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Fulbright Scholar Program begins selection

By: Dean Gabriel Williams
Contribution Writer

The application deadline for the 2013-14 awards of The Fulbright Scholar Program is Aug. 1.

The scholarship program, founded in 1946 by U.S. Senator William Fulbright, is a competitive, merit-based grant program which offers teaching and/or research opportunities to college or university faculty, and administrators, as well as artists, journalists, lawyers and independent scholars.

Don Rosenblum, dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said, "The Fulbright program is an outstanding program for both students and faculty. The commitment to faculty to spend time studying and teaching overseas has been a real source of strength for NSU and many institutions."

Some of the basic requirements for eligibility include: being a U.S. citizen, having a Ph.D. or equivalent professional terminal degree (master's degree accepted in some cases), having experience in the field specified by the award description, foreign language proficiency as specified by award description, and sound physical and mental health. There are awards in 45 specific and 167 general academic disciplines.

NSU has has several Fulbright scholars. Cecilia Rokusek, executive director of Education, Planning and Research, said three of the university's Fulbright scholars are from the College of Osteopathic Medicine: Anthony Silvagni, college dean, Leonard Levy, Ph.d, director the NSU Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness, and Naushira Pandya, Ph.d, chair of the Department of Geriatrics.

Levy and Pandya were selected in 2009 to travel to the eastern European nation as Fulbright Specialist Scholars at the Schoo~ of Medicine: Anthony Silvagni, college dean, Leonard Levy, Ph.d, director the NSU Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness, and Naushira Pandya, Ph.d, chair of the Department of Geriatrics.

Digressions literary magazine launches tomorrow

By: Kevin Preciado
Sports Editor

On April 11, the launch of Digressions, NSU's student-run literary magazine, will take place on the second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. This will be the ninth edition of the magazine, and with 56 pages of content, it will be the largest publication.

At the launch, students will read and share their work, and awards will be distributed to selected authors. Members of the NSU community who attend the launch will receive one of the 2,700 copies of the magazine.

In the fall, students submitted 132 pieces of poetry, short fiction, artwork, and photography to be considered for Digressions. However, only 33 pieces were selected for publication.

Christopher Garcia, editor-in-chief of Digressions and senior English major, said that there was an intricate selection process.

"We have about 12-15 editors," said Garcia. "Once we get in all the submissions, I put all of the editors into groups of three, and then it's all voted on [a scale of] one through five for each piece. The managing editor and I get it all back, and then we make a spreadsheet, the highest averages go in [the magazine] automatically."

For the first time, every individual who submitted a piece received feedback. Joe Citino, managing editor of Digressions and junior English major, said this was a great learning experience for the writers and they were appreciative of the feedback.

"This year, I've decided to send back to the authors graded

Digressions literary magazine launches tomorrow

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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
Lifeguards
Prevent accidents through the enforcement of policies, rules, regulations, and the conduct of persons using the pool, saunas, and spa. Additional duties: scrub pool gutters, heavy vacuum and hosting 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/wk; $8/hr/wk

Job # 397
Student Ambassador
Conduct campus tours to prospective students and their families. Assist with 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
Phlebotomist Worker
Collect specimens 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 their annual giving program.
10-15 hrs/wk; $8.50/hr
Must have Federal Work Study

Job # 568
Admissions Assistant (West Palm Beach)
Provide administrative support and services to the SEC recruiting staff, meeting goals and objectives. Assist in providing office coverage to front desk. Provide customer service to all callers and visitors in a professional manner.
20 hrs/wk; $10/hr
Must have Federal Work Study

Job # 585
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; $10/hr

Job # 778
Student Assistant
Assist with technical hardware and software. Process the items with a barcode scanner and computer. Deliver items to various departments 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 fitness with a quality, safe, and effective workout. Maintain written documentation of each client.
20 hrs/wk; $18/hr - starting and depending on experience.
Diary of... a student who attended a medical convention

By Saamia Shaikh

Saamia Shaikh is a senior biology major. She is originally from Pakistan, but grew up in Orlando. She is the president of the Pre-Medical Society, as well as the co-president of the Pakistani Student Association. She is also a member of President's 64 and on the Finegan College of Arts and Sciences' Academic Integrity Committee. When Saamia is not studying, she is reading, doing research, volunteering in her community and spending time with friends and family.

Last month, Melanie Reddy, Catalina Berton, Jana Orensky, Daniel Vesco, Ose Eugene, and Makaudar Rahman Chowdhury and 1, members of the Pre-Medical American Medical Students Association (ASMA) Society, had the honor of attending the annual ASMA Convention in Houston, Texas.

