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Sharks Conclude Season at Conference Semi-Final

The Sharks’ men’s basketball team (14-15; 9-7 SSC) concluded their regular season on Feb. 28 with a disappointing loss to the Sunshine State Championship’s No. 1 seed, the Florida Southern Moccasins, 74-67. Despite the loss, NSU saw a prosperous 2008-2009 season and was able to claim a third-place seed up their regular season on Feb. 28 - the Blue Cross Blue Shield Sunshine State Conference Men’s & Women’s Basketball Championship Tournament hosted at NSU’s very own Don Taft University Center.

NSU entered the Shark Tank with fervor as they sunk their teeth into Lynn University’s Fighting Knights on March 4 for the first round of SSC tournament play in a nail-biting thriller, which saw itself into an overtime 89-84 victory. The Sharks entered the half with a commanding 34-26 lead, lacking a few more points within the first few minutes of the second half to give themselves a more than comfortable lead, and a lay up from freshman Teddy Tassy (25), sending the Sharks to the charity lead, tacking a few more points down the rebound and scoring a lay up to win the game with less than a second on the clock.

The Fighting Knights managed to claw themselves back in, tying the score up at 76 with eight seconds left in regulation. Lynn’s Chris Hall made what seemed to be a deadly mistake as he fouled freshman Teddy Tassy (25), sending the Sharks to the charity line. However, Tassy would miss the second with Lynn snatching down the rebound and scoring a lay up to win the game with less than a second on the clock.

There was question of a foul being committed or of a possible Tassy taking six to twelve months,” he said. He further discussed that as order to get ahead of the pack, it is even more important to start the job search as an undergraduate sophomore, so it does not appear to the company that you are contacting them urgently for a job. According to Man, companies receive thousands or even tens of thousands of cover letters and resumes. "It is difficult to differentiate yourself on a piece of paper," Man said. A resume cannot really stand out to make a distinction, Man suggested narrowing the search to a specific industry and company. He suggested asking various high-powered executives out to coffee or lunch to get more information on the types of job opportunities within the company.

"A way to get a foot in the door, in a company of interest, is to set up an informational session with around 15 people in that company," Man said. "The more people that have met with you from a company, the more job offers you are going to see." After the initial meeting, Man suggested that students should keep in frequent contact with the company. One way to be remembered is to find a newspaper clipping of a company announcement, clip it out, and send it to the person you spoke with, including, a thank you card saying "this article made me think about you," he said. In regards to networking, besides family-member referrals, Man encouraged attendees to seek out existing networks. Some examples of these are sororities or fraternity connections, high school or college alumni associations, professors, co-workers, ecclesiastical organizations.
and even various governmental positions or chambers of commerce.

Man closed out the discussion by encouraging students to look into industries that fair well in hard economic times. These industries include the following: criminal justice or the police force, education, healthcare or medical industries and state environmental companies, psychology, or local government positions.

Man also suggested that students should keep an eye out for companies that are in transition because they are more likely to have positions that need to be filled.

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No Excuses From the Real Coach Carter

Ken "The Real Coach" Carter delivers an inspirational speech, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, at the Signature Grande in Davie, Fla. Carter stressed that the path to success is always going above and beyond what you are paid to do and to never make excuses.

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Thanks to the Fischler School of Education, attendees were honored with a few words from renowned leader, Ken "The Real Coach" Carter, on Feb. 26. The 5th Annual Carrie P. Meek Outstanding Education Leadership Achievement Award Ceremony was an evening dedicated to raising scholarships on behalf of various youths and communities. This organization was created by Carter.

Carter started off his portion of the presentation in a very jovial fashion, making jokes and offering one-liners that were filled with wisdom. "Speeches should be like a woman's dress: long enough to cover all the bases, but short enough to keep your interest," he said.

Joking aside, Carter went on to speak about the importance of the event and his foundation. "We are here to invest in our children. Children are only a third of the population, but they are a hundred percent of our future."

