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Rallies Continue as NSU Remains Neutral

By Paul Saneauz
Staff Writer

SEIU members and UNICCO workers held what SEIU officials have called "24 hour strikes" over the last few weeks, but university operations have continued apparently unaffected.

In several letters to the NSU community, President Ray Ferrero, Jr., said that the SEIU has been "publicly called" to "take action" over the last few weeks, but apparently unaffected.

Community President Ray Ferrero has maintained that NSU's stance on the issue is to continue fulfilling the university's mission of providing the students with education and a safe working environment for faculty and staff members.

Due to legal protocols, protestors must give NSU officials a seven day advance notice of any demonstration because of the presence of a medical facility. SEIU has also been notified, according to an open letter to the NSU community by President Ray Ferrero, Jr., that "they must confine their picketing activities to two entry gates on SW 36 Street."

The result of the restrictions on union activities has limited interruptions on campus but also has left students uninvolved. Junior Damian Black said "Public Safety and President Ferrero have been doing a good job of protecting the interests of the students and keeping most people informed through updates on the website and in emails."

However, Black agrees that the students have also been sheltered. This may be reflected in the lack of NSU student support in the rallies that have taken place in the last month.

In the most recent open letter released on April 26, Ferrero addressed the "recent action directed against NSU" that involved "some UNICCO workers going on strike" on April 24. He also mentioned that "replacement workers who reported to work serviced all NSU facilities..." Executive Director of University Relations Dave Dawson commented on the origin of the replacement workers:

"I don't know the exact number of replacement workers who went on strike last week, but there were at least 100 employees on campus who were not affected by the strike."

In the NSU long term plan, the university will continue to provide students with the best education possible, and the students will continue to support the university operations.

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Women's Tennis Team Has Best Year Ever

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

This year has been the best yet for the women's tennis team, as they placed fourth in the Sunshine State Conference this year, fifth in the region, and ranked ninth nationally.

"Everyone is working hard and it's the best year we've had," said Coach Michael Coleman. "We played against seven divisions and we beat six of them, and that's a great accomplishment."

The team also had two players that received national rankings. Alexandra Korotkevich was ranked 17th in the country in singles, and Ulia Talalenko was ranked 28th in singles. In doubles, the two were ranked 8th in the country.

The tennis team also competed in the SCC tournament, but fell to Eckerd College 5-2. Despite the loss, the Sharks still had their highest finish ever in the SCC. This year, Lynn University defeated the defending champion Barry University 5-1 to claim the SCC title for the third time in the last four years.

In the tournament, the only NSU team to take home a win was the number one duo, Korotkevich and Talalenko. They posted an 8-5 victory in the top match. Additionally, Jessica Homerlin won her singles match. Eckerd had wins in the third, four, and five matches to take the win.

Student Research Goes Beyond the Classroom in the Farquhar Student Journal

By Judith Francois
Staff Writer

NSU undergraduate students now have a place to be recognized for their academic work by having it published exclusively in the Farquhar Student Journal.

"We are hoping to get tons of submissions," said Michael Reiter, the Assistant Director of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, who is also in charge of the online journal.

"This is a great opportunity for [undergraduate] students; they now have a publication of their own," said Reiter. He indicated that the idea came from Mathew He, Director of the Math Science and Technology department, when the two were having a conversation a few years ago.

Students who write exceptional research papers and who participate in research projects, such as the NSU Annual Student Research Symposium, are encouraged to submit their work including case studies, critical analysis and even term papers. Each work submitted needs to have a faculty signature to sign off as a support system.

Faculty who see brilliant papers or projects from their students may encourage students to submit their work. "The instructors know that our students do good work," said Reiter, and the student journal is a way to share their research.

"The faculty work with students, and we don't want students to just leave [their work] in the classroom," said Reiter. "All faculty want to present the work that students do in class and build it and make it a journal worthy paper, and present it to state and national conferences and [competitions]."

Once submitted, each piece will be reviewed by journal editors Allison Brimmer and Emily Schmitt, professors of humanities and science, respectively, and finally by Reiter, who serves as chief editor.

If a submission is incomplete, it will be returned to the students for improvement. "We may ask for revisions," said Reiter. It the end "only good work" will make it to the journal.

Students who have work published will receive a copy of the journal, and the students will be recognized for their work.

