**Distinguished Author Discusses Evil in Continuing Series**

Judith Ortiz Cofer shares how the terrorist attacks of 911 helped refine her poetry

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

Speaking as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, award-winning author Judith Ortiz Cofer discussed the problem of Good and Evil, this year’s university-wide theme. The University of Georgia professor focused on the perception of evil following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks during her lecture at the Mailman Auditorium on March 15 as she read poetry selections and answered audience questions.

In the days following the attacks, Ortiz said that she lost her will to write poetry. “I didn’t feel like writing about my little life,” she said, realizing that a global crisis was beginning. But once she found that people were turning to poetry, which she described as a “secular prayer,” for comfort, Ortiz knew that she could no longer remain silent.

Feeling anger over her perceived misuse of the word “evil,” Ortiz forced herself to write a poem that would restore significance to the word. “I needed to regain meaning of words that had been bantered around” by politicians causing them to become “devalued,” she explained.

The poet decided incorporated the words and rhetoric from political speeches into her poem, “The Names of the Dead.” Though she considers it “a poem that is hard to read” due to its subject manner, it was necessary for her to get back her use of language.

Those in attendance were struck by Ortiz’s poetry. Ryan Frabizio, a sophomore, commented that the poet’s Sept. 11 work was “profound and sobering.” She was able to capture a contemporary thing and analyze it,” Frabizio said, noting that adequate reflection upon tragedies can usually take much longer.

Senior Erika Frade thought that “it was great to hear [Ortiz] speak from a Spanish point of view,” but was

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**Expanding Horizons**

New residence hall to be built, paths to change

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

The NSU campus will be experiencing another phase of growth. An as-of-yet unnamed residence hall is scheduled to undergo construction in the area situated between the Goodwin and Founders residence halls March 22, revealed Director of Housing Anthony DeSantis.

“I was recently informed by Moss/Miller and the university’s administration that construction of a new residence hall would begin this week,” said DeSantis. “We knew that a hall was going to be built, but it was originally planned for April, so it was nice to hear that construction would begin early.”

Fencing will change to accommodate space for construction: the east side of the CLC and Vettel residence halls, the south side of Farquhar, the west side of Goodwin, and the volleyball area will be fenced in so construction can begin.

“[Residential Life and Housing] feels that this will benefit the students greatly and we want students to be informed,” asserted DeSantis. “We want to be honest and straightforward about changes on campus.”

Construction will cause some complications, however. DeSantis asked the students to be patient with the “noise and dust.”

Other changes will be implemented around the site of the new hall to ease construction.

“Forty-five parking spots in front of Vettel will be relocated between Goodwin and CLC because 120 spots are not being used during the night,” explained DeSantis. “The master sewer line that runs from the current halls to the new hall also needs to be relocated.”

The section of the Vettel parking lot undergoing modification will return to normal use around April 14.

The Office of Residential Life and Housing recognized that it will be difficult for students to reach class on existing pathways. As a result, the paths will be altered, allowing students to cross in front of the University Center beginning near April 1.

“I was thrilled when I heard the news about the walkways changing,” said sophomore Amanda Beretta, who resides in Farquhar. “I think the construction is an inconvenience, but the overall idea of a new dorm is good; the campus is growing and we need more room for new students.”

Derek Sham, sophomore and Residential Advisor for Goodwin, said “the idea is immaculate” and that the dorm will bring in many residents. He added that it will provide a new hangout spot to “enhance residential life.”

More updates will be available in both future issues of *The Current* and newsletters from the Office of Residential Life and Housing.
SGA Report: Emptying Pockets and Readyin Ballot Boxes

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-chief

A dwindling senate reserve fund and the loss of several key members of the SGA was apparent during this week's meeting, which saw a combination of cooperation and conflict. Despite a quarter of the meeting time being spent on a single bill, the day's business was concluded with most organizations walking away with most or all of the funds requested.

