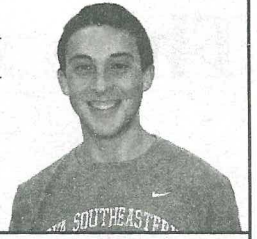
Fritzard Josirin, freshman biology major, said that she would join the lacrosse club and hopes that the club would eventually turn into a team.

"A lot of the other universities I looked at after high school had those teams but for some reason, schools in Miami and Florida don't seem to show as much interest in them. But this would definitely be a good start," she said.

The results of the survey will be announced in winter 2011.

ON THE BENCH

Commentary by:
Josh Streimer



Brett Favre's actions don't surprise me

After looking past the fictitious media-created image of a football superstar, the name Brett Favre brings to mind words like lazy, cheater and pitiful.

Brett Favre is not the perfect country boy that everyone thinks he is. On Oct. 7, his "little" two-year secret became a nationwide discussion. While being a member of the fraternity-run New York Jets organization, Favre sent inappropriate picture messages of his genitals, and left racy voicemails for team employee and former Playboy model, Jenn Sterger. The Web site, Deadspin.com, broke the story and posted a detailed video of the ordeal.

Those who are shocked by Favre's actions may want to consider looking into who the real Brett Favre is. Before ogling over his stats, look at the news stories he's created.

Favre played 18 seasons with the forever-grateful Green Bay Packers before faking a few retirements. In each of these cases his "return" to his team would be around the time that the practices started to dwindle and players started to prepare for the regular season. Once the Packers told him that they had moved on (following a return from one of his retirements) Favre demanded a trade.

And he got one — to the New York Jets. With much hype and expectation in New York, the Jets had a chance to clinch a wild card spot if they could defeat division rival the Miami Dolphins in the final game of the season. However, the Jets ended up losing the game and Favre experienced a terrible game performance to go along with a shoulder injury. More importantly, Favre just looked like he was too old for the game.

That offseason he decided that this time he was really going to retire. In a tear-jerking news conference, Favre told New York media that he was out of the game for good. This time the 39-year-old quarterback seemed sincere. His facial expressions and body language showed that he was just run down. And for a moment, in the small corner of gullible hearts, people felt sorry for him.

That was until the fol-

lowing offseason, when Favre signed a contract with the Minnesota Vikings. The actions sent shock waves through the sporting community. Favre, the hero in Green Bay, had come back to play for ex-division rival Minnesota Vikings, in what seemed to be a method of cold-hearted revenge. Without causing shock, Favre returned right before week one of the regular season.

Favre became infatuated with the Vikings. He reached a new euphoric high. He made it very clear that he loved his Minnesota Vikings when he made a public statement after a game saying, "I think physically and from a talent level, this is the best team I've ever been on." Favre may have given his current teammates much pride, but at the same time he hurt past teammates, the 1996-1997 Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers.

However, in the end, Favre got what was coming to him. In the NFC championship game, he and his beloved Minnesota Vikings, lost to the eventual Super Bowl champions the New Orleans Saints. While many will remember the game winning kick by Garrett Hartley, few will remember the monumental interception thrown by Favre on what could have been a game-winning drive. For those who don't remember, the Vikings were driving down the field and were on New Orleans' 38-yard line with a little less than 19 seconds left in the game. Following a penalty against the Saints, Favre threw a telegraphed pass that was intercepted by Tracy Porter. The Saints went on to win the game and, eventually, the Super Bowl.

At the end of the day, look at who Brett Favre really is. He is without a doubt a great quarterback in the NFL, but what other positive comments can you make about him? The man is unfaithful and is looking for the easy way out. If one thing is clear, Brett Favre has become an extremely selfish man. But just like last year's NFC championship game showed, Brett Favre will get what he deserves in the end.