Nigel Whyte, M.B.A., co-chair of the Black Heritage Council, furthered this cause by commenting that the purpose of the event was to "recognize outstanding teaching contributions that continue to impact the lives of the youth and their communities."

This was followed by the idea that outstanding people are created by the amount of effort an individual gives to his/her duties. "You always have to go above and beyond what you are paid to do," Carter said.

A few other themes of the night, expressed by Carter, were the importance of accountability, consistency, no excuses and the power of what he called goal visualization. "If you write it down, it is ten times more likely to happen, simply by writing it down," said Carter.

Dean H. Wells Singleton of the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services spoke about what the turnout and support of the event meant to the college. "Your support is an indication of all the things we do and do so well," Singleton said.

A silent auction and meal were also part of the speaking engagement. All proceeds from the auction and meal tickets will go toward the FSEHS Black Heritage Council Scholarship Fund.

Michelle Chin Loy, a member of the accounting, budgeting and finance managing department of the Fischler School of Education, had this to say about the event: "It is a great way to show our diversity. They get to see what Fischler is doing, and the outside community can get to see what they can contribute to us."
National Award Winner
Speaks at NSU
ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

National Book Award winner Annette Gordon-Reed spoke on Feb. 25 in the Alvin Sherman Library as part of Farquhar College of Arts and Science's celebration of Black History Month.

Gordon-Reed is a professor of history at Rutgers University and co-founder of the Thomas Jefferson Slave Retrieval Project. She is the author of “Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy.” According to Gordon-Reed, this book stemmed from her fascination with Thomas Jefferson as a child after reading his biography narrated by a 14-year-old slave boy.

The topic of the lecture was her most recent and award winning book, "The Hemings of Monticello," which narrates the life of the Hemings family as individuals. Beginning with Sarah "Sally" Hemings' mother, Elizabeth Hemings, all the way to Sally's kids' life after her death. Gordon-Reed reports Hemings' life as described in Jefferson's own letters, records, memorandum, books and other sources gathered over the course of 10 years.

It is a story that is neither well-known nor understood," said Chetachi Egwu, assistant professor of communications.

The first part of the book discusses the origins of the Hemings family. It tells how Elizabeth Hemings was the property of John Wayles, father of Martha Wayles (Jefferson's wife), and that they had children together. One of those children was Sally Hemings. The section ends with Jefferson being distraught over Martha's death.

"It was very interesting and impressive. I didn't know [Jefferson and Sally] had so many children or that Sally was related to Jefferson's wife," said Nicole Pierce, a senior history major.

The second half of the book speaks of life in Paris, which is where Jefferson paid for Sally's brother, James, to be trained as a chef. Although they could have become free in Paris, neither Sally nor her brother requested their freedom.

The last section of the book narrates life at Monticello after Sally returns from Paris as requested by Jefferson, with the promise of her children's freedom at the age of 21. Although after this there are very few records regarding Sally, the book evolves to tell the story of the rest of the Hemings family and their relationship with Jefferson until his death in 1826. Sally died in 1835, in Ohio with her children.

"It is a story that has to be told because it tells us where we came from and how we got to where we are today," Gordon-Reed said to conclude her lecture.

If you missed this lecture, Annette Gordon-Reed will also be speaking on Mar. 21 at the Literary Fest 2009. For more information, please contact Professor Egwu at egwu@nova.edu.

Winter 2009 Majors Fair: Still deciding on your major? Have you considered changing your major? Then attend the 2009 Majors Fair to learn about the different majors and minors offered at NSU. Undergraduate majors and minors from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, Fischler School of Education and Human Services, and College of Allied Health and Nursing will be present at the event. The fair will begin at 12 p.m. on the first floor of the Don Taft University Center.

For more information, please contact Carleen Pallante at pallante@nova.edu.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Judith Etzioni, Ph.D., will present a lecture titled "Music and Nature," where she will explore the relationship between them. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute, located in the University Park Plaza, located at 3424 South University Drive in Davie, Fla. For more information, please contact Heike Dose at (954) 262-8471.

