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Jack Kevorkian Stays True to his Controversial Reputation

KRISTINE BELIZAIRES
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Thousands of members of the NSU community gathered in the University Center arena for the Distinguished Lecture Series titled "Assisted Suicide and the Right to Die" featuring Jack Kevorkian, M.D., the former pathology specialist who served eight years in prison for assisted suicide.

Kevorkian was greeted with applause as he went on stage. He began the lecture by talking about human rights and law. "Law is totally unnecessary," he said. Instead of law, he thinks that all we need is knowledge and self discipline to avoid harming others. He believes that humans are born with every right to natural rights when they created the U.S. constitution. It was a corrupt supreme court that poked and chose what amendments to use, and, as a result, denied rights, such as the right to vote, to many Americans. He believes that the ninth amendment is the highest law of the land, but the government refuses to acknowledge it.

He went on to say that America is not one of the freest countries in the world. In fact, it is more of a tyranny. To keep us from realizing this, our government distracts us with amusements such as Disneyland and the Superbowl. He added that our government controls us with fear, which is why we do not have access to a cure for Autism.

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Biology 4900B Alaska Trip Canceled: Opportunity Lost

NAIDA ALCIME
NEWS EDITOR

Just last week, a field-based biodiversity course, BIOL 4900B: Biodiversity of Alaskan Ecosystems, was cancelled due to the lack of student registration. This summer, a select group of students would have had the opportunity to explore wildlife first-hand in the most pristine parts of our country.

Paul Arena, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Math, Science and Technology, would have led this project, but he had to regretfully cancel when only had about three students who made deposits. Though the prerequisite course, BIOL 4900A will still proceed, the trip component of the course has been officially canceled.

Prior to its cancellation, Arena had commented on the remarkable nature of such a course. "The field course is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit one of the most pristine parts of our country and the world for that matter," said Arena. "We would have been exploring Anchorage, Seward, Denali National Park and Fairbanks, while getting great educational information from local scientists and researchers on the diverse flora and fauna at each site."

SEE ALASKA 2

Tony-Award Nominee Visits NSU

ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 6 and 7, NSU hosted "Love is Good: An Evening with Christine Andreas" a performance by lyric soprano and two-time Tony Award nominee Christine Andreas in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

The event was open to the NSU community, as well as the public. A VIP reception was held on Saturday, Feb. 7, where VIP tickets included a preferred seating section and a post-show cocktail hour where guests had the opportunity to meet with Andreas. Andreas was accompanied on stage by Martin Silvestri, musical director, pianist as well as husband to Andreas. Also present was Dick Sarpola, a bass player who received his music degree from the New England Conservatory and is currently performing in "The Little Mermaid" on Broadway in New York City.

Jesse Carlo, a young musical theater performer, who is pursuing his M.S.Ed in interdisciplinary arts at NSU, had the opportunity of singing a duet with Andreas. The duet received a standing ovation and was done in recognition of NSU and the Miniaci Performing Arts Center for hosting Andreas.
Shoe Drive Tally Up

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The shoe drive held throughout the month of January concluded on Feb. 6 with a total of 130 pairs of shoes collected. The shoes, which were collected as a physical representation of all the women who have been raped or have suffered from any type of domestic violence, will be donated to Soles4Souls, a charity that provides shoes to those in need in over 45 states and 61 countries. For more information on how you can help out with this cause outside of NSU, please go to www.soles4souls.org.

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Faith Over Medicine

ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

Recently, Kara Neumann, an 11-year-old girl from Weston, Wis., died of diabetic ketoacidosis resulting from undiagnosed and untreated juvenile diabetes. Neumann's parents neglected to treat her, believing that God alone has the ability to heal the sick. Instead of taking her to a doctor, they prayed for her recovery, which did not happen.

Last March, about a month after Kara's death, the Marathon County state attorney, Jill Falstad, brought charges of reckless endangerment against Dale and Leilani Neumann. They refuted the charge claiming that it violated their constitutional right to religious freedom. The judge wrote in his ruling, "The free exercise clause of the First Amendment protects religious belief, but not necessarily conduct."

According to Rita Swan, executive director of Children's Health Care is a Legal Duty, Inc. there are about 300 children who have died in the United States in the last 25 years after medical care was withheld on the grounds of religious beliefs.

Dr. Stan Cohen, vice provost in NSU's Health Professions Division and director of faculty development, who also teaches a course in medical ethics, commented that while parents have control over their children, society requires that those children be properly treated, regardless of what parents may believe. If children are being neglected in any physical or medical way, parents will be held responsible, and may face legal consequences for their actions.

Cohen also mentioned that he had heard of many unfortunate cases where parents have withheld treatment from their ailing children based on religious beliefs. He gave an example of Down syndrome children who often have intestinal blockages, are denied surgery by their parents, based on their religious beliefs.