SPORTS SHORTS

WRITTEN BY
JOSH STREIMER



Men's Soccer

The Sharks captured another key Sunshine State Conference victory on Oct. 16 by defeating Saint Leo 2-1. Aly Hassan's goal in the 89th minute led to NSU's first win on Saint Leo's field in 11 years.



Women's Soccer

In their only game of the week the Sharks defeated Palm Beach Atlantic 1-0. The win improved their overall record to 8-3-1 and gave them a SSC record of 4-0-1, which puts them in first place in conference.



Women's Volleyball

The Sharks went 2-1 this week in the Wingate by Wyndham Crossover Classic. On Oct. 15, they defeated both Alabama-Huntsville and West Georgia. The next day they fell to Voldosta State 3-1.



Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

The Sharks' only match of the week was a victory against Florida Southern 116-85 on Oct. 16. It was a monumental victory for the women's team as it was the first win in the program's history. The men's team defeated Florida Southern 129-64 in the first ever victory for the men's swim team.

Also, five swimmers competed and placed in the 2010 Hollywood Beach Ocean Challenge.

NSU placements at 2010 Hollywood Beach Ocean Challenge

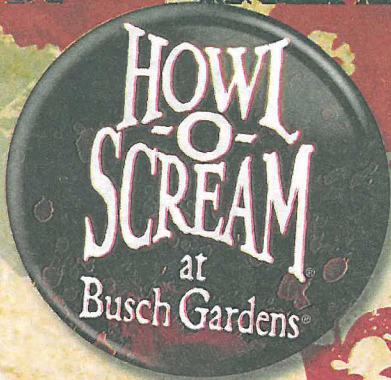
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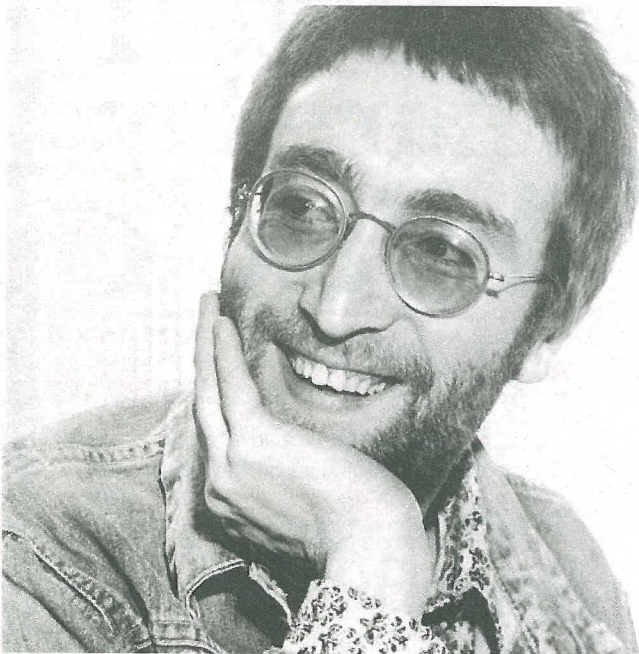
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THROWBACK OF THE MONTH JOHN LENNON



John Lennon

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Imagine that he was still alive. Imagine the peace that his presence would have inspired. Imagine the music he could have created. Imagine the love he would have shared. Now, imagine a world in which John Lennon would have never existed, and understand how lucky we are that he did.

On Oct. 8, the world celebrated what would have been John Lennon's 70th birthday. On that day, popular Web sites like Google and YouTube changed their logos to honor him. Around the world, people gathered to place flowers, play music and light candles to pay tribute to the memory of a man who meant so much to so many.

The purpose of these throwbacks is, more than anything, to inspire young people to look back. There have been many great artists in the past, who have left us so much, who have taught us so many things, and who must not be forgotten. John Lennon might just be the most important throwback of all. Certainly, the only one I would do if I could only do one.

