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BOBBIE HANKINS speaks as participants sit in their respective class zones. Photo courtesy Werner Kahn Studio

Students Experience Struggles of Homelessness at Hunger Banquet

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

NSU students and faculty braved the cool night weather on Jan. 18 to experience how the impoverished live during the Hunger Banquet and Grate American Sleep Out. The event, hosted by Residential Life in conjunction with Cooperative Feeding, the Hope Outreach Center, offered a simulation of how various classes survive and the opportunity for students to stay the night in homeless conditions.

Speaking outside of the Leo Goodwin Hall, Marti Forman, CEO of Cooperative Feeding, addressed the struggles of the hungry and homeless. "These were productive members of society and now they're facing poverty," she said while urging for aid. Many of those struggling to survive are veterans, single parents, and children who were tied up in foster care systems, Forman noted.

Class status was represented through a seating simulation; students sitting on the ground signified the third world and were fed only a bowl of rice and water, while a select few at an elegant table setting complete with a proper meal signaled their first class status.

Members of the Homeless Voice were present and told their stories of survival. One speaker asked students to "picture yourself for the next 90 days" living in homeless conditions.

"Lies, lies, lies! Nicotine is a drug and if you smoke, you are a drug addict," asserted Landers.

He referred to tobacco companies as "cold hearted killers" and were over a fact list; Not only do some cigarettes alter DNA, they contain 4080 chemicals, including mercury, ammonia, rocket fuels ("They want you to go to the moon," Landers said).
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News from Around the World
Compiled by Paul Saneaux

South America
Brazil fears dengue fever outbreak
On Jan. 18, as reported by Reuters, "an outbreak of dengue fever in Brazil's tourist mecca of Rio de Janeiro has prompted authorities to step up prevention measures." Health officials told reporters that they fear a repeat of the 2002 dengue fever outbreak that killed over 100. Dengue, known as "dema" or "merry dancer," is transmitted and carried by mosquitoes and larvae that breed wherever stagnant water can be found. Aloisio Ribeiro, head of the Rio state government's Epidemiology Vigilance Center, said the cases of dengue are concentrated in "favelas" or run-down districts including Barra da Tijuca and Jacarepagua. The plan is to prevent dengue from spreading involves "vehicle-mounted insecticide sprayers and inspections of private homes and courtyards" to locate breeding grounds. Over 328 cases of the fever have been recorded in the last month; this figure is three times more than the number of cases recorded last year.

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com

Middle East
U.S. missile attack may have accidentally killed top Al-Qaeda agent
According to NBC News and Reuters, U.S. military officials have claimed, relying on Pakistani intelligence, that "a leading Al-Qaeda figure was killed in an air strike near the Afghan border" on Friday, Jan. 13. The missile attack was originally aimed at Osama Bin Laden's top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, but is believed to have killed al-Qaeda's weapons manufacturing expert Mirhat Mursi. Pakistani intelligence reports indicate that Mursi ran the largest Al-Qaeda camp in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks." The missile attack also killed several civilians, but is being condemned by Pakistan authorities; locals of the village say that 18 people have been killed by the air strike and it is believed that four of the bodies are of unidentified Al-Qaeda militants.

For more information visit www.msnbc.msn.com

Africa
Four killed in continuing Ivory Coast unrest
The Agence France-Presse reported on Jan. 23 that African Union chairman Olusegun Obasanjo met with the Nigerian President and Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo to discuss the ongoing political impasse threatened by a wave of attacks on UN peacekeepers. The AU chairman and Nigerian President met to negotiate with Gbagbo and his supporters who want the withdrawal of UN and French troops and a stop to what they call "foreign meddling." Gbagbo supporters have organized protests and attacks on "UN bases, residences, and vehicles with petrol bombs" in the government-controlled south. The attacks on Bangladeshi UN troops stationed in the city of Guiglo have left four protesters dead and have forced the evacuation of troops at two bases in order to prevent further clashes. Rebels and Gbagbo supporters continue to control the northern region of the country after it split due to civil war in 2002.

