The presidential inauguration is a special tradition, which symbolizes the commencement of a president’s new term in office and assumption of power as commander-in-chief. It generally consists of a series of events including the swearing-in ceremony on the west front of the United States Capitol, a luncheon in the Capitol’s Statuary Hall, an inaugural parade and official inaugural balls.

Debra A. Nixon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Marriage and Family 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 descent will be president of the United States! It’s history in the making and I just wanted to be as close as I was possible.” Nixon also took this opportunity to spend time with an ailing friend who wanted to see it.

NAIDA ALCIME
STAFF ALCIME

Barack Obama is Finally President—But Will His Team Deliver?”

NSU President Gives State of the University Address

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, the community would notice and be greatly impacted in many ways. Hundreds of people

Getting to Know Dean Pohlman

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 Hulitza 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 Hope, Dean Pohlman’s Executive Assistant, commented on his abilities and future plans. “He is great! I’m not saying that because of my job. I do think he is excellent and he’s 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 Pohlman 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-ins, 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 Pohlman will be teaching both undergraduate and master's level courses starting January 2010, but right now you may go to www.nsunews.com to check out a video of Dean Pohlman's music.

3 Keys to Success at Work

Dean Pohlman 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. Huizenga said, "I never heard of someone who drowned in their own sweat."

2. Technically Able
You have to be the best at what you do. Would you like to have a brain surgeon who wasn't in his class?

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

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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 college 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 Blick, 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."

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A Slumping Economy Breeds Competition for Students

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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 the rivalry with peers to do better and succeed in the competitive application process.

"There is a much more competitive atmosphere in law school than there was in undergrad," said Rich Cooper, a first year law student at Nova. Legal studies is a really popular major. Law school is tough, you're always competing against your peers to get better grades. "There is a much more competitive atmosphere in law school than there was in undergrad."

Robert Beharrell, a first year law student, agreed with Cooper saying, "I know a lot of people in the undergrad law program at Nova. Legal studies is a really popular major. Law school is tough, you're always competing for your grades and you have no choice but to spend hours in the library every week. It makes sense that more and more people want to get into a program like law or business because they are safe options even when the economy is bad like it is now. People will always need lawyers."

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Attempts to Break Records for Change

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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., at which 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 ensue at the 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 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the back of the Athletics and Student Affairs (ASA) building. The 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 assault and how to become part of the solution. It is a lunch celebrating the cultural diversity of NSU will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 22 at The Flight Deck Patios.

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 in the Library quad from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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

Grilling and Going Greek

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On Jan. 7, 2009, Nova Southeastern University's Office of Greek Life kicked off the new year with their annual "Greek Chill and Grill" barbecue, located just outside of the Parker Building. At 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 almost every student that passed by the Parker Building. Hardly anyone could deny the offerings of a quick burger or hot dog.

Jim Sinkevich, 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 more 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 and get people out and involved," he said.

NSU's Office of Greek Life was clearly successful in the coordination of their "Greek Chill 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 Figueiredo, a sophomore sports management major.

Events Calendar

January 20-26

Tuesday, 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 Depiction 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/46.

Wednesday, 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 information. For more information, contact Jennifer Bowman-Wilson at jbowman@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 event will begin at 7 p.m. on the ASA Patio (behind the Athletics and Student Affairs Buildings).

Thursday, Jan. 22

Interfaith Dialogue: Hosted by the Spiritual Life Council, Catholic Life, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Hillel and International Muslim Association at NSU. During this 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 122A in the Common 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 show and music from different parts of the world. For more information, contact Rafael De La Rosa at rdelaras@nova.edu.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Sunday, Jan. 25

No Events Today

Monday, Jan. 26

No Events Today

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 Sharen Eltoukhy at stoukhy@nova.edu.

Clothesline Project: The clothesline 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.

Cultural Taste of NSU: The NSU Multicultural Affairs Programming committee will host this fun-filled night of fashion, food and music. The show will feature fashions and films from different parts of the world. Refreshments will also be provided. For more information, contact Tamara Scoot at scoott@nova.edu.

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. Refreshments will also be provided. For more information, contact Tiffany Simoncini at tiffsim@nova.edu.

Current Affairs
would not have access to the health clinics, over 100 special needs students 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.

