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NSU and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Unite

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

NSU recently partnered with Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital, in Hollywood, Fla., to open a dental clinic for children with special needs in January.

The Center for Craniofacial Pediatric and Special Needs Dental Care at Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital was possible thanks to a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Health Professions which provided NSU with $11.3 million, over a period of three years, to train dental students in treating special-needs pediatric patients.

The clinic is staffed with five NSU faculty members—Oscar Padilla, DDS, Sandra Brener, DDS, Jose Larumbe, DDS, Harvey Beaver, DDS, and William Treharne, DMD—and 13 first and second year NSU pediatric resident students. However, they rotate their schedules, so there are two resident students and one faculty member in the clinic at all times.

According to Rumer Ocanto, chairman of pediatric dentistry and mankind behind the special clinic, the DiMaggio clinic is the only pediatric dental clinic that tends exclusively to children with disabilities.

It has been wonderful. I feel privileged to provide these children SEE HOSPITAL 2

College Students to Receive More Federal Aid From Obama Administration

ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

President Barack Obama recently announced that his administration is planning to increase federal financial aid support and to direct college students away from bank-based loans.

According to the administration's Web site, the new policy will not only increase the budget by almost $200 million dollars but also will simplify the application process for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

According to the Web site, the administration will streamline the financial aid process by eliminating the current federal financial-aid application, enabling families to apply simply by checking a box on their tax form or authorizing their tax information to be used, thus eliminating the need for a separate application.

"The application process for financial aid is very complicated and tedious. I constantly get annoyed with having to fill it out.

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Student Protest Interrupted

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

On March 23, students in a performance theory class were assigned a faké test in which they were supposed to do a mock protest on a subject of their choice. However, mid-protest students were stopped by NOVALERT and Davie Police.

The class chose the topic of high food prices on campus. They were to walk from Parker in the Don Taft University Center chanting, "Lower, lower, lower the prices. You need to lower the prices," waving banners to make the protest as realistic as possible.

By the time the students were in front of the Alvin Sherman Library, however, they were stopped by NOVALERT officers under the premise that they had been causing a disturbance.

"Some of our staff members observed a group of people who appeared to be protesting. We did not intend to stop them we just needed to find out what they were doing," said Shane Lam, assistant director of field operations in Public Safety.

The Davie Police arrived within minutes of NOVALERT asking who the leader of the protest was, and to prove that they were students at NSU. The police told the students they were "disturbing the peace."

"They said we crossed the line of public protest to disturbing the peace by chanting, that we did not have the right to protest unless it was silent, once we started speaking or making any sounds we were disturbing the peace. Which I think is absurd because the point of protesting is to be heard," said Sam A. Caldwell, a junior communications studies major, who wrote the chant.

Professor Chitachi Egwu, who teaches the class, was delays by the Shark Fountain for the students to arrive when she received a call from one of the protesters.

"It was too much, regardless of the fact that it was for a class," said Egwu. "Why should students not be allowed

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and adolescents with my services,” said Padilla. “These children are the neediest of the needy. Not only are they disabled but are on Medicaid or receive some other government help, and they would not receive medical help if it weren’t for this type of clinic.”

The clinic opened as a place for pediatric dental students to complete their residency but Ocanto says he hopes the clinic will grow to allow students in all dental disciplines to complete their residency there.

“As a faculty member I see that residents are learning things they can’t learn anywhere else,” said Brenner who was a resident last year.

The children treated at the clinic are afflicted with cleft, craniofacial disorders, HIV or other physical and mental challenges. They come from Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward County, through Ocanto also said that they have started getting referrals from Monroe County as well.

“The news is spreading everywhere. Everybody seems happy to see that we are open and providing our services,” said Ocanto. “The staff is doing an excellent job, which is good because at the beginning not everything runs smoothly but so far it is, and we just opened. To learn more about Joe DiMaggio’s Children’s Hospital, please log on to www.jdch.com.

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each semester and then sometimes I make mistakes and the funds won’t dispense,” said Chad Gregory, a sophomore marketing major, who further commented on how he hopes Obama’s administration will start with the simplification of the FAFSA process.

In addition to making the financial aid process less tedious, the administration is planning on making college affordable for all Americans by creating a new American Opportunity Tax Credit. This universal and fully refundable credit will ensure that the first $4,000 of a college education is completely free for most Americans. It will cover two-thirds the cost of tuition at the average public college or university—making community college tuition completely free for most students.

