Many Honored at Ninth Annual Student Life Achievement Awards

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The coveted SLEYS award

NSU Student of the Year Roger Award

SGA Offers Three Undergraduate Scholarships to the NSU Community

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Members of the NSU community donned their formal wear on April 15 for the ninth annual Student Life Achievement Awards, more commonly known as the SLEYS.

The SLEYS was introduced to NSU by Brad Williams, Ed.D., Dean of Student Affairs, to honor those persons who have positively influenced the campus. Afterwards, winners of NSU Affairs, to honor those persons who have many opportunities available on the NSU campus. Afterwards, winners of NSU

SGA, presented a resolution called the SGA Scholarship, to help initiate the process of awarding these scholarships. “The purpose of that resolution was that we were behind in passing out these scholarships,” said Hyman, who noted that they should have been awarded by the end of March. “My fellow Senators and I decided that it was time to get the ball rolling. We wanted to make sure that as a Senate we were being responsible.”

Hyman proposed setting up a voluntary committee of five SGA members who would work together with one another to select the students for these awards. This would include taking care of the applications as well as making sure that the NSU community at large is aware of the fact that these scholarships are available.

Gary Gershman, JD., Ph.D., associate professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and one of the advisers to SGA, was pleased to see that SGA was taking steps towards awarding these scholarships, but was concerned that they were being awarded so late in the semester. “The bottom line is that this is something that should have been done earlier in the year,” said Gershman. “I think that it’s still going to get done but now it’s going to be done in a rush. People who might have applied for it will not and that is a shame.”

Gershman expressed his disappointment with SGA as a whole for dropping the ball. “Government isn’t just about being one big happy family. You need to push each other. If the President isn’t doing something you have to step forward and if the executive board isn’t doing something you also have to step forward,” said Gershman. “I think that SGA failed to do what they should have done which is hold the executive board accountable for not doing their jobs.”

Akshat Bhargava, SGA President, is fairly satisfied with the work that has been accomplished with the SGA scholarship process. “These scholarships might be a little late in the year because of the changes that we made to the scholarship process as a whole, as well as the fact that we introduced a new scholarship to students,” said Bhargava. “It took us time to verify that the new scholarship, as well as the existing scholarships, would actually be given out to students, since there was some confusion from the administration as to whether or not SGA would be able to give out these scholarships.”

Bhargava pointed out that previous SGA’s had run
NSU Recognizes 2008 Hall of Fame Honorees

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NSU's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship hosted the 19th Annual Entrepreneur Hall of Fame, Wednesday, April 16 at 5 p.m. The event, which was held at the Signature Grand in Davie, recognizes and honors the lifetime achievements of outstanding business people in the South Florida community. The recipients of this prestigious award are chosen by current Hall of Fame members. Selected individuals are all successful entrepreneurs, who were chosen based upon their peer identification, the means through which their wealth was accumulated, the various contributions they have made to their communities, and the innovation and dedication towards supporting opportunities for entrepreneurs throughout the course of their lifetime. However, as Von Allmen entered the industry, he bought and sold some major companies throughout the country including Temple, Inc., Sun Patterns Sunglass Company and Beauty Alliance, thereby solidifying his success as an entrepreneur. Von Allmen, who currently manages more than $5 billion in investments, is very involved with the Boys and Girls Club, the Philharmonic, the Blood Center and United Way.

Way: "I'm very humbled. Life has been very good. I'm a very lucky individual," said Marrinson. "One of the things that is very important to me is that you have to give back. You can't just take. I think the lasting message is that you've got to make sure that the door is open for the one coming behind you."