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**News from Around the World**

**North America**

**Bush takes action over rising gas prices**

According to Reuters, President George W. Bush "ordered a probe Tuesday [April 23] in any price gouging, called for an end to tax breaks for Big Oil, and signed legislation onto the U.S. energy bill, extending the price of the go-to soaring gasoline prices," Bush gave the Environmental Protection Agency temporary authority to "suspend federal clean-burning gasoline rules this summer that are forcing consumers to buy expensive new gasoline blends." A recent CNN poll stated that Bush's job approval rating fell to "a new low of 32 percent" as the price of gas rose to over $3 a gallon in many areas; the reason many believe Bush is now focusing on fuel problems. In a conference with the Renewable Fuels Association, a group advocating the use of ethanol and fuel, Bush said "energy experts predict gas prices are going to remain high throughout the summer and that's going to be a continued strain on the American people." For more information visit www.reuters.com.

**Europe**

**Denmark sets terms for Taylor's stay**

Following the European nations of Austria and Sweden, Denmark said on April 25 that it would "reject a request to provide a jail cell for former Liberian president Charles Taylor if he is convicted of war crimes," reported Reuters. Taylor is accused of supporting armed rebels "who killed, mutilated and raped civilians during Sierra Leone's 1991-2002 civil war," the U.N. seeks to move Taylor's trial to 'The Hague in the Netherlands instead of using a U.N. backed tribunal in Sierra Leone's capital of Freetown. "At the time, Taylor placed the trial in limbo after "his lawyers said he would not agree to that arrangement." For more information visit http://news.yahoo.com.

**Central America**

**Panama plans Canal expansion**

The Associated Press reported on April 26 that "Panama's president said a planned expansion of the Panama Canal would define the waterway's "role in the twenty-first century," President Martin Torrijos also asked Panamanian voters to pass a referendum later this year that would allow funds to the project. The expansion, costing $5.3 billion out of the country's government budget of $6.5 billion, would accommodate "Post-Panamax" cargo vessels by adding a third set of custom locks and water chambers. The government is pushing for support for the referendum, fearing that companies will "seek other routes between the Atlantic and the Pacific," Torrijos said the project will be "financed through canal fees and some bank investments without taking government social programs." For more information visit http://news.yahoo.com.

**Asia**

**Suicide bomber disguised as pregnant woman kills 8**

A Sri Lankan suicide bomber from the Tamil Tiger rebel faction "walked her way into a military complex" while pretending to be pregnant on April 23, reported the Associated Press. The woman then triggered the bombs strapped to her stomach in front of a car carrying a Sri Lankan army commander, "killing eight people and wounding the officer and 26 others," European ambassadors said soon after "this attack is yet another blow to the cease-fire agreement and the peace process. The rebels "accuse the Sinhalese-dominated government of discriminating against minority Tamils and want a separate homeland," on Sri Lanka. Although no one group claimed responsibility for the attack on Lieutenant General Sarath Fonseka, the rebels have a history of using suicide bombers," said President Mahinda Rajapakse in a televised address. A few hours after the bombing, witnesses saw military planes and mortars attacking rebel positions 135 miles to the northeast. For more information visit www.msnbc.com.

**Europe**

**EU accuses CIA of secret flights**

The Associated Press reported on April 26 that European Union lawmakers claim "the CIA has conducted more than 1,000 clandestine flights in Europe since 2001, and some of them secretly took away terror suspects to countries where they could face torture." The selected committee of legislators investigating the allegations said that they have obtained flight information that shows hidden flight data planned by American CIA agents. The committee also "accused some European governments of knowing about it but remaining silent." The Associated Press received a copy of the committee's preliminary report which stated "that the CIA has used aircraft registered under fictitious company names or with private companies to secretly transfer terror suspects to other countries including Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Afghanistan." The CIA has declined to comment on Associated Press inquiries. The EU, however, has also said that "there was no irrefutable proof of such hand-overs of terror suspects" and that they will not comment until the investigation is completed. For more information visit www.msnbc.com.

**Bizarre Briefs**

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

**Man Shoots Self with 12 Nails, Forgets About Them for a Year**

An unidentified Oregon man attempted to kill himself with a nail gun by shooting 12 nails into his skull. A year later, he went to a hospital complaining of a headache, at which time surgeons found the nails and used "needle-nosed pliers to remove the building materials." An Associated Press report said that before the incident, the man had taken methamphetamine and was suicidal. Considered to be the first person to survive so many "foreign objects into the head," the unidentified individual was nearly killed when the nails almost struck "major blood vessels and the brain stem."