Announcements

To begin the meeting was VPJ Davia McDonald's official announcement that CED Joycelyn McGlothlen had resigned from her position, citing an inability to adequately perform her duties as Campus Entertainment Director as well as her academic responsibilities. As McGlothlen submitted her resignation shortly after the last senate meeting, the announcement was not able to be made until this week.

McDonald also made known that election packets were due, and it was announced at the end of the meeting by Freshman Senator Andrew Ibrahim that he intended to form a ticket. Ibrahim later named his running mares as Rico Hernandez for VPL and Laxmi Lalwani as VPJ. The ticket, Impact, was running unopposed as of press time.

"I'm angry that I'm running unopposed," said Ibrahim. "I'm furious. It means that students don't care.

Ibrahim cited easing the process of funding for clubs and organizations and unifying the campus as goals of his party. He also mentioned that he wanted to continue what Student Voice had started earlier this year.

"I want to change so much," said Ibrahim. "The people who are running with me have a dream. Student Voice started out like that, and now Impact is going to finish the job."

Other news from McDonald included a request from former SGA President Jason Peabody for the OSB to investigate his removal from office. She mentioned that an investigation will take place, but that it was a sensitive matter and involved another senator.

Former VPL Liz Harbaugh was recognized during open forum at the conclusion of the meeting and offered to fill the position of SGA President for the remainder of the year.

"I believed very firmly in what we stood for and still do," said Harbaugh, adding that the offer was made as to whether the SGA will support or not.

The matter was not discussed further, and no decision has been made as to whether the SGA will take Harbaugh up on her offer.

In other news, PR Senator Danielle Garcia announced that the new shark mascot, Razor, was to be unveiled, and that there was a campus fan group, The Finatics, in the works. How the decision to name the mascot Razor was reached was not mentioned.

Secretary Sami Ray also announced that the PANSYG was looking to conduct a survey on library hours, as there are currently no quiet study areas on campus which are open 24 hours.

Old Business

This week, the SGA saw the return of the Spring Fling bill, this time requesting $12,794 rather than the $15,000 SUB asked for before Spring Break. The main reason so far was a reduction in McDonald and VPL's budgets. She also added that between 300 and 400 people were expected to attend.

After about half an hour of deliberation, which included a ten minute recess to discuss the bill and cut costs, it was decided to approve the bill for $6,500 after the concert. Marissa Mingus, the SUB representative, explained that part of the money would be going to some unexpected production costs. She also added that between 300 and 400 people were expected to attend.

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Mummy Baby Found... Inside Mother
Zahra Abouraib, a superstitious 81-year-old Moroccan woman, carried her dead baby in her womb for 46 years, thinking that it was sleeping. According to the Sunday Mirror, the pregnancy was ectopic and the fetus defied enormous odds to completely grow outside of the womb. Despite going into labor, Abouraib never birthed the seven pound child and refused a caesarean section fearing death. She said that "I could still feel him inside me. But I thought he had gone to sleep." The mummified baby was only discovered recently after Abouraib complained of stomach pains and doctors conducted an ultrasound.

Potential Rock Star Bounces to Death

While practicing for his future career as a bouncing rock star, Li Xiao Meng accidentally propelled himself out of his third story window, plummeting to his death. The Chinese business school student studying in Singapore frequently enjoyed copying traditional rock star antics, such as erratic jumping. Reuters reported that a coroner’s court determined “unintentionally falling out of the window... when he was hyped up with exhilaration” was the cause of death. Open windows, such as the kind Meng fell from, are typically prohibited by the hostel.

Man and Goat Wed
Fed up spending quiet Saturday nights alone at home, a Sudanese man entered into an intimate relationship with a local goat. BBC News reported that Mr. Tombe was startled by the goat's owner, Mr. Ali, and fell off the animal. Once captured, Mr. Tombe was presented before a council of elders who decided that, since he had "used it as his wife," he would pay a dowry for the goat and take it as his wife. According to Mr. Ali, "as far as we know they are still together."

