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Discussing What Matters

Annarely Rodriguez
Freelance Writer

On Friday, Oct. 3 three teams of students—"Team SGA," "Smart Sharks" and "NSU Leaders"—gathered in the Malta Psychology Building for the 4th annual NSU Ethics Bowl. The teams, which were composed of undergraduate students, debated the morality of some of the issues that affect society.

In an attempt to expose students to "real world" ethical problems, the bowl is hosted every year by NSU Spiritual Life, Division of Student Affairs. The debates do not end at the school; the winning team will be going to a regional competition and then, hopefully, nationals. Last year, our school team ended 8th, but this year, we are looking to do better.

"Other schools just select a team of students and send them to regional's and nationals but NSU actually holds its own Ethics Bowl and the winner goes on to the next level," said Terry Morrow, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

The debates were judged by three professors who have a background in philosophy. This year's judges included Ben Malvey, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and Tambi Brown, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives and Global Enterprise for Academic Development, and Gary Gershman, Ph.D., associate professor of legal studies.

Students were presented with 15 cases which they had to analyze and consider. Of those 15 cases, only six would be discussed. The cases to be discussed were not known until moments before the actual debate started, so students had to be ready to argue reasonably on any of the subjects.

"We went online and divided the cases," said Terry Morrow inFD, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement poses with some of the contestants and judges of the Ethics Bowl.

Haiti Hurricane Relief

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

Being one of the world's poorest countries, Haiti was already suffering from the skyrocketing prices of goods and services. Now, after fierce winds and heavy flooding from recent storms, Haitians are left with a muddy deluge which killed nearly 800 individuals, according to the BBC Web site.

Due to this tragic outcome, NSU students started a relief effort to raise money and collect food for Haitians who have been devastated by recent hurricanes and tropical storms. This humanitarian act was organized by students from the Colleges of Pharmacy, Osteopathic Medicine and Allied Health and Nursing. This was a significant campaign and a collaborative effort with Food for the Poor, a Coconut Creek based charity.

The island was struck by hurricanes Ike and Gustav and tropical storms Fay and Hannah during a month-long stretch. The storms caused widespread damage, leaving towns under water and residents without homes, food and potable water.

According to Javier A. Ramirez from Food for the Poor, "The situation in Gonavites, Haiti, is catastrophic. Half of the city is buried under mud and the other half is under 3 to 10 feet of water. Gonavites is completely cut off."

Some people in Haiti have been stranded, and exposed to the elements, without food or water, waiting to be rescued.

Thanks to the students of NSU, a truck was sent on Sept. 26 to pick up a full load of water, canned food, clothes and health supplies in order to aid these people in need.

The food drive was such a success the first time around that there is another one currently taking place which will conclude on Oct. 23. This time around they are mostly seeking canned foods.

"The letter I received after I contacted Food for the Poor, Inc. about holding the drive was detailed and painted a very urgent picture of Haiti. All of the Health Professions students, faculty and staff were happy to be a part of the relief effort," said April Mitchellson, Manager of Events and Academic Support Systems at NSU's Health Professions Division.

"The first drive was very successful. We hope the current one will be just as productive," she concluded.

The Sims Go Live

Tiffany Simoncini
Freelance Writer

Udaverse.com is the corporate parent of a newly established virtual environment known as RedlightCenter.com. This Internet-based facility was established in 2002, with hopes of providing a thrilling, yet safe environment for people to interact efficiently and conveniently without restriction.

The leading inspiration for this unique social phenomenon comes from Amsterdam's notorious red light district. RedlightCenter.com offers a 3-D lifelike representation of yourself, which enables you to live the life you have always imagined, via Internet.

One who visits this site can anonymously meet, chat and interact with like-minded individuals without the worries of being judged on the basis of one's physical image.

"If we were able to recreate the Internet, it would not be based on class; it would be to create friendship and peace," said Brian Shuster, CEO of RedlightCenter.com.