**Man Flushes "Worthless" Money**

When a 64-year-old German retiree found out that the Euro replaced his country's native currency, he decided to flush about 30,000 notes down the toilet. According to the Associated Press, city officials responded to complaints of a blocked pipe in Kiel and found "soggy bundles of bank notes" at the same time the man reported a pipe blockage in his home. Left with 30,000 notes, police accompanied the man to the local bank where he deposited his remaining money.

**Doctor Offering Breast Exams... Not a Doctor**

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**Woman Takes Road Trip with Dead Mother**

Rather than pay a mortuary transportation service to move her dead mother, a German woman drove her deceased parent about 280 miles before being apprehended by authorities. Traveling from the northern city of Bremerhaven, the woman was stopped by police after being alerted by the mortuary that she did not want to pay for her mother's transport, reported Deutsche Welle. A police spokesman said that "the corpse was on the back seat without a seat belt, which in this case didn't really matter." The woman will face a "modest fine" for violating burial laws and disturbing the dead's peace.

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**Baseball Team Finishes Season**

By Tranell Mesa  
Staff Writer

The Nova Southeastern University baseball team (26-19, 8-10 SSC) displayed an outstanding team effort as they regrouped after a conference loss to Florida Tech 11-10 on April 22 and fought back to take the next two wins against the Panthers, finishing game two with a score of 6-5 and game three with 15-12.

Senior right handed pitcher Joe Franco had an excellent closing win in the first game on Sunday, showing stamina by closing the second game for yet another win later that same day. Both these saves add up to give Franco ten saves for this 2006 season, tying him at third place for the most all-time saves in one solo season.

With two conference series against the Rollins Tars and Eckerd College left in the season, the Sharks are sitting sturdy at the number six slot in conference standings just behind Lynn and Barry University. These next few games will be extremely important for the Sharks to win in order for them to continue on into the post-

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**Softball Team Splits Win with Rollins College**

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

On April 22, the NSU softball team took on Rollins College at Lake Island Park in Winter Park, Fla. The Sharks lost game one 2-1, but they grabbed a 2-1 win in the second game.

Outfielder Jada Phillips led the Sharks 2-for-6 at the plate with 1 RBI and 1 run scored. Junior pitcher Shannon Lynch had her ninth win of the season after pitching 8 innings, allowing only 1 run on 6 hits, and striking out four batters. "I believe I pitched well in that game," said Lynch, "and as a team we played better in the second game."

In the second game, Ashley Matthews was hit by a pitch in the top of the third and later scored on a Phillips single. The Sharks held the Tars at bay until the seventh inning, when Jen Olsen allowed Jamie Rausch to score from third.

The game then had to go to extra inning to decide the win. In this inning, the Sharks had two singles and a double against Tars pitcher Nicole Anderson. Callie Binkley doubled to score Phillips from third, which gave the Sharks the 2-1 lead. In the bottom of the eighth, Shannon Lynch had her way with the Tars and kept them from scoring.

This was the 21st win on the season for the Sharks, who are ranked tied for 6th in the Sunshine State Conference. The Sharks have 21 wins and 26 losses on the season, with 7 wins and 14 losses in the SSC.

"We've planned much better overall in the last three weeks," said coach Lesa Bonee. "We need to stay sharp on the little things, catching fly balls, running and executing, and we need to be consistent. If we win the next games we will have won ten of our last sixteen games."

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**Men's and Women's Golf Wraps Up the Year**

By Tranell Mesa  
Staff Writer

**Men's Team**

NSU's men's golfing team was not able to defend their National title as they finished the season off in eighth place overall in conference play. Freshman Constantin Schwierz and senior Micheal Wangness lead the Sharks through the tournament as they both ended the season with a bang, tied at 20th place.

**Women's Team**

NSU's women's Golf team placed fifth overall in the final Sunshine State Conference tournament. Outstanding performances were led by sophomore Lina Bjorklund who finished at number eight and Jenni Mostrom, sophomore, who tied in the 14th spot.

The No. 5 Nova Southeastern University women's golf team was selected to participate in the 2006 NCAA Division II South Regional, and will be making their fourth straight trip to the Regional Tournament, hosted by the University of West Florida at Stonebrook Golf Club in Pensacola, Fla. May 1-2. The field of six teams will play 36 holes during the first day, with an 18-hole final round on Tuesday.

