NSU Janitors Rally For Pay Raise, Medical Benefits

By Rafia Chodhry and Alisha VanHoose

Over 100 workers, members of Service Employees International Union, and a few students gathered in front of Horvitz Administration Building last Thursday in hopes of voicing their concerns over low wages, and lack of benefits to one person, President Ferrero. Ferrero, however was not present.

"They wouldn't even let us in the building, but the President says he has an open door policy, and that concerns me," said Steven McGonigle, the Painting Supervisor for NSU.

Instead, a letter was handed over to NSU's director of university relations David Dawson on behalf of Ferrero. In the letter, Senior Pastor Timothy Smiley and six other church officials asked Ferrero to not only consider increasing the wages, similar to University of Miami's decision to give its employees a 25 percent raise, but also to follow through with his own policy.

"We ask you to reach out to the contract workers and through your open door policy give them opportunity to voice their concerns over low wages," said Soon, Huizenga purchased an additional route to supplement the first three and called his business Southern Sanitation Services.

In the right place at the right time. "I'm honored and surprised I was the one they picked," said Gershman. But as the first speaker, Gershman's selection as lecturer was a decision left up to NSU students in the Interfaith Council. By talking to their peers, council members determined that Gershman was the most recommended professor to give the speech.

As the interview, conducted by CA Tolchinsky, who has been working on acquiring the costume since August, says that she chose designer Kathy Spetz to create the shark because "she makes her mascots able to interact with the crowd," adding that the mascot would be able to "jump around and eat people and do crazy things."

"I lost my father, four siblings, and many other relatives and friends," wrote the manager of the School of Spirit Task Force and President Ray Ferrero Jr the day before.

The current costume was not what the athletics department needed, according to Bob Tolchinsky, as it was not as interactive as they would have liked.
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Lecture aims to give students “something to think about”

in the series, Gershman conceded that “I feel some pressure. I guess this sets the stage for years to come. Living up to expectations is always difficult.”

Although Gershman said he has not decided what topics he will definitely address, Eldemire cited some potential themes including “where do I fit in society and what’s my purpose?” the “meaning of life,” and “who am I?”

According to Eldemire, part of the lecture’s mission is to touch “on life questions and purpose and meaning in life that are lacking in the college population talk.” So, in preparing for his lecture, Gershman explained that he will have to carefully decide what topics are significant. “I don’t want to sound too hokey or too preachy.”

Gershman hopes that students will benefit from the lecture, mostly by giving them “something to think about,” while not ordering them how to live. “It’s meant as advice from my own limited experience, and is not meant to dictate what not to do.”

This means there could be room for less philosophical issues. “There’s a part of me that wants to be irreverent.” Though he wants to examine what type of person he has become and provide advice to NSU students, Gershman held that “I don’t want to be too serious either.”

Student interaction will follow the lecture. Beginning at 12:15 p.m., “Dr. Gershman will speak for exactly 30 minutes,” said Eldemire. Once finished, “there will probably be a five to ten minute discussion.”

Because of plans to continue the series in the coming semesters, students will be asked which professor they would like to see lecture. “At the end, we’re having surveys for students to vote in the next speaker,” explained Eldemire, who is hoping for a “variety” of NSU personalities.

As for Gershman’s pick for a potential speaker, he cannot decide. “I don’t know. I’d love to see everyone get a chance to do it. I’d love to see what people think.”

Lunch will be provided at the inaugural Last Lecture, which will be held on March 28 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Alvin-Sherman Library room 4009.

SGA REPORT: Tunnel Vision

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

International Senators Akshat Bhargava and Anish Rammarine, having plenty to say on behalf of their constituents, largely dominated the presentation of bills this week. The senate entered heated debate on a couple of issues, including a short disagreement over voting practices, but all bills either passed or failed with a large majority.

Announcements

VPJ Davia McDonald announced that Tuesday would begin SGA elections, which would occur online this year and run through Thursday. A mass email to the undergraduate population would be providing the link to the site where voting will take place. She also reported that the PANSGA meeting on April 17 would include representatives of both the new and old E-board, as well as President Frettos, and reminded the SGA of the library hours survey first mentioned last week.

Treasurer Diane Klein reported that considerable rollbacks were expected when unused funds were swept from organization accounts on March 27. PR Garcia cautioned the senate that they couldn’t rely on rollbacks, however, saying that “the executive board would like to see the [senate] not working on a zero budget for the next few weeks.”

Old Business

McDonald mentioned during her announcements that there was no update on the investigation into the allegations against former President Jason Peebles, but the minutes from the Executive Board meetings had already been reviewed.

Peebles said later that the minutes from the meetings had only recently been requested, and that they should have been reviewed prior to his removal from office.

Citing Article III Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, which states that “no Executive Officer may be removed from office except by impeachment and conviction or disqualifications,” Peebles said he feels that “that clause about automatic removal from office is for severe negligence with proof.” Disqualifications mentioned later in the constitution included University probation and a GPA of less than 2.3 on a 4.0 scale.

Peebles also said that there should at least have been an investigation first “to be fair to the students, because the students voted me in, and it was more than the [few] who voted me out. … To do something like that is outrageous.”

“Don’t want it to be interpreted as ‘he can’t even appear in front of the senate to explain himself,’” he said of his failure to make an expected showing at the senate meeting on March 15, when McDonald read the concern letter requesting an investigation into the allegations against him. “I wanted [the senators] to form their own opinion of the situation,” he added. “The goal of all this is to show that the E-board … made a decision on allegations without any facts.”

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concerns directly to you,” said Smiley.

Workers had to be content with voicing those concerns to Dawson, however. Amparo Correas, a UNICCO employee, was one of the many mothers who expressed the difficulties in raising children on a $6.40 an hour wage with no healthcare benefits. Other mothers brought their children to the forefront of the crowd as they pleaded their cases.

A Bigger Stance

An hour into the protest, the group of workers and SEIU officials decided to join University of Miami workers across from the University Drive entrance and protested to an even larger crowd: traffic on university drive. Demonstrators raised bongs, mops and banded on plastic buckets with drumsticks chanting “UNICCO - exchaust: venimos, a la lucha” (“UNICCO listen: we’ve come fight”) as passing traffic honked in support.

Olga Fernandez, an organizer for SEIU, claimed that NSU officials and UNICCO attempted to prevent NSU shuttle bus drivers from transporting workers to the rally. “People from UNICCO and Nova told the shuttle bus drivers not to pick up workers and bring them to the administration building,” she said. “These are the sneaky and underhanded things these people do.”

