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The 8th Annual STUEY Awards Recognizes NSU’s Best and Brightest in Gala Event

Dana Block named as student of the year

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

NSU hosted its eighth annual Student Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center on April 17. This is a special ceremony dedicated to NSU’s top contender for scholarship, leadership, involvement, service, commitment, integrity and responsibility to the campus at large.

There were 14 top contenders for the Student of the Year category which had fourteen nominations. The winners were presented with a trophy resembling the Oscar. “It was very innovative,” Liria said.

The presentation of the Juan Pablo Correa Scholarship. This is a unique scholarship that began about nine years ago after the tragic death of Juan Pablo Correa, a former NSU undergraduate.

Football Legend Vince Papale Speaks at Life 101

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

“When the coach told me that I was on the Philadelphia Eagles, I had spontaneous joy,” said Vince Papale on April 12 at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. “The coach said congratulations old man, you’re a Philadelphia Eagle, you probably could have heard my screams in Dallas!”

Papale, whose life the movie Invincible was based off of, came to football, basketball and track and field.

In 1978 he was voted “Man of the Year” and then in 1979 he had to end his career because of a shoulder injury.

Papale was an athlete throughout his life. He attended Interboro High School where he was a letterman in football, basketball, and track and field.

In high school he was really known for being a track athlete, participating in the pole vault, triple jump, and the long jump.

He even won the Distric 1 championship in the pole-vaulting competition.

He then went on to college at St. Joseph’s College from 1964-1968 and got his degree in marketing/management science with a full scholarship to be on the track team. In his junior year he won a United States Track and Field Federation college development PV with a vault of 14’6”. During his senior year, he was named Most Outstanding Senior Athlete.

Papale seemed to have a smile on his face throughout the interview. Speaking about his thoughts on Mark Wahlberg playing him, he said that “he didn’t know Mark Wahlberg.” When people described Wahlberg to Papale, he “realized this is the Marky Mark Wahlberg and then my head just blew apart.”

In the movie, Invincible, all of Papale’s family was shown in the movie nowhere. His son had a homemade Eagle’s jersey that he wore and ran out in front of Wahlberg’s car. His wife was also in the movie, as she threw a football at Wahlberg’s feet near the end.
and the winners are....

NSU Undergraduate Organization of the Year – Alpha Phi Omega
NSU Corporate Partner of the Year – Mesa Miller Joint Venture
NSU NCAA Male Athlete of the Year – Eric Napoles (Soccer)
NSU Graduate Organization of the Year – Academy of Student Pharmacists (Pharmacy)
NSU Student Government of the Year – Student Occupational Therapy Association
NSU National Advisor of the Year – Michael Richmond, Esq. (Law Center)
NSU Extended Community Member of the Year – Doug Carpenter (Orlando)
NSU Staff Person of the Year – Jimmy Ricci (Public Safety)
NSU NCAA Female Athlete of the Year – Nicole Felluca (Rowing)
NSU Administrator of the Year – Alyssa Roshmat (Finance)
NSU Professor of the Year – Natan Azrin, Ph.D. (CPS)
NSU Alumnus of the Year – Ross Zafonte, D.O. (Osteopathic Medicine)
NSU Executive of the Year – Delores Smiley, Ed.D. (SFSH)
NSU Student of the Year – Dana Block

Current Affairs

**Week in Preview**

**Wednesday:**
**Body Mind and Soul Series: Wheatgrass: A Superfood. Michael Bergoni of the Hippocrates Health Institute in West Palm Beach will present a lively discussion on wheatgrass from 6-8 p.m. in Alvin Sherman Library, room 1017.

**Thursday:**
NSU Theatre presents the Director’s Festival of One-Acts: NSU Theatre, sponsored by the Flagler College of Arts and Sciences’ Division of Humanities, will stage the Director’s Festival of One-Acts from April 26–29 in the University Arts Center’s Black Box Theatre. This performance will be NSU Theatre’s final offering for the academic year, showcasing student-directed works. Performance times are as follows: Thursday, April 26–Saturday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at 2:00 p.m. Admission to the performance is free. However, reservations are required. To ensure a seat in the audience, please email musetheatr@nova.edu or call 954-262-8179.

**Distinguished Lecture Series:Huizenga School:** The Huizenga school will host a lecture featuring Mark A. Enko, Chairman/CEO of Bridgestone Americas Holdings Inc., and Bridgestone Firestone NA. The event is free of charge and is scheduled to be held in the Julian & Ellen Knight Auditorium in the Carl DeSantis Building from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. R.S.V.P and direct questions to the Office of Development, 594-262-6005 or email jslevith@nova.edu.

Student Leadership Awards Banquet: The 1st annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet, taking place in the Business School Atrium from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. will award undergraduate students for their hard work and dedication to NSU through leadership, service and spirit. For event information, contact Tricia Reaburo at reaburo@nova.edu.