He was more than a Beatle. Although, in his time with the band, he, Paul, George and Ringo, gave us some of the greatest music ever recorded. He was truly an artist in the sense that he was always searching. Even in songs that he recorded with the band like "A Day in the Life," "Across the Universe," "In My Life," "Because," and "All You Need is Love," there was a desolation heard, like the voice of a small child crying out for help — and in that voice we heard ourselves.

John Lennon's music not only accompanies us through life, caressing us, and comforting us. It allowed John to open up his heart, reach out, and let us know that we

are not alone. It seems like many of John's songs with the Beatles, were the ones in which he didn't get the girl, or the girl hurt him, or he was simply trying to cope with the pain of a broken heart — and who has never felt that? However, the world kept spinning, and John kept getting older and wiser, with it.

Eventually, the Beatles disbanded, and so began John's solo career, which would reach its pinnacle with one of the greatest songs ever written, "Imagine." Although we had already seen sneak peeks of what John's heart beat for, it was during this time that his intentions and ideas really blossomed. He was never quiet when it came to standing up for what he believed in — anti-war, civil rights, peace, and freedom. He was an activist. He rallied. He protested.

On Dec. 8, 1980, John Lennon was murdered. He was shot in the back four times. The world mourned. The loss of John Lennon is an enigma that we will always, without hope of reason or clarity, look for an answer to. We will look up to the heavens and ask whoever we believe is up there, why such a life was taken from us? What would the world look like with John Lennon around, to voice our sentiments, and to remind us that we must, always, give peace a chance.

But, if John were here, he would probably tell us to not look back in anger. Instead, to focus on all the good around us, all the work we still have to do, all the changes that still need to be made, all the love there is to share, and all the life there is to live. And if anything, we should be thankful. Thankful that John Lennon was who he was. Thankful that he left us every message we ever need to hear recorded in every one of his lyrics. Thankful that, although he is gone, his spirit remains, and as long as we remember him, he will always be with us.

Dethroning the kings

Written by:
Juan Gallo

If all you know about Kings of Leon is "Sex on Fire," "Use Somebody," or any song from their hit 2009 album, "Only by the Night," then you don't really know Kings of Leon.

Now, I'm not trying to be that guy who claims to know more about music, or a particular band, than everyone else. That guy is annoying and only gets invited to parties because he brings beer. Instead, I'm just the guy who has delved deep into Kings of Leon's catalog, including all four volumes of "B-Sides & Rarities" — so I know a thing or two about this band.

Their follow-up to "Only by the Night" is "Come Around Sundown," released Oct. 19, and the first single off the album is "Radioactive," but wait, do I know this band?

"Radioactive" has poprock, radio-friendly written all over it. The music video shows four guys hanging out at a barn on a sunny afternoon, playing soccer with little kids, flying kites, fishing, and riding bicycles. These four gentlemen cannot be the same four that I've come to know and love as Kings of Leon — the leather-boot wearing, drunken southerners who get laid, drink whiskey and bourbon, and write gritty, inelegant rock songs.

I wasn't a big fan of "Only by the Night." Yes, "Sex on Fire" and "Use Somebody" were great songs the first time I heard them, but then they became not so great after hearing them hundreds of times on the radio. "Notion" and "Revelry" are also great songs that didn't get as much



Kings of Leon, a rock band, released their album "Come Around Sundown" on Oct. 19.

attention, and "Closer" was probably the masterpiece of the album. But none of those songs compare to the previous genius the band displayed on earlier efforts.

Songs like "McFearless," "On Call," "King of the Rodeo," "California Waiting," "Knocked Up," "The Bucket," "Slow Night, So Long" — these are songs that most people probably don't know, yet they are what made this band great, before everyone else thought they were great.

The opening track "The End" seems like a continuation of this mainstream renovation the band has undergone, and while I'm not going to accuse them of selling out, I'll just say that "The End" makes me long for the past. Where is the attitude? Where is the dirt? Where is the grease? Is this Kings of Leon or Matchbox Twenty? Apparently, it is Kings of Leon. They're just, figuratively, that friend who decided it's time to grow up, so he shaves his beard, gels his hair, and goes out to get a job in the city as an accountant.