Von Allmen, a financial officer and innovator in the insurance industry was not expected to acquire more than 50 businesses throughout the course of his lifetime. However, as Von Allmen entered the industry, he bought and sold some major companies throughout the country including Temple, Inc., Sun Patterns Sunglass Company and Beauty Alliance, thereby solidifying his success as an entrepreneur. Von Allmen, who currently manages more than $5 billion in investments, is very involved with the Boys and Girls Club. "I'm very honored to be honored," said Von Allmen. "It's been amazing to see how organized everything is. Past honorees have been involved with Nova for this event and it has been great to meet them. They all seem like great people." Jordan Zimmerman, founder and Chairman of Zimmerman Advertising which is the 15th largest advertising agency in the U.S., is involved with the Florence Fuller Childhood Development Foundation in east and west Boca Raton, the March of Dimes and different educational institutions including Pine Crest School and the University of South Florida (USF), his alma mater. "I immediately thought that it was an incredible honor, especially to be inducted into the Nova Southeastern University Hall of Fame. It's very humbling," said Zimmerman. "My wife and I are really involved with education. We founded the Zimmerman Advertising Program at USF and we helped to rewrite the curriculum to make it more relevant for today." The FSU Advertising Program in the School of Mass Communication at USF is currently one of the most relevant and up to date advertising programs in the nation. "It's great to have an educational institution like NSU right here in our backyard and it's such an honor to be recognized as well as to have the opportunity to be here tonight to receive this distinguished honor." Ray Ferrero, Jr., President of NSU, enthusiastically attends and participates in this unique event. "We're in the Signature Grand and this is one of the signature events for the university," said Ferrero. "It is a way for us to recognize people in the community who are involved with the NSU programs and our students actully receive the awards." said Ferrero.

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of a hit-and-run car accident. According to Dean Williams, Pablo dreamt of helping his fellow students, especially international students. In honor of Pablo, NSU created the Juan Pablo scholarship. This year’s recipient was Sumit Bajracharya, an international student at NSU. "It really feels good to win because I’ve been setting an example for international students. I’m doing this for all the international students" said Bajracharya.

The Student of the Year award was presented by Ray Ferrero, President of NSU. "Thank you for the privilege of being NSU’s fifth president," said Ferrero to the audience. Ferrero then presented the Student of the Year Award to Roger Alvarez. Alvarez thanked his parents, and the College of Osteopathic Medicine for giving him this opportunity. "I hope I can make you proud," said Alvarez.

The event came to a close with another performance from the NSU vocal ensemble, which performed a rendition of "The Power of the Dream" by Celine Dion.

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into trouble with this same issue in the past. "Last year, scholarships were allocated and were not given out to students," said Bhagvata. "We just wanted to make sure that this year we give the scholarships, students actually receive the awards." Bhagvata recognizes that the scholarships are being awarded a little later than he would have liked, but he feels confident that the SGA has taken the proper procedures to make sure that they were fairly awarded but actually given out to the three students who are selected. "The verification process took a lot of time and now we are looking to give out the scholarships as soon as possible," said Bhagvata. "I hope that next year, due to the work we did this year, SGA will be able to award the scholarships much faster."
NSU held its first ever lie-in, on the lawn in front of the Shepard Broad Law Center on April 16 at 12:30 p.m. The event, which was organized by Samira Arabnia, a first year law student, was created in honor of the Virginia Tech victims as a protest against the “gun show loophole,” which allows people to purchase guns at gun shows throughout the U.S. without first completing background checks.

Arabnia was very happy with the turnout for the event. "33 people came out, which was one more person than I was hoping for, so I am really pleased about that," said Arabnia. "We [32 participants] each represented one of the fallen students and faculty members that died at the Virginia Tech shootings last year so it turned out to be very symbolic." Arabnia hopes that message of NSU’s lie-in, along with the others that were organized throughout the country, would be heard by the Supreme Court. "I hope it will make a difference and at least close one door that is currently open for convicted felons who wish to buy a gun," said Arabnia. "Doing something, anything, to make it harder for criminals to buy guns is better than doing nothing. It will at least have some kind of effect and hopefully, as a result, will lower the number of the people who die every day because of gun violence."

Fevi Reyes, a jewelry designer from Fort Lauderdale, drove up to NSU specifically to attend the protest. "My friend Dana is an activist for gun control and I remember where I was when I was the Virginia Tech events happened," said Reyes. "I hope that this will stir up some controversy so that people can become more aware of guns and gun control, so that they can make more regulations." Reyes said that she was satisfied with the turnout for the event and was happy to see people becoming more aware of the issue.

