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Life 101...Personally Speaking

Reporting live with Dan Abrams: NBC's Chief Legal Correspondent and MSNBC Anchor.

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

Nova Southeastern University welcomed NBC’s Chief Legal Correspondent and MSNBC Anchor Dan Abrams to the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on Nov. 10. Life 101... Personally Speaking is an informal interview program presented by the Division of Student Affairs and hosted by Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D., professor at NSU’s Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

The interview began with Cavanaugh’s inquiry of Abrams background. Born on May 20, 1966 Abrams grew up in Manhattan, and lived there most of his life. His sister is a federal lawyer and his father is a constitutional lawyer; Abrams expressed that his father is an inspiration because he was a man who was very passionate about his profession.

Abrams attended Riverdale Country Day School (high school) in NYC; while there he was involved in sports and created debate/mock trial teams. Abrams became active in student life when he attended Duke University; he loved Duke because of its diversity and was elected vice-president of the student body. Abrams majored in political science with the intention of pursuing a career in politics, and credits his experiences at Duke for establishing who he is today.

After graduating with a BA in Political Science from Duke University in 1988, Abrams took a year off before attending Columbia Law School, where he received his law degree in 1992. Abrams joked that dad was a Yale professor, but he “still didn’t get in.” He also mentioned the fact that he wasn’t really “into” law school.

After schooling Abrams landed a job at Court TV – at the time “there was a fascination with trials in America,” explains Abrams. During his tenure, he covered the O.J. Simpson murder trial from Los Angeles. Abrams revealed that he covered O.J. Simpson at the outset of his journalism career, saying that it was, “being in the right place in the right time,” and “taking advantage of it.” Abrams claims that he made himself “indispensable,” and that he ingrained himself in the story, so the network had to keep him on the air. “I lived that trial” offers Abram. In addition to the O.J Simpson trial, Abrams covered such trials as the Timothy McVeigh trial from Denver, the International War Crimes trial from The Hague, Netherlands, and the assisted-suicide trials of Dr. Jack Kevorkian from Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan.

Besides his reporting duties, Abrams was a daytime anchor for Court TV and anchored the weekly program “Teen Court TV.”

Abrams joined NBC News as a general assignment correspondent based in New York in 1997 and continued his legal reporting in a number of high-profile trials, including the Timothy McVeigh trial from Denver, the International War Crimes trial from The Hague, Netherlands, and the assisted-suicide trials of Dr. Jack Kevorkian from Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan.
NSU Displays Buddhist Prayer Wheel

By Danielle Garcia  Contributing Writer

The Alvin Shermin Library has added a new permanent fixture: a Buddhist Prayer Wheel consecrated by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. The prayer wheel will be on display for the NSU community and library patrons to view and spin.

The prayer wheel was added this fall to the Alvin Shermin Library atrium after being donated by local philanthropist Alfred Miniaci. Miniaci actually purchased the wheel when he was informed that His Holiness would be on display for the NSU community and allow for it to be accessible while on display. Dave Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations, states that although the prayer wheel is a symbol of a specific religion, Buddhism, it is also seen as a symbol of hope and kindness.

The Buddhist prayer wheel, one of the largest in the world, was consecrated in India by Tibetan monks. Inside the wheel are rolls of thin paper imprinted with millions of copies of a Tibetan mantra: Om Mani Padme Hum, written in an ancient Indian script. The rolls are wound around an axel inside a protective decorative container. The wheel sits on an axel so it can be spun, and Tibetan Buddhists believe that the mantra invokes the powerful benevolent attention and blessings of Chenrezig, the embodiment of compassion.

The 14th Dalai Lama is seen as a universal symbol of peace, and his public appearance on NSU’s campus is one the NSU community will not soon forget. In an attempt to continue to diversify NSU’s campus, University Relations, President Ray Ferraro Jr., and Alfred Miniaci worked together to craft a special platform that could hold the prayer wheel and allow for it to be accessible while on display. Dave Dawson said that a volunteer group called The Friends of the Library is in the process of commissioning a glass sculpture for display in the library to continue to educate the campus and enrich the local community.

College of Pharmacy’s 16th Annual Career Day

By Rafia Chodhry  News Editor

Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy will be hosting its 16th annual Career Day starting 7:30 a.m. this Friday in the Atrium of the Health Professions Division. The day long event will include exhibits, student interviews, and a sponsors’ dinner and awards presentation.

Students will also have the opportunity to explore different intern, residency, and career opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry.

The event usually draws a few thousand people and is open to anyone, although the most interest is shown in graduating health professions students. This year, over forty companies are expected to attend, making it one of the largest career fairs in NSU’s history.

For more information contact Peggy Brown at 954-262-1391.

Schedule of Events

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibit Set-up
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Exhibitor’s Hours
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Student Interviews
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sponsors’ Dinner and Awards Presentation

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the Bush v. Gore post-election legal battles, President Clinton’s impeachment trial, the Oklahoma City Bombing Trials and Appeals, Susan McDougall’s trial, the JonBenet Ramsey Investigation and the Elian Gonzalez legal battles.

Abrams is currently an MSNBC Anchor and News Chief Legal Correspondent for NBC. Dan Abrams anchors “The Abrams Report” on MSNBC’s TV and also covers legal stories for “NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw,” “Today” and “Dateline NBC.”

