Elizabeth Edwards Gets Personal at Life 101

AMANDA CAZACU
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

It took two years to arrange for Elizabeth Edwards to speak at Life 101, NSU’s biannual event where prominent speakers address the community and talk of their personal and professional accomplishments. On Thursday, she finally spoke at NSU’s Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Her presence, alone, was enough to keep the room silent as she willingly spoke of good times and bad times. The Current was the only press allowed at this event.

Before the lecture, an alumna, Melissa Austria, said she was eager to “be in the presence of” Edwards.

The dangers that Facebook, personal blogs, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube and others represent in the workplace are notorious and irreversible. Once you are fired, there is no second chance. Since these sites are fairly new, both the employers and the law have been caught by surprise, which explains why there are no current laws addressing the issue of employers firing employees for the content of their profiles. By not deciding the legality of this action, employers have entitled themselves to use the access to networking sites as the magnifying glass that allows them to look into employees’ personal lives.

The Right to Fire

ASHLEY ALLRED
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Florida Resident Access Grant was recently renewed for another year by the Fla. House State Universities and Private Colleges Appropriations Committee and the Senate of Higher Education Committee.

"...that grant is the only way I can make ends meet.”
-Michael Williams

The FRAG is a grant available to students who are Fla. residents and are seeking a bachelor’s degree at a school that is part of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. It not only helps students get an education they may have been unable to receive otherwise, it also creates state resources and dollars.

According to the ICUF website, when a student decides to attend an ICUF institution, it reduces the cost on Fla. taxpayers by $482 million. It also produces 38 percent of undergraduate degrees and only costs the state 1.3 percent of the education budget.

Raquel Fernandez, sophomore humanities major, said “Without the FRAG, I would not be able to attend NSU. It is a very important part of my financial aid package.”

When the need exceeds the supply of funds and there is such an extreme need from so many organizations, the legislature has a hard time approving certain services for the following year. This year, however, students are breathing a sigh of relief.

"When I heard the FRAG might not be renewed, I panicked. I know exactly how much financial aid I qualify for each year and that grant is the only way I can make ends meet,” said Michael Williams, junior biology major. "I sure can’t afford it on my own.”

For information on ways to get involved to make sure the FRAG remains, contact Rachel Friedman at r8484@nova.edu.
"You can always fake yourself on an interview, but you can never fake your life," said Jessica Helsel, sophomore —, heir company, expressing their desire to The Current.

The choices made now will affect the future, regardless of whether students are conscious of it or not. Doctor, lawyer or educator are all careers that are decided by what we do now, but what drives most students? Love for the profession or the hope of financial success?

The time, energy and thousands of dollars spent attending college are no small investments, but the result is the difference between getting the ideal career and settling. Nikki Richardson, junior nursing major, is going to nursing school because she wants to be a midwife. "It's about the intimate relationship I get to have with the patient at vulnerable moments," said Richardson. She found medicine interesting. "I started learning about the human body, I found the subject so interesting." Pursuing a career as a cardiologist, Carter, like many other biology majors, chose the subject she loves.

Richardson are fortunate enough to have chosen careers based on their passion and that also come with a secure future earning potential. There are countless examples of students, faculty and staff at NSU who have a passion for what they do. Joel Nemes, director of Student Development and Retention, went to school for telecommunications but ended up finding his calling in education after working in the telecommunications field. "It's not about the money; it's about the challenge and my love for education," he said.

However, some students feel that it is possible to have it both ways — to choose a career derived from both financial security and subjects they enjoy. Stephen Andreassen, freshman economics major, said "No matter what we do, business is involved. You're talking to me because you want something from me and I'm giving it to you; we're doing business."

Sue Tenpow

Contributing Writer

The choices made now will affect the future, regardless of whether students are conscious of it or not. Doctor, lawyer or educator are all careers that are decided by what we do now, but what drives most students? Love for the profession or the hope of financial success?

The time, energy and thousands of dollars spent attending college are no small investments, but the result is the difference between getting the ideal career and settling. Nikki Richardson, junior nursing major, is going to nursing school because she wants to be a midwife. "It's about the intimate relationship I get to have with the patient at vulnerable moments," said Richardson. She found medicine interesting. "I started learning about the human body, I found the subject so interesting." Pursuing a career as a cardiologist, Carter, like many other biology majors, chose the subject she loves.

Richardson are fortunate enough to have chosen careers based on their passion and that also come with a secure future earning potential. There are countless examples of students, faculty and staff at NSU who have a passion for what they do. Joel Nemes, director of Student Development and Retention, went to school for telecommunications but ended up finding his calling in education after working in the telecommunications field. "It's not about the money; it's about the challenge and my love for education," he said.

However, some students feel that it is possible to have it both ways — to choose a career derived from both financial security and subjects they enjoy. Stephen Andreassen, freshman economics major, said "No matter what we do, business is involved. You're talking to me because you want something from me and I'm giving it to you; we're doing business."

A Future-Focused Decision

SUE TENPOW

Contributing Writer

The choices made now will affect the future, regardless of whether students are conscious of it or not. Doctor, lawyer or educator are all careers that are decided by what we do now, but what drives most students? Love for the profession or the hope of financial success?

The time, energy and thousands of dollars spent attending college are no small investments, but the result is the difference between getting the ideal career and settling. Nikki Richardson, junior nursing major, is going to nursing school because she wants to be a midwife. "It's about the intimate relationship I get to have with the patient at vulnerable moments," said Richardson. She found medicine interesting. "I started learning about the human body, I found the subject so interesting." Pursuing a career as a cardiologist, Carter, like many other biology majors, chose the subject she loves.

Richardson are fortunate enough to have chosen careers based on their passion and that also come with a secure future earning potential. There are countless examples of students, faculty and staff at NSU who have a passion for what they do. Joel Nemes, director of Student Development and Retention, went to school for telecommunications but ended up finding his calling in education after working in the telecommunications field. "It's not about the money; it's about the challenge and my love for education," he said.

However, some students feel that it is possible to have it both ways — to choose a career derived from both financial security and subjects they enjoy. Stephen Andreassen, freshman economics major, said "No matter what we do, business is involved. You're talking to me because you want something from me and I'm giving it to you; we're doing business."
RENT YOUR TEXTBOOKS!

In a bind? New and used textbooks at unbeatable prices!

Mention this ad and get $5.00 off your purchase!

Student Counseling
Free Confidential Brief

Call us, we're here
(954) 262-7050
Suite 150, Parker Building
www.nova.edu/studentcounseling
After lower rise cents (954) 262-2089

follow us on twitter™

check out our twitter for the latest campus news.

www.twitter.com/thecurrentnsu

Acura Honda

Rick Case

Honda Hyundai

CAMPUS COMMUTER HEADQUARTERS

SPECIAL VIP PRICING • SPECIAL VIP FINANCE PLANS • CRUISE & TRAVEL DISCOUNTS & MORE!

MISS OUT OR DONT QUALIFY for CASH for CLUNKERS?
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Rick Case

EXCLUSIVE AUTOMOTIVE STIMULUS PROGRAM
Easy to Quality for

Stimulus Incentive

Available Now through Month End

Rick Case REWARDS SAVE $100s - EVEN $1000s
Earn Rewards Points and Save on Future Purchases of Vehicles, Service, Parts and Accessories.