For more information visit www.unweb.un.org

Asia
International donors pledge $1.9 billion to fight avian flu
Multinational contributors "have pledged $1.9 billion to support a global fund to combat bird flu," said European Union Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou after a conference in Beijing, China. Initially, the World Bank had made the estimate that $1.5 billion was needed to fight the deadly H5N1 strain of the avian flu and "upturned countries into digging deep into their pockets." The Associated Press reported on Jan. 18 that international agencies have informally pledged over $1.7 billion and are taking the threat of the bird flu seriously. The U.S. has offered $334 million in the form of "grants and technical assistance." The European Union has pledged $250 million in aid, along with several other conference leaders. The World Bank has also estimated that a pandemic would cost the global economy up to $800 billion if the virus mutates to easily infect humans.

For more information visit www.worldbank.org

Middle East
US to release Iraqi women prisoners
According to reports from Reuters, the Iraqi Justice Minister said on Jan. 19 that United States forces would release the six Iraqi women being held as prisoners. United States' authorities, however, claim that "the move was not related to the demands of a militant group who kidnapped an American journalist." The kidnappers threatened to kill Jill Carroll unless all Iraqi women prisoners are set free. Confirmation of the release has not been revealed as of press time. Earlier reports from US officials said that eight women were being held, and Aaron Henninger, a spokesman for the US military detention operations, said the women "are being held for the same reasons as the others, namely that they are a threat to security." Jill Carroll, a freelance journalist for the Christian Science Monitor, was kidnapped in Baghdad on Jan. 7. The Monitor has been working with the Iraqi government and "have been exploring every option available" for the release of Carroll, said the Monitor's Washington bureau chief Dave Cook.

For more information visit www.nbcuniversal.com

Bizarre Briefs
Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

When Pigs Glow
Intrepid scientists in Taiwan have created fluorescent green pigs by injecting proteins into pig embryos. Created for more than just laughs, Reuters indicated that National Taiwan University bred the animals to aid in researching the development of tissue. Professor Wu Shin-Chih said that the pigs are completely fluorescent, both inside and outside. "Even their hearts and internal organs are green," he said.

Faithful Bird Reveals Unfaithful Girlfriend
Chris Taylor, of Leeds, England, became concerned when his pet African grey parrot continued to say "I love you. Gary." Even worse, his girlfriend became embarrassed when the bird wouldn't stop saying the phrase. CNN reported that Taylor's girlfriend was then compelled to admit about having a four-month affair with a coworker. Unfortunately, Ziggie the parrot wouldn't stop saying "Gary," and Taylor was forced to rid himself of the bird rather than suffer the "torure" of hearing his name.

The $25,000 Kidney Stone
GoldPhalace.com is buying ridiculous items again. Following their 2004 purchase of a grilled cheese sandwich featuring the image of the Virgin Mary for $28,000, the online casino has bought "Star Trek" star William Shatner's kidney stone. The $25,000 stone will be sent on tour with other odd celebrity items, according to Reuters. Shatner will donate the money to Habitat for Humanity.

Vampire to Run for Minnesota Governor
Jonathan "The Impaler" Sharkey is a self-proclaimed vampire and candidate for governor of Minnesota. Reuters reported that he will run on the Vampyres, Witches and Pagans Party ticket. Sharkey said that he "doesn't hate Jesus," only "God the Father," but will respect all religions if elected.

Lawsuits Alleged Cell Phones Cause Cancer
By Rafia Chodhry
Cell phone giants Motorola, Nokia, Sprint, and Cingular Wireless are facing charges that they knowingly distribute phones which emit radiation emission. But the companies say there are no conclusive link between cell phones and brain cancer. Additionally, they argued they were in compliance with federal guidelines regarding radiation emission. But the U.S. Senate Commerce Court rejected a request to dismiss the cases. With more than 1.2 million cell phone users worldwide, the result of the lawsuit could be far-reaching implications and determine the future use of cell phones.

A report by senior Traavis Chandler was kidnapped in Baghdad on Jan. 7. The Monitor has been working with the federal...
Take a Bite Out of This...