Shuster also commented that in a world of high gas and food prices, the Web site could be used as a social tool to give economically struggling individuals a chance to live a more entertaining life.

Some individuals, however, feel that this site could be used as an escape mechanism and could create some negative results. "I feel that for some people, this idea could turn into a possible addiction, similar to the way many have become addicted to video games and other online sources. Then again, if you really think about it, too much of anything can be bad," says Assistant Professor Darren Hix, who visits this site and has been following this technological endeavor.

"To me this is a perfect example of how the world is relying on technology entirely too much," said sophomore psychology major, Ashley Carpizo.

For more information on this new virtual world, please visit http://www.redlightcenter.com.
amongst the whole team; then we shared the information we found with the rest of the team,” stated the Smart Sharks, a group composed of undergraduate freshmen biology majors Nina Chandrasekaran, Roshny Joseph, Melanie Reddy, Ashis Patel and international business major Jaclyn Jennings.

The evening started with pizza, refreshments and a twelve minute dissertation of the meaning of ethics by Professor Mulvey. The latter was designed to let the participants know that they were expected to analyze each case from a universal point of view, not just how it affected them but society as a whole, without a biased perspective.

Topics included the morality of breaking lawyer-client confidentiality after a client has died, illegal immigrants studying in public universities, rights of Cherokee freedmen, poverty tours and the “Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act.”

At the end of the night the judges announced the first place winners to be the Smart Sharks placing NSU Leaders in second and Team SGA in third. “We are very excited about regionals; we have to prepare!” said the Smart Sharks. “But we learned a lot tonight from the comments of the judges. We still can’t believe it!”

Smart Sharks win first place.

NSU Leaders win second place.

Team SGA wins third place.
Monday
Oct. 13

Lifelong Learning Institute
Welcome Week

Come join the Lifelong Learning Institute as they celebrate their thirty-third year of educational service at NSU. Welcome week will be from Oct. 13 until Oct. 19, and will feature lectures on topics such as "Cultural Studies and Music" and "Historical Perspectives on Emerging Societies." The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute located at 3424 South University Drive in Davie, Florida. For more visit www.undergrad.nova.edu or call (954) 262-8471.

Tuesday
Oct. 14

Lucky 13 Bonus

Need some relaxation? Then attend the Lucky 13 event designed to provide students with techniques that focus on mental and physical health. The event will take place at 12 p.m. in room 3049 of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Rochelle Clarke at (954) 262-8485.

Wednesday
Oct. 15

Grab-a-Bite

Join the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship for a chance to network with fellow students while also enjoying a free lunch! The event will take place at 1:15 p.m. in the student lounge of the DeSantis Building. For more information, contact studgroups@huizenga.nova.edu.

Thursday
Oct. 16

4th Annual Connection Event

This event will help to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The event will begin at 8 a.m. in the courtyard of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Rochelle Clarke at rochclar@nova.edu.

Friday
Oct. 17

Lecture and Book Signing

Margaret Alpert, author of "The Knock at the Door: A Journey through the Darkness of the American Genocide" will be at NSU for a lecture and book signing. Her lecture will explore the brutality and hatred that her mother had to endure. The event will take place in the Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, contact Jill Gallner at (954) 262-4593.

"Still the River Runs"

Join the Promethean Theatre, NSU's professional theater company, in residence for the premiere of "Still the River Runs," by Barton Bishop. The performance will run from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2. The performances will take place at 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre in the new Performing and Visual Arts Wing in the University Center. Tickets for "Still the River Runs" are $25 for adults, $15 for seniors and $5 for NSU students ($10 for all other students) with valid ID. Only cash and checks are accepted at the door. For tickets, call (786) 317-7580 or email boxoffice@theprometheantheatre.org.