Plus use your REWARDS CARD for FREE CAR WASH & DISCOUNT GAS!

1.866.IM.A.VIP1 1.866.462.8471

www.rickcase.com
27/1/365 FOR ALL YOUR VIP ADVANTAGES!
Se Habla Español

HONDA CARS, TRUCKS, VANS, SUVs, MOTORCYCLES, AIRS, SCOOTERS & PERSONAL WATERCRAFT
HONDA CARS
Sales Hours: Mon-Sat 9-9PM Sun 11-7pm
HONDA CYCLES
Sales Hours: Mon-Sat 9-7PM Sun 11-7pm
I-75 & Griffin

HYUNDAI

Sales Hours: Mon-Sat 9-9PM Sun 11-7pm
I-75 between Griffin & Royal Palm

ACURA

Sales Hours: Mon-Fri 9-9PM Sat 9-6pm Sun 12-5pm
441 at Sunrise Blvd
Elizabeth Edwards speaks at Life 101.

Photos by L. Aurigemma

of such a strong woman." While other students like Timothy Chin, student affairs graduate student, wanted "to learn more since I have had an interest in her since 2004."

Edwards began telling the audience of her childhood and what it was like growing up as the daughter of a Navy pilot. Although she is a Fla. native, Edwards has lived all over the world, including Japan, England and North Carolina, where she now resides.

She spoke of a dance teacher she and her sister had when they were younger, who had a scarred chest. Edwards learned that her teacher trained to be a geisha since she was 10, and since 2004. "I like that they offer [dual admissions] but I wish they had more grade forgiveness. In a sense, I like the guarantee but you have to keep the minimum required GPA or you get kicked out," said Kim Urmaza, freshman athletic training major. "I came to [NSU] for my specific field because it is the only school in Fla. that offers a doctorate in [physical therapy]."

A doctorate in physical therapy is not the only program exclusive to NSU. The College of Optometry is the only school in the state of Fl. that teaches the profession, therefore getting into the program is very competitive. "Each year the percentage of students that is accepted changes slightly, but usually we accept 180 to 200 students from the applicant pool of 800 plus, for a percentage of 20 to 25 percent," said Michael Baciagolpi, OD, MS, FAAO, assistant dean of Student Affairs in the College of Optometry. "Of the 180 to 200 accepted students, we will send the class of 100 new students each August."

Baciagolpi also said that what is most important from the institution from which a student graduates, is the kind of classes and coursework the student completed. The first semester of optometry school includes more than 21 credit hours of coursework, so it is important that applicants have demonstrated the ability to manage a challenging course load in the past, he said.

Finally, students are recommended to find out as much as they can from the profession they wish to study before applying to graduate school. "Shadowing, internships or just observing at optometric practices is crucial for an understanding of what an optometrist does on a daily basis. Becoming an optometric physician is a challenging undertaking, so it is important that the applicants understand and have a passion for this profession," said Baciagolpi.

Write a Letter to the Editor

Want to say something about what you have read? Have an opinion about something we covered?

Do you have an idea that you think would be great in The Current?

Then send a Letter to the Editor at nsunews@nova.edu.

You can also comment on our articles at www.nsucurrent.com.
Chinese New Year Comes to NSU

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

This year’s Valentine’s Day was more than a day to share chocolates, roses and love; it also marked one more year in the Chinese calendar and for the first time, a celebration was held at NSU.

“The first time I came here, in 2009, I saw they did not have a celebration like other universities. This is a huge celebration for [Chinese people], all the other organizations have parties but the Asian people do not,” said Peng Sun, second year finance graduate student and president of the Chinese Student and Scholar Association.

As people slowly arrived, they greeted and congratulated each other in Mandarin.

“It brings cultures together and people can learn about other cultures,” said Adriano Duran, junior biology major. “I decided to fight the cold because I have taken two courses of Chinese and wanted to get more culturally involved.”

Emma Chen teaches Sara Beckford the art of Chinese calligraphy. Attendees could learn how to write their names or anything they wished in Chinese.

Despite the weather, over 50 people attended the celebration of the year of the tiger. They shared Chinese food, learned the art of Chinese calligraphy and enjoyed a Chinese cultural dance as well as the musical talent of Yazhou Hu, senior accounting and music major, who played the piano throughout the party.

“It allowed me to experience another culture and do activities I would not normally be able to do, like [Chinese] calligraphy,” said Sara Beckford, graduate student of computer informational science. “I’m happy to have experienced something different.”

Traditional rituals were also a part of the celebration. During the party, Sun passed out red envelopes—which are traditionally given to kids by their families on New Year’s and contain money—that had either one or two dimes inside. If a person got an envelope with two dimes, he or she won a prize. At the end of the party, guests received a parting gift, which they could pick from the gift table.

“Next year may be bigger and more organized, we only had three weeks this year, so next year we will have more time and more people. We will do it better,” said Sun.

www.megaconvention.com

MEDIA GUESTS
LEYAR BURTON • ROBERT PICCIRDO • BRENT SPINNER • LEE THOMPSON
JAMIE HONG • KEVIN SORBO • KRISTANNA LOKEN • JEREMY BULLOCH
CHERAMI LEIGH • MARIA DE ARAGON • ELLEN DUBIN • NICHOLAS COURTNEY
CHUCK HUBER • NEIL KAPLAN • RICHARD HATCH • VIRGINIA HEY
ROB DEMAREST • PETER MAYHAN • DAVE BARCLAY • SONNY STRAT
CLAUDIA WELLS • DARREL GUILBEAU • DAVID ANDRO • MATTHEW WOOD

PANELS & DISCUSSIONS • ROBOTS
LEGO PIT • GAMING • LAN ROOM
COMICS • SCI-FI • CYBERIA DANCE
ANIME EVENTS • BELLY DANCING
COSTUME CONTESTS

VISIT OUR GAMING GROUP SITE:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/megacon_gaming/

KIDS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
hosted by Skiffytown
Children age 10 and under FREE with paid adult

ANIME COSTUME CONTEST!

KIDS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
hosted by Skiffytown
Children age 10 and under FREE with paid adult

www.megaconvention.com

Don’t get stuck waiting in line... buy your tickets online in advance!

COMIC BOOK GUESTS
DICK GIORDANO • JIM CALAFIORE • DAVE DORMAN
DREW GERACE • AMANDA CONNER • ADAM HUGHES • FRANK CHO
PAUL PELLETIER • MARY WOLFGAN • DON ROSA • GREG HORN
CASEY JONES • PHIL NOTO • BARBARA KESSEL • MIKE MCKONE
GRAHAM NOLAN • OLIVER COPEL • CHRISTIAN SLADE • ANDY SMITH
JIMMY PALMOTTI • GREG LAND • DOUG MURRAY • BILL TUCCI
ETHAN VAN SIVER • SERGIO CARIELO • JIM CHEUNG • BRIAN STELFREEZE
LAURA MARTIN • DAN PARENT • CHUCK DIXON • ROB HUNTER • JUSTIN GRAF • TONY BEDARD
MARK MCKENNA • JOE JUSCO • ALVIN LEE • MIKE PERRINS • ERIC CANCELO • STEPHEN PERRY
BRANDON PETERSON • MIKE CHOI • SONIA OBACK • NELSON DECASTRO • JOE BENITEZ

MARCH 12th - 14th • ORANGE CO. CONVENTION CENTER • CENTER HALL D • ORLANDO, FL

For ticket or exhibitor information email: info@megaconvention.com or call: 386-364-1826
Ruthless! The Musical
Brings in a Full House

AMANDA CAZACU
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

The Performance Theater at the Don Taft University Center was packed on opening night as well as the following night as tickets were quickly reserved to watch Bill J. Adams', DMA, adaptation of the musical Ruthless! Before the show, Stacy Rowitz, freshman business administration major said, "This is one of my favorite musicals and I can’t wait to see what NSU has put together.