HEART WALK.
2009 Start Heart Walk: NSU's main campus will host the 2009 American Heart Association START Heart Walk, an event designed to encourage a heart-healthy living environment. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. For more information on participating in the walk, please contact Jennifer Ramos at jramos@nova.edu.

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Tools for Success Workshop: Time Management: Students are invited to attend this workshop designed to teach the time-management techniques that are critical to a successful college experience. This workshop will begin at 12 p.m. in Room 1035 of the Carl Desantis Building. For more information, please contact Katie Gittleman at katieg@nova.edu.

Summer Internships 101: Interested in landing a summer internship? Then attend this workshop designed to provide information about ways to get that perfect internship. This workshop will begin at 12 p.m. in the Office of Career Development, located on the fourth floor of the Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, please contact Carleen Pallante at pallante@nova.edu.

Flight Deck Fridays: Looking for something to do on campus? Then come to the Flight Deck for free food and drink specials, while also mingling with your fellow peers. This event begins at 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Flight Deck at (954) 262-7260.

Faculty Lecture Series: Dudgeon v. UK: The Groundbreaking Case at the European Court of Human Rights which Legalized Homosexuality in Northern Ireland: Jeffrey Dudgeon, leading gay-tights activist, will be the speaker for the Stolzenberg-Doan Winter 2009 Lecture. Dudgeon was the plaintiff in Dudgeon v. The United Kingdom, a six-year legal battle that resulted in the decriminalization of homosexual behavior in Northern Ireland in 1982. Dudgeon continues to fight for gay rights and works on laws reform. The lecture will begin at 6 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium, located in the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, please contact Stephen Levitt, L.L.M., associate professor in the Division of Humanities, at levitt@nova.edu.

Current Trends in Marine Research: Melissa Dore, M.S., will present a lecture that will explore the field of marine research, as well as the changes and present movements in the field. The lecture will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute, located in the University Park Plaza on 3424 South University Drive in Davie, Fla. For more information, please contact Heike Dose at (954) 262-8471.
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Judith Etzion, Ph.D. plays the melody to one of Chopin's preludes as part of her lecture on "Music and Nature" this past March 4. Etzion is a regular speaker at the Lifelong Learning Center.

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

On March 4, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Lifelong Learning Institute brought music into people's lives with "Music and Nature," a look into Chopin's life and work. Columbia graduate Judith Etzion, Ph.D., commenced her lecture by giving a brief biography about Chopin. "What Chopin accomplished before he was 20, no other composer has done. Not even Mozart," said Etzion.

Born in Poland, but residing mostly in Paris, Chopin wrote mazurkas, waltzes, polonaises, etudes, scherzos, sonatas, preludes and ballads. Etzion played several of Chopin's preludes and analyzed each by comparing them to one another, always looking for what made them "romantic."

The first prelude Etzion performed was Chopin's Prelude in E-Minor (op. 28 no. 4), which she used as a reference point to compare the rest of the preludes. She also spoke about how romantic pieces have harmonic arrangements, arch-like melodies and postponement of resolution as she pointed out in the Chopin pieces she performed.

The LLI offers classes every Monday through Thursday that range from world news to art and history. The faculty includes both NSU Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences professors and invited speakers, who are experts in their fields.

The members of the LLI pay an annual fee that covers classes, field trips and parking. "I am taking courses I could not take in college," said Pat Darlak, a student at the LLI. "You re-learn things you forgot about, [take classes you] could not take in college or did not have the time to do so. This makes learning fun, because we want to take these courses, not because we have to."

To listen to some of Chopin's preludes please log on to www.nsucurrent.com. For more information on the LLI, you may contact LLI's director, Edward N. Aqua, at aqua@nova.edu or log on to www.undergrad.nova.edu/lli/index.cfm.

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If you would like to write for The Current, please contact Laurie Starr at nsunews@nova.edu to set up an appointment.
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SSC's baseball player of the week is junior J.D. Martinez.