As a pre-med student I've always heard of the ASMA conventions and all the wonderful opportunities that can arise as a result of attending these conferences. By going to the convention, I was able to network with other pre-medical and medical students from around the nation. It was very comforting to talk to other pre-meeds about their courses, research, and future endeavors.

I also had the opportunity to meet with other pre-med ASMA chapter presidents and discuss the overall experience of holding such a position as I do and to learn what future events they have planned.

In addition to meeting students, ASMA attendees had the opportunity to meet physicians and political figures. I had the honor of attending Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius's lecture, which covered topics such as the Affordable Care Act.

It was really rewarding to hear from a political figure that pre-med and med studies' efforts are being recognized. It was also really nice to hear someone tell us that we are going into the best possible profession at the best time, despite all the changes that are currently happening in the healthcare system.

Attending this conference made me realize that being a physician is not just about being a healer — it is so much more than that. Being a physician has the ability to recognize when to take the call for action and when to know in advocate for your patients.

At one of the lectures, keynote speaker Dr. Arthur Chen displayed a picture of an infant's hand that had just been bitten by a rat. He explained the irony of the situation and said that the infant could be taken to any medical institution and could receive world-class care for his or her injury. However, the infant would be taken right back to the poor conditions where he or she came from, just to relie the same agony again.

From this lesson, I learned that it is imperative for future physicians to take such circumstances into account. Not only must we learn to be exceptional physicians mastering the ins and outs of science and scientific techniques, but we must also assume the other underemphasized roles of physicians in terms of health policy by becoming educators and advocates. As Dr. Arthur Chen said, "if you're not outraged, then you're not paying attention."

As an NSU student, attending the ASMA conference impacted my overall experience as an undergraduate student and allowed me to learn things that I would not have learned in a classroom setting.

The most important thing I learned from attending the convention in Houston was the significance of advocating and taking a stand for what you believe in. I learned that we are the generation of change and if something needs to happen, we, ourselves, are the ones who must take a stand and make a change through education and advocacy.

I would like to thank the Undergraduate Student Government Association and the Division of Student Affairs for providing funds and making this trip possible.

Hop onboard a summer cruise

By Alyssa Sterkel

Summer vacation is almost here.

I'm beyond excited to sleep in, relax and not check my email — I'm betting you are, too. But the next three months are not just for making up for the sleep we lost, they're about having some fun. One way you can have fun, get a tan, and meet new people is to book a cruise. To help you on your search, here's a breakdown of five of the most popular cruise lines departing from South Florida.

Royal Caribbean International

Departs: Ft. Lauderdale and Miami

Destinations: From FTL: Caribbean, Bahamas, Transatlantic, Panama Canal. From MIA: Bahamas, Transatlantic, Repositioning

Duration (days): 2-5, 6-9, 10+

Onboard: Basketball court, casino, fitness center, Broadway shows, ice skating, rock, zip line, spa and many more

Prices: start at $179

Savings: Older Over 55, U.S. Military or U.S. Law Enforcement, Fire Department or EMT Age: 21+ unless accompanied with a guardian

Prohibited items include: Firearms, illegal drugs, coffee makers, skateboards, alcohol, HAM radio

Carnival Cruise

Departs: Ft. Lauderdale and Miami

Destinations: From FTL: Caribbean, Bahamas, Transatlantic, Panama Canal

Duration (days): 2-5, 6-9, 10+

Onboard: Mini golf, Seaide Theatre, comedy club, pool nights, fitness center, spa and many more

Prices: start at $189

Savings: 55+, active/retired military, a past guest, state residency Age: 21+ unless accompanied with a guardian

Prohibited items include: Alcohol, large coolers, firearms, fireworks, pepper sprays, hand cuffs, surfboards, bicycles, lasers

Norwegian Cruise Lines

Departs: Miami

Destinations: Bahamas, Transatlantic, Caribbean, Panama Canal

Duration (days): 1-4, 5-8, 9-14, 14+

Prices: start at $169

Onboard: Casinos, Blue Man Group, golfing, bowling, Nickelodeon at Sea, spa, beer and wine tastings, and many more

Savings: 55+, Latitudes Member with Norwegian, state residency Age: 21+ unless accompanied with a guardian

Prohibited items include: Liquor, firearms, weapons, explosives, ammunition, animals

