Phelps Gets Personal
Life 101 brings swimming prodigy for lecture series

By Taylor Anne Williams
Graduate Assistant for Student Media and Marketing

Both the young and old flocked to the Miniaci Performing Arts Center to watch America’s newest and youngest sports hero share a piece of his reality during Life 101. On the evening of October 21, only standing room was available in the theatre packed with over 500 University guests. The event provided the audience with the opportunity to enjoy a close conversation with someone they invited into their homes during this summer’s Olympics.

The nineteen-year-old sports star and Life 101’s host Dr. Mark Cavanaugh illustrated great chemistry as Phelps shared the intricacies of life as a champion. Though fame has come early to Phelps, his training schedule keeps his focus in check. He spoke about his insatiable desire to dominate, and how he feels just before competing.

“I’m always nervous,” Phelps admitted. “If you’re not nervous, you’re not excited, and you’re not ready to do something.”

Phelps typically spends five hours training every single day of the year, including Christmas and his birthday. Recently, the gold medalist has been a fish out of water while he nurses a back injury. Training will begin again when Phelps attends the University of Michigan in January.

Michael Phelps addresses press prior to Life 101. Photo by Taylor Anne Williams.

Michael Phelps signs autographs for Miss Florida and Mrs. Florida. Photo by Taylor Anne Williams.
Dear NSU Community,

Sometimes the most unexpected things touch you. I was sitting in the Rosenthal cafeteria one afternoon, enjoying my lunch and half paying attention to the music videos on MTVU. One of the videos actually caught my interest, which is a tad unusual. I wasn’t interested because it had flashy graphics or celebrity cameos or a Hollywood-style script. It was because of its stark simplicity. Just Sarah McLachlan in street clothes, sitting in what looked to be her own living room and strumming a guitar while she sang.

After a moment, the swift change from Sarah and her guitar to a series of screens that alternated between text and stock footage from a number of underdeveloped countries almost took me by surprise. Over the course of the video, which you can see at www.worldonfire.ca, the text mentions how much money would have been spent on each part of producing the video – lighting, wardrobe, makeup, production assistants, catering – and then what it was spent on instead. For example, the $5,000 that would have gone to hair and makeup for a day went to sending 145 girls in Afghanistan to school for a year. A complete list of the donations made is also available on the website.

Some of the video footage was so sad that by the time the video was over, I was crying into my salad. I sat there for several minutes forgetting that my lunch was in front of me just thinking about what I had seen.

Upon later research, I stumbled upon a number of discussion groups online that had targeted this video. Some people thought it was great. Others thought Sarah was being self-serving. One person said, “The people who have the most to give always make the most noise doing it.” That may be true, but it’s often because the Average Joe watches everything a celebrity does, anyway.

So maybe it’s a marketing ploy by the record company, and maybe she did genuinely want to help. Whatever the reason, I think that anything done to improve the lives of others is something to be applauded and admired. Whether the person is a celebrity like Sarah McLachlan donating money, a group like NSU’s Best Buddies that gives of their time and energy, people like NATURE who educated the rest of us about the world’s problems, or any of the other groups, clubs, organizations and individuals who raise money, volunteer, or do anything else to lend a helping hand, these caring individuals should be recognized.

If any of you have thoughts on this or know someone you feel should be recognized for their work, I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Highlights of NSU Events 11/01/04 – 11/07/04

- 11/01 – Monday Night Football 9:00 p.m. at the Flight Deck
- 11/02 – Election Day
- 11/03 – The Director Invites Series: Jessica Saperstein from Jobbing.com at 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. LRITC 4036
- 11/06 – Adventure Series Horseback Riding 12:00 p.m. Tree Tops Park
- 11/07 – Block Painting Party, meet in front of LRITC at 9 a.m.

For more events happening on campus, check out the Major DOSA/University Events & Programs Calendar on Page 19.
John Kerry Visits Broward County

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Presidential candidate John Kerry was enthusiastically welcomed to the Broward Community College (BCC) Central Campus in Davie for a town hall meeting on October 9. The crowd, estimated to be about two thousand strong, waited over two hours for the senator to arrive.

After being introduced by Florida politicians, including congressional candidate Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Kerry delivered a standard rally speech, covering all of his campaign’s central issues. Health insurance was heavily emphasized, especially the fear that President Bush will privatize Social Security in another term. Kerry promised that he would “make health care a right for all Americans.”

Among his other promises were cutting the deficit in four years, rolling back Bush’s tax cut for those making over $200,000 a year, and working with other nations to “fight a smarter, more effective war on terror.”

