The brothers of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. hosted a candle light vigil on the evening of this past Sept. 11 to honor those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The vigil was held at the south patio of The Commons Residence Hall, and commenced at 8:30 p.m.

On December 18, 2001 Congress passed a joint resolution designating Sept. 11 of each year "Patriot Day," according to Public Law No: 107-89. In congruence with the president's wishes, the men of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc. wanted to make sure the day was honored and that those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks should never forget the tragic events.

Steve O'Hernandez, a brother of the fraternity and originator of the event, spoke about why it was started in 2004. "We felt like people were already forgetting," said Hernandez pointing out people had stopped expressing their sorrow. "I felt like I was alone in my mourning," he said. Therefore, the brothers of the chapter got together and "decided that we had to do something," said Hernandez.

At the beginning of the event, the brothers asked the attendees to circle around a Shark emblem on The Commons Residence Hall patio. Once all candles were lit, poems written by families that were directly impacted by the attacks were read as planes eerily flew overhead.

NSU Prepares for Emergencies

As the new academic year unfolds, NSU's main priority is the safety of its students and faculty. In order to maintain a secure campus, NSU is issuing "NSU Emergency Preparedness" cards.

"I think that it's fair to say that based on past experiences, it's important to inform students on what to do or how we can help them," comment's David Dawson, executive director of University Relations.

These cards are designed to be placed along with your "NSU SharkCard" ID. Students who attend NSU's main campus are asked to pick up their cards at the Campus Card Services office located in the University Center.

The card contains tips on what to do in specific emergency situations. Specific situations include "Medical Emergency, Psychological/Behavioral Threat, Fire/
scheduled period of silence was to begin, one of the brothers asked the attendees to recount how the tragedy affected them personally.

Many members were New York City natives whose families were affected by the event. Some of the attendees recounted that they found out about the attacks while they were in their high school or college classrooms, which resembled the announcement of the President Kennedy assassination in 1963.

Some also said they didn't want it to be real and just couldn't understand why it happened. Chris Carbo, a NSU counselor in residence, was also there to address any emotional concerns from the attendees.

After the circle recounted how the event affected them personally, a moment of silence was observed from 9:09 p.m. to 9:11 p.m., allowing two minutes to remember those who lost their lives in this tragic event.

A tearful Danielle Villanueva, a young woman who lost family friends who were police officers, summed up the importance of the event. "It's good 'cause, you know, it's something you should never forget."
Monday
Sept. 15
SHSS Sixth Annual "Common Ground Film Festival"

Come join NSU's Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences as they host the sixth annual "Common Ground Film Festival." The festival will showcase award-winning feature and documentary films that show the influence films can have in creating conflict. The festival will take place from Sept. 15-23 in the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, visit www.shss.nova.edu/cgff or contact Felicia Henderson at fhenders@nova.edu.

Tuesday
Sept. 16
Lucky 13 Stress Management "Decaffeinate Your Life"

Interested in becoming stress-free? Then attend this workshop designed to teach you how to deal with stress in college. The workshop will take place in the Carl DeSantis Building at 12 p.m. For more information, contact Michael Mcfarland at mmcfarla@nova.edu.

Wednesday
Sept. 17
"Constitution Day"

Come join the all-day celebration of "Constitution Day" in the University Center. The event will give students the chance to sign a mock version of the U.S. Constitution and engage in the "I signed the constitution" program with NSU students. For more information, contact Kathryn Crocquet at kblanco@nova.edu.

"Life 101" featuring Kristi Yamaguchi

Members of the NSU community are invited to listen to the life successes of Kristi Yamaguchi. This event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center. For more information, contact Aymer Conva-Trias at (954) 262-7224 or aconva@nova.edu.

Thursday
Sept. 18
"SUB Thursday"

Come join the Student Union Board for an event filled with free music, food and drinks! This event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Flight Deck patio of the University Center. For more information, contact the Student Union Board at (954) 262-7223.

Friday
Sept. 19
"Benefit Bash"

Members of the NSU community are invited to attend the Benefit Bash, hosted by NSU Multicultural Affairs and the Dominican Student Association. The event will feature live music, refreshments and raffle prizes. The event is free but a $5 minimum donation is recommended. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Flight Deck. For more information, contact Cherise James at jcherise@nova.edu.

