Dean Harbaugh Resigns as Dean of the Shepard Broad Law Center

Tanya Parnes NSU News Editor

Effective June 30, 2008, Joseph D. Harbaugh, Dean of the Shepard Broad Law Center at NSU, will resign from his position. Harbaugh will return after a sabbatical as a faculty member for the law center.

Harbaugh has served as Dean of NSU’s law school for the past 13 years. Harbaugh has also served as Dean of the University of Richmond’s School of Law and has been a member of law faculties at many universities, including the University of Connecticut, Duke and Georgetown.

Under Harbaugh’s deanship, the Shepard Broad Law Center has been named twice as “the most wired law school in the nation” by National Jurist magazine. Harbaugh has also brought new programs to the law center, among them the annual Goodwin Symposium, which brings national and international distinguished legal scholars and students to network with students, faculty, and alumni. Harbaugh, along with members of the law faculty, has created the Critical Skills Program (CSP) to help students improve and develop the skills needed to achieve success in law school and future law practice.

According to Harbaugh, he tried to resign from his position as Dean two and a half years ago. Harbaugh’s intent to resign ended during a very short conversation with President Ray Ferrero, who convinced him to stay in order to stabilize some programs that had been newly initiated into the law center. “This fall, I convinced him that [stabilization of the programs] has occurred,” said Harbaugh.

Harbaugh has launched three online master’s programs for non-lawyers in the fields of education law, employment law and health law. Harbaugh has also instituted an evening division for part-time students. “The law school faculty and University administration encouraged and supported innovation,” said Harbaugh.

After consecutively serving as a law school dean for 21 years and possibly being the longest serving law school dean in the United States, Harbaugh is excited about returning to the classroom. “The best title a university can grant to anyone is that of a professor. I hope that when I get back to the classroom I can convey my excitement about the law as an academic and professional discipline,” said Harbaugh.

Jo Externo, executive assistant to Dean Harbaugh, has mixed feeling about his decision to resign. Externo said, “He is the most wonderful person to work with. He is understanding and kind. As busy of a man that he is, he always makes time in his day for anyone who needs to get his advice or consultation on Nov. 5. He and I hope that he will have more time to spend with his wonderful family.”

According to Harbaugh, President Ferreiro has appointed a search committee to find his successor. The committee is chaired by Dean Wells Singleton of the Fischler School of Education, and includes faculty, deans and alumni from the Shepard Broad Law Center.

Above: Dean Joseph Harbaugh

Below: Presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks at NSU.

2008 Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney Visits NSU

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“I believe we are a culture, a society based upon the family. We are also a people who, by and large, believe in something greater than ourselves,” said Mitt Romney, former Governor of Massachusetts and one of the GOP candidates for the 2008 Presidential election. Romney spoke in front of a group of over 200 listeners in the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship on Nov. 5.

Romney was invited to speak at NSU by Nicole Saviano, a second-year law student and Vice President of the Federalist Society. Saviano contacted Romney because she thought that it would be a great idea for him to come and speak to NSU students. “I’ve seen him speak before, and I think he’s a brilliant and dynamic man,” said Saviano. “I was extremely happy with the attendance level, and everyone was really polite.”

The Federalist Society hosted the event. However, the Federalist Society made certain to mention the fact that neither they nor NSU was endorsing Romney by inviting him to speak, but rather providing students with a unique educational experience.

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Should We Negotiate with Terrorists?

Members of the NSU community gathered on Nov. 6th in the 2nd floor gallery of the Alvin Sherman Library to listen to an exhibition debate featuring the British National Debate Team and NSU students.

The debate was set in a parliamentary style forum, making it more of an academic debate than one based on competition. The topic being debated was “Should We Negotiate with Terrorists?” with NSU students Adam Agresti and Nur Abdool taking the affirmative side and Alistair Cormack and Alex Just, representatives of the Great Britain and the English Speaking Union, taking the negative side.

The affirmative side argued that it is in the interest of the government to negotiate with terrorists. By negotiating, said Agresti and Abdool, the government can gain enhanced political intelligence, identify the needs of the terrorist groups and organization, which could eventually lead to peace. To illustrate their point, Agresti and Abdool spoke about the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, during which time U.S President Ronald Reagan met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and devised programs that led to the end of the Cold War.