Confused, Gun-Wielding Elderly Woman Robs Bank
An elderly West Mifflin, Pa., woman, apparently confused as to how money is withdrawn from a bank, held up a National City Bank teller at gunpoint and escaped with $5,000. The 75-year-old Marilyn Devine then led police on a five-mile medium speed pursuit with top speeds of 45 mph, according to ThePittsburghChannel.com. Police captured the woman to discover that the gun, belonging to her husband, was not loaded. Police Chief Joe Popovich said that "she's probably anybody's grandmother. It's unclear." Devine is undergoing psychological evaluations and is being held on $100,000 bail.

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North America

700,000 Acres burned in Texas fires
According to the Associated Press, firefighters worked through the night trying to contain wind-driven wildfires that raced across hundreds of thousands of acres on the dry southern plains" on Monday, Mar. 13. The fires forced the evacuation of over 1,900 people in seven counties and several small towns, and killed at least seven people. State officials told reporters they had "no estimate of the number of homes destroyed by the flames." Warren Bleden, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said "this is probably one of the biggest five days in Texas history." Officials are unsure as to what caused the latest blazes, but meteorologists blame winds " gusting up to 55 mph and low humidity" for creating conditions "ideal for fires to spread." Cooler temperatures are also expected to help firefighters. Downed power lines and smoke also caused several accidents on Texas highways. For more information visit www.yahoo.com.

Europe

Milosevic may have hastened death
Reuters reported that a Dutch toxicologist from the Groningen University, Donald Uges, claimed Slobodan Milosevic "took drugs that worsened his health before dying in prison." His unexpected death came only a few months before a verdict on his war crimes trial was due to be announced. Milosevic, also known as the "Butcher of the Balkans," had been on trial for four years, "charged with 60 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes" in Bosnia, Croatia, and Kosovo. UN chief prosecutor Carla del Ponte said she was furious that "Milosevic's victims had been denied justice" and even suggested he may have committed suicide to avoid the verdict. The court tribunal said it would hold a hearing on Mar. 13 that was likely to close the trial. Some pathologists said Milosevic died of "myocardial infarction," or blockage of one coronary artery, that resulted from previous heart conditions. Uges claims Milosevic took the wrong medicine to convince officials to let him receive treatment in Moscow, where his family and friends reside. For more information visit www.reuters.com.

Middle East

U.S. launches new 'Operation Swarmer'
"More than 1,500 Iraqi and Coalition troops, over 200 tactical vehicles, and more than 50 aircraft participated" in the largest operation since Operation Shock and Awe in 2003, military officials told the Associated Press. The U.S. military said Operation Swarmer was designed to eliminate "a suspected insurgent operating area" in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. Samarra is also the site of the major bomb attack on the Shi'ite shrine on Feb. 22 that resulted in "sectarian bloodshed that has killed more than 500 and injured hundreds more, threatening to pull Iraq into civil war." Soldiers apparently found weapon caches that contained missiles, artillery shells, various explosives, and supplies to make improvised explosive devices, the main killer of American soldiers. The area surrounding Samarra is believed to be a "boothed for insurgency activity" and military officials say Operation Swarmer may last days. For more information visit www.msnbc.com.

Africa

Migration of Africans causes worries
Seeking jobs and trying to escape the continuing conflicts of "the world's poorest continent," African migrants have been fleeing by homemade boats "on perilous ocean voyages" through Mauritania, a northwestern country, to Europe. According to the Associated Press, Mauritania's prime minister called on European nations for help, but some Spain claimed on Mar. 15 that 24 bodies of people evidently of sub-Saharan descent were found in the waters off the coast of Mauritania, Spain also reported the interception of "some 400 Africans trying to reach the Canary Islands — a single-day record — in nine overcrowded boats." The Spanish government sent a delegation to Mauritania to discuss ways to slow the increasing number of dangerous crossings. Canary Island officials recorded that over 1,000 Africans have died in the past four months. Migrants pass through Mauritania, which does not offer the easiest route, because countries in southern Europe have increased security on their coasts. For more information visit www.msnbc.com.

