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## Dalai Lama Urges the Globe to Encompass Responsibility and Compassion

**PERRY UWANAWICH** 

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In a world where "every man for himself" is a common mentality and seemingly similar religions are at odds with one another, the Dalai Lama is spreading a message of religious harmony and universal responsibility.

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, spoke at NSU's Don Taft University Center Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 23, giving two speeches: the first, for mostly students, faculty and staff, on universal responsibility and the second, open to the general public, on global compassion. He was awarded a honorary bachelor's degree from Broward College, co-host of the event, in teacher education for his humanitarian efforts and philosophy of peace, empathy and conscientiousness.

The Dalai Lama was informed that the two Tibetan students given full scholarships at his last visit, biology major, Tashi Wangla, and business major, Tenzin Chokden, will be graduating in spring and that two Tibetan women, Tenzin Kelsang and Tenzin Seldon, were granted full scholarships to begin their college careers at NSU in the fall. After accepting the degree, he greeted the audience saying "Dear brothers and sisters, indeed I am very happy once more here. Personally, I want to thank this institution, as it takes some good Tibetans."

The Dalai Lama opened his speech urging the audience to develop a general sense of



His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

concern and compassion: "Race, nationality, religious faith, profession, social background, I always consider secondary. Most

important, we are the same,

human, on that level [there are] no differences." He later explained, when asked about forgiveness, that when we become fixated on an aspect or action of a person, we become mentally biased and that meditating on this leads to conviction and compassion: "That compassion," he declared, "can reach six billion human beings,"

Mike Everhart, freshman exercise science major, was inspired by the statement, and said, "Since the world is getting smaller and we're becoming more global, we have to think of things as a whole. We're all human beings in that the color of our skin or where we come from doesn't matter."

Although he was very serious about his message, the charismatic Dalai Lama drew a few laughs out of the crowd as he wrapped himself in his scarlet garb to portray the previous Tibetan generation, placed a matching sun visor on his head and when asked about his talk with President Obama, replied, "That's top secret!"

Jokes aside, the Dalai Lama expects the individual to heed his message personally, "One's own interest depends very much on other people's [interests]," he said, explaining that we should not assume that others will solve our problems. He shared an approach of his, that he imagines himself on one side and all of humanity on the other, which helps him focus on universal responsibility and consider the greater cause. He professed that it is in the best interest of a selfish person to be altruistic. If one takes care of others and is concerned with their welfare, he or she will have more people on his or her side when in a time of need.

Silvana Fasce, junior fi-

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# **Archbishop Desmond Tutu:**

"Good vs. Evil: Human Rights vs. Human Wrongs"

**ASHLEY CHANG-STORY** CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NSU was honored with the opportunity to have Nobel Peace Laureate and human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu speak on Friday, Feb. 26. Also known as "South Africa's Conscious," Archbishop Tutu captivated the audience with his jovial spirit and engaging analogies. The Archbishop began

his speech by addressing the dichotomous topic of character-

> izing God as



Archbishop Desmond Tutu addresses the NSU community.

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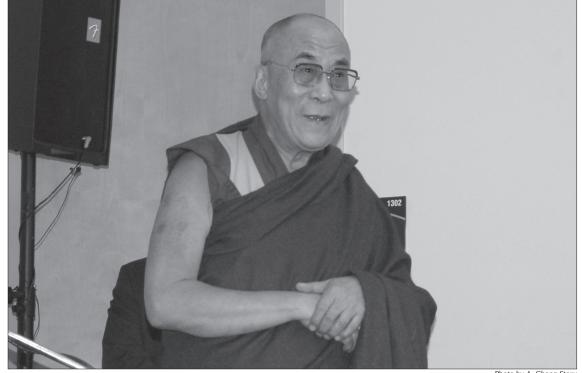


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nance major, believed it was a simple message we should each apply to our lives, "I think he's awesome, everything he said was beautiful. Use common sense, work on your inner beauty and be realistic."

Touching on the difficulties the American economy is facing, the Dalai Lama stated that too much emphasis is being placed on it rather than other values. "At such [a] period, you must remember America as the champion of liberty, freedom,

democracy [...] These values [are] still there. [As] the greatest democratic country, you have the moral responsibility [of] global responsibility," he said.