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Fall Career Fair Opens Door for Career Opportunities

By Naida Alcime
Freelance Writer

On Oct. 7, hundreds of job seekers attended the annual fall NSU Career Fair, hosted by The Office of Career Development. The goal of this event was to provide both NSU students and the surrounding community with an opportunity to network and meet national and local employers. A variety of companies were represented which included insurance agencies such as Aflac and GEICO, retail stores like Target, as well as medical groups such as Coventry Healthcare and Holy Cross Hospital.

This year, over 600 people attended the event, a 33 percent increase in attendance from the previous year. Robin Furmanski, Coordinator of Employer Relations, expressed her satisfaction with "Without interested in direct hire and contacted more had a wider difference from last year is that this year's Career Fair, Fair attendees' ranged from alumni, as well as non-NSU affiliated members of the community.

Attendees found the Career Fair very helpful. Markisha Warrick, a senior majoring in business management, said the Career Fair was "informative and provided a couple of great options." Warrick felt as if it will give her a head start on her job search after she has graduated. The employers had positive remarks to say about job seekers. Bryan Namie, store manager at a local Target, captures the essence of what recruiters felt. "I've been coming to NSU's Career Fair for the past three years and I am pleased with the whole process. There are lots of great candidates. In fact, some of my best recruits have been from here. They are professionals and greatly educated."

Jessica Moses, 26, is not affiliated with NSU but heard about the Career Fair by word of mouth. "Like most job seekers, she and her husband attended the event in hopes of finding an ideal job. "Though I specifically find what I was searching for," said Moses, "overall it gave me an opportunity to explore many other fields."

Furmanski is optimistic about future Career Fairs. "I feel that with every Career Fair, our office strives to make an improvement from the prior fairs based on feedback from students and employers," she stated. "I am looking forward to continuing to grow the Career Fair program with even more employers from different areas so that every student, no matter their major or degree program, will be able to benefit from attending the Career Fair."

Is There Life Beyond Death?

By Annarely Rodriguez
Freelance Writer

Students gathered in room 241 of the Parker Building on Oct. 7 for a lecture titled "What It's Like to Be Dead: Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Philosophers on the Possibility of Disembodied Experience," featuring Darren Hibbs, Ph.D.

This lecture was part of the fall Faculty Lecture Series, sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. This series will feature five presentations in the fall 2008 semester centered on NSU's academic theme of "Life and Death."

Throughout his lecture, Hibbs instructed students on the philosophical theories surrounding the possibility of disembodied experiences. The lecture analyzed the views of ancient philosophers such as Plato, Kant and Aristotle. He also explored the views of modernists, atomists, materialists.

Hibbs introduced medieval theories which he said were more influenced by religion. "If the mind alone transcends, as a rational entity, and the body is responsible for feelings, then how would people be punished in the afterlife?" asked Hibbs. "Would they just be told that 2+2=5 over and over again? This was the problem many saw with ancient theories."

"I thought the lecture was fantastic! It was interesting to see everyone's point of view, even though after this, I agree more with Descartes and his theory that the mind may be all that exists," said freshman Keith Epstein, a legal studies major.

The lecture was the second of five talks relating to the school's current theme of "Life and Death."

Do You Have Talent?

By Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

On Oct. 22, NSU's Division of Student Affairs (DOSA) will hold its first large scale talent show called NSU's Got Talent. According to Rob Keever, Graduate Assistant for Student Events, DOSA came up with this event because they were looking for a more diverse way for students to show off their talents. "Students have voiced they wanted more than just singing, so we decided to add additional acts to what was originally NSU Idol," he said. "We used the same idea of that event and incorporated it to a popular TV show."

NSU's Got Talent is a spin-off of the NBC show America's Got Talent. This is designed to give NSU's students the opportunity to show off their talent abilities. The event is split into two nights. The first night is on Oct. 23, which will feature live auditions, and the second night is on Oct. 24, will be the finale.

