Tensions Escalate Between SEIU, UNICCO Workers and University Officials

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor in Chief
Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

UNICCO efforts to stage a press conference in front of the Alvin Sherman Library were stymied on April 6 when Public Safety and the Davie Police Department all but escorted SEIU organizers and UNICCO employees from the premises.

"President Ray Ferrero said an SEIU attorney told our attorneys that UNICCO and SEIU will meet at College Avenue, not on campus," explained Executive Director of Protective Services Steve Bias before they were removed.

Upon hearing this, several UNICCO workers shook their heads, claiming the information was not true.

"It's a disgrace what has happened here today," said Jack Lieberman of the South Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. "The administrators need to take the classes in ethics and morality that this university teaches." Lieberman had come to campus to speak on the county's living wage ordinance.

Alberto Malave has been an employee of UNICCO for two years. "President Ferrero says he is not taking a position," he said gazing at the barricades. "But that is his position I see."

"By using these tactics," asserted Malave, "the President is setting a bad example for the students. He said he has an open-door policy but he has never said to bring in two or three...

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SGA REPORT: Let the Funds Fly

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Several bills were up to request funding this week, and no one was completely turned away. While a few people didn’t get quite as much as they wanted and one group was told to return next week after changing their request slightly, there weren’t any bills that outright failed. Several of the new senators attended the meeting to observe and learn.

Announcements

Treasurer Diane Klein announced that after rollbacks, the SGA reserve fund now contained $9,666.57. Adding that she would be unable to attend the last Senate meeting on April 12, she told the Senate: “Please spend this money so I can have my goal this year of giving Dean Williams a $0 balance.”

Executive Secretary Eric Naples announced that the Senator of the Month for March was Commuter Advisor Gary Gershman clarified that as the poker night was a social occasion and not a tournament being held to raise money for something, it was both legal and sanctioned by the school due to lack of gambling. Once that issue was cleared up, the senate approved the bill for the $208.38 requested without further need of discussion.

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Ending the streak of bills passed without the need for intense discussion, LOC Senator Jessica Jacobs presented the first bill, requesting $915 for food and plaques. The senate approved the bill with little discussion.

The Resident Student Association Poker Night bill sparked some brief controversy after Freshman Senator Steven Reddy pointed out that another organization’s poker tournament had been mixed as illegal by University lawyers. Faculty Advisor Gary Gershman clarified that as the poker night was a social occasion and not a tournament being held to raise money for something, it was both legal and sanctioned by the school due to lack of gambling. Once that issue was cleared up, the senate approved the bill for the $208.38 requested without further need of discussion.

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Ending the streak of bills passed without the need for intense discussion, IOC Senator Jessica Boyd presented a bill for GSSA’s Homophobia Awareness Week. The GSSA requested $1,965 to cover part of the cost for speakers, a film, the last Quad Thursday, and T-shirts. The senate was briefly in disagreement over funding for the speaker, but this was remedied reasonably quickly before the number of t-shirts were targeted. Minority Senator Randy Rodriguez-Torres motioned to cut the $1,100 slated for shirts down to $500. The vote was defeated, prompting Boyd to motion that $800 be provided for shirts. The senate approved the second motion after having to re-count the votes for both motions. Once the bill had been amended to a total of $1,765, the senate approved it for the new amount.

The senate tabled Pre-Pharmacy Spring Banquet bill so that they could look into less expensive options to cater the Mexican Fiesta themed dinner, as other groups were catering through Azteca for a fraction of the cost charged by Aramark.

The senate approved $622.80 for National Student Athlete Day, to be spent on food and bracelets which Athletic Senator Cheyenne Poskey were “a little thicker and shinier” than the ones currently being distributed.

Phi Alpha Delta received $150 for the funds they had requested to be reallocated for a barbecue.

Residential Senator Hayley Pierre presented a bill for IVCF’s end of the year banquet, requesting $200 for about 12 people at Carabbas Italian Grill. After a short discussion on why the event was being held off campus, the senate approve the bill in full.

SGA Budget Allocation

*Starting funds: $9,666.57
SGA Banquet- requested: $915 received: $915
Homophobia Awareness Week- requested: $1,965 received: $1,765
Pre-Pharmacy Banquet- requested: $827 received: $0 (tabled)
Student Athlete Day- requested: $622.80 received: $622.80
SAAC Banquet- requested: $171 received: $171
PAD Barbecue- requested: $309.97 received: $150
IVCF Banquet- requested: $200 received: $200
RSA Poker Night- requested: $208.38 received: $208.38

Total Requested: $5,219.15
Total Received: $4,032.18

*Ending Funds: $5,634.39

Housing Fair Offers Off-Campus Opportunities

By Rafi Chodhry
News Editor

Students interested in living off-campus can expect to find a plethora of information regarding apartments and services in Broward County, offered by various vendors at the 4th Annual Off-Campus Housing Fair expected to take place on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library.

Off-Campus Housing Coordinator Scott Sauer believes moving off campus gives students “the release from living on campus, working on campus and a sense of independence.”

On site there will not only be apartment representatives but also a realtor, a mortgage company, a shipping company and a Credit Union. Prospective students interested in living off campus are advised to make the most of the opportunity.

“You can maximize time and talk to six and seven apartments right here without going out and having to search one by one,” said Sauer.

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Students time is limited with work and study so it takes time to go out and find housing.