Tony Weaver, president of the Christian Medical-Dental Association at HP192, also provided his observation of the issue. "Life is a gift," said Weaver. "As much as we are granted civil and personal liberty, physician and physical providers should seek to protect and sustain life using all available technology and methods."

Autism Walk Comes to NSU

ANNA BLACK
FREELANCE WRITER

Autism Speaks and NSU's Office of Student Disability Services is hosting an autism walk on April 12. Autism Speaks hosts such walks nationwide, primarily to raise money for autism research. Both organizations are encouraging anyone from the NSU community and beyond to participate for the cause.

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, autism is a disease that impairs social interaction skills, verbal and nonverbal communication skills and causes "unusual, repetitive or severely limited activities and interests."

Autism affects three to six of every 1,000 children in the U.S.

NSU is currently attempting to gain a number of participants to band together departmentally and truly represent NSU at the autism walk on April 12. If you are interested in becoming "part of the team," please go to www.walknowforautism.org/ broward, scroll down to "Register Today" and follow the directions. The team name is "Team NSU." Or, you may contact Heidi Colston, a member of the walk committee, at hp165@nova.edu or at (954) 262-7185.
for hosting Andreas. "She’s an amazing performer and an extraordinary talent," said Carlo while describing her experience in performing with Andreas. He commented on how comfortable and easy it was to get along with her, despite the fact that they only had one audition prior to their performance together.

Andreas has received two Tony nominations and is well known to audiences for her heart stopping performance as Margaret Johnson in the national tour of "The Light in the Piazza." When asked how she enjoyed performing with the Maniaci Performing Arts Center, she described it as "a warm stage, a great venue and a loving technical crew." She was disinterested to know that the theater was not used as often as it should and encouraged students to take advantage of it. "Go west young audience," she said referring to Davie, Fla.

The performance concluded with the VIP reception held in the Carl DeSantis Building where President Ray Ferrero, Jr. and Vice President George L. Hanbury II, attended along with other guests who enjoyed appetizers and cocktails while they met with Andreas.

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**Events Calendar**

**February 10 - 16**

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**

**From Comedy Central's hit show 9/11: CARLOS ALZARRAQUIN and CEDRIC YARBOURGH**

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**

**An Evening with the Stars from Reno 911!**

Members of the NSU Community are invited to attend this event featuring actors Carlos Alzarran and Cedric Yarbrough, who play Deputy Garcia and Deputy Jones from the Comedy Central television show "Reno 911!" Attendees will also have a chance to meet the stars after the event! The actors will be performing their stand-up comedy act at 7 p.m. in the Maniaci Performing Arts Center at NSU. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Union at (954) 262-7223.

**Thursday, Feb. 12**

**Film Workshop: "Interested in learning how to make a movie? Then attend this workshop where students can learn how to use the camera, while also gaining techniques for lighting and sound. This event will run from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, please contact Weylin Sierralba, Ph.D., at sierralba@nova.edu.**

**Friday, Feb. 13**

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

**Saturday, Feb. 14**

**Delta Phi Epsilon Fashion Show: In conjunction with the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, the sorority sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon will host a fashion show titled "The Storybook." The event is free and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Maniaci Performing Arts Center. For more information, please contact Evie Nacaisa at nacaisa@nova.edu.**

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Poetry Night is Full of Love

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 4, the Pan African Student Association hosted Love Jones Poetry Night as part of a series of events to celebrate Black History Month. Dozens gathered in the UC Flight Deck to listen to the poetry of their peers and professional poets.

Although the event started an hour and a half later than planned, DJ Charlie played music throughout the waiting period which lasted until 9:20 p.m. At that time, PASA's president stepped onto the stage to introduce the first of two poems of love toward his nagging girlfriend.

The night also included poems and songs about love, break-ups, God, girls and the search for a special someone. "We want to give students the opportunity to express their feelings and emotions poetically. It's about free speech basically," said Natalie Champagne, vice president of PASA.

Some participants performed more than one of their pieces. P. Max, short for Political Maverick, performed a poem about his sisters in God and another one about main street rappers and how they have been corrupted by money. "I was listening to music and other poets and realized how they defiled the art. When the art first emerged it was used for good but now they use it only to glorify themselves," said P. Max, a 21-year-old Broward College student who got his name because he does not stick to conventional poetry.

Although P. Max did not know about the event until he was at the UC talking to his friends, some NSU students received a message through Facebook or saw flyers throughout the campus and decided to support their friends who were performing or to perform themselves.

"I'm already nervous and I'm not even up there yet," commented Ludnie Jacques, a sophomore biology major who was about to perform. "My poem is about black history, the president and other black heroes. It's also, I guess, about unity and peace."

