New Undergraduate SGA Announced

By Rafia Chodhry
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The first NSUSGA 2006-2007 online elections came to a close last Friday after four days of voting. Davia McDonald, SGA Vice President of Judicial Affairs, announced thirteen winners to students gathered in the Flight Deck to meet their new senators.

Earl Tinsley, one of three Commuter Senator elected, was "ecstatic" about his win. "On the 2006-2007 SGA, I hope to assist in all needs that will better impact this campus," said Tinsley.

Akshat Bhargava, one of two International Senators elected, was very thankful to everyone who helped him reach his victory. "I am very grateful. I am going to work to the best of my ability to serve the international community," said Bhargava. "I will always be there for International Students."

Terry Morrow, Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Leadership Development, said she was excited about the new board.

"The results are exciting," said Morrow. "We have a number of really talented future leaders."

Although he formerly served the 2005-2006 SGA as a freshman senator, elected SGA President Andrew Ibrahim said he was "eager to get started."

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NSU Workers Go On Strike for Better Pay and Benefits

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

A day after President Ray Ferrero Jr. sent out a mass email addressed to NSU Trustees, Students, Faculty and Staff, UNICCO workers voted to strike. The letter came as a response to the worker's request for better pay and benefits the previous week.

"He did not even respond to us or the pastor, but to the students and faculty," was Steven McGonigle's reaction to the letter. "Right there he is showing no respect whatsoever," said McGonigle.

"Half of these people (referring to the UNICCO workers) don't even have a computer," said McGonigle. After learning of Ferrero's decision for inaction, over 75 NSU workers gathered in front of Luke's Liquor store in the University Park Plaza last Wednesday to decide on their next move.

"We are here today to take a vote about whether to go on strike because the strike at UM is producing results and we want results here too," said McGonigle.

Executive Director of University Relations Dave Dawson said that "to this minute, we have essentially not been notified of a strike. It's all hearsay" in response to a press release sent out the next day by Service Employees International Union.

Workers at UM receiving a 25% pay raise was also mentioned in the release. "Our contract with UNICCO is negotiated separately from what the University of Miami does," Dawson added.

Union organizer Secky, who wishes not to express her surname, believes University of Miami workers succeeded in gaining a pay raise due to support from the community.

"We are having success in Miami because we have so many people behind us - the church, students, and faculty," said Secky.

"Students don't realize how much good they can do," said McGonigle.

Additional reporting by Alisha VanHoose.

Never Again: Survivors Share Their Stories

Colloquium on Rwandan Genocide Examines All Aspects of Tragedy

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

There was a hush in the Knight Auditorium on March 30 as Amiable Munya stepped up to the podium, the first of two survivors of the Rwandan Genocide to share his story.

Passing with emotion, Munya told of how he received a phone call just after the killing started from his brother, who said that he would hide in the attic and call back when it was safe. "He never called back," said Munya, choking up. "And I never saw him again."

Marie Josee Marekatete, the second survivor to speak, shared a similar experience. "We're going to meet soon in heaven," she said her father told her over the phone the last time she spoke to him, dubbing her eyes as she quietly described to the audience how he hung up a short time later, saying "they're here" as gunshots rang out in the background.

The Colloquium on Rwandan Genocide, the brainchild of senior
SGA Report: Winding Down Literally

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

The SGA Senate meeting on March 29 was uncharacteristically short, lasting less than an hour due to very few bills being presented. Those who did present bills, however, got the funding they requested in one of the few meetings left in this school year.

Announcements

VPJ Davia McDonald informed senators that the last two senate meetings would include the new senators sitting side by side with old senators so next year's SGA would be able to learn how things were run. She also reminded that the last senate meeting would take place on April 12, so any legislation would have to be in before then to be considered for funding.

Treasurer Diane Klein reported Torres said that with only around $5123.41 in the senate reserve fund, although the usual funds drew from organization meetings, accounts would be available the following week. Organizations having their events after the sweep date would retain their accounts, while organizations hosting their events up to the sweep date would have an "umbrella" in which to turn in their receipts.

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"I want to make it easier for clubs and organizations to get funding by better educating the constituents on how the budget guidelines function," stated Ibrahim.

Further outlined his party's platform by saying that Impact plans to throw larger events, make NSU's name known outside of South Florida, and "more closely work with the other SGA's to improve ours."

In light of the problems that this year's SGA experienced, Ibrahim said there will be "more focus on accountability."

"I want senators to be aware that they are fully responsible for their actions," he clarified. "The Student Voice did so much for the students and cared so much; they were the beginning of the transition and we will continue it."

The only regret Ibrahim had was that the Impact party ran unopposed.

"It is unfortunate; the student population either did not have the initiative or was intimidated by the task."

The new board has a full year planned ahead of them. In April, the newly elected appointees will attend the American Student Government Association training in Orlando. Later in August, they will participate in a Student Government Reform coordinated by SALD.

"I am really proud of you guys," McDonald told the new senators. "I know it hasn't been easy, but I am happy to pass the torch on to you guys."

Starting Funds: $5123.41
Surf Club Weekend Trip- requested: $1,080
received: $1,080
Psi Chi Achievement Dinner- requested: $310
received: $310

Ending Funds: $3,733.41

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"If it passed 3 p.m. and you were not killed, you knew that you were safe for that day"

Careen Hutchinson, brought these survivors, as well as Jose De Silva Campino of the United Nations and Hon. Zac Nsenga, the Rwandan Ambassador to the United States, together to speak on the massacre of approximately 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus over the course of 100 days in 1994.