Dave Cohn, a first year law student, was very happy that Arabnia decided to organize this protest in honor of the victims. "It was a really great event," said Cohn. "I believe that we need to remember what happened at Virginia Tech. Not just for one day, but for a while." Cohn said that he has a lot of good friends who have studied at Virginia Tech and he really feels that it is important that people do not forget the tragedy that took place there just one year ago. "The turnout was good but I would have liked to have seen more student involvement," said Cohn. "I really hope that we can get the ball rolling and get the laws changed so that they are a little stricter. Guns do kill people, no matter what people say."

Mariangela Hinojosa, a first year law student, also chose to participate in this protest to raise awareness on campus and within the community about this issue. "Last year of course I heard about the Virginia Tech events and with the recent amount of college girls being murdered around the country, I feel like there needs to be a heightened awareness of how easy it is for random people to access firearms," said Hinojosa. "I hope that there will be less readily available access to firearms." Hinojosa was happy that the event was held to honor the victims but wished that the turnout had been higher. "I just wish there was more participation and more awareness of the event," said Hinojosa. "I wish there would have been a greater understanding of what the purpose of the event really was."

Arabnia thinks that the support she received for this event was great and really hopes that background checks will become mandatory as a result of lie-in protests. "I will do everything in my power to continue trying to make the world change for the better, not just with my beliefs on gun control, but with everything," said Arabnia. "I really do think people can make a difference, and hopefully, what we did today at NSU is one step in that direction."

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The evening of April 14 proved to be a rather "active" one as members of the NSU community gathered in the Mailman Auditorium to take part in a student panel on apathy, "Who are you Calling Ap­athetic? Student Activism at NSU and Be­yond." Eileen Smith-Cavros, Ph.D., started the evening with a background of activism in the United States since the 1960's until present. Smith-Cavros described how activism has been diminishing little by little, as many would call the current generation one of "couch potatoes." Although the nature of activism has changed, students volunteer an average of 2.4 billion hours; there­fore, activism has undergone a shift from political concerns to volunteering.

As Smith-Cavros went on about the different types of activism as well as the most active campuses, she introduced Terry Morrow, Morrow, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and Adjunct Professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences; analyzed the change of leadership seen in the 1960's compared to today. "Who are your leaders?" she asked. According to Morrow, students would once say political figures or important business men in society. However, students will now answer with their mother, father, grandparents, etc.

"This shows that students have lost trust in the system," said Morrow. Following was the introduction of the student panel, which consisted of Steffani Rubino, Careen A. Hutchinson, Julian Morrow, Samira Arthesia and Andrew Brownlee.

Rubino, a law student at NSU, expressed her concern about gun violence. Rubino mentioned that her friend, whom she said was the most inspirational person she has ever met, was shot over a month ago. Rubino's friend was the Student Body President at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and was murdered when two men wanted to steal her car and wallet. This made Rubino realize that more people have to take action in changing gun laws to reduce instances of gun violence.

In this vein, Rubino started a lie-in protest at NSU. Rubino, a sophomore at NSU, is not involved with any on-campus activism. However, she has been working in the community for almost four years. When asked what activism meant to her, Rubino responded "If you don't have an opinion, you do nothing. We are responsible for one another; that is the point of human rights." Rubino stressed the importance of being informed on what is going on in one's world and in one's society. "We are Apathy Continued on pg 5
SGA Hosts Recognition Banquet to Honor Members

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The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted its first end of the year social recognition banquet on April 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in The Commons. The catered event was organized by the Leadership Development Committee (LDC) in honor of SGA members, advisors and all others affiliated with SGA who have lent their support to the organization throughout the course of the year.

"We believe that SGA members put in a tremendous amount of hours and worked selflessly for the undergraduate students as well as the NSU community at large," said Akshat Bhargava, SGA President. "We wanted to make sure that they felt appreciated and were recognized for the work that they did." Bhargava was pleased with the turnout for the banquet and thought that it went very well. Every member received a plaque and a certificate which had their name, position and the year it was given. "The reason we gave them both a certificate and a plaque was because we have found that students need these certificates in their future endeavors such as applying to graduate schools or going on job interviews, while the plaque can be hung up on their walls for display," said Bhargava. "Some students challenged our administration and thought that there would not be a successful SGA on campus this year. At the end of the year however, our State of the University Address, which reflects the work that we have put into NSU, as well as the STUVEY nomination for the best SGA of the year, both prove how successfully we have represented the students' needs." Terry Morrow, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and SGA advisor, was really pleased with the event because she said that she was very satisfied with the work that had been accomplished by SGA members this year. "I have seen each and every one of you and I know your passion as well as your dedication," said Morrow as she addressed the SGA members. "Many times student government tends to dwindle around April but you have ended so strong which is really great."