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Middle East
Kuwaiti women vote in first election
According to the Associated Press, "Kuwaiti women voted and ran as candidates for the first time" on April 4 in a "municipal election in the conservative country's capital." The low voter turnout, however, has many convinced that it will be more difficult than expected to encourage women to "practice their newly won political rights." The bill that enfranchised women and allowed running for office passed last year, but the first election to "fill a seat in [Kuwait City's] Municipal Council" arrived now. The election was viewed as "a preview of how women might fare" in next year's parliamentary elections. "They have given us some attention," said Iman al-Issa, 28, as she waited to vote. "We have become equal." Still holding to Islamic traditions, men and women voted separately. The polling stations were arranged "so that a woman could vote without speaking to a man except for the judge" who checked identification and handed out ballots. Despite the prospect of a woman incumbent, Selhim Bin Jamshe, 50, a male fundamentalist Muslim said "no woman will make it." Women candidates were not allowed to have their faces on campaign posters. For more information visit http://news.yahoo.com.

South America
Venezuelan militias train civilians for combat
After a warning by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to citizens to be prepared for a "war of resistance" against the United States, territorial militias have begun to train civilians—including mothers and young women. Although the U.S. government "dismisses Chavez's claims of a possible invasion as ridiculous," the Associated Press said that Chavez points at a "short-lived 2002 coup that briefly unseated him" as a reason for Venezuelans to be prepared. Civilians including "housewives, students, construction workers, social workers and many unemployed" have reportedly enlisted in the government-sponsored Territorial Guard. Trainers instructed Venezuelans how to fire assault rifles from various positions, traverse obstacle courses, and engage enemies in hand-to-hand combat over a course of 20 weeks. Officials say the civilians will be able to protect communities, hospitals, and schools from invaders and looters. Chavez has also set aside "an army reserve of one million fighters" and closed arms deals for assault rifles and helicopters from Russia. For more information visit www.monde.org.

Africa
U.N. envoy: Darfur crisis worsening
Reuters reported on April 4 that "the conflict in Sudan's western Darfur region has worsened, with 200,000 additional people being forced from their homes." U.N. authorities told reporters that a top U.N. envoy was prevented by the Sudanese government from surveying the region. Jan Egeland, U.N. secretary-general for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief also said that Sudanese officials prevented his aircraft from flying over Darfur to land in the neighboring country of Chad, where Sudanese refugees are sheltered. "Many believe the problems are over in Darfur. They are getting worse," he asserted. Fighting between Arab-controlled Sudanese government and rebels has forced the evacuation of at least 200,000 people; another 180,000 people have died mostly from disease and hunger. The conflict between the Sudanese military, known as Janjaweed, and ethnic African tribes began three years ago with little progress in peace talks. For more information visit www.reuters.com.

Europe
Teens abused and caged in Spain
Following a police investigation in the northeast Catalonia region of Spain, the Associated Press reported that European families sent teenagers to an illegal correctional facility. European and Swiss families reportedly "paid thousands of euros to send rebellious teenagers to a decrupt, unlicensed home for troubled youths in Spain." Three suspects, a Swiss man, an Italian man, and one French woman, kept the teens in "cages as punishment, denied food and otherwise abused" the children, police said. The suspects were arrested, but after questioning by the judge there were "released on their recognizance" and have not been indicted as of press time. The facility opened two years ago and families have paid as much as 4,800 euros for their children to spend six week periods at the "reformatory." Four teens escaped March 26, and one boy wandered the city of Figueres until he was found by police. The boy told the police of the facility, and they began the investigation. For more information visit http://news.yahoo.com.

North America
Fish fossil marks evolution of water animals
Scientists told Reuters reporters on April 5 that "fish fossils of a 375 million year old species of ancient fish found north of the Arctic Circle fill an evolutionary gap in the transition between water and land animals." The team found the fossils, now named Tiktaalik roseae, frozen in rock. The fossil is described as having "the fins and scales of a fish, but its crocodile-like skull, neck and ribs resemble those of a land animal." Neil Shubin, the team leader from the University of Chicago, said "it is a fish that shows a surprising combination of characteristics of land-living animals. The well-preserved creature also has sharp teeth, "a jaw ranging from 10-20 inches" and a flattened body reaching three meters in length. "This animal represents the transition from water to land—the part that includes ourselves," he added. The scientists found the specimens during a five-month expedition on Ellesmere Island some 600 miles north of Canada. For more information visit www.reuters.com.

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## Sport Bites

Compiled by Alicia Winslett

### Men's Golf

The men's golf team competed in the 2006 Southeastern Collegiate hosted by Valdosta State on April 2-4. This was a 54-hole event played on Kinderlou Forest Golf Course. The men shot a three-round total of 904 (302-297-305), finishing eighth in a field of 19 teams. The University of West Florida won the event with a final three-round total of 866. NSU was led by senior Michael Wagonness, who finished tied for 23rd with a three-day total of 226 (76-73-77).

### Softball

On April 4, the women's softball team played against Palm Beach Atlantic University, shutting out the Sailfish in the mid-week doubleheader. The Sharks took the first game 2-0 and beat the Sailfish 9-4 in the second game. Katie Veltri had a great game, as she finished with a .444 batting average (4-for-9). She scored 2 runs, knocking 1 double and 1 home run, and drove in 5 RBIs. This three-run home run for Katie was her first of the season.

### Baseball

On April 1, the men's baseball team played a doubleheader against Florida Southern. Unfortunately, the Sharks were taken down in both games, 13-2 and 15-6. NSU junior Chris Reynolds had an RBI and a run scored. Matt Mindick and Shawn Langlois were both 3-for-8 and a run scored.