Rather than passively viewing the senator’s entire presentation, the audience was able to interact with Kerry when he answered its questions. It became the most enlightening part of the program.

The first question to the senator dealt with immigration, a topic not typically addressed by either presidential candidate. Kerry began by saying “we are a country of immigrants,” and continued that he would reform immigration within the first one hundred days of his administration by enforcing “meaningful” hiring laws which protect immigrants from being exploited.

Public education was a concern held by many in the crowd. Kerry explained that accountability for legislation is important. “You can’t mandate it and not fund it,” the senator said about Bush’s failure to fully back No Child Left Behind. Kerry promised to completely fund the act, as well as invest more in crucial early childhood education.

A BCC student questioned Kerry about the loss of Pell grants, asking “How are you going to give us back our money?” He responded that Bush had promised to raise Pell grants, “but he didn’t.” Kerry added that he will work toward a four thousand dollar per year tax credit for college students, raise Pell and Perkins grants to levels in check with inflation, and help create a student loan pay-down system. In addition, he outlined his “most exciting” program, which would let high school graduates provide community service to at-risk kids and the elderly; in exchange, the government would pay their tuition for a four year in-state college.

Attendance to the town hall meeting was by ticket only, and seating was limited. Because of seating concerns, those who could not enter the BCC gym were able to watch Kerry speak from outside, or through a streaming video on the college’s Web site, http://broward.edu.

Highlights of some of Kerry’s goals
- To make healthcare a right for all Americans
- To work with other nations to “fight a smarter, more effective war on terror”
- To enforce “meaningful” hiring laws preventing exploitation of immigrants
- To raise Pell and Perkins grants to levels in check with inflation
- To create an opportunity for high school graduates to serve their community in exchange for paid tuition by the government for four years
Jobs, Abortion, and Guns Primary Focus of Final Presidential

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

The third and final presidential debate was held on October 13 at Arizona State University. With polls indicating that President Bush and Senator Kerry are still deadlocked, the debate, which focused on domestic policy, could prove to be a pivotal factor in influencing undecided voters.

Kerry argued that “it’s long overdue time to raise the minimum wage,” citing that attempts to do so were blocked by Republicans in the House and Senate. He feels raising the wage to seven dollars an hour will be especially beneficial to single women.

Bush sidestepped the wage question and shifted the focus to education standards. “Let me talk about what’s really important for the worker you’re referring to,” he began. “And that’s to make sure the education system works.” The president argued that higher education standards will make citizens better qualified for jobs.

Abortion rights were discussed, including concerns that the president would appoint judges in favor of over-turning Roe v. Wade. Kerry asserted that, “I’m not going to appoint a judge to the Court who’s going to undo a constitutional right.” He believes Bush’s choice to evade the question shows how “the president wants to leave in ambivalence or intends to undo it.” Bush contested Kerry’s reply, and said that the senator “clearly has a litmus test for his judges, which I disagree with,” but did not elaborate.

Bush defended the lapse of the assault weapons ban by blaming Congress. “I did think we ought to extend the assault weapons ban,” he began, “and was told the fact that the bill was never going to move.” Kerry countered by saying, “Terrorists can now come into America and go to a gun show and, without even a background check, buy an assault weapon today.” He added that bin Laden’s handbook, captured in Afghanistan, detailed this procedure.

Crisis in Haiti
What is not being done

Haiti is one of the poorest third world countries. Approximately 80 percent of rural Haitians live in poverty. In 2000, the life expectancy of an average American was 76.9 years, while the life expectancy of an average Haitian was only 57 years. In Haiti, only one in five children ever attend secondary school, only 25 percent of the population ever receives vaccinations, and only one fourth of the people have access to decontaminated water.

It does not take a mastermind to realize Haiti is in desperate assistance. The last thing it needed was another disaster. On September 18 and 19, Hurricane Jeanne struck Haiti. The death toll exceeded 1,600, with more than 1,000 people missing and 3,000 without shelter.

Soon after the hurricane, Haitians who had been hungry for the last two to three days took advantage of the support that poured in. After waiting in line for hours, some were able to get 55 gallon drums of water and non-perishable items.

As of date, Venezuela has donated one million dollars in aid in addition to other resources. Cuba, a country with few resources, has provided free medical care and other types of assistance to Haiti. The Europeans also plan to help our Haiti, for they are in the process of sending $1.8 million. It is sad to say that the United States, one of the most powerful countries in the world, has offered a mere $60,000.

