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NSU President Gives State of the University Address
KRISTINE BELIZAIRE
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

On Jan. 13, members of the NSU community gathered for the State of the University Address with NSU's fifth president, Ray Ferrero, Jr., hosted by the Circle of Friends of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center.

Ferrero has been the NSU president since 1998, and he believes that NSU has come a long way in the past years and has been committed to academic excellence through lifelong learning. He said that it has been a privilege to serve as its president. He thinks that 2009 will be a year of change and hope for our country, and now is the time to use aggressive planning to take the university to the next level.

“I believe in NSU!” was the core point of Ferrero’s address. In his speech, he asked the audience to close their eyes and imagine that NSU is closed and everyone took the day off. “Would anyone in the community notice?” he asked.

He explained that if NSU took the day off, everyone would notice and be greatly impacted in many ways. Hundreds of people Therapy as well as the Diversity and Inclusion Administrator of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences attended the Inaugural Ceremony. When asked why she was going, Nixon gave two reasons. “My first reason is because it’s historic,” said Nixon. “A person of African decent will be president of the United States! It’s history in the making and I just wanted to be as close to it as possible.” Nixon also took this opportunity to spend time with an ailing friend who wanted to

Getting to Know Dean Pohlman
ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

When you walk in through the wood and glass doors, you are greeted with a smile, you sit down and await your meeting with a great, important man. After all, his résumé includes being the head of Koch Industries.

Dean Randolph Pohlman, Ph.D., who will be taking a sabbatical in July before returning as a faculty member in January 2010, is an amazing man. He has been dean for 20 years, first at Kansas State University, as the Dean of the College of Business Administration and then at NSU, as the Dean of the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business.

When asked as to why the change he responded, “I decided I want to spend more time with my family while doing something I love, which is teaching and doing research.”

Linda Rae Hoge, Dean Pohlman’s Executive Assistant, commented on his abilities and future plans. “He is great! I do think he is excellent and he’s got a great rapport with his colleagues and students. I’m going to miss him as a boss, but I know how much he loves to interact with students.”

The man who is greatly responsible for the construction of the Carl DeSantis Building considers his greatest accomplishment to be the balance he’s kept in his life ever since he’s been dean.
Dean Pohlian has published two books and is currently working on two more, one of which will be an update on his book "Value Driven Management," while the other one will be teaching the typical person how to succeed in the work force. His hobbies include golf, for which he won a Mustang and made five hole-in-ones, and playing guitar, which he often does with his friends. He, alongside Joey Gilmore and his band, will be playing Eric Clapton's "Have You Ever Loved a Woman" and five other songs, this coming Feb. 13 as part of the "Blues and Bubbly Alumni Event."

Dean Pohlian will be teaching both undergraduate and master's level courses starting January 2010. but right now you may go to www.nascurrent.com to check out a video of Dean Pohlian's music.

3 Keys to Success at Work

Dean Pohlian gives away part of his upcoming book to let us know what the three keys to succeeding at work are, no matter what your major is.

1. Strong Work Ethic

Mr. Huisenga said, "I've never heard of someone who drowned in their own soup".

2. Technically Able

You have to be the best at what you do. Would you like to have a brain surgeon who was less than his class? No.

3. Good Business Personality/Amiability

You have to be the kind of person who people want to engage with and you must inspire others.

NSU Ranks First in Online Schools

ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 6, Nova Southeastern University topped this year's ranking of online schools according to Online Education Database (OEDb) which released its third annual online education rankings.

OEDb is an online education database that currently contains reviews of 1,082 programs from 87 accredited online colleges. Unlike other leading online education directories, OEDb's database only lists accredited online colleges so that online education seekers can be sure that potential employers will respect these degrees. OEDb's Web site has millions of visitors each year, and hundreds of thousands of potential students turn to these rankings each year when considering online study.

NSU was ranked first out of 44 undergraduate colleges and universities that offer most or all of their degree programs online. The rankings are based on data derived from eight different metrics: acceptance rate, financial aid, graduation rate, peer Web citations, retention rate, scholarly citations, student-faculty ratio and years accredited.

Thomas W. MacFarland, Ed.D., Senior Research Associate for Institutional Effectiveness and Associate Professor at NSU, states in his Duplicated Cumulative Headcount Enrollment, Courses, and Course Sections at Nova Southeastern University: Fall Term 2000 to Fall Term 2007 that the online enrollment, if societal factors had remained constant, would have likely expanded at a rapid rate. However, with the recent increase in the cost of transportation as well as the growing intrinsic desire for less carbon-intensive lifestyles, it is expected that online learning opportunities will see even greater growth.

MacFarland's report shows the increase in online enrollment increasing by 441 percent from Fall Term 2000 to Fall Term 2007.

In response to the economic slump, online education is a rapidly growing alternative form of education. Students now have to work while attending school, so an online education allows them to have a job and still get their degree.

"I think it's great that Nova came in first in online schools!" said Ethan Blac, a sophomore marketing major. He expressed how online classes are very popular due to their flexibility. "I can be in New York for a business conference and still be able to do my work there."

A Slumping Economy Breeds Competition for Students

ANNA BLACK STAFF WRITER

According to a Kaplan survey conducted in August 2008, 75 percent of business schools reported a significant rise in applicants over the past three years, causing them to consider expanding the number of students that are accepted. Kaplan, a test prep and tutoring company established in 1938, conducted this national survey and found evidence suggesting an increasing trend toward business, law and graduate programs as a way of surviving during the economic downturn.

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Grilling and Going Greek

TIFFANY SIMONCINI  
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 7, 2009, Nova Southeastern University's Office of Greek Life kicked off the new year with their annual "Greek Chili and Grill" barbecue, located just outside of the Parker Building. Around 11 a.m., members of the Greek community flocked the site to help prepare for this yearly, welcoming event.