Munya described returning to his home from the refugee camp when the massacre was over. "The homes were no longer there," he recounted. "Nothing," in three months of conflict, Munya lost 26 family members and friends.

Marekatete focused on an emotional account of how she and her mother hid inside a hospital for weeks, militia men coming every day to pick more people off beforethey grew tired of it. "If it passed 3 p.m. and you were not killed, you knew that you were safe for that day," she said, describing how they were lined up and whoever was in front died first.

"The international community, including the United Nations, failed the people of Rwanda ... they could have done much more, but simply did not," said Campino near the beginning of his narration. He continued speaking of the political state of affairs before, during, and after the genocide, saying that "the consequences of what happened in 1994 continues to be felt in central Africa."

Partially illustrating how the genocides are currently affecting Rwanda, Nsenga explained the tribal trials still taking place for those arrested after the massacre, describing an outdoor court headed by tribal elders.

"There was so much pride in his presentation," said Hutchinson of the ambassador's speaking of the beauty and culture of Rwanda. "He showed where they're coming from and where they're going, and that really moved me."

Nsenga also informed of the history behind the genocide, telling how it was Belgian colonists who decided who was Tutsi and who was Hutu, creating a rift between people who lived together before the distinction was made. The Tutsi were treated as superior to the Hutu, which eventually led to a series of uprisings that reversed the positions.

"It was a great example of how we create different identities for people," said Terry Morrow, who helped organize the event.

Before telling of her experiences during the genocide, Marekatete illustrated the discrimination with a story of her younger brother, who believed he was Hutu because he found out mean so much to him.

Audience members were touched by the stories told, standing to applaud Munya and Marekatete when each finished their speeches. "They showed us a true life story of what these people faced during the Rwanda Genocide and brought the whole situation from the movie screen to the front door, so it gave you a sense of responsibility," said freshman Danielle Morvan, who attended the event. Andrew Rasasi, a senior in the DCAR program, felt similarly. "This is something that should be continued, because given the world situation, we need to have such interactions so we can react.

"In Rwanda, we don't get much change to talk about our experiences," said Munya at the end of his story, adding that for the most part, others are simply not interested.

"It's not good stuff to remember," said Marekatete, adding that the only reason she spoke about it was to raise awareness.

"I really got an appreciation of the survivors, because as they were talking, they were very happy to see that someone cared," said Hutchinson. "I didn't know it would mean so much to them."

Julia Chatin, a professor at DCAR, expressed told of the silence of survivors of mass trauma at the beginning of the program, describing a Holocaust victim she had interviewed many years ago. She asked him at the end of the interview whether he had shared his story before, to which he replied "no one ever asked." She went on to speak about that silence and how "the adage that time heals all wounds may keep those wounds from healing, and may even make them all the more insidious."

David Kilroy of Farquhar also spoke, analyzing the changing definition of genocide on the world stage.

With additional reporting by Rafa Chodory.
Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Hungry Man Wants Meat, Cooks Self

All Mithailal Ram Sanjivan of Ahmedabad, India, wanted was some meat for dinner, but financial reasons, or perhaps a rather ineffective form of protest, Mithailal locked his wife in the house, "doused his body with an inflammable liquid," and set himself ablaze, resulting in his death, but also the cooked meat he desired. -

An early morning robbery of a Sonic restaurant was carried out by a woman wielding a deadly stick. Woman Successfully Robs Restaurant with Deadly Stick.

A one year old baby was abducted, along with her appearance to that of a husband, Ernest Karnes, and according to authorities quoted by the Associated Press article, "radically changed their father." White is being held by authorities and the children have been returned to their actual father. Shellie White kidnapped the children.

An early morning robbery of a Sonic restaurant was carried out by a woman wielding a deadly stick. Woman Successfully Robs Restaurant with Deadly Stick.

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Middle East

Attacks on Iraqi civilians, businesses rising

According to the Associated Press, Iraqi insurgents have changed strategies. Rather than concentrating attacks on American and Iraqi forces, insurgents have been increasing kidnapping and killing business workers and Iraqi civilians. Before the shift in tactics, the conflict was thought to be "straightforward" with Sunni insurgents and al-Qaeda terrorists using "car bombs, roadside bombs, suicide bomb-belts and sniper rifles" to target U.S. troops, Iraqi soldiers, and police. "Military officials state that there is "a sharp decline in American deaths" due to "handing more duties to the Iraqi army." However, there has been an increase in civilian killings. Some Iraqi government officials believe that the insurgents have "switched their targets" in order "cause chaos or to fund their terror work." Major General Ahmed al-Khafaji, a deputy interior minister, said "all these operations have one aim: to freeze life in Iraq and sabotage the democratic process."

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Europe

Italy to help Afghan Christian convert

On Wed., March 29, Premier Silvio Berlusconi told the Associated Press that "Italy would be glad to give asylum to the Afghan man who faced the death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity." Abdul Rahman, 41, began seeking asylum after he was released from the high-security Policarpi prison on the outskirts of the Afghan capital. The court dropped charges of apostasy against Rahman, stating that there was "lack of evidence and suspected mental illness," President Hamid Karzai had also been "under heavy international pressure to drop the case." Muslim clerics, however, criticized Karzai, saying that the release of Rahman was a "betrayal of Islam" and threatened to provoke protests. Under Afghanistan's Islamic law, conversion is a crime. Rahman was arrested in February when police found a Bible in his possession and was tried for, converting 16 years ago when he worked as a medical aid worker for an international Christian group helping Afghan refugees in Pakistan. For more information visit www.msnbc.com.