“I am kind of surprised that they have done nothing yet to deal with this,” said McGonigle. “They were expecting us. They knew we were coming.”

Whether the administration will respond is yet to be seen, but the workers are ready to push it further. “This is only the beginning. There will be a strike if there needs to be one,” said McGonigle. “People can be abused and taken advantage of, and that’s what’s going on here. We just think there should be a fair wage for a fair days pay.”

New Business

International Senator Bhargava presented a bill requesting $1000 from the senate for the Nicole Robinson Scholarship, which would present a $500 to two undergraduate international student leaders.

Bhargava said that the scholarship had been funded by the SGA for the past five years excepting last year, as there were no international senators to present it.

McDonald answered that in the past, funding for the scholarship had been denied because the eligibility and choice of recipients was not well defined, adding that if they wanted to fund a scholarship, they wanted it to be available to all undergraduate students, not one group.

Bhargava replied that “international students do not have the same resources that American students have,” citing the lack of ability to fill out a FAFSA or receive money from the government as problems international students had funding their education. Adviser Terry Morrow emphasized the lack of funding for international students, reminding the senate that many scholarships give loose criteria.

Adviser Gary Gershman added that many scholarships do not rely on financial need after McDonald voiced concerns about how need would be established. The bill passed 9-4-0.

Garcia said that a 2/3 vote was required to pass the bill, but

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Hungry Teacher Bites Boy

When Garrick Hudson, a 14-year-old Kentucky student, refused to spit out a piece of candy, his teacher became enraged and took a bit of a treat of her own — her student's flesh. The Associated Press reported that teacher Caroline Kolb told the boy to stand in the hallway after refusing to throw away the candy and when the Hudson tried to get his books the two engaged in a physical altercation. Already warned about being physically confrontational with students, Kolb was fired and "charged with biting a student."

Dimwitted Arsonists Call 911, Describe Plot

Unable to correctly use the phone when plotting car fires, Johnny Ray Miller and Robert A. Patterson of Enid, OK, were arrested and jailed when one of the men accidentally dialed 911, allowing police to discover the scheme. According to an Associated Press report, police listened for about four hours as the men discussed their plot to steal and burn an acquaintance's car. Police Capt. Jim Nivison said the men were recorded making such statements as "it's gonna burn, will they be able to get fingerprints?" and "I've got the lighter." They are both in jail on numerous charges, including conspiracy.

Barking Doorbell Confuses Tax Collector

Novel barking dog doorbells may be fun for those who love listening to the harmonious chorus of "bark," but the laughs end when the government believes that "bark" to be the same as "snooping," "inspecting," or "checking computer files. When the suspect called Quidnunc concerning his bill in the mail slot. The bell, installed as a tribute to deceased family German shepherd, also caused tax inspectors to come to the house and throw bottles and rocks, chanting "I've lighter." They are both in jail on numerous charges, including conspiracy.

Man Sends Computer with Child Porn for Repair

A man storing child pornography on his computer brought his PC to the Quidnunc repair service when he had trouble opening files. While fixing the machine, employees discovered the content, and as is required by law, reported the pictures to police. Then according to Seattle's The Stranger, Quidnunc received an anonymous letter stating "although I do believe child pornography to be wrong, sick, disgusting, etc. I believe it is equally wrong what your employees did" by reporting the illegal content. But the store's owner said that "We were not casually snooping," but fixing a problem with those specific files. When the suspect called Quidnunc concerning his computer, he was referred to the Seattle Police, and on a subsequent call all asked if the machine was fixed before being given to police — which it had not. The suspect simply replied "figures," and hung up.

Australia

Cyclone Larry devastates Australia

According to the Associated Press and Reuters, Cyclone Larry, "the most powerful cyclone to hit Australia in three decades" made landfall at the country's northeastern coast. Remarkably, the Category 5 storm with winds in excess of 150 mph claimed no lives and "only 30 people suffered minor injuries," as the news agencies' initial reports stated. The damage to homes, businesses, and other property was estimated to reach into the "hundreds of millions of dollars." Nell Clarke, mayor of Innisfail, the hardest hit city, said "it looks like an atomic bomb hit the place." He told reporters that Innisfail desperately needed "accommodation for people whose homes were damaged, a power supply to feed hospitals and other infrastructure." Spokesman for Queensland State Department of Emergency Services Ben Creagh claimed that caseworkers were minimized because citizens left town or went to shelters. "Residents and officials were mindful of the damage Hurricane Katrina did to New Orleans and Mississippi," he assured.

Middle East

Gunmen attack Iraqi jail

The Associated Press reported that "about 100 masked gunmen stormed a jail near the Iranian border at dawn" on Tuesday, March 21. After the armed assailants managed to cut the phone wires and killed 20 security guards with rocket-propelled grenades, they were able to free "18 fellow insurgents" that were captured two days earlier in a police raid. Police also told reporters that 10 other prisoners escaped the Muqdadiyah jail and at least 10 gunnans were killed. A militant Sunni Muslim group, the Mujaheddin Shura Council, took responsibility for the attack on an internet posting Tuesday night and claimed they killed 40 policemen and fired 332 captive. The claim has not been verified as of press time. The attackers were seen to have fled the burning jail after police reinforcements arrived about 90 minutes later due to the phone lines being cut.

Europe

French teens protest labor laws

French students, complaining about the "more than 20 percent" unemployment rate among young people, marched through the streets of Paris wearing trash bags and throwing bottles and rocks, chanting "We are not disposable." A report by the Associated Press stated that "many college students must string together odd jobs" to pay expenses and are hesitant to move out of their parents' homes or start families. In response, the French government has made a new law that will take effect next month, it will allow "employers to fire workers younger than 26 in the first two years on the job, without citing a reason." The rationale is that the law will "spur employers to hire young people," but critics say it creates "less job security and undermines France's generous labor protections." Bruno Julliard, the head of France's main student association, UCBF, said "what the student demonstrations are saying is that the young refuse to live in the world as it is."

North America

Opponents challenge S. Dakota abortion ban

Reuters reported on March 24 that "abortion-rights supporters launched a referendum drive" to reverse "a new South Dakota abortion ban passed as a challenge" to the Supreme Court's ruling in 1973 for Roe vs. Wade. A coalition called the South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families has begun to collect the 16,700 signatures required by the state to put the law up to voters. Reuters said if the petition is completed by June 19, "the law would be put on hold until the voters decide on its fate in the November election. After July 19, the only course of action for abortion-rights supporters is to challenge the law, which is set to go into effect July 1, in court. Abortion opponents "who have been counting on a legal challenge to the law" worry that the referendum will exert more power than a lawsuit. "When you take things to courts you don't have the opportunity to engage the public in the process," said Planned Parenthood spokespersons Kate Looby.

