Human Rights Activist Kerry Kennedy Speaks at NSU

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On Thursday, April 17, the Knight auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building was filled with NSU students and professors anxiously awaiting the arrival of human rights activist Kerry Kennedy. Kennedy was brought to NSU as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. In conjunction with the college’s academic theme of truth and power this year, Kennedy was chosen to give a lecture on her book titled Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World.

Kennedy is the seventh of the eleven children of Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel Skakel Kennedy. A graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School, Kennedy’s path towards human rights began when she was very young. According to Kennedy, her interest was sparked when she was a little girl, if she tied her right shoe first, she would put on her left one first trying to establish equality. Since 1981, Kennedy has worked as a human rights activist, leading delegations and becoming involved in causes in countries such as El Salvador, Gaza, Haiti, Kenya, Northern Ireland, South Korea, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Sudan and Pakistan. She has also established the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights, and is also the chair of the Amnesty International Leadership Council.

According to Kennedy, the inspiration for her book came from a man who gave her a lesson she would always remember. At school, Kennedy enjoyed speaking in the halls even when she knew it would get her in trouble. One day, a nun at the school sat her down and said, “Kerry, silence is golden but sometimes it’s yellow.” This lesson always remained with her and one day it became the basis on why to write Speak Truth to Power.

During her lecture, Kennedy addressed many accomplishments of human rights activist heroes such as Nelson Mandela, Arch Bishop Tutu, and Elliot Vizcaino. According to Kennedy, heroes are people who exercise courage and overcome their fears. Kennedy directed her human rights speech to defending woman’s rights.

“Every 15 seconds a woman is battered, every day, a woman dies because she is battered to death, 7,000 women are raped everyday and 1/5 of women are assaulted in their lifetime,” said Kennedy. “Think of how many abused women you know. I know plenty.” Out of the women she knew who were abused, only one told the police and her case was dismissed. “We have to create a change,” said Kennedy.

Kennedy’s lecture also hit closer to home when she addressed an issue that happened at NSU. She was disappointed to find out that 150 juniors at NSU were fired a year and a half ago when they were to collect more than $850,480 books for African students throughout the continent. “Through NSU we’re going to make this an all year long event,” said O’Neill. “We will collect books at the end of the first semester and at the end of the second semester to be sent into the organization.”

The book drive, which began Monday, April 21, has garnered quite a bit of interest and support throughout the NSU community. O’Neill said that she initially began the process by contacting Mary Murphy, Southeast Regional Director for Better World Books, who sent over green collection boxes, shipping boxes and flyers. O’Neill said that the boxes were then distributed across NSU. There is currently one in the library, two in the Athletic and Student Affairs Building, two in the Health Professions Division Building, one in the Rosenthal building and one in being sent over to the Fischer School of Education and Human Services. “This is something that I think is really important because people donate books, but when they really don’t know where they are going it’s hard,” said O’Neill. “When I found out about this I contacted [Murphy] immediately. I think people aren’t aware of how they can help out.”

Murphy is really happy that NSU has gotten involved with the organization. “We
50% of women above the age of 25 remain illiterate. Illiteracy among Africans over the age of 15 stands at 41%, but African girls who are literate become 50 times less likely to contract HIV/AIDS.

Murphy emphasized the mission of Books for Africa which is to "give them an education you’re giving them a better life," said Murphy. According to the Better World Books Web site, 42 million children in sub-Saharan Africa are currently not enrolled in schools, and 40% of Africans over the age of 15 and

shelving from libraries throughout the country and prevented 1,725 tons of carbon offset. "[O’Neil] has been really great and wonderful," said Murphy. "She has really educated herself enough about the cause to be passionate about it, and even purchased t-shirts herself just so she could really draw more attention to the cause, which I think is really great."

Donated books will all be gathered together and sorted into different piles. Books with ISBN numbers will be placed in one pile to be sent over to Africa and distributed to different parts of the country. Books without ISBN’s will be placed in another pile to be donated to the Salvation Army. There are also some books that will not be able to be sent over to Africa but will be sent to Better World Books online bookstore to be sold to the general public at discounted prices.