Asia

Activists demand U.S. take responsibility for Agent Orange

More than 100 activists and Vietnam War veterans that met in Hanoi, Vietnam concluded a two-day conference on Agent Orange "with a plea to the U.S. government and chemical companies to take responsibility for health problems linked to the wartime defoliant." At the end of the meeting on March 29, a statement was written that demanded the U.S. government and chemical companies make "contributions to overcome the consequences of toxic chemicals," according to the Associated Press. Record's say that U.S. forces sprayed "about 21 million gallons of defoliant, mostly Agent Orange, over Vietnam" to destroy forest hiding communist troops. Agent Orange, among other dangerous chemicals, contains dioxin, which is blamed for causing health risks "ranging from cancer to spina bifida and diabetes." However, U.S. government officials claim there is "no scientific directly linking dioxin to the ailments." Tran Xuan-Thuy, head of the Vietnam Association of Agent Orange Victims, said "for the future of mankind, we must prevent the use of Agent Orange from being repeated in any other country in the world."

For more information visit www.worldnews.com.

Caribbean

Human skulls found in Haiti may be linked to voodoo rituals

The Associated Press reported on March 28 that "scavengers found 10 human skulls in a trash heap—the second such grisly find in as many days in Haiti's capital, where authorities speculated that the bone may have come from a Voodoo ritual." The skulls were found a day earlier inside plastic buckets in a ditch in the eastern district of Pors- au-Prince, witnesses said. Two U.N. civilian police spent the day "searching the skulls with several sets of jaw bones also found in the dumpster," Marc Jacquet, U.N. civilian police spokesman, told reporters that experts may be called in to determine the age of the skulls. Seventeen other skulls were found inside plastic buckets were found in the woods of nearby Petionville suburb after witnesses said the buckets were thrown from a passing car. Haitian police spokesman Franz Eurebourd said "it's a possibility they're related to Voodoo, but we can't say definitively right now." Voodoo, "a faith that mixes Christianity with West African religions," contains the belief that human skulls "evolve or ward off evil spirits."

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Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

Africa

Taylor returned to Sierra Leone on war crime charges

According to Reuters, war criminal and former Liberian President Charles Taylor was captured while attempting to flee into Nigeria with "sacks full of cash." Taylor was transported back to Sierra Leone on March 29 by U.N. helicopter to a guarded compound to be tried on war crimes charges. Taylor was reportedly captured at night by security forces nearly 600 miles from his villa in southern city of Calabar, where he supposedly disappeared. President Bush showed his gratitude for quick action of Nigerian forces. "The fact that Charles Taylor will be brought to justice in a court of law will help Liberia and is a sign of your deep desire for there to be peace in your neighborhood," Bush told Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo. Taylor is charged with "backing Sierra Leone rebels, including child fighters, who terrorized victims by chopping off their arms, legs, ears and lips."

For more information visit www.reuters.com.
Sports

Sports Blurbs
Compiled by Alicia Winslett

Men's Golf
March 27 and 28 the men's golf team competed in the CSU-Bakersfield tournament with a seven-over-par score of 287. They played at Woodmont Country Club on the Cypress Course, a par 72 with 7,043 yards. CSU-Bakersfield won the tournament with a seven-over-par score of 287. NSU's freshman, Constantine Schwier, finished in seventh place individually to lead the Comforts.

Women's Golf
The women's golf team also competed in the CSU-Bakersfield tournament on March 27 and 28. They finished third with a two-day total of 635 (320-315) on the Cypress Course. Every player had at least one hit in this tournament. Freshman Andrica Maldonado finished in eighth place, shooting a two-day total of 614 (307-307), and shot a three-under-par 69 on Sunday.

Baseball
On March 28, the men's baseball team defeated the Florida Tech Panthers 15-11 at the NSU Baseball Complex. Every batter had at least one hit in this game for a total of 25 hits for the Sharks. Mike Mandick was 5-for-5 with 1 RBI and 2 runs scored. Greg Burrows had a double, triple, and a homerun to drive in 3 runs. He went 3-for-5 with 3 runs scored and a stolen base.

Women's Rowing
The Novice 4 crew was named the Sunshine State Conference Boat of the Week after winning its race at Rollins Spring Break Race over the weekend. The crew members included Kim Marona (coxswain), Cindy Fong, Rachel Garbaj, Jill Sims, and Christi O'Neill.

Women's Tennis
The Women's Tennis team overtook Florida Tech on March 25 in a Sunshine State Conference match in Melbourne, FL. The NSU women's team lost just three games in doubles action, then won five of six singles matches in straight sets to pick up their second straight win. Anna Schmidtmann and Jessica Homerlein didn't lose a game in their number four and five spot.

Softball
On March 25, the women's softball team competed against Lynn University, the defending National Champions. Lynn won the weekend series, but the Sharks split a game with them. In the first game, NSU won 3-2 and lost the second game 4-1. Valerie Eberhard led the Sharks when she went 3-for-4 with one double and one run scored. Katie Veltz finished 3-for-6 with two doubles and one run scored. Pitcher Adrian Tuttle improved 9-8 on the season. She pitched six innings, allowing three runs on six hits, and struck out two batters.

Women's Rowing Team Wins All Races at Rollins Spring Break Race
By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On March 25, the women's rowing team swam all the women's events against Rollins College and the University of Central Florida at the Rollins Spring Break Race. In the varsity 8 and the varsity four we raced against UCF and Rollins. It was a good race considering the conditions of the water, which were rough and choppy," said head coach John Garrin. "I think that we can build from this race and carry it into new races to come. We have some tough competition to come in the next races, but I think we're ready," he said.