The opposing team disagreed with these notions, saying that there is no way to target many of these terrorist groups. According to Cormack and Just, terrorist groups such as Al-Qaeda do not have an address or a specific location. They also argued that if the government chooses to negotiate with terrorists, then they are legitimizing these groups. By legitimizing the terrorist group, the government is saying that these groups represent the community that they live in, which might not be true. Instead of negotiating with these terrorists, Cormack and Just suggest providing economic aid to help poor countries so that they do not feel the need to negotiate.

The debate came to an end with closing remarks from judges Chetachi Egwu, Ph.D., Ben Mulvey, Ph.D., and Gary Gershman, Ph.D., professors in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Humanities.

What do YOU think? Should we negotiate with terrorists? Send your thoughts to nsunews@nova.edu with the word Terrorism in the subject line. The best responses will be printed in the paper.
Online Courses: The Death of the Traditional University Classroom?

Stefan Rubino Staff Writer

Everybody has heard about them, most convenient, and in the bustling world that specifically computers, is such a huge part of everybody's life. "Technology, scientifically, is such a huge part of people's lives, [online courses] are so popular now, and very convenient," Selan says. "Selan is currently enrolled in one online course and plans on taking three online courses next semester. Whether online courses will actually replace traditional classrooms is debatable, but one thing is certain: they are incredibly convenient and in the bustling world that people live in, they could come in handy for many students.

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Regardless, many students at NSU and abroad are signing up for online courses whether it is for convenience or other reasons not anticipated by the study. At NSU, online courses from fine arts to sciences to mathematics and even public speaking are offered to undergraduate and graduate students. Although there are more students signing up for these courses and more courses are being offered, can online courses ever truly replace traditional classrooms? "Maybe," says Felicia Selan, undergraduate sophomore at NSU. "Technology, specifically computers, is such a huge part of people's lives, [online courses] are so popular now, and very convenient," Selan says. "Selan is currently enrolled in one online course and plans on taking three online courses next semester.

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Grace Paziorno, a first-year graduate student in the MBA program, said that she really enjoyed the event. "I liked this candidate very, very much," said Paziorno. "He is very well prepared to direct a country. I think he will be the next President of the United States.

James McCann, a third-year dental student, shared Paziorno's sentiments regarding Romney. "He has a commanding presence," said McCann. "I liked how he stood on the issues of his family, and he didn't shy away from them."

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Mr. John F. Tenaglia of John F. Tenaglia Consulting Inc. The lecture will be held in Room 1124 of the Carl Desantis building at 10:30 a.m. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

The NSU Conservatives invited students to listen to Tim Dixon, associate professor of Legal Studies and History, speak on "Truth and Power in Modern China." The lecture will take place at 12 p.m. in room 240 of the Parker Building. For more information, contact Jim Duan at doan@nova.edu.

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Chick Lit & Chick Flicks Revolutionize the 21st Century
Tanya Parnes ISU News Editor

"To call somebody a chick in the 1970's meant risking losing your head," said Suzanne Ferriss, Ph.D., who delivered a lecture entitled "Chick Lit: The New Woman's Fiction & Chick Flick's Contemporary Women at the Movies" Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Life-long Learning Institute. Ferriss discussed the history of women's literature and film as she painted its progression from the early twentieth century until today.

Ferriss noted that men used to refer to women as birds, which helps to explain the shift to the term chick. The reference was a derogatory one that implied that women were helpless and relied on men for both support and protection. Ferriss said that the term today has taken on a much different meaning, which is best explained by mapping out the three waves of feminism that have served as precursors to today's modern post-feminists.

During the first wave of feminism that emerged in the 18th century, women began fighting for greater rights and equality. The second wave of feminism sprang up during the early 19th century as women fought for the right to vote and continued their struggle for equality in the male dominated world. Ferriss said that by the time the third wave of feminism emerged in the late 1960's and early 1970's, these women had become serious female warriors. These third-wave feminists were focused on gaining political freedoms and relied heavily on political action, movements and solutions to reach that end. "They saw the patriarchy as responsible for these inequalities," said Ferriss. "People associated feminism with radical extremism because of these views."