Ryan Montero, junior psychology major, thought he was funny, very in tune with the crowed and agreed with him, saying, "As Americans, we have more responsibility to promote democracy in the world."

The Dalai Lama said, in conclusion, he was touched by the global reaction to the tragedy

in Haiti and believes the world is becoming much more civilized. "Compared [to] the early part of the century, I think much has changed, people have been forced to think. I think, still, we need some effort, a global universal responsibility. Sense of global responsibility is growing. We simply need to educate," he said.

For more information on other speakers coming to NSU soon, visit www.nova.edu/cwis/ pubaffairs.

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# Changes in Policies Offer Hope to Homosexuals

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NEWS EDITOR

At the beginning of Feb., Robert Gates, defense secretary of the U.S., announced the Pentagon was preparing to revoke the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in the military. Established in 1993, the doctrine dictates that while homosexuals can serve in the U.S. military, they cannot be forced to reveal their sexual orientation and cannot be asked by other members of the military to do so.

The repeal of the policy would mean that gays and lesbians would be able to serve openly. This step is considered by some as a positive move,

"It is definitely positive. It is not someone else's job to tell you what you should tell and not tell about yourself. [Besides,] the law is being abused. People are being kicked out of the military, not so much for being gay but because someone did not like them and used the law to get



Courtesy of www.stoppingthehate.com

them kicked out," said Mikaela Myers, freshman of undecided major and president of the Gay-Straight Student Alliance.

Others believe the military would benefit from the change in policy more than the soldiers. "If they want people to serve, they shouldn't discriminate," said Kaitlyn Brucker, sophomore marine biology major.

Another positive political move for homosexuals took place last Dec. in Mexico City, where same-sex couples were given the right to marry, have the same benefits as heterosexual couples and adopt children. The decision taken in the heavily-Catholic country raised the question as to when the changes would happen in the U.S. and,

more specifically, in Fla.

"It's hard to say because there are too many people in Fla. who don't think gays deserve some rights," said Jackie Vienes, freshman marine biology major. "I don't see it happening [in Fla.] for maybe 10 years."

"I think we're on our way but it's going to take a lot more work. There are a lot of

organizations working on it. I get e-mails to vote on laws and campaign, but the other day I was watching a documentary against gay people and it was saying how it's wrong for kids to have a book called 'King and King,' pushing everything in the other direction," said Myers.

She also said same-sex marriage is not the only pressing issue, "It's not just gay marriage, it's employment laws and adoption laws. It's the same as having a racist law, like saying 'You're black, so you can't do this and this'."

To find out more about the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, visit www.sldn.org/pages/ about-dadt.

The Graduate Gay-Straight Student Alliance will also be hosting a three-day event on April 8 through April 10 to discuss hatred toward homosexuals in Jamaica.

# Tragedy in Haiti Continues to Hit Close to Home

AMANDA CAZACU
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Although it has been over a month since the 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, people all over the world are constantly reminded of the tragedy that occurred on Jan. 12. Britney Gengel, a sophomore at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., and three other students and two faculty members had been missing since the tragedy. The remains of all six were found recently, while eight other members were evacuated from the country back to Fla. The group was in Haiti on a humanitarian mission.

As the country remains in turmoil, relief efforts are still going on, but are they enough? As the rainy season quickly approaches the shelter-less country, "It is feared that rain will turn camps into quagmires, trigger mudslides and spread disease. We need latrines, we need field tents, we need plastic sheets so that people can cover themselves," stated the United Nation's top official in Haiti, Edmond Mulet. "I don't think we are going to be able to shelter all these people in time."