The Office of Greek Life coordinated this event to begin recruiting students into the Greek Life community. With it's convenient time and prominent location, the event attracted every student that passed by the Parker Building. Haedly anyone could deny the offerings of a quick burger or hot dog.

Jim Sinevich, a junior biology major, and Kappa Sigma member commented on the event's success. "The location is great and the turnout has been good too. I expect many students to arrive once classes let out."

"Going Greek" is largely about helping others and becoming part of a family. As students walked passed the Parker Building, they saw first hand what "going Greek" is all about, as the Greek community interacted with one another.

Rafael De La Rosa of the Lambda Theta Phi fraternity commented on the importance of this event. "This event is a great way to recruit new and get people out and involved," he said.

NSU's Office of Greek Life was clearly successful in the coordination of their "Greek Chili and Grill" barbecue. While, over 50 people attended enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda, the members of the Greek Life were also given the opportunity to represent their fraternities and sororities in a manner that satisfied both the members as well as the students.

"This event was great because I learned more than I ever knew about fraternities while eating really good burgers," said Daniel Figueredo, a sophomore sports management major.

Attempting to Break Records for Change

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ  
STAFF WRITER

From Jan. 20 to Jan. 23, the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will once again host the annual Unity Week, a tradition that has been part of NSU for over 10 years, which is always composed of activities to raise awareness about the delicate issues that affect society.

On Jan. 20, events will include the "Inauguration Viewing Party" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Flight Deck.

Jan. 21 will be filled with events such as "Demand Stand" from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., when all are encouraged to wear a purple shirt in support of those who have been abused, either sexually or physically.

Also on Jan. 21, NSU's "Hunger Banquet" will end at University Center's food court from noon to 1 p.m.

The day will conclude with "The Clothesline Project" and "Take Back the Night" from 9 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the back of the Athletics and Student Affairs (ASA) building. There, students will be able to see a display of graphic shirts designed by women or the loved one of a woman who has been abused or killed. The display will then be moved to the Alvin Sherman Library until Jan. 29.

"Take Back the Night" will be an event to raise awareness about sexual assault and how to become part of the solution.

A lunch celebrating the cultural diversity of NSU will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 22 in The Flight Deck, Parker.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., an Interfaith Dialogue will be hosted in the Commons Room 123A, where students from different faiths will answer questions and converse about their beliefs.

Unity Week will conclude on Jan. 23 with a full night of activities. The night will commence at 6 p.m. with a Cultural Fashion Show, and at 7 p.m., the "Wall of Hate" will be pulled down on the library quad.

At 8 p.m., NSU will attempt to break the Guinness World Record in Dabke Line Dancing by having 3,000 people dance for 6 minutes. If you would like to participate in this event, then please arrive promptly on the Library Quad.

To end the night, Unity Jam will be hosted by Lambda Theta Phi and the Multicultural Affairs Programming Committee, on the library quad from 9 p.m. to midnight.

All through the month, a shoe drive will also be held throughout campus with convenient locations including the residence halls, the University Center, the psychology and law schools, the Carl DeSantis Building, Rosental and the Athletic and Student Affairs buildings.

The drive is intended to raise awareness about sexual assaults and other types of abuse. The shoes will then be donated to a local charity. For more information visit, http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/unityweek.

Events Calendar

January 20-26

Monday, Jan. 20

Faculty Lecture Series: Christine Jackson Ph.D., professor in the Division of Humanities will examine the works of Edgar Allan Poe and its influence on death. Her talk will be titled "Friends and Murderers: Edgar Allan Poe’s Influence on Death as Depicted in American Media."

The lecture will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 240 in the Parker Building. For more information about the college’s Faculty Lecture Series, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/fls.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Demand Stand: In conjunction with Take Back the Night, the Demand Stand will provide attendees with information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and rape.

From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the participants of the Demand Stand will wear purple shirts around campus that illustrate the importance, of domestic violence.

For more information, contact Jennifer Bowman-Wilson at bowman@nova.edu.

Take Back the Night: Take Back the Night event is also committed to raising awareness of sexual assault and violence, while creating an environment where victims can feel free to tell their stories.

The events will begin at 7 p.m. on the ASA Patio (behind the Athletics and Student Affairs Building).

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Interfaith Dialogue: Hosted by the Spiritual Life Council, Catholic Life, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Habitat and International Muslim Association at NSU. During discussion, each organization will have a panelist that will speak about their personal faith. The audience will also be allowed to ask questions throughout the event.

The event will take place in Room 123A in the Commons Residence Halls. For more information, contact Mark DeMello at demello@nova.edu.

Friday, Jan. 23

Unity Jam: Lambda Theta Phi and the NSU Multicultural Affairs Programming committee are hosting this event to celebrate the end of Unity Week 2009. The event will include cultural food, cultural fashion, fun and music. The show will feature fashions and music from different parts of the world.

For more information, contact Rafael De La Rosa at rdelarosa@nova.edu.

Saturday, Jan. 24

No Events Today

Sunday, Jan. 25

No Events Today

Monday, Jan. 26

No Events Today

Cultural Fashion Show: The NSU Multicultural Affairs Programming committee will host this fun-filled night of fashion, fun and music. The show will feature fashions and music from different parts of the world.

For more information, contact Tamara Scoff at scoff@nova.edu.

Cultural Taste of NSU: The NSU Multicultural Affairs Programming committee will host this fun-filled night of food, fun and music. The show will feature foods from different parts of the world. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. at The Flight Deck Patio. For more information, contact Shenika Webb at shenika@nova.edu.