This event was just one of the many that will be taking place throughout the month of February. For information about upcoming events that celebrate African American heritage, you may visit www.nova.edu/cwis/ur/blackhistory. To see videos of some of the performances, please log on to www.nnsucurrent.com.

Ethical Dilemmas

TIFFANY SIMONCINI
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 6, distinguished news writer, Edgar L. Feingold, spoke about journalism ethics and judgment in Room 2053 of The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Edgar L. Feingold has been a full-time news writer for almost 15 years. Hosted by three NSU humanities professors Dr. Jennifer Reem, Dr. Chetachi Egwu and Dr. Megan Fitzgerald, this event gathered about 40 people to listen to Mr. Feingold share his knowledge and experience.

"I never really thought about ethics in journalism until Mr. Feingold made it clear that it is actually one of the major components of hard news stories. I never realized how intense these decisions could be." - Miguel Bomio

Feingold commented on an article he read which promoted the importance of paper for publications. Part of it read, "How can something that does not move be so moving? How can something that does not make any sound say so much? That's the power of print. Paper and ink creating life or recreating it." He read this to express his passion for print and its everlasting importance in journalism.

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An attendee commented on his appreciation of having such a speaker come to the NSU campus. "I am glad I came to this lecture. I didn't realize how important the simplicity of print journalism is to news," said Steve Ross, a sophomore business management major.

After explaining the power of print in journalism, Feingold went on to speak about the inevitable situations that journalists will experience which can cause them to make ethical decisions. As he spoke of each experience, he asked the crowd what they would do in that particular situation, and then went on to say what decision he actually made.

He also spoke about ethical and non-ethical decisions that he has made in the past, further emphasizing his idea that journalists must make independent decisions based on individual judgment, values and ideas.

Nena Lara, a sophomore management major, commented on how the event opened her eyes in regards to journalistic practices. "I feel like his experiences helped me learn a lot about what journalists go through to publish an article and how important print journalism is to the news," said Lara.

Sallarulo's RACE FOR Champions

(In Memory of Katie Crowley)
February 15, 2009
5K Run/Walk 8:00 a.m. start
Nova Southeastern University Davie Campus

Runners and walkers of all ages will compete for prizes while raising funds for the 800 athletes of Special Olympics Broward County.

NSU employees and students can have the registration fee waived by entering Sallarulo on the Sponsorship line of the registration form. All others can use the registration fee of $20 and can be done at http://splitsescondtiming.com. Race-day registration is $25. Special Olympic athlete registration is free.

In the first three years of the race, Sallarulo Race for Champions 5K Run/Walk has raised over $970,000 for Special Olympics Broward County.

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Tools For Success: Winning at Math

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 3, Title V hosted “Winning at Math,” the second session in the Tools for Success seminar series. The session featured Gail Levine, assistant director in the Office of Academic Services and a math professor, who gave advice to students on how to do better at math.

Levine started the lecture by comparing the time spent in a math class in high school to that spent in college classrooms. She said that in high school, 135 hours are spent studying math in the classroom, while only 33.75 hours are spent in a college classroom setting. To make up for the remaining time, Levine recommended that students use the tutoring services offered on campus setting. To make up for the remaining time, Levine recommended that students use the tutoring services offered on campus.

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Melissa Jones, a junior business management major, believes that meeting with professors is beneficial to success.

“Get one-on-one interaction [with the professor], and they get why you don’t understand something when you talk to them during office hours,” Jones stated.

Levine also emphasized the importance of being organized in all classes by keeping separate binders for each one and highlighting key or difficult concepts. As with other tasks, Levine pointed out, practice is everything.

“Math is the most unusual subject. In COMP 1500, you write a paper with little effort and you get a D, then you apply more effort and get an A on your next paper; but, in math, if you don’t learn your signs then you can’t solve an equation,” said Levine.

“Math is linear, it builds upon itself. It requires mastery of previously learned skills.”

She moved on to encourage students to ask questions during class, no matter how unintelligent they might think they are since other students might have the same concerns.

The next Tools for Success seminar will be entitled “Test Preparation” and it will take place on Feb. 17 in Room 1058 of the Carl DeSantis Building. Free food and raffles will be available.

Pillow Talk

TIFFANY SIMONCINI
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 5, NSU’s Men Achieving Leadership, Excellence and Success hosted “Pillow Talk,” an event focused on sexual awareness and education, in The Commons residence halls.

At 8 p.m., students piled into The Commons classroom, dressed in pajamas, ready to begin the night. Members of MALES welcomed the students with chocolate-covered strawberries with whipped cream and heart-shaped chocolate candies were eloquently set up along the tables. “I feel like the foods they picked were perfect. The strawberries and chocolate definitely fit the theme of the event,” said Miguel Bons, a freshman psychology major.