Keever added that NSU's first t-shirt exchange program will take place during NSU's Got Talent. This exchange will be offering a free NSU t-shirt in exchange for a t-shirt from another college or university. At the NSU's Got Talent finale, students can receive a free NSU t-shirt by bringing their old t-shirt from another college or university to the volunteers located in the west-end of the Athletics and Student Affairs (ASA) patio.

DOSA also recommends that attendees wear Halloween costumes at the finale. Prizes of $1,000, $500, and $250 will be awarded for first, second and third place winners, respectively. The money will be given to the organization that the performer represents.

"This is a great chance for students to show their NSU spirit by supporting fellow students' acts," said Keever. "Students also get the chance to represent their organizations in front of the whole university. Also, we also get the opportunity of students to learn about the various events available at NSU."

The event will take place at 6 p.m. on the ASA Patio. All applications should be submitted by Oct. 17. Applications are available at the University Center Information Desk or can be downloaded at http://www.nova.edu/studentengagement/ got_talent.html.

For more information about participating in NSU's Got Talent, contact the Student Union Board at (954) 262-7223 or sub@nova.edu. For general information about NSU's Got Talent or the NSU t-shirt exchange, contact the Office of Student Engagement at (954) 262-7193.
As the NSU men's soccer team (7-4-1, 1-2-SCC) began their warm-ups to take on the No. 1 team in the nation, the Lynn University Fighting Knights, the game had to be rescheduled to Nov. 1 due to unplayable weather.

However, the Sharks were able to host the Barry University Buccaneers on Oct. 8 in a heated battle between the two local and conference rivals.

The Sharks struck first within the 12th minute when sophomore Juan Gonzalez (16) hit the back of the net from inside the 18 yard box with junior David Walthburg (11) being credited with the assist.

The Bucs would respond consistently hard with two consecutive goals coming in the 16th and 24th minutes to put Barry up 2-1 heading into the major break.

And it would be the answer the call.

Former SSC Player of the Year, junior Romain Onteniente (10) lived up to his title as he assisted on NSU's next three goals.

First he found the Sharks leading scorer on a counter attack leaving Wahlberg (11) with just the keeper to beat as he tied the game back up at 2-2 with a tidy strike.

Onteniente (10) then displayed great speed and created a chance of his own— which stuck the crossbar, but Sharks' captain sophomore Craig Heenihan (8) was there with an acrobatic strike to give NSU the lead for the second time.

In the 66th minute, the Sharks found some breathing room as Onteniente (10) passed the ball through the Bucs defense to find Wahlberg (11), who then scored his second goal of the evening.

Barry kept the game interesting as they scored a third goal in the 71st minute, but NSU's defense held strong to capture their first conference victory by a score of 4-3.

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Inside the Locker Room with David Wahlberg

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Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. is partnering with the American Medical Women's Association, to facilitate a community event to raise awareness and prevention about domestic violence, while promoting healthy relationships. Women In Distress is the only state-certified fully accredited domestic violence agency in Broward County. Women In Distress is a not for profit organization, whose mission is to stop abuse for everyone through crisis intervention, advocacy, and education. Broward County has seen a 300% increase in domestic violence homicides in the last year, and we are honoring the victims who lost their lives this year for October’s Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The community awareness event is being held at Nova Southeastern University’s Health Profession Division, Terry Administration Building, in the Steele Auditorium, on Wednesday, October 15th, 2008, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and family to show their support for this great cause! There will be a bake sale outside of the auditorium from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and seating begins at approximately 6:10 p.m. The name of the event is Performing for Peace, in which various artists are standing united against domestic violence.

Free event and open to public
Sponsored by: The American Medical Women's Association
Bake Sale Give Aways
When Leena and TJ got home, the rotary phone, whom they named Champ, shivered in a corner and looked very scared. When they tried to coax him with treats to get out of the corner, he sunk even more into himself.

"What's wrong with him mom?" TJ asked.

"I don't know," Leena answered. "Remember, he's still a baby, so it's ok for him to be scared. Or, maybe he just needs some time to get use to us and the house."