Hunger Banquet: Members of the NSU community are invited to attend this event and learn about poverty and hunger that faces people from all over the nation. Food will be provided. The banquet will begin at 12 p.m. in the University Center Pit. For more information, contact Shereen Elboukry at elboukry@nova.edu.

Clothingline Project: The clothingline project is designed to create awareness about the effect of violence on women. This is achieved through an exhibition of shirts with visual messages that have been designed by women survivors of violence or by the loved ones of a victim.

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would not have access to the health clinics, over 100 special needs students would not be able to go to school, 54,000 library cardholders would not have access to the Alvin Sherman Library and senior citizens would not have access to the Lifelong Learning Institute. He added that groundbreaking medical research would be delayed, as well as the education of 25,000 of NSU students.

Throughout his address, Ferrero mentioned that the development of the new academic village is looking promising, and its impact is expected to be significant to the community. He believes in his heart that NSU is making a meaningful impact in the lives of many families and their children. "I believe in NSU and I sincerely hope that you will continue to believe in NSU," stated Ferrero.

H. Wayne Huizenga, the namesake of Nova Southeastern University's School of Business and Entrepreneurship, left, joins Circle of Friends Treasurer Michael Greenberg, Circle of Friends President Anita Paoli, and NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., at the annual State of the University Address hosted by the Circle of Friends of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Circle of Friends President Anita Paoli speaks about the many achievements of NSU under the direction of President Ray Ferrero, Jr., during her introduction by Ferrero, who was the evening's keynote speaker.

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Sigma Delta Tau Gave Kids the World

NSU's Sigma Delta Tau, Delta Iota Chapter volunteered their time at the Give Kids the World Village in Orlando, Fla. from Dec. 19-20. Give Kids the World is a non-profit organization that provides children with life-threatening illnesses and their families a memorable, cost-free visit to the Orlando theme parks and a complimentary stay at the Give Kids the World Village. The village provides over 100 villa accommodations in addition to fun attractions and venues all specifically designed for children with special needs. The girls of Sigma Delta Tau volunteered in the weekly Christmas parade and assisted in managing the various attractions around the village.
I Chose Division II

ALEX GYNES
FREELANCE WRITER

It is not uncommon for high school athletes to toss and turn in what becomes a sleepless night pondering which college or university they will choose to attend for the next few defining years of their lives. Of course, everyone has their dream school. For instance, for a high school football player it may be attending the prestigious Division I University of Florida. Besides the obvious choices due to notoriety, students then look to, a school's status—for example, Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and Junior Collegiate—when deciphering their choice of schools. From an outsider's perspective there is definitely a certain prestige that comes with playing for a Division I institution. However, the concern should be centered on what each school has to offer for that particular individual and what it is that person is ultimately trying to accomplish from his or her time there. The answers to these questions will help an athlete choose one institution over the other regardless of its division.

Nova Southeastern University is a Division II program. As stated on the NCAA Division II homepage, "Division II is committed to developing students and communities by actively engaging in shared experiences. Through community engagements, we can direct the energy and spirit of winning student-athletes to positively change society as they change themselves." Division II members have stated their philosophy to be that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program is run upon a solid educational system based on principles, that stress the student-athletes’ academic welfare. After all, obtaining higher education has a long lasting importance that cannot be refunded. This, in addition to participating in upper-level athletic competition, will help to develop a well-rounded individual within the community.

Still, why choose Division II? Many student athletes have chosen NSU due to its sense of balance. Not only is a student's athletic success of mass importance, but the emphasis placed on their excellence in the classroom is heavily stressed as well. Both NSU’s Athletic Department and class professors communicate with the students and each other to work together in making sure that while a student athlete's success on the field, court or water, is important; academics will always come first. The main goal of Division II is not just to aid young men or women in the classroom or within their sport, but to incorporate athletics, academics and community involvement, with the hope that their student athletes will graduate with an assortment of skills and knowledge for the long road ahead.

I am a senior cheerleader at NSU. A long road ahead. Student athletes have chosen NSU due to hope, love, gymnastics, become, senior Sharks. Committed COR $-9pm • Sun. 11-7pm 2 Ili

Across-
1) I am a senior cheerleader. I am majoring in law and hope to one day become an attorney representing less fortunate children.
2) I am a senior cheerleader from Jupiter, Fla. I am an education major and want to become an ESE teacher in an elementary school.
3) I am a senior Sharks cheerleader majoring in occupational therapy. I love gymnastics, traveling and scrapbooking.
4) I am a senior cheerleader at NSU. I believe my best asset to the team is my positive attitude.

Up/Down-
1) I am a sophomore cheerleader. As a freshman, I received the Coach's Award. I love going to the beach and out on my boat with my family.
Men's Basketball Hits a Seven-Game Streak
The Longest in Four Years

TRANEll MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

NSU’s men’s basketball team (9-3, 4-0 SSC) experienced an extraordinary run throughout the 2008-2009 winter break segment of their competitive season, stringing together seven consecutive wins, the longest streak in 12 years. Not having lost a game in over a month, or a Sunshine State Conference game thus far in the season, the Sharks are currently ranked first in the SSC.

The Sharks kicked off their winning streak on Dec. 6 while taking on Eckerd College, defeating the Tritons by a commanding score of 69-58. NSU saw three athletes score in double-figures as sophomore John Brooks (2) led the team with 14 points just ahead of seniors Tim Coenraad (22) and Dionte Perry (1), with 13 and 11 respectively. Upon taking part in Crown’s Classic Tournament the Sharks came away with two more wins after crushing Milligan College 88-65 on Dec. 16 and dominating Morningide College 80-72 on Dec. 18. Sophomore Alex Gynes (5) led the Sharks in assists with six to go along with 13 points while facing Milligan, as Perry scrambled to gather 17 points, Brooks adding 13 of his own.