Once the room was filled with about 50 to 60 people, the event began. Members of MALES introduced themselves and briefly explained what the event was all about. They first opened the floor to anyone who wanted to ask a question or discuss a sexual experience that they normally would be uneasy to talk about. There was one male and one female sitting in front of the room to answer any questions. “I enjoy the fact that students were given both a female and male perspective on issues that we face. I think it opened my mind up and gave me a better view of the opposite sex’s mind as well,” said Arantxa Perez, a sophomore psychology major.

“Pillow Talk” was a very positive event. “I think this event is beneficial and extremely informational,” said Athena Lightburn, senior psychology major.

Graduate School Planning Day

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10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
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All undergraduate students are encouraged to attend and start planning ahead for their graduate school education.

Pre-medical and pre-dental students will be able to pick up their pre-health package at the event.

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An Afternoon with "Dr. Death"

World renowned for his outspoken stance on euthanasia and assisted suicide, Jack Kevorkian sat down with The Current on Thursday afternoon for a one-on-one personal interview in which Kevorkian shared his feelings on the issue.

Termed "Dr. Death" by some and a savior by many, Kevorkian claims he is responsible for assisting in the deaths of 130 suffering patients.

Due to parole stipulations, Kevorkian unfortunately was unable to discuss any details with respect to his arrest or personal practice of physician assisted suicide. However, he did have some enlightening thoughts that should tickle the brains of a few readers.

Question: "What began your quest to legalize euthanasia? Was there a specific incident that made you realize that pursuing legalizing euthanasia was your goal, or calling?"
Answer: "No. I had no goal or calling. I just responded to a patient in need. I'm a doctor, what am I supposed to do."

Q: "Why not move to a country where your practice is legal?"
A: "Why should I go? What am I proving, fear?"

Q: "If you were to go back roughly 10 years and have the choice to administer the injection [to Thomas Youk] would you have done things differently and avoided jail?"
A: "No! I would have done it the same way. What other way did I have!"

Q: "Are you religious?"
A: "No. I don't mind people being religious. I have no use for it. I'm not afraid to die."

Q: "What is life like after prison?"
A: "Not much different. I never considered myself a criminal."

Q: "Do you feel our constitution is relevant to today's society?"
A: "No."

Q: "What are your feelings on modern society?"
A: "The society we're in has dumbed us down into slaves. We're slaves. We think like the state tells us to think. You're afraid to think independently for fear that you'll lose something. Get kicked out of school, your friends will ignore you. Your family will suffer. So you're a slave. Fear controls us in this country."

Q: "What is your overall message that you would like your audiences to come away with from a lecture like the one you are giving tonight at NSU?"
A: "Thank! And be honest!"

Some of our rights. He gave the example of 9/11, saying that by passing the Patriot Act, we gave away some of our rights because we believed that we were in danger. While in prison, he remembered thinking that the act was unconstitutional.

He believes that America is a fascist nation, and explained the 14 principles of fascism, which include sexism, corruption of the media, and fraudulent elections, such as that of George Bush in 2000.

Since his release from prison in June 2007, Kevorkian has been working to promote prison reform. Instead of imprisonment, he suggests that the accused, should have a chance to speak to the victim. That way, the accused have a chance at redeeming themselves.

Halfway through the lecture, some of the attendees began to leave the event. "I came here to listen about assisted suicide and he hasn't said anything about it," said an NSU law school employee who asked to remain anonymous, "and it was hard to hear," she added. Attendees Natalie Allen and Priscilla Detreitas also couldn't hear the lecture, "I couldn't hear a word, and I was kind of straining to hear," said Allen. "We were on top and the speaker was not working," added Detreitas.

While Kevorkian did not speak on assisted suicide throughout his lecture, he did address it in the question and answer section of the event. "You have the right to say what happens to your body," he said. He does not believe that assisted suicide is a crime because it does not hurt or damage another person. Even in prison, he says that he was approached by inmates and guards who supported what he did. "America is the biggest law factory in the world," said Kevorkian. "When they don't like something, they control it with a law."

Kevorkian says that he knew the consequences when he videotaped the assisted suicide. He wanted to get convicted because it was the only way to bringing attention to the issue. He believes that the medical profession, pharmaceutical companies and nursing homes are against assisted suicide because they would lose money if it were legalized.

If it were necessary, he said that he would euthanize himself. When accused of playing God by an audience member, he answered, "Isn't every doctor playing God?"

He spoke to the college students, imploring them to be active and demand change. He believes that colleges should teach students to take action. If they do not, then the problem is with the college.