**Friday:**
Former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Edward Seaga. A reception in honor of former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Edward Seaga, will be held on at 6:00 p.m. in the Hull Auditorium of the Health Professions Division. Immediately following, Seaga will present “Role of Culture in the Development of the Jamaican Psyche.” For more information, call NSU Law Professor Jane Cross at 954-262-6014.

SafetY

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should be some type of seminar that all freshmen should attend.” Venero said that there has to be a better way of contacting students than email in the case of an emergency. She hopes that stronger security measures are put into place at NSU.

There are over 25,000 students at NSU and a large number of them are on its 300 acre campus at any given time. The university’s Public Safety Department monitors over 500 surveillance cameras that have been placed strategically in various locations across the campus. There are roughly 100 emergency blue phones at NSU that connect students with Public Safety’s Security Operations Center by dialing 8999. Several Dave Police officers are assigned to patrol the campus daily and one officer is stationed by each of the dorms during the nighttime.

The heart of our security and emergency program is NOVALERT, said Venero. Bias, Executive Director of Protective Services at NSU. “It’s manned by trained security officers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.” Bias said that the public safety officers are all trained in CPR. First Aid, the use of deployed AED’s, security and safety. They have also completed their certification in Homeland Security, which includes their knowledge of measures to prevent violence and terrorism at NSU. “We have a very close relationship with the Dave Police,” Bias said. “We actually have more security on this property than the rest of the state.”

NSU has plans to get two more Dave Police officers on campus permanently in July. Bias is hoping to install a special monitor in every building on campus that will be capable of displaying messages to the students in case of future incidents. President Ray Ferrero Jr. is also looking into a type of reverse 911 system that would be set to send text messages to every student on campus at the same time in case a dangerous situation were to arise here at NSU.

However, NSU still has about 15 to 20 stalking incidents every year. The university fully responds in each instance and a majority of the offenders are individuals who are not affiliated with NSU in any way. “We of course immediately partner with the Dave Police department,” Bias said. “We have three or four on campus and we can immediately call in their resources.” The university has also received bomb threats over the years, the most recent having occurred two years ago. Bias said that there are very few instances like these each year. He has worked at the university for over twenty years and is very confident with NSU’s security systems. “We do everything we can to formulate any specific threat,” Bias said. “However, there are no guarantees for personal safety anywhere in the United States.”

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NSU Remembers Those Lost in Virginia Tech Tragedy

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

On the eight year anniversary of Columbine High School shooting, members of NSU’s community gathered on the Flight Deck patio to pay tribute to Librescu, a Holocaust survivor who held gunnman Seung-Hui Cho as his students escaped. Librescu was shot and killed through the classroom door.

"I think an event like this for a close-knit community hits close to home," said Hancock. "It was important that during finals and a time when we are busy that we come together and let this affect us positively."

Executive Vice President and CEO George L. Hanbury, a VA Tech alum, was in attendance on behalf of President Ray Ferrero and the Board of Trustees.

"This senseless, unexplainable event is that bringing the world together and also makes us realize that people need to help people," said Hanbury.

Through ongoing treats, Hanbury joked about his hatred of orange and maroon, VA Tech's school colors, but remembered his times at the campus fondly.

"The world is Hokie and we all need to have a time for tears and celebration," he said.

Other speakers included Douglas Flemmons, the Director of Student Counseling. He reminded NSU students to "be the eyes and ears of the community and to help those that feel isolated and depressed.

"Counseling helps deal with the trauma that has happened with depression and it broadens that perspective of the world," said Flemmons. "An important number to remember is 7050. With that number, students can reach all kinds of help.

Members of the Spiritual Life Council participated in the vigil. Cherie Paul and Janiqua Armbrister prayed for strength, hope, and peace. They prayed that God would take away the anger and replace it with peace. Marta Vargas, the President of SLC, sang for peace on Earth.

Counselor in Residence Shatavia Alexander ended the program with a reading of the names of those lost in the tragedy.

"I really felt bad when I heard what happened and I felt scared because one of my friends goes there," said student Joann Lina. "I felt a little unsafe here at first but I feel better now seeing people come together from different countries to pray and remember those affected."

Humanities department presents Lecture on Identity in Literature

By Stefani Rubino
Variety Editor

Alongside the lecture from neurologist Oliver Sacks, Suzanne Ferris, Ph.D. and Andrea Shaw, Ph.D. presented a lecture on Embodied Identity in Literature on April 18. Through the lecture they analyzed the connection (or disconnection) between the mind and the body and how it is expressed through language.

She began her part of the lecture first and concentrated on the physical appearance relate to the inside or identity of that person. She began by talking about Gilgamesh, the oldest piece of literature, and how women were seen as evil seductresses, how they were thought to cause chaos, and how they were seen as unnatural.