The musical takes place in the American suburbs of the 1970s where Tina, an eight year old, played by Jaime Kautzmann declares, “I was born to entertain.” Tina’s mother, Judy Denmark, played by Lauren Butler is a talentless housewife with no interest in show business. Sylvia St. Croix, a sleazy agent, played by Jessica Gorwsky, soon enters their lives and changes everything.

When Tina does not get the lead role in her school play, she and Sylvia convince her music teacher, Myron Thorn, played by Jonathan Sanz, to let her be an understudy for it. Tina then realizes that if anything were to happen to Louise Lerman, played by Ashley Cruz, she would play the lead role in “Pippi in Tahiti.” As a result, Tina decides to kill Louise and the plot begins to unravel when some unexpected secrets come out.

The musical caused laughter and some gasps. Jessica Saban, senior biology major said, “It was better than I had expected,” while freshman marine biology major Mark Libe1witz said, “The actors did a great job portraying their characters.” Overall, the musical was witty, tragic, and hilarious and brought out the stars in the Division of Performing and Visual Arts.

If you missed this performance or would like to see more of these stars in the future, visit www.fcas.nova.edu/performingarts/schedule.cfm for a schedule on upcoming performances.

Events Calendar
Feb. 23- Mar. 1

02.23.10
His Holiness Dalai Lama Visits NSU
9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

NSU will host the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet will speak to students, faculty and invited guests about “Universal Responsibility,” and “The Effect of Compassion on the Global Community.”

Don Taft University Center Arena | 954.262.5553 or visit www.adtuc.com

02.23.10
Juggling School, Work and Life
12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

This workshop is designed to bring awareness of time management techniques that are essential to success in all aspects of life. The goal is to establish a relationship between the individual and the time allocation process. Several techniques and alternatives to learn what works best for you will be offered.

Rosenthal Student Center, Room 200 | dalio@nova.edu or 954-262-8485

02.25.10
Common Ground Film Festival: “In the Tall Grass”
6 p.m.

This film follows a rural community in Rwanda through their painful recounting of the genocide through an actual Gacaca trial of one neighbor accused of killing four members of a local family and the widow’s quest to see her family properly buried.

Carl DeSantis Building, Knight Auditorium

02.26.10
Archbishop Desmond Tutu
7 p.m.

Tutu will present “Good vs. Evil: Human Rights or Humans Wronged,” corresponding to the college’s 2009-2010 academic theme of “Good and Evil.” The academic theme brings together the college’s students and faculty to explore the relationship of good and evil within social, scientific, legal, religious, and political contexts.

Don Taft University Center Arena | 954-262-8236

02.26.10
Volunteer to Help Haiti
1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Help deliver, sort, and package donated items to Haiti. Please meet at the Shark Fountain before scheduled time, limited transportation provided.

Haiti Relief Warehouse, Miami | 954-262-7297

02.27.10
Prescription Writing Workshop
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will benefit from the workshop by learning how to read/write prescriptions. A pharmacist will be present to facilitate the learning experience of the participants.

Parker Building, Room 241

02.28.10
Author Iva C. Marc Shares African American Poetry
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

South Florida native author Iva C. Marc shares her spiritual, sensual and social love themed free verse, sestina and prose work featured in her first published poetry book, “MOIST.” Come and be a part of the creative process and share your talent. Her book will be available for purchase and signing. After enjoying the poetic feast, indulge in the mouth-watering organic delicacies of Be Organic.

Alvin Sherman Library | 954-262-5477
The "N" Word: What is in a Name?

ASHLEY CHANG-STORY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In celebration of Black History Month, the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences sponsored a diversity dialogue: "The N Word: What's in a Name?" in order to discuss and debate, and educate one another on denotation and connotation of the word and how it affects society.

The "N" word is a derogatory term that has been bound to the history of African Americans since slavery. Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines the word as "highly offensive to a black person; a member of a dark-skinned race; a member of a socially disadvantaged class of persons." Oxford dictionary even stated that the term "should not be used."

Even with the meaning of the word defined clearly, various groups and individuals within the African American community have come to embrace the word and use it amongst one another. Today some African Americans use the term in order to strip the negative power behind the word and use it in a positive manner. Debora Nixon, Ph.D., assistant professor at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, hosted the event which began with the singing of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," prayer, and libations. Video clips were played throughout the event to incite conversation. The first clip discussed colorism, which is a form of discrimination within a particular race. Nixon tied this term with prejudice felt in the African American community by stating if you are, "white you're right, brown hang around, black get back." The idea that lighter African Americans receive less discrimination also goes back to slavery, where the darker African Americans worked in the fields while the lighter, and often children of a slave owner and slave, worked within the house. This division within the African community still holds some tension in today's society.

The second video clip was of a young African American boy delivering a powerful speech against the "N" word. This clip transitioned the audience to discuss whether the word should be used and who should be able to use it. There appeared to be a dichotomy within the audience between the older generation and the younger generation on the use of the word. Sue Tollover, graduate student of clinical psychology, was once called the word while in school in Indiana "by a car full of white boys." She stated, "When I was growing up, no one was supposed to call you that; it was taboo."

Some other students believed that it was acceptable to use the word amongst one another as long as the intent behind it was positive. To some individuals, the word does not need to be derogatory; it can be used, for example, to identify a friend. Delesha Smiley, Ed.D., dean of Community Education and Diversity Affairs, has experienced racial discrimination first hand, growing up in the south with a sharecropping family. She believes that the lack of proper education on African American history, first hand experience with racial discrimination, and the negative use of the "N" word has the younger generation comfortable with the use of the insulting word. The use of the term in music, movies and other forms of media has desensitized some from how offensive the term truly is. Denise-Quinn Jones, recent MBA graduate, stated "it is not an intelligent argument to say that if everyone [says] it around me, it's okay."

The overall event was enlightening and beneficial for all who participated. "This is an important discussion," Mara Kiffin, Associate Director of Internal Communications, said. "There is a need to find a way to explain the complexity of the word. This is where we can share ideas and bridge the generational gap."
Exams are quickly approaching. While sitting down and studying seems like a struggle, it does not have to be. With these 10 tips, you will be able to stop procrastinating and stay focused.

10. Be Realistic
We all want to get good grades, but there is no way you will be able to cram eight weeks worth of material into two days of studying. Take a look at everything you need to cover and make a plan. Set a limit for how much material you will cover each day. It is better to study for two to three hours a day for a week than it is to try to pull all-nighters the weekend before the exam; you will be too drained to even stay awake.

9. Free Your Schedule
When it comes to exam time, you need to think about what is more important to you: your social life or your education.
During the week before your big test, say no to social events, shopping and anything that will lead to distractions. Your friends will understand and sales come and go. Study now, party later.