Kevorkian drew boos, cries of outrage and applause from the audience when he ended the lecture by drawing a swastika on the stars of the United States flag. Unfazed, he said the offended people were ignoring God because they have been brainwashed and refuse to face the truth. "This is where we are going," Kevorkian warned. "I want you to remember that."

You may log on to www.nsucurrent.com to view more pictures of Dr. Jack Kevorkian during his visit to NSU.
NSU's athletic department hosted their ninth annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day Luncheon on Feb. 4 in the University Center Arena where the Sharks welcomed keynote speaker and Pioneer Award Recipient, Rosie Stallman. Stallman addressed about 200 female student athletes, along with faculty and staff, including President Ray Ferrero, Jr. Stallman shared her childhood story of the important role athletics played in her life growing up, stressing to everyone in attendance to “never forget when you fell in love with your sport.”

NSU’s Director of Athletics Michael Mominey honored Stallman with the Pioneer Award in light of her successes and devotion towards women’s sports over the years. The Flo Hyman Award, an honor distributed to a female student athlete who has displayed the greatness of the former dignified volleyball player Flo Hyman, was handed out towards the end of the afternoon’s program as well. The Flo Hyman Award nominees for 2009 were the following: junior tennis player Mary Crider, junior track/cross country and women’s basketball player Tara Haddock, freshman cheerleader Kristina Loballone, senior golfer Andrea Maldonado, senior rower Lauren McElhenney, senior soccer player Haley Oligane and junior cross country runner Krystal Porter.

Maldonado was the proud recipient of this year’s Flo Hyman Award, as she has dedicated her time and energy over the past four years not only her sport, but to her community. She maintained a superb grade point average of 3.8 while working to get her degree in business and entrepreneurship as an undergraduate student.

Maldonado is currently working towards her master’s degree in International Business Administration, where she stands amongst the top 10 percent of her class. In addition to this, Maldonado has volunteered numerous hours for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and Women in Distress. Maldonado has represented her team in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee for two years as well.

The Flo Hyman Award nominees for 2009 were: (from left to right) Mary Crider, Lauren McElhenney, Kristina Loballone, Tara Haddock, Krystal Porter, Andrea Maldonado, Haley Oligane and President Ray Ferrero Jr.

The winner of the 2009 Flo Hyman Winner, Andrea Maldonado, graciously accepts her award.

The nominees for the Flo Hyman award pictured from left to right: Mary Crider, Lauren McElhenney, Kristina Loballone, Tara Haddock, Krystal Porter, Andrea Maldonado, Haley Oligane and President Ray Ferrero Jr.

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Feb. 9  Homecoming Kickoff BBQ  
        11:30 a.m. at the UC Circle
Feb. 10 Reno 911 Comedy Show  
       7:00 p.m. at Rose and Alfred Miniaci  
       Performing Arts Center
Feb. 11 Shark Unveiling Tailgate  
       5:00 p.m. at the UC Circle  
       Shark Fountain Unveiling ceremony  
       6:30 p.m. at the UC Circle
Feb. 12 Annual Raft Races  
       4:00 p.m. at the Gold Circle Lake  
       Variety Show  
       8:00 p.m. at the UC Pit
Feb 13 Flight Deck Follies  
       7:30 p.m. at the Flight Deck
Feb. 14 Community Fest  
       Noon at the Gold Circle Lake
Feb. 15 Delta Phi Epsilon Fashion Show  
       7:00 p.m. at Rose and Alfred Miniaci  
       Performing Arts Center

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Eckerd College Tritons on Jan. 31 and the State Conference made several runs, 'but none much as 14 to as little as one. The Triton's lead fluctuated from being as high as 21 to as low as 14. The Sharks finished on a game clinching 6-0 run in the last 1.08 minutes of play to take the match 59-50. Eckerd's 54 percent outside shooting was too much for the Sharks to handle as the Tritons connected on 7 of 13 three point attempts. Sophomore Abbie Teper (3) led the Sharks with 17 points followed by junior Stephanie Sarosi (44) who pitched in 14 points and 9 rebounds.

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Up/Down:
1) I am NSU’s manager of marketing and special events. I received my degree from Ohio State University, as well as played varsity soccer for OSU.
2) I am the sports information coordinator for NSU. I am in charge of directing the promotion of all 15 of NSU’s varsity teams.

Across:
1) I am the first ever female coach for NSU’s women’s basketball team, and I am currently the head coach. I coached my team to a Sunshine State Conference title in 2007-2008 and was named WBCA South Region Coach of the Year.
2) I am the assistant athletic director/sports medicine at NSU; I previously worked as the head athletic trainer for the Florida Marlins for nine years and was named pre-dental student.
3) I am in charge of coaching staff spoke to NSU’s Sports Information Coordinator Jeff Kelley, and shared their thoughts about each player and their hopes for the upcoming season.
4) Assistant Coach Cliff Terracuso claims short stop Dale Alberto (3) has the ability to be a great impact player as he enters his fourth season with NSU.