She then moved into discussion of the 16th century, where this view of women was still popular. She discussed the importance of the witch hunts of that time period and how they relate to that thinking. She used the Maltese Falstaff, a text written during that period, to show how women were still thought to be evil and why these ideas are significant.

After gender, size was up next. Shaw mostly talked about larger women, and how they are portrayed in literature. She discussed how they are seen as loving, caring, and gentle or shown as lustful and hungry with a large appetite (for food or sex) that is never satisfied. She used the wife of Bath in Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales to illustrate what she meant by the presumptions based on size.

Next, of course, was race, or more specifically “blackness.” She showed how all throughout historical texts, black people were used to show some sort of unattractiveness or wildness and how they are perceived as being flawed. Then in later literature, they became the mammy figure, a slave woman who takes care of the children on a plantation and serves as sort of their stand-in mother.

She used Gone with the Wind and Toni Morrison’s novels to show how this character type evolved.

Student Activities and Leadership Development to Host NSU Student Leadership Awards Banquet

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

To honor undergraduate students and graduate student organizations that have made impacts to the NSU campus and community, the office of Student Activities and Leadership Development have put together the NSUs first Student Leadership Awards Banquet.

In addition to recognizing students and their achievements, this event will also allow undergraduate clubs and organizations to present awards to peers in their organizations.

"I think it’s a great idea because it allows students to see what other organizations have been involved in and join in their successes," said junior Robin Furmanksi.

Award categories include: Freshman Leader of the Year, Rising Star, Unsung Hero and Student Employee of the Year. "I think it is important for student leaders to be recognized in front of their peers. A lot of students work really hard and aren’t recognized for what they do," said Tricia Reallabo, graduate assistant for student involvement.

"Also it allows individuals to view a tangible individual with real life leader experiences and realize that if these individuals can become an effective leader, they can achieve it also by having a vision that says that I can become an effective and purposeful leader,” added Marcie Washington, graduate assistant for leadership development.

The Student Leadership Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 5 p.m. in the atrium of the DeSantis building.
On The Scene:
“Do you think NSU is ready in case of an emergency?”
Kimberly Schilling
Athletic Training
Junior
Sparta, Ill.
I would say yes because they're really quick with sending out emails. When there was a gas leak the security people were running around making sure everyone got out.

Lawrence Brown
Business Administration
Freshman
Jacksonville, Fla.
Yes. I believe they're ready. We've got lots of police officers hanging out on campus. We'd have lots of help at the perfect time.

Susie Hidalgo
Biology
Sophomore
Hialeah, Fla.
Yes. They haven't shown us they're prepared.

Jason Schwartzman
Athletic Training
Sophomore
Coral Springs, Fla.
Yes. The fire department got here pretty quick the other day when there was a gas leak.

Krystal O'Neil
MBA
Portmore, Jamaica
Yes, they will be because I think NOVALERT is very competent in response time.

Chris Reynolds
Business Administration
Senior
Davie, Fla.
Yes. The fire department got here pretty quick the other day when there was a gas leak.
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NSU Takes Down Barry 6-3 in Last Conference Match of Season

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

The NSU women’s tennis team (19-1; 7-1 SSC) took care of business in their last conference match of the season while taking on Barry University, crushing the Buccaneers 6-3. In the face of what was expected to be a challenging day of tennis, the Sharks maintained their composure to clinch the win and the second place position in the overall Sunshine State Conference regular season standings. Helping to reel in the win in the SSC for their teammates were junior Alexa Konotkerich and her duo partner, sophomore Ulla Talalenko. These two talented athletes caused an uproar when they went into the first doubles match of the day as a number 19 underdog to Barry’s number 9 duo and came out with the victory, 8-6. Senior Anna Schmidtmann and her partner freshman Edita Kulichova held their own and won their doubles match 8-5. Talalenko, Kulichova and Schmidtmann continued the victories for the remainder of the day. All three took home Shark wins in their Please See BARRY Page 9

Men’s Golf Team Wins SSC Conference Championship, Women Take Home 3rd Place

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

April 15 through 17 the men’s golf team competed in the 2007 SSC Tournament. They played at Duran Golf Club in Viera, Fla. on a par 72 course of 7,127 yards. The Sharks took home their second SSC win in three years. They first captured the 2005 SSC Men’s Golf Championship in their first year of eligibility for conference championships since joining the SSC in 2002.

All teams played three rounds of golf. NSU’s scores for the days were 302, 305, and 294. The second place team was Florida Institute of Technology who finished three shots behind the Sharks. They shot 301, 301, and 301. Barry University came in third place with scores of 306, 297, and 306. The University of Tampa came in fourth with scores of 307, 297, and 306. Florida Southern and Lynn University tied in fifth place with a total score of 913. Rollins finished in seventh, St. Leo University in eighth, and Eckord in ninth.