Coenraad led in scoring for the Sharks when facing Morningide with 15 points as Brooks contributed 12 towards the victory. Perry put together a double-double as he posted 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Sharks took home another “W” during the NSU Holiday Classic on Dec. 29 versus Wilmington University, 75-60. Perry set the pace for the Sharks offensively, scoring 15 for the evening while grabbing 10 rebounds as Brooks put 13 up on the score board, scoring in the double figures column for his fourth successive game.

NSU hit the road and headed for Tampa on Jan. 3 where the Sharks got off to a great New Year as they conquered the University of Tampa in a close game, 65-61. Perry collected his third consecutive double-figure scoring 17 while snatching 10 rebounds. Sophomore Ross Allsup (20) tallied up 11 points of his own.

The Sharks came away with a crucial win while on Lynn University’s Fighting Knights’ home turf in what was without a doubt the most exhilarating game of the season thus far.

Despite an 18 point deficit with three minutes left in the first half, the Sharks came back in the second with intensity, diminishing the Fighting Knights lead little by little with every passing moment. The match was nearing its end and Lynn was maintaining the lead but with eight seconds left time seemed to stand still.

Allsup captured a clutch defensive rebound and with a powerful assisting pass from Coenraad to junior Dave Naylor (33) with a second left Naylor sunk a lay-up as the buzzer sounded to take the win by one, 65-64.

Coenraad led all scorers with 24 points followed by Perry with 15, to mark his sixth successive double figure scoring game.

With several of the Sharks’ starters either sitting out or playing sick, NSU managed to still work up the energy for another win while in front of an enthusiastic crowd of Fin-atics on Jan. 14, taking it down to the wire against Barry University, 62-58. Naylor led with 10 points as Brooks tallied up 14 points. Allsup also played well as he contributed nine points and nine rebounds.

Fan of the Month

CHRIS BALBAN
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior biology major, Tashi Wangla, has been attending sports games of every sort since he arrived at NSU four years ago. Avidly pursuing a future in medicine, as well as participating in many of NSU’s extracurricular functions, Wangla still manages to make an appearance at nearly every sporting event! Wangla enjoys playing the Tibetan pipe flute, is fluent in seven languages and aspires to one day be on the cover of TIME magazine. Congratulations Tashi on being NSU’s “FAN OF THE MONTH!”

Inside the Locker Room:
Abbie Tepe

Tepe hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she loved to play soccer and basketball while in high school. Tepe is majoring in sports management, however she hopes to one day play basketball overseas.

Tepe claims the following are a few of the pre-game rituals the team takes part in to get ready for a big game. “First things first, we get food! Next Priscilla (fellow teammate, sophomore Priscilla Perez, No. 10) and I head over to the training room and get changed. Then our whole team goes outside and screams at the top of our lungs so we get rid of stress! A lot of us have special handshakes we do when we aren’t announced at the beginning of the game too.”

FUN FACTS ABOUT Abbie
If you were stranded on an island, what are three things you would want to have with you?
“Nick Lachey, a bow and arrow and my cellular device!”
What are the top three things you want to do in your lifetime?
“I want to swim in a shark cage, find the cure for cancer and win a national championship!”
If you could speak another language what would it be?
“Spanish, because then I could understand what Priscilla is saying when she gets mad and screams out in Spanish at practice!”

Where do you see yourself in five years?
“Possibly overseas playing basketball, or married with ‘Mr. Perfect.”
Inside the Locker Room:
John C. Brooks

TRANELL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

Nova Southeastern University has opened its arms in welcoming new face, John C. Brooks, more commonly known to his family, friends and Fin-atics as "JB," to the men’s basketball team. Brooks is a 6-foot, 2-inch sophomore transfer student-athlete from Montana State-Billings, where as a freshman he led his team with an average of 13.8 points per game.

Brooks can be spotted in the Shark Tank wearing the No. 2 on his jersey. Brooks is currently averaging 7.4 points a game as a Shark, along with a solid 20 assists in the 2008-2009 season thus far.

"I believe my best assets to the team are my confidence, competitiveness and energy. I think these components are very important, especially when playing a sport like basketball because there is always someone gunning for you, and if you don’t have these three, you won’t survive," states Brooks.

Brooks shares with the Fin-atics a few of the team’s pre-game rituals. "I have to play a song by the 504 Boys before I put on my uniform before each game. It gets me hyped and ready to do some damage on the floor!"

This young and talented point guard was born and raised in Perris, Calif., by his parents John and Zanetta Brooks along with his little sister Jeanette. Brooks dreams of playing basketball at the professional level with his family, friends and Fin-atics as "JB," his parents John and Zanetta Brooks along with his little sister Jeanette. Brooks dreams of playing basketball at the professional level and upon graduating in May of 2011, and he is majoring in finance with aspirations of becoming a financial advisor once he finishes his basketball career.

FUN FACTS ABOUT JB

If you were stranded on an island, what are three things you would want to have with you?

"The Blueprint Album by Jay-Z, a Basketball (duh) and a gun!"

What are the top three things you want to do in your lifetime?

"Visit every continent on Earth, earn my first million dollars and star/co-star in a comedy or romance movie."

If you could be any superhero, who would it be and why?

"I would have to say Wolverine. Wolverine has been my favorite superhero since I was a youngster. I had posters, action figures, a Wolverine mask, the whole deal! I wish I could heal up instantly like he does."

What did you do over Winter Break?

"I was on campus taking care of basketball business most of the time since we still had practice and games, which paid off because we haven’t lost a game in the past month! The time we had off, I went home to California and relaxed with my family and old friends the majority of the time. We had six days off, but compared to my school last year six days was triple the amount of time we had off then, so I really tried to take advantage of the down time."