Princess Cruise Lines

Departs: Ft. Lauderdale

Destinations: Canada/New England, Caribbean, Panama Canal, South America, Transatlantic, World Cruise

Duration (days): 6-8, 9-15, or 16+

Onboard: Library, production shows, karaoke, spa, casino, boutiques

Prices: start at $167

Savings: Previous customer, sign up for emails

Age: 21+ unless accompanied with a guardian

Booze Cruise

Departs: Miami

Destinations: Miami waterways

Onboard Activities: endless drinks, dancing, South Beach style lounges

Prices: $75

Duration: two hours

Savings: N/A

Age: 21+ (obviously)

Prohibited: N/A

If you're looking for a fun-filled vacation this summer, book a cruise and enjoy onboard activities, excursions and the buffet.

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Traveling to another country can be exciting, memorable and life-changing, but it can also be difficult if you have to move there as a child to go to school. Imagine your family has moved to China and you are now placed in a Chinese language school. Chinese, you will undoubtedly feel powerless. This is one of the reasons why Rashid Moore, Ph.D., program professor in the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education, believes Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) is so important for teacher candidates and teachers to understand.

Moore primarily teaches TESOL courses to undergraduate students and graduate teachers, who are updating their credentials, in Jamaica, the Turks and Caicos Islands, Ecuador and other countries.

"It's frustrating for ESL children who are literate in their own home language to find that they are confused and powerless in a school environment. In the field of TESOL, we're really talking about empowering these students and getting them to understand. Moore's original trajectory. He planned a career as a bureaucrat in the Foreign Service in order to "see the world." However, in a linguistics class in graduate school, he met his soon-to-be wife from Malaysia who influenced him to consider TESOL as a profession. He realized he could still travel the world teaching and use his skills from his speech competition and drum club days in high school, rather than just pushing papers around as a faceless bureaucrat in an embassy. He decided to take a few classes with her and eventually received his master's degree in TESOL, which was one of the best decisions of his life.

"I try to convey to my students just to be excited about what they're doing and to be passionate about it. Throw yourself into it and enjoy it. If that's not your field, choose another one. I can't tell you how happy I am that I changed my field midstream. I credit my wife for bringing me into an exciting profession," he said.

Because of his job, Moore travels three to four times a year and he loves it. He said he's eager to be in another country, experience other ways of thinking, try new food, see new sights and hear new music.

"One of the reasons Moore loves traveling is because he knows he'll never stop learning. On the day of his graduation party, after he received his doctorate from Indiana University, one of his most difficult professors, who he admired, asked him a question.

"She said, 'So tell us, Dr. Moore... what do you know?' I thought about it for five seconds and said, 'I now know that I don't know much of anything.' Without a moment's hesitation she said, 'Good answer.' The point was even though you have a doctorate and are supposed to be at the top of your field, you're a constant learner. When you think you know it all, that's the time you should realize you don't know much of anything," he said.

Moore is constantly learning new things, which is the reason why he bought his bass guitar and amp to this interview. He said decades ago he tried to learn to play it, but gave up. There was no YouTube, Guitar Hero or Internet. But, two years ago when his 13-year-old son got an electric guitar, he convinced his father to try his hand at the bass again. He started off playing a few notes and eventually an entire song. Now, he can play more than 40 songs — Muse, Nirvana, even a Linkin Park song.

"It's a great feeling to play along with the band," he said. His rekindled "romance" with the bass guitar also helped bring him one of his most cherished memories. As part of a year-long videoconference project with his Chilean colleague Isabel Fraile at a high school in Santiago, Chile, Moore performed in a "jam session" with a group of those high school students while he was still in Florida. He was in the guitar room at my house and they were at their high school in the class of my Chilean colleague, Ms. Isabel Fraile. Over the Internet, we got together and performed a NiVana song together. I'm so proud of it. I played bass while the Chilean students played guitar and sang. We rocked together even though we were 4,000 miles apart," he said.

Moore also thinks the bass guitar is a metaphor for his teaching. Bassists in a band provide the rhythm. They play a supporting instrument in the background, facilitating while the guitarists and the lead singer shine up front.

"In many ways it's a nice metaphor for what I do. If I, along the way, can get someone excited about picking up an instrument, that would be pretty cool, too," he said.

Moore may have found that person — me. Excitement flowed from him as he talked about playing bass. He made me realize that maybe I can play the instrument and so can you. It's never too late to learn something new.