### Women's Tennis

On April 1, the women's tennis team took on Palm Beach Atlantic University, and took down the Sailfish 9-0 in straight sets. The women played at the South Olive Tennis Center on the Sailfish's main campus on Saturday afternoon in West Palm Beach, Fla.

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## Women's Tennis Team Takes Down Rival Saint Leo 9-0

By Alicia Winslett

On April 2, the women's tennis team took on conference rival Saint Leo University, beating the Lions 9-0 in straight sets at home at the RCC Tennis Courts on BCC's main campus. This win puts the Sharks at 15 wins on the season.

"We've really been playing as a team, and playing like every point counts. We're now 15-3 on the season, which is very good," says head coach Michael Coleman.

The women's tennis team is presently 12th in the country and ranked number 4 in the SCC.

The Sharks had three matches of doubles to begin play. The number one duo team Alexa Korotkevich and Ulia Talalenko took down Asmaa Tazi and Carrie Leitch 8-0 to start things off. "I am very proud of how well the team has been doing, and it showed last Sunday when we dominated against St. Leo," Korotkevich said. "As for my match, I had a little trouble, but I fought through and never gave up, thanks to the support of my teammates."

Next, Tsippy Waterman and Andrea Moncada defeated Jennifer Comegys and Danielle Loizzo from Saint Leo 8-2.

Finally, Anna Schmidtmann and Jessica Homerlein downed Ashley Johansen and Nikki Prack 8-2 in the last doubles match. This gave the Sharks a 3-0 score heading into singles play.

"We have two players that are ranked in the country this year, Alexa and Ulia are ranked 8th in the country, in doubles play. Alexa is ranked 17th in singles play and Ulia is ranked 28th in singles play in the country," states Coleman.

In singles play, number one player Korotkevich and Tazi started off first. After two matches they were tied, but Korotkevich pulled it out in the end 10-6 to defeat Tazi of Saint Leo. The Sharks then had five other singles matches, taking the win in each.

"Everyone is working hard and this is our best year we've had. I'm really proud of these girls," said Coleman.

The next match for the women will be their conference tournament on April 20, hosted by Saint Leo in Tampa, Fl. at Hillsboro.

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## Men's Golf Team Finishes Eighth At 2006 Southeastern Collegiate Hosted by Valdosta State

By Alicia Winslett

On April 2-4, the men's golf team competed in the 2006 Southeastern Collegiate hosted by Valdosta State at the Kinderlou Forest Golf Course on a par 72 with 7,255 yards. The Sharks finished eighth in a field of nineteen team, shooting a three round total of 904 (302-297-305).

The University of West Florida won the tournament, shooting 287-289-290-866; only two over for the whole tournament. West Florida finished an astounding 22 strokes over Lynn University, who finished second. Rollins College came in third, shooting 893.

Chris Myers of West Florida won the medalist honors with a one-under 215. Three other players finished just one stroke behind him, Dan Walters of Rollins, Federico Damus of West Florida, and Fredrik Lundberg of West Florida.

The Sharks were led by senior Michael Wagonness, who finished in a tie for 23rd out of 100 golfers with a three-day total of 226 (76-73-77). Coming in behind him.

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Community College.
“...We have a chance to win conference as well as everyone else,” Coleman said. “We need to do our best and how far we go depends only on us. We’re doing our best and it’s all we can ask for.”

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“I was encouraged by our showing in Valdosta,” said Coach Kevin Marsh. “In the past month we have improved from tournament to tournament. Every guy on the team has worked hard on improving their weaknesses and we have dropped our team scoring average by about 6 shots per round.”

The next tournament for the Sharks will be at the 2006 Sunshine State Conference Men’s Golf Championships, where NSU will be defending the title they took last year. The tournament is hosted by Eckerd College. The men will play 54 holes at Lake Jovita Country Club in St. Leo, FL April 9-11.

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Baseball Team Downed by Florida Southern

By Trannell Mesa
Staff Writer

The Sharks traveled to Lakeland, Fla. April 1, where they took on defending national champions and conference contenders, Florida Southern. The Sharks (21-13, 4-5 SSC) weren’t able to wrap their fins around the wins as they dropped both games of the double header, 13-2 and 15-6. Junior first baseman Chris Reynolds stepped up to the plate with confidence against the Mocs and went 5-8 in the series. With 67 hits thus far in the season, Reynolds is leading the team with an impressive .453 average.

Striking Stats!!

-RBI Leaders-
  Matt Mindick .28
  Sean McFadden .26

-Homers-
  Greg Burrows .24
  Shawn Langlois .13

-Slugging Percentage-
  Greg Burrows .579
  James Sposa .565

-Pitching ERA-
  Anthony Machado 0.00
  Antony Bello .274
  Nick Carris 2.95

-Pitching Strike Outs-
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NSU’s Sports Stats of the Week

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Hollywood Invades NSU: "Idol" and "Hollywood Squares" Attracts Students and Staff

By Marines Alvarez
Arts & Entertainment Editor
By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

A sea of nervousness, curiosity and excitement flooded the ASA patio on Thursday March 30 as the third annual NSU Idol kicked off. With 27 participants competing in two categories, song and dance/lip-synching, NSU's version of the popular TV program showcased the best, brightest, and bravest.