If you were an animal what would you be and why?

"I’d have to be a Jaguar or a Cougar. I feel that they are just so laid back and they just chill until it’s time to attack. Then it’s straight down to business!"

If you could speak another language what would it be?

"It would have to be Spanish, hands down. Whether I’m in California or in Florida, I’m surrounded by a lot of Spanish speaking people and it would be smooth to speak it fluently."

Where do you see yourself in five years?

"I definitely see myself still playing basketball, professionally overseas somewhere. At that time, Lord willing, I can start settling down and possibly having a family of my own."

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NSU Women’s Golf Ring Ceremony

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The women’s golf team of NSU was honored by being given their Sunshine State Conference Championship Rings on Wednesday evening in between the half of the men’s basketball game against Barry University on NSU Sports Day, Jan. 14.

The Sharks concluded their 2008 season by making history as they clenched their first ever SSC title on Apr. 15 followed by winning a NCAA Division II Women’s Golf South Regional Championship on May 7 to go along with it. Upon their successful season, NSU continued on into national play in Houston, Tex., where on May 16 the Sharks fought to declare themselves No. 2 in the nation.

Sandra Changkija accumulated a number of honors as she was not only named SSC Freshman of the Year, but NCGA Freshman of the Year in addition to PING/NCGA Division II Player of the Year. Head Coach Kevin Marsh was named SSC Coach of the Year. Senior Elizabeth Bond along with sophomore Maria Garcia Austi were both recognized on the NGCA Division II All-American Scholar Team.
The NSU women's basketball team (3-9; 0-3 SSC) continued regular season play throughout the 2008-2009 Winter Break and on into the second semester winning five out of their last eight games. On Dec. 13 the Sharks matched-up against Eckerd College's Tritons for their first Sunshine State Conference game of the season. The Sharks came straight out to take the match 65-62. Junior Stephanie Sarosi led the Sharks with 15 points. Allen contributed a game high of eight assists in a losing effort.

Powered by the return of senior Eliza Allen (5), NSU was able to win their first match of the season defeating Dominicans College on Dec. 17 in game one of the Cuzin’ Classic Tournament, 78-60. The Sharks shot 52 percent while holding their opponents to just 33 percent. Three Sharks scored in the double figures column, led once again by Sarosi with a 25 point rebound performance, followed by Allen with 19, including 5-for-7 shooting from beyond the arc, and Tepe with 14 points respectively.

NSU displayed stamina as they took the momentum from their first win straight into their following game against the No. 2 team in the country, Washburn University's Lady Blues in their second and final match of the Cuzin’ Classic Tournament on Dec. 19.

In a neck-and-neck match-up including seven lead changes and five ties, the Lady Blues would steal the match with a last second, walk off buzzer beater stealing the game 64-62. Sarosi led the Sharks with 15 points with Allen contributing 14 followed by Tepe and freshman Erin Zampell (32) netting 12 points a piece.

The Sharks traveled down the road to Barry University for their next two games as they competed in the Barry University Tournament on Dec. 30 and 31. NSU's first game would see them battle the Bears of Shaw University. The Sharks were finally able to maintain a half time lead of 10 points and go on and defeat the bears by a score of 75-60. Sarosi continued her scoring dominance with 22 points and collecting her fifth double-double of the year with 11 rebounds. Allen's hot shooting persisted as she went 5-for-3 from the three point line en route to a 19 point performance.

The Sharks carried on to go undefeated in the Barry University Tournament as they downed Flagler College thanks to a made free throw by Sarosi with eight seconds left giving the Sharks a 60-59 victory. This extremely well contested match-up saw Sarosi put on another powerful performance grabbing nine rebounds while scoring 26 of NSU's 60 points as well as scoring the Sharks' last nine points giving them the victory, not to mention going 10-11 from the field. Freshman Jada Buckner (21) contributed a season high 10 points and four assists in a winning effort.

On Jan. 3 The Sharks returned to SSC play as they traveled to the University of Tampa taking on the Spartans. NSU struggled to find their range all night as they shot a troubling 23 percent from the field and just 12 percent from the arc thus dropping their second SSC game, 62-41.

A third straight SSC game would go begging as the Lynn University Fighting Knights erased the Sharks 14 point halftime lead to take the game 72-62 on Jan. 7. Lynn was able to turn the game around as they poured in 51 second half points to take the win. Sarosi netted a team high 19 points and collected 12 rebounds en route to her sixth double-double while Tepe racked up 13 points.

The Sharks would return home on Jan. 12 to crush the Sailfish of Palm Beach Atlantic by a score of 76-37. NSU dominated in all categories of the game out shooting, out rebounding, outscoring and dishing out more assists in a much needed confidence boost for the Sharks. Sarosi went on to lead the Sharks with 20 points and nine rebounds in just 20 minutes of play, senior LaShawwna Edwards (23) followed tallying 12 points.

NSU took the momentum of a 39 point win onto the Jan. 14 game up against the No. 13 Barry University Buccaneers to take their first SSC win of the season. The match turned out to be an exiting contest between both a SSC and local rivalry as neither team gained an edge in the first half with the score tied at 26-26. Both teams were separated by no more than six points as they battled through a closely contested second half. In the last 37 seconds three made free-throws from Tepe stretched the lead to four points with 19 seconds remaining and with one final defensive stand the Sharks went on to win the match 62-56.

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Just Another “Best and Worst Movies” List

Clockwise from the top: Courtesy of BBC Films, Courtesy of Scott Rudin Productions, Courtesy of Kennedy/Marshall Co.