Asia

Earthquake threat closes Japanese nuclear reactor

A Japanese official told the Associated Press on March 24 that court "ordered the shutdown of Japan's second-largest nuclear reactor in response to a lawsuit by residents who feared it could leak dangerous radiation during a powerful earthquake." The judge Kenichi Ido of the Kanazawa District Court ordered the shutdown of the NS-2 Shika reactor soon after it began operation. His ruling stated that the reactor, run by Hokuriku Electric Power Co., was a potential hazard to nearby residents if a strong earthquake were to affect the area. The company responded by saying it would "immediately appeal" because the reactor only began commercial operation last week after approval from the government's nuclear safety committee. The Kyodo News agency reported the 135 plaintiffs filed the lawsuit in May 2005 after they were informed by another government committee that the "reactor is near a faultline" prone to earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.6.

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News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

March 27, 2006

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SGA Election Gets Wired

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Laying aside the ballot boxes and voter lists, the undergraduate SGA has taken the step into the information age by putting their voting online.

Originally a goal of the last administration, online voting was set into motion by VPJ David McDonal with the help of SGA Advisor Terry Morrow.

Morrow understands possible problems with the voting. “People could vote twice because it wasn’t so secure,” she said of other university voting systems she has seen. “So we really worked with Information Technology.”

A mass email containing the link to the voting site is to be sent out to the undergraduate population, but interested students can also point their browsers to https://www.nova.edu/sbin/sga_login. Voting will run March 28-30.

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“It is repulsive to the human mind, but it’s also an opportunity for the veil of human ignorance to be lifted.”

survivor Josee Murekatee of the 1994 genocide. “I would eventually like to return home and continue working on issues of awareness and reconciliation.”

Murekatee is not alone. Over 800,000 were killed in the space of a few months in 1994 when Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana’s plane was shot down following a long period of political upheaval between Hutus and the minority Tutsis.

“There was a line in [the commentary to Hotel Rwanda] where the person who played the manager said ‘I’m so glad you showed the West, so to do something about it,’” said Hutchinson of the source of her motivation to spread the word. “The reporter said ‘people will see it and go back to their meals.’ And I thought ‘that’s not true, they do care.’ But they can’t care if they don’t know.”

Hutchinson knew she had to do something.

“After hearing her discuss her interest in this atrocity, I found it very, very interesting because it was an inquiry into man’s inhumanity to man,” said Dr. Delores Smiley of the Fischler School of Education. “What we are trying to do here is look at these issues of society and examine whether it’s possible to enact some change.”

Smiley’s office became the staging ground for the development of the project, turning into a place frequented by committee meetings and long discussions after Hutchinson contacted her in August. West Broward Hospital Community Coordinator Noel Hyatt would later join the committee, joined by Kim Felix of the Fischler School of Education and numerous other members of the NSU Community.

“I believe that the Rwandan genocide is just the visible tip of the iceberg,” said Dr. Jean-Matthieau Essis of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, whom Hutchinson initially contacted for information. “It is repulsive to the human mind, but it’s also an opportunity for a tiny bit of the veil of human ignorance to be lifted.”

Born and raised in Africa, Essis says that he has been faced with the threat of physical elimination because of his opinions. To him, there was no question about whether to get involved with the project when it was presented to him.

People are living and dying in horrible conditions just because of where they were born,” said Essis, adding that he hopes the reach of the program would extend into the region of Darfur, where “close to genocide is taking place.”

“Overall, it’s just to get people aware so that they can begin to take action against injustice,” said Hutchinson.

She is not the only person who hopes to inspire people to ask questions and take action.

“Hopefully it will spawn a lot of interest to people will inquire,” said Felix. Smiley says that the project has already taught her a lot. “It has enlightened me as to the other aspects of diversity and in what other forms adversity shows itself.”

“Right now it’s taken over my whole life,” said Hutchinson, who has yet to grasp the magnitude of her brainchild. “I was just awed ... People have told me ‘this is huge,’ and I just don’t see it yet.”

The Genocide Project will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 30 in the Knight Auditorium of the Mailman building.
Japan Wins World Baseball Classic

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

In the finals of the baseball world classic, Japan beat Cuba 10-6 on the evening of March 20. Ichiro Suzuki, one of the more well known baseball players for the Japanese team, scored three times, doubled, singled, and drove in a run.

Sadaharu Oh, manager for team Japan, was thrown into the air twice while celebrating at the end of the game. Relief pitcher Akinori Otsuka was also jumped by his teammates before the Japanese players took a victory lap with their Rag and championship trophy to Japan.

United States didn't even make it out of the second round of the championship and the Dominican Republic lost to Cuba in the semifinals.

Cuba went into the championship game winning 22 of 24 games in international competition before falling to Japan, who was only 3-3 in the first two rounds.

UPCOMING GAMES

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NSU Baseball Team Beats Saint Leo University in SSC Doubleheader

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On March 18, the NSU baseball team took two games away from Saint Leo University in a Sunshine State Conference doubleheader at the NSU Baseball Complex. In the first game, the Sharks beat the Fighting Knights 4-3 in the first game and 4-0 in the second game in seven innings. These wins put the Sharks at 17-9, and 3-3 in the SSC.

All afternoon, NSU never trailed Saint Leo. They scored first win a run in the second inning of the first game. In the third inning though, Saint Leo tied the game 1-1. In the seventh inning, NSU added another run, and then another pair of runs in the eighth. In the ninth, Saint Leo rallied to within one run and had the bases loaded, but Joe Franco, NSU pitcher, forced a ground out to take the win.

In the second game in which NSU won 4-0, Jon Spier got his third victory of the 2006 season. He allowed six hits and struck out five players. Greg Burrows got the key hit and later scored on a wild pitch to take both victories for the Sharks.

NSU had a great pitching day. Four Sharks also got RBI's in the first game, and rightfielder Greg Burrows served the key hit in game two with a three-run double.

NSU Shark Lou Leo has now picked up his fourth win of the season. In the second game senior right-hander Joe Franco came in and closed out the game picking up his fifth save of the season.

Charlie Bernert gets ready to hit the ball. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

Softball Team Loses Championship Game at St. Patrick's Day Good Luck Bash

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On March 18, the NSU softball team played in Huntsville Alabama at the Jeff Stinnett Complex. Alabama-Huntsville defeated the Sharks in the championship game of the St. Patrick's Day Good Luck Bash, 10-0, putting the Sharks at 11-15 on the season.