The top two teams and the top two individuals will advance to the championships.

This will be a difficult tournament for NSU because they will face the top three teams in the nation: No. 1 Rollins College, No. 2 Florida Southern College and No. 3 Lynn University. Also in the field will be the host and sixth-ranked West Florida and No. 8 Barry University, as the Sunshine State Conference boasts five of the six competing institutions.

Sophomore Elizabeth Bond hits out of the sand trap. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri
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Shawn Langlois throws the ball to get the catcher out. Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

season.
"We need to take at least 5 of the next 6 games, if not all 6, in order to make it into the regional tournament," stated sophomore infielder, Charlie Bernett. "If we play the way we are capable of playing, I don't see any reason why we can't win these last 6 conference games."

For fun and interesting facts concerning your Shark baseball alumni log onto nsuathletics.edu and see who is playing where.

NSU's Sports Stats of the Week

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Homophobia Awareness Week Inspires Unity at NSU

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

GSSA Homophobia Awareness Week allowed the NSU community to recognize the importance of tolerance and unity.

The dynamic on campus makes this series of events important, said GSSA President Sammi Ray. “We put together this week because NSU is a very conservative campus.”

Educating students about the concerns of homophobia was key, according to Ray. “Part of the problem is that some students commonly make derogatory comments that may be offensive without realizing it. ‘They don’t understand what that means to the gay community,’ she said.

NSU’s observance of the 10th Annual Day of Silence on Wednesday was ‘amazing,’ explained Ray. ‘We had a really good turnout in front of Parker,’ where the silence was broken at 7 p.m. ‘A lot of people were surprisingly supportive.’

With an estimated 100 diversity pledges signed, Ray said that she is “really happy about what we did this week. I think we ended [the awareness] week on a strong note.”

GSSA President Sammi Ray and Treasurer Mysti Fackler hand out T-shirts during the Quad Thursday event for Homophobia Awareness Week. Photo by Greg Kyriakakis

GSSA Treasurer Mysti Fackler agreed but felt that more outreach is needed. “I think we did [educate] to a certain extent,” she said, but added that “there’s more work to be done.”

According to a news release, the Day of Silence is a nationally recognized event in which “an estimated 500,000 students at 4,000 schools… peacefully bring attention to the pervasive problem of harassment in schools.”

NSU’s 4th annual Forensics Sciences Symposium

By Michael Bergbauer
Staff Writer

On April 28 and 29, NSU’s 4th annual Forensics Sciences Symposium was held in the Steele auditorium at HPD. The event began at 6 p.m. on Friday with a reception and poster displays similar to that of the recent Undergraduate Student Symposium.

The symposium continued the following day at 8 a.m. and included activities such as workshops in blood stain pattern recognition, forensic insect identification, and demonstrations including how drug detector dogs are trained. Also part of the symposium were presentations from numerous forensics experts.

Sponsors for this year’s symposium were Applied Biosystems, American Chemical Society (SoFL-ACS), College of Medical Sciences (NSU), Farquhar College of Arts & Sciences (NSU).

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Scary Movie 4: Is a Fourth Helping Necessary?

By Paul Sanaeux  
Staff Writer

Rating: $4.50

Who knew that a film franchise based on spoofs of blockbuster Scary Movie of ocher movies crept up on me one installment and that it would even avoid the ocher franchise is not terribly original; about part four, a feature that stood them into one movie poking throwing into one movie poking fun of them all. What was original about part four, a feature that stood out more when compared to the other installments, is how the writer managed to intertwine the plots of all the parodied movies together to make one plot that actually made some kind of sense. I won’t explain how all the plots work together, though; it would be difficult to avoid spoilers.

Cindy (Anna Farris), the stereotypical “dumb blonde” featured in all the other Scary Movies, gets a job in which she has to take care of a catatonic woman. The connection to the other films revolves around this plot device. The house of the catatonic woman, taken from The Skeleton Key, happens to be haunted by the little boy from The Grudge and is next door to Tom Ryan (Craig Bierko), a spoof of Tom Cruise taken from War of the Worlds. How the plot evolves and flashes back and forth between plots from the other movies is somewhat clever. The most amusing and witty connection is between War of the Worlds and Saw, but there is where a spoiler lies.