Rashid Moore, professor in the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education, has only been traveling the world for two years, but it is now one of his hobbies that brings him the most joy.
SAAC raises money for Make-A-Wish Foundation

By: Kevin Preciado
Sports Editor

On March 29, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosted a silent auction in the Flight Deck. All the proceeds from this event went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which has had an alliance with the NCAA Division II since 2003.

President of SAAC, Lauren Boudreau, oversaw the event and ensured that it ran smoothly. She and the rest of the committee had been planning the silent auction all year, and she felt it was a resounding success.

"It was awesome," said Boudreau. "It was the first time I had been in charge of putting together an event or in charge of an organization. So, I was really proud of how everything came together and how everyone worked together to get it to turn out the way we wanted it to."

Each NSU team was responsible for collecting donated items for the auction. Some of the items included: a fishing charter trip for five, a signed football by Don Shula, a Manchester United jersey, and a Swedish massage package.

Prior to the event, Boudreau hoped to raise $600 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. After counting the donations, Boudreau said they surpassed that goal.

"We actually raised $1,500. I was so surprised, and I was so excited. I pretty much was jumping around," said Boudreau.

SAAC was described by Boudreau as a student government for the athletes. There are two representatives from each team, and a meeting is held every other week. Boudreau said she's trying to spread more awareness about the organization.

"No one really knows what SAAC is," said Boudreau. "I'm trying to bring it more into life than ever before. There are 350 [student athletes], if we can collaborate all of our efforts we can do a lot for the community, for each other, [and] for the school."

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NSU soccer alum signs with the Strikers

By: Kevin Preciado
Sports Editor

On March 23, NSU alumnus Aly Hassan signed a contract with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers soccer team for the 2012 season.

The club is a member of the North American Soccer League (NASL) and lost in the finals last season to the Minnesota Stars FC.

Hassan played for NSU from 2007-2010. He scored 36 goals and received All-SSC honors as a freshman and senior. Hassan has played for clubs in Hungary, Romania, and Colombia since his graduation in January 2011.

NSU soccer head coach, Giuseppe DePalo, said he was glad and relieved for Hassan when he heard the news. He said it's been a long journey for Hassan since his graduation, but commended him for never giving up.

"I think all those things were an experience for him," said DePalo. "He learned how to be humble. He learned to keep persevering and fighting. He learned how good it is to live in the U.S., and he became a better soccer player. That experience was kind of the final piece of the puzzle that helped shape him into what he is today." DePalo recruited Hassan from Western High School when he was 18. He felt Hassan always had the talent and skill, but he developed physically and mentally at NSU. He said the one thing that made Hassan great was his persistence.

"As a forward, he's determined to score," said DePalo. "Like all forwards, he's gone through some good spells where he was absolutely on fire scoring everything, and he went through some other spells where he couldn't hit the side of a barn, but he never lost confidence in himself.

After traveling the world and playing for many clubs, Hassan will be representing his hometown team. DePalo felt this would benefit Hassan greatly.

"I think it's a massive advantage. He's going to have our support. I'm going to try to go to as many games as I can. He's going to have his family's support," he said.

DePalo said Hassan has all of the tools to be successful at this level, but his success will be determined by the amount of goals he scores.

The team came away with a third place finish at the Buccaneer Invitational on April 3. Freshman Oscar Lengfeld had a strong performance and captured the individual title.

Here is a link for the schedule: http://www.strikers.com/Schedule.htm

Get to know your Pro Sharks

Written by: Kevin Preciado

Ever wondered if any Sharks have made it to the pros? Wonder no more. Here is a list of Sharks who have taken their sporting careers to the next level and are succeeding at the professional level:

Sandra Changkija, NSU Golf (2007-2011)
Earned a spot in the LPGA on Dec. 4, 2011. During her time at NSU, Changkija played a key role in winning three consecutive national championships. She was also named Division II Player of the Year four times.

Alexis Hernandez, NSU Soccer (2006-2010)
Hernandez will be playing for the South Florida Strikers this summer. The team is a part of the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL). As a Shark, Hernandez scored 28 goals and earned SSC First-Team honors twice.

Aly Hassan, NSU Soccer (2007-2010)
After playing for clubs in Hungary, Romania, and Colombia, Hassan recently signed with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers. As a Shark, Hassan scored 36 goals.
Crazy movie fads: The vampire edition

By: Tyler Conti
Contributing Writer

Vampires have invaded our cinemas, and as long as people are willing to pay to see them, they will remain. But you've got to admit, Hollywood is getting pretty creative with them.