When host Cavanaugh asked Abrams to comment on hurricane Katrina, Abrams explained that it was a hard story to cover because he had to see dead bodies floating in the river; he also said that the government failed us during the hurricane and that FEMA, “did not do what they were supposed to do.” When a temporary transfer student from Tulane to NSU asked Abrams about New Orleans, he said that the city will never be the same and should not aspire to be, also that “changes will be made, but New Orleans has a grand future ahead of them.”

An accomplished writer, Abrams has published articles in The New York Times, The Nation, USA Today, The American Lawyer, George and the Yale Law and Policy Review. When asked if he had any advice for aspiring legal correspondents, Abrams suggested that young professionals, “don’t aspire to be in such a condensed field because there are not enough jobs. Instead, do it because they want to be in the media.”

With additional reporting by Greg Kyriakakis and Kristine Belizaire
**Bizarre Briefs**

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

**“Safe” Cigarettes are Still Deadly**

The British American Tobacco company will do anything to keep people smoking, including introducing a new cigarette that they claim will "cut the risk of smoking-related diseases such as cancer and heart failure by up to 90%." The Times Online reported that the new cigarette, which looks and tastes just like the conventional, more deadly variety, will use specially treated tobacco and a new type of filter that will remove remaining toxins. Scholars warn that "anything involving inhaling smoke toxins. Scholars warn that "anything involving inhaling smoke to the conventional, more deadly variety, will use specially treated

**Sony “Rootkit” Helps Hackers Invade PCs**

Listeners of Sony music CDs are in for a surprise when they try to play their legitimate copies on their PCs. Washingtonpost. com reported that "some new Sony CDs install software that not only limits the copying of music on the discs, but also employs programming techniques normally associated with computer viruses to hide from users and prevent them from removing the software." The software installed acts similar to "rootkits" used by hackers to control computers they have broken in. Sony's software also enables hackers to easily hide viruses on systems with the copy-protection installed. The Register confirmed that a variant of the Breplugiton Trojan uses Sony's alterations to Windows to hide in the Windows system directory. A class-action lawsuit has been filed against Sony in California, with another expected shortly in New York.

**Fish Ice Cream Makes a Big Splash**

Pineapple shrimp, wasabi cuttlefish, strawberry tuna and mango seaweed are the newest flavors of ice cream that Dr. Ice and weird," but enjoyed his treat. Hsueh said that people "thought I was crazy because shrimp seemed an impossible ingredient for frozen desserts." Scallop is likely to be the next addition.

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**News from Around the World**

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

**South America**

**Summit leaders disagree on free trade proposition**

The leaders of 34 nations at the Summit of the Americas in Argentina "closed a two-day summit Saturday by failing to re-launch long-stalled talks on a hemisphere-wide free trade accord," according to the International Herald Tribune and the Associated Press. Five nations opposing the accord, led by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, successfully delayed a revival of negotiations as the summit came to a close late on Nov. 4. Leaders left behind delegates to continue debates. President Bush is planning to meet the leaders of several individual countries to gain support.

For more information visit www.ith.com.

**Middle East**

**Cold threatens Pakistani earthquake victims**

Reuters reported that "hundreds of pneumonia cases are already being treated in Pakistan's earthquake zone" and many more could die due to cold temperatures and a lack of food and shelter. Relief workers told reporters that there is "a second disaster in the making" unless survivors receive shelter and supplies. Dagmar Chocholbalova, a Czech doctor near the town of Bagh in Pakistani Kasmir, estimated that her clinic is only treating "about one percent of patients from 28 settlements" because many people cannot make the long trip to her location. It is feared that deaths from cold and hunger will add to the quake death toll of 73,000. The United Nations has organized "Operation Winter Race" in an effort to help the victims.

For more information visit www.cabc.net.au.

**Caribbean**

**Haiti sues former President Aristide**

According to the Agence France-Presse, the Haitian acting government has "accused former President Jean Bertrand Aristide of embezzling 'millions of dollars' from public funds and drug trafficking. The lawsuit, filed last Wednesday in a federal court in Miami, claimed Aristide "looted the public treasury and laundered the illicit proceeds and diverted and stole revenues rightfully belonging to the Haitian national telephone company." Aristide's lawyer, Ira Kurkind, said the lawsuit was "frolicuous" and called it a "disinformation campaign." Money allegedly diverted by Aristide went to businesses in Florida, which is the reason the suit was filed in Miami.

For more information visit www.guardian.co.uk.

**Africa**

**Somalian pirate attacks escalate**

The International Maritime Bureau, centralized in London, told reporters from Reuters that "pirates have attacked two more merchant ships off Somalia at the weekend, one close to where a cruise ship was hit" on Saturday, Nov. 8. Jayant Abhyanakar, deputy director of the IMB, said the pirate "opened fire with [rocket-propelled grenades] and machine guns" causing damage to the bridge windows. No one was injured in the attacks against the cruise and merchant ships, and the IMB said that all of the ships managed to outrun the pirates who gave chase in speed boats. In response, the IMB has "called on coalition ships" to "patrol important merchant shipping routes."

For more information visit www.abcr.net.au.