Outside of movie plots there are also other references to pop culture, like the viral iPod, and

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Playing in the Past:

Dual Blades

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.

While trying to think of what to review for the last issue of the paper, I knew that it had to be a game with an unmatched greatness/unpopularity ratio. A game like Dual Blades.

Most players don’t expect good story when it comes to fighting games, but Dual Blades’ effort at one isn’t half-bad. A great warrior, Alperen, is in possession of a mystical weapon called the Dual Blades. Growing weary of the immortality the weapon grants its master, Alperen gathers great warriors from across time to engage in a tournament where he may die a warrior’s death and the Dual Blades may find a new master. These gathered warriors make up the roster of playable characters for the game. It is a bit small with only eight to choose from (and a ninth to unlock), but all characters are extremely different from one another, ranging from Ottoman warrior to medieval knight. Additionally, you can enter a code to play as a character’s “EX version.” These features really dull the fact that there are a small number of characters to choose from.

One of the great things about Dual Blades is that unlike most fighting games, it is relatively easy to pick up and get into, while still offering plenty of features to give it depth. There is a party system akin to some Street Fighter games. There is also a “rage gauge” you fill while fighting and deplete by using incredible “rage-moves” and (a unique feature) canceling your attacks mid-way to avoid being hit or lessen the recovery time on your moves to extend your combos. You can also sacrifice your rage gauge to break away from an opponent’s combo. There are also plenty of long, hard hitting (and even infinite) combos. But all of these are easy to learn. You don’t have to hit the button during one special frame or anything ridiculous like in many other fighters. As such, Dual Blades is definitely one of the most highly accessible fighters to date.

Aside from its story mode, Dual Blades offers a training mode (complete with combo tutorial), time attack mode and survival mode. You can also adjust difficulty and the fight speed to customize your bouts. These modes are okay, but the real

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**This Week in Arts & Entertainment**

**Movie Openings**

**May 5**

*An American Haunting*

**Starring:** Donald Sutherland, Sissy Spacek  
**Director:** Courteney Solomon  
**Genre:** Thriller  
**MPAA Rating:** PG-13

Known throughout Tennessee as "Old Kate," the Bell Witch took up residence with John Bell's family in 1818. It was a cruel and noisy spirit, given to ripping and gnawing sounds before it found its voices. With these voices and its supernatural acts, the Bell Witch tormented the Bell family. Based on the extraordinary book that recounts the only documented case in U.S. history when a spirit actually caused a man's death.

**Mission: Impossible III**

**Starring:** Tom Cruise, Philip Seymour Hoffman  
**Director:** J.J. Abrams  
**Genre:** Action, Adventure  
**MPAA Rating:** PG-13

Super spy Ethan Hunt has retired from active duty to train new IMF agents. But he's called back into action to confront the toughest villain he's ever faced – Owen Davian, an international weapons and information provider with no remorse and no conscience.

**Book Releases**

**Available May 2**

*Beach Road by James Patterson*

Monica, David's lawyer, and Tom Daley's friend, is woefully small—occasional real estate closings barely keep him in paper clips. When he's hired to defend a local man accused in a triple murder that has the East Hampton world in an uproar, he knows that he has found the case of his lifetime.

**Digging to America by Anne Tyler**

Two families, who would otherwise never have come together, meet by chance at the Baltimore airport—the Donaldsons, a very American couple, and the Yazdans, Maryam's fully assimilated son and his attractive Iranian American wife. Each couple is awaiting the arrival of an adopted infant daughter from Korea. After the babies from distant Asia are delivered, Bitty Donaldson impulsively invites the Yazdans to celebrate with an arrival party, an event that is repeated every year as the two families become more deeply intertwined.

