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 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 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.

Forced to meet off campus by Davie Police Department and Public Safety, gatherers rallied at Abe Fischler Boulevard. Photo by Paul Saneaux

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

"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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2006 Student Life Achievement Award Winners

Academic Dean of the Year
Dr. Anthony Silvagni

Staff Person of the Year
Tanya Greer

Professor of the Year
Dr. Mahmood Shivji

Administrator of the Year
Patricia Jason

Alumni of the Year
Joe Perez

Student of the Year
Shruti Salghur

Extended Community Member of the Year
Cynthia Farmer

Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year
Dr. Gary Gershman

NCAA Female Athlete of the Year
Danielle Garcia

NCAA Male Athlete of the Year
Adam Ludden

Corporate Partner of the Year
Rich Cace Automotive Group

Graduate Organization of the Year
CPU-SGA

Undergraduate Organization of the Year
Delta Phi Epsilon

Athletic Team of the Year
Women's Rowing

Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship
Akshat Bhargava

NSU’s Best Honored at STUEYS Awards

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

NSU turned on the Hollywood glamour for the seventh annual Student Life Achievement Awards on April 4. Members of the NSU community donned their formal evening wear for the award show at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Center, hosted by Master of Ceremonies Mark Cavanaugh.

Numerous university personnel and students were honored at the event, including Student of the Year. President Ray Ferrero Jr. introduced the category, saying that "everyone is a winner and I want to give my congratulations to all of the nominees."

Shruti Salghur from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship took the award, tearfully thanking her family back home in India, her family at NSU, and all of NSU's international students, who make her work rewarding.

"I feel honored," she said.

"You always hear about finding a purpose in life. This has been the most purposeful two years of my life," said Salghur.

Professor of the Year, another of the show's top awards, went to Mahmood Shivji of the Oceanographic Center, who called his acknowledgment a "great honor."

He believed that his award "shows that the NSU administration recognizes the value of faculty research and its importance to teaching excellence and the overall academic reputation of the university."

For the first time in STUEYS history, an athletic team -- women's rowing -- was honored at the ceremony.

"It definitely tells me we have the right people on our team. It's an award that the women won," said John Gartin, Women's Rowing Head Coach. He explained that it was especially impressive that rowing members Taylor Liput and Danielle Garcia were presented with awards. "They work hard on the water and in the classroom," explained Gartin. A performance from the NSU orchestra followed the presentation, singing "Sharks on Fire" while a slideshow of NSU's accomplishments and growth over the year was shown.

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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 $500 balance.”

Executive Secretary Eric Naples announced that the Senator of the Month for March was Commuter Senator Barry Jacobs, while Hillel won Organization of the Month.

Freshman Senator Andrew Ibrahim told senators at the end of the meeting that he had been contacted by a representative of the striking UNICCO workers requesting a meeting between students of NSU and the University of Miami. He also informed of the hunger strike that had started at UM in relation to the striking workers, and added that they would be contacting the Senate on that campus. An unrelated comment, Ibrahim also reminded that senators and committee members were still needed for next year’s SGA.

New Business
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.

These senate required no discussion before passing the Student Athletic Advisory Committee Banquet bill for $171.

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 $1,000 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

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Housing Fair Offers Off-Campus Opportunities
By Rafi.a 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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News from Around the World
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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, Schim Bin Jameth, 30, a candidate from a list of 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, guerrilla 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 fit assault rifles from various positions, reverse obsolete coups, 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.cache.com

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 Engeland, 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 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 deceptively 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 own 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 "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 fossil, 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 specimen 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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Bizarre Briefs
Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Inmate Given Access to Guns, Car, Cell Phone
Taking equal employment a bit too far, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency hired a prison inmate to "oversee its purchasing and for a time did not restrict his access to a storage area where guns were kept," reported The Tennessean. Serving eight years for attempting to hire a hit man to kill his wife, Daniel D. Erickson, a former lawyer hoping to get rich by collecting his wife's life insurance money, worked during the day for the state and returned "home" to prison at night. During his stint as state employee, Erickson was given a salary of $26,000 and the use of a cell phone and vehicle, which he shockingly "was driving places he had not been authorized to go." Not to worry, once officials discovered their mistake, the guns were moved to a safer location.