Being an American, this makes me really upset. If Cuba can offer free medical care, the least we could do is provide a little more assistance to Haiti. Instead we offer miniscule aid to make us look as if we did provide help. In a world where we can wage war on a country, Afghanistan, to provide help to its people who were being treated unfairly, I don’t see why we can’t offer some aid to Haiti.

United States should provide more assistance to Haiti. Haiti has been devastated due to hurricane Jeanne, and more needs to be done to help relieve the hurricane effort.
The Student Government Weekly

By Jason Peebles
Non-Traditional Senator

Should the SGA budget hearings be open and available for the clubs/organizations to attend? That was the big debate at the Monday, October 25 meeting. Many different opinions were expressed concerning this topic. The motion to allow the students to be present at the SGA budget hearings was passed, but not unanimously. It is important for you, the students to know how your Senator is voting on your behalf, which is why the attendance roster and voting table have been included. Voice your concerns to your Senator and make sure your voice is heard. We are here to serve you!

The following is the legislation that was voted on during the Monday, October 25 meeting. Both of the resolutions and both of the referendums were passed unanimously.

Resolution 00-1025-04, sponsored by Non Traditional Senator Jason Peebles

A resolution to be entitled: Recognition for Beth Lacey

The Red Zone is the period of time in which students are the most vulnerable to experiencing unwanted sex, from which takes place between the students’ return to campus through the beginning of November. Beth Lacey took it upon herself to post statistics about the Red Zone stating such statistics as “1 in 4 college women are a victim of college sexual assault” from the Goodwin Senior Residence Hall to the Rosenthal Dining Hall. Recognition is due from the University to Beth Lacey for her excellent efforts to educate college students about the Red Zone and sexual assault.

Resolution 01-1025-04, sponsored by Non Traditional Senator Jason Peebles

A resolution to be entitled: Recognition Rick Mayfield, Arlene Morris, and John Santulli.

Rick Mayfield is the Director of the Student Union, Arlene Morris is the Executive Director of Facilities Management, and John Santulli is the Associate Vice President of Facilities Management. The SGA has received numerous complaints from students regarding safety, especially due to the lack of lighting outside the Rosenthal Building and Athletic/Student Affairs Buildings. Rick Mayfield sent emails and had a follow up meeting with Arlene Morris to produce appropriate lighting to secure the safety of Nova Southeastern University students. John Santulli immediately produced the appropriate lighting in the areas of concern. That Rick Mayfield, Arlene Morris, and John Santulli are all to be commended for their dedication to hearing students’ concerns and producing the necessary results to ensure student safety.

Referendum 02-1025-04, sponsored by Non Traditional Senator Jason Peebles and Recognized Sorority Senator Ashley Richie

A referendum to be entitled: Recognition Sorority to NPC Senator

The construction of the Student Government Association titles the Sorority Senator as “NSU Recognized Sorority” Senator. The Fraternal Senator is titled IFC Senator in the constitution. The Clubs and Organizational Senator is titled the IOC Senator in the constitution. The “NSU Recognized Sorority Senator” shall be renamed NPC Senator, and this will be changed in the SGA’s Constitution. The NPC Senator will be required to rotate between the Sororities, and will be voted into office by the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The NPC Senator will not rotate between the Sororities upon the admission of a third, or NPC, senator.

Referendum 03-1025-04, sponsored by Non Traditional Senator Jason Peebles and IOC Senator Liz Harbaugh

A referendum to be entitled: Addition of two more IOC Senators

The constitution of the Student Government Association states that there is only one IOC Senator in the Student Senate and Finance Committee. The IOC Senator’s constituency currently consists of 52 clubs and organizations. The IOC voted and unanimously approved two additional Senators to be added to the SGA. It is necessary to add two additional IOC Senators to the SGA’s Constitution, therefore making a total of three active and serving IOC Senators on Student Senate and Finance Committee.

Please note that the SGA meetings are open, and all students are welcome to voice their concern! Our meetings are now every Monday, from 6 p.m.. in the Goodwin Classroom. If you have any questions regarding the SGA weekly, or would like more information on how to get involved with the Student Government.

Multicultural Fest

Different cultures come together for a day of fun and relaxation

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

The enticing smell of eastern spices filled the air, savory and inviting, while exotic music – Arabic, Hispanic, and Greek – could be heard all the way from the Parker Building to the NSU Alvin Sherman Library on October 21. Women in beautiful silk and embroidered saris crowded outside the Parker Building, along with tables filled with NSU students and faculty eager to devour the mouth-watering, complementary food. Spectators enjoyed the displays as NSU professors sacrificed their pride and let themselves be pie in the face, the whip cream melting quickly in the South Florida heat.