O’Neil was very happy to see the high level of involvement from the NSU community at large. "NSU is such a small campus and I think that you can make such a huge impact and it’s a great way to make a difference," said O’Neil. "I’m so excited about it continuing for next year. We’ve only been doing it for two and a half weeks and I think that the turnout has been great."

For more information about Better World Books please contact Christie O’Neil at christo@nova.edu or refer to the Better World Books Web site at http://www.betterworldbooks.com/default.aspx.

All About Israel

NSU celebrates the 60th anniversary of Israel’s independence

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The Jewish Federation of Broward County hosted an all day celebration at NSU on May 4, from 11-6 p.m. in honor of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel. The event was sponsored by Bank of America and numerous synagogues, agencies and other corporate sponsors. This year’s “Israel60” featured Israeli art, Israeli artists, Israeli singers, over 100 Israeli marketplace style vendors, Israeli food that was 100% kosher, entertainment for children which included a petting zoo, an archeological dig and other forms of entertainment, business and trade displays, historic displays about Israel, presentations by local synagogues, agencies and other organizations and presentations by some elected officials and dignitaries.

Vendors, entertainers and others set up booths throughout the University Center, utilizing both the downstairs and upstairs areas. The carnival, petting zoo and other forms of entertainment for the children were set up on the quad in front of the Alvin Sherman Library. Some of the entertainers included a cantorial choir, Israeli dancing with Ma’or, singer Ester Irene Brewda, the music of Avi Frier, Israeli recording artist Habibot Nachama, the Jaime Bronstein Orchestra performing Klezmer, and the Shalom Trio.

Ivel Paroulek, a Miami-Dade county resident who came up especially for this event was really impressed with the event. "I really thought that this was a great event because it brought so many people of different backgrounds together in unity. I think that this event will bring more people to the university, especially to the library and to the clinics, because many people might not have known that NSU offered these services prior to this event, especially in the medical field," said Paroulek.

Rabbi Zecharyah Beltran of B’nai Yahshuua Synagogue in North Miami Beach was really happy with the celebration and enjoyed the event very much. "It was an excellent event," said Beltran. "I noticed that a lot of people assisted and supported the event because of the fact that they support the country of Israel." Beltran said that there were two things in particular that he liked most about the event. "The first is that the organizations in the different booths were offering their services to help out the community," said Beltran. "I also really enjoyed the concerts, the music and the different performances." Beltran noted there were a lot of people around the areas where they were serving meals and that it was a bit disorderly. "I wanted to see more typical Israeli food being served," said Beltran. Beltran pointed out that the vendors running the booths were very nice, well educated and gave out a lot of information about the services they offer to the community. Beltran hopes that this event will continue to be sponsored by NSU every year. For more information or questions about Israel60, please visit http://www.jewishbroward.org/israel60.
To close the academic year, the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, held the "Directors' Festival of One-Acts" for four days. The event showcased three single act plays directed and performed by students and faculty within the Humanities Division.

The show was kicked off by the production "Love Comics," directed by Lauren Kairalla. Having the largest cast for all the plays, "Love Comics" was a musical staged version of a 1950s romance comic book. Singer Lauren Butler and Robyn Shapilo, graced the stage with moving performances of post World War II demands and expectations placed on women at that time. The songs were dazzling clothes, in order to impress the Lady of the House and also a murderous mistress. Not very clear as to the reason, but the idle upper-class and their lack of sensibility. Recycling the cast to -the lop-sided with a dancing maid, hollering about the imminent death of her love-sick heart. The boisterously campy humor and demands and expectations placed to traffic cocaine and put his relationship tight spot with Dora on the line. After Dora gets hurt and Ed dies, his identical twin, Ty, tries to help to mend things with Dora on behalf of Ed and tries to get himself on her loving and giving side. The idea of the play was to give details about the plot through the dialogue but the dialogue was too much and somewhat disassociated from the plot. Levine gave an excellent performance as an entertaining, funny and real character. "The Directors' Festival One Acts" closed on a productive note, competently advertising the many abilities that the Performing and Visual Arts Department has nurtured and inculcated within its students.