There's nothing wrong with growing up or maturing. I just hope

it's really a part of their growing process and not just a gimmick to sell more albums in America, where they struggled for so long to find mainstream success. Even though, we eventually want all these rebellious bands to sober up, get clean, and move on with their lives, a part of us envies them. We envy how carefree they are. We envy their hell-or-high-water mentality. We envy how they don't care about accolades. We live vicariously through them. When they grow up, we're reminded that so must we. Youth is short-lived. And good times must someday be traded for responsibility.

Some people will like this album, while others will look upon it with sad eyes. They will remember how these young, reckless, and carefree, rocking, southern men once made them feel while driving down the freeway with the windows down, singing "I don't care what nobody says, we're gonna have a baby." They forgot for a moment, that responsibility is waiting at the next exit. To those people I say, let's just forget "Come Around Sundown," and continue dreaming our dream.

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Restaurant review: Bash

Written by:
Annarely Rodriguez

The owners and employees of Bash are serious about food. Instead of the sports channels that usually play on TV screens in many restaurants and bars, at Bash, the Food Network provides the viewing entertainment.

The restaurant, located less than 15 minutes from the NSU main campus, is an economical alternative for students who want a break from the food at the Don Taft University Center's food court.

Bash's lunch menu consists of delicious appetizers — including chunky homemade hummus — a wide variety of salads, pastas and sandwiches. There's something for everyone, including vegetarians and vegans, who can enjoy the Bash pasta for less than \$10.

If you're not in the mood for pasta, try one of their wraps. Nothing like the ones at McDonald's. They are almost the size of a foot-long and as wide as your fist. When you bite into one, the acidity of the dressing and the tenderness of the chicken flood your mouth in a combination that you never thought could taste so good.

In the evening, sandwiches disappear from the menu and the list of entrees doubles. Bash's dinner menu includes dishes like the apricot chipotle chicken and the most expensive menu item, "fall off the bone beef short ribs" at \$19.

For an additional three to five dollars, you can add a side of French fries or truffle fries to an appetizer at lunch or dinner. All prices range from three to \$19.

Bash's desserts add a perfect ending to the dining experience. The

"turn your frownie upside downy" consists of four "dumplings" filled with warm chocolate, accompanied by a vanilla ice cream scoop to balance out the warmth of the chocolate.

But that's not all. The restaurant also has a vast selection of wines and hosts wine tastings the last Thursday of every month. Patrons can expand their palates and taste wines they've never tasted before.

Bash Wine Café and Catering is located at 8067 West Oakland Park Blvd. It's hidden behind a shopping plaza and you might miss it the first time you go there, but finding it will definitely be worth it.



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Written by:
Sabrina Talamo

Grocery shopping for most college students is equivalent to a trip to the dentist. There's usually a long wait, a painful procedure, a lot of money spent, not much to show for it, and in the end what you paid for is supposed to be good for you.

While a trip to the dentist pretty much remains the same experience, Dormzy.com has made grocery shopping a lot easier. The Web site is an online grocery store that offers a solution for busy students by delivering food to their doors.

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Puking, dunking and flying — that's "Jackass 3D"



The guys of Jackass engage in one of their adventures in their latest movie, "Jackass 3D."

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Written by:
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It's always been a mystery to me just how much Johnny Knoxville and his friends get paid to repeatedly get beaten in the genitals. But, if you liked "Jackass" and "Jackass 2," then you'll enjoy this one. "Jackass 3D" retains the previous films' reputation for being amusing, gross and shocking.

"Jackass 3D" delivers more hilarious and disgusting stunts to entertain audiences. The 3D effects, although not needed, were interesting additions. It's used sparingly, so

you never know when something is going to jump out. But I could've done without fluids popping out at me from the screen.