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Rotaract Establishes at NSU

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

As of May 2008, Rotaract, a service or university based organization, has created a new chapter at NSU. Rotaract is the college equivalency to Rotary, a non-profit international service organization that aims to provide humanitarian service. The mission of NSU's Rotaract is to contribute to local and international humanitarian projects, while fostering the leadership skills of its members.

According to Philipp Kromer, president of Rotaract, some of the advantages of joining the organization are acquiring professional development, establishing leadership skills and teamwork opportunities. A's club member, students also have the option of participating in networking opportunities, study abroad options, and international humanitarian service opportunities.

From Nov 12-16, the club is planning a volunteer mission to Kampala, Uganda. "We decided to have one big event instead of little projects," said Kromer. The purpose of this mission is to contribute to the health improvement in Uganda with the provision of vital vaccinations, condoms and daily medical supplies. Another goal is to reduce illiteracy by donating books to the recently established library, donate clothes, and assist faculty at Uganda Christian University.

The organization will be raising $30,000 by Oct. 15 to help fund the trip. Kromer plans on using the difference to set up a scholarship fund for European students who attend or wish to attend NSU.

If you are interested in making a donation, please make check payable to: Nova Southeastern University Rotaract Club.

For any additional information, please contact kphilipp@nova.edu or visit www.rotary.org and www.rotaract.org.

Barbara Brodman, Ph.D. Addresses Rigoberta Menchu's Memoirs

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Current Affairs Editor

Members of the NSU community gathered on Sept. 9, in Room 241 of the Parker Building for the first installment of the "Faculty Lecture Series" featuring Barbara Brodman, Ph.D., professor at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Humanities.

The first lecture series featured an examination of the controversy around the autobiography titled "I, Rigoberta Menchu," written by Rigoberta Menchu, a young Guatemalan Quiche Indian woman. In this memoir Menchu gives light to the troubles surrounding the Guatemalan people during the political terror of a 36-year Civil War which ended in 1996. Her portrayal of the oppression that Guatemalans faced earned her a Nobel Peace Prize in 1992.

Brodman began the lecture by highlighting a paper that she presented at the Third International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Italy. In it she explored whether Menchu's memoir belongs in the liberal arts curriculum.

According to Brodman, the controversy around the publication of "Rigoberta Menchu and the Story of All Poor Guatemalans," by anthropologist David Stoll. In this book, Stoll reveals inconsistencies with Menchu's account of what happened during the Civil War. Stoll is able to prove through his research that Menchu could not have been at some of the places that she claimed to be. He also highlights Menchu's claims of not being able to speak Spanish and being uneducated. But records show that she attended a Catholic school. Stoll's critique of Menchu's memoir caused some academicians to pull the book from their curriculum, while others chose to retain it.

Brodman believes that while the autobiography might contain some inaccuracies, it still serves the purpose as a substitute for people who no longer support the military system in Guatemala. She also thinks that Menchu is an accomplished woman, and that her autobiography saved the lives of many Guatemalans. "If someone who is a compulsive liar writes an autobiography is it any less of an autobiography?" asked Brodman, as she brought the lecture to a close.

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Sharks Take First & Second in UT Early Bird Classic

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Sports Editor

NSU's men's and women's cross-country teams competed in the UT Early Bird Classic on Sept. 8 as the Sharks kicked off the 2008 season with a victory in the men's component and a respectable second-place finish in the women's portion.

In the men's category the Sharks held onto 50 points to beat out their closest competition, Florida Southern, which finished with 59, respectively. NSU was led by sophomore Jeff Palmer, who set a personal record as he came in 2nd place in the 8k race with a time of 21:04. Ninth, 12thth and 14th places were obtained by the Sharks as well from senior Robert Moughan, and sophomores Agustin Rey and John Besharat all of whom made the wait possible.

The women's team took part in the 5k portion of the race, receiving 90 points to place the Sharks 2nd overall. Junior transfer Keysa Poster proved to be a tremendous addition to NSU's program as she grabbed the Shark's top finish at seventh place with a time of 19:08.