**DVD Releases**

**Available May 2**

*Sarah Jessica Parker in The Family Stone*  
*Queen Latifah in Last Holiday*  
*Anne Hathaway in Hooptiedoodled*  
*Entertainment*  

**May 2**

*Mamma Mia* at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach

**May 4**

*The Blues Brothers at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood*  

**May 6**

*Bill Engvall at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale*  
*Frank Sinatra Jr at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise*  
*Bubba Sparxxx at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale*

**System: Gameboy Advance**  
**Genre:** 2D Fighting  
**Original Release Date:** 10/7/02  
**Rating:** 7/8

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Recent events. There is one reference that I think may offend some people. Leslie Nielsen plays President Baxter Harris in a scene that resembles the elemental classroom President Bush was visiting when he learned of the Sept. 11 attacks. While the scene was amusing (I can't help but laugh at Leslie Nielsen), there were a couple of lines that probably shouldn't have been included. To make things worse, the scene taken from War Of The Worlds, featuring the downed passenger jet, came right after that of the classroom. Maybe I'm reading too much into it, but a reference to Sept. 11 followed by a reference to a crashed airliner probably wasn't a smart idea; especially considering all the controversy and ruckus over the soon-to-be-released United 93, a dramatization about the passengers that died preventing terrorists from using the aircraft in an attack. From the reaction to the classroom and the following aircraft crash scene I saw from the audience I was in, it didn't seem like many people noticed the connection. I definitely grimaced and whispered to myself, "Oh no," when I saw the aircraft wreckage scroll across the screen. Maybe the near silence during those scenes was an indication.

One feature of Scary Movie 4 that the crew can be proud of is how well the set, costume, and special effects designers replicated the scenes from the big budget counterparts. If I could place certain scenes from Scary Movie 4 and the other movies back to back and compare the camera work and set details, it would be difficult to tell them apart at times. The irony in that level of accuracy lends much to the humor. The secluded community from The Village was almost an exact copy and the camera work during the alien invasion and electrical storm was perfectly executed. The crew and art direction is really top notch. Anything less would have drawn away from the humor.

Now... only if the acting was a well executed as the technical aspects. The cast is made up of some big names: Charlie Sheen, Carmen Electra, Michael Madsen, Dr. Phil, Shaquille O'Neal, Molly Shannon, Bill Pullman, and James Earl Jones all make appearances. The acting is not of Academy Award caliber, but what else can be expected from a spoof? I'd have to say that the best role has to be Craig Bierko as Tom Cruise. Although Bierko looks nothing like Cruise, he got the attitude and persona down right. That can be seen during the extra bit at the end of the movie that parodies Cruise's visit to Oprah, which, by the way, has to be funniest part of the entire film.

Whether or not you absolutely loved or abhorred the recent blockbuster movies, everyone will find at least one scene of Scary Movie 4 worth the watch. The humor is clever at most parts despite the annoying slap stick comedy in other parts. I'd consider this installment the best of the entire mediocre franchise.

**Starring:** Craig Bierko, Anna Faris, Leslie Nielsen, Bill Pullman, Charlie Sheen

**Writers:** Craig Mazin  
**Director:** David Zucker  
**Rated:** PG-13
Ah, commercialism. It’s the principal that brings you boxed chocolates on Valentine’s Day, shamrock boxes on St. Patrick’s Day and, of course, tons of movie-going experiences to fill your summer vacation. To ensure that this year you spend your hard earned money on more sizzle and less fizzle, I bring you summertime’s top movie prospects:

**Poseidon**
*Starring:* Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Emmy Rossum
*Action, Adventure*
I know, it’s a re-make. While that may be a curse word in the world· hidden in the works of Leonardo Da Vinci lead an academic to a religious mystery. With director Ron Howard leading a spot-on cast, the movie is sure to draw in and please some of the owners of the 40 million copies of this book that were sold.

**Why See It:** What? Is Tom Hanks not enough? Okay then, see it because you liked the book. Or see it because you haven’t read the book but everyone is talking about it.

**X-Men: The Last Stand**
*Starring:* Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry
*Action, Fantasy, Sci-Fi*
Down, comic book geeks, down. There are many reasons to have doubts about this latest addition to the X-Men legacy, the greatest being the departure of director Bryan Singer, who moved on to directing a certain man of steel. The new director, Brett Ratner, is admittedly a founding member of Comic Book Geeks Inc. and seriously – could he possibly mess up the rise of Phoenix? Here’s to hoping that no such thing will happen. Be there to catch this release May 26.

**Why See It:** Because you loved the first one and you secretly have a thing for pirates.

*And these are just the blockbuster names. There are sure to be the diamonds in the rough this summer, as well as those movies that are just so bad that their badness entertains us anyways. I mean, Keanu Reeves has two movies coming out, the makers of Napoleon Dynamite are bringing you Jack Black, as Nacho Libre, and I didn’t mention a Superman Returns because two comic book movies... down comic book geeks, down. Nevertheless, enjoy yourselves this summer, no matter what the movie. Remember all your theater outing horror stories and save them until next time.*

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**NSU On The Scene:**

"What are your plans for this summer?"