Some stunts were repeated from the previous films, but they were still fun to watch. The new ones were just as entertaining. Without going into too much detail, I will say that some of the stunts are more memorable than others. The giant hand-smacking, seen in the previews, still cracks me up. By far, one of the most gag-worthy scenes was the port-potty launch.

The Jackass phenomenon is a fascinating one. Even those who think the movies are stupid flock to

theaters to see them because it's fun to see just how stupid people can be. A lot of people get a kick out of watching someone get a concussion for being so idiotic. I mean, c'mon, butting heads with a ram is funny only if you're not the one doing it. Ridiculous misfortune can be amusing. If this wasn't the case, there would be no reality TV shows.

"Jackass 3D" is an all-around good time film. But I wouldn't recommend it for a date movie or a family night out. Don't eat before, or during the movie. And you won't want to eat after.

Don't throw away the dead



Written by:
Keren Moros

When people die, loved ones cherish everything that was connected to them. For the families and friends of 1,100 of the nearly 3,000 victims of the 9/11 tragedy there is little closure. The remains of these victims have not been found.

On Oct. 4, the Supreme Court rejected the pleas of the families of 9/11 victims who claimed that 223,000 tons of scrap material and debris from Ground Zero hadn't been properly searched for human remains. They were suing the city, who continues to claim that they have carefully sifted through the 1.65 million tons of debris for human remains and belongings before sending it to a Staten Island landfill.

I sympathize with the families. The case should have been reconsidered by the court. These families want to honor their loved ones. They are simply trying to make sure that those who died are not discarded like garbage. They want to be 100 percent certain that nothing disgraces those who died that day. If I had family or friends whose remains hadn't been found, I would desperately want every ounce

of debris searched for their ashes or anything that was theirs.

The powerful sentiments that 9/11 carries accentuates these feelings. It was the most tragic day in American history and we have done our best to move on as a country. But moving on doesn't mean forgetting. It doesn't mean discarding that day's mementos and dumping them in a landfill.

At the very least, they can be preserved in some way so that, years from now, people can look at the remains and remember that day, that moment, those people, and remember that freedom from fear is a precious commodity and should be fought for to the death.

The heart-breaking tragedy has been done. The Towers are gone and nearly 3,000 innocent people are dead. But if there was even a slight doubt that what was left behind still contains something human, we have a duty to honor their deaths as well as their lives. Isn't it the least that can be done for those who died that day?

Halloween: A chance to be a lady of the night



Written by:
Samantha Harfenist

Halloween is my favorite holiday. I love the creepy and fun atmosphere. The lore that surrounds it is fascinating. Haunted houses, scary costumes, and horror movies are the hallmarks of Halloween. It's meant to scare you.