**North America**

**Indiana tornado kills 23**

As of press time on Nov. 8, Reuters reported that a tornado of unknown strength killed 23 people as it destroyed several mobile-home parks in neighboring counties. The Eastbrook mobile home park in Evansville suffered the most damage with 18 people confirmed dead. Five more deaths were reported in nearby Warrick County, "including a couple, their four-year-old son and the woman's new-term fetus." Vanderburgh County Sheriff Brad Ellsworth told Reuters the tornado "could not have touched down in a worse place" and that the residents only had 11 minutes to prepare after the sounding of the sirens. More than 200 people were reportedly injured in other areas.

For more information visit www.abcr.net.au.

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**Money For College**

The Army is currently offering sizeable bonuses of up to $20,000. In addition to the cash bonuses, you may qualify for up to $70,000 for college through the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or you could pay back up to $65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army's Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, call 954-472-4800.
As part of the FCAS Environmental Science/Studies program, a series of field projects are offered for 2006. All NSU family members are invited to join us and explore the nature, wildlife, culture, and anthropology of other lands. Contact Dr. Barker (bbarker@nova.edu) for more information.

March 3-10, 2006 (Spring Break) Baños, Ecuador
San Martin Zoological Gardens
Amazonia Cloud Forest Biodiversity Project
Once a year we travel to one of the richest biodiversity areas on earth, the Amazonia Cloud Forest in Ecuador, to explore the region and document local flora and fauna. For those wishing credits, this project is offered as a Special Topics Course, 3 credit hours (GEOL 2490, CRN# 11404 or 31405)
Project fee: $950 for NSU students/staff, $1450 for general public.

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Project fee: $2500 for the first week and $700 for each additional week.

July 16-30, 2006 Kenya and Madagascar
Masai Mara - Serengeti Wildlife Photographic Documentation
Madagascar - Photographic Documentation of Lemurs
This is a two week program. 5/6 in Kenya and 4/5/6 in Madagascar. This project is also offered as a Special Topics Course, 3 cr hrs (GEOL 2490, CRN# TBA)
Project fee: $3000 for NSU students/staff, $4500 for general public.

For further information, call Dr. Barry W. Barker, 954-262-8303.

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Are We All Fools for Love?

Is there such a thing as "true love," or is it all a bunch of crap? Did Snow White and Cinderella screw with our young, impressionable minds or is it the fault of our society? Whom ever is to blame, I would like to big 'ch slap!

I am fully aware that I am a big girl who is equipped with the freedom of self will, the creator of my own destiny, and responsible for my own thoughts and actions. Yet I can’t shake the feeling that I have been duped.

First we find out that there is no Santa Clause, then no Tooth Fairy, nor an Easter Bunny! These realizations sucked- however, we don’t need another person to validate me. No white horse is going to scoop you up and ride off into the sunset. No “true love” or “soul mate” that I was entitled to. Stupid me.

Wow! I must sound pretty bitter and jaded. Maybe I am, but at least I am no longer living in a dream world. I am not saying that we should all give up and accept our lonely, loveless fate; I want us all to open our eyes to reality! The person of your dreams is not going to magically fall from the sky and land on your lap. No white horse is going to scoop you up and ride off into the sunset.

After all of that negative rambling, you must be convinced that I am hopeless... I am not! I do believe in that great love, but what I have learned is that loving another person means compromise, acceptance, humiliation and vulnerability. Love takes work, trial and error. Love is not Prince Charming on a white horse, love is found in the most unlikely places. Love is not perfect. Love should make you a better person, your love should make them a better person.

I have decided to stop wanting that almighty love, stop looking, stop trying! I am going to enjoy life, embrace friends, and continue striving towards being a complete and happy me.

We do not need another person to validate who we are. We do not need another person to "complete" us! Love should enhance who we already are, not fill some theoretical hole that we are walking around with inside our hearts.

I do believe in love, I just refuse to fall for all the unrealistic bull that we have been conditioned to believe. I look forward to experiencing a great love, but I for one will not be waiting. I will be too busy living!

Snowflake Ball Raises Funds for Children with Autism

By Kristine Belzaire
Distribution Manager

On Friday, Nov. 11, over four hundred people gathered for the 40th annual Snowflake Ball, a fund raiser for the Mailman Seagle Institute’s programs for children with autism and other communication disorders, which took place at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa.

The snowflake ball was attended by many different people with their own reasons for being there. Karen Grosby, Intern Dean at the Center for Psychological Studies at NSU said, “CPS has been a long time supporter of the Mailman Seagle Institute. Many of us have our children at the institute.” Other parents also had something to say about the programs offered at the Mailman Seagle. Melissa Boogadaghian, who has a four year old daughter at the institute, said “This place is right on the money. I have never seen such an improvement in my life. My child is a new child; the one that I was supposed to have. Without this program there wouldn’t have been a chance.”

Please See SNOW

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Q: My lover is so jealous. If he thinks I’m even looking at another guy, he gets furious and accuses me of being unfaithful. I don’t know what else to do—I’ve told him a million times that I’m not cheating. I’ve quit hanging out with guys who are just friends, and I don’t even go out with my girlfriends anymore. The other day he grabbed my cell phone to check the call log, and when I tried to get it back from him, he said I was trying to hide something. But I wasn’t! How do I convince him to trust me?

A: I’m not sure you can, short of handcuffing yourself to him. But even then, he would probably start worrying that you were daydreaming about other men—cheating on him in your imagination.