Eric Cole led the men’s team finishing second overall in a field of 45 golfers. He shot 76, 73, and 71 to finish fourth over, two shots behind first place finisher Anthony Klingensmith from Florida Tech. Constantin Schwierz finished tied for eighth with scores of 77, 75, and 74. Peter Kolosvary came in tied for 17th, Greg O’Mahony tied for 23rd, but in his last round he scored the tournament low for the day. Michael Davenport finished tied for 28th.

On April 16 and 17, the women’s golf team took part in the 2007 Women’s SSC Championship at Lake Jovita Country Club. They played at Duran Golf Club in Viera, Fla. on a par 72 course of 7,127 yards. The women finished third place with scores of 301, 302, and 306. Florida Institute of Technology (the defending reigning champions) won the tournament. Rollins came in fourth, Florida Southern finished fifth, and Eckord came in seventh.

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NSU Captures First SSC Championship in Program’s History

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

The Sharks traveled to Tampa the weekend of April 14 with their game faces on, prepared to give it their all for the chance to be named the 2007 Sunshine State Conference Women’s Rowing Champions. After a long year of early morning practices on the lake and in the weight room, the Sharks captured the win. The Varsity Four and the Varsity Eight boats both took first place titles in the races.

The Varsity Four crew came in at a time of 7:28:70, approximately five seconds before the University of Tampa. The crew blew away third place Barry, fourth place Florida Tech and fifth place Rollins College. Varsity Four crew members included freshmen Stafany Fabián, Naassia Stracuzzi, Michelle Zeillinki and Natalie Chaiser, and junior Marilite Vazquez-Gonzalez, Garbaj and Lauren McElhenny, and seniors Miglena Dzhupanova and Monica Henderson. Coming in at a winning time of 6:18:60, these outstanding athletes completed the day with victory for the Sharks.

With 20 overall points for the day, the Sharks’ day of triumph resulted in the rowing programs first ever SSC Championship title.
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Shark Baseball Takes on Florida Tech in Three Game Series

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

Returning home after defeating Florida Southern, 3-1, in a non-conference competition, the Sharks were fired up and ready to face off with Florida Tech's Panthers. After taking home the first win of the series, 15-10, in a game of exceptional offense by both teams, the Sharks were unable to win the remaining two games on the following day, April 14.

Despite the losses, the Sharks endured a weekend of excellent offense. Sophomore Rhys Roberts concluded the weekend with two home runs and four RBIs. Senior Shawn Langlois was not far behind on the success rate as he topped his weekend off with five hits, three RBIs, and two stolen bases including a home run of his own.

Junior Jon Spier was granted with the win for April 13 evening's game, advancing his record to 5-3. The Shark's baseball team (30-14; 5-10 SSC) are now seventh in the conference as well as in the region.

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- **Par:** 72, 72, 72
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### 2007 Women's SSC Championship

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**Upcoming Games**

**Women's Rowing**

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**Baseball**

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  - **Time:** 3:00 PM

**Softball**

- **Upcoming Games**
  - **Site:** West Palm Beach, Fla. (NAIA)
  - **Time:** 2:00 PM

**Women's Rowing**

- **Upcoming Games**
  - **Site:** Miami Shores, Fla. (NCAA II)
  - **Time:** 3:00 PM

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**THE CURRENT**

**APRIL 23, 2007**
NSU Unveils The Biggest Loser

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

NSU unveiled “The Biggest Loser” on April 12 after a 12-week program of sweat, tears, and hard work. This program was a reproduction of the popular television show The Biggest Loser, except at NSU, full-time faculty dieted, exercised, and worked their way to a healthier lifestyle.

America Minc, the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation, partnered with CEO of NSU Clinics Robert Oller, and together the two moved quickly with this project with the help of Andrew Kusienski, D.O. who performed physicals for the crew.

At Campus Recreation, three-minute step tests to estimate the cardio-respiratory capacity of the contestants were completed. They also tested for flexibility, body-fat composition, and muscular strength so they could design a program fitted to each person.

Minc wanted the participants to take a proactive approach to healthy living and well being. She encouraged the contestants to “throw away” whatever myths they had heard about dieting, and listen to her and the doctor’s advice on what would be the proper approach to lose the weight appropriately.

After twelve participants were selected, they were split into two groups. During this time, they had mandatory workouts and individual workouts. The two teams also competed.

The “biggest loser” was the person who lost the most percentage of overall body weight. The winner was Kelly Ferguson, who lost 44 pounds. Ferguson told Minc that she wanted to be around for her child as long as possible. At the announcement ceremony, Ferguson thanked Minc and said: “You saved my life.”

Overall, the twelve participants lost a total of 292 pounds. The runner up in the competition was Mary Toledo, who lost 25 pounds.