India Textbook Praises Donkey Companyship
Rajasthan, India, textbooks make a startling claim -- donkeys are better than housewives. The text, meant for Janata Party's women's wing. Officials hold that the passage was merely in jest, but are nonetheless removing it.

Lost Keys at Nuclear Plant Prompt 150 Lock Changes
Nuclear plant officials in Germany have to change the locks of 150 doors because the 12 keys to a "security area" have been lost. Reuters reported that in the south western state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, officials were unable to locate the missing, highly important keys despite "intensive searches - donkeys are better than housewives. The text, meant for Janata Party's women's wing. Officials hold that the passage was merely in jest, but are nonetheless removing it.

Woman Showers in Carwash
Martha Luke, an Indiana resident, didn't understand that car washes are for automobiles, and so she tried to use it as a shower. According to nwitimes.com, Luke washed her car but noticed that one of her magnetic troop-supporting ribbons had fallen off in the wash. She walked back in to retrieve it and the doors closed, trapping Luke inside until another car entered, triggering the water and suds. All she had to do to escape this predicament was to press the button next to the door marked "Open."

Women on Carrier Prompt 150 Lock Changes
Nuclear plant officials in Germany have to change the locks of 150 doors because the 12 keys to a "security area" have been lost. Reuters reported that in the south western state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, officials were unable to locate the missing, highly important keys despite "intensive searches and questioning." Extra safety measures were implemented at the plant, but no one will be totally safe until new locks are installed. Officials said that "this has never happened anywhere in Germany before" and prosecutors are engaging in a theft investigation.

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Sports

Sport Bites
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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 Wangness, 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 triple. She also had an RBI 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 finished tied for 23rd with a three-day total of 226 (76-73-77).

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 Team Takes Down Rival Saint Leo 9-0
By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

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 BCC 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 SSC.

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. Alexia is ranked 17th in singles play and Ulia is ranked 28th in singles play in the country," states Coleman.

In singles play, number one players 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
Sports Editor

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 Dumas of West Florida, and Fredrik Lundberg of West Florida.

The Sharks were led by senior Michael Wangness, 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 was Matt Mindick of West Florida with a three-day total of 227 (75-73-78).
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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."

Singles
1. Alexa Korotkevich (NSU) def. Asmaa Tazi (SLU) 2-6, 6-4 (10-6)
2. Ulia Talalenko (NSU) def. Jennifer Comegys (SLU) 6-1, 6-0
3. Tsippy Waterman (NSU) def. Carrie Leitch (SLU) 6-1, 6-0
4. Andrea Moncada (NSU) def. Ashley Johannes (SLU) 6-1, 6-1
5. Anna Schmidtmann (NSU) def. Ashley Johannes (SLU) 6-1, 6-1
6. Jessica Homerlein (NSU) def. Nikki Prack (SLU) 6-0, 6-1

Doubles
1. Alexa Korotkevich/Ulia Talalenko (NSU) def. Asmaa Tazi/Carrie Leitch (SLU) 8-0
2. Tsippy Waterman/Andrea Moncada (NSU) def. Jennifer Comegys/Danielle Loizzo (SLU) 8-2
3. A. Schmidtmann/Jessica Homerlein (NSU) def. Ashley Johannes/Nikki Prack (SLU) 8-2

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Senior Michael Wangsness hits his drive down the fairway. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

was Michael Davenport, who was tied for 29th with a three-round total of 227 (78-74-75). Senior Michael Wangsness said, "We played well in Valdosta and I think we have a great chance to play well in Conferences coming up."

"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.