Kosta Lagos, a junior pre-dental student, was spotted on Jan. 28 at the men’s basketball game. Many may recognize Lagos as Prince Charming from last year’s performance of “Cinderella.” When Lagos is not attending an NSU athletic event, he is working hard on his theatrical performances - look out for him in this month’s upcoming performance of, “Baby: The Musical.” When asked what he enjoys doing in his leisure time, Lagos replied, “I love watching Disney films and eating popcorn.” We asked if his favorite movie was “Cinderella,” but he replied, “No. ‘The Little Mermaid’ is my all-time favorite.” Congratulations Kosta Lagos on being NSU’s “FAN OF THE WEEK!”
Desperation and Violence Intersect in "Taken"

STEFANI RUBINO
OPINIONS EDITOR

Most of the time, genre films are too boring and simple for me. Nevertheless, after finding out that the greatest baritone in Hollywood would be starring in an action-thriller, I thought, maybe things are changing after all.

However, after watching "Taken," I can see that absolutely nothing has changed in Hollywood when it comes to action movies. Although, on a positive note, "Taken" does have one redeeming quality: Liam Neeson’s excellent performance.

"Taken" begins as Bryan Mills (Neeson), a long-time CIA operative, is returning from the CIA to move closer to his only daughter, Kim (Maggie Grace). Bryan spent most of Kim’s childhood doing his part to protect the country, but as he watches his daughter be kidnapped by an Albanian crime ring that sells young girls into the sex trade, Bryan sets out on a mission to find her.

In Hollywood, Bryan is fighting against the clock to save his daughter. He has time yet.

Evilone: Honestly, if I possess a minute fraction of the power your Employer wields in, I would make Hitler look like sweet, little Mother Teresa, when I begin to dictate to those sponges you call humans.

Jail door slams shut, and then the rhythmic clanking of shackles moving. Goodfellow and Evilone leaning into the Well of Fate.

Goodfellow: It is time.

Evilone: He does not appear too repentant. my dear Goodfellow.

Goodfellow: You are too eager Evilone. He has time yet.

Evilone: Yes he does. (Smiling cheekily) I wonder how he likes his pain slow and intense or swift and consuming?

Goodfellow: Oh look! (Pointing in the Well of Fate) He’s praying.

Evilone: (Disbelievingly) But he is a blood-sucking criminal! I taught him everything he knows!

Goodfellow: Well, he has seen the marvelous light, and is returning his soul to my Employer.

Evilone: You know, the only good thing about this is that he is going to die slowly and soon. It's just one less confused scoundrel to deal with.

Goodfellow: Well, his soul is safe and protected. Another victory for my Employer!

Evilone: It seems victories are going around in twos today. I appear to have captured one myself.

Goodfellow: What are you lying about now Evilone?

Evilone: As honorable as that would be, it is quite the contrary. Take a look. (Both men are looking in to the Well of Fate.) It seems as though our Rev. Smith has an affinity for strong drinks, and a compulsion for drinking them too fast.

Goodfellow: (Hands lifted up) God have mercy!

Evilone: On who Goodfellow, Smith or you?

Goodfellow: On Smith of course. Why should mercy be bestowed on me?


Goodfellow: I did not fail! He repented before he died.

Evilone: Yes he did. But your Rev. Smith is—wait—3... 2... 1... dead, and he never repented.

Goodfellow: Oh my God!

Evilone: Indeed... indeed... (Laughs cynically)

(Fades into the darkness)

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"Underworld: Rise of the Lycans" Thoroughly Rises to the Occasion

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VARIETY EDITOR

I went to watch this movie with great expectations, and I was not disappointed. After thoroughly enjoying "Underworld" (2003) and "Underworld: Evolution" (2006), "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans" is definitely a competent addition to the franchise. Even though the known star—Kate Beckinsale—is absent, the film still possesses a dramatic, powerful ambiance that transcends the plot and characters, and even the audience, into the 13th century. The dialogue, which has a distinct Old English quality, adds to the transcendental power of the film.

This third installment gives the detailed account of why the vampires and the Lycans are at war. The vampires are the aristocrats in this 13th century society, and they keep the gap between themselves, the humans and the Lycans (werewolves) very wide.

Lucian, played by Michael Sheen ("The Queen," "Frost/Nixon"), is the first true Lycan-born human from a werewolf mother. Unlike his kinmen, he has the added quality of turning into a werewolf when the moon is full, and then back to human form. Viktor, (Bill Nighy) the haughty ruler of the vampires, whose most important objective is to keep the non-vampires in their place, saves Lucian as a baby, and keeps him as his slave/ier.