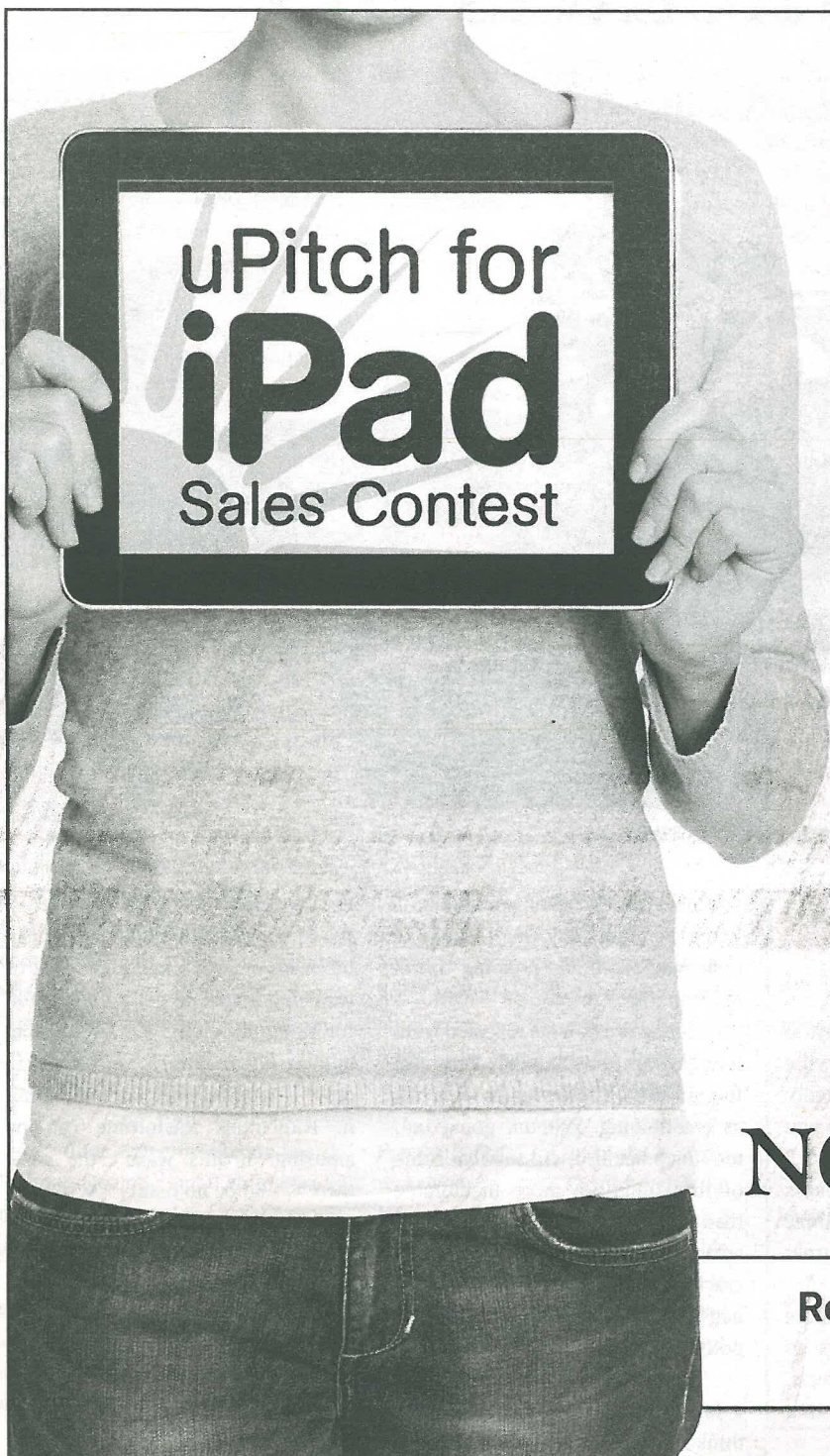
However, Halloween has become a time when, for one night, women can dress like Jezebel. People can see more exposed breasts on this one night than a mammogram machine scans in a year.

Two years ago, I dressed up as a nurse for Halloween. It was a "regular" nurse costume. It went past my knees and showed no cleavage. But everyone kept referring to it as a "slutty" nurse costume.

Don't get me wrong, dressing sexy for Halloween is fun. But there's a thin line

between sexy and sleazy. Ladies, if it takes more than one person to get you into your costume, it's time to rethink the size or style. Underwear is to be worn under something. Since when does Minnie Mouse wear a thong? It might be cute to have "Sinner" written on your panties, but I don't want to have to read it. Although, guys might appreciate the advertisement.

Ladies, if you've ever watched a scary movie, it's the scantily-dressed femmes who get picked off first. Little Red Riding Hood could not run away from the Big Bad Wolf in 9-inch heels. So, this Halloween, eat, drink, and be merry. And if you choose to dress in a skimpy costume, watch out for the guy with the hook in the dark alley.



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Are we really the land of the free?