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inheriting the world someday, but no one knows what's going on." Hutchinson, a student at NSU completing a M.A. in cross-disciplinary studies, has conducted three colloquiums. Her first colloquium in 2006 came after watching the film Hotel Rwanda. Hutchinson invited the United Nations, the ambassador of Rwanda and survivors of the Rwandan genocide to the U.S. to share their perceptions of this atrocity. In 2007, the Darfur Crisis was the focus of her second colloquium. Her third colloquium was based on "Global Crisis in the 21st Century." Caren said her biggest challenge was getting past the denial of some of the atrocities discussed at these colloquiums.

Brownlee, vice president of legislative affairs of the 2008-09 NSUSGA and active member of the NSU conservatives, said that in order to keep one's hopes up and maintain passion, one has to go through everyday having realistic expectations as well as faith in others to help out. Ibrahim agreed a great deal with this as he expressed his past experience with having to deal with the stress of not only day to day school activities but being a resident advisor, orientation leader, Lambda brother, and former SGA President. Ibrahim said: the most important thing was to be able to have time management. "Put up or shut up" he said. "We're the students, we have the voice, and we have the power. But we fail to use it."
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Men's Golf Takes Third in 2008 Sunshine State Conference Tournament

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

A shorthanded #3 NSU men's golf team placed third in the Sunshine State Conference Championships held in Tequesta, Fla. on April 14 and 15, with senior Greg O'Mahony capturing the individual title.

The Sharks finished day one of the event in a tie for first after two rounds of golf, shooting a team total of 577. O'Mahony led all golfers in the individual scores shooting a 68 and a 70 for six under 138.

Sophomore Byron White also found himself among the top 10, shooting a total of 145 – putting him in seventh place with junior Constantin Schwierz and freshmen Bobby Bode and Michael Moore, who came in at 159, 214 and 269, respectively, to round off the Sharks' first day.

The Sharks fell out of first place in the second day of play when eventual SSC champions Florida Southern, along with silver medalists of Lynn University, played their way ahead of NSU. NSU ended up tying with Barry University for an overall placement of third in the SSC.

NSU was unable to place five men on the course as Schwierz fell victim to illness for the last round of play. O'Mahony closed out his individual title with a four over 76, giving him a total score of a two under 216 after three rounds of golf. However, his title did not come easily, as he took the title in dramatic style, competing in a sudden death playoff to determine the winner.

White shot a solid three round total of 222 keeping the Sharks in the top three and himself in seventh individually.

The NSU men's golf team will now await an invitation to the regional finals.

Women's Golf Captures SSC Championship Title

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Staff Writer

The #2 NSU women's golf team has won its first ever Sunshine State Conference Championship in program history while in Viera, Fla. on April 15, shooting a team overall of 900, 10 strokes ahead of second placers, Florida Southern.

The Sharks led the field with an impressive 17 strokes at the end of two rounds of play on the first day thanks to brilliant performances from the whole team. Freshman Sandra Changkija led all golfers individually with a two round total of 145 with fellow freshman Taylor Collins finishing just one stroke back in a tie for second place on the day.

Sophomore Division II Player of the Year O'Mahony led the field with an individual score of 70, 10 strokes ahead of second placers, Florida Southern.

Changkija's amazing performance was rewarded as she took home the individual title, finishing only five strokes over par with a 221 (69, 76, 76). Hakansson, Aust and Collins all contributed a fine performance of golf, as all finished in a tie for seventh, shooting a 12 over 228, with Whitmore finishing one stroke back in a tie for 12th.

Along with their amazing victory, the No. 2 Sharks anticipate to take their momentum straight into the NCAA regional finals as they await their sixth straight invitation to the event.