This profusion of different customs and activities is known as “Culture Day,” and is led by many student organizations, each representing a specific culture. The contributing student organizations included the Organization of Arab-American Students Instituting Solidarity (OASIS), the Pakistani Student Association (PakSA), the Pan-African Student Association (PASA), Chicks On Point (C.O.P), the Italian Club, the Spanish Club, and the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma. Each organization had a table to showcase native paraparrelmata – items included a large leather camel and a pair of maracas. A belly dancer added an extra Middle Eastern flair to the event. Students and faculty enjoyed the festivities and the food while a Radio X DJ played an eclectic array of music spanning from festive Arabic and Greek music to American rap.

The members of C.O.P, who were dressed in a uniform of black tops and red pants, attracted a large crowd as they executed all movements in perfect unison. One student described the step routine as “amazing.”

“I loved the food and the performances,” said freshman Naima Jinnah. Culture Day demonstrated the ability for students to inform and teach other students about different cultures in an entertaining manner.

Attendance

President Tommy Gillette – Present
VPL Dane Johnson – Present
VPJ Laura Guevara – Absent
Public Relations Mary Nockinson – Absent
Exec. Secretary Steve Hernandez – Present
Non Traditional Senator Jason Peebles – Present
Minority Senator Giselle Gaviria – Late
IOC Liz Harbaugh – Present
Residential Senator Lisa Soave – Present
Non-Traditional Senator Jason Peebles – Present
Athletic Senator Eric Naples – Present
CED Vanessa Mezquia – Present
Athletic Senator Danielle Garcia – Absent
Freshman Furmanski – Present

Sponsored Events

- Organization of Arab-American Students Instituting Solidarity (OASIS)
- Pakistani Student Association (PakSA)
- Pan-African Student Association (PASA)
- Chicks On Point (C.O.P)
- The Italian Club
- The Spanish Club
- Phi Sigma Sigma

To find out more about these multicultural clubs and other clubs on campus, check out http://www.said.nova.edu/clubs/
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Phelps

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The nineteen-year-old sports star and Life 101’s host Dr. Mark Cavanaugh illustrated great chemistry as he shared the intricacies of life as a champion answering a question about his new 2005 Range Rover.

The teen also receives sponsorships from many companies, including AT&T Wireless, Speedo, and Wheaties. Phelps shared a story about driving down a highway in Orlando, when three children popped out of a car’s sunroof holding Wheaties boxes with his picture. Touched, he pulled over to give the kids his autograph.

Phelps made the same gesture to the Life 101 audience as he signed autographs and took pictures for over an hour after the event. Though he owns millions, breaks world records regularly, and has a following of screaming teenage girls, Phelps is just a regular young adult who is changing the sport of swimming. Keep an eye out for more broken titles in China’s 2008 Olympics.

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Classified Ads

Dear Ms. Siminovsky:

Like many others in this country and around the world I applaud The Motorcycle Diaries for capturing the life of a young man full of dreams and expectations.

The cult of ‘Ché’ that you and other journalists caution people about started many years ago and not as a result of films like this one. By the time Ché Guevara was murdered with help from the CIA in the jungles of Bolivia in October 1967, he was already a legend, not only in Latin America but also around the world.

You mention the film pays no attention to the leader that Ché actually became. This is not the purpose of the movie. I might say you in your article as well pay no attention to the reasons why Ché leaves his profession and his native Argentina and decides to pursue the emancipation of the poor of Cuba and to overthrow the dictatorship that country went through for so many years. A dream that, unfortunately, became something completely different than what Ché and others had originally envisioned for Cuba, and that led to the failing of communism.

My father met the Ché Guevara of the 50s. My father knew the real man, not the figure we see in t-shirts and coffee mugs nowadays, but the complex and idealistic figure who fought the system and visualized a more fair society. Like most men in power, Ché made many mistakes at the end of his life, but the movie accurately portrays the ideals of ‘an adventurer who changed countries, crossed borders and broke down limits without once betraying his basic loyalties.’

Dr. Romer Ocanto
Asst. Professor of Pediatric Dentistry

Letter from a reader

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You Could be One of 537

One of the most beautiful aspects of the United States is that every single citizen plays a part in choosing their next fearless leader. Sure, a candidate who wins the popular vote can have victory nullified by the Supreme Court in favor of the Electoral College winner. Crazier things have been known to happen. As a result, there has never been a time in history when every vote mattered more than it will tomorrow.