Recipients of the credit will be required to conduct 100 hours of community service. “Due to hard economic times many students are depending solely on private loans and need any additional and easy money more then ever,” said junior Steve Ross, a business administration student who had to seek out alternatives to pay for his education when federal financial aid wasn’t enough. “After a very long time of having the government prioritize banks and colleges, the new system will hopefully prioritize students,” Ross said. “It’s a new beginning.”

PROTEST from 1

to organize on campus. It was for a class, yes, but it was a topic about which students are passionate. It could have been real. We are in college, it is part of the learning experience; [and] we are supposed to be encouraging free thinking and students to stand up for what they believe in. I was disappointed that they were stopped before they even got a chance to do so.”

Eguu, who has taught the class before and assigns this assignment as part of the curriculum, spoke to the police and NOVALERT, who required a roster with the names of all the students in her class, and the students were able to complete their manifestation while the officers waited outside the UC.

After the students were back in the classroom they discussed and analyzed the experience. “It was a fun, good experience. It helped us understand what people who do real protests face. We had an excuse, but they really have to face the police and get* trained for their cause, or pepper sprayed. They do not have a scoop gun as we did,” said Caldwell.

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NSU Displays Employment Opportunities at Career Fair

ANNAARELY RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

On March 24, the Office of Career Development hosted the second biannual career fair in the Don Taft University Center. The event was open to both NSU students and the outside community who could meet hiring employers in different industries.

["Employers] were chosen based on the majors in which students graduate," said Shari Saperstein, director of the Office of Career Development.

During the four-hour event, approximately 900 attendees spoke and gathered information from 37 different employer agencies including Target, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Alvin Sherman Library and GEICO, among others.

Some, however, arrived to find that the employer with whom they wished to speak had left early. "I just came in and saw that one of the employers I wanted to meet had gone," said Nozomu Ozaki, a second-year student majoring in nursing.

Others were not looking for a specific employment opportunity but simply a job in rough economic times. Opinions differed when it came to the effectiveness of the fair, however.

"A faculty member told me about the event. I have not worked since December, so I came to see what was here," said Whenda Timna, a 25 year old who attended the event. "So far it has been very helpful. I have spoken with many representatives, who have been really nice and informative."

"I thought I would see a lot more jobs but the ones that are here want you to be a graduate student. I would think that they would have jobs for [undergraduate] students, especially now when everyone needs a job, even students. I mean, we are broke, we also need a job. I am disappointed," said Ruth Tonico, a sophomore nursing major.

When students left the fair, they were asked to fill out surveys to express their opinions. This, said Saperstein, will be taken into account when planning the next career fair.

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Events Calendar

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Crunch Time: The Alvin Sherman Library will host this three-day event from April 6-8 designed to help students as they prepare for final projects. At the event, students will be able to enjoy various services, which include wellness workshops, tutoring and research help and free snacks. The event will run from 3 to 9 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, please visit http://www.nova.edu/library/crunchtime.
The Fall of an Empire

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On March 26 at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center, Colin Powell's Former Chief of Staff Ret. Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, spoke about U.S. foreign policy and national security. In this lecture, Wilkerson touched on the nation's policies both past and present, the Iraq war and what we can do as individuals to return our nation to the great western leader that it once was.

This self-proclaimed Republican spoke candidly about the events and choices that he has seen various administrations make that have led this nation into the economic collapse that we are now facing.

Wilkerson first noted that these problems do not stem from just the Bush administration or even the Clinton or Reagan administrations. Instead, he spoke about how the 1941 National Security Act, created by Harvard and Yale students has been used to create what he calls, "crimes in the name of the American people."

The budget of today allocated three quarters of a trillion dollars, which is around 750 billion dollars, to the Pentagon, and a mere 33 billion dollars to the State Department, he noted. This led him to term this practice as the "Militization of American policy."

Taking the military concerns further, he noted that the qualifications to join the armed forces have dipped tremendously, in that they now allow 42-year-old men, people doing time in prison, people who are not high school graduates—which he noted is a necessity as completing high school shows persistence—and even people mentally diagnosed as "category four," which means they cannot read their name on the roster.

Wilkerson continued in that he is not against the military, as he has a background serving in the forces. However, he did mention that the "instrumentality" of armed services is what concerns him.

"I find it appallingly that less than one percent are dying in a war for the rest of us," he said. Wilkerson also noted the reason that some men enlist is because they have little socioeconomic choice in the matter. "Their education, and upbringing made them join your all 'volunteer' military," Wilkerson said.