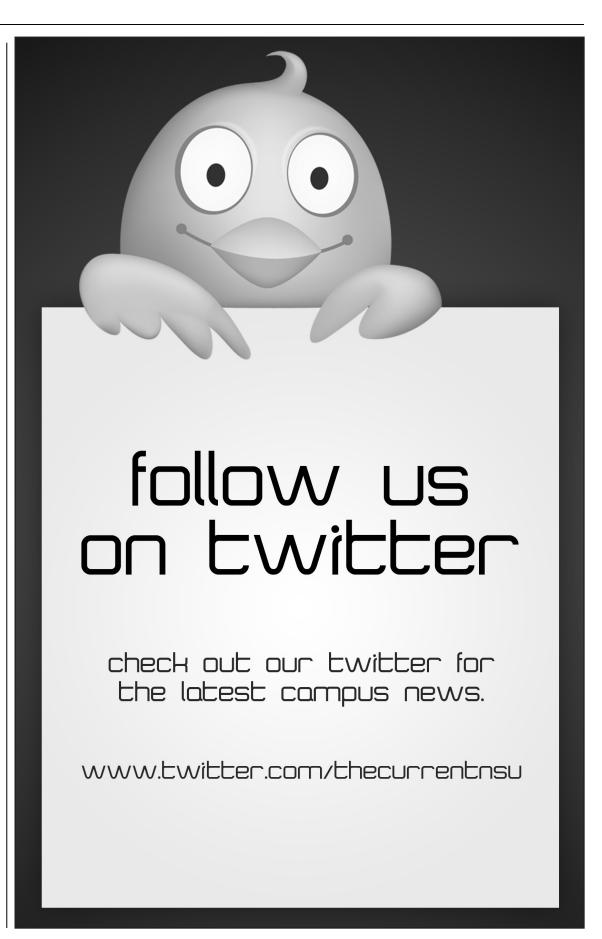
In an effort to provide the people in Haiti with clean water and food, Oxfam has provided assistance to about 100,000 people and continues to scale up operations, planning to reach at least 500,000 people by the end of July.

According to Voice of America News's Web site, "Pledges from Europe and other nations are making Haiti's recovery the biggest global relief effort since the 2004 Asian tsunami."

So, what is NSU doing to help out? The university has made an effort to help out since the disaster reached home. Clubs and organizations have donated proceeds to Haiti by hosting events and on Feb. 15, the Health Professions Division's College of Osteopathic Medicine's Rural Medicine Club presented a check for \$1,000 to George Hanbury, Ph. D., NSU president and chief operating officer, for use in the Haitian relief effort and some of the members plan to go to Haiti in the near future.

To help out, donate to Food for the Poor by visiting www. foodforthepoor.org, calling (800) 487-1158 or by bringing donated items to the Food for the Poor headquarters office, located at 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073. The charity will accept canned fish, canned meat, canned milk, canned baby formula and bottled water. Monetary donations will go toward purchasing food and supplies, as well as shipping costs.

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### **Edward Steichen**

# Fashion Photography Through the Eyes of Edward Steichen

#### AMANDA CAZACU

CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

To some photography has little importance. Now pair it up with fashion and it is almost extinct. Fashion photography has a bad rep for being "superficial" and just false advertising, but Edward Steichen was eager to change that. If you ever had the chance to browse the pages of "Vogue" or "Vanity Fair" from the 1920s through the 1930s, you have seen Steichen's high fashion photographs. If you do not happen to have a nearly six decades old "Vogue" magazine lying around, the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale | Nova Southeastern University (MOAFL) now features over 200 of Steichen's vintage photographs of when he served as chief photographer for Vogue and Vanity Fair. According to Irvin M. Lippman, executive director of the MOAFL, "Steichen was the celebrity photographer in the 1920s who introduces a great sense of fashion."

Upon visiting the museum, you'll instantly travel back in time to an era of black and white visuals and old Hollywood glamour. All the photographs on display portray Steichen's talent of portraiture and his ability to make any piece of garment look fabulous in a time when fashion was changing and fashion photography was just beginning. Long gone were the corsets that created the hourglass shaped dresses as you begin to notice that Steichen's photographs portray garments that are airy and liquid with a touch of elegance. Over the 15 years he worked for the magazines, Steichen invented modern fashion photography. "The mission of photography is to explain man to man and each to himself. And that is the most complicated thing on earth," Steichen has said.

Along with Steichen's works on display is also a beautiful gown by designer Ivonne de la Vega to compliment the exhibit. When asked about the dress,

Vega explains, "While incorporating elements from that era, I also wanted to incorporate my signature style and make the gown fresh and modern, wearable but dramatic, and of course, simply fabulous!" The \$20,000 dollar gown will be sold as a benefit for the museum in a raffle with only 200 tickets available at \$100 each.