Next year boasts potential to be an energetic and even more talent-infused one, with great expectations from its diverse and interesting student and production body.
Writing and Creativity Workshop: Members of the NSU community are invited to attend a creative writing workshop featuring Shanti Bruce, Ph.D. The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

The White Rose: Stephen R. Levitt, LL.M., associate professor in the Division of Humanities, will lecture on “The White Rose: The Courage to Challenge Evil.” The White Rose was a group of students who resisted Hitler. When they were caught, they were sentenced to death. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Let’s Sing!: Come join William Adams, Ph.D., as he holds a workshop designed to teach some of the basic vocal physiology and discover how the voice really works. The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Cultural Studies and Music: Join Judith Etzion, Ph.D., as she discusses the cultural background of music. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Introduction to Astronomy: Join Bob Ennis, M.D., as he speaks on the history and current state of space exploration. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Keep a lookout for our Orientation issue on June 2nd! 😊
NSU Recognizes Student Leaders with Banquet

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Every year, the Student Leadership Awards Banquet is held to honor and recognize the most motivated, informed, proactive leaders and organizations that are fostering student success and contributing to NSU's success.

This year’s banquet was introduced by Tricia Realluto, GA for Programs at NSU, and she was later joined by Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, and Terry Morrow Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, in congratulating the distinguished awardees. Several organizations and offices presented awards to their internal members; however, the real excitement came from the announcement of the winners of the Leadership Banquet’s official categories.

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The NSU Athletic Department is proud to have a new addition to the women's basketball team, an athlete who has only been a part of the Shark family for a short period of time but has already left her mark on NSU Athletic history: sophomore Stephanie Sarosi.

In just her first year at NSU, Sarosi played a tremendous part in helping the Sharks record their best-ever season to date with a 21-6 overall 2007-08 season record and 14-2 in the SSC. Sarosi also led the Sharks to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, where they brought home the gold.

Although Sarosi stresses the fact that "there is no 'I' in 'team,'" there is no doubt that she has been a dominant force on the basketball team. Sarosi not only led her team as captain, but she led the SSC in scoring as well with 19.1 points per game to go along with an average of 9.8 rebounds and 3.3 blocks per contest. Sarosi's impressive regular season resume earned her many accolades, including SSC Player of the Year and being named to the Division II Bulletin Board All-American fourth team as well as the first teams of both the SSC and the region.

Her recognitions aside, Sarosi is more than just an athlete; she is a dedicated student. Sarosi is currently majoring in biology and plans on enlisting in NSU's optometry program. "I would maybe like to play overseas for a year or so or attend medical school," said Sarosi. "Eventually I want to open up my own eye clinic."

Sarosi transferred from the University of South Florida where she played out her freshman collegiate year. As a high school athlete, she won a 4A State Championship and was a McDonalds All-American Candidate. At NSU, Sarosi considers her team as family. "They are definitely a major part of my life. We are together everyday so we are like a huge family. I come from a small family, so it is exciting to feel like I have a big one while I'm at school."

Sarosi's performance indicates that she is a leader on the team, she defines a leader as, "someone that a teammate can go to for guidance, someone that encourages the team and lifts it up when it is down, and someone that is always there for his/her teammates."

Being such a talented player, it is only natural that Sarosi would have many others look to her for inspiration. However, the people who Sarosi looks up to the most are her family members. "I really look up to my brother, but my heroes are my parents," said Sarosi.

The future definitely looks bright for the NSU women's basketball team with Sarosi returning for another two years. The Sharks are excited for what is to come.

SSC Rowing Champs for Second Year Running

Upon traveling all the way to Oak Ridge, Tenn. on April 20 to compete in the SRCA Championships, NSU's rowing team had another top notch performance with the Varsity 8+ crossing the finish line in an eighth place.

After a long and exhausting flight home to Florida, the Sharks got back on the water the following morning at 5 a.m. to begin preparing for the much anticipated SSC Championships on April 26 in Tallahassee at Cudd Lagoon more commonly known as "The Ditch."

Upon flying past the University of Tampa and leaving Rollins College in the dust, the Sharks Varsity 8+ pulled together every last bit of energy to upset past Barry University for the win. Up next was the Varsity 4+ race which saw intense competition between NSU and Florida Tech going neck and neck right up to the last 50-meters, eventually leading to the Shark's victory. Upon adding together the points from both the V8+ and V4+ races, NSU was declared the Sunshine State Conference Champions for the second consecutive year, a first in not only program history but in all of NSU Athletics.