Current Events Calendar

January 23
BET Founder Robert L. Johnson
10:30 a.m. DeSantis Atrium

Take Back the Night
7 p.m. Behind Goodwin Hall
Sponsored by Residential Life

January 26
Faculty Lecture Series
1 p.m. Parker 202

Quad Thursday
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Library Quad

Celebration of Excellence
6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Signature Grand

January 27
African Culture Celebration
5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Alvin Sherman Library
Sponsored by Celebrate Africa, Inc.
Personal Trainer Certification Class
Time TBA RecPlex

January 28
First Annual NSU Diversity Summit
9:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. H. Wayne Huizenga
School of Business
Sponsored by Student Activities

Ars Flores Orchestra Concert
7 p.m. Miniaci Center

*Compiled from the Student Affairs calendar & NSU Shark Bytes.
Men and Women’s Basketball Teams Pick Up Win Against Eckerd

By Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU men and women's basketball teams faced Eckerd College Jan. 14, coming out with two key home court conference wins. The Sharks stole another win 69-75 and are now (9-3, 3-1 SSC) ranked 3rd in the Sun Shine State Conference. The Lady Sharks (9-6, 2-2 SSC) took care of business as well, defeating the Tritons, 63-52.

Sophomore Amber Bishko was clutch in the win for her team once again, with two team highs of 17 points and 9 rebounds. The Lady Sharks held a commanding lead over the Tritons for the majority of the game, going into the half ahead by 23 points.

Despite Eckerd College's dominating size over the NSU men's team, the Sharks did not get phased and put up exceptional numbers against the Tritons.

Senior guard Luis Gurrieres managed to score a career high of 20 points for the afternoon and grabbed 7 rebounds. Sophomore center Kevin Chester showed outstanding stamina despite his recent head injury, putting up 10 points of his own. FR forward Tim Coenraad had another extraordinary game, scoring 18 points. Senior forward, CJ Jenkins, added excitement to the game as he played with high levels of excitement and intensity.

Five NSU Student Athletes Named SSC Commissioner's List of Outstanding Achievement in December

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

In the month of December, three women's and two men's basketball players were honored to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's List of Outstanding Achievement. There were 42 other student athletes that represented all nine SSC member schools also selected to be on the December list.

Senior Missy Guadagnino, Senior Katie Cloud, and sophomore Amber Bishko were all selected from the women's basketball team. This was Guadagnino's third time on the list. From the men's team, Rhys Martin and David Naylor were chosen to be honored. This is Naylor's second month in a row to be recognized.

Guadagnino is the senior point guard for the Sharks. She led the women's team to a 4-1 record for the month of December, averaging 17.2 points, 5.4 assists and 1.6 steals per game, while she shooting 46.8% from the field. Bishko averaged 11.8 points and 4.8 boards per game in December and scored a career-high 24 points in the winning game over Kentucky Wesleyan. Last, Cloud averaged 9.2 points per game, 5 rebounds, and was 100% from the free throw line.

Naylor and Martin were both contributors for the Sharks 5-1 record in December. Both freshman averaged in double figures and combined 58.5% from the field. Naylor averaged 13.4 points and 8.6 rebounds, setting a new career-high in scoring and rebounding: 21 points and 12 rebounds against the University of North Alabama. In past games, Martin has averaged 12.8 points and held a high scoring game of 24 points against Northern Kentucky.

Head Coach Tuell said that "David and Rhys are wonderful additions to the men's basketball program. Both of them have made solid contributions to the program and provide us with a firm foundation for the future, as do our other young players like Tim Coenraad, Josh Wood, Oresti Nitsios and Kevin Chester. Rhys is one of the finest young point guards in our league and I think David is the most promising young big man in the league. If they stay together for four years, they could lead NSU basketball to unimaginable successes. "Both Rhys and David are adjusting to the academic rigor of studies at an American university. It's not always been a smooth or easy adjustment, but they are both very keen on education and have a strong desire to excel in the classroom. Once they become more comfortable with the university system I think they will be outstanding students. It's a privilege to be their coach. David, of course, has also been slowed by an abdominal muscle injury that continues to keep him out of practice and off the court. But he's improving slowly and we hope he can return to full strength before the season ends."

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK IN NSU ATHLETICS

January 23 - Baseball vs. Mercy - 6:00 p.m.
January 24 - Baseball vs. Mercy - 6:00 p.m.
January 25 - Women's Basketball vs. Rollins College - 5:30 p.m.
January 25 - Men's Basketball vs. Rollins College - 7:30 p.m.
January 28 - Baseball vs. Concordia - 6:00 p.m.
**NSU's Sports Stats for the Week**

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**Classifieds:**

WE NEED COACHES!!