One concern that Wilkerson noted was that the current president has the skills needed to be a leader, but that his skills may be wasted as he does not see unification in support by the people that he may need help from.

Additionally, Wilkerson commented on the state of the American people. "I find people...apathetic," he said. Wilkerson also commented that the American people are also "worried about every aspect of what I call 'local living.'" Wilkerson made a statement that really puts the severity of our nation's issues into perspective. "You will be the first generation in history to have a lower standard of living than your parents," he said. "That's a very sobering thought."

NSU Professors Showcase Research at Faculty Symposium

ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

On March 23, The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences hosted its Second-Annual Faculty-Symposium in the Don Talli University Center. The event showcased outstanding scholarship undertaken by professors in the college pertaining to a diverse range of research fields. Professors presented a variety of topics such as "The Embodied Motorcyclist and Freedom," by Steven Afford, Ph.D., "You Are Lying in the Room, But Your Feet Are Outside: Reflecting on Ph.D. and Women's by Evan Haskell, Ph.D.

Division of Humanities. Strauss presented, "Doing beyond the how to best understand the transformation. Strauss, Ph.D., explained on how online representation started by organization raise money for the cause.

Niedwiecki and his partner, who is vice lunchtime initiative at Gold Circle Lake to president of the company, after hearing an United, was encouraged decided to support this lunch for students Russano said. United, spoke about the importance of responsible for putting on lectures such as having a group like She also noted that the organization is also noted that the organization is Now-Networked-Mobilized

"This event is important because students came to say what their professors are doing beyond the classroom," said Kip Strauss, Ph.D., associate professor in the Division of Humanities. Strauss presented, "The Now-Networked-Mobilized Self," her explanation on how online representation continues to expand through Internet resources, she presented the problem on how to best understand the transformation. This presentation revealed the role of immediacy, desire and intimacy within the communication activities that emerge from online representation.

No Chords for Hate

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On March 25, Lambda United, a Shepard Broad Law School student organization whose mission is to support hate crimes awareness, held a RockOut2Out lunchtime initiative at Gold Circle Lake to raise money for the cause.

This initiative is in conjunction with the Fight Out Loud initiative, which was started by NSU Law Professor Anthony Niezdwiecki and his partner, who is vice president of the company, after hearing an anti-gay statement over the loud speaker at an airport.

Dan Russo, president of Lambda United, was encouraged by this cause and decided to support this lunch for students in order to get the word out that hate crimes still exist. "We are here to tell people," Russo said. "What a better idea than to rock out against hate crimes."

Debbie Ross, vice president of Lambda United, spoke about the importance of having a group like this on NSU's campus. She also noted that the organization is responsible for putting on lectures such as "Out in Law School" or "Out in Practice."

Ross noted the latter to be particularly interesting because the event offers lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or transgendered law students an opportunity to speak with current professionals that identify themselves as LGBT, in efforts to gain some insights of what it is like to be "out" in the profession.

Angela Gilmore, a faculty member of the law school commented on her feelings toward the organization's existence. "I am very proud of Lambda," she said. "I think they have done a really good job in welcoming and making the law center a welcoming and making the law center a welcoming and making the law center a welcoming environment for LGBT students."

Ryan Roelans, a first year law student and attendee of the event supported Gilmore's statement. "This is a good way for us to show support for organizations while in school," noted Roelans in that the time and location of the event was ideal because law students have little time to devote to anything other than studying but care about supporting organizations such as these.

Hot dogs and hamburgers were available for a $5 fee and all money raised will go to support other initiatives that Lambda United will offer in the future. To get involved with this organization, please go to http://nsulaw.nova.edu/orgs/lambda/index.cfm.
The Long Reach of Famine: Sex Ratios, Mating Dynamics, and Sex-Biased Parental Investment

EX-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TALK ABOUT LINCOLN'S LAW

ANNAELEY RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

On March 26, the NSU Shepard Broad Law Center hosted two ex-presidential candidates in its event "Turning the Inside Out." A crowd gathered inside the center to hear George McGovern and John Anderson discuss Abraham Lincoln's life as part of a bicentennial celebration of his birth.

"It was a rare opportunity to see two important historical figures that had an impact on our society," said Robert Karpelis, a third-year law student. "I liked that they covered a broad spectrum of topics. From the foundation of our country to current issues we deal with."

McGovern, who ran against President Richard Nixon in 1972, recently wrote a book entitled "Abraham Lincoln." In it, McGovern presents his perspective on the life of the 16th president by narrating events and showing the struggles that Lincoln went through such as going through life with only one year of formal education.