In true "American Idol" fashion, there were three judges on the panel: Josh "Randy Jackson" Wentz, Janette "Paula Abdul" Del Angel and Katie "Simon Cowell" Blanco. "This was the first year I judged and I had a blast," Blanco said about her judging duties. "Being Simon Cowell was difficult. I felt really bad after some of the critiques, but overall, I had a very good time."

In addition to the judges, NSU boasted its very own Ryan Seacrest in Terry Weech, director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. At the end of each performance, Weech interviewed the contestant, asking how they felt about their performance. The differences between Seacrest and Weech, though, were evident. "If I were really Ryan Seacrest," Weech joked as the first participant finished his song, "we'd go to commercials. But I'm not, so we're going to the judges."

Following NSU Idol on Friday, March 31, NSU students and faculty again gathered on the ASA patio for the 15th annual Hollywood Squares event. Hosted by Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, the game show awarded prize packages to lucky winners while Idol hopefuls performed for the final time.

The various "secret squares" located on random portions of the board rewarded correct answers with

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Scales Are For Fish, Not People – NSU Celebrates Eating Disorders Awareness Week

By Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

March 27-31, NSU recognized Eating Disorders Awareness Week with the Positive Body Image Campaign.

The PBIC was started because, "there are a lot of people who suffer in silence with nowhere to turn," said event organizer Jessica Aron. For the entirety of the week, Passive Poster Campaigns and donation boxes for the Jeans/Pants Donation Drive dotted the campus. The drive was extended into the next week, donations benefiting the Women's Research Institute and local homeless shelters.

On Monday, March 27, the awareness week began with NPCC sponsored speaker Bobbie Hayes, a professor on campus who also works at the inpatient treatment center for eating disorders, Milestones in Recovery. Hayes explained signs and symptoms of different eating disorders including Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa and Binge Eating.

On Tuesday, resource tables were set up around campus displaying the mantra of the week, "scales are for fish, not people." The tables provided a plethora of information to students about eating disorders and served as sites where students could make and sign cards which were to be sent to two eating disorder in-patient facilities, the Renfrew Center in Coconut Creek and Milestones in Recovery in Cooper City.

Jessica Parker, a graduate student of psychology who also runs the Eating Disorder and Body Image Service Clinic in the Maltz building, gave a presentation on Wednesday titled "The Tainted Face of Perfection." In it, she spoke about her struggles and experiences as someone who overcame an eating disorder. "I thought that if I could just be skinnier or prettier, maybe life will get better. It never did."

During her presentation, Parker advised students to "be positive with one another. [People] need to stop being critical of appearances. Take advantage of what you've been given and love your body for what it lets you do."

Following Parker's presentation, a candlelight vigil and moment of silence was held. "Being out of treatment for my own eating disorder for what is a year now, I was honored to have been chosen to be the leader of it."

Please See SCALES
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Comes to NSU

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Delta Eta Zeta chapter is sponsoring the first undergraduate chapter in Broward County, the NSU Zetas. The NSU chapter is composed of four exemplary young ladies, Raquel Campbell, Diedra Been, Nakia Bain and Dainnese Rutleadge.

The new Zetas will be hosting Zeta Week from April 7–14. For more information, contact Diedra Been at (954)262-6405 or nsuzetas@hotmail.com.

Although membership in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is by invitation only, interested women with a track record of community service and currently pursuing a baccalaureate degree or in possession of a baccalaureate degree are encouraged to contact a chapter for more information. Applicants are also required to have minimum grade point average of 2.5 to be considered for membership. Those considering membership into Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. can contact Cassandra Oliver at (954)649-6795 or nsuzetas@hotmail.com.

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Idol hopefuls auditioned for the chance at a $1,000 cash prize for his or her organization substantial prizes. Rob Coward encountered the first such square and correctly answered his question, winning a Miami Dolphins tailgate package for him and ten others. In the fourth game, D.A. Epstein, also an NSU Idol performer, secured a Bahamas cruise by guessing his secret square question. Angelia Gabriol answered her secret square query, winning a trip to Las Vegas during the sixth match.

One of the most unique situations that “rarely happens,” according to Williams, occurred during the game five match between Heather Clark and Amanda Meier, as the board was one space away from being filled. Meier won the game by confirming that it is “dangerous to pop zits.”

The squares saw a new addition to the panel this year - popular Aramark employee Alonette McCrae from the Rosenthal cafeteria. Other squares included professors Mark Cavanaugh and Tim Dixon, as well as representatives from Admissions, Career Services, Campus Recreation, Athletics, and the Huizenga School.

The crowd of more than 600 people, according to NSU SharkBytes, enjoyed the game, a staple of NSU tradition. Jason Stubblefield, a junior in attendance with his friends, said that “I’m having fun,” and concluded that Williams was doing a great job in his usual hosting position.

The finalists of NSU Idol performed at various points throughout the contest, and the winners were announced at the program’s conclusion. Camille Wright, representing the NSU Vocal Ensemble, won first place for the dancing portion. In the singing category, Sumi Lee of the Asian Student Association earned the top prize. Both earned $1,000 for their organizations.

NSU Idol Winners

Dancing
1st - Camille Wright-Dance - NSU Vocal Ensemble
2nd - Rob Keever Fan Club - Asian Student Association
3rd - Evan Fish Fan Club - Beta Theta Pi

Singing
1st - Sumi Lee - Asian Student Association
2nd - Vanessa Mezquia - Trio Delta Phi Epsilon
3rd - D.A. Epstein - Beta Theta Pi

Take a Bite Out of This...