The Varsity 8 boat was the closest race of the day as they won by only 0.4 seconds over UCF and Rollins. The Sharks were able to hold both the teams in the last 500 meters of the race. In the Varsity 8 boat, they beat UCF by almost 5 seconds, 6:31.3 to UCF's 6:36.6.

In the Novice 8, which finished second on the course two weeks ago, came back to win against both of these teams. The Lightweight four, which included Cheyenne Poskey, Taylor Liput, Christy Fritch, Jennifer Moore, and Danielle Garcia, won their race 30 seconds in front of UCF.

"This weekend's performance was a true team effort. We were able to take first in every single event we entered into," said Senior Taylor Liput. "Winning gold medals against not only a Division II team, but also a Division I team, was a great confidence boost. Our varsity rowers have done an awesome job setting an example for the novice... And the novice have learned so quickly and become so strong, I get chills watching them come down that race course." Everyone is welcome to come out and support the women's rowing team when they head back to the water on April 7 and 8 to race in the FIRA Spring Race on the new Krome Ave Quayr Course in western Miami-Dade County.

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From front to back: Cindy Fong, Rachel Garbaj, Jill Sims, and Christi O'Neill. Photo courtesy Gary Curren
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Nominees Prepare for the STUEY Awards

7th annual ceremony celebrates the best of NSU

By Greg Kyriakakis
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Candidates have little time remaining to prepare their acceptance speeches for the 7th annual Student Life Achievement Awards, scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on April 4 at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center. James Doan, humanities professor at Farquhar College and contender for Professor of the Year, said that he is "thrilled" to be nominated. He attributes his success in the classroom to involving students in important discussion that enables them "to come to their own decisions." After 25 years of teaching, 18 of which have been at Farquhar, Doan said that "I continue to be excited about the things I teach... and I hope this shows." Also up for the award is Robert Hasty, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine. Calling the nomination "amazing," Hasty said that with today's ease of gaining information, "patients are empowered with facts and it is ever more important to train our physicians to have good judgment and be wise. My goal is to inspire and train [them] to focus on the details and get to this next level." Student of the Year nominee Shruti Salghur from the Huizenga School and pharmacy student Christine Chukhadzhyan are enjoying their nominations. Salghur, who participated in numerous groups including the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, said that she is "very ecstatic, overjoyed and honored" to be in the running. "I have enjoyed supporting the vision of the school and their various initiatives because I have believed in them," commented Salghur.

Chukhadzhyan, also the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society President, said that her nomination "means a lot to me, since I am being recognized for doing something that I enjoy." Prospective Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year Gary Gershman, a humanities Please See STUEY Page 7

Students Learn Healthy Cooking Habits

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

NSU students recently gathered in the Goodwin classroom for Let's Eat, an event where they viewed a cooking demonstration and learned nutritional information. Jen Checkoway and Rachael Robinson, NSU nursing students, said that the event’s mission was to get students eating healthy. Through the cooking demonstration, they hoped to "educate the college student population about making good food choices.” Chef Lynn from the organic health food store Whole Foods demonstrated how to create meals without fattening ingredients. The chef prepared a lemon poached chicken, green beans and couscous with olive and caper topping, and a yogurt with fruits and granola for dessert.

She explained the importance kitchen safety to avoid food poisoning and suggested buying a stem thermometer to measure the cooking temperature. While much goes in to making a meal, the most important thing to do while cooking is, according to Lynn, to "cook with love. It makes the food taste better.”

Eating healthy, especially during the stress of college, requires portion control. Attendees were advised to visit MyPyramid.gov, a Web site guiding individuals about the foods and servings that are right for them, while providing them tips for a healthier life.

Noting a lack of informational dietary seminars at the university, Breana Guerard, freshman at NSU, described the event as "awesome. I wish that we had more programs like this at NSU.”

The event was sponsored by the Office of Health and Wellness. Food was provided by the Whole Foods Market located in Plantation, Florida.
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professor at Farquhar, said that “I’m honored to be nominated,” but also acknowledged the work of others. “I think in some ways it reflects the organization more than me, because if they weren’t active, I would not be nominated.”

Mark Jaffe, professor at the MST division of Farquhar, is nominated for the same award. “It is very touching when students recognize the value of what an advisor is offering,” said Jaffe. In addition to providing guidance, Jaffe helped students gain experience within the medical field. “I have also arranged for many students to participate in health fair screenings over the past year,” as well as workshops including for learning to suture and giving injections.

Dubbed “NSU’s Academy Award” by Katie Blanco, Director of Student Engagement, the event allows the NSU community to recognize those who have contributed the most to the University.

Nominations are submitted by a committee representing each college and department of the University. Each committee member selects potential candidates from their departments and the group votes on the top five of each category. Once the committee gets their top picks, the nominations are sent to the Selections Committee, which is mostly comprised of past Stuey winners.

The awards, nicknamed the “Stueys,” are given to NSU’s best who demonstrate “the core values” of the university including leadership, scholarship, integrity, and responsibility.

Other major award categories include Academic Dean of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Alumnus of the Year, Female and Male Athlete of the Year, and Graduate and Undergraduate Organization of the Year.

“It’s an amazing production,” said Blanco, citing “all the works that goes into” selecting honorees.

Tickets are being distributed in the Student Activities office on the second floor of Rosenhall. For more information, call 954-262-7290.

The event, held in the Alvin Building, won because it “shows the purpose of their club” through the use of pictures chronicling the various activities sponsored by the organization. The group was awarded a free scrapbook for its efforts.