NSU's softball team (43-20, 12-9 SSC) ended their spectacular 2008 season on a sail note on April 26 after being swept for the first time all year by St. Leo University, crushing the Shark's hopes for moving forward into the NCAA Regional Tournament for the very first time.

The Sharks were able to see the brighter side of things, despite the abrupt ending of an extremely exciting year of softball for NSU. The Sharks made history in a number of ways in 2008, setting a new record for most ever wins in a single season played at 43, and breaking the record for most consecutive victories at 12. In addition, NSU defied the odds placed against them by the pre-season polls, which ranked them at sevenths, by placing fifth in the SSC - their best finish in program history.

Freshmen starting pitcher Lexi Saaradet and speedster Rachel Tafelfield, along with senior powerhouse Ashley Baker, led the way for the Sharks this season with their tremendous performances on the field.

Ending her career with a .386 batting average, Baker was the backbone of the Sharks offense, leading in nearly every single category tallying seven home runs and 38 RBIs. As expected, Baker was chosen as a member of the First All-SSC Team. Alongside Baker is fellow sophomore teammate, Noemi Luciani who put together a .310 batting average.

Tafelfield made a name for herself early on, setting an NSU record with 35 steals in the 2009 season, being virtually untouchable on the base paths.

Saaradet held the Sharks together while on the mound, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on April 14. Saaradet was the key to the Shark's defense with 36 appearances and a grand total of 181 innings pitched; she also maintained the lowest ERA on the team with a 1.47.

Sophomore Dani Caron had a wonderful season as well, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on March 17. Caron finished the season off with a solid win-loss record of 1-4-9.

The Sharks will continue their stellar playing into the summer with Baker being selected to play on the NTCA Second Team and Tafelfield and Saaradet being selected for the Darkhorses All-Region team.
NSU Athletes Earn Victories off the Field at 2008 Athletic Banquet

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Sports Editor

April 30 was truly a night to remember as NSU honored its athletics for their many accomplishments during the 2007-08 school year at the Annual NSU Athletics Banquet. Athletes gathered together at the Signature Grand banquet hall for a formal celebration. Many would agree that it was an exciting surprise to see NSU’s student-athletes dressed up for the occasion, opposed to the normal practice gear most of them are seen trudging around in each day around campus.

It was an impressive year for NSU Athletics, which saw best seasons in program history for a number of Shark athletic teams, such as softball, men’s and women’s track, and SSC championship titles for the women’s basketball, rowing and golf teams. The Sports Marketing Department presented a video prior to the banquet that recapped highlights of NSU’s 15 athletic teams throughout the fall, winter and spring and emphasized the hard working athletic training program and its students.

A number of awards were presented throughout the evening, none more exciting than the announcement of Male and Female Athletes of the Year which went to women’s basketball player, sophomore Stephanie Saucedo and men’s soccer player, sophomore Romain Onteniente.

Senior women’s soccer player, Jahma Li Williams and senior men’s basketball player, Kevin Chester, were honored by NSU Athletics with the NSU Sportsmanship award as a result of their magnificent attitudes on the field and court.

The softball team was the proud recipient of the Shark Challenge Award, which recognizes community service efforts, for their second consecutive year. NSU athletes have begun to joke that the Shark Challenge award, which has only been around for two years, should be changed to the “Challenge Softball Award.”

The J.A.W.S. award, which goes to the team with the highest GPA, was distributed to the men’s and women’s cross country team for their academic excellence on the 2007-2008 year.

The following were awards given out to two members on each athletic team from their respective teammates and coaches:

**Cross Country**
Most Valuable Female Runner: Tara Haddock
Most Valuable Male Runner: Eskender Abdalla
Female Coach’s Award: Chelsea Gilbert
Male Coach’s Award: John Besharat