As the NSU women's soccer team (2-0-1) approaches conference play they maintained their unbeaten record by silencing conference rivals Eckerd College on Sept. 7, the NSU men's soccer team, now ranked 9th in the nation amongst Division II institutions (4-1-1) played to a 1-1 draw with the Eagles of Embry Riddle University.

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The "Shark Challenge" is a department-wide game that is played by all teams and is proven to effectively encompass the "CHAMPS/Life Skills" five commitment areas, while taming fun is a positive and competitive environment. First, we must understand what the "Challenger Athletics Mind" for Personal Success, "CHAMPS/Life Skills" program entails.

In 1991, the NCAA Foundation developed this program with the intent of generating a social developmental program for student-athletes.

The five commitment areas Gilbert refers to are as follows:

1) Academic Excellence
2) Personal Development
3) Career Development
4) Service
5) Athletic Excellence

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"Brideshead Revisited" is a Fresh Take on Period-Films

Stefani Rubino
Opinions Editor

After the success of films like "Atonement" and "Pride & Prejudice," filmmakers seem to be jumping on the period-piece bandwagon. Not only that, but most filmmakers need to be looking towards literature as the inspiration for these films. The newest installment to Hollywood's obsession is, "Brideshead Revisited." This installment follows suit to the aforementioned films, but brings certain freshness to the genre on a whole.

Based on an Evelyn Waugh novel of the same title, "Brideshead Revisited" focuses on Charles Ryder (Matthew Goode), a lower-class Londoner and aspiring artist, who just began studying history at Oxford in the 1920s. While there, he meets aristocrat Sebastian Flyte (Ben Whishaw). The two begin a close and personal friendship that will change the course of Charles' life forever.

After some time, Ryder becomes close to Flyte's mother, Lady Marchmain (Emma Thompson), and sister, Julia (Hayley Atwell), which further complicates the relationship between Ryder and Flyte. The film follows Ryder over the course of 25 years, focusing on his relationship with Flyte's family and the Brideshead estate.

Matthew Goode's "(Match Point, "The Lookout") naivete and optimism make Charles Ryder seem as if he is a real person; and in "Brideshead Revisited," she is no different. Although she is not on-screen as long as the other characters, her presence manages to connect with him on a deep, almost subconscious level.

"Brideshead Revisited" explores the relationship between the classes, the sexes, and religions, and more, all the while holding its freshness to the genre on a whole. "Brideshead Revisited" is made perfectly complementary to Goode's Ryder. While "Anna Karenina" is the complete opposite of Goode's, "Brideshead Revisited" seems to prove that point.

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Lewis' "Acid Tongue" is on Fire

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With the release of "Rabbit Fur Coat" in 2006, Jenny Lewis, the lead singer of Rilo Kiley, proved that she had the talent and skills to make it as a solo artist. Most recently, Rilo Kiley released a train wreck of a new album, "Under The Blacklight," making fans anxious for her next solo project. Making her new album one of my most anticipated albums of the year.

Luckily, "Acid Tongue" goes above and beyond any expectations I had for the album and picks up right where "Rabbit Fur Coat"'s roots-folk and country nature left off. On "Acid Tongue," she experiments with more than just folk and country, she breaks out into blues, alternative and even classic pop rock.

"Acid Tongue" begins slow and gentle with "Black Sand," which showcases Jenny Lewis' exceptional voice, and "Pretty Bird," which seems like an experimentation with folk rhythms and harmonies. The album does not truly get started until "The Next Messiah," an eight-minute all-out blues jam that features some of the best and most sophisticated lyrics Lewis has ever written. This song sends a pulse through your heart waking you up and making sure that you hear the rest of the songs on this album. And trust me, you will want to listen.

The album slows down a bit for the title track, "Acid Tongue," featuring a small chorus of male back-up singers, soulful folk harmonies, and those intelligent lyrics Lewis is known for. Things pick up again, on the track "See Fernando," a fun pop rock, all-country song that blues you away to a new place and different time. It gets straight country on Lewis' duet with Elvis Costello, "Carpe Diem." The title of the song is the perfect foreshadow for how this song sounds and what it is about. Costello's contribution to the song is amazing. But honestly, the song itself is so incredible, that Lewis probably could have handled it herself.