APO members were pleased with their win and attributed their success to including attention grabbing visuals and information about the organization. “Our board has everyone grouped together. It’s pretty cool,” said Service Vice President Ann Hoang, who added that the interactive elements of the board, such as information pamphlets, may have helped give them the winning edge.

Effeda Orpilla, who along with other APO members, helped to create the board, said that she was “very happy” that their efforts were rewarded and is pleased to receive a scrapbook which can be put to good use.

Furmanski hoped that more club awareness around campus would attract commuter students who have little incentive to spend time on campus. “The goal was to get clubs to update their boards and to get more interest in the students to join [organizations],” she said.

Furmanski said that “anyone with a board” was eligible to enter the contest and plans to continue the contest. “We’re hoping that next year we’ll have more people participate.”

Gershma Gives His “Last Lecture”

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

“You only have 30 minutes left. What would you say?” was the theme for the inaugural speech in the Last Lecture series given by NSU professor Gary Gershma.

Describing himself as a man who loves to instill the love of education to his students, Dan Sullivan, Director of Campus Relations, introduced Gershma.

Gershma focused on the key of life, describing it as being able to die without any regrets. “The worst thing in life is to look back and say ‘bleh, I haven’t done anything.’”

Too many people are obsessed with money and ordinary goals that they allow life to pass them by, Gershma held. Because of the values instilled in him by his parents and the experience of losing his father to Parkinson’s disease, Gershma realized that life is too short and important and does not allow himself to dwell on the mundane.

Gershma spoke of three events that helped shape his life. His experience with Camp Joseph and Berry Harlam in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, which he called the “glue in his life,” helped him learn the meaning of friendship. While there, his eyes were opened to the outside world; he adopted principles and learned to make decisions without regrets.

A trip to Europe in 1987, where Gershma rafted with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, was another life-shaping event. As a child, he had always said that he would run with the bulls and the emotion he felt when he achieved his goal was indescribable.

The final influential event came as the lecturer visited Auschwitz and saw the cells where prisoners were held and entered the gas chambers that took countless lives. That experience forever changed his life and made him realize that he should not complain about anything.

Gershma concluded his remarks with a simple phrase, imploring the audience to “have no regrets.”

Following his remarks, Gershma was presented with an engraved clock plaque.

Many were moved by the speech. “I thought it was superb. Very inspiring,” said humanities professor Christine Jackson.

Hayley Piere, member of the Interfaith Council and NSU student said, “We chose Dr. Gershma because we know that he has a great story to tell and is very gifted. We just knew that he was the right fit.”

The event, held in the Alvin Sherman Library, was hosted by the Interfaith Council. Students are encouraged to vote for the next speaker by submitting suggestions to April Eldemire, Graduate Assistant for Multicultural and Spiritual Development, at eldemire@nova.edu.

The Last Lecture series gives certain university members the opportunity to consider what they would say if they only had thirty minutes left.
80's Spring Fling
By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

Hosted by the Student Union Board and the NSUSGA, NSU's 80's Spring Fling allowed students to relive the best parts of their childhood. The March 25 event, held at the University School Gym, featured 80's cover band The Breakfast Club, which performed hit songs from that era. Full size vintage arcade games including Pac-Man and Galaga were open for free play, while classic movies of the time were projected on large screens. The free party, which encouraged students to dress in their best 80's attire, also featured giveaways and refreshments.

Jay Stubblefield and Steve Reddy play a round of Pac-Man, one of three popular 80's arcade games present.
Album Review

The Sounds: Not Original, but Fun

By Marines Alvarez
ACE Editor

When bell-bottoms made a comeback (I was in middle school), I didn’t really realize what was happening; all I knew was that big jeans were “cool.” My mom was nostalgic and would occasionally point at my clothes and say, “I used to wear those.” That was a little freaky. But the truth is that trends never die, they just hibernate. Yes, even the dreaded neon glow of the 80’s is bound to reappear. It’s just a matter of time before we’re all wearing leggings to class.

In an effort to give us a push in the 80’s direction, I present to you The Sounds’ sophomore album Dying to Say This to You. This quintet, which originally hails from Helsingborg, Sweden, debuted strong in their native country with Living in America. The recognition they garnered here stemmed from their almost unhealthy imitation of bands past, namely Blondie, coming awfully close to cover band status. Four years after their debut, their 35-minute release Dying to Say This to You stays locked in those same stylistic parameters, but to their credit The Sounds do carve their own (slightly) unique space.

From the opening notes, a sweet feeling of nostalgia swept over me. Sure, I barely saw the tail-end of the 80’s, but as soon as lead singer Maja Ivarsson forces out the first energetic “heys,” it made me want to abuse primary colors and jaunty keyboard lines, pop infused background vocals and repetitive guitar riffs were a bit odd. Two minutes into the first song, I

Playing in the Past:
“Metal Arms: Glitch in the System”

By Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

If you find yourself bored or disappointed with new releases, perhaps it may be time for you to take a step back and play a few oldies. “Playing in the Past” will reminisce on some of the beloved games of yore, covering titles that may have passed you by.

Albeit a bit aged, "Metal Arms: Glitch in the System" still holds up nicely in this “next-gen” age. It's a hilarious game that's tons of fun. To put it shortly and sweetly, "Metal Arms" scores excellent marks all around and you should really have as part of your gaming library if you don't already.