**Best**

- **Valkyrie**: Most Tom Cruise (“Tropic Thunder,” “War of the Worlds”) films have the same formula: Cruise’s character is usually successful in whatever he does and there is action, and lots of it. “Valkyrie” follows that formula for the most part, and then provides some more mind-numbing, action-adventure sequences. Unfortunately, there are some truly great performances in the film, but they are easily forgotten once the next bomb goes off, or the next plane comes by shooting bullets at the “enemy.”
- **The Spirit**: Even though they make money at the box office, superhero movies are overrated and overplayed, and “The Spirit” is proof of that. Stylistically and visually, the film is brilliant, but computer imaging software can only take a film so far. The plot is almost non-existent. And to this day, I am not really sure what the point of the film is. The performances ranged from mediocre, in regards to actresses Eva Mendes (“We Own the Night”), “The Women”) and Scarlett Johansson (“The Other Boleyn Girl,” “Vicky Cristina Barcelona”), to mind-shokingly horrible, such as Samuel L. Jackson’s (“Lakeview Terrace,” “Soul Men”). Do yourself a favor and watch “Sin City” or “Hellboy” instead.
- **Revolutionary Road**: As visually stunning as it is heart wrenching, “Benjamin Button” is as long as “Australia” and better in every identifiable way. To put it simply, “Benjamin Button” is a beautiful love story about two people struggling at every moment of their lives to be able to be together. Brad Pitt (“Burn After Reading,” “Babel”) and Cate Blanchett (“I’m Not There,” “Elizabeth: The Golden Age”) give some of the best performances of their entire careers in this film.
- **Slumdog Millionaire**: I’m mentioning this film first because I know most of our readers have heard the “hype” about it for a long time and should believe it. Not only is this one of the best films of the year, but it is one of the most uplifting and original films I have seen in a long time. The story is heartbreaking, poignant and incredibly enriching, all at the same time. I’m not telling you to go see this film, I’m begging you.

**Worst**

- **Australia**: I think it is reasonable to say that any film lasting longer than an hour and half should at the very least have a great plot line, even if the acting is a little weak. Well, “Australia” tops out at three hours long and the only enjoyable thing comes by shooting bullets at the “enemy.”
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For some reason, filmmakers and production companies seem to save their most interesting and, in my opinion, entertaining films of the entire year for the wintertime. With that said, I spent my winter break watching films so that I can present our readers with a “best and worst” list for winter 2008-2009. I will start with the worst (even though there are not that many) and move on to the best.

“No Man”. I will be fair with this one and say that if you like Jim Carrey’s (“Fun with Dick and Jane,” “The Number 23”) films, you may be able to get past the problems with this film and enjoy it. However, the film suffers from a weak script, an ending that is totally predictable and Carrey’s failure to carry the film with the same charm that has aided films like “Yes Man” in the past. Not only that, but Zooey Deschanel (“Elf,” “The Women”) suffers most from the “annoying costar syndrome” and gives what is probably the worst performance of her career.

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There were a few films released this winter that I am having a hard time fitting into either category. The first of these films is the little noticed “Cadillac Records,” which has more enjoyable points than unbearable ones. However, for the most part it is a mediocre version of popular films such as “Dream Girls” and “Ray.”

The second of these is “Seven Pounds,” regardless of the fact that the film is torn to pieces by critics. As with “Cadillac Records,” “Seven Pounds” is not profound or prolific, just a mediocre film with some interesting points.

The last of these films is aimed more towards our readers who have children or take their younger siblings to the movies. “Bedtime Stories,” besides its obvious child geared humor, is a true Adam Sandler flick (“You Don’t Mess with the Zohan,” “Click”), making it somewhat tolerable and funny at times. The film shows Disney finding a comfortable median between kids’ movies and something adults will enjoy. Now we are left with the best winter films of 2008-2009.

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“The Reader” At the Golden Globe Awards, Ricky Gervais (“Ghost Town,” “Night at the Museum”) commented on how every time a Holocaust film is made it is automatically a shoe in for every award imaginable. That may well be true, but “Valkyrie” sort of disproves Gervais’ “theory” and “The Reader,” regardless of its reflection of the atrocities of the Holocaust, is an incredible film, made with what seems like a true passion for the story itself.

“Revolutionary Road}: I saved this for last because “Revolutionary Road” is probably my favorite film of the season. Based on a Richard Yates novel of the same name, “Revolutionary Road” shows the return of director Sam Mendes (“American Beauty,” “Jarhead”) who portrays dysfunctional marriages and families with more depth than many directors working today. With “Revolutionary Road,” he proves that he is able to weave plot lines and conflicts with ease, without losing a truly passionate approach to filmmaking and storytelling. Kate Winslet (“The Reader,” “The Holiday” and Leonardo DiCaprio (“Blood Diamond,” “Body of Lies”) reunite to bring us truly moving performances of two memorable characters.

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"Defiance" Turns a New Page on an Old Story

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The title "Defiance," explains the central theme of the film. With the additional sub-themes of fortitude, determination and alliance, "Defiance" tells the true story of three Jewish brothers who defy all the odds and create a beacon of hope for disenfranchised and terrorized Jews during the Holocaust.

The film takes place in the 1940s and the German Army is literally liquidating the Jewish population. Tuvia, Zus and Asael Bielski (Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber and Jamie Bell) declare their right to freedom and survival by organizing a settlement in the Belzecian forest in Poland, subsequent to the Nazis killing their parents. The settlement soon becomes a beacon of hope for many deprived and desperate Jews. These Jews then eventually make their way to join up with the brothers and form a new, free and safe society. The Bielski brothers are by no means cavilers, and noble characters. They have a moulded history, but they possess a clear knowledge of shooting, stealing and finding their way through a dense and trackless forest.