Lucian then does the unspoken when he falls in love, and secretly begins an affair with Sonja (Rhona Mitra), Viktor’s daughter. Viktor, of course, ruthlessly condemns this relationship, which leads to Lucian bonding more with his kind, irrespective of his feelings for Sonja. The feud escalates into a war, with Lucian leading the barbaric werewolves into battle against Viktor and the pale-faced, cold-blooded vampires.

Sheen adequately uses his thespian quality of turning into a werewolf—Unlike his kinsmen, he has the passionate verve of former Prime Minister, Tony Blair can give the same intensity to a completely different character.

Beckinsale’s replacement, Mitra, produces a perfunctory performance that even her arguments with her "fathers" seem more staged than genuine. But once again, maybe it’s not her. Maybe it’s quite powerful that the same actor who can pull off the passionate verve of a former Prime Minister, Tony Blair can give the same intensity to a completely different character.

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Trust Your Healthcare to the Team that Teaches it.
I want to start off this opinions article by stating that hearing Dr. Jack Kevorkian speak was one of the most enriching experiences I have ever had at NSU. Going into the lecture, I believed I was only going to hear him speak about assisted suicide, a topic I knew much about and took his side on. A topic I knew much about and took his side on. As Kevorkian stated during the lecture, I was disheartened to see most of the people who came into the lecture without an open mind. They went into it knowing they disagree with him, which would make everything he said just another reason for them to oppose him. How does this kind of attitude toward anyone, whether it is a "distinguished speaker" or a professor, aid a student in critical thinking during his or her time at college? Obviously, the answer is that it does not. For the most part, Kevorkian made important points that students at this campus, especially, should take to heart. At NSU, we have many aspiring doctors and lawyers, who I feel Kevorkian was trying exceptionally hard to reach out to. However, when these students automatically close their mind to Kevorkian’s points before ever hearing him speak, they cut themselves off from truly understanding what he is trying to say.

Furthermore, I believe the biggest misjudgment and confusion of the night came when Kevorkian revealed his modified United States flag. The point he was trying to make was that if U.S. citizens, like us, are not careful, the U.S. will fall into a fascist dictatorship that we will never be able to overthrow from the inside. He was just trying to show us where he believed we were heading, not where he wanted us to go.

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- Jack Kevorkian, M.D.

Nevertheless, some audience members did not understand or were just too angry already to truly get the point of the modified flag. This, of course, resulted in someone screaming “They should use that machine on you!” and other audience members booing...yes, booing. Are we in fifth grade or is there just a lack of respect for people who stand up for what they believe in?

As I have been saying in this entire article, I doubt the screaming and booing were a direct effect of the modified flag. I think the screaming and booing were really just pent-up frustrations from people who came into the lecture with anger towards Kevorkian in the first place.

When the man screaming said he was exercising his right to free speech, Kevorkian sort of pointed at the flag and replied, "Did you think I thought I would be applauded for this? I'm just trying to make you understand that you have rights and you need to use them before this happens."

True words have probably never been spoken from any public figure in the last eight years. Kevorkian was not trying to offend anyone. In fact, he spoke against the importance of not offending people. Instead, he was trying to give us something to truly and deeply think about.

I understand some people couldn’t handle it, and it is their right to feel that way, but shouting obscenities and distracting other audience members by loudly walking out is not the way to express how you feel about the matter. This kind of behavior only destroys the experience for everyone else.
Give Us a Break, Obama

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OPINIONS EDITOR

I would never say it unless it was true, but it seems as if the Republicans in Washington are onto something. I’ll admit that Obama’s rhetoric and seemingly charming personality did manage to stir my insides and persuade me to cast my vote for him when I wasn’t planning to vote at all. However, some of the decisions he’s made since coming into office, such as pushing for the automakers’ “recovery plan,” are not in line with what I expected of him.

After the government has spent billions of dollars bailuting out banks and automakers, the Obama administration now expects us to be content with spending almost a trillion dollars to, essentially, bailout our economy. Luckily, the stimulus package has not yet passed in the Senate, meaning the administration has time to restructure and rethink the package.

At first, I thought the Republican resistance towards the package was their way of seeking revenge for losing the presidential election. However, just a quick look at where the money will go shows they may be right about the package, but for different reasons.

Most Republicans say the reason they are blocking the plan is due to the fact that about $300 billion of it will go to helping state funding and to aiding in family planning initiatives.

Personally, I would love to see $300 billion dollars put towards state funding, which means ensuring children are getting the education they deserve and improving the quality of life of citizens across the country. The aid to family planning initiatives is a plus, figuring the Bush administration only approved of “abstinence-only” programs, which in the long run teach kids absolutely nothing.

