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 to incorporate the words and rhetoric from political speeches into her poem, "The Names of the Dead." Though she considers "a poem that is hard to read" due to its subject matter, 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

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 hear the news about the walkways changing," said sophomore Amanda Bentera, 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.

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Flynn’s Flight to the Airways: NSU Professor to Produce, Direct Second Season of Psychology Show

By Raafia Chodhry
News Editor

What started out as a guest spot on a WLRN program has landed psychology professor Ellen Flynn in the driver's seat of her own television gig.

On a recent afternoon, Flynn, who often wears a wide smile, said, “The producer of the show for some reason liked me and said, ‘You’re a natural, would you like to have your own show?’”

In the spring of 2003, Flynn became the only second NSU professor to host her own show. The second season of Psychology View from NSU is set to air in the fall on Channel 2.

“I thought we were done after season one,” Flynn said recently, “but somehow the college liked it and the ratings were good, and so wanted to do another.”

Flynn produces the show with help from three other NSU professors and the university’s Office of Information Technologies and Media Services.

Flynn’s show is a half-hour talk show featuring professionals from throughout the community to share their thoughts on psychology-related topics.

The first season included 12 half-hour segments featuring discussion on everything from gracefully aging to parenting. Season two is currently in the works and will consist of 10 shows covering two main topics: Our Aging Memory and Creating Supportive Environments.

Flynn said she and her crew decided to return for a second season because the show received high ratings and resonated with the community.

“When the series aired we received almost 1,000 e-mails,” said Maria Prieto, a multimedia producer. “People from all over the community e-mailed us requesting more information and how to get involved.”

This means Flynn and her team will again put endless hours into researching, writing, scripting, scheduling guests, taping, and editing for season two.

“One show start to finish takes at least two to three months, if not more,” said Prieto. “ Every single graphic has to be created from scratch, the audio levels have to be clear and the colors have to be perfect.”

Additionally

Those interested in participating and learning about TV production or the psychology content presented in the series should contact Ellen Flynn at flynn@nova.edu for possible college credit.

1st season of Psychology View from NSU is now airing on BECON-TV Network from 1:30 to 2:30 every Saturday and Sunday.

SGA Report: Emptying Pockets and Readying 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 Jocelyn McGlohlen has resigned from her position, citing an inability to adequately perform her duties as Campus Entertainment Director as well as her academic responsibilities. As McGlohlen 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 mates as Rico Hernand for VPI and Laximi 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 it.”

Other news from McDonald included a request from former SGA President Jason Peebles 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 VPI Liz Harbaugh was recognized during open forum at which she 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 primarily to be a transition trainer so the burden of training the new president would not fall completely on McDonald and VPI. Randi Samuels. She also explained that she understands that some people might question her motives and offered to consult with anyone who wanted to speak with her, citing questions from senators not part of the money would be going to 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.

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 PANSGA 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 expense, $14,000 for A.C. Slater from “Saved by the Bell” to appear, had been cut. Most of it was replaced by other things, including a vintage Pacman arcade game and the rights for four 80s movies to play silently on the walls during the concert. Marissa Mungin, 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.

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 arcade game, movies, and a few other small expenses were cut. The food bill from Aramark, originally at $3,500, was cut to $1,000.

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**Bizarre Briefs**

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

**Mummy Baby Found... Inside Mother**

Zabra Aboutalib, 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 the womb. Distance 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 Aboutalib 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. Reporters noted 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. Alifi, 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. Alifi, “as far as we know they are still together.”

**Confused, Gun-Wielding Elderly Woman Robs Bank**

An elderly West Mifflin, Pa., woman, apparently thinking that it was sleeping. According to the Associated Press, “firefighters worked through the night trying to contain wind-driven wildfire 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 from seven counties and killed at least seven people. State officials told reporters they had “no estimate of the number of homes destroyed by the flames.” Warren Bielenberg, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said “this is probably one of the biggest fire days in Texas history.” Officials are unsure as to what caused the latest blaze, 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.

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**News from Around the World**

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

**North America**

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**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 fourteen years. “Sooner or later, Milosevic will go down in history for his bringing down the Communist empire,” a US political scientist noted. Milosevic was once predicted to “win the Nobel Peace Prize.”

**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 Shiite shrine on Feb. 22 that resulted in “sectarian bloodshed that has killed more than 500 and injured hundreds more, threatening to push 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 “hotbed for insurgency activity” and military officials say Operation Swarmer may last days. For more information visit www.msnbc.com.