SSC's baseball player of the week Stephanie Sarosi holds up a sign made for her by fans, as she broke the record for most points scored in a single season, 532.

SSC men's golfer of the week is senior Greg O'Mahony.

NSU underwent yet another successful week of athletics as three student-athletes were garnished with Sunshine State Conference Player of the Week awards over this 2009 Spring Break.

Senior Greg O'Mahony was named SSC Men's Golfer of the Week for Mar. 2, after shooting a tournament low of 65 in round two of the CSUB Elko Invitational held on Feb. 22. O'Mahony shot 70-65-72, carding a 207 and grabbing hold of a second place overall finish amongst a whopping 96 competitors. In light of O'Mahony's outstanding performance, the Sharks were able to clinch a first-place finish amidst 88 competing teams.

Junior outfielder J.D. Martinez (20) was announced as the SSC Baseball Player of the Week on Mar. 2 for the second time this 2009 season. Martinez batted .733 to go alongside eight RBIs, a phenomenal .733 on base percentage, a remarkable 1.867 slugging percentage and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage of 1,000, on route to aiding his No. 22 nationally-ranked team scoop up four in region wins. Martinez went a perfect 4-4 while up against Flagler College, slamming two home runs tallying together three RBIs and four runs scored.

The women's basketball team's junior Stephanie Sarosi (44) snatched up two consecutive SSC Women's Basketball Player of the Week awards on both Feb. 23 and Mar. 2 to mark her second and third SSC honors for the 2008-2009 season. Sarosi led the Sharks in four successive SSC wins to close out their regular season and sent them into the Tournament in the third place position. Sarosi hit her 1,000th career point while at NSU while seizing a win against Barry University. She went onto make history within the program, breaking the record for most points scored in a single season, 532. Sarosi has scored over 20 points in her last six outings, one game hitting the 31-point mark.

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left the remaining moments of the match in controversy as both Fin-atics and Sharks athletes waited in anticipation to hear the referee's decision. Results were announced and the Fighting Knights were awarded the foul for two shots, and the chance to send the Sharks home. The first shot was good to tie the score up at 77-all; however, Fin-atics would not allow this to be the end as they rallied together and were louder than ever. Lynn's Randy Jones missed the second shot to send the game into overtime. Fin-atics continued to rally throughout the five minutes of overtime, the Sharks taking the win 89-84. Junior Dave Naylor (1) tacked on 19 points as Tassy and Dionte Perry (1) contributed 13 to 15 points, coenraad following with 14. Unfortunately the Sharks were defeated, 75-67, in an emotional game, as NSU said goodbye to seniors Josh Wood (23), Tim Coenraad (22), Jordan Smith (10) and Dionte Perry (1). Although the seniors are leaving, they can at least celebrate the fact that this was their first winning season in two years.

Wilson Finishes First in the 200 Meter

36-31 lead as they entered the locker room. With 10 minutes left, the Moes took the lead 49-48. NSU was persistent in regaining their lead, and a lay up from freshman Steve Komp (34) and 12-3 run for the Sharks, slowly but surely pulling further and further away until the game's final moments. Junior powerhouse and two-time SSC Player of the Year, Stephanie Sarosi (44), registered 20 points and 14 rebounds on the evening. Tepe tallied together 20 points, while senior Eliza Allen totaled 12.

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Wilson Finishes First in the 200 Meter

Freshman Kyley Jorgensen

TRANEL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

NSU's men's and women's track teams kicked off their 2009 season while competing in the Embry-Riddle Last Chance Meet on Feb. 21. The Sharks accumulated a total of 12 top five finishes, seven from the men's side and five from the women's team.

For the men, senior Michael Wilson took the spotlight as he finished first in the 200 meter race with a marvelous 21.80 seconds. The Sharks' 4x800-meter relay team, consisting of sophomores Joseph Petia and Chris Jacob along with junior John Besharat and sophomore Agustin Rey, crossed the finish line in second place in 8:15.38.