According to CNN’s Poll Tracker, President Bush is holding onto a slight lead over Senator John Kerry at 49 percent versus 46 percent. Many see these polls daily, and some will even base their voting decision on them (as reckless as that may be). These voters do not realize that polls are taken with consistently recorded registered voters in mind. These polls do not include the epic number of teenagers and young adults that have decided to vote this year as a result of Hollywood’s well-publicized call for action. “Vote or Die?” Is that a threat, or a demand? When uninterested students are asked why they are choosing not to participate in this year’s election, the most common response is this: “My vote doesn’t count.” In 2000, the deciding state in the presidential election was none other than our sunny homeland, Florida. It took a recount, several lawyers, nine judges and millions of dollars, but a winner was eventually chosen. President Bush won Florida’s electoral votes over Al Gore because of 537 votes.

The infamous recount took place in Tallahassee, where I was a freshman at Florida State University. Camera crews and well-dressed reporters littered the lawn of the Capitol every hour on the hour. The downtown roadways of this tiny northern town became bottlenecks of nightmares for students trying to get to class. The unapologetic press paid big bucks to secure the top bunk in FSU and FAMU residence halls. All this monumental fuss revolved around whether one rich man or another would become the leader of the free world. At the time of the election, I had been 18 years old for a little over two months. I applied for an absentee ballot one day too late. I thought, “Why would my singular vote matter in an election where millions would vote?” I did not vote in 2000’s election, and I have regretted it every day since. I could have been one of 537.

I cannot wait until tomorrow; I can finally say goodbye to the four-year grapple with my inaction. Spending 10 minutes in a voting booth and serving the occasional jury duty will be all that my country requires of me. The men and women fighting overseas are doing so to protect how we choose our leaders. According to the current administration, they are trying to share this democratic ideal with the Afghan and Iraqi people. The least that we can do to honor their sacrifice is make one simple choice during tomorrow’s election.

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Incredible India!
Learn About India's Culture and Food

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

On October 20, students and faculty were invited to experience the culture of India under the stars at the FFV pagoda on NSU's main campus. Student RAs Shruti Salghur and Heeral Sanghrajka hosted this event to enlighten fellow students on India's culture and food.

Those in attendance were able to experience Indian culture first hand. Colorful fabrics flowed from the frames of the pagoda, creating the ambiance of India. The movie "Once Upon a Time in India," was projected on the wall, with makeshift curtains and the name "Ballywood" across the top. According to literature at the event, "Ballywood" is the combination of the word Bombay and Hollywood. It is the name that has been given to the most popular cinema industry in the world, based in Bombay.

Onlookers learned that in "Ballywood," you would not witness any kissing due to moviemakers avoiding censorship and offending the idea of morality in India. The literature that was provided also gave explanations of unfamiliar body movements and their meanings as a guide for students. Tugging the ears means an apology, touching another's feet is a sign of respect, waving a hand over another's head shows admiration of beauty, and so on.

Every step taken at this event was a learning experience. One table had a variety of symbolic items common to India: a statue of Ganesha, a deity known as the remover of obstacles; bracelets, which Indian women commonly wear to make noise as they move; and an intricately decorated purse with a swastika, which is an ancient holy symbol of self realization and prosperity in India. Graduate student Mark Olivera said, "I came tonight not only to show support, but also because of my own curiosity about different cultures."

Pictures and literature were available, teaching the ways of India and its history, art, dance, language, and song. Dinanga Mulumba and Heeral Sanghrajka graced students with the "Dhandia Raas" dance. Ideally, this dance consists of two circles formed by men and women moving in clockwise and counterclockwise directions with two sticks called dandiyas held in their hands. The Raas is an energetic and playful dance.

Students were also able to have a taste of India at this event. The hosts Shruti Salghur and Heeral Sanghrajka spent the day preparing and cooking the meals served. Dishes included chicken tandoori, curry gujarat, white rice, and a traditional Indian beverage called mango lassi. "The food is excellent!" exclaimed Olivera. The essence of good Indian cooking revolves around the appropriate use of aromatic spices. According to the display, "The skill lies in the subtle blending of a variety of spices to enhance rather than overwhelm the basic flavor of a particular dish. These spices are also used as appetizers and digestives." One table at the event held a colorful display of Indian spices including masala, fennel, turmeric, fenugreek, chili, cardamom, coriander, and cumin.