**North America**

Ala. fire suspects under house arrest

The three college students, Matthew Lee Cloyd, Benjamin N. Moseley, and Russel DeBusk Jr., “accused of setting fire to a string of churches, were granted release on bail by a federal judge” on Mar. 16, reported the Associated Press. “Even if they take (the federal) bombs they will not be going home,” said U.S. Attorney Alice Martin, acknowledging that the three suspects will remain in custody because Alabama has issued new arrest warrants. U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert R. Armstrong Jr. ordered that the suspects “will not be going home,” said U.S. Attorney Alice Martin, acknowledging that the three suspects will remain in custody because Alabama has issued new arrest warrants.

**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 flocking 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 soon 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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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 all played really strong, and Lina had great rounds.” Sophomore Elizabeth Bond tied for 25th as she shot 153 (77-76). Just one shot behind Bond, sophomore Jenni Mostrom 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 Winslet
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 Novice 8 crew. In the Varsity 8, the Sharks took the first place almost a lot of early speed and I am very pleased with the way our team is progressing. We still have much work to do, but we are making progress.

He added that “we showed a lot of the teams that we will be ready for us. It is going to be a great season,” commented Gartin.

The Sharks victory in the Varsity 8 race earned them the Lyden Cup as they blazed ahead of Division I Villanova University with a time of 7:02.4. The Sharks Varsity 4 sped ahead of Villanova again as they finished with a time of 8:09.7. Villanova finishing second with a time of 8:26.1.

I’m really happy with the way we raced,” said Senior Christy Fritch. “We had a strong race.”

The Sharks Novice 4 crew really showed everyone what they were made of when they took the win, finishing almost 50 seconds ahead of the University of Central Florida. NSU’s time was 8:38.8 and UCF’s time was 9:28.0.

The Sharks Novice 8 took second place when they were barely beaten by UCF. The Sharks also competed in the pairs, where they took fourth place.

“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 Crew Breakdown:

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**Varsity 8 (B) Crew:** Jessica Childers, Marilte Vazquez-Gonzalez, Lauren McElhenny, Jill Sims, Rachel Garbaj, Elizabeth Gist, Victoria Corbyons, Amanda Luna, Danielle Garcia

**Varsity 4 Crew:** Cheyenne Poskey, Ashley Amrich, Nicole Ferruca, Lauren Thomas, Monica Henderson

**Novice 8:** Jessica Childers, Megan McDonald, Lauren McElhenny, Cindy Feng, Rachel Garbaj, Jill Sims, Amanda Luna, Danielle Garcia

**Novice 4:** Kim Marona, Cindy Feng, Rachel Garbaj, Jill Sims, Christi O'Neill

**Women’s Pair:** Elizabeth Gist, Titina Gist
Women's Golf
Mon 03/27/06 TBA NSU Spring Invitational Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Women's Rowing
Sat 03/25/06 TBA Rollins Spring Break Race Winter Park, Fla.

Softball
Fri 03/24/06 7:00 PM Lynn University Boca Raton, Fla.
Sat 03/25/06 2:00 PM Lynn University Boca Raton, Fla.
Sat 03/25/06 7:00 PM Lynn University Boca Raton, Fla.

Women's Tennis
Wed 03/22/06 2:00 PM Lynn University Boca Raton, Fla.
Fri 03/24/06 2:00 PM Drury University Home
Sat 03/25/06 1:00 PM Franklin Pierce College Home
Sat 03/25/06 4:00 PM Franklin Pierce College Home

Baseball
Wed 03/22/06 6:00 PM Palm Beach Atlantic University Home
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Men's Golf
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*Rollins Wins SSC Championship

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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."
Inside the Undergraduate Student Symposium

By Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate Student Symposium, an exhibition of student scholarship formerly known as the Student Research Symposium and Humanities Festival, is approaching its April 7 date and much of the campus finds itself hard at work, including faculty sponsors, judges and students.

The first symposium was administered by the MST department in 2002 to display student research. "During that session, there were 27 submissions by students representing Behavioral Sciences, Biology and Chemistry, Computer Science and Computer Information Systems, Optometry, as well as an industry presentation," said Allan Schulman, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Since then, the symposium has expanded to include works from even more disciplines, including the humanities, and has boomed in popularity to a total of 77 accepted projects, according to Schulman.

Also new this year, the symposium includes mandatory training for research involving human subjects. "University leadership has implemented a revised protocol for all research projects using human subjects," said Schulman. It "includes mandatory training for all investigators that must be completed prior to submission of a project for what is called IRB review. Since student research is 'real' research, we feel that it should be subject to the same criteria."

