



Alli Bradshaw — THE BATTALION

Neal Keny-Guyer, CEO of Mercy Corps, a non profit organization, extensively covered international aid and leadership during the event Tuesday.

Message to nonprofits: 'No fast fixes or shiny solutions'

By Spencer Davis

Professors and students were given a look behind the scenes on how non-profit organizations function in international aid Tuesday night.

The Mosbacher Institute hosted a discussion on global humanitarian crises led by Neal Keny-Guyer, CEO of Mercy Corps. Keny-Guyer has managed the organization since 1994 and oversees their annual disbursement of \$375 million in aid.

"He brought Mercy Corps to be known in the international NGO world as the first to the worst with the most," said Ryan Crocker, dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service, who introduced Keny-Guyer.

Keny-Guyer lectured an audience of aid workers and students on effective means of international aid provided by non-profit organizations. Combining historical anecdotes and personal stories to identify solutions for global problems that are often irregular. His main message focused on a strategy of community-driven, market-led development

that finds sustainable solutions.

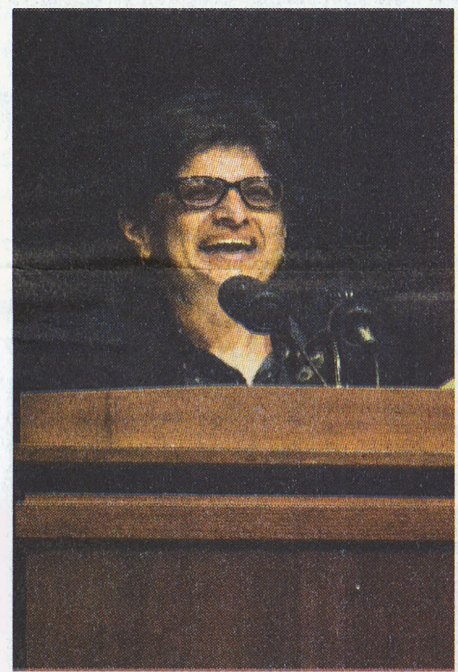
"How do you not only alleviate immediate suffering ... but do it in a way that they're stronger when the next shock, the next crisis hits and they are better able with their own resilience, with their own internal fortitude, with their own strength to respond to those challenges?" Keny-Guyer said.

He said he challenged them not to try to find one big, fundamental answer to this question, but to take an individual approach to development.

"There has been an unprecedented confluence of complex crises that we have faced in the last 18 months," Keny-Guyer said. "There are no fast fixes or shiny solutions to complex challenges."

Crisis management, Keny-Guyer said, can be met with obstacles. Keny-Guyer identified bad governance and armed conflict as two issues to development in poor countries — problems well known to Mercy Corps, which operates in over 40 underdeveloped nations.

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Activist leader Urvashi Vaid leads a seminar focused on the cultural obstacles that the LGBT community will have to overcome after its members are granted marriage equality.

Marriage equality not the end, lecturer says

By Sarah Medrano

The message from Urvashi Vaid, activist and leader in the LGBT community, to Tuesday's crowd in Rudder Theatre was clear — LGBT movements are at a turning point, but there is still more to be done.

The Women's and Gender Studies program welcomed Vaid to campus to host a seminar titled, "Beyond the Wedding Ring: Is There a Future for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Movement?"

Vaid's presentation explored the advancements of marriage equality and the establishment of its critical predecessors. Her talk focused on three main conversations occurring within the LGBT community, covering current legal and legislative progression and the issues that follow.

"The dominoes seem to be toppling after the Supreme Court Windsor decision," Vaid said. "Every day brings some news. However, there is an existing fallacy among supporters and opponents that marriage is the turning point at which all other rights will be simply be undeniable if not fully realized. It is much more than that."