All who attended this Indian extravaganza had the opportunity to walk away with a lasting memory. A table was set up for students to have henna tattoos artistically placed on various parts of their bodies. Henna is a favorite of women in the Middle East for enhancing beauty and decorating the body. "The FFVRA's did a great job. I learned a lot about Indian spices and OM, the symbol of Absolute," said graduate student Betsy Beals.
On the Scene

Why do you feel it is important to Vote?

Alex Caceres
Freshman
Biology
Miami, FL

To make my decision count.

Isabel Moreno
Sophomore
Business and Pyschology
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

So you have a say on what's going on in your country.

Amber Jones
Freshman
Psychology
West Palm Beach, FL

So that you can have something responsible to do; you can't complain if you don't vote."

Adriana Guitierrez
Freshman
Biology
Miami, FL

It gets your word out.

Dedra Jones
Sophomore
Elementary Education
Tampa, FL

I feel first that being an African American voting is a great achievement; since so many individuals went through many hardships to vote. Secondly, in the 2000 election, since the President elect was decided by less then 6000 votes, it proves to me that my vote does matter.

Brandon Card
Freshman
Legal Studies
New York City, NY

It is important to take a stand. People should take the time to vote, because the president is a representation of who you are.

Mintu Joshi
Sophomore
Biology
West Palm Beach, FL

Because you have a right to choose who will lead your country.

Avinash Persad
Sophomore
Biology
San Antonio, TX

There are so many reasons to vote right now. We need a president who will be successful in foreign policy and fighting the war on terror.
Amendment 4 can't help you graduate, but it can help you pay for college.
Team America Amuses and Bores

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the pair behind the long-running series “South Park,” are no strangers to controversy. Their latest film, Team America: World Police, takes aim at a variety of subjects, from the war on terror to pretentious celebrity activists. The duo decided to forgo the traditional route of live actors, and instead chose awkwardly animated marionettes to deliver the film’s intentionally flat performances. While it does contain a few brilliant scenes of satire on terrorism, Parker and Stone bog down the latter half of Team America with boring jabs at celebrities.

Team America is a special forces-type organization combating terrorism across the globe. When they learn that a terrorist group is seeking weapons of mass destruction, the group recruits Gary, a Broadway actor, to infiltrate the group. Gary struggles with the decision to risk his life for his country, but after a patriotic montage accompanied by a satirical Toby Keith-like tragedy exploitation song, he joins the team.

The headstrong and arrogant Team America often causes more damage than the terrorists they are out to stop. The film’s first scene shows the team attempting to stop a terrorist group in Paris. They succeed, but not before destroying the Eiffel Tower. Later, while pursuing terrorists in Egypt, Team America launches missiles that miss their targets and annihilate a pyramid. These scenes are the best examples of successful satire in the film. They highlight Parker and Stone’s view that the war on terror has to be fought effectively, and that in some instances, America may be doing the right thing, but in the wrong way.

In the film, Kim Jong-Il, the North Korean dictator, appears as a threat that Team America never anticipates. This oversight is used to poke fun at the questionable intelligence situation plaguing leaders today – “Intelligence,” in the film, is a lone computer that analyzes terrorist chatter. When they discover an error, they scold “bad Intelligence!”

Realizing he has no friends in world, Kim Jong-Il is prompted to sing a ballad with a double meaning about how the international community has ignored him. This is another moment of poignant satire, as Parker and Stone’s views again come through. In this way, they are able to subtly comment on the North Korean dictator’s accumulation of nuclear weapons while the world is focused on Iraq and the war on terror.

Celebrities, another target of Team America, ultimately slow the film’s humor from a full out sprint to a crawl. The Film Actor’s Guild, or F.A.G., as it is referred to, bands together to promote peace at a conference held by the deceitful Kim Jong-Il. The dictator plans to have his terrorist network detonate their weapons of mass destruction while the world is distracted with the event. By wasting time mocking actors – most notably Ben Affleck’s notorious role in Pearl Harbor, Matt Damon’s questionable intelligence, and Alec Baldwin’s acting ability – Team America loses momentum. Mocking self-important celebrities is humorous in small doses, but hinging so much of the plot on them makes the film tired and boring.

The often absurd and over the top Team America makes no secret that it wants to be as loud, crude, and obnoxious as possible. Part of the time, this strategy works perfectly in mocking big-budget blockbusters, lame dialogue, and the actors who utter the lines. Using marionettes allows the filmmakers to take the action to ridiculous lengths, all the while retaining an appearance that proves the film does not take itself too seriously. As for the rest of the time, boring celebrity insults nearly ruin the final act. Team America is as offensive as films get, but fans of South Park-style humor will undoubtedly find something to enjoy.