8. Study Group
Studying can be hard, especially if you do not know how to start. Joining or starting a study group is a great way to interact with your classmates while upping your chances of getting an "A." Just make sure you choose a study group with serious students involved; you do not want to waste your time with someone who is there to discuss the latest fashion trends rather than the material.

7. Take a Break
You cannot lock yourself in your room for the entire day studying and expect to get much done. When you stare at your computer screen or textbook for hours on end, your eyes get dry and your back starts to ache. Short breaks are crucial in the study process. Make a commitment to yourself that for every hour of solid studying you get a 15 minute break to do something both relaxing and rejuvenating.

6. Sleep
Do not try to pull all-nighters. You are doing more damage than good. Harvard Medical Publications reports that sleep helps the brain commit new information to memory through a process called "memory consolidation." In studies, people who had slept after learning a task did better on tests later.

5. Healthy Snacks
While you are studying, do not grab a bag of chips and a soda as your brain food. The sugar may give you a short boost of energy but it will leave you too tired to study in the long run. Instead, choose fruits, vegetables and nuts to keep you full and energized.

4. Set the Mood
The environment you study in is one of the most important elements in the process. There is no way you are going to retain everything if you have your favorite movie on, are updating your Facebook status or have your friends over. Choose a place you feel most comfortable and make sure you have a large enough workspace. Spread out your materials and dive in! If interruptions are a problem, make your own "do not disturb" sign.

3. Stop Stressing
Stressing yourself out over what grade you "need" to get, or what a bad one might do to your GPA can make it hard to focus. Just make sure you try your hardest, that is all that matters. If you waited until the last minute to start studying, do the best you can in a reasonable and realistic manner and keep it in mind the next time you want to procrastinate.

2. Reward Yourself
Even though a good grade is a reward in itself, it always feels nice to treat yourself once in a while. Set a goal and make a deal with yourself. If you reach your goal, you can buy those new shoes you have been eyeing or spring for tickets the next time your favorite band comes around.

1. Relax
Just relax! No matter what the outcome is, it is not the worst thing that could happen. It is just a test. If you do not perform the way you think you should, then reevaluate your priorities and set a plan for doing better during the second half of the term or the next semester.
Women's Softball Continues Impressive Early Season Form

CRAG HEENIGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

North Alabama-Game 1
The NSU women's softball team kicked off the West Florida Regional Crossover with a bang as they beat North Alabama by a score of 9-3 on Feb. 13.

In what appeared to be a nervous start by both teams, it was indeed North Alabama that took the lead in the top of the second inning. It took the Sharks until the bottom of the third inning to register and they did it in style, scoring five runs off of five hits to take a commanding lead. Despite North Alabama registering a run in the top of the fourth inning, the Sharks added another three runs which effectively clinched the match. Both teams would add another run in the sixth inning but it was NSU who held on for a comprehensive victory.

Seniors Lauren Lopez and Jessica Hernandez both enjoyed success at the plate with Lopez hitting 3-for-5 with two RBIs and Hernandez had three hits on 2-for-3 hitting.

West Florida-Game 1
NSU suffered their first loss of the season as they were edged out by tournament hosts West Florida going down by a score of 4-1.

The Sharks were defeated in a closely fought encounter with no runs being scored for two-and-a-half innings. Eventually, West Florida registered first with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. The Sharks had to wait until the top of the fifth inning before they were on the board as they secured a run to reduce the deficit to one. The brief glimmer of hope the Sharks had seen diminished as West Florida claimed two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning as they managed to hang on for the victory.

NSU's solitary run came courtesy of a home run from senior Dana Bergner which was, incidentally, her only hit of the match.

North Alabama-Game 2
The Sharks were made to work for their second victory over North Alabama as they eventually clinched the win in extra innings 6-5 on Feb. 14.

The Sharks registered early and built up a lead as they scored one run in the first inning and two more in the third inning. However, North Alabama replied immediately in the bottom of the third inning as they smashed a three-run home run which brought them level. NSU had their noses in front once again with runs in the top of the fourth inning and top of the sixth to lead 5-3. Up by two in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Sharks could smell the victory, however, North Alabama replied with a two-run single to send the match into extra innings.

The Sharks scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning courtesy of a double from senior Britney Lamb which drove home Hernandez. Lamb also scored a run off of a wild pitch. North Alabama scored a run in the bottom of the eighth but could not claim a second as the Sharks ran out eventual winners.

West Florida-Game 2
The Sharks avenged the defeat they suffered at the hands of West Florida in the final game of the Regional Crossover Tournament as they secured victory 6-5 after extra innings.

Although the Sharks had three players shoot in double digits; Erin Zampell, LaShawanna Edwards, and Abbie Tepe, it just was not enough to stop some big runs by the Tars. At the half the Rollins lead was at 15 points. In the second half they extended that lead to 23. Although the Sharks fought hard to close the gap, the closest they ever got was 11 points before seeing the game slip out of their hands.

Poor shooting was to blame for the Sharks inability to score. NSU only shot 32 percent for the game, only converting on 21 of 64 shots. The loss drops the Sharks to 11-14 overall and 4-10 in the SSC.

The Sharks will be hoping to get back to winning ways. With less than two minutes left to play the Sharks were only down two points after fighting back from a nine point deficit. However, the Tars finished strong and ended the hopes of a Sharks comeback with an 8-2 run to end the game.

Women's Basketball Comes Up Short

CRAG HEENIGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Day did not turn out the way the Lady Sharks hoped it would, losing by a score of 70-56 to Rollins last Wednesday.

Although the Sharks had three players shoot in double digits; Erin Zampell, LaShawanna Edwards, and Abbie Tepe, it just was not enough to stop some big runs by the Tars. At the half the Rollins lead was at 15 points. In the second half they extended that lead to 23. Although the Sharks fought hard to close the gap, the closest they ever got was 11 points before seeing the game slip out of their hands.

Poor shooting was to blame for the Sharks inability to score. NSU only shot 32 percent for the game, only converting on 21 of 64 shots. The loss drops the Sharks to 11-14 overall and 4-10 in the SSC.

The Sharks will be hoping to get back to winning ways. With less than two minutes left to play the Sharks were only down two points after fighting back from a nine point deficit. However, the Tars finished strong and ended the hopes of a Sharks comeback with an 8-2 run to end the game.

Women's Softball Continues Impressive Early Season Form

CRAG HEENIGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

North Alabama-Game 1
The NSU women's softball team kicked off the West Florida Regional Crossover with a bang as they beat North Alabama by a score of 9-3 on Feb. 13.

In what appeared to be a nervous start by both teams, it was indeed North Alabama that took the lead in the top of the second inning. It took the Sharks until the bottom of the third inning to register and they did it in style, scoring five runs off of five hits to take a commanding lead. Despite North Alabama registering a run in the top of the fourth inning, the Sharks added another three runs which effectively clinched the match. Both teams would add another run in the sixth inning but it was NSU who held on for a comprehensive victory.

Seniors Lauren Lopez and Jessica Hernandez both enjoyed success at the plate with Lopez hitting 3-for-5 with two RBIs and Hernandez had three hits on 2-for-3 hitting.

West Florida-Game 1
NSU suffered their first loss of the season as they were edged out by tournament hosts West Florida going down by a score of 4-1.