When a lover starts feeling jealous, it’s always a great idea to ask yourself, “Am I doing something to contribute to the jealousy? Anything I should consider changing? Should I stop meeting my ex-lover for coffee? Should I quit going to bars alone? Should I stop talking so much with my current lover about how much I miss my ex-lover?” But if you’re doing triple back flips to try to convince someone that you’re trustworthy, including cutting yourself off from friends, it’s time to ask some new questions: “What’s up with my lover?” and “How can we change our relationship so we don’t have to continue to live this way?”

We see couples at Student Counseling. I suggest you talk to your lover about the two of you making an appointment, and if he agrees, give us a call (954-262-7050). If he refuses, you’re welcome to come by yourself—once you’ve checked us out, he might change his mind. If not, we can also supply referrals to therapists in the community.

Have a question you’d like answered in this space? Fire away: Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentcounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).
What Does a Dean do, Anyway?

By Judith Francois  
Staff Writer

"I don't really know much about deans," said Chandler Traavis, an undergraduate senior at NSU. "Students should have more interactions with the deans." Many students think of deans as people who are here to make policies and do not have much contact with students. However, Brad Williams, the Dean of Student Affairs, said that, "probably that's one of the least things that I do."

The duty of a college Dean is to assist the president and other executives in effectively running the college and universities. Many students are unaware how much deans influence their college lives, administratively and socially.

"It would be hard press to come up with a single definition of the role of the dean," said Dr. Don Rosenblum, the Dean of the Farquhar college of Arts and Sciences. "If I could change anything, I would increase the amount of time I spend interacting with students."

An example of how the deans' impact student life is the University Center, currently undergoing construction on campus. Williams threw out a proposal to build a university center for the students in Feb. 1999, and hundreds of meetings later, it's become much more than just a proposal.

"I just really value students," said Williams. Williams has nine departments under his supervision, including Student Activities, Recreation and Wellness, Career Services, Residential Life and Housing, Leadership Development and others. As the dean of Student Affairs, Williams said that a significant part of his job is to "provide leadership for programs that provide out of class experience for students that impact their life on campus."

Students are sometimes invited to interact with the deans; Williams holds monthly luncheons with selected students, to talk about their concerns. During the luncheons, students discuss "what they like about NSU [and], what they would like to see us change," explains Williams.

"Customer service is giving people what they want to make them happy," said Williams. "We are about transformation... and sometimes that means we have to say no." Williams said that deans are not here to provide good customer service to students, but to educate them and prepare them for their lives once they finish college.

For many deans, most days start before the sun comes up, and end way after it has gone down. "It's a demanding day; we have to make compromise," said Rosenblum. A typical day for a dean involves meetings, and speaking with students, faculty, and community leaders. "We have to negotiate: sit with faculty and students" said Rosenblum. He added that many times, others in the university community are invited to get involved in the decision making process. However, after the deans have listened to the different opinions, they make the final decision.

The proposal of Williams to build the University Center will impact the life of students for the rest of the university's history. Changes that Rosenblum makes in the Farquhar College of Arts and Science will affect all undergrad students and faculty. The actions and judgments that deans make today will have an effect on NSU and its students for years to come.

"I had no idea how much work deans have to do," said Lesa Phillips, Assistant to Dean Williams. "They are more involved than I thought."
Gabe Jimenez
Biology
Junior
New Jersey
Zero to two hours because I'm lazy. I'm just not motivated, and I'm a biology student.

Alesha Salus
Biology
Sophomore
Sunrise, FL
I study about six hours, but I just look at the words. I just can't absorb anything.

Claudia Harris
Environmental Studies
Sophomore
Mt. Vernon, NY
I only have two classes, so I study at least 10 hours a week.

Tenzin Chokden
Biology
Junior
Tibet
Books are one of my best companions and since I'm an international student, I study a lot, about 40-50 hours when I have to do a load of homework.

Paulo Ribeiro
Biology
Sophomore
I study about 40.5 hours a week. I aspire to become an astrophysicist.

Damian Black
Dual Admissions
Dental
Junior
Hollywood, FL
I would say about 25 a week. And I get good grades. Studying is definitely a result of my grades.

Esther Fortune
Biology
Junior
Fontamara, Haiti
It varies. Most weeks I try to give an hour for each class, and right now I have two classes, so I study about four hours a day.

Valerie Razuri
Biology
Sophomore
Miami, FL
Ideally, I'd like to study about five to seven hours, but I only study about two if I'm lucky. Myspace and Facebook—it's so bad.
An annual fundraiser that seeks to provide children with an opportunity to progress and move past their disorders has been any hope.”

Other guests included Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, and his wife Dany Johnson, who were honorary chairs at the event. When asked about their involvement with the event, they said that their daughter was in pre-k at the Mailman Seagle Institute.

Todd Parr, artist and children’s book writer and the guest speaker at the event, spoke about his books and their messages. He shared one of his books with the crowd which told children that they are allowed to have imperfections and be different. He mentioned his past, saying that his high school teacher advised him against being an artist and that he used to lack confidence. He said that his writing comes from the heart and donated paintings at the event.

NSU president Ray Ferrero said, “the mission of this event is to support the mission of the family center and their programs. The funds from this event are to provide opportunities for children.”

Champion for Children awards were given to Dr. Frederick Lippman, Chancellor of the Health Division Profession, and Ginny Miller, secretary for the Children and Families Leadership Association, a legislated authority to manage child welfare in Broward County. Lippman said “I am very humble and honored… Children are the sense of our future. If you don’t advocate on their behalf, you are not investing in something worthwhile.”