The third-wave feminists today, who are also referred to as the post-feminists, have a much different view on feminism than their predecessors. Ferriss said that the third-wave feminists of the '60s and '70s were suspicious of the media and read a lot of books. These women used humor to emphasize the discrepancies between the traditional women's roles and women as powerful and independent beings. "Post-feminists focus more on the personal as political," said Ferriss. "They reject the second-wave anger and blame against the patriarchy. Post-feminists embrace shopping and popular culture, which means that they chose to have families, careers, different hair colors, different nail colors and even cosmetic surgery. The humor in these post-feminist texts emphasizes the discrepancies between feminism as portrayed by the media and the reality of life in the post-modern world. "They see themselves as the inheritors of the benefits of feminism, but they reject some of the seriousness and attitude surrounding feminism," said Ferriss.

Chick Lit is a modern type of literature for women. The protagonists in these stories are women in their early twenties and thirties who are searching for their partners and their storylines are often marked by longings. These women are everyday women, however, with flaws. They are focused on pursuing their careers and having families. These novels are often funny but they most likely use self-efacing humor. Ferriss noted that women can often identify with and relate to the main characters in these novels. "People love this stuff," said Ferriss. "In traditional romance fiction, the novels are about a woman searching for one guy to come and rescue her. That is not chick lit at all," said Ferriss. "The focus here is on the fact that these women have had sexual pasts. Their stories don’t always culminate in marriage."

Ferriss drew many comparisons and contrasts between post-feminist literature and 19th-century literature. Both types of novels feature women as the protagonists or the heroines of the story, but they do so in very different ways. In 19th-century novels, there is an emphasis on flirtations, courtship and marriage. The women in these stories value virtue and there are no references to sex. In post-feminist novels the women have often had sexual pasts and often have sex during the course of the story. While there is a focus on searching for the "perfect guy," these relationships usually fall just short of marriage. The heroines in both types of literature are flawed, but in 19th-century literature the protagonists are often humiliated in order to be educated on the proper behavior. In post-feminist literature, the women pursue careers, heavily fixate on beauty regimens and embrace consumerism as a part of their self-conceptions. Ferriss said that there are many different categories of Chick Lit that have emerged over the last few years. Hen Lit, Matron Lit or Lady Lit are novels aimed at women over 40. Chick Lit is novels made up of stories created for young adolescents such as Ann Bradstreet's "The Traveling Pants" series. Mommy Lit is comprised of literature made specifically for mothers such as Allison Pearson's "I Don't Know How She Does It." Sista Lit is a compilation of literature geared specifically towards black women such as Terry McMillan's "Waiting to Exhale." Chica Lit is made up of literature specifically designed for Hispanic women such as Alisa Valdez-Rodriguez's "Huerta." Ferriss noted that there are even some international and regional forms of post-feminist literature in countries like Sweden, Indonesia, Hungary and India. "Women across all cultures share the same controversies," said Ferriss.

Chick Flicks also began to emerge in larger quantities than ever before during this time period. Ferriss said that the term chick flick existed well before the 1990's and has always been associated with the denigration of women by men. These movies are often described as tear-jerkers and weepies. "No one notices that the derisive terms are only applied to the ones targeting women," said Ferriss. These flicks appeal heavily to women, and yet most of them have been directed by men. Ferriss noted that even some of the classic women's films of the 1940's such as "Now, Voyager," "Mrs. Miniver," and "Mildred Pierce" were directed by men.

Ferriss noted that critics argue these Chick Flicks are reinforcing traditional gender roles. "The denigration of Chick Flicks reveals the biases that exist in today's culture," said Ferriss. "It provides a very interesting way of trying to interpret our culture."
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**Men’s Soccer Concludes Stellar Season**

**Tim Coenraad Staff Writer**

- The NSU men’s soccer team (12-5-2) headed into the Sunshine State Conference Tournament with momentum on their side after coming off a 4-2 win over Flagler College on Oct. 26. In a win-or-go-home match for both the Sharks and the rivaling Lions of St. Leo University, NSU trounced the Lions with a nine to eight score that resulted in their victory. The defining moment of the match was in the 28th minute, as freshman Chris Pruitt climbed above the St. Leo defense and headed the ball in on the Lions’ corner kick, giving NSU the goal they needed for the win. In addition, senior goalkeeper Jarod Rennick’s defensive performance matched in the Shark’s fifth shutout of the season.