"We are doing okay, we have struggled getting everything on the same page. Losing Laura Capicky two weeks before season started has really hurt us! And Adrian is dealing with a wrist/forearm injury that we are having to watch closely," said head Coach Lesa Bonee'.

The Chargers started off the game very quickly in the bottom of the first. They added one run off of a sacrifice fly to right field by Kellie Corder that allowed Kristin Spencer to score and took a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the third. Two home runs were hit by Corder and Ashley Camp that brought another four runs home. The Chargers ended the game soon after in the fourth inning when they added five more to the board. The only hit the Sharks got came from Nicole Rodriguez in the top of the third inning. Shutout. He allowed six hits and struck out five players. Greg Burrows got the key hit and later scored on a wild pitch to take both victories for the Sharks.

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"So, yes, pitching is an issue. But on top of that, we have struggled to get it all together, so we are trying to focus on the little things. I am confident that if we keep doing the little things day in and day out - we will be fine," said Bonee'.

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March 28
Last Lecture Series
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Sponsored by Student Activities

SGA Voting Begins Through
March 30 - Check Your NSU Email for a link to the polling site

March 29
Res Life Tailgate Event
4 p.m. Soccer Field
Sponsored by Res Life & Housing

March 30
Rwanda Genocide Discussion
11 a.m. Knight Auditorium
NSU Idol
5:30-9 p.m. Location TBA
Sponsored by Student Activities

March 31
Hollywood Squares
5:30-9 p.m. ASA Patio
Sponsored by Student Activities

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Ares Flores April Fools Concert
7 p.m. Miniaci Center

Compiled from the Student Affairs calendar & NSU Shark Bytes.

Take a Bite Out of This...

Current Events Calendar

Little Moments, Big Magic, Shark Piñata Head No More
5th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters carnival offers mentorship and fun for kids

By Earl Tinsley
Visual Design

"After walking away that afternoon, I felt more encouraged to get involved in the cause," Vivian Martin Del Campo, a freshman at NSU, remarked about the 5th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters carnival held on Saturday, March 18 outside the Goodwin Residence Halls. The event, sponsored by the Office of Volunteerism and Community Service, allowed children who hadn't been matched with their own "Bigs" - a Big Brother or Big Sister - the opportunity to enjoy themselves and make a connection with the volunteers.

The festivities started at 11 a.m. when 52 boys and girls were signed in and introduced to volunteers at the Arts & Crafts table. The "Littles" were given the option of making beaded necklaces, key rings, or picture frames. Following crabs and lunch, they were then paired off into two teams, headed by Captain Steve and Captain George, respectively, for a game of kickball. After seven innings, the game came to an end when Captain Steve's team scored the final win.

The afternoon closed with the beheading of the Shark piñata as Littles eagerly swung their bats in an effort to rescue the goodies hiding inside. It was a feeding frenzy as children grabbed their sandwich bags and took hold of anything within their reach. Even Little Brother Marquán, who was not initially thrilled to be at the BBBS Carnival, cracked a smile as the festivities came to a close.

BBBS is one of the largest mentoring organizations for youth in America. Its mission is to foster lifelong relationships for every child that needs or wants a mentor. According to Nancy Park, Project Services Specialist, "it is a proven fact that if a child has an adult in his or her life, he or she is less likely to drop out of high school, do drugs, or become pregnant." She explained that the organization provides children, especially those from single parent households, with more attention and opportunities for personal growth. Relationships between mentor and child may take weeks to build, but once solidified can lift the child to new heights.

Currently, there are 300 kids in Broward County waiting to be paired with a Big Brother or Big Sister. Big Brothers Big Sisters needs dedicated individuals to serve as a mentor to little boys and girls age six and up. "The demand for male volunteers is especially at an all-time high," reported Park.

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January Campus Leaders Announced

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

The results for Student Leader and Organization of the Month for January have been announced. Receiving the top honors are Robert Keeve, President of the Asian Student Association, and the Pre-Dental Society, respectively.

Winners were chosen based on what "peers have said about them from anonymous nomination forms through emails and IOC meetings," wrote Stan Kaszuba, Graduate Assistant for Student Involvement, in an e-mail message.

"I was surprised by [the announcement], but I'm also honored," said Keeve, who is also secretary of Kappa Sigma, acting secretary of GSSA, and a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

He attributed his recognition to becoming more involved on campus and interacting with students. "I've been more active this year than any other. I like to try to motivate people. If [students] are going to get the most out of NSU, they need to get involved." Those who do not are "missing out."

Anonymous comments from students provided by Kaszuba labeled Keeve as "a leader [who] takes it upon himself to ensure the success of his organizations by involving the members in every event" and a person who shows "strong devotion for [ASA]."

The Pre-Dental Society, lead by President Maria L. Bernal, was pleased to be recognized.

[Our organization] has worked very hard this past two years. I am very proud of all our accomplishments, and thankful for this nomination," said Bernal.

According to Bernal, the society's "committed and dedicated E-board" is responsible for planning events that offer "hands on activities that develop manual dexterity skills, which will be useful in dental school, which he will enter next year.

Among the comments that helped in the selection of the society was one proclaiming that they have always included all the other pre-health organizations in all of their events and have really been the link between Pre-Med, Pre-Pharmacy, and Pre-Dental itself.

Kaszuba indicated that information regarding February's nominees will soon be announced.

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A very strong leader and is very encouraging." He also believes his involvement in the group has better prepared him for dental school, which he will enter next year.

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Commencement recognition hotly contested

Freshman Senator Ibrahim pointed out that they had been voting on matters all year. Ibrahim consulted the Constitution, which said that a 2/3 vote was only needed to override a presidential veto, open new business, or close a meeting.

International Senator Ramnarine then presented a bill to fund advertisement for the scholarship, but the bill was denied 11-10:2 because Senator Bhargava and Hernandez must go through the PR Committee.

Ramnarine presented a second bill, asking for $50 to provide drinks, chips and flyers for a constituency meeting. The senate voted to strike the flyers from the bill as PR, and approved the bill unanimously for $45.

In the most hotly contested bill of the meeting, Ramnarine asked for $250 for wristbands for international students to promote awareness of the international student population. Gershman opened the discussion with what would become the ruling sentiment, saying that the wristbands would be “taking a population and stigmatizing them.” He added that he thought it was a nice sentiment, but the wristbands would essentially be saying “look at us, we’re different.”