Attendees who donated money at the event were given bracelets to show their support of Autism research.

The event came to a close at 2 p.m. with the drawing of prizes from a raffle and a book signing by Todd Parr.

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- Dr. Fred Lippman

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Showbiz Bits
Compiled by Nicolle Garber

Goodbye Michael, and good Riddance

Michael Jackson is apparently embarrassed about the fiasco (child molestation charges) back in June 2005. The King of Pop has received a plethora of threats in the United States, according to his father, Joseph Jackson. Yahoo! Entertainment reported that Jackson will return to the United States, but he will never live here—instead, the "Thriller" singer is making his home in the most unlikely and isolated of places—Bahrain, an island of the coast of Saudi Arabia. Maybe he wanted a change of climate. Maybe he thinks no one will recognize his pasty features. Maybe it's more acceptable to have relationships with eight-year olds. Either way, I'm glad he's leaving. Now I can finally go to "Neverland Ranch" without his creepy presence around me.

Kiss My Feet and I'll do a Jig

The Simpson sister noted for her lip-syncing catastrophe on Saturday Night Live can now be remembered for acting like a fool as she stirred up commotion at a Toronto McDonald's. The singer was seen hours before at a bar in Four Seasons. Simpson was caught on tape acting like a drunken four-year-old who desperately wants a Happy Meal. She curses and speaks unintelligibly, and when a fan asks for a picture she asks him to kiss her feet. When the fan refuses (how dare he) Simpson slurs "No I won't take a picture with you, you wouldn't kiss my foot...so [sic]." That's classy, Ashlee. You barely have enough fans as it is. Way to alienate the few souls who actually keep your career going. On the other hand, if my career were a big joke, I'd be drunk at McDonald's all the time.

Potter Spellbinds the UK

It's that time of year again when the broomsticks aren't used for sweeping, the blankets aren't used for sleeping, and the ordinary brown owl becomes a powerful magic wand. That's right folks, the fourth installment of Harry Potter movies, Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire hit the UK like a butt full of Rhino's and everyone important attended. Madonna even came to the premiere, as well as Ron, Harry, and Hermione, who dressed up as muggles (non-magical people) for the occasion. Goblet of Fire premiered in London on Sunday, November 6. The movie, which is deemed the darkest of the series, takes place during Harry's fourth year at Hogwarts; the school of witchcraft and wizardry. Daniel Radcliffe, who plays Harry, who just recently turned 16, is excited over the fact that he is now able to buy lottery tickets. Go figure.

Ozzy is a Sex-Crazed Rabbit

Sharon Osborne might have to put out a formal complaint against her Prince of Darkness husband Ozzy Osborne if he doesn't stop pestering her for sex. "He's like a f*%king rabbit, honestly," Sharon says according to World Entertainment News Network. Sharon describes how she thought "his constant craving were normal," but upon discussing her relationship with other friends, discovered that Ozzy's "bedroom enthusiasm" was not shared. I find this concept of a horny Ozzy unfathomable, you see, while watching the Osborne's reality show on MTV, Ozzy hobble like a 100-year-old man and is rarely seen without a cane. How can someone so seemingly imobile be such a nymphomaniac?
Movie Openings

November 11
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson
Director: Mike Newell
Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy
MPAA Ratings: PG-13
Harry must contend with being mysteriously selected to compete in the prestigious Triwizard Tournament, a thrilling competition that pits him against older and more experienced students from Hogwarts and two rival wizarding schools. Meanwhile, supporters of Harry's nemesis, the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), send a shockwave of fear throughout the wizarding community when their Dark Mark scourges the sky at the Quidditch World Cup, signaling Voldemort's return to power.

Walk the Line
Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Patrick
Director: James Mangold
Genre: Drama
Walk the Line explores the early years of the music legend, an artist who transcended musical boundaries to touch people around the globe.

Album Releases

November 15
Confessions on a Dance Floor by Madonna
Bullets in a Bible by Green day
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Soundtrack
Walk the Line Soundtrack

Book Releases

Available November 14
Mary Mary by James Patterson
An actress has been shot outside her home in Beverly Hills. Afterward, an editor for the Los Angeles Times receives an e-mail recounting the murder in shocking detail, signed Mary Smith. Her calling card: “You’ve got mail.” The authorities fear this is only the beginning. Mary Smith is targeting Hollywood stars and power brokers, and she is getting better every time. This case is like nothing Alex has ever confronted before. Could this be the plan of an obsessed fan or a spurned actor, or is it part of something much more terrifying? And how could a woman be capable of these vicious crimes?

Why Do I Love These People?: The Miraculous Journeys of Twenty-First-Century Families by Po Bronson
The 19 families profiled in this absorbing book face a familiar litany of domestic dysfunction: infidelities, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, messy divorces and the intergenerational estrangement of immigrants. Novelist and social documentarian Bronson finds the solutions to their dilemmas in the good old-fashioned elements of character and action, as people take stock of themselves and their motivations and painstakingly pie together their relationships and lives.