"Lincoln was a remarkable person," McGovern said. "I had to cut out a whole lot of brilliant stuff to make the book 165 pages," said McGovern of his book.

Anderson, who ran as an independent in 1980 and has been a visiting professor at the Shepard Broad Law Center for 22 years, commenced his remarks by informing the audience that about 16,000-19,000 other books have been written on Lincoln.

"I have not read all 16,000 books. I probably should have, but I found it overwhelming," said McGovern in a joking manner.

Anderson encouraged law students to read Delaware's Supreme Court Justice Frank J. William's book "Judging Lincoln" and Albert A. Woldman's "Lawyer Lincoln," to learn more about Lincoln as a man of the law.

The night was filled with laughter from the audience as the men discussed Lincoln's achievements and their own anecdotes in the political field.

"I am intrigued as to why you called it "Turning the Inside Out," Why on Earth did you choose this title? It makes us sound like outsiders who are going to let out the secrets of how to succeed in politics. Need I remind you we both lost?" said Anderson.

The night concluded with a question-and-answer session from law students, who had already submitted their inquiries, and one question from the audience. Topics included each individual's perspective on the past, present, and future of liberalism, the Republican Party, and how to use a law degree to get into politics.

"You have to begin as you do in every other vocation or occupation I can think of, by grabbing every opportunity and making friends," said Anderson.

After the event concluded the audience could meet the speakers and buy a copy of McGovern's book on Lincoln, who will donate all proceedings to an organization that fights alcoholism which was the cause of his daughter's death.

"I am not trying to get rich by selling books, and that's a good thing," joked McGovern.

"It was wonderful. I'm so glad to know Charlene Smith who invited me to be here. McGovern has such a way with words and a great personality too. It is too bad he cannot run for president again," said Maidy Rapport, a 78-year-old woman. "He was too early for his time. It was great to listen to them; they were very charming."

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candidates George McGovern and John B. Anderson spoke about former President Abraham Lincoln in commemoration of the bicentennial celebration of his birth. Both gentlemen also spoke about politics concerning present-day America.
Book Lovers Meet Acclaimed Authors at LitLIVE!

ALEXIS BRIAS
STAFF WRITER

NSU hosted LitLIVE!, part of the 21st edition of Literary Feast, which brought 24 acclaimed authors to NSU’s Arts in Sherman Library on Saturday, March 21. Sponsored by NSU, Literary Feast 2009 was a two-day event benefiting the Broward Public Library Foundation. Throughout the day, fans had the opportunity to meet with their favorite authors at panel discussions, lectures, book sales and signings.

NSU President Ray Ferraro, Jr., told the Office of Public Affairs that he was honored to once again host the annual LitLIVE! event. “Having world-renowned authors come here provides an excellent opportunity to promote literacy and for book-lovers of all ages to come together to support our library system, which is so vital to the community,” he said.


Kara Faso, a senior psychology major, commented on how grateful she was that NSU offered such extraordinary opportunities for students, such as LitLIVE! “It was an honor to actually get to meet Vicki Myron, I am a huge fan of her book “Dewey,”” said Faso. “I am so happy NSU hosted this event, yet again this year.”

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Freedom Through Awareness

Women and men from all across the NSU community gathered on the second floor of the Don Taft University Center, on March 26, to hear attorney Maria Jose Fletcher speak about human trafficking in the United States and to celebrate International Women’s Day. This event was hosted by NSU’s branch of the American Association of University Women and marks the third year that this event has taken place.

Allison Brimmer, president of the NSU branch of AAUW stated that they held the event yearly to raise awareness about these issues but also to “advance equality for women and girls,” she said.

Keynote speaker Fletcher noted that violence against women in this arena has been increasing over the past 15 years, because more women have begun to migrate to the United States illegally. Fletcher reported that when women immigrate through illegal means, this puts them at a much higher risk than if they had gone through legal channels.

This is evident by the fact that a good number of these women have male family members already in the U.S., who had gone safely immigrating into the U.S. illegally. However, when the women attempt to cross over, there have been reported instances of enslavement and rape by the same handlers that assisted in the men’s immigration.

The ability of these traffickers to entice these women with promises she mentioned, is enhanced by several factors. Fletcher noted. Learning disabilities, lack of access to legal work and language barriers were some of the factors she mentioned.