Minc expressed that the individual person’s success was not only measured by weight loss, but other factors as well. One individual stopped smoking, others brought their cholesterol down, climbed the rock wall, improved on their cardiovascular fitness, improved their muscular fitness, and improved their overall well-being.

“This is a life-changing experience, and we are re-educating them about nutrition, working out, and being healthy so they can take it with them for the rest of their lives,” explained Minc.

More information about The Biggest Loser can be found at www.rec.nova.edu.

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Eric Cole finishes second overall in a field of 45

Club in St. Leo, Fla. The course was par 72 and 5,885 yards.

The NSU women’s golf team walked away with a third place tie with Lynn University. Florida Southern won the championship with scores of 319, 308 and 302. Rollins College came in second place with scores of 319, 302, and 313. Lynn shot 314, 306, and 319, while NSU shot 328, 294, and 317. Barry University finished in fifth place with scores of 325, 318, and 313. Florida Tech finished in sixth and St. Leo finished in seventh.

Maria García Auste came in second place overall against 37 other golfers. She shot 81, 70, and 75 to be ten over for the tournament. Senior Sophie Friis finished in eighth place with the daily low score of 69 in her second round. Her scores were 83, 69, 79. Andrea Maldonado and Lina Bjorklund tied for 17th place with scores of 81, 80, and 80, 83, 75, and 83, respectively. Elizabeth Bond finished tied for 27th with scores of 89, 84, and 84.
**Movie Review**

**“Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theatres”**

*Fans get their fill*

By Paul Saneux
Managing Editor

Before anything is said, it has to be made clear that this movie mainly caters to the hardcore fans of the series that runs on the late-night Cartoon Network block aptly entitled Adult Swim. Though ATHF premiered sometime around 2000, the fan base is still relatively small. I mean, how many people really find the insanely absurd lives of a talking milkshake, box of fries, and meatball interesting?

I do, for one. And many others. I have watched the series since it premiered and I find its quirkiness, insanity, and incoherence hilarious. ATHF is among several other (barely few can truly appreciate. It is healthy to not make a plot that is describable, unlike many other films. Each 15 minute episodes were the perfect package for ATHF, but the big screen worked well. The film felt like an epic story, though larger in scope, stays true to the original style of animation. Characters’ limbs barely move and all the attention is given to their facial expression and dialogue. That’s something that “normal” animation fans or moviegoers probably won’t appreciate.

I have to say that this film surprised me in several ways. I thought that 15 minute episodes were the perfect package for ATHF, but the big screen worked well. The film felt like (in a good way) a very long 15 minute episode. During the first five minutes, I, and everyone else in the theater, was laughing incredibly hard. My stomach was killing me and I loved it.

It began with a short spoof on singing snack food items like those seen in a Comcans commercial. A hotdog, soft drink, and others lend some friendly advice on how to enjoy the movie. “Remember to keep you shoes on at all times/ And don’t pull your penis out unless you really need to/ Indecent exposure is a class two felony.” The film quickly turns hardcore after another group of food items, complete with instruments and piercings, interrupt with a headbutt and deals extreme advice through a whailing speed metal track. It was the best opening to a movie I have ever seen.

Though the film was funny throughout, the middle of the film was kind of slow and the laughs were spread kind of thin. However, when there was a spot of boedom it was abruptly ended with some unexpected action of dialogue. I would have also liked to see more of the Aqua Teen’s neighbor, the overweight, perverted, balding, sweatpants and flip-flop wearing Carl Brutananadilewski (Willis), Carl’s sarcastic, nasty attitude, and obsession with cheeto 90’s rock always induces laughter. A special treat came in the form of cameo voices from SNL’s Chris Kattan and Tina Fey, and the ever-lovable B-actor Bruce Campbell.

Like I said, ATHF/CMFF caters to the true fans. For them, it is an epic story. Pure gold. For everyone else it is nonsense. However, those who are not fans may even find this as a good time to become one, but it is a gamble.

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**Perfect Stranger is far from Perfect**

By Kristine Belzaire
Distribution Manager

If you were like me and thought that a movie starring Halle Berry and Bruce Willis would be a hit, you are very mistaken.

**Perfect Stranger** tells the story of investigative reporter Rowena Price (Berry) who lives to expose the corrupt men of New York City. After one of her investigative pieces bombs she decides to leave her job.

After Price’s good friend Grace (Nicki Aycox) is murdered, her investigative nature comes back out. As Price tries to find out what happened to Grace, it leads her back to advertising executive Harrison Hill (Willis), whom Grace had been having an affair with.

With the help of her computer whiz friend Miles (Giovanni Ribisi), she infiltrates his company as a temporary employee on hopes of finding a way to convict him.

The plot sounds very interesting, but honestly, the movie does not.