Are you a communications major? Are you considering a career in journalism? Then come gain some hands-on experience at The Current!

If you would like to write for The Current, please contact Laura Starr at nsunews@nova.edu to set-up an appointment.

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 four 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 infamous 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 College—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.

SPORTS CORNER: WORD FIND

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 its streak continue on Dec. 9, when facing Morningside 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" 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-double scoring 17 while snatching 10 rebounds. Sophomore Ross Allsop (20) tallied up 11 points of his own.

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.

Allsop 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-digit game. Despite 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, 65-58. Naylor led with 10 points as Brooks tallied up 14 points. Allsop also played well as he contributed nine points and nine rebounds.

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 continue playing 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 get 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."

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!"

TRANELL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

NSU is proud to announce that sophomore point guard, Abbie Tepe, has returned to the Sharks' women's basketball team, where she hopes to continue with her young and thriving career.

Fin-atic: can see Tepe running up and down the court with the No. 3 on her back as she tallies together assist after assist, leading her team with 69 assists thus far in the 2008-2009 season.

Tepe is small as she stands at just 5-feet, 3-inches, but has definitely proven herself as a force to be reckoned with. As a freshman, Tepe averaged 7.5 points along with 4.5 assists per game, as well as setting single-season records for assists (139) and steals (77).

When asked what she believes are her best attributes to the team, Tepe stated, "My ability to see the floor and my hard work."
Inside the Locker Room:
John C. Brooks

Nova Southeastern University has opened its arms in welcoming fos. J., 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 during 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. The song 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 Janetta Brooks along with his little sister Jeanette. Brooks dreams of playing basketball at the professional level upon graduating in May of 2011, and he is majoring in finance with aspirations of becoming a financial advisor once he polishes off 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. I spent time 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

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 defeated 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 NGCAA Freshman of the Year in addition to NGCAA Division II Player of the Year. Head Coach Kevin Murch was named SSC Coach of the Year. Senior Elizabeth Bond along with sophomore Maria Garcia Aunet were both recognized on the NGCAA Division II All-American Scholar Team.
Women's Basketball
Winter Recap

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 of the gate strong, building a nine point halftime lead which was pushed out to 17 points at the end of the third quarter. 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 73-60. 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-5 from the three point line en route to a 19 point performance.

The Sharks continued 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 having 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 scored 51 second half points to take the win. Sarosi netted a team high 19 points and collected 12 rebounds on 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 shooting, out rebounding, out scoring 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 Leahawanna 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 exciting contest between both a SSC and local rivalry as neither team gained an edge in the first half with the score tied at 24-24. 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.

"This was just the game we needed to show us that we are capable of anything," Tepe stated. "Beating a ranked team of Barry's stature shows that our team's potential does not reflect our record." Sarosi led the Sharks with her ninth game of the season scoring over 20 points as she posted a 20 point and eight rebounds outing. Tepe followed with a 16 point performance while Edwards contributed 10 points respectively.

2008-2009 Intramural Fin Cup Challenge Rules and Scoring

Created in 2008, by the Campus Recreation Department, the Intramural Fin Cup gives students and faculty a chance to participate in intramurals throughout the school year. Participation, sportsmanship and the overall success of team play, has an intricate role in crowning the Intramural Fin Cup Champion. For more information please contact Jason Aloise at jaloise@nova.edu.

Rules:

The Fin Cup is a challenge to be crowned Intramural Champions at NSU.

- The challenge will be held during the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 intramural season and the champion will be crowned after the season has ended.
- Each Team that registers for intramurals will be eligible for the Fin Cup.
- Any team that violates the alcohol and drug policy during games will become ineligible for the Fin Cup.
- The ceremony for the Fin Cup will be held in The Flight Deck (food and drinks provided).
- Only one team per captain. For example, if are the captain of a co-rec and men's team, you are only allowed to use one team towards the Fin Cup.

2008-2009 Fin Cup Standings

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Just Another “Best and Worst Movies” List

**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.

  - “Australia” and better in every identifiable way. It has more enjoyable points than any film I have seen in a long time. The story itself 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.

  - “Doubt” 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 plots and conflicts with ease, without losing a truly passionate approach to filmmaking and storytelling.