As for the women, freshmen Roberta Fisher, along with Kyley Jorgensen, took second place titles in the 100 and 200 meters, respectively. Fisher clocked a 7.70 in her 100 meters, with Jorgensen coming just behind-her teammate at 7.78 to take third. Junior Stacy Daley stole third with a time of 1:02.64 in the 400 meter race.

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 manages First in the 200 Meter
NSU Baseball on 11-game Winning Streak

ALEX GYNESS
STAFF WRITER

The NSU baseball team (17-2) returned home after a long stretch of games over spring break 2009, kicking it off on Feb. 20 with a 3-1 win in a four-game series against the No. 11 nationally ranked Valdosta State Blazers. The Sharks continued their terrific play by thumping Palm Beach Atlantic’s Sailfish on Feb. 24, and destroying the Flagler College Saints on Feb. 25, with a final score of 9-1.

The Sharks’ offense continued where they left off in the first game, punishing the Saints in game two, 11-3. Martinez had an outstanding game, going 4-for-4 from the batters box with two home runs, scoring four runs and three RBIs. Valenzuela and Furstenburg chipped in, combining for four runs, four hits and three RBIs.

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Sharks Bring Honie First Place Victory

TRANEL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

The Sharks’ No. 9 nationally ranked men’s golf team traveled to California on Feb. 24, where they took part in the Eloc Inc., Intercollegiate tournament and dominated amongst 19 competing teams, bringing the gold home to NSU as they took first.

Senior Greg O’Mahony led the Sharks with incredible consistency, shooting back-to-back under-par rounds to place himself second individually, 207 going nine under par. O’Mahony states, “After a few rounds I was not happy with, it’s nice to see some results and know all the hard work is paying off.”

NSU softball pitcher (10) made program history as she was the first player to ever be named Div. II National Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 25 while under Head Coach Lesa Boneccis reign. As seen on the mound, No. 10 is 9-4 on the season thus far capturing four wins for the week, after pitching 26.2 innings, while registraing a whopping 16 strikeouts. This junior threw a complete game shutout while up against SCS rivals of St. Leo University on Feb. 20.

Answer:

Sharks Finish Second at Lady Moc Classic

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

NSU’s No. 1 nationally ranked women’s golf team competed in the Lady Moc Classic on March 3 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla. Upon winning their past three consecutive tournaments, the Sharks fell two strokes short and brought home second.

Not only did the Sharks battle Sunshine State Conference competitors, but they battled the frigid winds as they endured temperature in the low 40s. After completing round one of the tournament, the Sharks held onto the first place position, two strokes ahead of SCS rivals Florida Southern and Lynn University. Round two was pushed back to day two to be played just before the third and fourth rounds due to poor weather conditions.

Upon entering the final day of the tournament Rollins College was able to overcome a seven-stroke deficit to defeat the Sharks by just two strokes. Junior Maria Garcia-Austi had a wonderful performance in spite of the loss, 74-75-72-230.

Sharks’ Tennis
Back on Track

TRANEL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

NSU’s tennis team (4-6; 3-1 SSC) underwent a successful 2009 spring break week as they picked up three Sunshine State Conference victories.

The Sharks kicked off their break by sweeping both Saint Leo University and the University of Tampa, 9-0 and scooping up another 6-3 win versus Florida Tech. Unfortunately, NSU fell to Division I’s Detroit University, 6-3.

Looking over the 2009 season statistics thus far, Elisa Leeder and Monica Vieth remain undefeated for the Sharks in SSC singles play, 2-0 and 1-0, respectively. Doubles partners Mary Crider and Leeder, along with Justine Feaster and Leeder, along with Justine Feaster and

Louisville Slugger/NFCA Div. II National Pitcher of the Week

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Answer:

Answers To Sports Corner: Issue 20

1) Amy Reckard
2) Dustin Gates
3) Jason Palmateer
Fan of the Week

CHRISTOPHER BALABAN
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/WRITER

Paulo Orlando DelGobbo was spotted at NSU’s men’s basketball game versus Florida Tech on Feb. 25. DelGobbo is a junior math major at McMaster University in Canada, and is visiting NSU for the week. When asked why he is visiting, DelGobbo said, “I’m here to check out some programs NSU is offering and more importantly, it’s freezing up north!” When asked what he planned on doing while he was down here, he told us, “Soaking up the sun [and] attending some more sports games.” Thank you for your support Paulo and congratulations on being NSU’s "FAN OF THE WEEK!"