**Volleyball**
Most Valuable Player: Melinda Gorman
Coach’s Award: Andrea Irrarazabal

**Men’s Soccer**
Most Valuable Player: Romain Onteniente
Coach’s Award: Christian Benitez

**Women’s Soccer**
Most Valuable Player: Shirell Burton
Coach’s Award: Jahmla Williams

**Women’s Basketball**
Most Valuable Player: Stephanie Sarosi
Coach’s Award: Abbie Tepe

**Men’s Basketball**
Most Valuable Player: Tim Coenraad
Coach’s Award: Kevin Chester

**Cheerleading**
Most Valuable: Caroline Iscovitz
Coach’s Award: Monica Moya

**Men’s Golf**
Most Valuable Golfer: Greg O’Mahony
Coach’s Award: Constantin Schwierz

**Women’s Golf**
Most Valuable Golfer: Sandra Changkija
Coach’s Award: Elizabeth Bond

**Women’s Rowing**
Most Valuable Rower: Monica Henderson
Coach’s Award: Marilite Vasquez-Gonzalez

**Track**
Female Most Valuable Runner: Alice Henley
Male Most Valuable Runner: Joe Pena
Coach’s Award: Patricia Esangbedo

**Women’s Tennis**
Most Valuable Player: Ula Talalenko
Coach’s Award: Edita Kulichova

**Softball**
Most Valuable Player: Ashley Baker
Coach’s Award: Brittany Lamb

**Baseball**
Most Valuable Player: Ruddy Garcia
Coach’s Award: Bryan Cook

**Athletic Training**
Most Valuable Student Athletic Trainer: Lesly Mathurin
Service Award: Tena Blackman

Men’s Golf - Going Strong
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The men’s golf team has undergone a stellar year finishing the 2008 regular season at third place in the SSC, with a third place ranking in the region.

Junior Constantin Schwierz has had a breakout season, being named SSC Men’s Golfer of the Week on two separate occasions, the first being on Feb. 18 with a second place finish amongst a field of 75 golfers at the Mariner Collegiate Classic; firing a three round total of 213 (74-70-69). His second SSC honors came on April 7 after hitting a three round total of 213 (74-67-72) on his way to a tie for second place at the Buccaneer Invitational.

Senior Greg O’Mahony finished his strong 2008 campaign in style with a first place finish at the SSC Championships, shooting a 214 (68-70-76). O’Mahony finished the day in a three way tie, but finished the tie-breaker with a birdie to land the title.

The men’s golf team, consisting of Schwierz, O’Mahony, sophomore Byron White and freshmen Diego Lobo and Michael Moore, took second place in the NCAA South Region Tournament. With that victory, the team has qualified for participation in the NCAA National Tournament on May 14 in Houston, Texas.

Women’s Golf - Earns Big Wins
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The women’s golf team has been soaked in success for their 2008 season bringing in a number of honors and accolades for both the team and its individual members. The Sharks brought home their first ever SSC Championship, finishing 10 strokes ahead of the rest as well as being dubbed the No. 2 team in the nation.

Individually, freshman standout Sandra Changkija was named the SSC’s Freshman of the Year by capturing the overall individual title at the SSC Championships after shooting a three round total of 213 (68-76-76). In addition to this, Changkija put together eight top 10 finishes as well as being named to the All-SSC Second Team alongside fellow Shark and Division II Player of the Year, sophomore Maria Garcia Auzt who landed an All-SSC First Team selection.

Head Coach of the Sharks, Kevin Marsh, was deservedly named the SSC Coach of the Year after leading his team to three tournament victories and four second place finishes en route to having the team named the top seed in the NCAA Division II South Region.

The NSU women’s golf team, consisting of Changkija, Auzt and freshmen Fredrika Hakanson, Nicole Whitemore and Taylor Collins, secured victory at the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament. With this victory, the Sharks are off to the NCAA Division II National Championships.
The NSU baseball team had an impressive 2008 season, finishing with a 31-21 record, including 14-8 in Sunshine State Conference play, putting them in a strong third-place finish in the conference.

The season started on a high note with seniors Matthew Mindick and Bryan Cook being named pre-season All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball Magazine. From then on, the Sharks never dropped more than three games in a row while mounting an impressive six game winning streak during the middle of the season.

Senior Rudy Garcia was the first Shark to receive SSC honors in the spring, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week for his outstanding performance on the mound the week ending on April 7. Garcia held a remarkable 8-2 win-loss record over the season.