- By winning the previous match, the Sharks clinched their spot in the SSC semi-final game against Lynn University, a team which has only undergone one loss throughout the season. The highlight of the match was without a doubt NSU’s nearly unstoppable defense, which managed to keep the #10 nationally ranked Lynn University Fighting Knights scoreless for 110 minutes. Rennick proved himself in arguably the best performance of his career, leading the Sharks’ defense with 11 saves.

- The Fighting Knights dominated the match with a staggering 25-3 shot count and a 15-1 corner advantage. However, NSU nearly stole the match in the closing stages of regulation as SSC Player of the Year Onteniente broke past the Lynn defense in a display of speed and strength only to miss just left of the goal. Both teams battled through two overtime periods to a 0-0 draw. As such, a penalty shootout determined who advanced to the SSC Tournament final. Lynn out-shot the NSU Sharks 4-2, bringing the Sharks season to a disappointing end.

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**New Additions Hold Promise for Basketball Teams**

**Nelly Mesa Sports Editor**

- The 2007 winter athletics season is quickly approaching, and NSU finds itself upon yet another thrilling basketball season. With a number of new additions to both the men’s and women’s teams, both teams are looking to head straight into and on through the post season in 2007-2008. The men’s team is happy to welcome a number of new men to the NSU men’s basketball team. New Additions to NSU’s men’s basketball team are forward Matt Massey and center Ross Allsop. Massey, a rising young talent, is projected to be one of the greatest Shark basketball players in recent years. Freshman Dylan Drake will sore as a guard for the Sharks and is expected to achieve great heights as a result of his work ethic and great attitude. Freshman Canadian additions to NSU’s men’s basketball team are forward Matt Massey and center Ross Allsop. Massey, a rising young talent, is projected to be one of the greatest Shark basketball players in recent years. Freshman Dylan Drake will sore as a guard for the Sharks and is expected to achieve great heights as a result of his work ethic and great attitude.

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- With the middle of November rapidly approaching, basketball season has found itself upon us yet again. Be sure to come out to the UC and cheer on your fellow Sharks. **Two Tough Road Wins for Women’s Volleyball**

**Tim Coenraad Staff Writer**

- The NSU women’s volleyball team (24-8; 10-4 SSC) had a tremendous weekend, defeating the Rollins College Tars (17-15; 4-8 SSC) in five sets on Nov. 2, and then overcoming the Florida Southern Moccasins (23-8; 10-5 SSC) in another closely contested five set match on Nov. 4.

- In their match against the Tars, NSU dropped the first set 30-26, despite five kills from junior Melinda Gorman. The Sharks found themselves behind early in the second game but rallied with a 13-6 run and never let go of the lead. Gorman once again led the Sharks attack with five kills, while the Tars hit an impressive .362 for the game. Game three saw NSU totally dominate on both offense and defense, beating the Tars to a match low .083 hit percentage while hitting a match high .412. Sophomore Alex Tallman pioneered the Sharks onslaught with six kills in eight attempts as NSU took the game 30-20. The tempo of game four would swing from side to side as none of the teams could consistently hold the other team back. Each team put on a series of runs throughout the game and a late 4-0 run in the Tars sealed game four 30-26. Gorman and Junior Emily Carle both racked up five kills for the game. NSU looked better in the early stages of the fifth and final game but a late 8-2 run sealed the game and the match for the Sharks 16-14. Gorman’s match high of 19 kills led the Sharks, while junior Valia Petrova put together her second straight double-of-the-season on 11 kills, 62 assists and 23 digs and hitting an impressive .600 for the match.

- The Sharks then traveled to Lakeland, FL, where it seemed that the Moccasins of Florida Southern would realize on the Sharks exhausting five game match just two days before. FSC did just that, beginning with a 5-1 run and taking the first game 30-26, but the Sharks came back in game two after a 10-3 run. The Sharks refused to relinquish the lead and the game despite an amazing eight blocks from the Tars. NSU’s defense kept them in the game but FSC ran away with the game 30-25, and held the Moccasins to a .029 kill percentage. Petrova provided a match high of 18 kills. Petrova was once again dominant, flirting with a quadruple-double as she came up with 10 kills, 49 assists, eight digs and nine blocks. Petrova averaged 2 kills, 11.10 assists, 2.20 digs and 1.10 blocks per game, and this awesome display over the weekend earned her the title of SSC Offensive Player of the Week.