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also disappointed that a question and answer session held beforehand the event was not open to all students.

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NSU Women's Golf Team Finishes 3rd at NIU Springlake Invitational

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

March 10 and 11 the NSU women's golf team competed in the Eighth Annual Springlake Invitational hosted by Northern Illinois University. The No. 2 ranked Sharks finished third in this tournament and has now finished in the top-3 in five of their six events in the 2005-06 season. The women played at Springlake golf club in Sebring, FL. The golf course was a par-72 and the yardage was 5,850.

The Sharks set a new school record of a team total of 293 on the first day. Lynn University came away with the win, as they shot a tournament-low 292 on the final round. They finished four strokes over second-place Gonzaga. Head coach Kevin Marsh said, “The first day of Northern Illinois was encouraging. We responded from a tough tournament at Rollins with a 293, which was the lowest team score in the history of the program. The final day was too many of the same mistakes we have been making the entire year showed up.”

Lina Bjorklund had her best showing at this tournament. The first day of the tournament she shot a career-best 2-under-par score of 70. On the second day she shot a 2-over-par 74, and tied for a second place finish individually. The medalist of the tournament was Christine Brijalba of Texas State who shot 5-under-par 139 (70-69).

Junior, Anne-Sophie Friis finished tied for 16th with a two-day total of 151 (73-78). She said, “We all played really strongly, and Lina had great rounds.” Sophomore Elizabeth Bond tied for 25th as she shot 153 (77-76). Just one shot behind Bond, sophomore Jens Mstorm tied for 27th (74-80). Finally, freshman Andrea Maldonado came in tied for 44th (76-82).

Marsh said, “For us to win the Conference and Regional tournaments we are going to have to clean up our mistakes and play flawless golf. We have five top 3 finishes this year but the difference between good and great and learning from mistakes and improving weaknesses. I’m proud of what we have accomplished so far this year but if each player can improve one part of their game we will accomplish our main goal.”

The Sharks next tournament will be on March 27 and 28 as they compete in the 2006 NSU Spring Invitational. This will be hosted at their home course, Woodmont.

NSU Women’s Rowing Team Wins Lyden Cup With Varsity 8 Win, Varsity 4 and Novice 4 Race

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

March 11, the Nova Southeastern University women's rowing team competed in the Rollins Invitational on Lake Maitland in Winter Park, Fla. The Sharks claimed first place in the Varsity 8, Varsity 4 and Novice 4 races. They also took a second-place finish by the Nova Southeastern 8 crew. In the Varsity 8, the Sharks took the first place almost 13 seconds ahead of Villanova.

“The regatta went very well for the team,” said Head coach John Gartin. “It was a great way to start the season, but we have a lot of work and racing left.” He added that “we showed a lot of the teams that we will be ready for us. A lot of the teams that we will be racing are going to be ready for us. It is going to be a great season,” commented Gartin.

The NSU women's rowing team will be competing on March 25 on Lake Maitland in the Rollins Spring Break Race.

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NSU Baseball Excels During a Competitive Season

By Tranell Mesa

Staff Writer

NSU’s baseball team (15-7, 1-4 SSC) hammered out 20 hits to defeat Bloomfield College, 14-3. Junior first baseman Chris Reynolds went 4-5 with 2 RBIs alongside teammate freshman catcher Matt Fisher, who went 2-4 with a couple RBIs of his own.

With the Sharks pounding Palm Beach Atlantic 12-1, crushing Carson-Newman College 12-2, and stomping all over Mercy College 21-1, fans have been questioning whether or not the boys are playing a schedule that is competitive enough for them.

Freshman fanatic Justine Waring states, “Granted the boys are playing great so far, it just seems like most of the teams they are facing aren’t giving them too much of a challenge.”

“It is college baseball,” said Fisher. “We look at it like we are playing the number one team in the nation every game, we don’t care who they are. Every game is...competitive.”

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after advisor Terry Morrow reminded that the sponsors from CommunityFest could provide refreshments more cheaply.