Baseball Team Downed by Florida Southern

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

The Sharks traveled to Lakeland, Fl, 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

-Homeruns-
Greg Burrows .6
James Sposa .5

-Stolen Bases-
Greg Burrows .24
Shawn Langlois .13

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

-Pitching ERA-
Anthony Machado 0.00
Antony Bello 2.74
Nick Carris 2.95

-Pitching Strike Outs-
Antony Bello .41
Lou Leo .40
Jon Spier .38

Sean McFadden throws the ball to get a defender out. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri
Hollywood Invades NSU: “Idol” and “Hollywood Squares” Attracts Students and Staff

By Marines Alvarez
Arts & Entertainment 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.

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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. 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 prize packages.

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.”

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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 Rutledge.

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.

Zeta Week Calendar of Events

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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. Angela Gabriel 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 Alkonette 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 - Tri Delta Phi Epsilon
3rd - D.A. Epstein - Beta Theta Pi

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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 Mme, 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.edreferral.com, www.anad.org, www.something-fishy.com or seeking NSU student counseling at www.nova.edu/studentcounseling.
Humera Ali
Legal studies/ international law
Senior
Fort. Lauderdale, FL
“I believe our library is public, however I believe that it should be private because the students should be the main concern at any university.”

Brandon Bopp
Microbiology
Sophomore
Baltimore, Maryland
“It should be for students and alumni only because I need things but non-students have taken them.”

Mardeep Keir
Biology
Junior
India
“I believe the library should be for everyone, after all, everyone goes there to study.”

Ryan Pedraza
Criminal justice
Freshman
Hialeah, FL
“Yes, it is public because many people from different places not from the school use the library freely.”

Jenny Fitch
Accounting and legal studies
Junior
Chicago, IL
“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 can not be considered private.”

Joseph Jewell
Legal Studies
Junior
Miami, Fl
“I believe our 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.”

Elsa Mills
Finance
Junior
Hollywood, FL
“The library is a public facility and is open to the public. UNICCO should be allowed to protest at the library as they would be allowed to protest at any other public facility.”

Brian Orto<celli
Pre-law
Junior
Middletown, CT
“The issue is one which requires more advanced technical consideration on my part. To make a decision, I would have to know more information concerning the issue.”

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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. What it really means is another expense-dose of Ani's unique style of acoustic melodies tuned to the genres of folk, bluesy, and jazz. A nice mixture, I might add.

Since this album, Carnegie Hall 4.02, 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 righteousbabec.com

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Playing in the Past: Gekido Advance: Kintaro's Revenge
Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

If you find yourself bored or disappointed with new or upcoming releases, 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 games of yore, covering titles that may have passed you by.

Of course, this means a natural omission of overly popular titles. No one wants to read about how The Legend of Zelda was amazing or that Halo was revolutionary; those are common facts. Everyone I ask has no idea what I'm talking about when I mention Gekido Advance: Kintaro Revenge, so I knew it would be perfect for this review.

Gekido Advance is a side, scrolling beat-em'-up. Like most other games of the genre, the story is simplistic. The main character, Tetsuo, is sent to investigate strange happenings in a nearby village by his sensei. What he discovers is that the evil Kintaro is back and he wants revenge! As such, you must brad your way through five levels crawling with bad guys to stop him.

"Now wait," you may say, "five levels is nothing!" But there is more to it than that. Gekido Advance bends the genre of beat-em'-up by adding elements of adventure. It's more than "walk to the right and fight." There's key collecting, backtracking, booby-traps and even people to talk to. These elements stretch the game to an acceptable length, with a classic password system to save your progress.