Why are these vampire films popular, and why are so many being made? It's due to the success of "Twilight." For some reason, people just love seeing sexy, "fanged" characters in minimal clothing killing each other.

This year, there will be at least three films involving vampires. The first, "Underworld Awakening," premiered in late January. "Dark Shadows," starring Johnny Depp, hits theaters on May 11 and, possibly the most unique film of the three, "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" will premiere this summer.

The idea behind "Dark Shadows" is simple. Unite the veteran combo Tim Burton and Johnny Depp in a reboot of the 1950s black and white classic of the same name. For those unfamiliar with the history of "Dark Shadows," it is a story about an 18th Century man named Barnabas Collins, who is cursed to become a vampire. After a (very) long imprisonment, Barnabas awakens in the 20th Century eager to resume his immortal work while adapting to the oddities of 1950s America.

The original Barnabas Collins was played by Jonathan Frid, who created one of the most distinctive profiles for the American vampire. Johnny Depp in this role is a good thing; he looks and acts the part in his typical stellar fashion. With Tim Burton directing, I've all but bought my ticket. The main selling point of this reboot isn't the lore behind it, which most of target audience won't know or remember, rather it's the pairing of Depp and Burton. Fortunately, it's the right combination, and those who've never heard of Barnabas Collins will flock to the theaters because they've heard of Burton and Depp.


How this film will fare at the box office I have no clue. In fact, I don't think anyone does. The story comes from a graphic novel similar to last year's "Cowboys and Aliens." The plot consists of Abraham Lincoln battling a number of southern plantation owners, who are actually vampires, prior to his election to the presidency.

This movie is without a doubt the most bizarre thing I've heard of or seen in recent film history. However, I think it's worth seeing. It's such an abstract concept that I'm eager to see what direction the directors will take the film and whether or not it will attempt to develop into a serious movie or just bomb.

Major film studios hope that their next vampire film will be a huge hit with audiences, which results in them making millions of dollars, and, in turn creating sequels which will make millions of dollars more. And most of them will probably flop because of their absurdity. It's lack of originality amongst directors and producers, and their drive for the next cash cow to milk that will make them tank.

Controversies surrounding World of Warcraft's newest expansion: Mists of Pandaria

By: Joseph Cirino
Contributing Writer

In the wake of Activision-Blizzard's momentous announcement in late 2011 that the next expansion to their record-breaking online roleplaying game "World of Warcraft" was to feature oriental-styled pandas and martial arts, the gaming community and fansbase has been swept up in a controversy of epic proportions.

With falling player numbers and the departure of key members of the development team in mid-2010, the popular online gaming franchise is facing dire portents in the ever-changing video game industry.

"World of Warcraft," which launched in 2004, has become more than just a game in its lifetime. With more than 8 million players worldwide, the game is seen as more of a lifestyle than a hobby. Such is the popularity that otherwise docile announcements are often met by wildly polarized groups of gamers, each sworn to their own idea of how the game should be. Such it was with the announcement of "Mists of Pandaria," the fourth expansion to the already aging "World of Warcraft." Originally leaked in mid-2011 and thought of as an early April Fool's joke by the playerbase at large, it was formally announced later as the official sequel to 2010's "Wrath of Warcraft: Cataclysm."

"Mists," as it is commonly shortened to, was just the beginning of the outrage from the rapidly hostile playerbase. Nevermind the fact that the martial-arts-Pandaworks of "Mists" uncannily resemble a certain Dreamwork's animated character (here's a hint: he's black and white and packs a punch). In fact, nevermind the fact that the expansion recycles content used in previous expansions. While quality of content is itself degrading in quality according to most of the players and press (probably as a result of the departure of most of the development team for an as yet unannounced next-gen Blizzard MMO codenamed "Titan"), most of the complaints stem from a stagnation of new ideas brought to the aged game. "Mists'" graphics still look on-par with online roleplayer "Guild Wars" (2005), while subscription numbers continue to fall in time with a decreasing sense of challenge within the game.

President and co-founder Mike Morhaime of Blizzard Entertainment, responsible for other gaming hits such as "StarCraft" and "Diablo," claimed in late-2011 that "World of Warcraft" has reached the point "where players who have played the game and quit now outnumber those who have never played at all." Desperate for a stop to rapidly falling quarterly earnings, Blizzard recently began a program where players who return to the game receive rewards greater than those obtainable by current players. The playerbase at large has responded to this program with outrage, and the latest quarterly earnings call show that the numbers continue to fall.