Nova Southeastern University School needs coaches for the spring season:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track
- Crew
- Swimming

Please contact Matt Linick @ 954-262-4468 for more information or submit your resume to linick@nova.edu
NSU Unites in an Effort to Recognize Diversity

Unity Week is NSU’s annual celebration of our ability to embrace diversity. The week includes events like A Cultural Taste of NSU, The Wall of Hate, The Hunger Banquet and Grate American Sleepout, which aim to let participants experience other cultures, combat prejudice, and promote awareness of how those less fortunate live.

Far Left: The NSU Vocal Ensemble performed a few tunes during the festivities. Left: NSU students gathered around in a tent for a little taste of diversity during the Cultural Taste of NSU.

Right: Bystanders gather around to watch the breaking down of the Wall of Hate.
Below: All that remains of the Wall of Hate. Photos by Paul Saneaux

Got a Question for Student Counseling?

Q: I have trouble falling asleep most nights. I can be totally exhausted, but then my head hits the pillow, and my mind starts racing, and I’m wide awake. After tossing and turning for a long, long time, I’ll finally drift off for 4 or 5 hours, but the sleep isn’t deep enough or long enough for me to feel rested. I’m sleepier in my classes than I am in my bed. Any suggestions? Should I take medication?

A: Have you seen your primary care physician, yet? Given the stress of studying, writing, taking exams, and just dealing with life, your difficulty in falling asleep is probably a result of your active involvement in school, but you might want your doctor to rule out any medical conditions that could be causing or contributing to your sleeplessness. He or she (or our psychiatrist in Student Counseling) could also talk to you about the option of taking medication to help interrupt the cycle of sleeplessness. If everything checks out medically and you’d prefer to fall asleep naturally (a good skill to learn!), try the following strategies and/or come in to get some more focused help from one of our counselors (call 954-262-7050).

As you’ve discovered, you can’t make yourself go to sleep. If you squeeze your eyes shut and order yourself to quit thinking, you’ll only wake up more. But you can do a lot to create the conditions for sleep, to invite sleep. Protect your bed as a place for sleep and sex (not necessarily in that order), delegating studying and bill paying and other left-brain activities to your desk. Stay clear of caffeine in the evening (or better yet, altogether), and avoid using alcohol as a sedative—it interrupts your sleep cycle as it is metabolized throughout the night. And make sure it is dark in your bedroom—artificial light can also disrupt sleep patterns.

When you crawl into bed, keep your eyes open until they get the idea to close on their own. As you lie there, allow yourself to tune into whatever you’re experiencing, and narrate what you notice, timing this naming process to your exhalations. With every breath out, name whatever you’re most aware of at the moment: "Test tomorrow...so tired...the hum of the air conditioner...legs twitching...racing thoughts...somebody’s voice in the hall...breathing...crick in my neck...pillow comfortable...smear of toothpaste...shoulders relaxing...etc." Goodnight.

Have a question you’d like answered in this space? Fire away: Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentscounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker)!
Michael Bergbaner  
Coral Springs, FL  
English  
Sophomore

"It's a great idea. Unity makes us all stronger."

Lauren Donnelly (left)  
Krystal Myers (right)  
Boston, MA; Tampa, FL  
Biology Majors  
Sophomore; Junior

"It's a wonderful way to bring different people together in a positive atmosphere"

Fahad Islam  
Congo Jungle  
Junior  
Biology

"I feel that this campus lacked unity before this week was put together over 5 years ago. How we become a more close knit community because of these event."

Lua Hancock  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Higher Education  
PHD

"I think that every year this is the best week of programming of the year. Good collaboration, good student involvement"

Randi Samuels  
Saint Francisco, California  
Psychology  
Senior

"I think these programs are important to show the unity and cohesiveness of the students on this campus."

Andrew Ibrahim  
New York, Congo Jungle  
Finance  
Freshman

"This week has been incredible in regards to unifying campus. Between the wall of hate, the cultural taste of NSU, and unity jam, campus has been exciting. People from different cultures coming together, enjoying one another's company, it's an incredible feeling. Hopefully each year can built on the success of unity week and continue to make it an exiting time at NSU."