"Maybe," TJ said unconvincingly. "I think something is wrong with him though. How about we give him a piece of meat, like beef or something."

"That's not a bad idea," Leena commented. "Maybe it will get him out of his shell a bit."

Leena went into the freezer and took out a thick piece of sirloin, and placed it in a bowl of water to thaw. They decided to leave Champ where he was until he made up his mind to move. Leena went upstairs to take a shower and catch up on her marking of students' essays, and TJ ran over to his friend's house to bring about his new rotary phone.

Champ was alone in the living room, in the same corner they left him. He was still shivering, scared as if he were alone in a haunted house. All of a sudden, his head shot up and his pupils dilated to size of dinner plates. Now all on alert, she sniffed the air vigorously, hunting for the source of the scent. He moved from the corner and sniffed his way to the sink that had the piece of sirloin in the bowl of water. The scent was so powerful, that saliva ran from his mouth like a heavy shower of rain, and formed a pool of water around his huge, baby paws. Like some bionic dog from hell, he leaped onto the sink and started to massacre the piece of sirloin.

From upstairs, Leena was startled by the sound of glasses and plates crashing to the floor, one after the other. She immediately ran downstairs to find out what the commotion was all about, and to see if TJ was badly hurt.

"TJ, honey are you ok?" she asked as she ran towards the noise.

"TJ... what the hell is going on?" Champ lifted his head momentarily, and showed the pieces of flesh and droplets of blood that adorned to decorate his growl.

"What the hell is wrong with you?" Leena asked, a question more for her than the dog.

"Get down from there now! Do you hear me? Now!" Champ answered her demand by deepening his growl, and running a deadly stare in her direction. He finished devouring his meal, and started towards Leena as if she were seconds.

"Champ, good dog. Sit. Sit. Champ," Leena commanded, while walking slowly back. Champ jumped off the kitchen counter and went steadily making his way towards her.

"Good dog, good dog." But Champ did not ease up. Growling and salivating, with yellow eyes the size of pizza pies, Champ's determined approach had Leena cornered between him and the stairs.

"Mom, I'm back. What's for dinner?" TJ yelled as he came in through the back door and headed towards the kitchen.

"It's staring mom. Tommy's mom cooked salmon and string beans...a ten on my gross-o-meter," TJ continued.

"I get it, but as quickly as I could before she invited me to stay for dinner." He opened the refrigerator, searching for a snack.

"Mom, where are you? Why aren't you saying anything? And what happened in the sink?" he asked, walking towards the living room.

"Mom are you ok? What..." TJ gasped and froze, as he saw her mother trembling and ghostly pale, with her hands outstretched, whispering to Champ not to hurt her. She glanced up at TJ, not wanting to alert Champ to his presence, as he didn't seem to hear TJ when he came in.

"TJ, turn around and go get some help. Now." Leena whispered, but TJ was transfixed to the spot, starting at the scene before him.

"Do you hear me? Leave the house and get some help," she said once again.

"But mom, I can't leave you.

"Just go honey, I'll be fine."

"Just go." TJ pleaded, "Please, honey, just go," she pleaded, while keeping her eyes on Champ.

To be continued in Issue 10

**Halloween Horror Nights 2008**

**Bloody Mary**

Trancell Mesa & Tim Coenraad

Sports Editor & Staff Writer

Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla, is currently hosting Halloween Horror Nights 2008, from Sept. 26 to Nov. 1. If you are looking for a frightening fun-filled and entertaining evening, then this hot spot is for you.

"Bloody Mary" marks the 2008 theme for Universal Studios 18th annual Halloween Horror Nights event and is anticipated to be the best yet. "Bloody Mary" includes six electricity driving scare zones, more than ever before, all of which were designed to reflect terrifying nightmares in addition to five rides and attractions, three entertainment shows and eight haunted houses.