In conjunction with the training, students entering the symposium must have a faculty sponsor who offers guidance and assistance. Suzanne Ferriss, Professor of English and Faculty Sponsor of Humanities Research, explained that "a faculty sponsor offers suggestions for improvement and serves as a resource for student researchers. By endorsing a student's project, she or he implicitly acknowledges that it has promise, although the panel of judges ultimately determines its merit."

The judges of the symposium consist of Faculty Research Fellows. "Each year a small number of faculty members, representing all academic divisions, are appointed by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to serve as Faculty Fellows in specific administrative and program areas," said Schulman.

Judges determine project excellence based on a set of criteria exclusive to each project's category. All students receive a certificate of participation for their contribution of research and knowledge to the symposium and winners of their respective categories receive cash awards.

Student submission applications for the symposium must be delivered to the Farquhar College Dean's Office by March 24 at 5:00 p.m. The symposium will be held on April 7 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center and will continue at the Alvin Sherman Library.

"All students are encouraged to attend the symposium, even if they are not presenting, to provide encouragement for their fellow classmates as well as to get ideas regarding their own participation in the future," explained Schulman.

For more information and for applications, visit http://undergrad.nova.edu/srs/index.cfm or email Schulman at schulman@nova.edu.

Phi Alpha Omega's Spirit of Mardi Gras Party

On Friday, March 3 at 8pm, in the wake of final exams and first 8 week classes ending, NSU students gathered in the Flight Deck for a Mardi Gras celebration. Above left: The girls of Phi Alpha Omega dancing in their Mardi Gras attire. Above right: Matthew Gunter drinks in remembrance of those in the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricane Katrina. Photos by Judith Francis
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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 to add a second residential senator to the growing residential population. There was disagreement over how the duties cut down and the cash bar would be split and whether or 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 Dive and Busters. 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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Undergraduate SGA

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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
Michael Berghauer
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 Milla, you could not be more right. I thought it was an introduction, but in fact it was a subtle way to 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, cliché 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 flakey, 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 narrative introduction line (dramatic pause) you may not understand, but in face it was more or less what I expected from Ultraviolet, and 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 prematurely soft. Visually speaking, the scenes looked like they were thoroughly polished with Turtle 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?

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Please See ULTRA

**Showbiz Bits**

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

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) barefoot? That wasn't too safe. And you know how The Superbowl is reporting that you changed your baby's diaper on a restaurant table in LA? 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' baby poop germs are just as disgusting as regular ones. Actually, I think they are worse. Lord 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 quitting the show. What's the reason, you may ask? Not enough money? Jokes get a little old? New and better opportunity? No. Mr. Hayes has cited "inappropriate 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 and bigotry towards religious beliefs of others begins," said Hayes. Apparently that "time" refers to "any time South Park is making fun of scientology, which is Mr. Hayes' 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, bad. But when Entertainment Weekly reported that Dennis Quaid admitted to battling with 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 "couldn't 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 arms look like they can spear fish is not ever a happy trend.

Forbes's List of "Shine it in Poor People's Faces"

Sadly, it's that time of year again. Sure, billionaire's 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 99.7% 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 would expect from "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've just saying...


**This Week in Arts & Entertainment**

**Movie Openings**

**March 24**

**Stay Alive**

*Starring:* Jon Foster, Samara Armstrong, Frankie Muniz

*Director:* William Brent Bell

*Genre:* Horror, Suspense *Thriller*

*MPAA Rating:* PG-13

*A group of teens play an online horror game, but when their characters in the game start to die, so do the players.*

**Inside Man**

*Starring:* Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster

*Director:* Spike Lee

*Genre:* Crime, Drama

*MPAA Rating:* R

*A skilled银行 robber Dalton as a dangerous cat-and-mouse game unfolds. Unexpectedly, Madaline, a power broker with a hidden agenda, emerges to inject even more instability into an already volatile situation.*

**Album Releases**

**Available March 21**

**3/21 by Prince**

*Available on the Mile of the Gus by Ben Harper*

*Film on the Murder Scene by My Chemical Romance*

*Dying to Say This to You by The Sounds*

**Book Releases**

**Available March 21**

*Prior Bad Acts* by Tami Hoag

*After the savage Haas family murders, nobody in Minneapolis expected to get full closure; but they did hope that convicting killer Karl Dahl would be a good start. But everything goes wrong: First, a controversial ruling by a precedent-conscious judge sends the entire community in an uproar. And then, somehow, against all possibility, the monster killer himself escapes from custody.*

**DVD Releases**

**Available March 21**

*Phillip Seymour Hoffman in Capote*

*Kurt Russell in Dreamer*

*Zach Braff in Chicken Little*

*Jennifer Aniston in Derailed*

**Entertainment**

**March 21**

*Little Women at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale*

**March 23**

*R. Kelley at the James L. Knight Center in Miami*

*Juan Luis Guerra at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood*

**March 25**

*Nina Sky at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood*

*Natalie Cole at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise*

*Matisyahu at the Pompano Beach Amphitheatre in Pompano Beach*

*Young Jeezy at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale*

Movie synopsis and photos courtesy of [www.movies.yahoo.com](http://www.movies.yahoo.com)

Book synopsis courtesy of [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

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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 conflict or danger. People want conflict — that's Entertainment 101. It's no fun to watch a flawless hero.