Marcie Washington  
Yonges Island, South Carolina  
Conflict Analysis and Resolution  
PHD

"The events for this week have been excellent considering they have fulfilled the purpose of unity week, which is to make our campus community aware of the many diverse cultures here at NSU as well as in the world. Thus making everyone realize we are all working towards the same goal in the race of life."

V.J. Maisonet  
North Carolina  
Marine Biology  
Junior

"The events get better and better every year. It's a great way to build community on campus. Students get a good opportunity to broaden their horizons."
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“Many of those struggling to survive are veterans, single parents, and children who were tied up in foster care systems.”

“I don’t think too many people sit down and listen to the stories of the homeless,” Lalwani said. Senior Davina Bailey, who volunteered at the event, shared similar concerns. “I was interested in coming out and hearing everyday stories and supporting the cause.”

About ten participants were expected to stay overnight in conditions resembling that of homelessness. A Public Affairs press release instructed that “no personal toiletries, gum, bottled water, food, pillows, iPods, cell phones, electronics or battery powered items” were allowed during the sleep out.

The event was dedicated to Norris Gaynor, the local homeless man who was recently beaten to death. Organizers hoped to spread a positive example of people coming out to help the poor. “Our goal is to raise awareness of hunger and homelessness in Broward County,” said Lua Hancock, Director of Residential Life. She hopes that the banquet will lead to change and “inspire [students] to do something.”

Forman believes that eliminating labels and getting the wealthy to donate is essential to eliminating poverty. “The reason for poverty is people protecting their own resources,” she said. Those who know that “the point of resources is to share” are “gems” to Forman.

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“Lies, lies, lies! Nicotine is a drug and if you smoke, you are a drug addict.”

He recalls that he always wanted to be an actor, and modeled to support himself. When Landers became a spokesperson for Winston Cigarettes, they never told him that cigarettes were harmful, and as a smoker he consumed two and a half packs a day.

In 1988, Landers underwent preparations for a hernia operation during which a tumor on his lung was discovered. Even though he was told not to smoke ten days prior to his operation, he did so the night before.

Describing his surgery as “horrible,” Landers said that it took four and half years before he returned to work. In 1993, a chest x-ray revealed a tumor on his left lung.

During that surgery, a nerve to Landers’ vocal cords was accidentally severed, rendering him unable to communicate for a year. Further, when undergoing vocal surgery, a nerve was damaged.

Clips of his old cigarette advertisements were presented, and the former model revealed his operation scars to the audience. “Smoking is the most selfish act you can commit,” Landers asserted. “It not only wipes you out, but your whole family.”

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- 6:30-7:30p.m. Pilates
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Showbiz Bits

By Marines Alvarez
A&E's Editor

Diapers Do Come In That Size
Paris Hilton's publicists are trying to silence a cab driver that is alleging that Hilton peed in his cab. Apparently Paris was too drunk to notice that she had made a wee. According to the Breaking News website, "The cabbie Paris was too drunk to notice that she had made a wee—Say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her." Can someone say gross!? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross? Maybe what's grosser is that said publicists Hilton's own DNA as evidence against her. Can someone say gross?

You Can Call Him Daddy Instead
Kevin Federline is serious when he "taps" the above line. For real. Call him Daddy because apparently he really doesn't like "K-Fed." In a recent interview with SOHH.com, Kevin was asked what artist he didn't like. In a surprising bout of honesty, Federline replied, "I don't like K-Fed." When asked why, Federline quickly hung up the phone, proving that K-Fed is very immature and impolite. It must be hard never reading a book. Ever. Hello Magazine reports that Federline's "pretty husband to help with the clothes and her five year old to help with the book. Said five year old has to be better read than she is.

I'll Write the Book, But I Won't Read It
Push Spice, a.k.a the one who really, really couldn't sing but is really beautiful and is married to Mr. Beautiful David Beckham, wants to write children's books. It's a nice suggestion, but Mrs. Spicy Beckham has admitted to never reading a book. Ever. Hello Magazine reports that in addition to children's books, she wants to start a line of women's clothing. Well, maybe she can get her usually pretty husband to help with the clothes and her five year old to help with the book. Said five year old has to be better read than she is.