The best track on the album has to be "Jackson Killed Mom." The piano composition, Lewis' vocals, and the way the entire song is composed will take you right back to the experimental blues-rock songs of the 1960s. The lyrics are comical and the instruments guide you gracefully through the entire song. Not only is "Jack Killed Mom" one of the best songs on this album, it is probably one of the best songs I have heard all summer.

"Acid Tongue" is a delight to listen to and a perfect follow-up to "Rabbit Fur Coat." It shows a new confidence and maturity within Lewis, that takes this album to unbelievable heights. Some fans may be disappointed to see Lewis go into such a bluesy and experimental direction but there is no doubt that these songs are as incredible, and possibly better, than those on her first solo project.

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"Trials and Crosses"

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The sidewalk h f e and bars were littered with people, as I drove through the narrow streets of downtown Hollywood. The Friday night crowd looked buzzed and ready to conquer the night with regular and exotic drinks and fancy feet work. I wondered as they glowed and mingled, if they thought about the problems that slapped them in the face a couple of hours before or the problems that would slap them in the face a couple of hours later. Maybe not, maybe that was only me. 

"You think too much sometimes Tina. And how much trouble has this habit brought you?" I said to myself, and then I decided to spare myself the lecture.

The Chocolate Mousse was a sidewalk cafe/restaurant in downtown Hollywood. So finding a parking space on a Friday night was near impossible. I was lucky enough to locate a vacant spot with a dollar still on the meter. My date that I was crazy. "What a habit!" I said quietly.

He was framed by the neon lights emanating from the Chocolate Mousse sign above him, a kind of body halo that made no sense, Suzie's father moved back to Barbados and he was much, much older. His broad shoulders, practically tore through the shirt, making his chest look lethal, like some kind of armor. The hand that held the white roses looked strong and sinewy but gentle enough to eradicate a bouquet of flowers.

He turned his head to look in my direction and I suddenly stopped walking.

There was something so familiar about his face. The slightly pointed chin, light brown eyes, the wide forehead, it was like my reverie.

"Yes Hi." I answered and resumed walking towards my white roses. "No, about that. I wander sometimes." I just told him my date that I was crazy.

"Forget it. I think it doesn't happen today, then you should worry." He replied and flashed me the most perfect, toothy smile. "Tina?" He asked and brought me out of my reverie.

"Thank you" I said to myself, then I saw him. He was actually fidgeting with my hair. And sinewy but gentle enough to eradicate a bouquet of flowers.

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To be continued...
As we enter into the final leg of this long journey known as "running for the presidency," the personal attacks on each of the candidates and their running mates are getting more and more powerful. Every minute off the day, there is "breaking news" about some mistake one of the candidates has made during their lifetime. Most importantly, there are accusations that have absolutely no pretext to back it up being passed around like Halloween candy.

When did we come to this new low in American politics? Do the candidates really have nothing valuable to say so they have to resort to "mud-slinging"? Most importantly, why do we, the American people, care about what some politician girl each candidate had sex with while they were in college?

What we "regular people" do not understand is that politicians are human beings, and that they have the same flaws that each of us have. We put unrealistic expectations on them, we expect them to be able to fight off their urges and act respectfully in every situation, but they cannot live up to these expectations. Due to this, when secrets about them first come up during election time, we change our minds about them and begrudgingly accept their flaws.

The idea that we view them as "more than human," will probably never change, but what can change is the use of their personal history in an election. Some of the greatest presidents, including Dwight Eisenhower, Franklin Roosevelt, and, obviously, Bill Clinton were rumored to have extramarital affairs, but it did not affect the decisions they made as president. So, why should personal history matter in this election?

The answer is that it should not. The candidates should be talking about their ideas for policy, their ideas for solving our current problems and answering any questions the public may have for them about the future of this country. They cannot answer these questions because they are too busy dodging bullets from the other side.

By bringing this information into the political arena, we are not only degrading the integrity of the people willing to stand up for this country, but we are degrading the integrity of every person in this country.

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