Mercedes Lardizabal, an art management graduate student and intern at the MOAFL urges students to take advantage of the merger between NSU and the museum and visit more often because there is a new exhibit up almost every three months.

"This is a subject that is still important today," says Lippman. It is still relevant as we flip the channels through Project Runway and Launch My Line, fashion is everywhere, whether we are conscious of it or not. On display till April 11, this exhibit brings you to the root of it all through a photographer's eye.







All photos by E. Steichen provided by the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale | Nova Southeastern University

# **Events Calendar**

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Edward Steichen: In High Fashion the Condé Nast Years, 1923-1937

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# Women's Softball Moves to an Overall 10-4 Season Record

CRAIG HEENIGHAN

SPORTS EDITOR

#### Valdosta State

The NSU women's softball team dropped only their second game of the season as they were defeated 7-3 by the number six nationally ranked Valdosta State Blazers on Feb. 19.

The Sharks exploded out of the traps against the Blazers scoring three runs in the first inning. Blazers were unable to score for the opening four innings courtesy of solid pitching from junior Lexi Sarradet. Valdosta finally got on the board and they did so in style, tying the game at three apiece courtesy of a three run homer.

The Blazers secured the comeback victory in the seventh inning as they scored the go ahead run on a throwing error with two outs on the board. Valdosta would go on too score three runs in the inning to claim the victory.

Junior Brittney Phillips had a solid performance at the plate despite the defeat as she went 1for-3 with two RBI. Junior Rachel Talenfeld went 2-for-3.

#### West Florida

The Sharks bounced back in fine style as they dispatched of West Florida for the second time this season by a score of 7-4.

NSU took the lead in the top of the second, however the lead proved to be short lived as the Argonauts of West Florida quickly responded with two runs of their own in the same inning The Sharks snatched the lead back immediately with two runs in the top of the third inning, a lead that they would not surrender for the remainder of the contest. The Sharks further extended their lead with two more runs in the top of the fourth to lead 5-2. The Argonauts scored runs in



Courtesy of Sports Information

Rachel Talenfeld hit a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate against Mercyhurst.

the fourth and seventh innings sandwiched either side of two more Shark runs as NSU went on to claim the victory 7-4.

Senior Brittney Lamb led the Sharks with 3-for-4 hitting including one run and fellow senior Patty Rivero hit her first home run of the season. Pitcher Dani Caron continued her fine early season form allowing three earned runs and striking out five batters to preserve her perfect 4-0 early season record.

#### Drury

The Sharks continued their impressive form with a victory over Drury University by a score of 3-1 on Feb. 20.

The game remained scoreless for the opening four innings until Drury took the lead with a run in the fifth courtesy of a Sharks throwing error. The Sharks came alive after hits from Talenfeld, Rivero and junior Sarah Hart loaded the bases. Senior Jessica Hernandez hit a double to left centerfield to drive all three bases home and give the Sharks a 3-1 lead

Hernandez led the Sharks with 2-for-3 hitting with her double in he fifth being the catalyst for the Sharks victory.

#### Flagler

In their second game of the day, the Sharks fell to a shock defeat against the Flagler College Saints by a score of 2-0.

The Sharks struggled to find any real rhythm in the contest as they were unable to get on the scoreboard. NSU amassed six hits however; no one Shark had more than one hit. The two Flagler runs came in the fourth and sixth inning.

Despite the defeat Caron impressed on the mound in what was her first defeat of the season, striking out two batters, allowing only three hits and no earned runs.

#### Florida Tech

The Sharks dropped back-to-back matches for the first time

this season as they were defeated by the Florida Tech Panthers 2-1 on Feb. 21.

No runs were scored by either team in the opening four innings of the contest and it was indeed the Sharks who broke the deadlock in the fifth. Hart secured her second RBI of the season as her single to past second base drove Lamb home who had advanced to third.

The Panthers reacted immediately scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take the lead.

Drama ensued towards the end of the game as Phillips doubled to left field and senior Dana Bergner hit a ball over to right field to claim base. Caron pinch hit to centerfield but the Panther centerfielder threw a perfect throw to home plate that narrowly beat Phillips to clinch the game for Florida Tech.

#### St. Leo

NSU bounced back in fine style as they got back to winning ways with a 4-1 victory over the St. Leo Lions.