Current Events Calendar

April 10
Date Auction
8 – 10 p.m. Huizenga Atrium
Sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta

April 11
Off-Campus Housing Fair
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Alvin Sherman Library
Sponsored by Res Life & Off-Campus Housing

Henry H. Fishkind Breakfast
7:30 a.m. registration DeSantis Building

April 12
Flick on the Field
7 p.m. Library Quad
Sponsored by Student Union

FFV Spring Fling Block Party
8 p.m. – 10 p.m. FFV Pagoda
Sponsored by Res Life

April 14
University Holiday
Campus Closed

Compiled from the Student Affairs calendar & NSU Shark Bytes.

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Jeans/Pants drive to benefit the Women’s Research Institute and local homeless shelters

said Aron “We took a moment to reflect on those who have passed on, those suffering in silence, and those on their way to recovery from these deadly disorders.”

The week closed out with the Quad Thursday event “Drawn to Perfection,” a body image poster project where members of the campaign traced the bodies of students on sheets of paper to give them a body image assessment. “We’re trying to educate students on their own perceptions, which may be skewed,” said America Minc, Positive Body Image Campaign member. “We’re trying to teach them to have a positive body image.”

The Positive Body Image Campaign was sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon. For more information on eating disorders, the campaign recommends visiting the Web sites www serieteral.com, www.anad.org, www.something-fishy.com or seeking NSU student counseling at www.nova.edu/studentcounseling.
With regards to the university claiming that the library is private and UNICCO cannot use it for their protest is wrong. The library is co-founded by Broward county and is open to Broward citizens, therefore it cannot be considered private.

"I believe the library is public, because about a week ago I had an encounter with a rather rude woman who was not even a student, I do not feel that our students should be subject to people who may misuse or abuse our library, or be disrespectful toward our students and faculty. I would like to see it become private."

"I believe the library should be for everyone. After all, everyone goes there to study."

"Yes, it is public because many people from different places not from the school use the library freely."

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Ani DiFranco Sells Bootlegs

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Well, she doesn’t exactly sell bootlegs... That is just Ani’s company (the small, yet prolific Righteous Babe Records) epithet for albums that were legally recorded during one of many live performances and are then offered to the public. Besides, What it really means is another expression dose of Ani’s unique style of acoustic melodies tuned to the genres of folk, bluesy funk, and jazz. A nice mixture, I might add.

So, in this album, Carnegie Hall 4.6.02, is considered an "official bootleg," an unplugged set of songs, there is no band, just Ani on a large stage with her acoustic guitar. That is enough, though; anyone who knows her music knows that she is a one-woman band. Besides, there is also a microphone and captivated audience to boot.

Ani performs at Carnegie Hall with nothing more than a guitar and a microphone. Photo from righteousbabe.com

I had the pleasure of previously reviewing Knockle Down, her last studio album released in 2005, and the presence of a five-piece band only enhanced the music; it did not make it immensely better.

Employing her signature percussive finger picking techniques, Ani is capable of strumming out a variety of different sounds; in the track entitled "In the Way," DiFranco is able to lay down sharp and eclectic funk chords while delivering her personal memories of a past relationship. On a previous track entitled "Angry Anymore," the mood changes drastically with a slightly melancholic, reminiscent, and experienced tone.

Along with the tone, the melody changes; Ani explains how over the years she has come to understand her parent's arguments and decisions with harmonious pop/folk tune. This is a one-woman band. Besides, there is also a microphone and captivated audience to boot.

Showbiz Bits

By Marisae Alvarez
AD: Editor

Chad Michael Levy
Sorry, I couldn’t help myself. It’s not my fault if he’s winds up on the cover. Apparently, though, women are into his squiggly, oops! Because once again, Mr. Murray is engaged, this time to 18-year-old Kenzie Dalton. Murray was previously married to his "One Tree Hill" co-star Sophia Bush. The marriage only lasted five months, but unfortunately (and awkwardly) the TV show lives on. So where did Chad find this new girl? Far away from the set of "Tree Hill," one would guess, but alas, she works there too. Now so his new fiancé can watch as he kisses (for the sake of TV) his ex-wife. Sounds like fun times all around.

Arrest That Spit-in

Ever wonder what a hot date with Howard Stern might be like? No! I don’t blame you. But in order to satisfy curious, and prevent pertinent journalists from spreading information (or something) here’s what might happen on that date: you’ll get spit on. According to NY Daily News, a crazy fan approached Stern and his girlfriend, Beth Ostrosky, while they were enjoying a Saturday night in the Upper West Side, and spit on Ostrosky’s face. Stern called the police, and when they arrived on the scene he turned into Stern, Spit-in-Hunter. He hopped into an unmarked police car and searched the area until the man was found and arrested. I just think there is something about spitting that crosses the line. Stern should maybe consider a full time job in spit hunting. Humanity would be better off because of it.

Back To Your Roots

MSNBC online is reporting that Madonna may be interested in buying a home in Israel. Along with plans to tour this fall, rumors of her move to Safed (the birthplace of Kabbalah) are spreading. Granted this is as rumor-ish as rumors get, but I like this idea. I think that all celebrities should just up and move to the place that represents them best. Madonna: Israel. Tom Cruise: Alien Planet. Britney Spears: Louisiana. Michael Jackson: an orphanage for young boys. Nicole Richie: a third world country where there is no food. See? It just makes sense.