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Melinda Gorman, NSU’s Volleyball Star
Nelly Mesa, Sports Editor

NSU’s Athletic Department has seen a number of student-athletes come and go over the years. Of course, there are always the select few who have stood out among the rest. The Sharks women’s volleyball team and coaching staff are proud to be represented by #16 star middle blocker and outside hitter, Melinda Rachel Gorman. Gorman is a 20-year-old junior at NSU who joined the Shark family straight out of high school from Sarasota, FL, in 2005.

Gorman believes that a leader is one who leads by example. Gorman has proven to be a natural leader through her raw talent in multiple positions on the court over the years. Gorman has accumulated a number of achievements throughout her career as a volleyball player, and has also received honorable recognition from both the Sunshine State Conference and the Sharks Athletic Department. As a sophomore, Gorman finished first in offensive plays on the team with a ferocious 353 kills, 1030 stellar attacks and a whopping 422 points and came in second in defense with 352 digs and a grand total of 88 blocks. In addition to this, Gorman has recently made NSU history by being the first-ever SSC Volleyball Player of the Week on Sept. 24, 2007. In addition to skill, Gorman said that she believes she brings high intensity to the chemistry of the team. “Creating big plays to get the girls going again at a time when we might be down is huge.”

Aside from volleyball, Gorman’s interests are primarily spending quality time with her family and friends. “My parents are definitely my heroes,” said Gorman. “…they have sacrificed so much for me to have the opportunity to excel in volleyball.” Regarding other inspirations, Gorman said, “I think I have two great coaches [Head Coach Wilczosky and Coach Paintados] who mean a lot to me. They would do anything for me and anyone else on the team. They push me to become great and mentally able to handle anything.”

Upon graduation in 2009, Gorman hopes to travel overseas to continue her promising career in volleyball, and plans on eventually putting her degree in Sports Management and Recreation to use towards some sort of involvement with children. “I haven’t really narrowed down what it is exactly I want to do, but I would love to work with kids,” said Gorman. Currently Gorman works as a Student Ambassador in Admissions here at NSU. “Getting your motto to live by is, ‘Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Finally, attitude determines how well you do it.’”

Gorman closed the interview with the following. “If what you did yesterday still impresses you, then you haven’t done much today,” said Gorman.

Cross Country Conclude Season
Men finish 7th, Women 12th
Nelly Mesa, Sports Editor

NSU’s men’s cross country team placed 7th and the women’s team took 12th place while competing in Alabama on Nov. 4 at the NCAA Division II Regional Meet. Junior Eskender Abdalla led the Sharks with an 18th place finish amongst 127 rivaling male runners. In addition to Abdalla’s already outstanding achievements in the 2007 season, he broke NSU’s 10k with a time of 33:38 record while at the regional race.

Sophomore Tara Haddock was the Sharks’ top female runner while in Alabama. Haddock took 31st place in the 6k course, with a time of 23:49:5, amongst 150 fellow female runners. The men’s and women’s cross country team are concluding this 2007 season with their heads held high as they have achieved new heights on both an individual and team level. Amongst such accomplishments as the men’s team obtaining a regional ranking all through the season, the Sharks athletes were honored numerous times by the SSC throughout the season.

Abdalla acquired the title of SSC Male Runner of the Week a total of four times this season, as well as being voted onto the All-SSC Cross Country First Team and being the first-ever male cross country athlete in Shark history to be named SSC’s Male Runner of the Year.

Not only has Haddock managed to balance commitments to both the women’s basketball team and the women’s cross country team here at NSU, but she has established a name for herself all through the SSC and the Sharks’ Athletic Department with her break-through season on the race course. Haddock has led the women’s cross country team as the Sharks’ top finisher in five of the six races, as well as being named an SSC Female Runner of the Week in October.

With the majority of the Sharks top runners returning for the 2008 season, NSU has much to look forward to.

Women’s Soccer Wins One, Loses One in SSC Tournament
Tim Coenraad, Staff Writer

The #19 NSU women’s soccer team began their Sunshine State Conference Tournament campaign after a 0-0 draw with Florida Southern on Oct. 27 at the NSU Soccer Complex. The Sharks’ first round opponents were the Fighting Knights of Lynn University. The two teams battled on Oct. 30 to see who would advance to the semi-finals. NSU struck early, courtesy of sophomore Kelly Diershow, whose powerful shot, assisted by junior Alyssa Fernandez, was too much for Lynn’s goal keeper to handle, giving the Sharks a 1-0 lead in the 4th minute. The Sharks maintained the lead throughout the match. The NSU defense, led by SSC Defensive Player of the Week and senior Jennifer Turner and sophomore goal keeper Sarah Glass, who registered her first post-season shutout, held the Lynn attack at only five shots on goal and not a single corner kick for the entire match, which resulted in a Shark victory 1-0.