"Rowena Price (Halle Berry)"

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**The Hoax is no Joke**

The True Story of a Man Writing a Fake One

By Stefani Rubino
Variety Editor

Over the last few years, the American public has seen quite a few (too many, actually) instances of journalistic and literary fraud (Stephen Glass and James Frey come to mind). Although their schemes and lies are horrible (and maybe a little genius, too), none of them could compare to that of Clifford Irving’s (Richard Gere).

The Hoax is based on the true story of a man who was trying to write a false biography of another man. After his publishing company takes away the funding for his newest novel, the one he was sure would bring him his biggest break, Irving is desperate to find a way to make money. He decides he is going to scam the publishing company into giving him money to write the biography of Howard Hughes, famous aviator and notorious recluse, whom he claims is his in contact with. Excited, the publishing company agrees, as the biography of Hughes is sure to make them tons of money. So, Irving, with the help of his noble sidekick Dick Suskind (Alfred Molina), begins to forge letters from Hughes, do some extensive research, and use some imagination to write the book.

The biggest problem for Irving; how can he write the biography of a man that he has never met before and still get away with it? That is what The Hoax strives to show.

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you, how he could have gotten away with it and why he thought he would. Richard Gere (Unfaithful, Chicago), who is constantly underrated and shortchanged, did an amazing job as a man at the height of desperation. Gere's brilliance and experience come out more in this film than most of his others and shows that the actor can play just about any character. His performance shows what I would think Irving would be like with his intelligence and anxiety fighting each other for the reins. Irving was a con-artist, and Gere sure knows how to play one.

Alfred Molina (Spider-Man 2, The Da Vinci Code) was genius in the film. He was astonishing. For the most part, Molina is a con-artist, and Gere sure knows how to play one. However, it was Hope Davis's (Andrea Tate) performance that shocked me. She played the head of the publishing company that Irving was scamming. Davis's (American Splendor, Infamous) performance was incredibly wonderful. She was smart and sarcastic, but in the cold-hearted sort of way, and at the same time is a bit sympathetic towards his situation. She is skeptical of him and keeps her eye on him as much as possible.

During the movie, you get this distinct mixture of tone and mood. The movie is funny, especially when Gere and Molina are in the frame, but has this underlying darkness that is hard to see at first. The movie goes on and Irving sinks himself in to the book and what seems like a little insanity at times. You start to feel as if something malicious is going to happen and don't know what exactly it is.

Lasse Hallstrom (The Shipping News, Cider House Rules) flexes his directorial muscles for this one. He has a talent for producing unbelievably good sappy-type movies, but The Hoax proves how flexible he is. He is a veteran filmmaker and he definitely shows it here. His perspectives and vision brought a new light to the film which could have otherwise been a complete disaster.

I have to say I was completely delighted with the film. It is funny and emotional and tells the story of an unusually interesting man. Much like Shattered Glass (the film about New Republic reporter Stephen Glass), The Hoax shows that there is a human being beneath the con-artist and sometimes it just needs to be set free.

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THE INVISIBLE

How do you solve a murder when the victim is you? From the producers of THE SIXTH SENSE and co-writer of "BATMAN BEGINS"

How do you solve a murder when the victim is you? THE INVISIBLE is a murder mystery with a twist. In theaters April 27.
A Fly on the Wall: Last Call

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

Oh, the sorrow! The last meeting (which was the last meeting of the semester) was so sad. There were teary eyes and people weeping left and right. I actually had to type my notes through a stream of tears. But of course I’m not crying. There was the usual business of discussing nonsense at length, appropriating money, and interpreting the grammar behind resolutions.

Before the senate got down to business, however, President Andrew Ibrahim warned that there wasn’t an exact number known for the remaining funds. It was a “Floating number” around $9,000 that supposedly included the money allotted during the previous meeting. He cautioned the senate to take care and suggested that they propose a cap for funding. Like more pieces of advice, it went mainly unheeded, but the senate was definitely as picky as ever when it came to scrutinizing legislation.

The first bill by the SGA itself was simple enough. It requested $1487.5 for 350 shirts to be given out during finals week. The shirt’s design was revealed: it was a cartoon version of the shark hovering over the words “Final Attack.” The “At” in attack was a paper with A+ grade on it. The shark was also nibbling on a book that read NSU. Cute, right? Well, the first worry was that it might violate some copyright issues. That fear was put to rest when SGA Advisor Terry Morrow said that the design was an artist rendition and would not infringe laws.

Fraternal Senator Steven Reddy asked an important question: How will the shirts be distributed? IOC Senator Priya Seth said they would also be distributed during the study breaker on Monday and the “breakfasts and lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday outside of Parker. I took Reddy’s question differently. I thought he was asking about the manner of distribution. In 2005, when the SGA at the time gave out shirts, they actually had a list of all the undergraduate students so they could check them off. In this way they ensured that only undergrads got shirts. That issue was completely overlooked. Instead there was long discussion as to how the shirts should look. Should the design be on the front and the SGA logo on the back or vice versa? What color should the shirt be? Will people be able to read the font? When is the best time to hand them out? In my head I was thinking “Who cares?”