An Anatomy Lesson for Kids

Starts both big and small hit the orange carpet for Nickelodeon’s "Kids’ Choice Awards," because kids are people too. In what may be the clumsiest moment of the year, and certainly the most educational moment of the show, Lindsay Lohan accidentally flashed the little kids what is properly called the glutus maximus, or as I call it, her booty. It was rather fitting, seeing as her dress looked like industrial paper towels and got caught in her rather revealing underwear. This is definitely the role model we want kids across America! We need a generation of kids that have no control over their bodies and are constantly falling out of their ever-smaller clothes. Thanks Lindsay, I can’t wait until the day when the headline reads "Lohan Flashes Elderly Veterans, Causes Mass Heart Attacks." It’s bound to happen, is all I’m saying.
GEKIDO

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Graphically, Gekido Advance is remarkable in most respects, especially for Gameboy Advance. Many of the actions performed by characters are very fluid, and even flashy at times. The game also features some nice cut-scenes. Although they are mostly talking heads, they are done very well. If there is one problem, it’s that sometimes these graphics can get repetitive as the sound. Many of the enemies are often the same sprite, just a different color. Also, the backgrounds tend to blend together and, with the adventuring elements of the game, you may tend to get lost because of it.

Gekido Advance’s fight system, adventure elements and graphics make for a fairly solid package despite the occasionally insane difficulty and repetition. In addition, you may want to check out the prequel, Gekido, on the original Playstation or wait for the sequel Gekido: The Dark Angel coming for the PSP sometime in the future. Gekido Advance is at least worth a look, but if you’re a fan of the beat-em’-up genre, I highly recommend it. I give Gekido Advance: Kintaro’s Revenge 5.5 lost hours of sleep out of 8.

GAME REVIEWS

Zzzzzzz - You’ll probably play it through class, come morning.
Zzzzzzz - Great game. Make sure you have coffee for the day.
Zzzzz - 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 - Bad. This has been brought to your attention to save you sleep.
Z - The hour is actually lost from nightmares about the game.

Platform(s): Gameboy Advance
Genre: Action, Adventure, Beat-em’-up
Original Release Date: 11/25/03
Rating: 5.5/8

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Entertainment

April 13
Black Eyed Peas at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise

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April 14
Scary Movie 4
Starring: Anna Faris, Regina Hall, Craig Bierko
Director: David Zucker
Genre: Comedy, Horror
MPAA Ratings: PG-13

The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of The Shining, The Ring, SAW II, Million Dollar Baby and much more. Anna Faris and Regina Hall are back as the lovable, dim-witted Cindy Campbell and her self-serving, sex-crated pal, Brenda, respectively - joined this time around by Craig Bierko (Cinderella Man), as the cuse-but-utterly-chekles Tom Ryan. Together, they battle to save the world from a ruthless alien invasion.

The Wild
Starring: Kaylee Sutherland, Greg Cipes, Jim Belushi
Director: Steve "Spaz" Williams
Genre: Animation, Family
MPAA Rating: G

An assortment of animals from the New York Zoo - including a lion, a giraffe, an anaconda, a koala, and a squirrel - discover what a jungle the city can be when one of their own is mistakenly shipped to the wild and they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue him.

Available April 11
White Trash with Money by Toby Keith
Daniel Powter by Daniel Powter
Todd Snider by LL Cool J
Sound the Alarm by Saves the Day

Available April 11
The Debutante Divorce by Plum Sykes

Lauren Blount’s life is beautifully arranged: she’s very rich, very young, very thin, very pretty — and very, very divorced. She is the most reckless and glamorous of Manhattan’s Debutante Divorcees set. Lauren captures Sylvia Mortimer, the group’s token newbwyed. But while Lauren sets out on a morality-lite, orgasm-heavy “Make Out Challenge,” Sylvia discovers her marriage wasn’t exactly an Eternity ad — especially when the city’s most notorious Husband Hunter zeros in on her spouse.

A Death in Belcourt by Sebastian Junger

In the spring of 1963, the quiet suburb of Belmont, Massachusetts, is rocked by a shocking sex murder that exactly fits the pattern of the Boston Strangler. Sensing a break in the case that has paralyzed the city of Boston, the police track down a black man, Roy Smith, who cleaned the victim’s house that day and left a receipt with his name on the kitchen counter. Smith is hastily convicted of the Belmont murder, but the terror of the Strangler continues.

Available April 11
Jim Carey in Fun With Dick and Jane
Jennifer Lopez in An Unfinished Life
Shia LeBouf in The Greatest Game Ever Played
Greg McLean in Wolf Creek

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DIFRANCO
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"And every time we fight, a cold
wind blows our way, but we can
learn like the trees
how to bend..."

song especially draws out Ani's
poignant, poetical skills. "And every
time we fight, a cold wind blows
our way, but we can learn like the
trees how to bend, how to sway and
say: I guess I understand what all
this fighting is for." The album also
features some spoken-word sections
that are more on the side of poetry.
That's as good as songwriting gets
nowadays.