With over 1,000 people cast to scare tourists throughout the nights, Manager of Show Development Michael Roddy and Show Director Michael Aiello make known that their job is a constant one.

"We are always brain-storming, but it's not really work when you have a passion for it." Both Aiello and Roddy claim, "our cast is made up of 25 percent talent and 75 percent passion for the event."

If you are anticipating attending "Bloody Mary," but are a bit hesitant because you truly fear for your life, then come on over because Roddy and Aiello have made a conscious effort to make the event 100 percent safe. "The idea is to make you think you are in danger, but you never really are."

Each haunted house takes up to four weeks to create. Houses this year includes "Creatures," "Interstellar Terror," "Body Collectors," "Doomsday," "Reflections of Fear," "Dead Exposure" and "The Hallow and Scary Tales: Once Upon a Nightmare."

"The Hallow and Scary Tales: Once Upon A Nightmare" is by far one of "Bloody Mary’s" greatest haunted houses as the fairy tales we once dreamt are now demented. In this nightmare princesses are never saved, kids don't make it through the woods and no one can escape from the rabbit hole.

"Reflection of Fear" is anticipated to be the scariest of the houses as it is designed with the "Bloody Mary" theme in mind. If you are looking for light-hearted comedic-based entertainment, then shows such as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show Tribute;" "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" and "Brian Brashwood's Magic Shower" are for you.

Many thrill seekers who have been to previous Halloween Horror Night events might be disappointed by the fact that it is not being held at the Islands of Adventure as it was on one of the previous years.

While HHN 2008 might have a few moments of discomfort, we believe it is an overall success and should be something you look into as a weekend trip this Halloween season.

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**What Horror Flick Is This? SCRAMBLE**

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**What Horror Flick Is This? SCRAMBLE**

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3. Cats
4. Dark room
5. Dating
11. Money
12. Nature's walks
13. Parents
14. Skydiving
15. Snow
16. Swimming
17. Vacations
18. Water
19. Wild animals
20. Work
At its heart, "Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist" tries to tell the story of every young person who struggles to find a sense of identity and someone to share it with. The story is not typical, and it is one of those romantic comedies you can predict fairly easily. However, Peter Scollett and Lorene Scafaria spin a different, timid tale of love, music, and the love of music that should fit into the ranks of films like "Empire Records" and "High Fidelity."

The story centers around Nick (Michael Cera) and Norah (Kat Dennings), two New Jersey teens struggling with their dwindling relationships. The only prescription for their misery is independent music, and particularly one band called "What's Fluffy." The two start out with their only connection being that Norah’s drunken best friend, Tris (Rafi Gavron) and Thom (Aaron Yoo), the rest of the night is spent navigating through New York City and searching for Norah’s drunken best friend Caroline (Ari Graynor), and the secret performance of their favorite band.

Although all of the performances in the film were memorable, the film’s weight is really carried by Cera (“Superbad” and “Juno”) and Dennings (“The 4-Year-Old Virgin” and “The House Bunny”). Cera’s performances always seem sincere and heartfelt which, in the film were memorable, the film’s scene, which was shot flawlessly.

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Religious is, and will continue to be, a “hot-button” issue. In fact, it is so “hot-button”, that people are not sure when it is a good time to discuss it. Grandma said not to talk about it at the dinner table, professors always said not to mention it in class, and clergymen told us to never question it. All of this has led to the unanswered questions: When and where can we talk about religion? What is it about religion that makes people so uncomfortable? And why are people so willing to give up their rationality to follow religion? In “Religious,” Bill Maher, through humor, sarcasm, and tons of skepticism, strives to answer these questions and more. No religion is safe from his wrath or his wit, as he travels to Jerusalem, the Vatican, Salt Lake City, and even Miami, interviewing Christians, Muslims, Hasidic Jews and Satans. He manages to set up and record interviews with recognizable figures from each religion, and takes them on one by one only to break them down.