American Idol Brings the Drama
For reasons unknown to me, 35 million people tuned into the premier of "American Idol." Maybe it's because "Idol" brings the funny (a la William Hung). Maybe it's because "Idol" brings the good (a la Ruben and Clay and whoever else won). Maybe it's because "Idol" brings the drama. For instance, Kelly Clarkson reportedly refused to let Idol use her songs. According to Yahoo! News, Simon Cowell called the decision, "a big mistake." Apparently Kelly thought so too, and relented saying she would allow her songs to be used on a "case to case basis." Nice move, Kelly. We wouldn't want to lose alienate the people that gave you a career.

The Best Last Name Ever
Little Maddox, Zahara, and Jun In the Oven have it made. That's right folks, according to Yahoo! News, a judge has granted Angelina's request to tack on Brad's last name onto her adopted children. As if little Maddox didn't have it good enough, he is now Maddox Jolie-Pitt. Anyone else thinking this kid is never going to get in trouble? No traffic tickets, no lay-offs, no stalking time-out for that matter. I wonder when my petition to change my name to Jolie-Pitt is going to go through. It's been a month since I filed it.

Celebrities Shine at Golden Globes

By Marines Alvarez
A&E's Editor

"You know, walking in here tonight I felt a tug on my dress and it was a little girl. She told me that because of me, she wants to be President of the United States one day." As Geena Davis made this remark after accepting her "Best Actress in a Drama Series" award at the "63rd Annual Golden Globes," the audience was noticeably touched, as they collectively said, "Aww." WELL, that didn't actually happen, she added without missing a beat, "but it could have.."

The Golden Globe Awards are awards for motion pictures and television programs, but known most for their laid back and irreverent feel. Run since 1944 by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), it is the third-most watched awards show, following the "Grammys" and the "Oscars." As a rule of thumb, the "Golden Globes" sets the pace for what is usually known as the "awards season."

The A-List stars in attendance illuminated this year's awards, despite their predictability. Angelia's film Brokeback Mountain was a big winner, grabbing four Golden Globes including "Best Director" and "Best Motion Picture - Drama." Other big winners included Felicity Huffman's win for her role in Transamerica and Phillip Seymour Hoffman's win for his role in Capote.

Walk the Line, a film chronicling the life of the late Johnny Cash, also had its share of glory. In addition to its win for "Best Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical," both the leading stars, Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon, grabbed Globes of their own.

On the television end of it, ABC walked away with the award for "Best Series - Drama" given to Lost and "Best Series - Comedy" given to the Desperate Housewives of Wisteria Lane.

In addition to the awards given at the Golden Globes, much mind is paid to what the celebrities are wearing. Noticeable trends included red, white and cocktail length dresses. Best and worst dressed list are popping up all over the Internet.

Knoxville past his prime in 'Ringer'

By Ryan J. Gauthier
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)
01/19/2006

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. The Ringer is quite an enigma in and of itself. It manages to be the least funny movie with arguably one of the more hilarious plots to come along in quite some time. With premises surrounding a young man pretending to be mentally challenged to fit the Special Olympics, it sounded mildly promising. Anyone who has seen the episode of "South Park" where Cartman does the exact same thing with hilarious results will tell you that The Ringer had potential. But somewhere along the way, director Barry Blaustein (The Honeymonsters) managed to mangle a perfectly good idea and create one of the least funny comedies of the year.

It's surprisingly difficult to pinpoint the source of the tremendous amount of "suck" that exists within The Ringer, but there are multiple possibilities. A decent guess would be that the crew worried too much about making the film heartwarming and completely forgot about adding any funny bits to the movie. There are less than a handful of laughable jokes in The Ringer, but almost all of them stem from someone poking fun at one of the many mentally challenged members of the cast. While this more than amused the few dozen pre-teens who were watching the film, it seemed rather tasteless in the long run.

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**This Week in Arts & Entertainment**

**Movie Openings**

**January 27**

- **Amour**
  - **Starring:** James Franco, Tyrese Gibson, Jordana Brewster
  - **Director:** Justin Lin
  - **Genre:** Drama
  - **MPAA Rating:** PG-13
  - **Synopsis:** A young man from the wrong side of the tracks has his dream come true when he is accepted to the Naval Academy. But once there, he is out sure he measures up against the best and the brightest.