For the most part it seems "World of Warcraft" is on the way out. Many games in the past: "Warhammer Online," "RIFT," "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic Online," and "Albion" have tried to usurp the MMO throne, but none have succeeded thus far. Still, with the ailing king of online roleplaying games losing popularity and doing little to cure itself of the cancer that engulfs its fans, the end of an era of "Warcraft" is certainly foreseeable in the near future.
By: Sally Regueiro

WrestleMania 28 was held on April 1 in Miami's Sun Life Stadium in front of a record breaking crowd of more than 70,000 people with millions more watching at home. The granddive event really lived up to all the hype.

This year, Wrestlemania brought to us the return of “The People’s Champ,” The Rock. Talking to the WWE Superstars, you could not help but show their excitement about the match between wrestlers Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and John Cena.

WWE wrestler, Alberto Del Rio, said, “I am really looking forward to watching ‘The Rock’ versus John Cena. It is not every day that big names go up against each other like this, and it will be great to see who wins.”

Even though The Rock has not formally returned to a wrestling ring in seven years there was no sign of rust on his part, and if anything he seemed to be in the best shape of his life. The main event between “The Rock” and John Cena had a lot to live up to especially since this match had been a year in the making. Both men rose to the occasion and put on a once in a lifetime match that lasted more than 30 minutes.

The battle was filled with numerous close pin falls and submissions that kept fans on the edge of their seats throughout the match. In the end, with his hometown advantage, “The Rock” delivered his finishing move “The Rock Bottom” to get the win over WWE golden boy John Cena.

At last year’s Wrestlemania, Irish-born wrestler Sheamus and Daniel Bryan, who made his name as an incredibly talented indie wrestler, were set to go up against each other but were taken off the scheduled show at the last minute. After a long period of preparation, both men finally got their long awaited debut in the biggest stage of them all - Wrestlemania.

To make things a bit more interesting, this year they were set to face off for the World Heavyweight Title. At the start of the match, Bryan made the fatal mistake of turning his back to his opponent and when he turned around was met with a boot to the face courtesy of Sheamus. This allowed Sheamus to get the pin fall and capture the title. The match lasted a record 18 seconds but for the cons it was too short lived. These two men are experts in their trade as wrestlers and the fans definitely deserved more time to see them in action.

Wrestlemania is just as much about wrestling as it is about special guest celebrities. This year, Wrestlemania included two mini concerts. One of the performances featured Machine Gun Kelly, who is a new up-and-coming rapper who was signed by Rap mogul, P. Diddy, to the Bad Boy record label. The other performance was by world famous rapper and native Floridian, Flo Rida.

Very rarely does wrestling and a live music mix, but being that Wrestlemania was in Miami, the upbeat live music brought a sense of excitement and a livened atmosphere.

Wrestlemania would not have been complete without two iconic legends in the industry of wrestling going up against one another, “The Undertaker,” who entered with an undefeated streak of 19 and 0, was set to face “Triple H” for a second year in a row. They were not going to wrestle in just any match. However, they were going to fight in a steel cage structure called “Hell in a Cell.” The match was also referred by Hall of Fame self proclaimed “Mr. Wrestlemania” Shawn Michaels, who at times found it difficult not to interfere in a match that pitted his best friend “Triple H” versus the man who single handedly ended his career.

The match was as brutal as it sounds with both men using whatever tools were at their disposal, including: steel ringside steps, a sledgehammer, and metal chairs. After 45 minutes of a back and forth battle “The Undertaker” retained his undefeated streak after pinning “Triple H” by using his signature move the “Tombstone Piledriver.” This means that 20 years later “The Undertaker” is still the man to beat at Wrestlemania.

There is no denying the fact that this year’s Wrestlemania was an action-packed powerhouse of excitement. With the great matches, and the incredible live performances, Wrestlemania was definitely the show to watch.

Miami Hosts Wrestlemania

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Are you on your way to work, about to start your day, or just not ready for class yet? Well then, if you’re like me you probably go somewhere like a Krispy Kreme. There is nothing like an instant jolt of energy by way of a huge coffee and some sort of delicious confection to help settle in for the thought of having to spend 10 hours at school.

Do yourself a favor, skip right past all of those corporate franchise coffee houses and treat yourself to some all-American small business at the Dandee Donuts Factory. I wouldn’t normally be as bold as to call myself a “donut connoisseur,” but I definitely know my way ‘round a donut. Having searched for the perfect piece of circular pastry for the past year, I have to admit that these are the best donuts in South Florida.