R. 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 furtive 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 this 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 motorcyle, she decides to race on the sides of buses and buildings. Interesting? Yes. Brilliant? Hardly. And there's not much to say about the rest of the fight scenes that haven'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 a cool finishing pose, obviously. If I had Marty McFly's Delorian I would go back in time and only pay $2; that's what its worth. Otherwise, I wouldn't have tortured myself for nearly an hour and a half.

Mi. Then the icing on the cake was the cheesy dialogue and a "film over the film..." Watching *Ultraviolet* is like watching a movie with plastic wrap over your face — minus the suffocation(although death would be nice — I had to warn the rest of the public) 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 adjusters, paper cell phones and some cool weapons too. Sorry. I give *Ultraviolet* $2. Only its occasionally good action scenes and gadgetry save it from getting the dreaded $1.

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movie to really understand. Which I didn't and I didn't. But, considering that last year almost every nominated song was sung by Beyonce... I'll take odd any stinking day. And anyways, it is hard out here for a pimp. It's about time someone told that story.

The Channel Moment: We get it Hollywood: Piracy is evil and DVD's are the Anti-Christ. Count how many times we heard, "don't illegally download movies, and please oh please, don't wait until it comes out on DVD. It's evil; it's wrong and every time you do a starving child in Africa dies." Not really. It's more like a B-List actress can't make the payment on a car that costs more than my house. Shut up, Academy. We'll watch it on DVD just if your movie is not worth the effort of navigating the sea of ten-year-olds that plague our theaters.

Worst Entrance by a Presenter: Sorry Jennifer Garner. You're cute and all but, seriously. You do spinning twirly kick things on your show and you can't walk out on the stage without nearly breaking your duck-like face? Well, take solace in the fact that you won this award!

The "Oh No He Didn't Use a Line from His Own Movie" Award: I'm looking at you, Ang Lee. After accepting his award for directing, Lee immediately quips, "I wish I knew how to quit you." No, Lee. No.

The Aliens Are Coming Award: Okay, so in my last article about the Oscars, I may have said that the only way that *Braveheart* would lose best picture is if aliens attacked. Well, I was right and wrong. Because *Clover* took the award. Word on the street (not sure which street) is that the Academy got cold feet about giving the award to a movie centered on a gay love story. They figured *Clover*, with its focus on racism, would be more timeless. Plus, I have a handful of friends who happen to say that *Brokeback* was bo-ring. I myself did not and could not watch it. It wasn't the "gay" that got me — it was the "cowboy." Anyway, it was the biggest surprise of an otherwise predictable night. I correctly guessed the winners of every other major award and I (like everyone else in America) didn't even watch these movies.

In all, the Oscars are far from perfect. John Stewart wasn't perfect, and if I hear, type, see, or otherwise encounter the term "gay cowboy" again, I think I will spontaneously combust. When it comes down to it, there will always be the movies we just don't get. No, it isn't perfection, but it is definitely a step in the right direction.
A Fly On the Wall:
Making Amends... Sort of

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Finally! The Goodwin classroom was somewhat filling 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 disagree) for this absence. Vice President of Judicial Affairs Dave McDonald was 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 support 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.

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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 IOC 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.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Opinions

Dear NSU Community,

As you’ve no doubt noticed (if you’ve been reading The Current, anyway), the undergraduate SGA has been very, very busy in fact, it looks like all the clubs have been busy too… well, the undergraduate ones, anyway.

I’m not saying that the graduate SAs and the graduate clubs and organizations haven’t been busy—I’m sure they’ve been quite active as well, and the fact that many of these organizations are up for Stueys shows that. But I would like to point out that I hear very little from these groups.

Maybe, since the staff of The Current is comprised of undergraduate writers (graduate students don’t seem particularly interested in the position), it doesn’t seem like we’re a newspaper for the entire university. It even seems to us sometimes that we’re still covering the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences only, because we very rarely hear anything from anyone from the other colleges. We became the student paper 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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