IOC Senator Jessica Boyd echoed Gershman’s sentiment, saying that “the mission of the NSUSGA is to create community. This isn’t creating community, it’s splitting the community.” When Bhargava answered that the goal was to make the international student population aware of its own community, Ibrahim replied that “it’s great to distinguish yourselves, but there are better ways to do that.” The bill was denied 10-2-0.

IOC Senator Mirtha Riveria presented the last bill of the week after a bill for the ATSO Athletic Training Olympics was struck from the agenda due to lack of representation, asking for $2025 on behalf of Psi Chi to cater their end of the year banquet and awards ceremony through Aramark. The organization planned to contribute $300 towards the event, at which they expected around 150 people comprised of students, faculty, administration, and members’ families.

After some debate over the amount of the bill, Morrow said that “if [the senate] is going to spend $2000 on one organization’s end of the year banquet, [it] must be prepared to spend $2000 on every organization’s banquet.” And recommended that the organization consider using vendors from CommunityFest, which could provide more food for less money.

The bill was tabled so that Psi Chi could seek out alternate vendors and fund after Gershman pointed out that as an academic organization, Psi Chi may be able to receive funds from the College or their academic department.

Commuter Senator Besy Jacob presented a resolution to investigate senate interest in having an honor cord or stole added to the commencement robes of members who had served in the SGA for a full year after having met with Dean of Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Don Rosenblum on the issue. The resolution saw the senate split almost evenly; Commuter Senator Tann said that honor cords represent academic achievement, and “it isn’t our job to honor ourselves” because lots of other organizations work hard, while Ibrahim argued that “[the SGA cares] about the whole campus, and that’s why I distinguish it from other clubs and organizations.”

Minority Senator Rodriguez-Tores said that “It’s hard to quantify our achievement” and that they have no guidelines to say what sets them apart and why they are eligible for that kind of honor.

Even the advisers seemed to be in disagreement; Gershman said that he was part of a large faculty group against it and asked why the senate wasn’t arguing for a similar honor for all organizations on campus. Morrow, however, said that the SGA was a top organization, and as elected officials, they shouldn’t be compared to other organizations.

The resolution barely passed at 6:5:1, and Morrow suggested that Jacobs communicate to Rosenblum the small margin by which it passed.

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management company in Chicago to form Waste Management Industries. Ten years later, WMI had grown to be the world leader in the waste management industry.

Huijzena attributed the immense success of WMI to several factors. Unlike some other companies, Huijzena said “we view regulation as a friend, not a foe. Following all the environmental regulations had really helped build our company.” According to Huijzena, WMI was among the first in the waste management business to conform to all environmental regulations.

“Customer service has been the cornerstone of my success,” Huijzena recounted that when he ran things, the customer’s trash was always picked up no matter what. In 1983, Huijzena retired from WMI and purchased several small service companies in Florida. In time, he was introduced to Blockbuster Video, which he viewed as a golden business opportunity. Huijzena bought the franchise from David Cook and took it public in 1989, when it experienced rapid growth. “For six years, we opened a new store every 17 hours in nine or ten countries,” said Huijzena.

In addition to his previous successes, Huijzena also led some Florida sports franchises. He owns the Miami Dolphins football team, owned the Florida Panthers hockey team, and brought baseball to Florida with the Marlins.

When asked about building a new stadium during the Q&A section of the program, Huijzena admitted that “Florida is not a baseball place,” as he received higher sales over the years.

Student and attendee of the event Robert Keever disagreed. “The stadium would be a good idea, even if Florida isn’t a ‘baseball place.’ It would be a good business plan,” considering that if the stadium is more accessible to people via location, it would receive a higher attendance.

Huijzena advised future entrepreneurs on several points. “Find something you have a passion for and work hard at it. Treat your customers well, and don’t take shortcuts. Hiring the right people makes a difference. You want to hire people that will contribute. Look for good personality and not necessarily intelligence but smartness (the ability to handle situations)."

“I thought he was sincere and nice,” said Keever. “I thought he was inspiring.”

Life 101 is a continuing program that brings accomplished individuals to the NSU campus to share their perspectives and experiences with the University community through a live interview.
**Showbiz Bits**

By Marines Alvarez

Aren't These 15 Minutes Over?

Paris and Nicky Hilton have finally come out of the closet about who they really are—cartoon characters. Actually, to our surprise, the Hilton sisters, who have made the past two years an elongated holiday season as they take their own cartoon show about their lives. The show even includes Paris' toy cup Chihuahua, Tinkerbell, complete with stylish outfits for every scene. The show is being produced by Interscope Records, and hopefully, will not debut in America anytime soon.

I'm sorry, but why would I watch an animated version of Paris when I can watch her in the flesh getting drunk, stripping, making bad porn, reciting bad English, getting peed on by her monkey, or getting attacked by farm animals. Despite the insanity of a cartoon show about two people the world can do without, the animation is superb and depicts the girls perfectly. If the realistic portrayal will save this poor excuse for media attention.

**Sound the Trumpets**

All hail the new prince of the Trump Empire, Barron William Trump. The baby boy was born on Monday, March 21; the first child for Melania and Trump's fifth. Trump was quoted that having a child makes him feels younger. Trump is 59... Anyways, Melania was in labor for almost eight hours, according to Yahoo/Entertainment, which means that he'll be as stubborn as his father. Trump immediately phoned the media after the birth; he was obviously acting like a real, over-protected parent: who knew he harbored such non-egotistical feelings? Melania, a supermodel, and Trump, one of the richest men without a toupee, known for his "market your "fired" slogan, wed back in 2005. Barron is the couple's first child, and that means less inheritance money for the other kids. Wash.

**Use Hair to Dry Your Tears**

In an attempt to make herself richer (and quite possibly get her mind of one ex husband who is parading around town with an 18-year-old), Jessica Simpson is releasing a line of hair extensions. I'm not entirely sure why, but that just seems a little crazy. And that mystery man she's been seen with? That is her hairdresser Ken Paves. Apparently they were just making hair together. The line will include Simpson's signature golden locks, along with a rainbow of colors and styles. This is really creepy. Brand name hair extensions? Really? What is the world coming to?

**Morti-lying**

When you are a Hollywood star, it's all about making sure each one of your projects tops the previous one. For example, if your name your first kid "Apple"...Gwyneth Paltrow...what do you name your second kid? Orange? Too easy. UNDA choice? Not fancy enough. Uh, Mike? No. That would be normal, and what Gwyneth is actually trying to do is ruin her kids with their names. Baby boy's name is actually...Mortimer. Now, forgive me if your great, great uncle is named Mortimer, but this is just more proof that she is just plain crazy. Can you imagine the third grade with a name like that? I think I'm going to start some sort of support group for celebrity children. Can you imagine the business and the millions? Hey, it's a 3-to-1 over than celebrity hair extensions, Jessica...