Softball Earns a No. 2 National Ranking

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

As the NSU softball team approaches the midpoint of their 2009 campaign, the team’s success has earned them their highest national ranking in program history, as they are presently sitting at No. 2 in the nation.

NSU currently holds a 23-6 record, 4-2 in Sunshine State Conference play, which includes two five-game winning streaks and a seven-game winning streak. The Sharks are led offensively by junior Lauren Lopez (15), who is leading the team in batting average, runs batted in and slugging percentage hitting .511 from the plate, collecting 27 RBIs and massing a .755 slugging percentage thus far this season.

Following Lopez in RBIs is fellow junior Jessica Hernandez (2) with 22 RBIs, senior Rachel Donachie (8) and juniors Britney Lamb (23) and Dana Bergner (11) with 13 RBIs and senior Jessica Rockwell (5) with 12 RBIs.

On the defensive side, junior pitcher Dani Carron (10) was named the Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II National Pitcher of the Week for the week ending Feb. 22. Carron amassed a 4.00 record in the week and led an outstanding 36 strikeouts which included three complete games and two shutouts including the shutout of No. 16 Saint Leo University.

NSU boasts two quality pitchers in Carron and sophomore Lexi Sarradet (6), who holds an 11-4 record with a 2.22 earned run average for the season. The Sharks’ defense is giving up only 2.5 runs per contest and is averaging 1.2 errors a game. The offense is currently scoring an average 5.8 runs a game with 4.2 runs coming from RBIs.

Over the last two weeks, the Sharks won 3 of their last 6 games, including a three-game sweep of conference rival Lynn University and finishing off the week with three straight wins over Florida Southern College and two wins against Flagler.

FAN POLL

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

Will Tiger Woods be the same after recovering from his knee injury?

(100 NSU students were polled)

Yes: 82%

No: 18%

ACROSS

1) I am a junior catcher on the men's baseball team. I am majoring in sports and wellness. You can see me on the field wearing No. 14.

2) I am a member of both the men's track and the cross-country teams. I am a junior, majoring in athletic training, and hope to become a sports medicine doctor.

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1) I am a freshman on the women's basketball team wearing No. 21. I am from Tennessee. I am majoring in biology. Following graduation, I plan to attend medical school.
Three Strikes for Perry's "Madea Goes to Jail"

RACQUEL FAGON

Variety Editor

Tyler Perry is back, and trying even harder to show Hollywood what he can do whatever he wants and get away with it. His latest stroke of redundant brilliance is the incongruous comedy/drama/sermon, "Madea Goes to Jail." Now, I will admit to being sucked into the film, twice even, but this is where I draw the movie line: no more of these amalgamations of skits that Perry continues to call movies. He should simply collect his winnings and get out of the game before he is thrown out.

Receiving more screen time with Perry's money-making character, Madea, is the main reason I wanted to see the film. However, Madea gets practically no talent that is within Perry's artistic trove.

For a sophomore effort, "Elvis Perkins in Dearland" is astonishingly wonderful and easy to listen to. I do not find myself comparing it to the first, and in fact, I find myself liking it much better than "Ash Wednesday." I just hope he goes on tour again so I can truly appreciate his performance. "Elvis Perkins in Dearland" comes out on March 10, and will be available on his Web site, www.elvisperkinsindearland.com, where some of the money raised will go towards Pete Seeger's Clearwater Foundation.