However, these reasons seem to be the Republicans’ major qualms. My major concern, though, has nothing to do with funding education or providing condoms for teenagers. My major worry is the fact that the Obama administration is going to give more money to the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Let me translate: banks are going to get more money beyond the $700 billion dollars the American government has already given them.

That’s right, citizens, the government wants to give more money to the banks to “get credit rolling again.” If governments across the world were not in the same situation, they would all be laughing at us. Moreover, it seems as if money is just falling out of the sky in the United States.

The government acts as if we have this kind of money to be spending to help the wealthy get wealthier and the poor stay poor.

It is so convenient for the government to come up with money when the economy is in the toilet, but when this situation could have been prevented, Republicans and Democrats shut down spending bills. Maybe we should have been spending the money while it was coming in, not waiting until the unemployment rate hit its highest in the last 16 years, according U.S. Labor Department.

The government does not need to give money to the banks to stimulate the economy; they need to give money to us. We are the consumers. The more money we receive, the more “stuff” we’ll buy, the more loans we’ll pay off the more mortgages we’ll pay off and the more money we’ll invest in our financial futures.

This stimulus package seems like nothing more than a bailout package in disguise and taxpayers should be furious.

Speaking on “Fox News Sunday,” John McCain said the greatest thing he’s said in the last two years: “We need to make tax cuts permanent, and we need to make a commitment there’ll be no new taxes.”

He’s right. He is more right than he has ever been. The middle and lower classes do not need to be paying the government any more money than it already does. As McCain said, we need tax cuts not increases. The middle and lower classes are due for a break, and hopefully, the Obama administration will rethink this package and give it to them.

LAURA STARR  
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As some of you may have read, Paul Arias, Ph.D., was attempting to enrich curriculum learning by pairing his course material with hands-on experience. As part of the course, Arena was hoping to take "abstinence-only" programs, which in the him when I wasn’t planning to vote at all.

charming personality did manage to stir my insides and persuade me to cast my vote in Washington are onto something. I’ll

Unfortunately, due to insufficient student enrollment, the class was cancelled. However, faculty initiatives such as this prompted me to comment on how these type of “beyond the classroom” learning opportunities can enhance the value of a student’s education.

First, pairing educational material with experience could help some students solidify the lessons they are learning in class. The National Center for Academic Transformation stated that one of the principles of a successful course is an active-learning style. They stated, “Students learn math by doing math, not by listening to someone talk about doing math.” Therefore, if students are able to go to a place where they could be active in the information exchange, it stands to reason that the lesson that was learned in class would be solidified.

Besides solidifying the knowledge, traveling or outside of the classroom learning opportunities may offer students a chance to learn additional information that teachers may not have had time to include in the syllabus. For instance, if they are learning about a certain type of biological occurrence, and then once they travel to the actual site, an anomaly occurs, this trip would serve to enhance the course by adding extra information they would not have learned if they had not traveled outside of NSU.

Finally, pairing knowledge with experience in the form of field trips to businesses or different work facilities is also a wise addition to some classes.

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Issue 17 Correction

The Dr. Kevorkian distinguished speaker series event was put on by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and not NSU as a whole.

Editor’s Note

This type of pairing would give students the opportunity to examine the life of their future profession, first hand, which could either solidify their choice or help them discover that it is an environment in which they do not want to work. With this information, the student would be able to better utilize his/her remaining time at the university, by either re-thinking his/her major or finding ways to gain experience in his/her now solidified career path.

Some may believe that a well-rounded education can fully take place in a main campus classroom. However, if students are able to travel to different places of the world, or even to various local businesses, they will be able to experience different cultures and work environments. This could change, or enhance, the way they look at any particular subject matter or clarify a student’s preference on a particular career path. Thus, because of these extra learning opportunities, the student will leave NSU feeling fully educated and engaged, with a useful degree in hand and a well-developed plan of how he/she is going to use it.

So, I say great job professors on creating opportunities such as this for students to learn "outside of the classroom," and I hope that NSU will be able to offer even more funds than they already are, to help the future of the future continue to expand their horizons.

On The Scene

KRISTINE BELIZAIRE  
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Should People Have the Right to Die?

"No. I don’t think you should be allowed to die. At first you might want to die because you are in pain, but then you can get better and not want to die anymore."

Katelyn Garcia, a senior elementary education major.

"I don’t know. I think it depends on the situation."

Ahmad Khaled, a freshman biology major.

"I guess it is necessary sometimes; but sometimes it can be unethical."

Anthony Vu, a first year optometry student.

"Yes, [but] it all depends on the patient and what they believe in."

Victoria Schaferkotter, a senior biology major.
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