The Sharks were defeated in a closely fought encounter with no runs being scored for two-and-a-half innings. Eventually, West Florida registered first with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. The Sharks had to wait until the top of the fifth inning before they were on the board as they secured a run to reduce the deficit to one. The brief glimmer of hope the Sharks had seen diminished as West Florida claimed two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning as they managed to hang on for the victory.

NSU's solitary run came courtesy of a home run from senior Dana Bergner which was, incidentally, her only hit of the match.

North Alabama-Game 2
The Sharks were made to work for their second victory over North Alabama as they eventually clinched the win in extra innings 6-5 on Feb. 14.

The Sharks registered early and built up a lead as they scored one run in the first inning and two more in the third inning. However, North Alabama replied immediately in the bottom of the third inning as they smashed a three-run home run which brought them level. NSU had their noses in front once again with runs in the top of the fourth inning and top of the sixth to lead 5-3. Up by two in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Sharks could smell the victory, however, North Alabama replied with a two-run single to send the match into extra innings. The Sharks scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning courtesy of a double from senior Britney Lamb which drove home Hernandez. Lamb also scored a run off of a wild pitch. North Alabama scored a run in the bottom of the eighth but could not claim a second as the Sharks ran out eventual winners.

West Florida-Game 2
The Sharks avenged the defeat they suffered at the hands of West Florida in the final game of the Regional Crossover Tournament as they secured victory 6-5 after extra innings.

Both teams scored early runs as the game was tied one a piece after the first inning. West Florida soon took the lead as they scored two runs in the top of the third inning with which the Sharks could only reply with one run in the bottom of the same inning. NSU stormed into the lead as they hit three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to lead 5-3. West Florida moved to within one of the lead with a run in the top of the sixth inning. Again the Sharks could smell the victory, but West Florida had other ideas scoring a run in the top of the seventh inning with which NSU had no reply, so extra innings where required. After West Florida failed to score in the top of the eighth inning and the game tied at 5 apiece the Sharks took the advantage and win with a run from senior Dani Caron in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The Sharks will be looking to keep their fine early season form going as they return to action in the Eckerd Softball Tournament in their next outing.

A Silver Lining for the Sharks

JUAN GALLO
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Despite a tough loss to the #20 ranked Rollins team, NSU's men's basketball team showed that they have what it takes to hang with the best. The 76-68 loss brings the Sharks record to 13-11 overall and 6-8 in SSC play.

The Sharks did more than just keep up with a strong Rollins squad in the first half. In fact, the Sharks led for most of the first period. Eventually, the Tars took a 36-34 lead going into the break.

With less than two minutes left to play the Sharks were only down two points after fighting back from a nine point deficit. However, the Tars finished strong and ended the hopes of a Sharks comeback with an 8-2 run to end the game.

Ross Allsop left a significant stamp on the game with a double-double, 13 points and 11 rebounds. Freshmen guard Brian Cahill and junior forward Alex Gynes also had strong contributions, each scoring in double digits.

In the end, the Sharks were able to walk away with their hands held high knowing they fought hard and hung in with one of the best. "We played reasonably well. It's another good learning experience for the kids. We're playing a team that's ranked in the top 20 and number one in our league. If Rollins is the first place team in our league and we can battle them on even ground most of the night, then we are making good progress," said Head Coach Gary Tuell.

The Sharks will be looking to get back to winning ways when the take on Florida Tech in their next outing.
Men's Golf Closes Out the Week with a Sixth Placed Finish

CRAIG HEENIGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The NSU men's golf team finished the week with a sixth placed finish at the Mattie Colledge Classic.

Coming off the back of a doubleheader victory over the Golftweek's Spring Invitational, the Sharks struggled to find their rhythm and emulate the successes of the first week.

Senior Byron White led the way for the Sharks with a 221 second on the team for NSU as he carded a final score of 223 as he placed in 21st, closely behind Boddy Bode who finished with a 224 securing 24th place.

Junior Jack Bartlett finished with 225 which included a final round 71 en route to a 276 placed finish. Peter Kolosvary rounded out the Sharks line up with a 226 to finish in 36th place.

Georgia College claimed the title with SCS rebels Florida Southern and Barry University finishing second and third respectively.

The Sharks will be looking to get back to winning ways as they compete in the Southeastern Collegiate in Valdosta, GA on Mar. 13.

CRAIG HEENIGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's Tennis Off to a Perfect Start in Conference Play

The NSU women's tennis team followed their season opening demolition of St. Thomas with an equally impressive victory over the University of Tampa securing victory by a score of 9-0 on Feb. 14.

In the first Sunshine State Conference match of the season, the Sharks looked utterly ruthless en route to a clean sweep.

The Sharks comprehensively swept the doubles matches with sophomore Justine Feaster and junior Daria Egorova taking the number one slot 8-6. Seniors Karolina Porizkova and Elisa Leeder dispatched their opponents 8-2 in the number two doubles slot.

The Sharks bounced back in the top of the sixth inning to give NSU a comfortable lead. Both teams continued to slug it out in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the game and another run in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead 7-6.

NSU responded, to going back in the top of the ninth inning to secure what was a comfortable victory in the end. Sophomore Alan Avila drew a game tying walk with the bases loaded quickly followed by a single from senior Matt Fisher to give NSU the lead.

The Sharks were looking to continue their tremendous start to the season.

Men's Baseball Ends The Week in Fine Style

CRAIG HEENIGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Game 1: Flagler College

In the first game of a doubleheader the NSU men's baseball team succumbed to Flagler College on the road by a score of 3-1 on Feb. 13.

After the previous night's game was cancelled due to unplayable weather conditions, the two teams were eager to get the first run in the top of the third inning. The Sharks had to wait as they got back on level terms in the bottom of the fifth inning. An RBI from sophomore outfielder Jonathan Escarza clawed the Sharks back into contention.

NSU took an early lead as Maggs and Valencia scored a two-RBI double and an RBI from junior Dusty Maggs. Senior Eric McCana added a further run to the Sharks tally in the top of the seventh inning to put NSU up 6-3, the Sailfish started to apply real pressure on the Sharks after scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game and another run in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead 7-6.

However that would be the closest the Sharks would come as Flagler secured victory in the bottom of the eighth inning, scoring two runs off a one out double to left centerfield.

Sophomore starting pitcher Chris Hamper was tagged with the loss regardless of the fact he only allowed three hits and three runs in just over seven innings on the mound.

Game 2: Flagler College

The Sharks bounced back from their defeat, in game one, in fine style with a 4-2 victory over Flagler.

NSU exploded out of the gate as they soon amassed two runs in the top of the first inning courtesy of a two-run RBI single from junior Dusty Maggs. Senior Eric McCana added a further run to the Sharks tally in the top of the seventh inning on a sacrifice fly to give NSU a comfortable lead.

However, Flagler did not submit under the Sharks' pressure as they garnered an unearned run in the bottom of the third inning to close the deficit to just two runs.

Both teams continued to slug it out as the encounter remained on knife-edge and Flagler really turned up the heat as they scored another run in the bottom of the eighth to make it 3-2. The Sharks remained determined and they secured the win with an insurance run in the top of the ninth on a two out double by sophomore Nikko Echevarria.

Junior pitcher Ryan Whelan was the catalyst to the Sharks success as he allowed just one unearned run on three hits in seven innings, striking out seven batters and walking only one.