On a more specific note, Fletcher spoke about the main technique of these traffickers—manipulation—and how it is similar to that of domestic violence cases, in which the handlers use a balance of bad treatment and instances of good treatment to subliminally hold power over these women, exploiting their hope of better circumstances.

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How To Be Financially Successful

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Thanks to the efforts of the NSU chapter of the American Marketing Association, on March 25, in the DeSantis Building, an audience of students had the pleasure of hearing Michael D. Stebel, chief operating officer of the QuickQuote, Inc., speak about how to be successful in marketing.

Sobel started off commenting on how students can take the most effective stance on product planning. “Put it on one page,” he said “You will be able to prove to yourself that you have clarity with your plan.”

The lecture then pinpointed five key elements to fulfill when dealing with your customer markets to be successful. These were, “Create widespread customer empathy, work the market infrastructure, create meaningful products, promise a lot, deliver more and create [word of mouth] power,” as his PowerPoint presentation noted.

In regards to creating word of mouth, Stebel stated that a company has to have “cracy good ideas” that prompt people to go directly to Facebook and tell a friend what they just found.

The main point that Stebel frequently expressed was the importance of customer empathy. He stated that it is really important for a head CEO to know “what it’s like for [customers] to do business with you.” To this he noted that the JetBlue CEO from time to time, travels on his company’s planes and hands out chips to the flyers. Stebel said this is how you get to know your customer.

Jason Green, president of the American Marketing Association chapter at NSU and a senior business major, spoke about the importance of the event. “We want to share as much of a broad education as we can with our members,” he said.”By bringing in a speaker, you can get a different type of lesson [than] from reading a book.”

David Vega, as senior finance major at NSU agreed with Green on the organizations motives. “It shows that the school is doing something to get the professional message out,” he said.”It has a lot to do with our growth process.”
Lifting Against Multiple Sclerosis

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The gentlemen of Kappa Sigma held their Strongman Competition, on March 28, at the Library Quad lawn. The event was held to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. This particular cause was chosen because some of the brothers have family members who are living with MS.

Gumba Ligden, a member of Kappa Sigma, commented on what it means to participate in an event that supports a cause that directly affects his brothers. "It hits closer to home," said Ligden. "This idea is something that we are much more personally tied to."

In regards to the lifting aspect of this event, many people were involved to ensure proper lifting techniques, equipment and the safety of the lifters. "We are amateur at best when it comes to power lifting," said Ligden, a member of Delta Phi Epsilon, who lended the weight lifting equipment.

In preparation for the event, Ligden stated, "Although the gentlemen of Kappa Sigma have come, it was held to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis for this event."

William Barney lifts at the Strongman Competition. Barney placed second in the heavyweight division, lifting 960 pounds.

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In order to ensure their best work and their safety, the gentlemen of Kappa Sigma enlisted the help of Jim Dundon, a U.S.A. Powerlifting professional, the RecPlex, and summed up the overall meaning of the event with a statement made during his opening speech: "Although at first it seemed like an insurmountable undertaking for twenty eight fraternity men, the sight before us all today is evidence that perseverance overcomes adversity's obstacles," he said.

Division winners were, Ryan Moves, lightweight division; Ben Bennett, middleweight division and Hughes Touze, heavyweight division and Garrett Whitmore, super heavyweight division. Kappa Sigma raised a total of $2000 for Multiple Sclerosis for this event.

Alina Tawil, a senior legal studies major and member of Delta Phi Epsilon, commented on how proud she is of how far the Kappa Sigma's have come.
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**Sharks .500 in the SSC**

**TIM COENRAAD  STAFF WRITER**

The NSU softball team (35-9, 8-4 SSC) underwent an important week as they faced off against the Panthers of Florida Tech in a Sunshine State Conference three-game series, and then returned home to battle Southern New Hampshire in a double-header.

In their opening game of the series against Florida Tech on March 20 the Sharks found the game’s opening run in the top of the second inning when junior Jessica Hernandez (2) hit an RBI single to score the plate from the fifth after senior April Donachie (8) hit an RBI ground-out allowing junior Noemi Luciani (1) to score from third base. The 3-0 victory was earned partly due to sophomore pitcher Lexi Sarradet (6), who pitched an impressive seven-inning shutout performance, giving up only four hits while striking out 12, demonstrating a pivotal performance considering the low-scoring affair.

The Panthers would once again be shut out on March 21, as junior pitcher Dani Caron (10) took the mound, providing the second shutout of the series, throwing all seven innings with only three hits and seven strikeouts.