The game play in "Metal Arms" is really top-notch and remains consistently fun through the whole game without getting repetitive. You play as a robot named Glitch, an unlikely hero aiding a small resistance group against the Mil-Bots — another type of robot attempting to rule your planet, Ironstar. Although the majority of the action is blasting apart Mil's, there is always a strong focus on humor, story progression and the sheer variety enemies, weapons, and vehicles (with a couple racing levels thrown in) keep the game fresh.

Although "Metal Arms" is not a short game (there are about 40 missions), replay value is always important and an in-depth look at "Metal Arms" reveals oodles of it in a variety of ways. Most obviously are collecting the "secret chips" throughout the levels to unlock multi-player maps and collecting "speed chips" by completing a level quickly. Another more subtle reason includes enemy behavior. The AI is impressive in Metal Arms and, enemies often behave differently. Additionally, the several ways to get through a level and varying difficulty provides tons of replays. "Metal Arms" really excels in the sound department. All the voice acting is top-notch, even employing big names like Dan Castellaneta ("The Simpsons") and Patrick Warburton ("Family Guy, "The Venture Brothers," and various movies). The music is catchy, but much of the game is quiet with music popping in to pump you up when you need it most; it's sort of like "Half-Life," but much more prevalent. The various clangs, bangs, and explosions are all good, but nothing too noteworthy.

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Bottom left: Some of the bigger "bots add challenge to the game.

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knew the only word that can really describe The Sounds is "fun."

The album opens with "Song With A Mission," a perfect example

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This Week in Arts & Entertainment

Movie Openings

The Benchwarmers
Starring: Rob Schneider, David Spade, Jon Heder
Director: Dennis Dugan
Genre: Comedy
Rating: PG-13

Gus and his nerdy buddies, Richie and Clark, are scouted by a millionaire nerd, Mc, who wants to form a baseball team and compete with the meanest Little League teams in the state. A stellar ballplayer, Gus becomes a role model—forever and outcasts everywhere. But when his fans learn that Gus was once a school bully himself; they feel outraged and betrayed.

Take the Lead
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Alfre Woodard
Director: Liz Friedlander
Genre: Drama, Family
Rating: PG-13

A former professional ballroom dance volunteer to teach dance at a New York public school. The hip-hop instincts of his students soon clash with his ballroom methods, so he teams up with them to create a new style of dance. Eventually the students trust him and he becomes their mentor.

Album Releases

Available April 10
Me & My Gang by Rascal Flatts
The Not Dead by Pink
Every Day is Exactly the Same EP by Nine Inch Nails

Karmacide by Lacuna Coil

Book Releases

Available April 1
Two Little Girls in Blue by Mary Higgins Clark

Before leaving for a black-tie affair in New York City, Margaret and Steve Frawley celebrate the third birthday of their twin girls, Kathy and Kelly, with a party at their new home in Ridgefield, Conn. Later that night, when Margaret can't reach the babysitter, she contacts the Ridgefield police. The frantic couple returns home to find the children missing and a ransom note demanding $8 million. Though the Frawleys meet all the conditions, only Kelly turns up in a car, along with a dead driver and a suicide note saying that Kathy has died. But Kelly's telepathic messages from her sister keep telling her differently, and Margaret won't give up hope.

Don't Look Down by Jennifer Cruise

Lucy Sullivan is a director of television commercials who's just been offered her big break: a chance to direct an action movie. But she arrives on the set to discover that the entire directing staff has quit, the stars are egomaniacs, the stunt director is her charming ex-husband, and the lead actor has just hired a "military consultant" who has the aggravating habit of always being right.

DVD Releases

Available April 6
Heath Ledger in Brokeback Mountain
Richard Gere in Bee Season
Tilda Swinton in The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
Matt Dillon in Crash

Entertainment

April 3
The Go-Go's at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood

April 6
Rotterdam Philharmonic at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach

April 7
Kenné G. at Centennial Park in Ft. Meyers

April 8
Champions On Ice 2006 Tour at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise

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

Book synopses courtesy of www.barnesandnoble.com

Compiled by Marines Alvarez

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Finally, there's the farting. Yes, the farting. When Mils are about, not having noticed you, they will often let out exhaust with a fart noise. It can even warn you of hidden enemies! And nothing is funnier than getting the drop on a Mil, who throws up his arms and yells with surprise as he lets out a squaker. It's pure gold, I'm telling you.

Metal Arms is also graphically pleasing. Many of the levels are huge and offer up a plethora of exploration options and destructible objects. And despite the multiple enemies and large environments, there is nary any slowdown in sight. As for aesthetics in general, they're okay. No complaints, I guess.

As if its single player wasn't good enough, Metal Arms also boasts an incredible multi-player mode. There are 14 maps in total, all of which are satisfying. Game modes include standard variations of "death match" and "king of the hill" modes, along with tag and possession melee—in which the only weapons are the Control Tether and Recruiter Grenades so that kills must come from other Bots that you control. Did I mention that you could take control of your enemies in this game? How cool!

Of course, all the game modes are customizable, allowing you to select weapon, vehicle, and bot preferences. There is a problem in that sometimes it's possible for players to abuse the power of certain vehicles and bots—they're unstoppable, but it can be really hard, especially for the inexperienced. Besides, you can turn that stuff off. As an experience, multi-player really delivers.

Metal Arms' challenging difficulty, hilarious enemies, intense action, entertaining multi-player and engaging story with memorable characters provide for a superb third person shooter. The developer, Swingin' Ape Studios, has since been absorbed by Blizzard Entertainment and I believe they are working on Starcraft Ghost, but that's it. So no one can tell if Metal Arms will have a sequel. We can only hope. I give Metal Arms: Glitch in the System eight lost hours of sleep out of eight.