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Shark Baseball Takes Series over Rollins College
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Staff Writer

\(v\) The NSU baseball team (24-17, 8-5 SSC) improved on its impressive Sunshine State Conference record with a series win over the Rollins College Tars two games to one over April 11 and 12 but fell to conference rivals Florida Tech in a non-conference match-up, 8-2, on April 15. In their first game of the series against Rollins College, it was the visitors who won over the Rollins College Tars two runs to one in the bottom of the third when Martinez hit an RBI single to tie the game up at two runs apiece.

Over the next four and a half innings, the Tars built a three-run lead as the Sharks offense struggled. NSU never laid down as they exploded in the bottom of the eighth, scoring five runs off of some clutch hitting throughout the Sharks’ lineup.

Back-to-back two-run homers from Martinez and junior Pete Simon gave NSU their first lead of the match. Junior Jimmy Sposa extended the lead by swatting an RBI single up the middle of the field, improving the score 7-5.

The pitching tandem of North and Carris once again sealed the deal for the Sharks as North picked up another win giving him a 4-2 record while Carris picked up his ninth save.

Martinez excelled going three-for-two with three RBIs and a run score as Cook continued in top form going two-for-four with two runs as well.

In the second game of the doubleheader, NSU did not tune in to its offense for the first four innings, allowing Rollins the chance to take a five-run lead.

The Sharks found their offense in the bottom of the fifth as they erupted with a five-run inning. NSU loaded the bases courtesy of two walks and a single from

Shark 4+ Take First in FIRA State Championships
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

\(v\) The SSC’s reigning champions, NSU’s women’s rowing team, underwent yet another successful weekend on the water while in Tampa for the 2008 FIRA State Championships. The Sharks took top three finishes in six of their eight events entered.

In the Junior Varsity 4+ event, the Sharks took first place, declaring themselves state champions in a tight race which saw freshman Ashley McCans grab the lead for NSU.

In the Varsity 4+ event, the Sharks worked to even things off when freshman David Robinson hit a sacrifice fly, which allowed Cook to score in the bottom of the second just before the bottom of the third when Martinez hit an RBI single to tie the game up at two runs apiece.

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Softball Sets Program History
Baker shines in Sharks’ batters’ box
Trannell Mesa
Sports Editor

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STUEYS for Male and Female Athletes of the Year
Trannell Mesa
Sports Editor

\(v\) These two outstanding student-athletes were honored not only for their exceptional performances and leadership while competing in their respective sports, but also for their above and beyond involvement with the NSU community.

Of 336 female athletes, junior rower Meganakate McDonald was chosen as the Female Athlete of the Year, while junior men’s basketball player Tim Coenraad was the proud recipient of the Male Athlete of the Year Award, out of 107 male athletes.

McDonald was not only a part of the 2007 Women’s SSC Championship and Florida State Championship Rowing Team, but she also dedicated numerous hours to extra-curricular activities here at NSU. McDonald is a proud member of organizations such as the Surf Club, Student Government Association, and Phi Sigma Sigma. One of McDonald’s biggest accomplishments on campus was when she raised over $400 in the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Coenraad led his team in nearly every statistical category for the 2007-08 basketball season. He was a top five leader in the top 10 within the SSC in categories such as scoring, rebounds, assists, steals and field goal percentage. In addition to his overwhelming athletic abilities, Coenraad currently maintains a 3.6 grade point average along with making time to give back to the community through his involvement within NSU’s children’s basketball camp.
David Ayer, director of Training Day and Harsh Times, is known for his gritty police action-dramas. After releasing Harsh Times last year, Ayer received much renown for the film and his entire career has been just like this: he has a hit and then a miss and then another hit. Unfortunately, Street Kings, is just another miss to add onto the pile.

Street Kings follows Tom Ludlow (Keanu Reeves), a veteran LAPD Detective who has been waiting for his “day,” as he goes on the hunt for the murderers of his former partner and fellow detective Terrance Washington (Terry Crews). To track down the killers and help him weave through LA’s “bad” neighborhoods, Ludlow enlists the help of a Robbery-Homicide Detective, Paul Diskant (Chris Evans). While he is out on his rogue mission, his captain, Captain Wander (Forrest Whitaker) must keep Ludlow’s actions within the law and keep an Internal Affairs investigator, Captain Biggs (Hugh Laurie), off Ludlow’s back.