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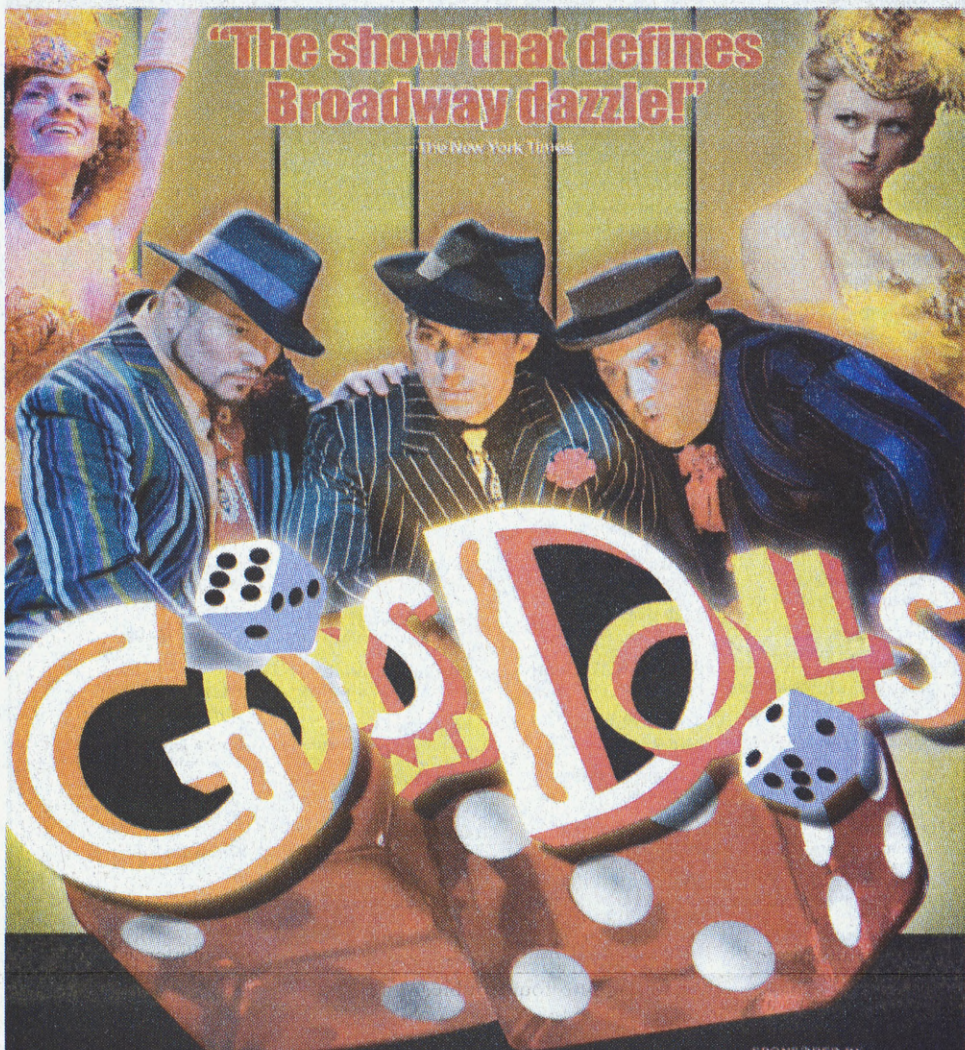
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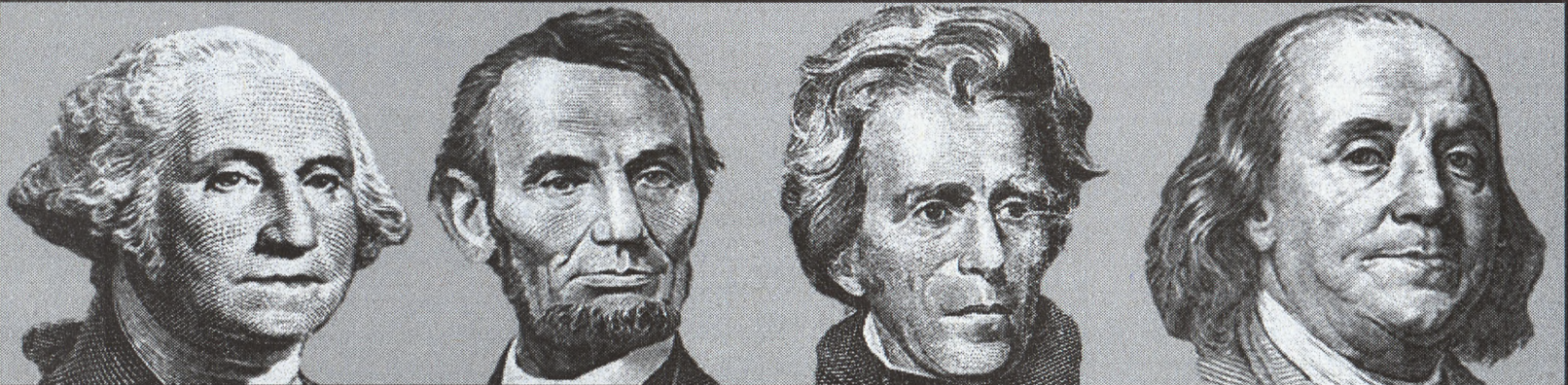
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