Palm Beach Atlantic University

The Sharks continued their good form as they dispatched of Palm Beach Atlantic after a ninth inning surge to claim the victory by a score of 12-7 on Feb. 16.

NSU took an early lead as Maggs scored a run on a two out RBI single in the top of the first inning. The Sharks had to wait to add to their lead when in the top of the fourth inning junior Luits Penate hit a single, garnered second base, stole third and made it home after a wayward pitch from PBA.

The Sailfish of Palm Beach Atlantic tied the game at two aces in the top of the fifth. The Sharks snatched the lead right back in the top of the sixth inning as Penate was brought home by a hit from senior Brayan Valencia. Maggs and Valencia scored a two-RBI double and an RBI single respectively in the top of the seventh inning to put NSU up 6-3. The Sailfish started to apply real pressure on the Sharks after scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game and another run in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead 7-6.

However that would be the closest the Sharks would come as Flagler secured victory in the bottom of the eighth inning, scoring two runs off a one out double to left centerfield.

Sophomore starting pitcher Chris Hamper was tagged with the loss regardless of the fact he only allowed three hits and three runs in just over seven innings on the mound.

Game 2: Flagler College

The Sharks bounced back from their defeat, in game one, in fine style with a 4-2 victory over Flagler.

NSU exploded out of the gate as they soon amassed two runs in the top of the first inning courtesy of a two-run RBI single from junior Dusty Maggs. Senior Eric McCana added a further run to the Sharks tally in the top of the seventh inning on a sacrifice fly to give NSU a comfortable lead.

However, Flagler did not submit under the Sharks' pressure as they garnered an unearned run in the bottom of the third inning to close the deficit to just two runs.

Both teams continued to slug it out as the encounter remained on knife-edge and Flagler really turned up the heat as they scored another run in the bottom of the eighth to make it 3-2. The Sharks remained determined and they secured the win with an insurance run in the top of the ninth on a two out double by sophomore Nikko Echevarria.

Junior pitcher Ryan Whelan was the catalyst to the Sharks success as he allowed just one unearned run on three hits in seven innings, striking out seven batters and walking only one.

Palm Beach Atlantic University

The Sharks continued their good form as they dispatched of Palm Beach Atlantic after a ninth inning surge to claim the victory by a score of 12-7 on Feb. 16.

NSU took an early lead as Maggs scored a run on a two out RBI single in the top of the first inning. The Sharks had to wait to add to their lead when in the top of the fourth inning junior Luits Penate hit a single, garnered second base, stole third and made it home after a wayward pitch from PBA.

The Sailfish of Palm Beach Atlantic tied the game at two aces in the top of the fifth. The Sharks snatched the lead right back in the top of the sixth inning as Penate was brought home by a hit from senior Brayan Valencia. Maggs and Valencia scored a two-RBI double and an RBI single respectively in the top of the seventh inning to put NSU up 6-3. The Sailfish started to apply real pressure on the Sharks after scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game and another run in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead 7-6.

NSU responded, to going back in the top of the ninth inning to secure what was a comfortable victory in the end. Sophomore Alan Avila drew a game tying walk with the bases loaded quickly followed by a single from senior Matt Fisher to give NSU the lead. Sophomore Chris Hamper hit a triple which cleared the bases and really cemented the Sharks lead with a single from junior Matt Sene completing the ninth inning domination.

The Sharks will be hoping to keep their run going as they head to Valdosta, GA for a few game series against Valdosta State.
Just back from a very successful trip to L.A., Oblivious Signal, a Broward-based metal band, is excited about things to come this year.

In L.A., the band got a great response from fans, and picked up a two-year endorsement from Heil Sound. Oblivious Signal will also soon release their debut album “Into the Night.”

“It was supposed to be released this month,” said Cristina Feliciano, lead singer. However, the band wanted to make sure the album “came out right” with re-mastered tracks from their original demo, as well as new tracks featuring Feliciano in a higher key.

 Which to use screamed, as she is now able to sing in a higher key.

In addition to singing, Feliciano writes all the lyrics for Oblivious Signal and also writes lyrics for other local bands. She said this is where her true passion lies.

“I do love performing, but I am really passionate about the songwriting and marketing aspect,” Feliciano said. “That is probably what I will end up doing in the future.”

Guitarist Nick Orisino comprises all of the music for Oblivious Signal.

“If I didn’t have music, I don’t know, I’d be so sad,” said Orisino. “It keeps me going every day.”

He continued, “I can’t really describe what a song means. It’s all about what I was feeling the day I composed it. To explain it is to write it.”

Backbone of the band and drummer, Jason Talley, is the glue that keeps the band together.

“We run everything by Jason and he helps tweak our final product,” said Feliciano.

Talley bought his first set of drums in middle school and has been playing ever since. His sister got him involved in music through hip-hop, and later Talley discovered rock.

“I just remember hearing [rock] and thinking, ‘this is so much better,’” Talley said.

Oblivious Signal’s album “Into the Night,” has something for every kind of rocker. Tracks like “Breathe,” an earlier Oblivious Signal song, are deeper and more hard-core, while “The Inflicted’s Shame” is a more commercial narrative.

“Our songs are stories, but they are open to interpretation,” said Feliciano.

Oblivious Signal, in an effort to appeal to a wider audience, is also creating versions of their songs in Spanish. Quite a task when only one member of the band is bilingual.

Oblivious Signal’s next live performance will be at the Kryptonite Metal Fest on Feb. 27 at Churchill’s Pub in Miami.

For additional information on Oblivious Signal, check out their Web site at www.oblivioussignal.com.

For information on the Local Show on 88.5 FM, check out the Web site at www.novawebradio.org. To hear Oblivious Signal’s album before it is available in stores, or other great local music, listen in on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Local Show with DJ Frizz.

Get Into Sudoku

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from one to nine inclusively.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>6</th>
<th></th>
<th>9</th>
<th>3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Created by J. Calle

A Howling Good Time

Nobody parties like a werewolf. There have been sightings in the past of werewolves bailing at high school basketball games and even surfing on the tops of vans. Their distinct howl at the moon is a sure sign of a good time.

This year, with the film “The Wolfman,” werewolves are partying in a whole new way, by ripping out peoples’ guts and decapitating old folks.

Director Joe Johnston’s latest adventure takes us back to Victorian-era England, where Lawrence Talbot (Benicio Del Toro) has returned home to look for his brother, who has gone missing. Talbot was called upon by Owen Conliffe, played by the beautiful Emily Blunt, who was to be his sister-in-law. Just a few days after his arrival, Talbot’s father, Sir John (Anthony Hopkins), confesses that Talbot’s brother is dead, he was found miles from his original home and his body had been mangled.

There are many rumors circulating about the brother’s death, as well as other deaths surrounding this village. Some say it is the gipsy caravan that has moved in, that includes a brown bear, which they use as an attraction. Others say it is some lunatic, although many find it hard to believe that a human could commit such barbaric acts. The more superstitious townspeople have notions of a beast, a werewolf.

Talbot’s return home reunites him with his father, with whom he shares a dark past. Lawrence, as a young boy, witnessed his mother’s self-mutilation in front of her father. Sir John, has Lawrence sent to an asylum and then to the U.S. to live with some relatives.

Lawrence then becomes a well-respected actor who travels all over the world with a theater company. His father deems him “the prodigal son” upon his return.