As well as their defense being on point, the Sharks’ offense exploded with a 10 run performance led by junior Dana Berger (11), who went 2-for-3 at the plate with three RBIs and three runs including a three-run homer in the first inning. Junior Lauren Lopez (15) provided two RBIs off of a home run, also coming in the first inning while Hernandez went 2-for-4 with a solo homerun in the seventh inning scooping up two runs. In their 10-0 win, the Sharks boasted six players with multiple-hit games showing just how much depth their offense has.

NSU completed their conference sweep of Florida Tech in their second game of the day’s double-header, defeating the Panthers 10-1. The Sharks’ offense remained aggressive as Berger once again provided the spark going 2-for-3 with three RBIs. The Sharks’ 10 runs in only five innings was facilitated by a 3-for-3 performance from Lopez who also recorded two RBIs and three runs, and a two-RBI-one-run-out from Donachie.

NSU returned to the AD Griffin Sports Complex on March 25, where they made short work of Southern New Hampshire. The Sharks took control of both games with scores of 8-0 and 7-0. Leading the way was Hernandez who went 5-for-6 at the plate with a total of three RBIs and three runs over both games.

Caron, Sarradet and freshman pitcher Brittany Thompson (13) combined to give up only six hits in both games, while NSU’s defense was flawless in 13 innings of play.

**Important Wins for Sharks Baseball**

**TIM COENRAAD  STAFF WRITER**

As Sunshine State Conference play entered full swing, the NSU baseball team (25-6; 2-4 SSC) took on the University of Tampa Spartans in a three-game series, then turned around to face Palm Beach Atlantic’s Sailfish shortly there after.

On March 20, the Sharks got off to a slow start in their opening game against the Spartans, as both teams remained scoreless after three innings of play. However, NSU took a strange hold on the game as they exploded with five runs in the fourth and fifth innings to take a comfortable 5-0 lead.

Senior Dale Alberto (3) and freshman Jonathan Escazur (5) claimed an RBI a piece in the fourth, while junior J.D. Martinez (20) picked up an RBI of his own in the fifth along with fellow junior Ian Spanjer-Furstenburg (42) batting in two runs as well.

Junior pitcher Miles Mikolas (40) closed out the game giving up just one run, while compiling a grand total of 11 strikeouts bringing the game to a close at 5-1. J. Martinez batted a perfect game going four-for-four at the plate with two runs and an RBI.

The Sharks carried their momentum through to game one of their double-header with the Spartans on March 22, as they sealed the series win with a 6-0 victory. J. Martinez continued his fine form as he led the Sharks with four RBIs, including a two-RBI homer in the sixth inning and a two-RBI single in the seventh inning.

Spanjer-Furstenburg would claim another Sharks’ RBI off of a sacrifice fly-out to centerfield, which opened the Sharks’ scoring in the first inning. Senior pitcher Michael Fiores (10) collected his seventh win of the season pitching eight innings with no runs and six hits and seven strikeouts.

With a possible sweep looming down the road, the Sharks and Spartans would once again be shut out on March 23, as junior Rhys Roberts (6) tied the game in the fifth inning courtesy of a two-run Homer in the seventh inning.

Butler came through with a vital run in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game up once again, and in the crossing inning, junior Matt Fisher (14) provided the Sharks with what would be the winning run in the sixth, off of a sacrifice fly-out to right field.

Spanjer-Furstenburg extended the lead after he scored off of a passed ball to make the score 6-4. The last three innings remained scoreless as the Sharks hung on for the win.

**Sharks Sweep DIV II Duals**

Head Coach Garrin talks to V4+ prior to race.

**TRANELL MESA  SPORTS EDITOR**

NSU’s women’s rowing team blew their competition out of the water the weekend of March 27-28 while racing in the Division II Duals regatta at Sunshine State Conference rival, Florida Tech’s race course, Canal 54, also known as the Varsity 4+ crossed the finish line first.

The Sharks immediately made their presence known as the Varsity 4+ crossed the finish line first with a time of 8:37.9 followed later in the day by the V8+ A and B boats taking first and second places, respectively.

Day two was a long one; however, it ended tremendously as the Sharks dominated once again, bringing home the wins in each of their six races while taking on SSC rivals Florida Tech and Barry University amongst other competitors. The V4+ raced three times while the V4+ B, the V8+ and Novice 8 raced once a piece, with each boat’s how crossing the finish line first.

NSU will be back on the water on April 4 to race Barry University in Miami at 8 a.m.