GAME REVIEWS

ZZZZZZZ - You'll probably play it through class, come morning.

ZZZZZ - Great game. Make sure you have coffee for the day.

ZZZZ - It's pretty good, but you won't lose much sleep.

ZZZZZ - An average game. Don't bother with it during finals week.

ZZZ - Not that great. Those with particular taste may find something here.

ZZ - Overall, disappointing, but with redeeming qualities.

ZZ - Bad. This has been brought to your attention to save you sleep.

- The hour is actually lost from nightmares about the game.

Platform(s): Playstation 2, Gamecube, Xbox

Genre: Sci-fi, Action, Third-person Shooter

Original Release Date: 11/18/03
Rating: 8/8
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of how The Sounds add overdriven guitars and raucous hooks onto a new wave foundation to make simple, fun songs. Other highlights on the album include "Tony the Beat," "Queen of Apology" and "Painted by Numbers."

Ivarsson is definitely The Sounds biggest advantage. With a sound that could easily get lost in the shadow of bands that topped charts 20 years ago, Ivarsson’s edgy voice is what makes the band. She has a charismatic delivery and she makes us believe what she’s singing, even if it is raucous hooks onto a new advantage. With a sound in the shadow of bands April Ivarsson’s edgy voice is what makes that could easily get lost including on at Miami’s own the band.

I haven’t already, I suggest you check this band out for yourself.

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CD REVIEWS

$16 – Snatch this release up as soon as possible.

$12 – Wait until the buzz dies down and then buy it.

$8 - Hey, it’ll be on sale eventually...

$4 - Buy a few of the better songs from iTunes.

$0 – Skip this one. It would just take up room in your already cluttered collection.

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Showbiz Bits

By Marines Alvarez  
Asst. Editor

I’m Too Sexy for My Clothes

Scarlett Johansson, the pale actress of Lost In Translation fame, was named the world’s sexiest woman in a recent FHM poll. Johansson, who topped Angelina Jolie and Jessica Simpson for the honor, released a statement saying, “One of the best things for a woman to hear is that she is sexy. I’d like to thank FHM’s readers for the huge compliment.” Yeah, she would like to thank the readers but if she wanted to be honest and fair here is who she should be very grateful to: Isaac Mizrahi for grabbing her breast at the Golden Globes, that red number she was wearing at the Golden Globes that gave said breasts such a prominent stance, Vanity Fair for featuring her pale rear end on their cover, and, of course, her acting skills, great personality, stunning intellect and sweet disposition. Just kidding about that last part because… well, who cares about that stuff?

You Killed My “Friends”

“Friends” alum Lisa Kudrow has confirmed that plans for a reunion special were halted when a male cast member refused to participate. Could it be Joey, with his obviously bright and shinny career (is his show still on?) Could it be Chandler, who is currently enjoying dating Piper “Way Out Of His League” Perabo? Or maybe it’s Ross, who was played by that guy… what’s his name again? I can’t understand why any of these guys would refuse the million dollar paycheck to play the characters they played for, like, 10 years. It’s a million dollar paycheck. On the other hand, is a reunion really necessary? Did this show end… yesterday? Actually, I think they are showing an episode right now. Go check. It doesn’t even matter when you read this. You’ll find it.

How Do You Say “Ow” in Silent?

MSNBC reports that Katie Holmes will be following Scientology’s silent birth policy, wherein the mother cannot express any pain during childbirth, no one can talk, there can’t be any mood music, and no one speaks to the kid for a week after he is born. Katie, Katie, Katie. Remember that character you played on “Dawson’s Creek” who would never shut up? I’m just saying that maybe this whole silent birth deal is some kind of penance for all her yapping. Giant posters reading, "Be silent and make all movements slow and understandable,” are being plastered around the Cruise/Holmes mansion, suggesting the big day is on its way. Do you think knocking out the guy waving the poster while this girl is undergoing one of the most painful experiences of her life is understandable? How about if she does it real slow?

K-I-S-S-I-...

Sorry. Can’t finish. I think I just threw up a little in my mouth. That’s what happens when Teri Hatcher is photographed kissing Ryan Seacrest. The pictures, featured in “US Weekly,” show Hatcher and Seacrest getting friendly on a beach. Yeah. I know. And if you can get over the shock that Seacrest isn’t gay, then it takes you a while to understand what the heck Teri is wearing. And wasn’t Teri being linked with perpetual but aging cutie George Clooney? How do you go from Clooney to Seacrest? On the other hand, if any of you have ever seen Teri on high definition TV, you’re probably wondering how any man can stand the sight of her. Excuse me while I try and scrub my brain in an attempt to free it from the filth that I have encountered.
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Reflecting on Good and Evil

By Beth Baily, JD Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

As this semester begins to wind down, I have started to reflect on my first year teaching criminal justice in the Fairfield College of Arts and Sciences and Social and Behavioral Sciences at NSU. Upon my arrival here, I was thrilled to find that the theme for this school year is “Good and Evil.” The field of criminal justice has been my life’s work, and certainly, one of the most prominent areas for a discussion about the concepts of good and evil. Although law defines neither concept, both are inherent parts of the system. Both are evident in the behavior and actions of the many players involved and bystanders watching the human drama of illegal behavior. We, as a society, have been blamed on such beliefs as demonic possession, genetic reversal to a more primitive and brutish state and many other theories that have come and gone as research and science forge into the future.