DVD Releases

Available November 15
Juno Fox in Squalor
Kate Hudson in The Skeleton Key
Ben Stiller in Madagascar

Entertainment

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David Lee Roth at the Hard Rock Café

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Filling Your Evenings Without Emptying Your Pockets

A cost-effective budget can reduce financial stress during the holidays

By Marines Alvarez
A&E Editor

More often than not, being in college inadvertently means living on a limited budget. With the holidays quickly approaching and the promise of big spending following close behind, now more than ever, it may be time to cut extra expenditures. So what does one do for fun when there is no money to be found? Believe it or not, in and around your area there are plenty of free events that will keep your pockets and your nights nice and full.

It's no secret that as of late, the box office has been suffering. Some like to say it's thanks to the increase of technology, but it could also be due to the embarrassments that are being passed off as movies nowadays. In any case, there are a few places to catch free viewing of a variety of films.

First there is Huizenga Plaza in Fort Lauderdale which airs a free outdoor movie at 8p.m every final Saturday of the month. Although the entertainment is provided, you must bring your own chairs or blankets.

Then there are the movies shown right here on campus. The featured movies this month, which are shown at the Flight Deck and sponsored by Student Affairs, include The 40-year Old Virgin and Deser Bigelow: European Gigalow.

Music lovers need not fear. There are plenty of concerts for those who like to spend their evenings on their feet and dancing the night away. November 14 marks the beginning of the "Dancing in the Moonlight Series" at the Hollywood Beach Theater. From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., all are invited to dance to and enjoy music ranging from easy listening to line dancing to blues, R&B and rock & roll.

Also at the Hollywood Beach Theater is the Broadway Friday Fes. This lively event, which is every second and fourth Friday of the month, features music and delicious foods that range from oysters to pasta served up by dozens of cafes, bars and restaurants.

In similar fashion, the Bank of America Fiesta also features music, food and dancing but with a Latin twist. This event occurs every fourth Sunday from 11 am to 6pm at the Las Olas River front.

But man cannot live of music and movies alone. Well, many of us can but it never hurts to broaden some horizons and delve into the world of arts and literature.

The Miami International Book Fair, one of the largest fairs in the country, is currently underway. This outdoor fair will feature exhibits by 200 national book-sellers and more than 250 authors will read excerpts of their works.

In a unique event designed for art enthusiasts, ArtWalk is centered in downtown Hollywood. Each participating gallery opens their doors for a night to be spent in the company of other art lovers while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine.

These are just a handful of events that are happening around us, which can not only be interesting and fun, but are kind to our pocketbooks. For more information on events like these, visit www.southflorida.com.
BURIAL
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"As I sat in the audience... I was very proud to be witnessing what was ultimately the inauguration of a theater program [that] I am sure will enjoy much success."

costumes. Consequently, the play itself was more accessible.

On the other hand, the simple costumes left something to be desired. All through the play only one set was employed and that, with in addition to the costumes, did not create the kind of visual that would have suited the generally well-done play.

Although the actors did a good job, another thing that I think was somewhat of a disappointment for me was the inconsistency of the accents. Most of the actors started the play with something resembling an English accent, but by the end of the show, all traces of it were long gone.

On the positive side, the play was a good length and managed to catch and hold the audience's attention. It was also great to see so many familiar faces step out of themselves and tackle the roles in Burial at Thebes.

The NSU Theater will look to build on their success with Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America, a stage version of Barbara Ehrenreich's best-selling book, which the theater program looks to open on February 24-26, 2006. Until their next show, the program can enjoy the success of this pleasant play. It can be considered a big success for a debut performance from a young theater program. I congratulate Mack Duncan, the cast and the whole theatre department for a job well done.

UNTOLD
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Lined up with several hit music makers, The Veronicas showed incredible promise, but their debut album proved contradictory opening song - or any song - on this album and listen to it by itself, chances are you'll be able to bob your head right along and take the songs for what they are: three simple minutes of by-the-book pop. The problem is that after twelve cracks of the same guitar strumming, drum kicks, and Kelly Clarkson if she had a frog in her throat type vocals, this album begs to be turned off.

Of the slim pickings offered on “The Secret Life Of...” the tracks “When it all Falls Apart” and “Mother, Mother” were the most tolerable for me. The worst was by far the painful “Revolution,” which comes complete with annoying spoken lyrics. “Why do I have to explain who I am again and again,” asks the song, and by the end I found myself asking the same question.

I know there are many out there who would believe that The Veronicas' sound is not a bad one, but nobody can disagree that it has been done before. Ever heard of Avril Lavigne? Michelle Branch? Kelly Clarkson (as of late)? Well, then you have definitely heard The Veronicas. Even their bubbling energy, “unique style,” and we're twins so we finish each other’s sentences type personalities seem a little stale.

In all, true fans of the pop-rock genre will find that The Veronicas offer a familiar sound and that the “The Secret Life Of...” is a logical addition to their collection. Otherwise, keep walking folks, because there is nothing here to see.

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Mens Basketball Exhibition Game Against The University of Miami

Above: Oresti Nistios looks to his team while trying to keep the ball away from a Miami defender. Right: Kevin Chester and David Naylor fight for the rebound against the University of Miami. All photos by J.C. Ridley.

By Tranell Mesa
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team was one of the first teams to represent NSU's new mascot, the Sharks, as they took on the University of Miami Nov. 5 to compete in a pre-season exhibition game. Although the Sharks put forth outstanding effort, they were defeated 92-79.

The game started off a bit rocky as the UM Hurricanes dominated the court to lead by 22 points going into the second half. With the first half jitters out of the way, the Sharks gathered themselves and came back score nearly 80 points against the Canes, something not many people expected.