At one point, Maher takes on Scientology in London’s Hyde Park by dressing up as a homeless man to spew the doctrines of Scientology to all who would listen. He sounded like a mad man, and looked crazy, but the only things that came out of his mouth were the words written by L. Ron Hubbard about his religion. It was interesting to see people reacting in such a negative way when those same people accept Scientology, as they would Christianity, because so many famous people endorse it. If it wasn’t clear before, this film is not for everyone, but it is definitely worth seeing at least once. Maher’s mission was to start a dialogue amongst the masses about religion and its role in the world, and I think he accomplished just that. I was laughing all the way till the end, but many people around me just sat there and ate their popcorn. This is unfortunate because people should be able to enjoy the material about other religions, and tune out when yours is being discussed. That’s only human nature. Maybe he is right, but I still think that if you can worship an invisible deity through sculpted representations of it, you should be able to laugh at anything, especially this film. Either way, Maher has proven himself to be more than just a hilarious comic, and has launched himself into the higher realm of tongue-in-cheek social criticism.
We’ve Come a Long Way, Baby... or Have We?

Stefani Rubino
Opinions Editor

As we look forward to the upcoming election, all issues over the political spectrum are being debated, challenged, and, in some cases, ignored. Although lately it seems as if the most attention has been centralized on “issues” of racism, homosexuality, and even sexism.

We try to pretend that it is not there, that things are equal now, that things are better now than they ever were before. Sure, race relations and acceptance have gotten much better, but is everything really equal now? Have we, as a nation, risen to a point where we can accept people of different races, sexual orientations, and gender identities?

I also mentioned how it seems that prejudice against homosexual couples and heterosexual domestic partners have flared up again recently. For instance, in the “great” state of Florida, an amendment will be on our ballots to take away the hospital visitation rights, burial rights, and various other domestic partner “benefits” from these couples. I know, I thought they were joking, too. Even some of our democratic representatives have jumped on the fight to pass this through, like Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Nagel, whose fear of homosexuals became more apparent this year, when he claimed that city park restrooms were being used as homosexual “hook-up spots.”

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On The Scene

Kristine Belfaire
Current Affairs Editor

Who do you think would make a better vice president, Sarah Palin or Joe Biden?

“Joe Biden, because he has experience in the Senate.”
Victoria Lafferty, a senior biology major.

“Biden, because I think he comes off as more intelligent than Palin.”
Nathalie Solomon, a senior theatre major.

“I think either one will be okay. I’m just not sure why he [McCain] chose a woman when Obama didn’t.”
Jason Hanley, a freshman theatre major.

“I think Biden would make a better VP because a lot of people are looking for change.”
Edward Dugna, a junior biology major.

Editor’s Note

Laura Starr
Editor in Chief

As I look around campus, I am impressed with how far we have come. Over the past few years, buildings have sprung up like cut outs in a pop-up book. Students everywhere are more engaged as the streets and University Center are now packed with laughing, backpacking, involved students.

This engagement is evident in the emerging political scene. Some would say that students these days have become apathetic about voting. However, the students on this campus have put a dent in this assumption as they have taken the initiative to create their own political interest groups from the ground up.

I am referring to the newly developing NSU Liberals group who hope to join the NSU Conservatives in their quest to represent the viewers of different party lines. Seeing young people strive to represent both perspectives on “the issues” is a refreshing occurrence because that is what our democratic system is about: striving to “agree to disagree,” while sharing ideas to come to a well thought out consensus.

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Finally, I have to give props to the SUB office for getting students to camp-out, sleeping bags included, in front of the University Center Box Office as they waited for their chance to snag Halloween Horror Nights tickets. To see students anxiously waiting in line as early as 7 a.m. resembled the dedication of the fanatical boy-hungry girls that wait in line to get their “New Kids on the Block tickets. Okay, so not that many people were waiting, and there wasn’t any drooling, but such student involvement still brought a joyful tear to my eye.
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