New Business
Representatives from several fraternities and sororities showed up to support a bill being presented to fund several events during Greek Week. A total of $6749.89 was requested, $5469.89 of which was slated for the Greek Formal at the end of the week. There was a long debate over the bill which included another ten minute recess. Greek representatives pointed out that the formal was open to all and was essentially an awards banquet, as there was no longer a Stuey for Greek organizations. The bill was passed for a total of $4280.73 after prices for food and DJ were cut down and the cash bar was removed, as the SGA does not fund alcohol. The awards were also not funded, as that should go through the Leadership Development Committee.

Most of the rest of the bills were uneventful. ANAD received $282 for a reception before a speaker on eating disorders on March 27 after the 10-day rule was suspended on the basis that this was the first SGA meeting since Spring Break. APO received the $1400 requested to send 10 delegates to a leadership conference, in part to place a bid to host the conference next year. The last bill of the day was presented for PAD, who were organizing a leadership success lecture, followed by a teambuilding exercise at Dave and Buster's. The bill passed for the $489.97 requested.

Freshman Senator Steven Reddy presented a referendum to add a second residential senator to reflect the growing residential population. There was disagreement over how the duties would be split and whether or not to decree that there be a number of residential senators proportionate to the number of residential students. The bill was tabled due to time constraints.

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Freshmen
Freeport, Bahamas

"Live everyday like it's your last"

Maria Bernal
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Senior
Bogotá, Colombia

"I'll see you there"

Anthony Ferrara
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"Do onto others as you would have them do onto you"

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"I'm having a hard time finding the tunnel"

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Mathew Gunter
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"Life is sacred, enjoy it while you can"

Iris Lee
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"I love you mommy and daddy"

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NSU On The Scene:
"If you had little time left, what would your last words to the world be?"

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Shruti Salghur  Huizenga School
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Phyllis Coleman  Law
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Courtney Reid  Soccer
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Lindsey Colbert  Golf

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Name          School, College or Center
SVOSH  Optometry
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ASDA  Dental Medicine
PHSA  Osteopathic Medicine
CALS  Law

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Name          School, College or Center
Honor Society  Student Affairs
Pre-Dental Society  Business Services
Delta Phi Epsilon  Facilities Management
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  Huizenga School
Undergraduate SGA

Athletic Team of the Year - 2006
Name
Men's Basketball
Men's Baseball
Women's Rowing
Men's Golf
Women's Tennis
**Movie Review**

**Ultraviolet: Ultra Lame**

By Paul Saneaux  
Staff Writer

**Paul:** "Hi. My name is Violet and I was born into a world (dramatic pause) you may not understand:" this is the weak, narrative introduction line that Ultraviolet begins with, and Miller, you could not be more right. I thought it was an introduction, but in fact it was a subtle warning: "get out while you can." I had not the foggiest idea of what was transpiring on the screen before me until about the middle of the horrible, clichéd plot. And when I did find out what was going on, I only saw repetitive action sequences and acting that made me wince. This movie was so flaky, so ethereal and wispy-like in plot consistency, that it almost felt like a really, really bad dream.

**Mike:** I agree that the plot was terrible. You could look at it as a commentary on racial issues and social class constructions... if you were grossly over-analytical. What we have here is a sci-fi movie about a hot chick with guns. That’s more or less what I expected from Ultraviolet, but it needs to be said that the plot has more holes than Violet’s gunned-down victims. The movie takes plenty of breaks from the action, but uses them to explain absolutely nothing. They are mostly frivolous talking scenes that attempt to flesh out the shallow characters.

**P:** In fact, it wasn’t a nightmare. I’ve had nightmares that were more enjoyable than this waste of theater patrons’ time and money.

What Ultraviolet actually mimicked was a 120-minute CoverGirl commercial... a violent one nevertheless. Violet’s (Jovovich) face looked like it was growing peach fuzz because it looked so impossibly soft. Visually speaking, the scenes looked like they were thoroughly polished with Turtled Wax and airbrushed. I don’t know what the art directors were trying to pull off, but giving the characters and sets an odd glossy appearance had nary a positive effect. Everything just looked dangerously slippery. By the way, who in the world made the law that characters in futuristic flicks had to wear leather?