**V For Vendetta: Silver Screen Revolution**

By Paul Saneaux

Staff Writer

Rating: $6

After the utter garbage known as Ultraviolet was released, I seared, I craved, I longed for a decent movie, something I could sink my philosophical and analytical teeth into. Besides, I figured nothing worse than that could grace the theaters. Salvation arrived soon enough—it had to.

With the utter garbage that is a sequel to one of the coolest movies of all time, V for Vendetta arrived and offers so much substance that some moviegoers may become disinterested. But who says too much is not good?

Unlike Ultraviolet and all other movies like it in the same genre, V for Vendetta is one of the first action movies in a long time that actually has a message to deliver—a message that is also relevant to contemporary issues in politics and human rights. I have a problem with other critics when they refer to V (Hugh Weaving) as a terrorist in their plot synopses. Well, in a literal sense, V is a terrorist, but a moral one, if you can believe it.

V is a terrorist who is responsible for condensing all these issues into a neat, 132-minute package. V has to be one of the most intelligent and entertaining characters in recent film. He studies art, enjoys literature, and even has a jujitsu in his hideout that features jazz and classical music. In an amusing scene, V's

Please See VENDETTA
This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

March 10

ATL
Starring: Tip "T.I." Harris, Lauren London
Director: Chris Robinson
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Rating: PG-13

ATL tells the story of four teens coming of age in a working class Atlanta neighborhood where hip-hop music and roller skating rule. As the group prepares for life after high school, challenges on and off the rink bring about turning points in each of their lives.

Basic Instinct 2
Starring: Sharon Stone, David Morrissey
Director: Michael Caton-Jones
Genre: Thriller
MPAA Rating: R

After relocating from San Francisco to London, best-selling, crime novelist Catherine Tramell once again finds herself on the wrong side of the law. Dr. Michael Glass, a respected London criminal psychiatrist, is brought in by Scotland Yard detective Roy Wibbume to perform a psychiatrist profile and evaluation of Tramell following the mysterious death of a top sports star. Physically drawn to Tramell and mentally intrigued by her, Glass, against the advice of his mentor, Dr. Mileen Gardosh, is quickly sucked into her web of lies and seduction.

Also Opening:

Ray Romano in Ice Age 2
Nathan Fillion in Slater

Album Releases

Available March 26

Show Your Bones by Yeah Yeah Yeah's
Educated Horrors by Rob Zombie
Roscent by Rammstein
New Beginnings by Gerald Albright

Book Releases

Available March 28

Gone by Jonathan Kellerman

It all seems too strange for words. At first, the police are called to a remote region in the Malibu Mountains, where a pair of drama students are discovered near death. The aspiring actors offer a numbing account of abduction at the hands of a gun-wielding maniac. But under the interrogation of criminal psychologist Alex Delawere and LAPD detective Milo Snurgs, they admit that it was all a hoax. Then, three weeks later, one of them turns up as a corpse...

Dark Anansi by Anar Peyy

A superintendent in the Thames River Police, William Monk is on a patrol boat near Waterloo Bridge when he and his men notice a young couple standing at the bridge railing, apparently engaged in an intense discussion. The woman waves her arms and places her hands on the man's shoulders. A caress or a push? He grasps hold of her. To save her or to kill her? Seconds later, the pair plunges to death in the icy waters. Monk can't help but wonder, has he witnessed an accident, a suicide, or a murder? It seems impossible to determine the truth but, haunted by the woman's somber beauty, he is impelled to try.

DVD Releases

Available March 28

Adrien Brody in King Kong
Nasimi Watts in Day
Zhang Ziyi in Memoirs of a Geisha
Ron White's You Can't Fix Stupid

Entertainment

March 29

Disney on Ice presents Finding Nemo at the American Airlines Arena in Miami

March 30

Spring Fest featuring Switchfoot at the FAU Auditorium in Boca Raton

March 31

Sims at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise

Movie synopses and photos courtesy of www.moviefone.yahoo.com

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first monologue, spoken to Evey (Portman), consists mainly of words beginning with "v." I had no idea there were so many "v" words, let alone the ability to string them together into quickly delivered dialogue. Some would see it as vaudevillian, verbose, vernacular, but it was a show of intellect. The moment V opens his mouth, or his mouth behind the mask rather, it is apparent he is not the usual action movie star.

The critics who have praised Natalie Portman's performance as "powerful" could not be more right; she was stunning to say the least. The tense situations she becomes ensnared in make for some compelling and believable emotions. From what I can tell when I turned from the screen to observe the crowd, the scenes featuring Evey had the audience mesmerized. If you want an example of a dynamic character, you can look to Evey. Portman is in complete control of the audience as Evey. Truthfully, I wasn't much of a fan of her work before this film. Now, I'm a Portman convert.

What was interesting about this film, other than the film itself, of course, was that the majority of the film did not rely on action or fight sequences to hold the attention of the audience. The philosophical, political, and ideological content was more than enough to hold me over, but people purely seeking a blood-and-gore festival could be disappointed. Theatre patrons that went in knowing the Wachowski brothers (the evil minds behind The Matrix Trilogy) wrote and produced V for Vendetta might have expected similar action sequences. That was not the case. Vendetta relied more on a story than a confusing yarn stretched out into three movies. In the end, however, from what I could tell, the audience in the showing I attended was thoroughly enthralled. Maybe there is hope for society...

Starring: Hugo Weaving, Natalie Portman, John Hurt, Stephen Fry, Stephen Rea
Writers: Larry Wachowski, Andy Wachowski
Director: James McTeigue
Rated: R

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Dear NSU Students,

We've had a lot to say lately about good and evil, and a lot to say about speaking out, helping others, and making your voice heard. I know I'm not the only one who's noticed it, and I know I'm not the only one who's been doing it, either.

Steve McGonagil stood in front of the SGA on Wednesday during their meeting and pleaded the case of the UNICCO workers who tend to the cleaning and landscaping at the SGA on Wednesday during the only one who's been doing it, either. UNICCO Country Living Wage Ordinance. Those topics.)