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Elvis Perkins' Sophomore Effort is -Better Than the First

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My first experience with "Elvis Perkins in Dearland" came at the beginning of a Clap Your Hands Say Yeah show. Perkins and crew opened up for the headlining Clap Your Hands and had some upstaged the very people they were invited to open for. I had not listened to Perkins beforehand, so as soon as he walked onto the stage I was surprised to see a Bob Dylan look-a-like with an acoustic guitar and a harmonica holder around his neck. Perkins' performance was powerful and has obviously stuck with me to this day.

The best and most interesting tracks come on the second half of the album. However, the album's opening song "Shampoo," extends the Perkins-Dylan similarities further than any other track. The songs lyrics are abstract, unusual and quite honest, almost completely indecipherable.

Instead, it has everything to do with his friends. Candace (Keisha Knight Pulliam) after being arrested for prostitution and drugs. Hardaway, failing Linda earlier in their relationship, is now determined to right the wrong done to her by helping her to get clean and off the streets. As a result of Hardaway's philanthropy to his old friend, Linda becomes jealous and devises a plot to put Candace in jail for a long time.

Madea is delivered into prison, facing a five year sentence... maybe. Her latest stroke of redundant brilliance is an album with most of its lyrical content coming from the death of Perkins' mother in the Sept. 11 attacks.

It seems Perry figured out that his movie may not be that good after all, and in turn, uses a misleading title and false advertisements to promote his film. However, Madea gets practically no serious actors such as Davis and Luke in the mix, it gives the film an incoherence that makes the film almost unwatchable. It just hurts to see talented actors put themselves in such awkward situations.

"Madea Goes to Jail" is really an awkward representation of the reservoir of talent that is within Perry's artistic trove. It is just a pity that he didn't dig deep enough this time around.
Sunny Side Up: (Continued)

"I think we need to call the police, and report him as missing," Mom said. "Yeah, we should do that," Mike agreed. "Doesn't he have to be missing for 48 hours before we can report him as missing?" I asked. "Thomas is special," Mom responded. "He can take care of himself if he's a regular person can." "I'm calling them, Mom," Mike said. So, Mike is calling the police, Mom is frazzled, I'll fill the corner and I am waiting for them to go to sleep so I can dump the stupid body. Or maybe I can try to dump it now, under the pretense that I'm going to look for that waste of space.

"Let's just all calm down and relax," I cooked, "I'm sure Thomas is fine."

"The police said they'll look into it, based on the circumstances with Thomas," Mike said, totally ignoring what I said. "Anyway, I think I'm gonna drive out and see if I can spot Thomas anywhere," I said. "Uh-huh," came from Mom's direction. They weren't even realising that I'm gone if I didn't say anything. I could just walk out and drive, and I'll probably be missed for a day or two.

Anyway, I need to find a way to get a find out of the basement without those people finding out. I can push the body through the little window out to the side of the house so no, wait maybe they can't fit. Would I have to chop up the body? No, too much work, and everybody is in the house, so I'll be too dangerous.

"What do you want me to say to Mom, that I have him stashed away somewhere - that I'm hiding him from you?" I asked. "I don't know where he is."

"His woman is really starting to annoy me. Seriously!"

"Do you remember anything he said that might give us some clue into where he might be?" Mike asked.

He was standing by the phone, as if he were willing it to ring.

What a sad bunch they are. Having their lives controlled by a crazy guy who doesn't even know what crazy means. Poor idiot thought he was normal, and that was the reason everybody liked him. Poor, dead idiot.

To be continued...
Racism Isn't Over... Yet

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In South Florida, racially motivated violence and "hate crimes" are not exactly a part of our daily reality. Obviously, these kinds of things have happened in the past and will, I'm sure, continue to happen in the future. However, the rest of the country, particularly the rest of the American south, does not share in South Fla.'s seemingly tolerant view of race.