Besides her genuinely unique
sound (because every band or
songwriter these days claims to
have a unique sound), Ani has a
distinct knack for playing her
moody off of her equally expressive
guitar style. When the guitar pick
slides those steel strings with anger,
her voice takes a tone to match.
When she becomes frustrated, she
ponds on the body of the guitar
after strumming a chord, creating
a rhythm to accompany the chaos.
Listening to certain songs, like
"Names and Dates and Times," one
would have to be a complete
ignoramus (or have no eardrums)
not to take notice of the cynicism
and sarcasm in Ani's versatile,
pitch-shifting voice.
She does not hold back either:
she's comfortable with the four-
letter no-no words and she is not
afraid to sing lyrics that say things
like "the trouble with white people
is that you just can't tell them
apart." Offensive? Maybe. Effective?
Without a doubt. Let's just say that
a certain degree of open-mindedness
is required to enjoy this album, as
with any work by Diffranco. Some
conservatives probably wouldn't
mind a disclaimer on the jewel case
hinting at liberal "sociopolitical"
themes. Nevertheless, the product
of all this is some sincerely powerful
sentiments and ideas. A feast for
thought as well as the ears, if you
will.

The only problem (an immature
and pointless problem as a matter of
fact) is that some people may be
turned away simply by Diffranco's
feminism. So, as human nature
directs, her music will obviously
not appeal to everyone. Granted,
some may not like her music for
legitimate reasons, just as one
may not like any other form of
music, but prior knowledge of her
feminism may cause a bias against
giving intelligent music a chance for
once. My preferred genre is classic
rock, and it is all I listen to: I am not
a feminist per se, yet Diffranco
appeals to me and will appeal to
others. She handles those strings and
sings with confidence and presence
and she actually has a message to
offer. Ani Diffranco's work is what
most contemporary, mainstream
music is not: art for art's sake.

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Dear NSU Community,

I’ve had the chance to observe an interesting phenomenon the past three weeks: people going crazy over lack of internet access.

For a little bit of background, the wireless internet in our building (or at least in our office) has been non-existent since mid-March (it’s been at least three weeks now). Around half the writing staff uses their laptops to work, because around half the computers in the office don’t function. Which also means that around half the staff is more or less internet free. They don’t seem to like that much—it’s even gotten to the point that people will call into the office before they arrive in the morning to see if the wireless is working yet.

Watching people change their work habits has been educational. Sharing computer time has become a little bit friendlier, although it’s a little bit funny when people start complaining that they can’t get any work done because they don’t notice that there is a computer open.

Email access has been limited, so the use of flash drives has become en vogue. I guess that’s one way to get things from one computer to another (why don’t laptops have floppy drives?), but it still doesn’t help the getting-info-from-outside-sources problem.

I guess that just goes to show how dependent we’ve gotten on the internet. It means, I thought being unable to see the screen of my cell phone for a month last year was horribly inconvenient, but this is just crazy.

It’s not just the internet, but computers in general. I was reading through some scholarship applications a few days ago, and the essay question for one of them was something along the lines of “what would one of your days be like without the use of a computer?" Oh, the horror!

So what if we couldn’t use a computer for a day or a week or a year? We might actually have to use pencils and telephones and calculators and paper money instead of word applications a few days ago, and the essay question for one of them was something along the lines of “what would one of your days be like without the use of a computer?" Oh, the horror!

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The practice of meditation is not a way to shut out the world, as many people think. It is actually a way to get back in touch. My teacher, Thay, believes we can incorporate a meditative awareness in every moment of our lives. We can gain a new appreciation of everything we experience: And it begins with sitting and walking meditation, where we learn to observe with our minds what is really happening. Observing our breathing and our thoughts is a way of grounding ourselves in the present, and then moving that awareness along with life as it moves forward, ever changing.

An interesting thing happens when we change our focus in life in this way. We become more in tune with other people, and the environment. Our focus becomes more realistic, encompasses a broader scope, includes much more than just ourselves. Our individual concerns are not quite as important or bothersome with this new perspective. We begin to understand that as individuals we are but a small part of something immense and beautiful.

Come meditate with me at the RecPlex. Sponsored by Campus Recreation. Thursday evening, April 20, from 5:30 until 6:45, we will alternate indoor sitting and walking meditation. Friday, April 21, at Noon, we will do Thich Nhat Hanh’s outdoor walking meditation for about 45 minutes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at grogers@nova.edu.

Alisha VanHoose

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in response to a few events that have happened over the past weeks, specifically a phone conversation between Pastor Timothy S. Smiley of the Plantation United Methodist Church and President Ferrero on March 16, our rally at the Horvitz Administration Building on March 23, and President Ferrero’s letter to NSU Trustees, Faculty, Students and Staff dated March 29.

First, the phone call. I had previously met with Pastor Smiley, Olga Fernandez (our union organizer) a co-worker, and other members of the local clergy. We voiced our concerns of problems UNICOC workers were facing at NSU. In response to that meeting, a letter was drafted by the members of the clergy and sent to President Ferrero. His response was a phone call to Pastor Smiley in which he stated he had an open door policy.

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Opinions

Find Out What You’re Missing

By Greg Rogers

Consulting Writer

My teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh (everyone calls him Thay, pronounced “Tie” for the ease of Westerners) often talks about how we spend our lives waiting. At first it might be waiting until we get our driver’s license — then we can really begin to live, so we want to rush towards that day. Then perhaps it is going to college. When we get to college, then our lives will truly begin. Next we long for the day we graduate, and get a “real” job. But really, everything won’t be ready to roll until we get that cool job and the house and car to go with it. Then our lives will begin. Or is it when our first child is born, or goes to college? Is that when things really start?

There is always something we are rushing towards, with everything in our being. In the end, Thay says, we are rushing towards our own funeral. Suddenly, often towards the end of our lives, we realize this, and try to slam on the brakes! Then we begin to look back.