Team America: World Police is in theaters now. It is rated R and directed by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, who also produce and star in the film. Distributor: Paramount Pictures.
The 2004-2005 theatre season at NSU begins on December 11 and 12 with U.S. Drag, written by playwright Gina Gionfriddo. The play is neither about drag queens nor drag racing; instead, it portrays Ed, a serial killer who stalks New York City distracting his victims by soliciting their help. A club called SAFE (Stay Away From Ed) is formed for protection. The first rule of the club: Don’t help anyone! “It’s a matter of urban survival,” explained Clubbed Thumb, a theatre company who performed the piece.

The plot sounds simple enough, but the underlying theme of “urban survival” bears a satiric tone as well as comic relief from the serial murders. Set in modern New York, the characters embody the stereotypical “New York” disposition; they are self-absorbed, feisty, neurotic, and only care for their own survival, which is ultimately their downfall in this satirical tale.

The director of this humorous piece is Ken Benjamin, who is an actor, dance instructor, and also a student at McFatter Technical, where he studies television production. Benjamin gives his perspective on the play by saying, “To me it’s about relationships. You know, how people interact socially.”

The main characters include Ned (Zachary Kane), Mary (Lauren Adamsczyk), Angela (Athena Valere), Evan (Gary Hainsworth), Allison (Tara Cardinal), James (Dave Johnson), and Christopher (Shawn Webster). Each character’s personality is on a spectrum from passive aggressive, to clinically insane, to socially awkward, to hot-headed. “Wall Street and executive sexy” is how Benjamin describes the overall image of each character. The story winds through the absurdities of these characters, who are constantly in conflict with each other. Allison is an aggressive, selfish vixen who does a 180º and suddenly finds God. Angela, who was told not to walk through Central Park at night because of Ed, the serial killer, walks into the park and ends up being attacked – or was she?

With its mocking wit and scathing tone, U.S. Drag will debut at the beginning of December and will be held in Mailman Building’s main auditorium. For ticket information, please call Phyllis Jones at (954) 262-7285.
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Rodgers and Hammerstein’s King and I

Rolling Stones
Live! Tickets
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My Happy Ending
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Ying Yang Twins
My Brother and Me

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“Best of Both Worlds” Featuring R Kelly and Alfie

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Metallica with opener GodSmack

Culture Room, 3045 N Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale:
November 3
Magna-Fi Show
Magna-Fi is a Las Vegas-based quartet who recently appeared on OzzFest 2004. To check out this new band visit the Culture Room in Ft. Lauderdale on November 3. For more information on this new band, see their website: www.magna-fi.com

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The Incredibles
Opens nationwide on November 5. This animated, action/adventure film is rated PG. Director: Brad Bird. Producers: John Walker and John Lasseter. Distributor: Disney/Pixar. Cast: Craig Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, Jason Lee. Synopsis: A dysfunctional family of undercover super heroes struggle to live a quite life in the suburbs when they are forced into action to save the world.

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Men’s and Women’s Golf Team Compete in NSU/Unicco Fall Invitational

Jenni Mostrom brings in fourth place for the women, while Stephen Conrad shoots career 9-under-par to finish third place for the men

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

The Nova Southeastern University’s men’s and women’s golf teams competed in the NSU/Unicco Fall Invitational at Woodmont Country Club in Tamarac, FL on October 16 through 18.

Women’s Team

The second-ranked Florida Southern women’s golf team took the title with two-day team scores of 310-300=610. They came back from being one stroke down to win the tournament by 18-strokes over runner-up West Florida that shot 309-319=628. The NSU women’s golf team finished in fourth place, shooting 323-317=640 right after Lynn University, who came in third shooting 315-315=630.

Freshman Jenni Mostrom led the NSU women’s team shooting 75-77=152. She finished in fourth place individually, and now has finished in the top five in all three of her collegiate events at NSU. Following her was Sophie Friis, who finished in ninth place shooting 78-79=157. Friis also claimed her second career individual win at the Saint Leo University Fall Preview shooting 79-76-74=229.

This was the last tournament for the women’s golf team in the fall season. The team posted two second place finishes: one at the Anderson College Invitational and the other at the Saint Leo Fall Preview. They also claimed one fourth-place finish during the fall schedule. The spring season will start at the Tusculum/Kiawah Island Women’s Invitational on February 5.