"I was impressed with the boys' ability and the fact that they hung with a major Division I school, giving them a run for their money," states NSU freshman, Lindsey Kern.

Double digit scoring players to look for this season include sophomore, Oresti Nistios, who led the team with 21 points, senior Kenny Faulk, scoring 18 points; freshman Tim Conraad, with 12 points and sophomore Kevin Chester, with 10 points.

Men's and Women's Cross Country Compete in NCAA South Region Cross Country Championships

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams participated in the NCAA South Region Cross Country Championships, hosted by Florida Southern College and Saint Leo University, on Nov. 6. The course for the women was 6,000 meters, while the men's was 10,000 meters. Some of the top-20 teams in the south region were in Dade City competing in this race, where the NSU women's team finished in 12th place and the men's team finished in 17th place.

Bethany Brenkus finished in 50th place individually with a time of 24:59. She was the top individual finisher for the Lady Sharks. Behind her was teammate Heather Sternau, who finished in 58th place.

Harding University won the women's team title with 67 points. The University of Tampa finished in 2nd place with 100 points. Alabama-Huntsville placed 3rd with 101 points, and Central Arkansas took the final qualifying spot with 148 points for fourth place. NSU finished ahead of conference rival Saint Leo University with 295 points.

The men's team had their second appearance in the NCAA Division II South Regional. During their season, they posted five top-five finishes as a team. Two seniors will graduate this year: Danielle Garcia and Angela Schaech.

The men's cross country team finished 17th out of 19 teams. The competition included teams from the top-19 in the south region. Yet again, freshman Eskender Abdalla was the top individual for NSU with a time of 37:36, finishing in 34th place. Abdalla has proved all year that he belongs on this team, being the strongest finisher in many of the races.

Aaron Kolterjahn was in second place for NSU with a 75th overall finish and a time of 38:40. The men's team acquired 351 points and finished ahead of conference rival Saint Leo University. James Cheruiyot from Harding University led St. Leo take the team title with 32 points. He finished the course in 32:44.

This year was NSU's first appearance in the NCAA Division II South Regional. In the season, they posted three top-five and five top-10 finishes as a team.
**Lady Sharks Soccer Team Shut Out Eckerd 4-0**

By Valen Eberhand
Staff Writer

The Lady Sharks shut out conference opponent Eckerd (3-15, 1-7 SSC) to conclude the season, and giving them a fifth place finish in the conference. Nova Southeastern finished with a 5-7-1 record on the season and 3-4-1 in the Sunshine State Conference.

Nikki Paquette and Megan Cahill ended the year with a good note, as Cahill ended on with a good note, Oligane’s goalie-clearing shot. Three goals later, the Sharks ended with a 4-0 shutout, and added another tally in the "W" column. Hayley Oligane and Kate Ashworth connected with the back of the net to officially record their first career goals as Nova Southeastern Sharks, while teammates Eyrun Hardardottir and Lauren Johnson each added one apiece.

Due to Hurricane Wilma, Division II schools in the Sunshine State Conference were forced to cancel all post season conference play. Teams were ranked according to conference records.

**NSU Volleyball Team Falls to Conference Rival Saint Leo**

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Nov. 6, the Lady Sharks (5-17, 1-11 SSC) went up against conference rival Saint Leo University (11-17, 5-8 SSC). This was NSU’s last road match of the year as they played Sunday in the Marion Bowman Center. Unfortunately, the Sharks didn’t pull out a win and were defeated by the Lions in three games (30-16, 30-25, 30-14).

Melinda Gorman led the Sharks with seven kills, Karla Ortiz and Emily Carle both had six kills. Setter Jenny Fitch registered 25 assists and two service aces. Erin Oberlin led the Lions with 11 kills, and Jessica Lynn registered 38 assists.

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**Player Profile - Eskender Abdalla**

What made you choose NSU?
"When Coach McCrea first contacted me, he was extremely nice and very convincing. He had me come visit, and I felt extremely comfortable with the school’s environment, so I just fell in love with it."

What do you love most about running?
"The competition."

Who is your role model?
"My best friend Younatan because he is one of the smartest people I know, and encouraged me to do my best in everything I did."

What do you want to get out of your time here at NSU?
"I’m working on getting a degree in pharmacy, hopefully my masters."

PRE-COLLEGATE ACHIEVEMENTS


**Aside from Cross Country...**

"I was the captain of my high school cross country and track teams. I ran the two mile and one mile for the track team. I think my time at NSU will be much more enjoyable if we were to establish a full track program."

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**NSU Sports Stats for the Week**

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Dear NSU Community,

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of fins, teeth, and other icons of sharkiness, which is a great way to keep up enthusiasm for our Shark mascot while it's still in its infancy. And with the withdrawal of Knight from University life, there have been talks of changing some other aspects as well.

Rumor has it (yes, I did just say 'rumor') that some name whether or not even functioned. I frantically scanned the faces in the room, searching for some sort of condolence or guidance, but the Senate train was leaving the station—whether I was on board or not.

Naturally, I caught up to the train, but with elbows scuffled and knees bleeding. I had to anyway. How was I going to get paid otherwise? And how would I be able to relay my, and the poor Senate's, pain and suffering into my lovingly attentive audience? All aboard! Next stop: the towns of Bewilderment and Exasperation.