For years I swore by Krispy Kreme and Dunkin’ Donuts, but when I compare them to Dandee Donuts it really makes it seem like my past experiences were just a waste of time.

When walking into a Dandee Donuts, your attention is instantly pulled to the rows of sweet smelling pastries lined up on the wall. As your mouth begins to water you can’t help but notice the large menu above the racks staring back at you, omlettes, croissants, and even full breakfast meals all compete for your attention. Suddenly, you start making compromises, “They have pancakes! Oh, I can be 10 minutes late for class.”

Be warned: It is easy to spend a few hours over breakfast there. You might want to treat yourself over the weekend, or catch an early morning breakfast there when you have time.

Unfortunately, you also do need some time to visit one of these fine franchises because they are not very close to campus. But with unique donuts like Key Lime-frosted or chocolate cream cheese, it is easy to see why tourists and locals flock to the shops in search of their morning breakfast.

If donuts aren’t your thing, then I would suggest some of the more traditional biscuits. The biscuits and gravy is something to die for. The breakfast sandwiches are great (and they even have hot sauce to put on them, yum), and if you like pancakes then you’re in for a treat.

It is disappointing to know that so many people are missing out on such a great place. It is truly a hidden gem of South Florida that should not be missed. I highly recommend trying it at least once in your lifetime. With their low prices you won’t regret it.

A sweet treat: Dandee Donuts Factory
Facebook is serious business

By: Davis Yahn
Opinions Editor

The hype around Facebook has certainly fizzled out for me. Now that my parents and my friends’ parents are diligently checking their accounts, the fun has really been sucked out of it. Instead of enjoying the interactions between my friends, I’m more and more concerned about what other people can see about me.

That’s partly because businesses now take Facebook to a whole new level that really is crossing the boundary between work life and a social life.

Employers have started to take Facebook so seriously that your profile picture can exclude you from a job. That stupid status you’re doing something to my life, get on with my life and delete the whole stupid thing altogether and get on with my life and back to things actually matter.

By: Dean Gabriel Williams
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The caricatures and stereotypes of social fraternity and sorority life at college and universities throughout the United States has been amongst the most widely publicized and mass produced by the media, by non-Greek students, non-Greek administrators especially by college and university administrators.

Today, what you might see and hear about is the drinking, hazing, parties, irresponsibility and complacency, is this the exception rather than the rule, and I know this because I myself am a “Frat Boy.” I pledged an Interfraternity Conference (IFC) fraternity at my undergraduate institution. And from what I see here, there are three major issues that hamper the advancement of the Greek community at NSU.

First, social Greeks at NSU need to step it up. A major issue is that it is very difficult to find someone wearing letters. From what I understand, Thursday is letter’s day, and even on this designated day, it is difficult to find social Greeks wearing letters. Each person who has received a fraternity or sorority retail need to show pride in their letters and wear them more often, as they have a meaning that you should be proud to carry with you. If you are waiting for a special occasion to wear your letters, there is none: any and every day is a GREAT day to show pride for your national and your letters.

With the exception of a few organizations, when social Greeks have events at NSU, they are relatively unheard of. The only time NSU sees the social Greek community is during SEA Thursdays, of the 15 social Greeks on campus, everyone needs to know about it, and everyone needs to see it. This will help not only with general exposure, but with recruitment as well.

Many social Greek organizations on campus make excuses as to why they can’t recruit. While many have their preconceived notions about what Greek life is, some simply don’t see the reason to “go Greek” because (and this is connected to my first point) the social Greek community hasn’t demonstrated to them the value of “going Greek.”

Here are some statistics that I would like to share with NSU’s non-Greek community. With the exception of two individuals, every U.S. president and vice president born since the first social fraternity was established in 1825 have been members of a fraternity. Seventy-six percent of all congressmen and senators belong to a fraternity, while 40 of the 47 Supreme Court Justices since 1910 have been fraternity men. Seventy-one percent of those listed in “Who’s Who in America” belong to a fraternity. Of the nation’s 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by fraternity men. And finally, more than 70% of those who join a social Greek organization graduate from college, while under 50% of non-social Greeks achieve the same status.

So, what’s the take away from these numbers? You can be successful without becoming a fraternity man or a sorority woman, but chances are, you’ll end up working for one of us, unless you become one of us. Do yourselves a favor and at least go through recruitment: it might cost you, at the most, $35, but it will be quite worth it.