**Mr.** The PG-13 rating delivers so-so action scenes. There is nothing really new or innovative, although Wimmer at times does borrow some “Gun-Kata” style action from his previous movie Equilibrium (which is worlds better than Ultraviolet). And aside from practicing his, um, um, um... how original.

They slice, they dice, they... kill a lot of people. How original.

**Showbiz Bits**

**I Thought It Was a Cocoa Puff**

Oh Britney, Britney, Britney. I would love to stop talking about you and your musically challenged self, but you make it so easy. This week’s Britney buzz word? Unsanitary. Now, don’t get your million dollar panties in a bunch, Britney; I know that is a five syllable word, so I’ll try and explain what it means. Remember the time you walked into a public bathroom (where people do number one and number two) and thought it was too safe. And you know how The Superficial is reporting that you changed your baby’s diaper on a restaurant table in L.A.? See, people might have a problem with this. That’s poop germs you’re spreading all over the table where people eat. And Britney Spears’ poop germs are just as disgusting as regular ones. Actually, I think they are worse. I wish I could have mercy on the next person to sit at that table and who may or may not find a mysterious chocolate puff.

**Keep Your South Park Hands off Scientology**

Isaac Hayes, the deep-voiced soul singer and voice of Chef on “South Park,” has announced that, after nine seasons, he is leaving the show. What’s the reason? you may ask? Not enough money? Jokes got a little old? New and better opportunity? No. Mr. Hayes has cited “inauspicious ridicule” of religion as the reason. I know, hold your shock “There is a place in this world for satire, but there is a time when satire ends and intolerance begins,” said Hayes. Apparently that “time” is now. "You can’t make fun of Scientology, which dealt with their religion of choice. Satire was fine over the past nine seasons when the show was skewering Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism or Hinduism. Nice double standard there Hayes. I hope they kill Chef off in a bloody episode that beats the crap out of Scientology. Just for entertainment’s sake.

**Not Manorexia Too!**

The anorexia epidemic that is sweeping Hollywood starlets is getting a little old. They’re rich, they’re “talented,” and they seem to think food is a very bad thing and fat is the devil. Please understand that anorexia is never a good thing. It’s bad, bad, bad. But when EOnline reported on anorexia in the mid-90’s, I found it quite refreshing. The weight loss started for a role in a film, but the 51 year old actor admits that he “could not connect with the 138 pound man in the mirror” and that he still saw himself as 180 pounds. That’s a sad kind of story. I hope, truly, that manorexia does not become a Hollywood trend. Walking stick people whose looks like they can spear fish is not ever a happy trend.

**Forbes’ List of “Shove it in Poor People’s Faces”**

Sadly, it’s that time of year again. Sure, billionaires’ everywhere are scurrying to their mailboxes and ripping open their copy of Forbes Magazine, so they can see how their money stacks up against the world, but for me and 99.70% of the rest of the world, it’s not so much fun. Number one on the list is, of course, Bill Gates, who I seriously think needs to consider investing in the “Me Foundation.” Other notable appearances include Oprah at $562 of 793 billionaires. Not quite the showing you’d expect from Mrs. “Everyone’s Getting a Car!” Steven Spielberg is number 245 and Donald Trump’s at 278. On another note, of the top five American billionaires, four are college dropouts— I’m just saying...

**The Oscar Goes to the Academy**

By Marines Alvarez  
A&E Editor

Award shows are the kind of things that I love to hate. You watch with your head in one hand and popcorn in the other. That being said, I must admit that this year’s Oscars were surprisingly... good. Or, maybe I shouldn’t take it that far and just say that they were markedly better than last year. Maybe it was the fact that the Academy is getting with the times; some of the top movies included Transamerica, which focused on transexuality, Brokeback Mountain, which focused on the homosexuality, Syriana, which dealt with terrorism and Crash, which dealt with racing.