What are we missing? Our whole lives. Because life takes place in the present. Not the future, and not the past. As we place our focus on the future or the past, we are missing what is happening before our eyes. We are wrapped up in imaginary images of things that might happen, or have already happened. Missing what is really happening.

One way of defining the elusive concept of “enlightenment” is that it means to wake up to what is happening right here, right now. Not on TV, on the Ipod, or on the cell phone. Walking across campus we can enjoy the blue sky, the green Palm trees, the music of the birds, and the soft rustle of the fountains. Or we can miss all of it, and rush off to wherever we are going.

The practice of meditation is not a way to shut out the world, as many people think. It is actually a way to get back in touch. My teacher, Thay, believes we can incorporate a meditative awareness in every moment of our lives. We can gain a new appreciation of everything we experience. And it begins with sitting and walking meditation, where we learn to observe with our minds what is really happening. Observing our breathing and our thoughts is a way of grounding ourselves in the present, and then moving that awareness along with life as it moves forward, ever changing.

An interesting thing happens when we change our focus in life in this way. We become more in tune with other people, and the environment. Our focus becomes more realistic, encompasses a broader scope, includes much more than just ourselves. Our individual concerns are not quite as important or bothersome with this new perspective. We begin to understand that as individuals we are but a small part of something immense and beautiful.

Come meditate with me at the RecPlex. Sponsored by Campus Recreation. Thursday evening, April 20, from 5:30 until 6:45, we will alternate indoor sitting and walking meditation. Friday, April 21, at Noon, we will do Thich Nhat Hanh’s outdoor walking meditation for about 45 minutes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at grogers@nova.edu.

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Be well advised that the fly has not been SWATTED. The “Fly on the Wall” column will appear in next week’s issue.

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Pastor Smiley presented the letter to Mr. Dawson, who accepted it on behalf of President Ferrero, and had a brief conversation. My co-worker, Alberto Malave, then had a few words with Mr. Dawson. As I was about to speak, I felt a tug on my shirt from two co-workers that are also mothers. They wanted to have a few words with Mr. Dawson, so I stepped aside so they could briefly explain their situations. It ended with Mr. Dawson speaking with the media. I just wish Mr. Dawson would have stopped grinning, as this was a very serious matter to everyone and it was as if he wasn’t taking us seriously or listening to everyone’s concerns.

Finally, the letter President Ferrero sent to everyone at NSU. What about us? What about your open door policy? As of this date, April 5, we have received no response from him; he cares, but not about us!

In the first paragraph, he states that UNICCO notified him that the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) was making an effort to organize and unionize the company’s workers across the country. SEIU has attempted and been successful at some of UNICCO’s locations. This wouldn’t have been possible, and the events at University of Miami and the past and future events at NSU wouldn’t be possible, if the employees working for UNICCO were happy. The Union would have hit a brick wall if the employees were satisfied with their situations. But what is happening is the Union is being welcomed with open arms because of the problems employees are having.

We were not targeted by the Union; we had nowhere else to turn and no one to turn to.

President Ferrero states that UNICCO employees receive the same merit increases that NSU offers its employees. UNICCO workers received between 0-4 percent increases this past year. Now take into consideration how much the custodians and landscapers make. That is not a very big increase, and I wonder how many NSU employees could live on what the UNICCO employees are getting paid. Our merit increases were also late this year by 4 months- were NSU? The Director of UNICCO at NSU, Mr. Anthony Todaro, explained to us that NSU had not approved the budget, so our merit increases were late November 1 instead of July 1. And to top it off, we never received any retroactive pay, we just lost 4 months of our increases. UNICCO management didn’t even have a meeting with us to explain what was going on until I entered Mr. Todaro’s office to question him about this and suggested he meet with the employees, as they were upset. I was told I was overpaid and a meeting happened a few days later and still NSU was blamed. I wonder whose fault it was and what happened to everyone’s (300 employees) increases for those 4 months. It’s in someone’s pocket, but not ours. Do NSU employees have to put up with that?

“As far as UNICCO workers being compensated competitively with other institutions, I will answer with quotes from an article written by Dr. Simone Ennime at University of Miami. "When less than living wages are paid, the market is often invoked and it suggests this as a justification for paying poverty wages to workers. I may explain why I kick someone by saying I have a short fuse, but that hardly provides a justification for kicking them. To show why something happens is not to show that it is OK, or acceptable, or right. The Market is an abstraction. It is most certainly not a natural force that makes you do things. If you are deciding how much to offer someone to exchange for certain labor, nothing forces you to offer them the lowest amount you think they will accept.

"People, it is said, have to take personal responsibility for their own lives, can’t expect to be given something for nothing, shouldn’t expect handouts, etc… Personal responsibility is a fine virtue. But it cuts both ways. Workers must take personal responsibility, but so must employers and contractors. An employer or contractor is responsible for the kind of pay they offer an employee or contractor is responsible for the ways in which they might be taking advantage of people’s weaknesses. The market does not make anyone do anything. UNICCO decides what to pay its workers, not the market. NSU decides which contractors to hire, not the market.

"If there is a moral argument that the workers ought to be paid a living wage for their work and provided with health insurance so that a sickness need not be a total economic catastrophe, one cannot respond to that argument by saying "it’s the markets fault." We ALL need to take personal responsibility."

So I end this letter by asking you, President Ferrero, to take personal responsibility and stop promoting poverty in our community.

Steven McConville
Painting Supervisor, UNICCO @ NSU
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