  - “Dreamgirls” and “The Holiday” and Leonardo DiCaprio (“Blood Diamond,” “Body of Lies”) reunite to bring us truly moving performances of two memorable characters.

**Worst**

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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.

“Yes Men”: I will be fair with this one and say that if you like Jim Carrey’s many 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 just like “Yes Man” in the past. Not only that, but Zooey Deschanel (“Elf,” “The Happening”) suffers from a serious case of “annoying costar syndrome” and gives what is probably the worst performance of her career.

“Australia” is a beautiful love story about two people who have children or little boys.

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**"Defiance" Turns a New Page on an Old Story**

**RACQUEL FAGON**  
*VARIETY EDITOR*

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 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 Belarusian forest in Poland, subsequent to the Nazis killing their parents. The settlement soon becomes a beacon of hope for many depraved and desperate Jews. These Jews then eventually form a new, free and safe society. The Bielski brothers are by no means cavalier and noble characters. They have a muddied history, but they possess a clear knowledge of shooting, stealing and finding their way through a dense and trackless forest.

Asael Bielski is the antithesis of the usual portrayal of the victimized Jews of the Holocaust. In contrast, the other Jews that join them in the forest are on the weaker side, and look to the brothers for strength and motivation. There are several relationships that weave a resilient net in the plot, but the familial ties between the brothers—specifically Tuvia and Zus—demonstrate the varying degrees of defiance within the brothers, and, by extension, in the film. Tuvia's main focus is to help the survivors and avoid the Germans and their collaborators. However, if he needs to vent violently, killing his parents' murderers is something he can do without help or remorse. Zus is the angrier of the two. He believes in facing the Nazis head on, without fear or favor. Tuvia and Zus embody the heroic characteristics of justice and goodness, but each enacts and defends these characteristics in his own way.

"Defiance" is thrilling, emotional and well-delivered. Director Edward Zwick gives us another riveting film that is well-delivered. "Defiance" is a story of 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. "Defiance" 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.

**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. We have started you off with 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**

**RACQUEL FAGON**  
*VARIETY EDITOR*

"Marley & Me" is the endearing and scintillating 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 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 Grogan's 2005 bestselling memoir of the same title, the film dishes out 13 years of conflicts, resolutions, trials and tribulations shared by John and Jenny Grogan (Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston), along with their three children and their beloved 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 heartily 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 exude 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.

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Award Season is Just Getting Fired Up

STEFANI RUBINO
OPINIONS EDITOR

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—the 78th Annual Academy Awards.

Critics' Choice Awards:

Best Composer
A.H. Rahman (“Slumdog Millionare”)

Best Song
Bruce Springsteen for “The Wrestler” from “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 Millionare”

Best Writer (Original or Adapted Screenplay)
Simon Beaufoy for “Slumdog Millionare”

Best Director
Danny Boyle for “Slumdog Millionare”

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”

Best Actor
Sean Penn for “Milk”

Best Picture
“Slumdog Millionare”

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 Millionare”

Best Television Series—Musical or Comedy
“30 Rock”

Best Original Score
A.H. Rahman for Slumdog Millionare

Cecil B. DeMille Award
Steven Spielberg

Best Director—Motion Picture
Danny Boyle for “Slumdog Millionare”

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 Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture—Drama
Kate Winslet for “Revolutionary Road”

Best Television Series—Drama
“Mad Men”

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
“1.0.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 “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 Millionare,” 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 Millionare” or Sam Mendes for “Revolutionary Road”

Best Picture
“Slumdog Millionare”
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 “important traditions” that accompany our New Year’s events going on around the world. Not only that, though, we have “important traditions” that accompany our parties, champagne and black-eyed peas. The most annoying of these “traditions” is the institution of declaring New Year’s resolutions.

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 been written if I did not notice some unusual chain of events.

The most important of which is the question, why do people break their resolutions on New Year’s? Honestly, this article would not have been written if I did not notice some unusual chain of events.

I have met with the career counselors 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 to 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

KRISTINE BELIZAIRE
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What Is Your New Year’s Resolution?

“I don’t have one, honestly.”
Kim Mareena, 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 concentrate more on my studies.”
Rachel Friedman, a freshman biology major.

“ar to work out everyday.”
Jose Villafuerteconte, a freshman criminal justice major.

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