All that plus a Best Song about pimps? It seems this year, Mr. Oscar was a little less pretentious.

What they don’t tell you about the Oscars is that the best awards are given after the award shows. It’s true. They also don’t tell you is that those awards are awarded by me. Here we go:

**Best John Stewart Moment:** Fans of his work probably recognized the “Daily Show” feel that was lingering through the Oscar show. It was tongue in cheek and a bit understated. There were no awkward declarations of presidential racism, or faux-tanned and suit clad celebrities spouting political opinions. It wasn’t the time or the place, and I think everyone involved did a good job of restraining themselves to the appropriate level. That being said, the best Jon Stewart joke? “Bjoen couldn’t be here this year. She was trying on her Oscar dress, and Dick Cheney shot her.”

In second place in the funny because its true category is, “Capote, of course, addressed very similar themes to Good Night, and Good Luck. Both films are about determined journalists defying obstacles in a relentless pursuit of the truth. Needless to say, both are period pieces.”

**Most Improved:** I must admit that I found the performance of Three Six Mafia’s “It’s Hard Out There for a Pimp” a little odd. I was later informed that you had to see the

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from the guns, we are left with bloodless sword battles (at one point, Violet obliterates dozens of soldiers donned from head-to-toe in pure white uniforms). Another thing that irks me about the action is that it's too perfect. Violet vanquishes her foes flawlessly and without injury, so there is never a sense of real conflicts or danger. People want conflict – that's Entertainment 101. It's no fun to watch a flawless hero.

P: There are action movies and there are action movies that are actually inaction movies. Ultraviolet is definitely one of those inaction films. A good (or rather terrible) portion of the movie is spent in future dialogue with no purpose. The real action sequences are sprinkled lightly here and there and only one of them is actually enjoyable: the motorcycle and helicopter chase scene. You see, Violet has that belt that, by some miracle of science, can reverse and change gravity in any way she sees fit. So when Violet is escaping on her motorcycle, she decides to race the rest of the fight scenes that hasn't been said about your normal, smelly heap of trash. I couldn't count how many times a scene ended in a circular room with dead bodies strewn about and Violet in the middle... in cool clothes. If I had Marty McFly's Delorean I would go back in time and only pay $2; that's what it's worth. Otherwise, I wouldn't have tortured myself for nearly an hour and a half.

M: Then the icing on the cake was the cheesy dialogue and a "film over the face." Watching Ultraviolet is like watching a movie with plastic wrap over your face – minus the finishing pose, obviously. If I had to warn the rest of the public to stay away, I think I will spontaneously combust. When it comes down to the effort of navigating the sea of ten-odd any stinking day. And anyways, it's more like a B-List piracy is evil and DVD's downloaded movies, and please oh please, don't wait until it comes out on DVD first if your movie is not worth downloading it. I'll take the award. Word on the street (not quite sure which street) is that the Academy got cold feet about the "gay" that got me. It was the movie is still viewable, but some may find it annoying. If anything saves this movie it's the cool sci-fi gadgets. We see gravity change gravity in any way she sees fit. So when Violet is escaping on her motorcycle, she decides to race Violet obliterates dozens of soldiers donned from head-to-toe in pure white uniforms). Another thing that irks me about the action is that it's too perfect. Violet vanquishes her foes flawlessly and without injury, so there is never a sense of real conflicts or danger. People want conflict – that's Entertainment 101. It's no fun to watch a flawless hero.

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A Fly On the Wall:
By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Finally! The Goodwin classroom was somewhat teeming with students coming out to support their organizations' bills and answer the questions of the Senate. The Greeks, for example, were in large numbers: members of Kappa Sigma, Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Beta Theta Pi were all amongst the large group supporting a bill for the upcoming Greek Week. As I've stressed before, the more informed representatives an organization sends to a Senate meeting, the more likely the Senate is to dispense funding.