"Defiance" is thrilling, emotional and well-delivered. Director Edward Zwick shows that resilience and fortitude can be accepted sentimentally as victimization and powerlessness, in regards to the Holocaust. This is not to say that the Jews who did not have the will to fight back created their own destiny, but instead points to the fact that people can sometimes choose what course their lives will take, even when everything seems to point downhill.

For New Year's...

A quotation of 15 words is concealed in this diagram. The letters for each word are in a straight line reading up, down, backward and diagonally. The number of letters in each word is shown under the answer blanks. The solution is one continuous line through each of the words. We have started you off with the word "MANY." Use the word "MANY" next look for a six-letter word that adjoints the "Y" in "MANY."

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"Marley & Me" Barks Up a Riot

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"Marley & Me" is the endearing and sciellating story about a golden labrador retriever who is the centerpiece of his family's accomplishments, as well as failures. Not being a dog lover myself, or a dog movie lover, this film competently fuses the human and canine element to tell a story where serious life lessons can be learned.

Based on John Gorgon's 2005 best-selling memoir of the same title, the film dishes out 13 years of conflicts, resolutions, trials and tribulations shared by John and Jenny Gorgon (Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston), along with their three children and their beloved Marley. Newleyweds, John and Jenny move to Florida where Jenny has a job with the Palm Beach Post and John impresses the editor (Alan Arkin) into a position on the South Florida Sun-Sentinel staff. With their lives seemingly on the right track, Jenny begins to yearn for a baby, John compromises by deciding to adopt a puppy, and then names him after Reggae sensation, Bob Marley. As the years go by and the three children arrive, Jenny gives up her job and becomes a stay-at-home mom, and also the everyday receiver of Marley's mayhem.

"Marley & Me" identifies with many working families who have to balance jobs, children, relationship issues and even rambunctious pets. In between Marley ingesting everything he comes into contact with, and his catastrophic, sanity-sucking behavior, director David Frankel ("The Devil Wears Prada") craftily interweaves hearty comic relief, the relentless fortitude in human beings and a tenderness that is not seen very often in recent films. The level of endurance that is active within people is put on trial in this film. "Marley & Me" demonstrates that the everyday stresses of work, family and life can either make or break a union, not through chance, but by simply making the decision to stand or fall.

Aniston and Wilson eke out a surprisingly workable partnership on screen. They both have prescribed roles with Aniston being the able homemaker, and Wilson, the good-natured provider with a light-hearted sense of humor. Together they hit the mark of showing the everyday complexities of life and love.
New Year’s Resolutions

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2. Be Independent
3. Be Punctual
4. Diet
5. Exercise
6. Forgive
7. Gain LBS
8. Get Organized
9. Laugh More
10. Learn French
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16. Save Money
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Award Season is Just Getting Fired Up

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Awards season is here and just kicking off. With only weeks until the Academy Awards, filmmakers, writers, musicians, actors and actresses have already begun winning awards for their work over the past year. Here are the winners for the biggest award events so far and my predictions for the big day—

Critics' Choice Awards:
- Best Composer: A.H. Rahman ("Slumdog Millionaire")
- Best Song: Bruce Springsteen for "The Wrestler"
- Best Documentary Feature: "Man on Wire"
- Best Foreign Language Film: "Waltz with Bashir"
- Best Picture Made for Television: "John Adams"
- Best Comedy: "Tropic Thunder"
- Best Action Movie: "The Dark Knight"
- Best Young Actor/Actress (Under 21): Dev Patel for "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Best Writer (Original or Adapted Screenplay): Simon Beaufoy for "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Best Director: Danny Boyle for "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Best Acting Ensemble: "Milk"
- Animated Feature: "WALL-E"
- Supporting Actress: Kate Winslet for "The Reader"
- Supporting Actor: Heath Ledger for "The Dark Knight"
- Best Actress (tie): Anne Hathaway for "Rachel Getting Married" and Meryl Streep for " Doubt"
- Best Actor: Sean Penn for "Milk"
- Best Picture: "Slumdog Millionaire"

Golden Globe Awards (in order of presentation):
- Best Supporting Actress: Kate Winslet for "The Reader"
- Best Original Song: "The Wrestler" (from "The Wrestler") by Bruce Springsteen
- Outstanding Animated Feature: "WALL-E"
- Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Musical or Comedy: Sally Hawkins for "Happy-Go-Lucky"
- Best Miniseries or Motion Picture for Television: "John Adams"
- Best Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture: Heath Ledger for "The Dark Knight"
- Best Foreign Language Film: "Waltz with Bashir"
- Best Screenplay: Simon Beaufoy for "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Best Television Series—Musical or Comedy: "30 Rock"
- Best Original Score: A.H. Rahman for Slumdog Millionaire
- Cecil B. DeMille Award: Steven Spielberg
- Best Director—Motion Picture: Danny Boyle for "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture—Musical or Comedy: Colin Farrell for "In Bruges"
- Best Motion Picture—Musical or Comedy: "Vicky Cristina Barcelona"
- Best Motion Picture—Drama: "Slumdog Millionaire"
- Best Actor in a Motion Picture—Drama: Mickey Rourke for "The Wrestler"

Predictions for the 78th Academy Awards (in major categories):
- Best Foreign Language Film: "Waltz with Bashir" or "I've Loved You So Long"
- Best Documentary Feature: "I.O.U.S.A." or "Man on Wire"
- Best Animated Feature: "WALL-E" or "Waltz with Bashir"
- Best Original Song: "The Wrestler" (from "The Wrestler") by Bruce Springsteen
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Kate Winslet for "The Reader" or Viola Davis for " Doubt"
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Heath Ledger for "The Dark Knight" or Josh Brolin for "Milk"
- Best Actress in a Leading Role: Kate Winslet for "Revolutionary Road" or Meryl Streep for " Doubt"
- Best Actor in a Leading Role: Sean Penn for "Milk" or Mickey Rourke for "The Wrestler"
- Best Adapted Screenplay: Simon Beaufoy for "Slumdog Millionaire," David Hare for "The Reader" or Justin Haythe for "Revolutionary Road"
- Best Original Screenplay: Philippe Claudel for "I've Loved You So Long"
- Best Director: Danny Boyle for "Slumdog Millionaire" or Sam Mendes for "Revolutionary Road"
- Best Picture: "Slumdog Millionaire"
New Year’s Resolutions are Bogus