One of the hot topics being tossed, or rather kicked, around the Senate floor was the funding of guest speakers. If I remember correctly, the SGA previously agreed on the funding of six guest speakers per semester. The number is still the same after the change, but, as suggested by IOC Senator Mirtha Rivera, only up to two speakers can be from the NSU community. Rivera's rationale behind this, which originated from a concern of the Senate, was to force clubs to diversify their selection of speakers instead of only relying on the club's own faculty advisor or the same faculty members. As Rivera put it, the clubs need to "do the research in finding the right speaker." Commuter Senator Alaina Siminovsky also said that this encourages clubs to pick speakers that match their mission statements.

SGA Advisor Gary Gershman brought up an excellent point about guest speakers: he said that funding NSU faculty members as speakers should not be an issue because "part of a professor's job is community service." IOC Senator Jessica Boyd cleared up the subject by saying that the guidelines suggest that the funding goes more toward the purchase of food and the like than the actual speaker. The amendment passed and I saw the obscure town of Bewilderment grow smaller as we moved on.

The hide had been tolerable up to that point, but it soon became rougher. The last heated debate only foreshadowed more to come—and frankly, I was terrified. I wanted to get off that train. Advice from an episode of "Worst Case Scenario" flashed in my mind; it was something in the lines of jump, tuck, and roll.

The horror I speak of is nothing but the presentation of club bills. The Senate, with its hunger for reform renewed, was certainly prepared to pounce on weak bills. The only bill I will focus on is Pre-Med's CPR Workshop bill.

The fuss, and what Gershman called "squabbling," was over proper PR for club events. The Pre-Med Society wanted almost $2,000 to cover food and CPR certification by the American Heart Association, but the question was whether there was enough PR to draw people to an event that costs so much. The Pre-Med representative said that PR would be taken care of with various listservers and flyers. What I did not understand was why there was a problem now, when, as Gershman said, this club was planning on using the same PR other clubs have used in the past. Siminovsky replied to concerns by saying club PR should be monitored now that the Organization Standards Board has been created.

The point is that there was so much discussion and debate over something that seemed, ironically enough, to have no point. Some can look at this as mere bickering over nothing, and some can look at this as a good sign: a sign that the Senate is sticking to the rules and regulations. Just then, however, Gershman informed us during the Advisor comments that rules can be suspended "at any time as long as the Senate agrees" to do so. And just then, my dreams were dashed. Rules, or the rules governing the SGA at least, are not set in stone.

Everyone in the room was writhing in agony and mild frustration, but I guess it will take time to get used to the new rules and the pesky questions they bring up. May the gods be with us.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose
In T.V. Land

But Can They Stop?

By Marines Alvarez

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I don’t know if you remember, but there was a time when reality programming completely invaded TV. Innocent viewers like you and I were exposed to the likes of brain-cell eating entertainment like “Joe Millionaire,” “Paradise Hotel,” “My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé”… and the list of horribleness goes on. At one point, I actually believed that this generally harmless genre would die off but, alas, there are certain shows that persist (“The Real World,” “Survivor,” “Big Brother,” etc.) and certain stations that insist on developing these programs I hate, but that millions secretly love. It is sad that the rare entertaining reality show must be cast in such a despicable family, but those are just the facts. VH1, daughter station of MTV Networks, is not one to be left behind. In fact, not only does VH1 pride in its collection of reality shows, but it also boasts its own genre, “celeb-reality,” where the term “celeb” is used very loosely. Its repertoire of shows includes “Hogan Knows Best,” “Kept,” “My Fair Brady” and its latest addition (and the topic of my weekly rant) “But Can They Sing?”

“But Can They Sing?” brings together a hodgepodge of C-list celebrities, throws microphones in their hands and hopes for the best. Let me tell you that their best is not a pretty thing. A la “American Idol,” the audience is asked to vote for their favorite performance at the end of each episode and the last person standing wins some money for their charity.

What kind of celebrities would submit themselves to such humiliation, which in this business is also known as free publicity? Myrka Dellanos, Joe Pantoliano, Kim Alexis, Bai Ling (stop me when you recognize someone), Larry Holmes, Carmine Gotti Agnello, Michael Copon, Morgan Fairchild and Antonio Sabato Jr. The first three not-so-celebrities mentioned have already been eliminated from the competition.

Once you hear this interesting list of names and learn of the thrilling concept of this show, only one question remains (bear with me here…): But can they sing? Well, if you can call prancing around stage while croaking out barely on key noises that have the power to bring dogs and small children to tears, then yes, yes they can sing.

Now, think of me what you may, but the aforementioned is not generally my definition of singing. Thus what this show is for me is an hour of pure torture worthy of the reality TV name. Forget all known means of torture or interrogation; make any living being with the ability to hear, watch this show repeatedly and I promise you, they will tell you anything. And to the celebrities who actually appear on this show I can only offer one piece of advice: fire whoever told you that this would be a good idea.

I know that this show is for charity and I appreciate that as much as the next person, but singing is one of those things that if you can’t, you really shouldn’t try. Next time you feel like raising some money for charity, VH1 (although I highly doubt that was the inspiration behind the show), try But Can They Paint? Or But Can They Knit? Or even But Can the Underwater Basket Weave? All I ask is for anything, anything at all that would spare my ears.

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