I sure as hell didn’t. I thought the previous shirts’ design was fugly, but I was glad to at least have one and I even wore it proudly during my finals.

Just about when I thought I would lose my mind Lalwani, also tired of discussion, said it basically came done to wanting shirts or not wanting shirts. Non-Traditional Senator Diego Echevarri uttered words of pure genius when he said “It’s a friggin’ shirt,” and made the motion to pass the bill. It passed 11-3-0.

Before another large resolution from Echevarri, there were a few bills from the SGA asking for money for breakfasts and lunches for finals week. The only important thing that happened was the suspension of the 10 day rule with the presentation of the first bill for a lunch. Commuter Senator Sara Gama said “I don’t see how it’s right that when it comes to the SGA we can suspend the rules for our benefit when other clubs come to us and we turn them away.” I don’t see how that’s right either, but her statement was basically circumvented when several senators agreed that this is important after something like this occurs, but it’s the former that is the real message. We shouldn’t have to wait for a tragedy to show each other love.

Love and remembrance were the main things people took away with them after the vigil. The latter is important after something like this occurs, but it’s the former that is the real message. We shouldn’t have to wait for a tragedy to show each other love.

Sincerely,

Alisa VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Pets Banned From All Fundraisers?

By Brian Macho
Contributing Writer

Unfortunately, it’s true. Whereas it may have been a rare occasion that an animal friend accompanied an owner to a fund raiser on campus, it will happen no longer. According to the Faceless Student Government Association member, student organizations are no longer permitted to use a willing owner’s pet for fund raising purposes. Let’s take a closer look at the faulty logic of this argument.

Apparently, if a pet owner decides they would like to assist a student organization in a fund raiser by allowing the student organization to borrow the pet, our Student Government Association will not permit them.

This includes instances when the pet owner has provided permission, cares for the animal throughout the entire fundraiser, deems the process not deleterious to the animal, and also agrees that it is for a good cause. SGA essentially has taken this choice away from pet owners.

In agreement with our Student Government Association, there are instances in which students should not be allowed to exploit animals for our own edification. For instance: if the animal is subject to cruel treatment, if the animal is not properly cared for, or if the animal is put into a situation where it is being terrorized or made excessively uncomfortable. In example, a few years ago a fund raiser was held on campus that involved wager-taking in which students could attempt to accurately predict when a cow would defecate (otherwise known as Country Bingo). I would go so far to say that I would not disagree with this (unusual) fund raiser as long as the animal was in a comfortable setting similar to its natural environment, not being terrorized by passer-by students, and was properly fed, watered, and cared for. However, if the cow was not in a setting similar to its usual habitat, was being beleaguered by students, and was not properly cared for, then the fund raiser is acting inhumanely and should not be allowed to take place. One of the apparent difficulties in this argument is that the Student Government would need someone capable of distinguishing what the animals natural/comfortable setting is, what level of interaction would not be considered harassment, and what sort of care would constitute being "properly" cared for. Who is it then that is capable of deciding what is in an animal’s best interest other than the owner, especially when it comes to a well-cared for and very much loved pet.

Apparently our Student Government Association would not agree with this stance however, as illustrated by their recent condemnation of a fund raiser that was attempted by an off-campus student organization. The fund raiser involved students donating money toward five different individuals, the individual with the highest earnings having to kiss a pig in front of the hometown crowd during a women’s softball game on campus. If you vaguely remember a situation similar to this, it’s because it has happened before … sort of. A different

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Reflections on a tragedy

One week ago, horror and tragedy struck Virginia Tech. Students and faculty, going about the ordinary campus life of res halls and classrooms, faced the unspeakable. Family and friends received word of the unimaginable. And the depth of grief felt by so many was unutterable.

Sitting in Remembrance last Tuesday, having seen a lot of news coverage of the massacre, I thought of the following verse from the Book of Malachi: “Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?” We cannot explain the senseless and irrational. But can we help in this situation? I believe we can.

At the time of personal tragedy in my own life, I felt the tangible spiritual support of my friends and family. By that I mean, beyond hearing their words of support, I felt moments of being physically and mentally upheld and sustained. The feeling to me was of a spiritual force, something outside ordinary sensation; and I attributed it to the prayers and best wishes of those who loved me and were thinking of me. This memory gives me hope that when people say to those at Virginia Tech, and to ‘the families of the victims, “Our thoughts and prayers are with you,” this is not just an empty cliché but a message that can indeed make a difference, however modest, in the face of so much suffering.

There will be a lot of investigation growing out of this incident. Investigation of how Virginia Tech and law enforcement handled this student and the events of last Monday morning. Other universities will no doubt review emergency plans and research ways to improve campus security.