Good and evil are concepts, ideals, and beliefs that are bandied about in the general public, the media, and even in the halls of justice. The public is inundated with bloody images of violence and illegality on the nightly news and, although crime rates are actually dropping, public fear of crime and criminals is at an all-time high in America. Further, the old-time image of the helpful rose-covered law enforcement is increasingly being questioned as scandal after scandal rocks police departments nationwide. The definitions of good and evil become more elusive as time changes acceptable forms of behavior.

The media often brands the accused as evil, a public verdict without a trial. The highly publicized criminal defendants, such as O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake, or Michael Jackson, is left to live with the consequences of media branding and public scorn, although they were found not guilty in a criminal trial. In many ways, perception effectively becomes reality.

I have been delightfully surprised by the large number of special events planned on NSU campus this month to highlight the philosophical and common sense differences between good and evil. Many of these programs have emphasized the “GOOD,” and I believe we as a nation should do more of that. Therefore, I ask you, the reader, to email me and tell me the “GOOD” that you have in your life and that you have experienced here at NSU. Please email me at madlincn@mail. nova.edu.

I’ll Take Game Shows for Three Hundred

By Marines Alvarez
AS&E Editor

My co-workers (the lovely people who bring you this newspaper) are currently discussing war and UNICCO workers and all sorts of smart things. I get to write about TV. Sometimes I feel bad about this, but I think therein lies the fun of TV. It’s an escape from all the crap we have to put up with in real life. One of the best escapes ever! Game shows. There is something about becoming an instant millionaire (or thousand-dollar) that resonates with everyone who has a paycheck.

I think my consideration of game shows began when I (accidentally) caught “The Price Is Right” a few weeks ago and was fuels by NSU’s Own Hollywood Squares game, sponsored by Student Activities and Leadership Development. The truth is, people have always been willing to play silly games to win money. Granted, there is a big difference between 1973’s “Match Game” and the gory phenomenon known as “Fear Factors.” It seems that nowadays, game shows have morphed into this new genre of competitive reality, making them endangered species.

The question being asked, “Can I make them like they used to?” Then you had “Family Feud,” and now you have “The Amazing Race.” Before, a drunken Richard Dawson kissing up on the whole family (even old ladies) entertained us. Now said family has to run across the whole world on one foot in order to elicit interest.

Now there is “Blind Date,” and then there was “The Dating Game,” just watching “Blind Date” might give you herpes and any other number of STDs (it’s that dirty). Sure the people on “The Dating Game” were sort of old and sort of ugly, but it was fun. Then you picked one girl from three, and now you date 12 women at once (I’m looking at you, “The Bachelors”). How about the “Newlywed Game?” I found it incredibly funny anytime the host referred to sex as “whoopee.” I think we need to go back to a time when everyone regularly uses the word “whoopee.”

I can’t mention game shows without mentioning the Nickelodeon monopoly on the genre in the early 90s “The Hidden Temple” anyone? The kids had to run through this gigantic maze and scary people would jump out at them and steal the key they kept around their necks. I clearly remember thinking “hey idit, just kick the next guy that jumps out at you and book it.” Okay, how about “Wild and Crazy Kids?” This was about the most bootleg show ever, and this was before I knew what bootleg was. They filmed this outside in a backyard somewhere with one hand held camera and a whole mess of kids. But I’ll tell you what: I always wanted to be invited to that party. “Double Dare,” “What Would You Do,” and “Game Show” are telling you that they don’t make them any way anymore.

One last example: “Deal or No Deal.” This show makes me mad. I don’t really know what the premise is and I’ve never really watched more than four minutes of it, but I know that it annoys me. What’s the point of all those people screaming “no deal, no deal, no deal!” It’s like “The Price Is Right” audience on speed. Take notes from granddaddy game shows like “Wheel of Fortune.” I’ll spin that giant wheel any day before I have my family scream at me on national television.

As for me, sign me up for, “The Price is Right” and tell that announcer guy to say I get a new car if I only guess the price of hernorrhoid cream. Also, you have to pay me a hell of a lot more than ten thousand dollars, “Four Facts,” for me to eat any part of an animal that isn’t on a McDonald’s menu. Oh, and FOX, watching people sit around and unanimously vote for who will get a million dollars…not fun.

It has to be said, in closing, that as I wrote this column everyone stopped talking about nuclear bombs and started talking about game shows, mostly remembering the games of yonder year. They should just spell TV, D-I-S-T-R-A-C-T-I-O-N. Which happens to be the name of a horrible game show on Comedy Central, but I’m done now I promise.

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"Give them a raise"

Breana Guerard
Freshman
Nursing
Apopka, FL

"I see them around campus a lot working really hard. They do a great job. I do think they deserve a raise. I make more money than they do and they work a lot harder than I do."

Kyle Linsey
Senior
Biology
Tampa, FL

"When I came to Nova, the streets were dangerous, but because of the UNICCO workers, I now feel safe on campus. Thanks UNICCO."

Hayley Pierre
Legal Studies
Junior
West Palm Beach, FL

"If going on strike will result on a pay increase, then I support their cause."

Tajhira Omphroy
Junior
History/legal studies
Weston, FL

"I work at a coffee shop part time where the employees start at $6.75 and have full benefits. Their job is much harder than mine, so they should be adequately compensated."

Neil Mayer
Biology
Senior
Jacksonville Florida

"I think that the UNICCO workers work hard and that they should be compensated fairly for the services they provide Nova's students."

Shawn Jackson
Masters of Business Administration
2nd year
Atlanta, GA

"I don't know too much about the situation, however if they have taken the proper steps (going to the appropriate chief of command), then they should take the necessary steps to make their voices heard."

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"They certainly have reasons to go on strike. No one wants to be over worked and underpaid."
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