Cook kept the Shark’s name alive in the SSC, earning Player of the Week for the week ending on April 14 with an outstanding .500 batting average, eight RBI’s and seven runs scored. Cook’s ability was admirable throughout the entire season as he led the Sharks with a soaring .418 batting average and a tremendous .799 slugging percentage. He also amassed 48 RBI’s and 62 runs scored over the season.

Freshman J.D. Martinez was the last Shark to be named SSC Player of the Week on April 28, putting up incredible numbers, including a .529 batting average to go along with six runs scored and nine RBI’s. Martinez capped his amazing freshman regular season with a .370 batting average, 54 runs scored and a team high of 56 RBI’s for the 2008 season.

Pitcher Nick Carris finished off his senior year on an excellent note, cementing himself as NSU’s main closer for the year, tallying up nine saves for the year.

As of press time, the Sharks are awaiting for the announcement of whether or not they will receive an invitation to the NCAA Post-Season Regional Tournament.

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A French Comedy With a Twist
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Sometimes Americans think that their humor far surpasses that of any other country in the world. Frankly, that notion is not only incredibly incorrect, but it doesn’t leave room for comedy from other countries. British humor has infiltrated the American movie screen more times than one can count, but what about the French? One does not see too many funny French films on our side of the world and it seems as if Priceless is out to change all of that.

Set in the all too perfect and picturesque French Riviera, Priceless focuses on the story of the fan-adoring and gold-digging Irene (Audrey Tautou). Irene is beautiful, charming, and smart; so smart that she has been able to play-act as a member of the upper-class for virtually her entire life. In a twist of events and a case of mistaken identity, Irene begins seducing a lonely hotel bartender, Jean (Gad Elmaleh) and through some deception of his doing, winds up spending the night with him. Their romance comes to an immediate halt because of Elmaleh’s amazing abilities.

The combined charm of Tautou and Elmaleh helped disguise the fact that these two were prostitutes, selling their bodies for expensive French goodies, so well that by the end of the film, you forget that they even did that. It is almost as if the film completely veers away from stereotypes and serious moments to bring us a unique and enduring love story. Because after all, they could buy all the diamonds and luxuries they want but it is their love that is truly “priceless.”

Forgetting Sarah Marshall is Worth Remembering
Stefani Rubino
Staff Writer

After the disgrace that was Drillbit Taylor, it wasn’t hard to be skeptical about Judd Apatow’s newest release, Forgetting Sarah Marshall. At first, the movie seemed like it would be a mushy romantic comedy with no real jokes, except for the ones about the main character’s broken heart. In many ways, that’s exactly what it is, but in others, Apatow and crew (Jason Segel, Nicholas Stoller) have reinvented the romantic comedy on their own terms.

Forgetting Sarah Marshall begins with the story of Peter (Jason Segel), an average guy who writes the score for a terrible television show, and Sarah (Kristen Bell), the star of this terrible show. For reasons obvious to Sarah, she breaks up with Peter, leaving him naked (literally, butt-naked) and blubbering and wondering what he will do now without her. In a fit of hysteria, he remembers a place in Hawaii that Sarah had told him about: “a pretty nice place to stay.” He takes off on a vacation, hoping to rebuild his life and meet some new people. Coincidentally, Sarah and her new boyfriend, Aldous (Russell Brand), are staying at the same hotel. Feeling defeated, Peter befriends the beautiful desk- clerk, Rachel (Mila Kunis) at the hotel and then all sorts of typical, romantic-comedy events ensue.

Jason Segel’s performance as the arrogant lead singer of one of the most popular bands around is pretty much unmatched by most of Apatow’s leading men. Even though I still believe someone else should have played Sarah, they seemed to have been looking for a bitchy blonde, and they got her. Kristen Bell’s performance was surprising and right on target. As for her counterpart, Rachel, Mila Kunis’s performance could not have been a better fit.

She was funny, but elusive and reluctant to give too much of herself away. Shining through was Russell Brand’s performance as the arrogant lead singer of one of the most popular bands around. His character seemed to be almost parodying singer Devendra Banhart, and it turned out to be one of the funniest performances of the entire film.