When head Coach Donahue was asked how he felt about the tournament, he said, “The girls have had a few solid individual performances this fall, but in total it’s not been our best semester. Our standard and expectations are much higher than our recent performance, which leads me to think we have a lot of work ahead of us to get ready for spring. We’ve got a lot of new faces and two new captains, so the team is getting used to a number of new elements. Freshman Jenni Mostrom has shown the form we hoped from her, and 2003-04 MVP Sophie Friis has been consistent as well. Without question, the team has the most talent we’ve ever had; we’re just sifting through the pieces trying to find a rhythm and some momentum to build on. We should hit our stride come springtime.”

Men’s Team

The men’s golf team came away with a third place finish. They shot a third round total of 856 (289-281-286). Assistant Coach Diego said, "After winning a tournament the past week in Tampa, the guys knew that they could win again. Their confidence was at their best level, and they played really well." Lynn University came away with the win shooting a 13-under-par score of 851 (280-277-294). Medalist honors went to Eckerd College’s Nick Rockmann with a 12-under-par finish, (68-65-71=204).

Sophomore Stephen Conrad from NSU came in third place individually. He shot a career-low nine-under-par (69-71-67=207). Conrad has had three consecutive top-10 finishes and also second consecutive top-5 just during this season. “The team set new school records shooting two rounds under par, and Stephen Conrad set a new individual record finishing 9-under-par for three rounds,” said Diego. The men’s team has three new freshmen on the roster with six returners. “Our team is very young, but they are getting to the point where they know they can compete with the best teams in the nation, and that is being reflected in the good scores that they are shooting,” said Diego.

“I think we’re edging closer each week to the form I’ve always known we had. Over the last two weeks, five respective school records have fallen, including the individual and team single round, three day total and team total multiple times in two events. The team is beginning to come together to a common goal and their play shows it. The captains have stepped up and taken the lead roles, which has always been important, and we’re getting a lot of good play from our freshmen supporting cast. We’re not firing on all cylinders just yet, but when we do, we should be a nationally formidable team,” coach Donahue said about the men’s team.
Boston Red Sox Drown The New York Yankees and End the “Evil Empire”

In game six of the playoffs, Boston Red Sox vs. the New York Yankees, the Sox did the unbelievable. Never in any series has any team forced a game seven after being down 3-0. Pitcher Curt Schilling shut out the NY Yankees, even on his dislocated ankle tendon. “When I saw blood dripping though the sock and he’s giving us seven innings in Yankee Stadium, that was storybook,” Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said.

I think it’s time for someone else to win the playoffs and the World Series other than the Yankees. It’s time for someone else to take the pennant and maybe even the World Series ring.

On FoxSports.com, it was stated that “Wednesday’s finale will mark the second straight year the AL championship series has gone the distance between baseball’s perennial pin-striped power and a Boston team desperately trying to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.” Schilling, like a lot of other people, is ready to make “people from NY shut up.” The Red Sox were behind 3-0, losing all of the first three games they played. Never before has a team come back from this position to bring on a game seven. There have been 25 previous major league teams that were behind like this that never came back.

As FoxSports.com stated, “After Orlando Cabrera’s RBI single in the fourth, Bellhorn hit a ball over the left-field wall that was at first ruled a ground-rule double by left-field umpire Jim Joyce before it was correctly changed to a three-run homer that made it 4-0. ... Then in the eighth, after Miguel Cairo’s double off Bronson Arroyo pulled the Yankees to 4-2, Alex Rodriguez hit a ball between the mound and first. Arroyo picked it up and ran toward first, where just before the base the striding A-Rod slapped the ball away.” Derek Jeter then came around because the ball went all the way down the right field line. This called the umpires together and they decided that Rodriguez deliberately slapped the ball and took away the run, and put Jeter back on first. This caused the fans to throw balls and trash on the field. In fear of a riot after the game, the police department lined the field.

“The Yankees captured six pennants in eight seasons, winning the World Series four times. But they haven’t won since 2000 and couldn’t finish off an opponent in the cool, efficient, ruthless way they did only a few years ago,” said FoxSports.com. But, in game seven, the Red Sox just blew away the Yankees. Johnny Damon is the centerfielder for the Sox, and in game seven he came out of a 3-for-29 slump and produced six RBI’s by crushing back-to-back first pitches. Another amazing character in game seven was pitcher Derek Lowe. He pitched six innings with one hit and run. Mark Bellhorn had a solo that put the Sox up to 8-3 to ensure that the Yankee’s had no chance of coming back.

“The Red Sox finally humbled the Evil Empire, winning Game 7 in a 10-3 shocker Wednesday night to become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason series deficit,” said FoxSports.com. Ending the “Evil Empire” finally gives Boston room to talk and shut up everyone in New York! En
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