As Lawrence searches for answers to the murder of his brother, he ends up at the gipsy camp where, since it is a full moon, the werewolf once again has to attack. Lawrence shows a lot of courage and bravery by pursuing the beast and saving a child, he is eventually attacked, though, and is bitten, receiving near-death injuries.

Lawrence demonstrates an incredible recovery, as in just days he is almost 100 percent back to normal. There is no logical explanation for this except that, since he was bitten, he has now become a werewolf. Earlier, the use of some clever foreshadowing, a gipsy tells us that the curse can only be reversed by someone who loves him. Now, Lawrence must try to cure himself, with little control over his transformations and with the hopes of not harming anyone, while escaping from the mobs of people who are looking to rid themselves of this threat.

There are few storylines that cannot succeed when you recruit the “legendary” talents of Anthony Hopkins and Benicio Del Toro. Del Toro does a great job portraying dark characters and Lawrence Talbot has experienced quite a traumatizing past. Although it seems he has escaped that past and found great success in spite of it, he is eventually dragged back to face those childhood demons.

Hopkins brings his larger-than-life persona to this story as well. There is just something about that man that screams out “epic.” No matter how long the years have caught up to him, Hopkins continues to carry himself on screen as a leader and as an individual who commands respect just by looking at him.

What I loved about this film is how it does not step from giving you the next-best-thing to actually experiencing an encounter with a werewolf. You really do see gits splattered on the cobble-stone streets, vital organs pulled out of peoples’ chest cavities and heads rolling. It is as is Johnston was saying, “You want a werewolf, I’ll give you a werewolf.” However, it is all in perfect relation to the story, unlike other horror films who just give you blood for the sake of blood.

Speaking of horror, though this movie is more along the lines of a thriller than horror, the sound and the camera worked together brilliantly to create a dozen moments when you almost jump out of your seat. Another interesting thing is how this film does not just depend on the gore and blood to provide you with entertainment. Much like Hitchcock or other past greats who displayed brilliant-directorial choices, this movie builds masterfully on the anticipation of seeing that first transformation, and, boy, does it deliver.

I will say that the movie slowed down a little bit right in the middle, and you do not have to be a genius to claim that it is pretty predictable, but still, a strong ending made up for much of what there is to complain about.

In the end, “The Wolfman” was a highly entertaining movie that is just a fun story, acted-out well. It is also a great indication that the “crap-fest” in films that was the month of January is finally over and the silver lining is starting to show.
Audiences Are Given “An Education”

STEFANI RUBINO
MANAGING-OPINIONS EDITOR

Coming-of-age may be a popular subject matter amongst film writers and directors, but not all coming-of-age films should be considered equal. After all, all coming-of-age tales targeted towards people 10, 20, even 30 years younger than they are. Occasionally, though, filmmakers go above and beyond the trappings of generational gaps and ages to create a film so wonderfully powerful and charming that it is almost inspiring. “An Education” is one of the few films that fit into this category.

Based on an autobiographical essay of the same name by British journalist Lynn Barber and set in a London suburb in pre-Beatles 1960s, “An Education” tells the story of young Jenny Mellor (Carey Mulligan), a beyond gifted and virginal 16-year-old with a passion for music and dreams of getting into Oxford. One day, after youth orchestra practice, Jenny is caught out in the rain with her instrument and the rest of her belongings when David (Peter Sarsgaard), a nearly twice her age, asks her if she would like a ride home.

David is so enamored with Jenny, that he offers to take her to jazz clubs and other cultural events. Jenny is so infatuated with David that she becomes his business partner Danny (Dominic Cooper) and his mistress, Helen (Rosamund Pike). Her parents resist a little at first, but when they see that this is something Jenny truly wants, they allow her to go. Eventually, Jenny’s schoolwork is threatened by her new lifestyle, her and David’s relationship begins blossoming into something more, David invites Jenny to Paris with him and even proposes marriage. When shocking truths about David’s past and how he makes money begin to come to light, Jenny must make a decision. She is asked to make a decision between continuing with her studies to make it to Oxford or the first person who has ever made her feel alive.

One of the numerous reasons why this film is important is the acting. Mulligan’s ability to carry this film almost entirely by herself is truly astonishing. Her age and her rookie status in the industry had me somewhat doubtful about her performance in the film, but if “An Education” is any clue as to what her career will be like, it is looking bright already. The chemistry between Sarsgaard and Mulligan is hard to ignore and as far as on screen couples are concerned, Jenny and David are one of the best I have seen in over two years. Additionally, Cooper’s intriguing performance as the seductive, back-stabbing Danny is completely unexpected and further proves just how well this film was put together.

While “An Education” may be based on an autobiographical essay, the film’s scripter, Nick Hornby, author of “High Fidelity” and “About A Boy,” created Jenny’s story from a small jumping point and turned it into something immense and wonderful. The dialogue, especially the incredible wit given to the character Jenny, makes this film worth seeing at least once. On top of that, director Lone Scherfig’s eye has the impeccable gift of showing the audience exactly what she wants them to see and the reasons why they should see it.

The book that is labeled with the tag “anime.”

As with Google Bookmarks, Delicious.com offers a free toolbar for your Web browser, allowing you to bookmark pages while you are surfing the Web. You can also organize your bookmarks by labeling them with tags. For example, if you are interested in anime and cooking, you may give your cooking bookmarks the tag “cooking” and your anime bookmarks the tag “anime.” Delicious.com goes a step further than Google Bookmarks by giving you your own Web page to view your bookmarks, allowing you to share them on your blog or Twitter account. You can also send your bookmarks to other Delicious.com users and visit other users’ pages to see their bookmarks.

Perhaps the best part about the site is that it allows you search for other bookmarks with tags you may be interested in. If you want to look for more anime sites, you would search for bookmarks that other users have labeled with the tag “anime.”

The site’s home page displays the newest and most popular bookmarks of the moment, including their tags. With tags ranging from “video,” “culture” and “music” to “business,” “games” and “books,” there is always a new Web site to discover.

Contact The Current at (954) 262-8461 or thecurrentad@nova.edu for more information on how you can advertise with us.

DellaVentura's PIZZERIA

Eat In, Take Out, and Delivery
954.791.6077

Shark friendly food made to order. Once you try it, you're hooked!

NSU STUDENTS Receive 25% off on Wednesdays!

All other days 10% off.

Free PIZZA with the purchase of a PIZZA (Monday only).
4120 SW 64th Avenue
Davie, FL 33314

Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.-9 p.m.
Write for The Current

We are currently accepting applications for writers to work on articles for our weekly publication.

Employees will be eligible to gain hands-on experience in a newsroom environment and work with real-world deadlines, all while having fun.

Journalism experience is preferred, but not necessary.

Training is provided.

Stop by our office for an application today!

For more information, please contact The Current at (954) 262-8455 or email us at nsunews@nova.edu

We're the Paparazzi

Check out our Flickr® photostream to see if we took any photos of you. You might even be featured in our next issue.

Come back each week for new pictures from the latest issue on newstands.

Visit our Flickr® photostream at www.flickr.com/photos/thecurrent_photos.