Sometimes filmmakers make bad decisions, and although Apatow has made a few, I’m willing to forgive him because of Forgetting Sarah Marshall. A lot of the movie is predictable, but it still managed to keep a sense of humor about it. Forgetting Sarah Marshall is worth seeing over and over again.
My Fin, I would suggest couple of things. Better grade. What are my options? Hours a week. I would strongly suggest try contacting your professor by email in one of my classes. I believe I deserved an in summer, you can only work up to five classes (15 credits) in the fall semester. Instead of going home, I have decided during summer. I was wondering if that's anti and the MS has finally come to a close. At this time, we all take home our own individual lessons from our personal and academic experiences. However, NSU has throughout the year been emphasizing the lessons behind truth and power. There have been dozens of lectures and events throughout the year emphasizing the relationship between the ideas of truth and power. Unfortunately, the ideas presented seemed to be largely negative. People obfuscate the truth to obtain power. Those with power will enforce their own truths on others. The truth can be harsh and disturbing, and power translates into an oppressive and corruptive force.

Working at The Current has given me some first hand experience with these ideas. It is the job of the press to disseminate information to the public. Members of the news media act as the watchdogs of the world. If one takes into consideration the old adage, "knowledge is power," then the media is an institution of power. The Current has printed its share of controversial stories this year, and the presentation of information and student opinions have made for improvements and increased awareness at the university. Sharing knowledge to induce change, whether in attitude or practices, is a kind of power. When it behaves ethically, I think the media serves as a positive illustration of the relationship between truth and power.

During your summer, think of how you use truth and power. Strive for responsibility and seek positive change in the world.

Q. Mr. Shark I am an undergraduate student unhappy with a grade I recently got in one of my classes. I believe I deserved a better grade. What are my options?

My Fin, I would suggest couple of things. Try contacting your professor by email or telephone. If possible, meet with her personally and explain why you feel you deserved a better grade. Bring all of your exams, text and quizzes with you for reference. If you are not satisfied with her answer, or you do not feel comfortable meeting with your professor, each school has a departmental head that you can meet with. Also, your academic advisor would be a good resource. Use them to find out other procedures as well as the contact information of a departmental head or other concerned person. If your argument is logical and your professor or the departmental head thinks you deserved a better grade, they should change it. But remember, nothing is guaranteed.

Q. Mr. Shark I am an undergraduate international student. I am registered for five classes (15 credits) in the fall semester. Instead of going home, I have decided to stay and work on campus. I heard that international students can work more hours during summer. I was wondering if that’s true and how many hours I can work.

My Fin, if you are returning to the university and taking no classes or up to two classes in summer, you can work up to 15.5 hours a week on campus. Please note that if you are taking more than two classes in summer, you can only work up to 20 hours a week. I would strongly suggest that you contact the International Student and Scholars office located in Horvitz Administration building or contacting them at 954-262-1248 to confirm your status requirements so as to enter your position before you start working more hours.

Q. Mr. Shark I am an undergraduate student and heard about the Undergraduate Student Government Association’s State of the University Address. I unfortunately deleted the email sent to me but I would like to read it and see what my SGA has done this year. I know they did a lot of things and you have been an awesome president. I was wondering where I can find it.

My Fin, thank you for the kind words, it has been my honor and pleasure serving as the undergraduate student government president and working for the students and NSU community at large. The SGA State of the University Address is on the www.nova.edu/studentleadership/sga/index.html. Let Mr. Shark know what you think.

On The Scene
Tanya Parnes
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What do you think of the new signs at the entrances to NSU?

"I think the new signs are unique. They have those digital screens that not many campuses have. I really like how they stand out and basically tell anyone passing by, 'Hey, we're NSU!'"
Julianne Olegario, Junior, Nursing

"They're great! However, they need some landscaping décor around them.""David Beltran, 3rd Year Postgraduate, Dental

"They're beautiful. I think they make the campus look much nicer. They're more convenient too. There's a lot of signs telling everyone about what's going on here." Brittany Green, Senior, Psychology

"They do look nice but we could have done without them. Is this the reason for the increase in our tuition? Nova is already expensive enough without students having to pay money for signage that only makes the university look better. They need to put that money towards bettering my education instead." Cody Peters, Sophomore, Biology

"I like them. They look nice and very professional. They keep people's attention. I hope that they last." Greasy Brito, Accounts Manager

"I think that they are a waste of money. I've seen a lot better for probably a lot less money." John Hank, Feeney, Junior, Business Administration
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