Informing them of a rally that would be (Note to readers: the format of per hour with health benefits, or $11.48 student It, and next time, I feel it would be a the SGA has ever done, mobilizing the 'Commuter Senator Besty Jacob believed workers that now need of decades. Most recently, the student body support for the idea or absolute have started on college campuses have the issue. I would unfair labor practices, environmental the resolution. What? Is that a polite and political way of saying that since some senators may not deserve recognition, that no senator should receive the honor? Maybe—sure as hell seemed like it.

However, I can also see Senator Jacob's reasoning: finishing a year of demanding work undoubtedly calls for proper accolades. Oh, damn... stalemate! Not so, sir! Senator Rodriguez- Torres, another main opponent, made the intriguing point that "it is difficult to quantify the kind of work [the SGA] does" although—the consensus of the Senate is that they have completed the goals that have been outlined. Freshman Senator Andrew Ibrahim then interjected the discussion to ask some provocative questions: "do you feel guys feel distinguished?" Ibrahim inquired. "Do you feel that you have done hard work for this campus?" He said he believed so and that the SGA's work as a whole should be recognized.

Her's my take on it: the SGA should be praised for their work. Last year, I had no idea an NSUSGA even existed. Why, you ask? Because that SGA did not accomplish nearly as much as this year's. The SGA, under the Student Voice, has made themselves known to the campus because of the events and services they have provided and offered. They have grown as an organization through example. And if their goal was to unite the campus and serve the students, they have. Not in the extreme sense, but in a significant way. I don't care if special tassels or whatnot is of an "elitist nature" as SGA Advisor Gary Gershman put it. And I don't care if this SGA has had its problems with resignations and scandal—I know more about it than most, yet I still believe it does not undermine the work the SGA has done for a campus that previously lacked direction and an identity.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly On the Wall: Controversial Accolades

By Paul Saneaux

Staff Writer

For this installment, I want to concentrate on a sole question that plagued the Senate for a significant portion of last week's somewhat tumultuous meeting: does the SGA deserve to be recognized during graduation (or commencement, if you want to be difficult) with stoles or other gear? More specifically, has the SGA completed its goal of uniting the campus and "Serving the Students of Nova Southeastern University" as the meetings' agendas read?

(Note to readers: the format of my column has obviously changed since coverage of bills and other legislation is now being handled in the News section by Editor-in-Chief Alisha VanHoose. Check that section for details regarding those topics.)

The self-imposed inquisition sprouted from the presentation of the NSUSGA Commencement Recognition Ceremony resolution. The resolution, presented by Commuter Senator Besty Jacob under advice from Dean Don Rosenblum, had the purpose of gauging the interest of the Senate on whether they wanted special recognition during graduation or not. Members of the SGA that successfully serve a full year term in office while completing the required duties are eligible under the proposed requirements of the resolution. Surprisingly, the senators were sharply divided in the issue. I would have expected either unanimous and unyielding support for the idea or absolute refusal to accept the piece of legislation. More interestingly, the votes were spread around the room pretty evenly; usually, by some unknown and odd inclination, the left side of the room generally votes differently from the right.

Commuter Senator Christopher Tann, a main opponent of the resolution, stated that recognition at graduation "is really just a pat on the back." He added that the Senate does "have a difficult job, but there are other people from other organizations who do hard work too" and that special recognition is not necessary. Senator Jacob argued differently saying that the resolution "will ultimately help the SGA by recognizing it." I can see where Senator Tann is coming from on this issue: since the Senate is voting on whether or not to recognize itself, it does cast doubt on the motives for approving. It is hard to deny the kind of suspicions self-praise produces. Tann also said that "there are different levels of commitment from senators in the SGA." What? Is that a polite and political way of saying that since some senators may not deserve recognition, that no senator should receive the honor? Maybe—sure as hell seemed like it.

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Corrections

Alpha Phi Omega was incorrectly identified on page 7 of the March 20 issue as Phi Alpha Omega.

"Good and Evil" was incorrectly referred to as a University theme on page 13 of the same issue. It is actually a theme of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.
Razor is the answer to the Athletic Department’s need for a “more interactive” mascot

Due to this demand, some boys are paired with Big Sisters to better ensure that those 9 and older have a better chance of being paired with a male mentor. Although BBBS is a lifetime commitment, getting involved is quick and easy. The organization asks that volunteers spend time with your child two to four times a month to ensure a continuous relationship. More information regarding Big Brothers Big Sisters is available at their Web site, [http://www.bbbbsbroward.org](http://www.bbbbsbroward.org).

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South Park Hurt My Feelings

By Martinez Alvarez

Yes, “Prison Break” came back from hiatus, I want to get a few things off my chest... “The Price is Right,” “Lost” has me dying, the girls on “America’s Next Top Model” are ugly, I recently discovered “Characcon” and I am scraping it all so I may share some thoughts on “South Park.” I never cease to amaze.

Speaking of “amazing,” how about that Tom Cruise? Now, it’s not exactly that “wow; that’s great” kind of amazing... more like a, “holy crap, that guy gets weidder right before your eyes” kind of amazing.

That brings me back to “South Park.” I swear I’m getting somewhere. Isaac Hayes, who voiced the character of Chef for nine seasons, recently quit the show, citing “inappropriate ridicule” as the reason. Now, for those of you playing along, what do Tom “Scary” Cruise, “South Park,” and Isaac “Can’t Take a Joke” Hayes have in common? Scientology. That’s right. Hayes quit “South Park” because of an episode that skewed Scientology, his religion of choice, Big, big.

But whatever, that’s fine. I mean, maybe the show really did offend his religious sensibilities. Not everyone is rabid and classless. It is clear that Mr. Hayes prefers cleaner material like this: “Say, everybody, have you seen my balls? They’re big and salty and brown! If you ever need a quick pick-me-up... just put my balls in your mouth.” That, for those of you who may or may not be thoroughly offended, was the theme song for the Chef’s signature confectionary treat, chocolate salty balls, which mostly definitely is clean and wholesome and cannot possibly be hinting at male genitalia.

I guess fans will miss him and his references to salty chocolate balls or whatever. And sure, I mean, okay, so quitting because they hurt your feelings is a little childish and puny. It’s okay. I tell you. Isaac did the right thing. He just walked away.

In comes Scientology’s personal marketing campaign/bodyguard/finance/savior, Tom Cruise. According to CNN.com, there are sources claiming that Cruise threatened Paramount, saying he would not promote his upcoming movie Mission: Impossible 3 if Comedy Central reran the sci-fi story episode. Vicarom, Inc owns both Paramount and Comedy Central. The rerun was pulled in favor of two episodes that prominently featured the Chef character.