- **Nanny McPhee**
  - **Starring:** Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Angela Lansbury
  - **Director:** Kirk Jones
  - **Genre:** Comedy, Family
  - **MPAA Rating:** PG
  - **Synopsis:** A new nanny enters the household of the recently widowed Mr. Brown and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly ill-behaved children. The children, led by the oldest boy, Simon, have managed to drive away 17 previous nannies and are certain that they will have no trouble with this one. But as Nanny McPhee takes control, they begin to notice that their wild behavior now leads swiftly and magically to rather startling consequences.

- **Big Momma's House 2**
  - **Starring:** Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Emily Procter
  - **Director:** John Whitesell
  - **Genre:** Comedy
  - **MPAA Rating:** PG-13
  - **Synopsis:** The continuing adventures of master-of-false-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer. While undercover in the house of the suspected criminal, Malcolm grows attached to the suspect's three children.

**Book Releases**

**Available January 24**

- **Cell** by Stephen King
  - **Synopsis:** What happens on the afternoon of October 1 came to be known as the Pulse, a signal sent though every operating cell phone that turns its user into something...well, something less than human. Savage, murderous, unhinging—and on a warren rampage. Terrorist act? Cyber prank gone haywire? It really doesn’t matter, not to the people who avoided the technological attack. What matters to them is surviving the aftermath.

- **The Hunt Club** by John Lescroart
  - **Synopsis:** A federal judge is murdered, found shot to death in his home—together with the body of his mistress. The crime grips San Francisco. To homicide inspector Devin Juhle, it looks at first like a simple case of a wife’s jealousy and rage. But Juhle’s investigation reveals that the judge had powerful enemies...some of whom may have been willing to kill to prevent him from meddling in their affairs.

**CD Releases**

**Available January 24**

- **Lights and Sounds** by Yellowcard
  - **Testify by Y.O.D.**
  - **Saat, Saat, Saat** by The Electred

**DVD Releases**

**Available January 24**

- **Jodie Foster in Highplan**
  - **Tom Wellings in The Fog**
  - **Roman Polanski’s Oliver Twist**

**Entertainment**

**January 25**

- **Jewish Princesses of Comedy at the Parker Playhouse in Ft. Lauderdale**

**January 27**

- **Ron White at the Sound Advice Amphitheater in West Palm Beach**

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- **KISS Country Chili Cook-off at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines**

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Another possibility is that Barry Blaustein felt pressure from the Special Olympics in making the film. When someone is faced with the task of getting the Special Olympics to sign off on a movie that seems to be designed to poke fun at them, things are bound to fall apart at some point. And when that same director's resume includes work on cinematic masterpieces like *The Honeymooners* and *Beyond the Mat*, things look even worse.

Perhaps it's just that Johnny Knoxville (*The Dukes of Hazzard*) isn't funny. The guy has done almost nothing notable since his work on *Jackass*, and even then he wasn't exactly the star of the show.

But seeing as *The Ringer* is a bit of an enigma, it manages to present a completely unexpected film—one devoid of any humor and heavy on heartwarming scenes. It succeeds in painting a wonderful image of both the Special Olympics and its competitors, but it's hard to deny that the majority of people seeing this film might not be looking for that. Maybe it's a bit cynical, but teenagers aren't typically the most open-minded, caring people. For them, this film will come off as one extended tease, never giving them the very thing trailers made them think they'd be getting.

It's pretty difficult to criticize a movie that represents something that could be so easily mocked in such a positive light. On one hand, **The Ringer** deserves accolades for the maturity with which it presents the material and could easily make even the most judgmental person somewhat sympathetic to the courage of the Olympians—maybe it could be the first step toward removing the "r"-word from the American vocabulary.

On the other hand, a movie that advertises itself as a comedy (hell, it's produced by the Farrelly Brothers) and fails to deliver any laughs can't be all that good—can it?

So while everyone involved with this project deserves kudos for making a completely inoffensive film about someone fixing the Special Olympics, at the same time they deserve a slap in the face for dropping the ball in all other aspects of the film. Had they maybe spent a little more time working on the supposed jokes of the script and a little less time trying to please anyone and everyone who could possibly be offended in any way, maybe it'd be somewhat enjoyable.