Written by:
Alyssa Sterkel



If the First Amendment of the Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise there," then why are political leaders being criticized for attending the Red Mass event?

The Red Mass is an annual invitation-only event held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, D.C. On Oct. 3, Vice President Joe Biden and five Supreme Court justices attended this event, which critics said was an inappropriate action for the political leaders because of the topics discussed: politics, religion and the law. Speakers at the event discussed the high court's ruling legalizing abortion, the constitutional separation of church and state and other universal themes.

Critics are concerned that these prominent leaders will be influenced by the speakers and their push towards anti-abortion and the collaboration of church and state.

But am I the only one who sees a double-standard here?

The media criticizes religious leaders time and time again for their stances on abortion, homosexuality, stem cell research and the like. However, aren't we supposed to be the "land of the free?" Who's to say one opinion is more valid than another? Whether you agree with what goes on at the event, you can't deny any American citizen, regardless of political position, the right to attend.

The word free in "land of the free" should not only encompass the freedom to have an abortion or the freedom to love whomever you want, but it should also encompass the freedom for political leaders and the average Joe to believe in God, go to religious events and disagree with abortion or homosexuality if they see fit.

If it's not OK for individuals to be criticized for being a homosexual, having an abortion, supporting stem cell research, then it's definitely not



Judges and members of the legal community take communion during the Red Mass.

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OK for an individual to be criticized for going to church, having a faith, or going to an event, like Red Mass, which has religious undertones.

Political leaders, like Joe Biden

and the Supreme Court justices, are in positions that affect the way this country runs, which is why I understand the criticism against them for attending Red Mass. But

the critics need to understand that those political leaders have the right to go, the right to believe whatever they want, and the right to have their views rooted in faith.

On the Scene

As told to:
Magdalena Kabelis

Halloween has Celtic and Catholic roots. It grew from religious rituals and European folk traditions steeped in superstition to a fun celebration of costumes and candy. However, its ominous origin creates an opportunity for many to use their imaginations to carry on the superstitions through frightful stories and haunting gestures. Oct. 31 becomes a scary day.

What is your most memorable scary story?

"There is a story about these little things called 'gnomes' who are supposed to take children into a dream land and not let them out of there. My brother has a friend who had a 'gnome.' She would play with it every day for a while and one time wanted me to come play with it too. She refused to go play with it the next day and the thing got really mad and red. It ran to the wall and disappeared. When she told me the story she was crying, so I believed her."

Marco Baez, freshman criminal justice



"I don't have a scary story, but I saw a movie about lions when I was a kid and it terrified, so every time I saw lions on TV I was really scared. I also thought they were native to Florida and every night it got dark I thought lions were going to eat me."

Antonio Brown, freshman biology major



"When I was a kid and played around too much my mom would tell me that there were four monsters under the bed: one that ate your eyes, one that ate your stomach, one that ate your tongue and one that ate your head. Whenever I got in trouble, she would scare me with them. She kept it going until I got the courage to look under the bed to see that nothing lives there."

William Barney, senior legal studies



"My family was hanging out and drinking one Christmas night, I was there. I was about to get my tonsils out in a couple months and my grandfather said to my parents and me that we had to leave because Santa wanted to rip my tonsils out and it scarred me for life. I used to be scared of Santa Claus. Now it's a family joke, but it scarred me for life."

Sandra Sharp, junior biology major

"The one about Chucky — that doll who murders people — is my favorite scary story because as a child I used to have a lot of dolls and I was afraid that at night they might come to life and kill people."

Thalia Sanchez, freshman criminal justice major

"My mom told me this Filipino folklore story about a Filipino vampire that would eat pregnant women's babies from their stomachs. They would separate themselves and the only way to kill them was to pour salt on them. In addition, there were vampire babies of those vampires that would go into pregnant women's stomachs and turn those babies into vampires."

Kim Urmaza, sophomore athletic training major



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