**Brian McCaffigan**
*Boston, MA*
*Business*
Freshman
"Doing carpeting."

**Caitlin Vanin**
*Boston, MA*
*Business*
Freshman
"Working."

**Chance Foutch**
*Tulsa, OK*
*Finance*
Sophomore
"I am going back to Tulsa where I plan to work at a bank."

**Jarod Remick**
*Allen, Texas*
*Finance*
Sophomore
"Going home and working."

**Sonia Singh**
*Virginia*
*Marine Biology*
Freshman
"I am going to get a job over the summer."

**Dana Buss**
*Beatrice, Nebraska*
*Business Administration*
Senior
"I am working full time for camp Nova, coaching volleyball, starting my masters in international business and traveling."

**Kenny Moncada**
*Huston, Texas*
*Humanities*
Junior
"First to Disney land with the family and then to Paradise: Medelin, Columbia."

**Aduke Wilson**
*Jamaica*
*Business Administration*
Junior
"Work, summer school, and an internship."
Dear NSU Community,

I was going to talk about what an interesting and exciting year it’s been, but I don’t think I’m going to do that anymore. Not that it hasn’t been interesting and exciting – it really has – it’s more that I write something to that effect every time we hit the last issue of the year.

Yes, this is the last issue of The Current for the 2005-2006 school year, and no, I’m not going to be sentimental about it. I suppose it is something of a novelty to have the first-ever last issue of The Current, since this is the first semester that we have not been The Knight. Perhaps our somewhat-more-active pages have been as a result of increased interest in the publication, and perhaps it’s a result of all of you keeping all of us busy. I’d like to think it’s a little bit of both.

We’ve enjoyed writing for you, our readers, this year, and hope that you’ve been entertained and informed by the contents of our pages.

See you in August,

Alisha VanHoose

Editor-in-Chief

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The undersigned faculty make the following statement concerning the controversy surrounding our commencement speaker, Salman Rushdie.

We applaud and encourage the debate of ideas, which was itself based on tradition, culture, and in this same respect, no character in Rushdie’s fiction represents his views. He, not his characters, should be the source for information about his views of Islam.

The Satanic Verses is generally classified as a satire. Our culture embraces satire as a legitimate form of social criticism, often using humor as a device to soften biting commentary (e.g. The Daily Show). It is not representing any religious position. Furthermore, Rushdie has produced numerous literary and scholarly works, and to narrow our focus to the controversy provoked by one novel, which was itself based on limited understanding of that text, betrays our academic values that prize independence of thought and speech.

A second concern expressed by those objecting to Salman Rushdie’s visit is that a controversial person should not speak at commencement. Commencement is not only an opportunity for celebrating student achievement; it is a celebration of the process involving in becoming a truly thoughtful person. This includes tolerating alternative ideas and subsequent discussion involving their critical examination. This is especially true for ideas commonly accepted without question such as those based on tradition, culture, or religion. Socrates believed that the unexamined life is not worth living, and we encourage an examined approach to the controversy.

The process of education does not end with the last exam, or even when the diploma is awarded. It is a continuing process to which we, as faculty, hope to have contributed. Let Salman Rushdie’s commencement address be the next step in everyone’s education.

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Letter from a Reader

One world, One love

To my fellow schoolmates,

As a concerned student, I have already addressed faculty and I have already addressed heads of NSU. It is now time that I address you, the student body, the backbone of NSU. I hope that you do not simply read the words of this letter, but that you come away with a clearer perception of life. By the end of this letter, I hope that you come away with a greater appreciation for respect and that you come away with true feelings of equality for your fellow people.

The point of this letter is to open our eyes to the fact that the bond of humanity transcends our differences. Things like race, gender, religion, and social class allow us to be unique, but we are still tied together by our humanness.

The problem with society today is that people do not really seem to care. We might think we care, but do we really? We can all come to an agreement that hunger is a sad problem, but when we drive passed the homeless standing on the side of the street, do we really feel? We might give the person an occasional dollar, but do we ever try to put ourselves in their shoes? Do we try to understand life from their perspective? The thing is that nowadays we are so wrapped up in our own individual worlds that we don’t take the time to be concerned about the worlds of others. In a lifestyle that makes it ever-so-easy to attain instant gratification, it is no wonder people seem so apathetic.