As a graduate student at NSU, I was pleased to see how quickly Student Counseling put out a message about what to do if afraid and about support resources for students. As the G.A. for Multicultural and Spiritual Affairs, I was grateful for the suggestion of the Interim Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, Terry Morrow, that we create a message board in the Spiritual Life Lounge for the NSU community to write messages of condolences and support to the Virginia Tech community. I was glad to learn of the Friday vigil at the Flight Deck. We are a university community; we can imagine in some small degree what impact this violent crime is having on the Virginia Tech campus.

For me, there is an important reminder that comes out of this tragedy—beyond the need for security plans and student counseling, as essential as those are. It is the reminder we learned after 9-11 also. It is the life lesson I learned in my own personal tragedy: Our loved ones are the single most important part of our lives. The final phone calls of those in the World Trade Center and in the planes on 9-11 were simple messages of love.

The parents of the students killed at Virginia Tech grieve that they had no chance to say good-bye and tell their children one last time of their love. Yes, school is important. Yes, jobs are important. But in a time of emergency, it is our love for our family members and friends that matters most of all. Let’s remember to tell them and show them our love during the blessedly normal, inevitable days of our lives.

“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee.” Deuteronomy 33:27

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

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Student organization had used this same fundraising idea in the past, only to be slapped by an animal rights protection movement from a group of students attending the Shepard Broad law program. Remembering this situation, the student group hosting the current fundraiser attempted to circumnavigate the previous problems by finding a pig owner (a pet pig, that is) to donate their time and the services of their little friend. After a brief search, the student group contacted a woman who agreed the fund raiser was harmless to her pet and was excited for the opportunity to benefit a charity (the Make-A-Wish Foundation was receiving all of the profits from the fund raiser).

Unfortunately, it was only a short period of time until the Student Government Association caught wind of the “rogue” fund raising idea and stepped in with their bureaucratic weight to put an end to the “cruelty.”

Perhaps the Student Government Association made a poor decision due to a lack of information. Maybe they just assumed that the pig involved in the fund raiser was a hairy, four-hundred pound, snorting, raging behemoth. They probably also assumed that the pig was being coerced out onto the softball field to be paraded in front of a wild jeering audience, all the while being mishandled and ill treated.

Maybe they should have asked.

It might surprise a lot of students around campus to find out that the pig in question was a miniature, one year-old, twenty pound pet named “Porkchop,” whose owner felt that the idea was sensible, and certainly not “inhumane,” especially because she would be carrying the pig in her arms (as she routinely does) onto the field to meet the licker. In fact, after hearing that the fundraiser was deemed “inhumane” the pig’s owner offered a list of various other animals she would willingly bring out to help raise money for charity.

“I have a snake that I would bring out for you guys, would they consider that inhumane?”

Unfortunately, I’m sure they would. Just as I’m sure they will no longer allow dogs, cats, birds or any other sort of pet that anyone would want to bring out to a fund raiser because in all reality, absolutely no difference exists. Many students are quick to discredit our Student Government Association for what they consider mishandling of some of their core duties. While maintaining the opinion that SGA has difficult decisions to make and many issues to contend with around campus, this is certainly one of the most egregious errors in judgment thus far.

...will benefit a considerable population of students. All the bills were passed quickly after that.

The resolution by Echevarri entitled Academic Freedom, Academic Fairness, Freedom of Speech, and the Promotion of Equality at NSU came up next. By the title alone it’s pretty obvious that this piece of legislation was way too thick. There were eight “whereas” and seven “be it resolved” clauses. It pains me to have to summarize it because worlds of meaning may be lost in translation... but I’ll try...

The resolution essentially calls for the protection of students’ opinions from professors that may try to impose their beliefs by creating an SGA run committee that would address complaints from students concerning unfair grading or discrimination. That’s about right.

The problem was that the wording was so strong. “Students and faculty should be protected from imposition of ideological orthodoxy...” and faculty “have the responsibility not to take advantage of their authority position to introduce inappropiate or irrelevant subject matter...”

It was pretty harsh terminology. The language seemed dubious to some senators. Echevarri affirmed that the resolution wasn’t targeting any specific views and was only proposed to protect impressionable students and those that may suffer discrimination because of opposing views. SGA Advisor Gary Gershman directly opposed the bill in principle, equating the literal meaning to the “thought police.” He said that the idea behind it was good, but that no faculty member will agree with being told how to teach his or her class. He encouraged the senate to pass it because it would cause some interesting discussion, however.

The resolution was passed 8-5-0. My prediction? It will be tramplod to death by the administration because of the way it is written. My thoughts? I don’t agree with the censorship of ideas for the illusion of neutrality. The reason I enjoyed my literature, philosophy, and history courses was because there was a market of ideas. Opinions, whether wrong or right, tame or extreme, add character to the course. I just wonder why the senate passed it without amendments.
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