Sharks United Television

Channel 96 Movie Show Times: Feb. 23-28, 2010

For more information: www.nova.edu/sharksunitedtv,
(954) 262-2602, email sharktv@nova.edu

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Channel 96 Times</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 23</td>
<td>3:30p</td>
<td>Michael Jackson's This Is It</td>
<td>11:30a, 12:30a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9:30p</td>
<td>Midnight</td>
<td>6:00p</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 24</td>
<td>2:30p</td>
<td>Codey With A Chance Of Rain</td>
<td>9:30a, 11:30a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noon</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>8:30a, 6:00p</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>6:00p</td>
<td>Changing Of The Guard</td>
<td>11:30a, 12:30a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 26</td>
<td>7:00p</td>
<td>Taking Woodstock</td>
<td>11:00a, 1:30a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2:30p, Noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>9:00p</td>
<td>Tyler Perry's I Can Do All By Myself</td>
<td>6:00p, 11:30p</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2:30p, Noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 28</td>
<td>9:00p</td>
<td>Hotel Rwanda</td>
<td>8:00p, 11:30p</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6:00p</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Why Do They Have The Right to “Fire You For That”?

STEFANI RUBINO
MANAGING/OPINIONS EDITOR

Last time I checked, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution still stood and the laws granting U.S. citizens the First Amendment to the U.S. article you might have read earlier Twitter accounts, blogs and other social media outlets can affect our abilities to get jobs and keep the ones we currently have.

In some ways, I suppose that before reading that article I kind of knew, in the back of my mind, that employers and maybe even colleges look at these things to see what kind of people we are, but I was shocked to read that what we put on there can actually be damaging. If it is not uncomfortable enough already to know your boss and coworkers want to have access to these things, the fact that they can use it against you makes this all the more awkward and painful. While I understand that employers want to know what kind of person they are hiring, I do not think people’s inside jokes with friends, links they post to share with other people and parties they attend are indicative of what kind of workers they are. The only way to know how well-suited a person is for a company is to know what their qualifications are, their past work experiences and how well they performed in the jobs they previously held.

If employers are allowed to look at these sites and observe their employees on these sites, what is stopping an employer from firing someone simply because their sexuality is displayed on these sites? What is stopping an employer from firing one of their employees because they have a weekend job performing in drag at private parties or even for liking a sports team the employer hates? Of course, we all like to assume that these things would never have be a hindrance on the way an employer treats an employee and they may seem a little ridiculous, but when it comes down to it, we are not exactly living in the most open-minded decorum at work, but also when we are off the clock and not even close to the building. This brings me to a point a made earlier, what do people’s hobbies and interests have to do with their abilities as a worker? Clearly, they have nothing to do with employees’ work ethic. When it comes down to it, it is more a matter of control than anything else. All employers want to keep their employees in line and want their employees to be good representatives for their employer. So, if employers traffic these sites or threaten to, their employees really have no choice except to adhere by the employers’ principles (that is, if they want to keep their jobs, of course). This is somewhat understandable, but still completely unfair. Employees should be fired for the things they do when they are off the clock and out of the building.

On the Scene

JUAN GALLO
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Do you think its okay to use the N-word in certain cases and not to use it in other instances?

“ I don’t think that there’s ever an appropriate time or place to use an inappropriate and derogatory term that is charged with such a hateful past. The term brings up memories that I think we would all like to put behind us. Outside of an academic setting, the word should not be spoken.”

Jamaal Jones, graduate law student

“I don’t think that the ‘N’ word should be used to describe an individual with its original meaning. However, our generation, as well as others, has turned it into a general form of ‘friend’ or in some cases, a ‘cool’ description of a person. Honestly, as long as you mean well, it’s all gravy.”

Ashley Perez, junior legal studies major

“I would never use it, but in certain situations, I think it is appropriate for people to use it, like, with friends.”

Lyle Howe, freshman undecided major

“Yes, it’s only a word that is given power by those who use it and the reasons [why] they use it. So, if the reason is to empower the class it was aimed to destroy... feel free.”

Thomas Vallendingham, graduate law student

“It’s our responsibility to understand where we’ve been in history, and draw from that to be more thoughtful.”

Jamaal Jones, graduate law student

“I would never use it, but in certain situations, I think it is appropriate for people to use it, like, with friends.”

Lyle Howe, freshman undecided major

“Yes, it’s only a word that is given power by those who use it and the reasons [why] they use it. So, if the reason is to empower the class it was aimed to destroy... feel free.”

Thomas Vallendingham, graduate law student

“Never use it.”

Vanessa Dennis, freshman business major

“ I don’t think that there’s ever an appropriate time or place to use an inappropriate and derogatory term that is charged with such a hateful past. The term brings up memories that I think we would all like to put behind us. Outside of an academic setting, the word should not be spoken.”

Jamaal Jones, graduate law student

“I don’t think that the ‘N’ word should be used to describe an individual with its original meaning. However, our generation, as well as others, has turned it into a general form of ‘friend’ or in some cases, a ‘cool’ description of a person. Honestly, as long as you mean well, it’s all gravy.”

Ashley Perez, junior legal studies major

“I would never use it, but in certain situations, I think it is appropriate for people to use it, like, with friends.”

Lyle Howe, freshman undecided major

“ If you’re trying to bash someone or use it inappropriately, then [you shouldn’t use it at all].”

Vanessa Dennis, freshman business major

Opinions

Editor’s Note

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

Someone once said: “Don’t fear failure so much that you refuse to try new things. The saddest summary of a life contains three descriptions: could have, might have and should have.” While scary, trying new things can be very rewarding. This week, The Current and I tried something new; I was made editor-in-chief while our editor-travel chief traveled out of the country. I know, scary. To tell you the truth, I did not know how to feel at first. I was excited to have such a tremendous opportunity but in the back of my brain was that fear of “what if...”. However, I had no choice but to put on my big girl pants and be editor-in-chief. Looking back at the past week, I realize that — while I am still scared of messing something up — a little fear is a good thing because it makes you check your work 10 times until you are sure it is perfect. Now, I am sure the newspaper is not perfect but I also know that everyone on staff works their hardest and ignores that fear of failure every week to provide you with the most up-to-date happenings on campus.

So this week, I recommend you try something new. Be it applying for that job you are not sure you are going to get, going to that event on campus you have been hearing about, or writing a letter to the editor of The Current; go ahead and do it because you never know what you might learn and what experience you will take with you. I hope you enjoy this week’s issue and hope to hear from you soon.

Got something to say? E-mail news@nova.edu.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Want to say something about what you have read?

Have an opinion about something we covered?

Do you have an idea that you think would be great in The Current?

Write a Letter to the Editor at news@nova.edu.

You can also comment on our articles at www.nsunews.com.
Nothing will propel your business career faster than a master's degree from the Huizenga School at Nova Southeastern University. With classes that fit your schedule — days, evenings, weekends and online — you can earn your master's degree in just 18 months. The Huizenga School's challenging curriculum combines theory and practice to prepare you for business in the real world. And with professors who are proven corporate leaders from the world's top companies, you'll learn what it takes not only to survive, but also thrive. To learn how NSU can help you launch your business career, attend our Business School Open House on Wednesday, February 24th.

**BUSINESS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

- Learn about graduate and undergraduate programs.
- Speak with academic and financial aid advisors.
- Receive on-the-spot admissions help.
- Application fee is waived for those who attend.

**Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m.**
Main Campus - Davie
Carl DeSantis Building
R.S.V.P. 954-262-5026 or nova.edu/business