Movies, music, parties, if overly indulged in, give us the false sense that everything is alright. On top of that, we are constantly bombarded by the media with problems the world is going through. At times it is hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. It seems that there is never any good in the world and that there is nothing that we, individually, can do about it. We are safe and comfortable in our furnished homes, we have running water, and our tables are always set for three square meals. We sometimes wonder why we should feel for others. It seems like the only thing that will come out of it is depression, and besides, it’s not like others care about us. It is this stagnation of care that lets oppression and injustices continue to ravage this world, our world. If we could truly care about everyone on an equal footing, we would solve many of our problems.

The fact of the matter is that when we are all united under the banner of humanity, we lose all of the issues revolving around the whole “us against them” mentality. It is no longer the epidemics in Africa, it is no longer the poverty of the homeless, it is no longer the problem of the Uniko workers: it is now our problem. If we truly cared, we would actually do something. We could rid Africa of diseases, we could help the homeless get back on their feet, and we could ensure that all laborers are paid respectable wages. The day when we stop caring for others and the day when we no longer see others...
as our equal fellow humans is the day when the light at the end of the tunnel is extinguished. It is on that day when your individual worlds of glass will be shattered, it is on that day when you are on the receiving end of inequality, and it is then when you wonder why no one is willing to help you.

Fellow classmates, that horrendous day does not have to come. We do not have to wait until we are personally affected to reach out to others. We need to strengthen our bonds will all of humanity so that no injustice goes unchallenged. It is on these grounds that I, one of the concerned students, ask for your support and attendance at our graduation celebration on the 6th of May. I do not ask you to come as a form of disrespect to the school, as this is not the purpose of the event, but I ask you to come to share the experience of graduation with those who will not be attending the actual graduation on May 7th. To say that Salman Rushdie does not exemplify anti-Islamic sentiment would be foolish. All I ask for is equality and respect for all. This time it is against Islam, next time it might be an anti-semitic, a gay basher, a white supremacist, or an Asian hater. I ask you for support now so that when your time will come to be on the receiving end of injustice, you will not be alone on that day. Please support and attend the graduation celebration on the 6th of May.

Thanks for your support,
Yaqub Lateef

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**RESEARCH**

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published in the journal will benefit from the experience, explained Brimmer. "Having work published is a major accomplishment; it will help them in grad school." The journal can also benefit the entire of the NSU community. Students can go online to get an idea of what a project for the research symposium looks like, or may use a research project of the same topic as a source of a class assignment. "Other students can use it [freely]," said Reiter. "The Farquhar Student Journal is not only for Farquhar students, it is for all undergraduates including business students, nursing students, and all undergrad schools and programs. But only undergraduates, not faculty or graduate students, will be allowed to publish on the journal."

The journal, to be published once in fall and again in winter, is "good for students, good for faculty and good for the college," said Brimmer. Research can be submitted through e-mail to fsj@nova.edu. More information about the journal can be obtained by contacting Reiter at (954) 262-3760, mreiter@nova.edu, or on the internet at http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/fsj.

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**SEIU**

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answer," said Dawson. "I can suspect that the replacement workers were sent by UNICCO, however, UNICCO is our contractor, so they have a responsibility to provide workers to keep the university clean and safe." UNICCO representatives could not be reached for a statement.

The school year is coming to a close, and the university continues to function untouched by the actions of striking UNICCO workers and what Ferrero refers to as SEIU's attempt to "intimidate" and "coerce" unsupportive workers. "It's business as usual," exclaimed Dawson. "There have been no interruptions or major problems and the university is looking forward to graduation. President Ferrero has pledged in all his letters that union activities will not affect our mission statement and our obligations to the students."

While little union or student activity has been witnessed at NSU, the University of Miami has experienced the involvement of students and faculty in support of UNICCO workers and SEIU efforts.

On April 25, UM professors Rebecca Biron and Ambler Moss, along with FIU professor Bruce Nissen, have started an online petition urging President Donna Shalala to cut off dealings with UNICCO and allow workers to unionize. In a letter to the UN student newspaper, Tanya Aquino, one of over 150 people participating in an ongoing hunger strike, claimed that UM "aligns itself with the law-breaking" by refusing "to recognize the illegal actions of its employee UNICCO."
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