As it stands, *The Ringer* is the comedy that fails to amuse and dumps heaps upon heaps of cheesey fluff on top of everything in hopes that it'll get by simply because it delivers a nice message. When the funniest part of the film is when Knoxville watches a brief clip of "Family Guy," that says something about its quality—and it's not a good something.
Dear NSU Community,

As I was grocery shopping last week, I wandered down one aisle in search of some detergent single use (like detergent), but a lot of things that have perfectly fine multi-use equivalents. Flimsy dishcloths with soap already in them may be convenient for some people... but they’re fine multi-use equivalents. Flimsy dishcloths with soap already in them may be convenient for someone, but they’re also a mark of how incredibly lazy we’ve become. Does it really take all that much more effort to squirt some soap on a sponge and then rinse it out when you’re finished with it?

That’s not the only thing that is entirely disposable and shouldn’t exist. "Facial cloths?" Hello—cleaner and a wash cloth (or is laundry too difficult?). Single use toilet brushes? I understand the sanitary issues, but that’s what bleach is for.

Yeah. I know. Sometimes single-use things are fine. I really can’t see myself saving bits of aluminum foil anymore using a turkey pan at Thanksgiving (although I should probably just invest in a decent-sized roasting pan one of these days). My grandmother used to wash out plastic bags and use them several times, and I always thought that was a little extreme. But even where convenience goes, "too much of a good thing" does exist.

Which is why I use the same tired water bottle until it’s dead and my Gladware® frequently visits the dishwasher.

Sincerely,
Alisha VanHoose
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"...[stated] in the student concern letter are... [accusations] founded solely on biased opinions and not facts..."

made me wince several times before when she had made them publicly known, but I winced because of their brutal honesty, not because they are insulting. Freshman Sen- tor Andrew Ibrahim said "people are just angry because [she] goes by the books" and I vehemently agree with that as well. Siminovsky knows the SGA Constitution and bylaws like they were her own so- cial security number. If I wanted someone to represent my bill, it would be her. There was also no failure to adequately represent a bill; if she denied a bill or budget from her own constituents, guess what, the constituents are to blame for mistakes in the documents they submit. Tough luck. Read the bud- get guidelines more carefully.

IOC Senator Jessica Boyd was accused of the same deal, of failure to adequately represent a bill. I spoke with Boyd, who acknowledged that Burque asked for an application for an IOC position. Just because a senator presents a bill it does not mean they must automatically support it all, especially when there is a fault in the document. Constituents also do not control their respective Senators as if they were mindless puppets.

The last part of the letter, which is also my favorite, describes the complaint of one individual and his failure to receive an IOC application. He apparently asked for an applica- tion on "numerous occasions" but never received one. He also states that the "OSB was not func- tioning" at that time. This person, who I will randomly name Sean Burque for sake of decency, did not understand that since the Or- ganizational Standards Board was not functioning, the application process was also not in the best of order. I spoke with Boyd, who presented a bill asking for an application, searched for one, could not find one, and, in some form of a memo, attempted to inform Burque that one was not available at the moment. Memos tend to get lost, don't they? Any- way, Boyd did not neglect Burque's request out of spite or whatever he may believe. Applications were merely difficult to locate and that is no reason to impeach Boyd. That is not negligence of duty.

My last gripe is with the feeble support the students gave to this matter. I identified two of the five petitioners who prompted the im- peachment; Burque and Mitchel Aldas. Where were the other three supporters? Where were the other 50 students who signed the peti- tion? Did all of them have class on a Wednesday at 4 p.m.? Did I feed the cats? Those are all questions that need answering and according to the turnout of supporters, the concern didn't seem like much of a concern at all. Signatures are rela- tively easy to get a hold of outside of Parker during rush hour, but that's not an accusation- I'm just making a point. A point that in no way whatsoever implies that I believe a majority of the signa- tures belong to people who had no idea what they were signing. Revenge, anyone?

Additional Notes

For the love of brevity, all representatives of bills, including Maria Bernal, should answer questions in 10 words or less.

The OSB will investigate the details of the impeachment and how to begin the proceed- ings; 20 days have been allotted in order to reach a recommenda- tion and I will post an update.

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