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New Year’s Eve is a big deal in this country, as most holidays are. Americans tend to take the event seriously. So seriously, in fact, that every basic cable television station broadcasts coverage of the traditional Times Square celebration and of New Year’s events going on around the world. Not only that, though, we have “important traditions” that accompany our nation, as most holidays are. Americans tend to take the event seriously. Not only that, though, we have important traditions that accompany our country, as most holidays are. Americans tend to take the event seriously. So seriously, in fact, that every basic cable television station broadcasts coverage of the traditional Times Square celebration and of New Year’s events going on around the world. Not only that, though, we have “important traditions” that accompany our nation, as most holidays are. Americans tend to take the event seriously.

Let’s face it, we all know they are completely pointless and most of us just say we are going to do something, such as quit smoking or lose weight, because everyone else is really into them. So, why is it that we have kept them around and continue to keep them around?

Usually, I just ignore people proclaiming their resolutions to everyone they know. They act as if they are so proud of themselves as if they are truly accomplishing something. The best example of this kind of person is the one whose New Year’s resolution is to lose weight. The “diet resolution -ers,” as I like to call them, are the people who usually break their resolution before anyone else. However, for that first week out of the year, they will torment you with their new “food rules” and beg you to take part in their resolution. Much like the dieters, the non-smokers tend to break their resolutions fairly early on. For the month of January, they will kindly ask their friends not to smoke around them because they are “trying” to quit and it is their New Year’s resolution. After awhile, said non-smoker will start smoking again, hide it from the people they know for about a month or two, and then come out again as a smoker. From my experience, this seems to be the usual chain of events.

I am sure that each and every one of our readers can come up with a story about someone they know who took that sacred New Year’s vow to do something and then they either never did or quit within the first couple of weeks. This brings us back to the question, why do we even declare New Year’s resolutions then?

Perhaps people feel a sort of collective comfort from declaring a New Year’s resolution, but really, what is wrong with declaring a resolution any other day of the year? Honestly, this article would not have even been written if I did not notice some of my friends breaking their resolutions already. It made me think, “Woudn’t it make more sense to make that resolution at another time so it would not look like such a gross failure?” Because that is exactly what it looks like when people break their New Year’s resolutions: a failure and a scar upon their character.

So here is my resolution, which is more of a declaration now that I think about it: Find a way to eliminate New Year’s resolutions. They are frustrating, outdated and impossible. If you really want to accomplish something, you should be able to start trying any day of the year.

Editor’s Note

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A myth that seems to be infiltrating various college campuses is that a bachelor’s degree is enough to land you a job that you thoroughly enjoy. While this may be true in some circumstances, considering that the population is growing and that the economy is fluctuating daily, it is important for students to consider how to distinguish themselves in the job market considering that bachelor’s degrees may not be the “golden tickets” that they once were.

On a recent visit to the Career Development office, I found myself thinking one thing: “Where is everybody?” I have met with the career counselors several times regarding my résumé, and they were extremely helpful in catching errors and juggling my memory on volunteer experiences that taught me valuable job skills which were important to note on my résumé. Also, the office can help students who are undecided or don’t know what to do with their majors, by administering “personality tests” and setting up an appointment with a career counselor to discuss options after graduation.

I know it sounds like I am trying to give advice, but I just wanted to convey how important it is to be proactive in career preparation in order to get a leg up on the competition. This is where an internship or spending time volunteering at a business or organization can be helpful. Even if an academic program doesn’t require job-market experience to graduate, some students have told me that they found it beneficial to scout out businesses in which they could see themselves working and to spend time there to figure out if it is something that they enjoyed and want to pursue as a career. Some students shy away from internships because they are not paid. Sure nobody likes to work for free, but according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 60 percent of interns were offered a job at the place of employment in which they interned. Additionally, gaining skills that can be used to create a résumé full of experiences can help a candidate stand out from other candidates who may have similar bare minimum qualifications. With the National Center for Education Statistics projecting that “the number of bachelor’s degrees conferred between 1998 and 2008 is expected to grow from 1.16 million to 1.24 million,” using that free time in an office may be just the distinction needed to land the job of your dreams...or at least get a foot in the door if nothing else.

As far as when to get started, sophomore year would appear to be the best time to scout the professional world, so that there is plenty of time in the last two years of the undergraduate experience to not only try one location, but to possibly try out a few. So, I say wherever you are in your college career, start thinking about where you see yourself not only scholastically but also professionally, because before you know it, the sweat pants will turn into a cap and gown, and it is the hope of NSU that you graduate and walk across that stage with confidence and are able to proudly think to yourself: “My time at NSU was a bright spot in my life and my future plans are even brighter.”

On The Scene

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What Is Your New Year’s Resolution?

“I don’t have one, honestly.”
Kim Marona, a senior biology major.

“To climb Mount Everest in Nepal, a third-world country.”
Rishi “Kumar” Shah, a junior biology major.

“To do good in my grades and bring up my GPA.”
Cherline Bonhomme, a junior biology major.

“To do good in my grades and bring up my GPA.”
Rachel Friedman, a freshman biology major.

“To concentrate more on my studies.”
Jose Villafaurtecente, a freshman criminal justice major.
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