I don't know if some students actually came out to hear an update on the situation concerning the ousting of SGA President Jason Peebles, but not to worry, he was not present anyway. There was a good reason (although some may believe this absurd) for President of Judicial Affairs Davia McDonald's quick to explain, however, that she and Peebles decided (mutually) that "his presence was not needed."

McDonald made the point, as well as Peebles in his letter, that his presence would just cause stress and turn the meeting into "a circus." That sounds logical, no? Maybe it does, but it is also a bad move in the sense of public relations. I understand the Senate wants to focus on business (as McDonald said), yet I would rather have had Peebles there to explain himself in his own words and answer questions from students and the Senate. I doubt people would have been throwing fists and slingg around the f-bomb. We are all mature, civilized adults, I suppose, and we could have handled open discussion on the issue. I would be satisfied with the reports that McDonald provides during the meetings, but it just so happens that the OSB isn't too fond of making the public privy to touchy information before investigations are complete. The OSB's reports can be a bit ambiguous at times.

Peebles also submitted a letter of concern requesting that the OSB begin an investigation on the accusations directed at him regarding his attendance records and his involvement in the impeachments of JOC Senator Jessica Boyd and former Commuter Senator Alaina Siminovsky. McDonald assured that the OSB would begin a "thorough investigation" with testimonies from senators and examinations of the meeting's recorded minutes.

Again, I am missing the logic behind this; correct me if I'm wrong, but Peebles has missed important meetings without good reason (as indicated by his swift ousting by the remaining Executive Board) and he has had some sort of dealing with the impeachments. I really don't see what there is to investigate. The Constitution indicates that if a member of the SGA is clearly not completing his duty or misuses power, he is to be removed. No voting or discussion or investigation required.

Former Vice President of Legislative Affairs Liz Harbaugh attended the meeting and announced during open forum that she was interested in returning temporarily as a "transiton trainer" for the new SGAs president. In addition, she offered to hold the position until a new president is appointed. Harbaugh explained that she "was not trying to shove [her] way back in." Always prepared in advance, she added that "there will be rumors about my motives, but I want to help because I am still holding on to what I believe in and ran for under the Student Voice ticket." Yes! Come back and inject some order into this monkey house; at least for the time remaining. Sadly, since the OSB is investigating the ousting of Peebles, there is the slight and remote chance that he may be reinstated, and that creates a bureaucratic block against Harbaugh returning.

Spirituality Corner

Good and Evil: A Message to be Remembered
By April Eldemire
Graduate Assistant for Multicultural and Spiritual Development

The concept of good vs. evil has perplexed humankind since the beginning of time. From biblical history, we know that Adam and Eve were persuaded to eat the forbidden fruit by the cunning and deceitful Satan (God's evil counterpart).

The notion of whom or what is good in life and who or what is evil has been a constant source of question and frustration. How do we determine what is good and what is evil? Can we go so far as to simplify it in mathematical terms by saying that good is positive and evil is negative? Then another question arises, what is positive and what is negative? Who determines these complex attributes for the whole of society?

When Elie Wiesel made a special guest appearance on our campus, his thought-provoking and enlightening lecture touched on these mysteries. Mr. Wiesel expressed that the concept of good cannot be defined in absolutes, nor can the concept of evil. Good, to one person, may not be the same to another. What one considers a malicious act derived from an evil nature, someone else may dismiss the act as commonplace.

In speaking about humanity, Elie Wiesel touched on the topics of acceptance and tolerance. Mr. Wiesel stated that the word tolerance holds a negative connotation. Being tolerant to another suggests a one-up position and belittles the human race. Mr. Wiesel suggested that instead, we use the word respect. Respect implies a willingness to appreciate another human being: a state of regard with honor or esteem.

Elie Wiesel's use of words allows us as individuals to see how the human language intricately expresses human emotion. We should be careful with our words and actions so that our meanings will be conveyed with true clarity. Elie Wiesel was an inspirational and motivational speaker, and his words should be remembered forever.
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