Upon entering the semi-final game of the SSC Tournament, the Sharks were thrilled when the SSC announced Lauren Prow as SSC Freshman of the Year and Turner and Prow were both named to the All-SSC First Team, well-deserved honors for both female athletes.

The Sharks faced-up against the Lions of Saint Leo for the semi-final clash on Nov. 2 in Tampa. Diershow once again provided the offense for the Sharks in the 17th minute by capitalizing on a bad clearance, sealing the Sharks’ only goal of the match. NSU held their 1-0 lead up until the 62nd minute, when the Saint Leo’s forward Hannah Beard pounced on a loose ball near the Shark’s 18 yard box and locked up the match at one goal a piece. Beard was the hero of the match for the Lions when, in the closing stages of the match, she chipped the ball over Glass, finding the back of the net and crashing the Sharks SSC Tournament drive by a score of two goals to one.

However, the Sharks’ defeat will not stop them from competing further in the NCAA tournament. NSU will be back in action on Nov. 9 in Tampa where they will face Ouachita Baptist University from Arkansas in their first regional match.
With a strong cast including the likes of Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe, how could the result not be a powerful movie, especially with Director Ridley Scott at the helm? Washington portrays Frank Lucas, a drug lord in New York City who became one of the most powerful mobsters in American history; Lucas was finally arrested by Detective Richie Roberts, who was portrayed by Russell Crowe. It has been a long time since Washington and Crowe have teamed up, going all the way back to the 1995 science fiction flick *Virtuosity*, but all that time apart hasn’t affected the chemistry between these two Oscar winners. Washington and Scott have also worked together before on *Man on Fire*, and these two talented men deliver the same satisfaction with *American Gangster*.

This is a film worthy of being ranked high among famous mobster movies such as *The Departed* and *The Godfather*. Not since the movie *Training Day* has the audience had the pleasure of watching Washington play the bad guy. The audience could not keep their eyes off Washington, no matter what he was doing or how slow the scene, because he was always doing something completely spontaneous. From beginning to end, Washington gave a performance that is nothing short of perfection.

Crowe has also given us an Oscar-worthy performance as Roberts, the detective hired to put a special team together to put an end to organized crime and police corruption in New York City. Crowe gives this great performance as an officer who is on the outside an honest, faithful, and good man, but on the inside is an adulterer with his life spinning out of control. Whether it’s out on the streets spying on Lucas, walking into a police station full of corrupted cops, or in the courtroom trying to pick up the pieces of his shattered personal life, Crowe shows how Roberts suffers while bringing down a mobster like Lucas. Crowe’s portrayal of Robert’s pain was so moving and tragic that it brought many of the audience members to tears. Even without the surprise performances of well-known actors and hip hop stars, *American Gangster* would not have been a success without the performances of these two incredibly talented actors.

Scott is a shoe-in for an Oscar nomination this year and has quite a chance at the Oscar for Best Director. Scott kept the movie flowing and makes a point to show how racism actually kept Lucas under the radar for a short time. Scott has accomplished his best work yet with this crime drama, and there is little doubt that there will be a golden statue waiting for him at the Oscars. This film gets 4 stars as an outstanding movie.

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Ask Mr. Shark
Akshat Bhargava
Undergraduate Student Government Association, President

Q: I heard that if you lock yourself out of your car, Public Safety will open it for free. Is this true?

A: Yes, it’s true that public safety opens your car for free if you lock yourself out. Public Safety can only offer this service if the car is parked on the NSU campus. In case they are unable to open your car, I would suggest that you contact your insurance company or other professionals to have your car opened.

Q: I am an undergraduate student, currently enrolled full-time. I’m unhappy with one of my professors and would like to know if I could speak to anyone about it.

A: You should contact your academic advisor for more information. If that does not work, or you feel uncomfortable, I would suggest that you contact your academic advisor for more information. You can also visit the Office of Student Affairs for more information.

Q: I recently changed my address and would like to know where I should report my new address.

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