As for the actual fighting, there is some good and bad. Tetsuo is given Punch, Kick, and Jump buttons to work with. That may sound simple, but these moves flow together into simple yet amazing combos that can end with a flaming uppercut, your "desperation move" or if you're good enough, never end. However, this power is kept in check, as most enemies come in droves so that while you're fighting with one, the others will swarm you from other angles. Also, most enemies are granted with a computer-like pre-cognition and attack you the very millisecond you become vulnerable. The environment is no help either, as sometimes you are forced to duke it out amongst the aforementioned booby-traps to which the enemies are immune. Because of these situations, the mid to end portion of the game can get extremely difficult. The game helps you out by dropping power-ups here and there, like speed or power increases, but it drops plenty of bad things too, like direction reversals and even a lock on your attacks.

Sound-wise, Gekido Advance loses points for being repetitive. The music is cool at first, but soon gets just plain annoying. Additionally, the sounds consist of one or two grows or grunts, but are not very noticeable. Eventually, these get repetitive as well.

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Showbiz Bits
By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

Chad Michael Murray
Sorry, I couldn't help myself. It's not my fault if he reminds me of a squirrel. Apparently, though, women are into his squirrelly charm, because once again Mr. Murray is engaged. This time to a 10-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. So now 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-er
Ever wonder what a hot date with Howard Stern might be like? No? I don't blame you. But in order to satisfy curiosity and present pertinent journalistic information for 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-er 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 rumorish 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
Stars both big and small hit the orange carpet for Nickelodeon's "Kids' Choice Awards," because kids are people too. In what may be the classiest 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 gluteus maximus, or as I call it, her boobs. 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 for kids across America! We need a generation of kids that have no control over their body parts and are constantly falling out of their over-sized clothes on TV. 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.
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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 as 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.

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

GAME REVIEWS

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- You’ll probably play it through class, come morning.
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- Great game. Make sure you have coffee for the day.
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- It’s pretty good, but you won’t lose much sleep.
ZZZZ
- An average game. Don’t bother with it during finals week.
ZZZ
- Not that great. Those with particular taste may find something here.
ZZZ
- Overall, disappointing, but with redeeming qualities.
ZZZ
- Bad. This has been brought to your attention to save you sleep.

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

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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..."

"Names and Dates and Times," one would have to be a complete ignoramus (or have no ears) 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 DiFranco. 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 the thought as well as the ears, if you will.

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Find Out What You’re Missing

By Greg Rogers
Contributing 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 long for the past.

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, as 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 so 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 night, 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 edification for about 45 minutes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at grogers@nova.edu.

Letter from a Reader

To the 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 UNICCO 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.

Now, the second event. We decided we would take President Ferrero up on his invitation (open door policy) and have a small rally in front of Horvitz Admin. Three UNICCO workers would accompany Pastor Smiley to President Ferrero’s office to present him or his Administrative Assistant with a letter written by Pastor Smiley in response to their phone conversation on March 16. Well, things didn’t go as planned, when Pastor Smiley, myself, and two co-workers attempted to deliver the letter, we were met by two NSU officials at the entrance to the building. First Mr. Bias, the head of Public Safety, looking sharp in his suit and tie and looking so stoic, and Mr. Dawson, Director of University Relations, grinning ear to ear. It must have been for the media.

Please Send LETTERS To: The Editor, The "Fly on the Wall" column will appear in next week’s issue.

FLY NOTE:

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Alisha VanHoose
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.

Workers across the country. SEIU was a very serious matter to everyone; he cares, but not about us! In the first paragraph, he states that UNICCO's locations. This 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 in 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 employer 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 market's 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 McGonigle Painting Supervisor, UNICCO @ NSU

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"everyone is a winner and I want to give my congratulations to all of the nominees"

construction of a time capsule in the University Center, the STUEYS reflected the opening by having the theme of Time at the event. Over the next several months, NSU memorabilia will be collected and put in the time capsule, which will be opened in 2056.

The Student Life Achievement Awards, affectionately called the STUEYS, celebrate individuals who show integrity, courage, leadership, service, scholarship and involvement in the NSU community.

Left to Right: Debony Benton, Duane Benton, Lisa Satz, Cynthia Farmer, Virginia Sierra holding Michael Sierra, Maria Sierra.

The Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development was thrilled to welcome several of the 2006 Stuey Nominees for the Extended Community Member of the Year award to the main campus on Tuesday, April 4th. These exceptional students attend NSU at Student Educational Centers in cities throughout Florida, Nevada, Bahamas, and Jamaica.

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"It's a disgrace... [the] administrators need to take... [a lesson] in ethics..."
guys to discuss this.

"I don't know why these people are here," said Executive Director of University Relations Dave Dawson, who was present at the attempted press conference. "Right now this is private property. Always has been."

Whether or not the library constitutes private property was one of the main points of the debate between union organizers and university officials around noon on Thursday. Dawson and members of Public Safety asserted that the library was private property, as it was on University grounds, while those on the side of the workers insisted that the acceptance of county funds to build and maintain the library made it not only a joint-use facility, but public property.

"The University has suspended the constitution," said Progressive Democrat candidate Barry Sacharow, a graduate student at NSU. "By definition of the constitution, a library is public property, and they accepted money from Broward County to build it."

As he was heading off campus with workers and organizers to gather on the opposite side of Abe Fischler Drive, Sacharow said that Dawson had asked him to leave. "We weren't allowed to talk about [the issue]." David Dawson walked around to make sure people weren't talking about it," he said, referring to the group of students at Quad Thursday nearby.

Dave Dawson had a different story.

"Mr. Sacharow is harassing some of our students, they complained, we asked him to leave," Dawson asserted. "He says he's a student and we're checking that out; any student is welcome on our campus."

Students at Quad Thursday confirmed Dawson's statement.

"[Sacharow] was trying to get in here and talk politics during Greek Week," affirmed Radio X deejay Hernan Rico. "He was ruining our event. I know the issue is important, but now is not the time."

Freshman Senator Steven Reddy said Sacharow "wanted to talk about politics for two minutes but we told him to go away."

"In fact, Mr. Sacharow is not a current student at NSU," wrote Dawson in an email later that day, "but Manager of Registrar Operations Jason McGuire confirmed through Banner that Sacharow is a master's student who also earned his bachelor's degree at NSU."

Once on the side of the street opposite the University, representatives held the press conference, telling assembled television crews that they believed UNICCO was in violation of Broward County's living wage ordinance, which sets the required wages for contract employees at $10.15 with paid health benefits or $11.23 without, according to the latest version of a document approved in October of 2002.

"Today, SEIU filed a complaint... because workers need to earn a living wage, which is more than they're making now," said Lead Organizer Oswaldo Romero-Pizarro in front of television cameras in both English and Spanish.

"I don't think Broward County enacted the living wage to be ignored," said SEIU researcher Erica Dobbs. "The law requires that if you have a contract and receive county funds, you have to pay a living wage."

President Ray Ferrero was unable to be reached for comment, but Dawson offered that "the President feels that at this point, it's between our supplier and the supplier's employees."

The UNICCO corporate office was also unable to be reached for comment.

The press conference came on the heels of a rally that was held Monday, when protesters marched up and down University Drive with signs, mops, buckets, and shakers made of empty soda cans.

The demonstrators chanted and yelled "No justice! No peace!" as they prepared to march, attracting the attention and honds of several passing vehicles—including Nova Shuttle services.

A delegation consisting of UNICCO employees delivered a letter to the seniormost officer they could find in HPD. Who the letter was ultimately delivered to was unable to be determined.

During this time, the bulk of the group, consisting primarily of UNICCO employees, SEIU representatives and student supporters from FAU began their march. "We're here to support the janitors in their solidarity for fair pay," said FAU student Lauren Breck.

Other students were enthusiastically beating buckets like drums.

"These people have a lot of money, and they invest it in a lot of bat! They should be able to invest in us," said Wanda Rodriguez, who said she was making $7.69 an hour after working for UNICCO at NSU for 11 years. "Without a union here, we're not gonna get nothing."
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