Is there anybody out there that thinks Keanu Reeves (The Matrix trilogy, A Scanner Darkly) is a good actor? I do not know one person who thinks Keanu Reeves is a decent actor and Street Kings brings that point home. He has absolutely no expressions and brings none of the emotions that this character should have to his performance. A good actor enriches the experience of watching a movie, but Reeves’ performance in Street Kings reminds me of how many actors there are with no talent.

The supporting cast, however, made this movie bearable. Although Street Kings might have been a bad decision in Whitaker’s (The Last King of Scotland, Vantage Point) burgeoning career, he does a great job in the movie and truly brings his characters anxieties to life. Because Reeves has no emotion whatsoever, it was a great casting decision to pair him up with Evans (The Fantastic Four, Sunshine) who brings out the best of his characters in almost every movie he is in. Additionally, Laurie’s (Stuart Little, House M.D.) wit was, thankfully, not stunted for this train wreck of a film.

Written out, the plot seems intricate and worthy of attention but something went wrong when it was transferred on-screen. The whole movie is a lot of build up that leads up to a completely anti-climactic ending. The effects, the action, and the dialogue are all decent but it just does not go anywhere, and that is exactly where the movie fails. Street Kings almost seems as if it is an unfinished film. Street Kings was, overall, the most unsatisfying film I have seen in a long time and I would not recommend it to even hardcore Reeves fans.
In our academic lives, we have all had that one teacher: the one teacher who everybody complains about, the one teacher who is mean or nasty no matter what happens, or the one teacher who is completely and utterly miserable. In film, audiences rarely ever get a glimpse into that miserable teacher’s life, but Smart People aspires to change that idea. Unfortunately, it does not work as well as conceptually planned.

Smart People focuses on the miserable teacher, Laurence Wetherhold (Dennis Quaid). Laurence has just suffered a concussion from trying to break Dwarves’ (Ellen Page), recruits Laurence’s slacker “adopted brother,” Chuck (Thomas Haden Church), to drive him around. In the midst of all the craziness going on at home, Laurence begins to fall, for the first time since his wife died, for Dr. Hartigan (Sarah Jessica Parker), who treated him the night of the “accident.”

Sounds kind of cheesy, right? I thought so, but the previews looked so promising, and so did the cast. Smart People is probably Thomas Haden Church’s (Sideways, Spider-Man 3) best performance. He was amazing in Sideways, but his character was so selfish, it was hard to see the humor. In Smart People, he plays the “intelligent, sarcastic slacker” and works it better than any other role in the film. His timing is impeccable and his sarcasm elevens the entire film. His character is not particularly deep or “socially retarded” like the rest, and yet his performance is the most satisfying of all.

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The least memorable performances of this film were Parker and Page’s. Parker’s performances are so unusually asexual that sometimes it is hard to watch her on-screen. Page was great as Vanessa, but the character was just not as well developed as the rest of the main characters. Vanessa was annoying, rude, and bitchy. Usually these characters come out lovable in the end, but Vanessa, unfortunately, did not. Besides a few quirks and obvious downsides, Smart People is interesting to watch and gives audiences a new view on the lives of teachers. As a whole, Smart People proves one important and resounding point: smart people are people, too.

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Kristine Belizaire  
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"My favorite place to study on campus would have to be in the second and third floor of the UC."  
Matthew Mercil Sophomore, International Business

"My favorite place to study is by the Golden Circle Lake."  
Carolyn Allwood Sophomore, Business Administration

"In the dorm, because it's my own space and I have all the books and materials I would need."  
David Lonneman Freshman, Biology

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Fatima Nasriyeh Senior, Biology

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Editor's Note  
Michael Bergbauer  
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And of course, thank you NSU! If you didn't have us, we would be out of a job. Your feedback (gushing or constructive) has helped 'The Current' in more ways than I can count. You are also our subject matter. In perhaps deserve the greatest thanks of all.

The staff of 'The Current', always pushing itself, has decided to do the unheard of and produce an issue on May 12. Until then, we're breaking for finals and after that, we will be producing the harmonious Fall orientation edition. I'll see you all then.

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