Over the past several months especially, racism has become a "hot-button" issue. Fatal hate crimes in places like Paris, Texas, the reappearance of the noose, and President Obama's election have all sparked a sort of re-examination of what racism is and why it has not gone away. MAINLY, the questions have been, if we live in a country that is so obviously racially intolerant, how did all African-Americans rise to the highest post in the land and does his election mean racism is over?

Now, I'm not a psychologist, so the first question is hard for me to address, but simple observations and discussions have led to this answer for the second question: racism and ethnic prejudices are as alive as ever.

Social scientists tell us that race is socially constructed and is used, mostly, to keep other people down. The color of my skin and an African-American's skin isn't, and shouldn't be, what makes us different. Our personalities and views on various topics are and should be what signifies the differences between the two of us. Nevertheless, people will call me the "white girl" and the other person "black," even though the prescribed colors don't ever match up to our actual skin tones.

The American Association of Physical Anthropologists has the classification of human beings based on sets of heritable traits, such as skin color, eye color, hair texture, facial features and various other categories. So, in just eight words, I have pointed out the four unimportant things that have been used to kill, enslave and separate us from one another for thousands of years.

People seem to think that by simply punishing the perpetrators of racist acts, hate crimes will eventually disappear and attitudes will change. However, a one-time punishment for a lifelong hatred toward another human being isn't exactly justice for either party.

While I believe that Americans should and do have the right to say whatever they feel, as long as there is no physical altercation involved, the hateful act and the "hate speech" is not what we should be fighting against. It is not enough to merely stand back and say, "Well, thank goodness the student who spray painted the 'N-word' all over the Parker Building is being expelled.

I know the example seems a little silly, but think about it: Will expulsion really change this student's opinion or feelings toward race? Or will it just make him or her believe the school is sympathetic towards African-Americans?

We, as a university and as a nation, shouldn't be trying to fight against the violence or "hate speech" but, instead, should be fighting against the attitudes and views that brought the acts and comments to fruition. Eliminating racism won't come easily or swiftly, but racial tolerance or the destruction of race altogether could be what truly brings this country to ether.

Look familiar?

Psoriasis often strikes between the ages of 15 and 25.

1. Psoriasis on chest
2. Inverse psoriasis, in armpits
3. Psoriasis of the nails

Technology in the Classroom is Being Taken Too Far

On a March 2 broadcast of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," Dan Bobkoff visited Cleveland State University to report on the use of credit-card-sized keypads, or clickers, as they are called, in the classroom. According to the report, the clickers are used to allow students to answer multiple-choice questions, set up by the teacher on the projector screen, anonymously.

The report polled the class, using the clickers, to see if they enjoyed using them and most said they did, but it made me think: Live we become so accustomed to the anonymity of technology that it is now affecting how we learn and what our capabilities are as students?

Clearly, technology and the Internet are magnificent things. If I want to know something, I just type it into a search bar and information about it pops up from all over the place. If I want to read a book, but the weather is too bad to go to the bookstore, I can just download it and read it on my computer. I can call friends all over the world through Skype without having to pay a cent, or chat with them through an instant messaging program. I can watch videos, make videos, listen to music, record music and do thousands of other things. I'm probably not aware of, however, all of this is to come with surprising and seemingly unintended consequences. One of them being exactly what the original point of this article was: anonymity and impersonal communication.

As I said before, these consequences have become so serious that they are affecting the way teachers instruct their students and how their students learn.

Personally, I would rather quit school than be in a classroom where I had to ask and answer questions through a device that could fit in my wallet. Sure, the clickers are convenient and can be helpful for students who are timid or embarrassed, but the important question is, how do they improve the quality of education students get?

I always believed that the greatest part of going to college was being able to ask questions without being laughed at or shamed, and being able to discuss topics with people who may think differently. Take away meaningful and educational discussion and you might as well take away the collegiate experience all together.

I'm not saying technology should be banned from the classroom, but the classroom should not become a place where students are afraid and discouraged to speak their minds and ask important questions. If anything, teachers should be stressing the importance of students speaking up in the classroom setting, not taking that ability away.
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