**SSC Player of the Week**

**Greg O’Mahony**

**TRANELL MESA  SPORTS EDITOR**

NSU men’s golfer, senior Greg O’Mahony, was named Sunshine State Conference Player of the Week for the week ending on March 23, grabbing hold of his second SSC Player of the Week award this 2009 season.

O’Mahony carded a three-round score of 213 (68-71-74) allowing him to tie for third place individually, while leading his team to a first-place finish amongst 17 competitors in the Bobcat Invitational.

O’Mahony’s 68 was the lowest score amongst all golfers in that particular second round.

**Stephanie Sarosi Named All-American**

**TRANELL MESA  SPORTS EDITOR**

Junior Stephanie Sarosi was recently tabbed as one of only 15 players across the nation to be declared a Duketronics All-American Second-Team member, the first in NSU program history.
UP/DOWN
1. I am a senior pitcher for the baseball team. I wear the No. 10 on my jersey. I'm majoring in Sport Management. My favorite thing to do in my spare time is play Xbox.

ACROSS
1. I am a member of the women's track team. I am a 5-foot-7-inch freshman from the Virgin Islands.
2. I wear the No. 9 on my jersey while playing center field for the softball team. I am majoring in nursing and my dream is to grow up and be a mother.
3. I am a sophomore on the men's basketball team. I am not sure what I want to major in, but I do know that I love video games and dentistry.

Answers To Sports Corner: Issue 23

ACROSS
1. Ashley Lofria
2. Jess Sutter

UP/DOWN
1. Megan Kim
2. Byron White

Fan of the Week

Spotted on March 23, Lindsey Nowland, a freshman exercise-science major, was in full "Shark Spirit" by cheering on NSU's women's tennis team as they swept Eckerd College in a 9-0 shutout!

Many may recognize Nowland from NSU's women's soccer team, where she played as a defender in the 2008 season. Nowland has aspirations of one day becoming a chiropractor, after graduating from NSU.

When off the soccer field, Nowland enjoys catching turtles and squirrels at the beach, studying and listening to the Dave Matthews Band. Congratulations Lindsey Nowland on being NSU's "FAN OF THE WEEK!"

Tennis No. 4 in SSC

The women's tennis team: Monica Vath, Carly Sidman, Lily Rasmussen (top row), Edita Kuklina, Karolina Porchova, Justine Fraser, Ula Tatarska (bottom row).

TRAStEL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

As the Sharks' tennis team approaches the lower half of its 2009 season, NSU maintains a fourth-place standing within the Sunshine State Conference upon recording a 5-2 record while in SSC play.

In addition to their success within the SSC, the Sharks are currently ranked seventh in the South Region and 21st in the nation.

NSU Dominated the Track and Field

TRAStEL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's track and field team dominated while challenging rivals at Cobb Stadium in the Hurricane Invitational on March 21, with the women stringing together a whopping eight Top-15 finishes, while the men tallied up nine of their own.

Following a tremendous week on the track and field previously, NSU then competed at the FSU Relays on March 26, where the Sharks faced rainy weather conditions, allowing them to only take part in the 3,000 meter race. Freshman Jonathan Thiele took charge for the Sharks, snatching up a first-place finish with a time of 9:41.23, a grand total of 19 seconds faster than the trailing second-place finisher.

FAN POLL

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

Should Dwayne Wade get the NBA MVP? (100 NSU students were polled)

YES: 84%
NO: 16%
Easter Puzzle

Jeremy Jay’s “Slow Dance” is Worth a Try

Student Medical Center

Get Into Sudoku
"Knowing" Raises Questions and Fears

The last three weeks have been hell for Doris, after being hospitalised for food poisoning and simultaneously being treated for schizophrenia. She enters a supermarket, feeling this unconscious desire to do something reckless. She mechanically heads directly for the meat section and starts to look for a prime piece of sirloin.

THE VOICE (started): What do you mean to do?

DORIS - as the lady: I know how that one looks (pointing to the sirloin). That's a nice piece o' ramp.

THE VOICE: Oh! Well as to that, (I do agree but um)- why here?

DORIS - as the lady (quietly): I believe it would be quite a treat to do it here. I have seen it being done on the box with the moving pictures. I believe Doris owns one of those boxes. You know?

THE VOICE (quietly): I am afraid, madam, that I am at a loss to know what you mean. A box with moving pictures you say?

DORIS - as the lady (excitedly): Oh yes, quite extraordinary really. I am excessively fond of seeing it. Later on, we could view it together, hmm?