Third, policies regarding the social Greek community at NSU need to change. While social Greek organizations should adhere to university policies, those policies should be narrowly tailored for the health, safety, and general welfare of the social Greek community.

For example, at a university that is 80% graduate students, it is ridiculous that social Greek organizations are prohibited from rushing and bidding graduate students. While some might say that most graduate students wouldn’t be interested in Greek life, we’ll never know, because the policy does not allow it. Simply put, the policy is con-Greek and is one of many that only harms, not helps, the Greek community.

I recently learned that social Greek organizations receive student services fee funds to facilitate events. This policy should be prohibited, and here’s why: due to fees. When a fraternity man or a sorority woman pays dues and fees, a portion goes to nationals, and a portion stays with the active chapter to facilitate events. This is the funding that social Greek organizations should use to facilitate events; not funding that should be used for the general welfare of the student body.

I have been made aware that the office of student accounts manages social Greek funding. This is a blatant infringement on the sovereignty of social Greek organizations, and here’s why: Charters. NSU does not grant charters, nor can it take charters away from social Greek organizations. A university has no place managing the finances of social Greek organizations; this is a relationship that should solely be between the chapter and its national organization.

So what’s the conclusion? Greeks, non-Greeks, and university administrators alike need to put aside their differences and remember that the success of the Greek community means the success of the university community.
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America pays for the pursuit of coal

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I wouldn't normally say this, but I think I have really started to come around to the idea of alternate energy. Well actually, I am for any kind of energy even nuclear, just not coal. Coal has become one of the biggest nuisances in America's pursuit to light our homes and charge our iPods.

Coal has become an obsolete energy source. Cheap, when compared to other methods such as solar energy, but the real cost of coal is the damage it has to the environment — humans included.

Strip mining which is a version of surface mining, is the process of removing large amounts of earth to reach coal deposits below the surface. It is dismantling America's countryside one acre at a time.

Millions of tons of earth are displaced for each mine just to get the black ore so it can be burned in inefficient coal plants around the U.S.

Florida has six active coal plants currently active but plans are to eliminate one in Crystal River by the year 2020 in favor of a nuclear plant. That's fine and dandy but that is eight years from now. The Tampa Bay Times reported that the plant is one of the top polluters in the country, which makes sense as to why it should go but I just wish, for the people of Citrus County, it was sooner.

An article by Ars technica.com has brought light to the otherwise dark world of coal mining that is truly horrific. Besides the massive amounts of CO2 being dumped into the environment by coal plants, the process of strip mining is destroying America's landscapes in the pursuit of the black rocks. Five-hundred peaks have been removed from the Appalachian Mountains and more than 2,000 miles streams eliminated.

Nature pays the majority of the bill in our search for coal but it is the people living near the mines who are the real losers. Melissa Ahern of Washington State University summarizes the grim life of those who live near the mines, "Their property value goes down to zero, then they get ill, then they die."

Communities that have the unfortunate privilege of being located near the mines are known to suffer increased birth defects, kidney disease, black lung and many others. The plants themselves aren't any better to live near either. They are loud, put awful smoke into the air, and the trains or trucks that deliver the coal are noisy and just as dirty as the contents they deliver.

It is hard to compare what is really accounted for half. Legislation has been asking for cleaner cars and environmentally friendly cutlery but only because lobbying for coal has reached the levels of pro tobacco and firearms.

Do your part to try and stop the declining wilderness and health of those near coal plants and mines. Turn your lights off when you leave the room and send a letter to your senator. Coal should have no place in America's future.

On the Scene:

How safe do you feel as a pedestrian on campus?

"I don't have a problem with any cars. I think it is easy to get around campus just fine. " Xavier Allen, freshman business administration major

"I am more worried about the sprinklers that come on around campus than the cars. People do leave the [Shark] circle way too fast sometimes. That can be dangerous." Kyle Cahill, freshman undecided

"Walking around at night can be dangerous. By FFV [Founder's, Farquhar and Vettel residence halls] it can get bad to cross the street. I am more worried about people coming on to campus than cars." Kesha Young, senior biology major

"I don't think the speed bumps work to slow people down. People still drive just the same with them in place." Dayna Triana, sophomore secondary education major

"Ironically, I don't feel safe because of some of the speeding Public Safety vehicles. The new speed bumps haven't helped. People speed right over [them.] I wish people paid attention to the pedestrian cross walk signs. [Drivers] stop when there is no one crossing. They are nice when I am walking, terrible when driving." Isabeau Dornevil, junior psychology major
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