Of course all of Tom Cruise’s minions deny the fact that he was involved in any way, shape or form and the fine people over at Comedy Central had nothing to say. The creators of “South Park” Trey Parker and Matt Stone released a statement saying, “So, Scientology, you have won THIS battle, but the million-year war for Earth has just begun.” Rightfully so.

Because Tom Cruise is stupid and that day when he was jumping on Oprah’s couch, they forgot to show you the part where he fell off and permanently damaged his head. All the buzz he caused made everyone want to post this otherwise normal episode of “South Park” entitled “Trapped in the Closet” on the internet. Seriously. I would’ve never, ever, ever seen it otherwise. Way to spread the word, Tom.

Honestly, I don’t have anything at all against Scientology. Sure they think the evil Lord Xenu doomed some alien souls on the earth 75 billion years ago and that’s why we’re all so screwed up (I’m paraphrasing) but... I adamantly believe in a messiah who was born in a manger from a virgin. That isn’t the point. The point is this little concept we like to call freedom of speech. When you start doing things to inhibit that, Tom, because you happen to not like what’s being said, it tends to irritate people.

Don’t get your panties in a bunch because “South Park” made fun of your religion. It’s what they do. And c’mon... it’s “South Park.” Not an award-winning documentary. Not the last word on comedy. “South Park.” Nobody is seriously looking to these unusually short fourth graders to teach them all the common trunts of Scientology. People just want to laugh. We have that right.

Really, all I wanted to say was “dude, Tom Cruise.” You too, Isaac Hayes. For the rest of you, I suggest you watch the episode and find out why, “Tom Cruise won’t come out of the closet.” It offends you so much then avoid it. It’s as simple as that.

On a final note, do any of you think that Cruise actually sat down and watched this episode? Can you really imagine him doing that? No? Me neither. For his sake I hope it all turns out to be a rumor. I also look forward to future Scientology episodes because I know that they will certainly come.
"What is the worst April Fool's joke someone has played on you?"

Django Rogers
Freshman
Graduate Student, Clinical Psych
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

"When I was a kid, my mom used to put green food coloring in my milk."

Liz Harbaugh
Senior
English / Humanities
Baltimore, Maryland

"My twin younger brothers told me my cat had run away and died."

Rob Coward
Junior
Theatre
Albany, New York

"Mark Duncan told me I had to go on stage for a character on opening night, and I didn't know any of the lines."

Rockell Alhale
Junior
University School
Hollywood, Florida

"I taped the openings of the sinks in my house, so when my mom turned it on, it sprayed all over her."

Brandi Garcia
Sophomore
Biology
Miami, Florida

"My mom told me she was pregnant and she wasn't, but I was more disappointed that she wasn't."

Kyle Patton
Freshman
Graduate Student, College of Student Affairs
Mauston, Wisconsin

"I don't have one, but I did play an April Fools joke on my roommate. Last year, I told her that our friend got into a huge fight and that he and some of his friends ended up in the hospital and jail. She took the bait, and freaked out until we finally told her that it was a joke."

Marilite Vazquez-Gonzalez
Sophomore
Legal Studies
Bronx, New York

"My teammates told me practice was at a different location than it was. When I finally got to the right field, I had to run a few laps."

Colin Millar
Senior
Psychology
Montego Bay, Jamaica

"Not me personally, but the best one I heard was in Seattle over the radio. There were two DJ's who told everyone not to go online because the internet was going to be cleaned, and if anyone did go their files will be corrupted. This of course had massive repercussions."

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NSU welcomes Students in Free Enterprise

The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship welcomed Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) to our campus last fall. SIFE is a global non-profit organization that changes the world through highly dedicated student teams found on more than 1,600 university campuses in over 40 countries. SIFE offers the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills. It does this through teaching the principles of free enterprise. One of the great advantages is the extensive support that the organization has from businesses around the globe.

SIFE teams impart knowledge through educational outreach projects that include entrepreneurship, personal financial success and business ethics. Competitions are held each year, drawing together thousands of students, faculty and business leaders or heads of industry. The experience enables one to tap into his/her potential by helping others tap into theirs. Learning is in an off-campus approach to team work, leadership, communication and effective project management. Examples of some of the wonderful projects undertaken by SIFE teams include: helping single mothers and their families by teaching the necessities to gain financial independence, weekly radio broadcasts on financial responsibility and assisting entrepreneurs with effective market analysis—pricing, product placement and promotion—as well as how to conduct business ethically and with aptitude.

Marketing Competition

SIFE is currently hosting a Marketing Competition that will benefit The Broward Society for the Homeless. The competition is open to all NSU clubs, organizations, from any NSU college. The competition calls for the creation of a product or service, such as Lance Armstrong bracelets— that will potentially serve as the basis for generating funds. 100% of all the proceeds will go to help Broward's homeless community. In addition to university wide recognition, there are spectacular prizes to be won. First place winner receives $1,500, second place receives $1,000, and the third receives $500.

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Students at NSU and Across the Nation Face Sweeping Changes to Financial Aid Programs

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What does this mean for me?

The changes do not go into effect until July 1, 2006 but will affect every area of the student-aid program. The popular Stafford and PLUS loans are good examples. The Stafford loan currently has an interest rate of 4.7%. Under the changes, the rate increases to a fixed at 6.8%. Additionally, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students—PLUS loans—will become a less viable option as that rate will increase from 6.8% to a staggering 8.5% as reported by online information source, Vault.com. Whereas both these loans have traditionally reset every year based on the present market conditions, the new rates stay fixed and will not be affected by any rise or fall in market interest rates. In other words, if market interest rates start to fall again soon—although this is highly unlikely—the rates on these loans will stay fixed at the higher percentages.

This information is all well and good, but what do I do now?

Well, again, the new changes do not go into effect until July 1 of this year. USA Today Columnist Sandra Block, along with a majority of the financial community, recommend the following steps:

• For those who have already graduated, consolidation is the best option at this point, even if you have begun repaying your loan. If you act now, you may be able to lock in at a reasonable 5.38%.

• If you are still in your grace period—the 6 months immediately after graduation—you may lock in at an even lower 4.75%.

• If you are still in school, as you are very well, talk to your lender about in-school consolidation. This type of consolidation allows you to lock in a low interest rate on money that you have already borrowed. You should attempt this option soon, as the new changes that take effect on July 1 block all in-school consolidation.

Generally, everyone with federal loans qualifies for consolidation, and according to Vault, there should be no fees or credit checks to get it done. But this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Sources: The Wallstreet Journal, Vault.com, and USA Today.