THE VOICE: I beg your pardon madam, but do I understand you right? You desire for us to do something - together?

DORIS - as the lady: Have I never offered before?

THE VOICE (coldly): Never. You seem to believe, worth the ticket price. In addition, the illogical scenes in the film are worth exploring and should be attended. The genius behind this film is that the androgynous, specter-looking entities.

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States Opt For a More Reformatory Prison System Due to Economic Downturn

STEFANI RUBINO
MANAGING/OPINIONS EDITOR

The persistent attitude in the U.S. towards "criminals" has been and continues to be incredibly complicated. Lawmakers and citizens continue to complain about the amount of money spent on prisoners, but as a March 24 New York Times article states, "For nearly three decades, most states have dealt with lawbreakers in two ways: lock more of them up for longer periods, and build more prisons to hold them."

So, even though they do not want to spend the money on jails and inmate well being, they have not, until now, created inexpensive programs to actually rehabilitate prisoners. The same New York Times article goes into how states, such as Colorado, Kansas, New Jersey, New Mexico and even Kentucky, are trying to find new ways to cut costs because of the weakening economy.

It is unfortunate that it took an economic downturn to convince state legislators to finally use the prison system as a way to reform "criminals" and aid their transition back into society. The "proposed" purpose of the prison system is to rehabilitate all prisoners, even the worst offenders of social ills. The New York Times article points out that it has only been over the last three decades this attitude towards prisoners has been relentless, but I would argue that the mission of the prison system was lost a lot longer than that.

Obviously, not everyone feels the same about actually rehabilitating prisoners or giving them a second chance in society. However, since the recidivism rate is so high amongst former prisoners in the U.S., prison reform, no matter how it comes to fruition, is something we've needed in this country for a long time.

Not only that, but initiatives like these will help wardens and guards run their facilities more efficiently, with less violence from inmates and less violence amongst the inmate population. Think about it: If inmates are educated and taught to use their knowledge in more constructive and creative ways, violence would be used as neither a first nor last resort.

The most important thing about these initiatives, though, is preparing inmates for re-entry into society. For years, inmates have struggled to create a life for themselves after prison. The first obstacle and stipulation of most paroles is for former inmates to find jobs, but they struggle because they have no marketable skills and were, of course, convicted of felonies. This is one of the reasons the recidivism rate is so high, because former inmates get desperate and, once again, turn to crime as a source of income or as a release of stress and tension in their lives.

So, even though these programs have not gone into full effect in the states specified, I certainly hope they do and that they are successful. Reforming the prison system in the U.S. could prove to be a step in the right direction, especially because our jails and prisons are so overcrowded and costly.

Apparently, World Peace Can Wait

STEFCANI RUBINO
MANAGING/OPINIONS EDITOR

This week, organizers in South Africa were supposed to hold a peace conference in support of the 2010 World Cup, which will take place in Johannesburg, and show how sports, like soccer, can unify nations around the world. Five Nobel Peace Prize winners were invited to the conference, including the Dalai Lama, who has been barred from the conference by the South African government.

According to Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former South African President F.W. de Klerk, the South African government was pressured by China to bar the Dalai Lama. The South African government claims they do not want to take attention off of how monumental it is for South Africa to be hosting the World Cup, and if the Dalai Lama were allowed to be at the conference, the focus would then switch to his peoples' turmoil in Tibet.

Either way, it is fairly odd that a nation like South Africa, which was taken and held captive under apartheid for over 40 years, would turn away someone who is trying to free his people from political captivity as well. I don't think the situation is as simple as the South African government is making it seem. I think it all comes down to politics.

Over the last five or six years, China and South Africa, along with a few other African countries, have been forming a sort of friendship. I use the word friendship because, as far as I can tell, there has been no pronounced alliance. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China likes to call their relationship with South Africa a "strategic partnership."

Call it what you may, but the problem comes down to China not wanting to take responsibility or be reminded of unnecessary military actions they have taken in the past. After the complete meltdown activists and world leaders had about the 2008 Summer Olympics being held in China, the Chinese government is obviously "sick" of hearing about Tibet.

However, the South African government is not exactly in the clear here. They could have expressed how important this conference, and having the Dalai Lama at this conference, is to the nation of South Africa. Instead, they gave into China's threats, and now the entire conference is canceled.

So, in the eyes of China and South Africa, politics and soccer seem to be more important than governmental and spiritual leaders from around the world getting together to figure out how peace, or at least the idea of peace, can work on a global scale.
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