The Sharks scored one run in innings two-through-five as they looked in complete control of the encounter. Leading 4-0 in the fifth inning Caron had an opportunity to close out the game with the bases loaded and two outs on the board but she failed to execute. The Sharks ran out comfortable winners despite the Lions earning a run in the top of the fifth.

The Sharks were led offensively by seniors Noemi Luciani and Brittney Lamb with Luciani scoring two runs on 1-for-2 with Lamb contributing with 2-for-3 hitting.

#### Mercyhurst-Game 1

The Sharks continued their impressive form as they dis-

patched of the Mercyhurst Lakers by an impressive 7-0 score-line on Feb. 23.

Despite the Sharks' landslide victory the night belonged to Caron who pitched a perfect game on the mound, the first of her career at NSU. Although coming close in the past, it is the first time Caron has achieved the feat in Sharks colors. En route to the perfect game she retired 21 straight batters striking out four in the process as she claimed her fifth win of the season.

The game remained close for most of the early play and it wasn't until the bottom of the fifth inning that the Sharks put some breathing space between themselves and the Sharks. A grand slam courtesy of Phillips saw the Sharks home with four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Caron, Bergner and senior Lauren Lopez all garnered runs in the one-sided victory. Mercyhurst-Game 2

In the second game of the night things went from bad to worse for the Lakers of Mercyhurst as they were again comprehensively beaten, this time 9-0.

Despite the landslide scoreline the game remained close as the Sharks led 1-0 heading into the fifth inning. The Sharks scored a whopping eight runs to claim victory in the bottom of the fifth. Hernandez, Talenfeld, Phillips and Rivero had garnered multiple RBI's in the contest. Talenfeld led the way for the Sharks as she was a perfect 4-for-4 from the plate earning two runs and two RBI.

The Sharks move to an overall season record of 10-4 as they look to continue their impressive early season form as they compete in the Delta State tournament in their next outing.

# Men's Basketball Edged Out in Heartbreaking Road Defeat

#### CRAIG HEENIGHAN SPORTS EDITOR

#### Florida Tech

The NSU men's basketball dropped an agonizingly close encounter against the Florida Tech Panthers by a score of 70-69 on Feb. 20.

The two teams battled valiantly throughout and could not be separated at the end of regulation so overtime was needed and the Panthers prevailed in well fought encounter.

The Panther led for much of the early first half play but a 14-0 run by the Sharks propelled them into the lead and despite a Florida Tech comeback late in the half the Sharks led 40-36 at the break.

The second half followed much of the same format as it was the Panthers who made most of the running early in the half. Leading for most of the latter stages of the contest the Sharks found themselves down by as many as seven with the end of regulation fast approaching. However, NSU forced their way back into contention courtesy of a jumper from junior Alex Gynes, a lay-up by junior Lemar Dyer and a game tying three pointer from junior Teddy Tassy with 34 seconds remaining in the contest.

Down by three in overtime, freshman Brian Cahill made a

lay-up and was fouled en route to the basket providing him with a subsequent free throw opportunity which he didn't miss to give the Sharks a one point lead. However, it was heartbreak for the Sharks as the Panthers made two free throws of their own with only four seconds remaining to claim the victory by one.

Cahill and Gynes led the way for the Sharks offensively with 14 points apiece, sophomore Rob Huntington contributed with 13 and Tassy amassed 10.

#### Palm Beach Atlantic

The Sharks succumbed to back-to-back losses for the week as they were edged out by the

Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish 65-54 on Feb. 24.

The Sharks poor offense was their Achilles heel on the night as they struggled to find a rhythm and shot only 27.6 percent from the field in the first half in what was their lowest offensive output since the opening game of the season.

Despite the below par performance from the Sharks they led 31-28 early in the second half. However, the Sailfish stormed into the lead with a 13-2 run to lead the Sharks 41-33. The Sharks were unable to make a dent in the Sailfish lead as the closest they would come is seven points. Palm Beach Atlantic ran

out comfortable winners in the end to secure only their third victory of the season.

Tassy led the way for NSU with 15 points with junior John Brooks the only other Shark in double figures with 10 points.

The Sharks will be opening to get back to winning ways as they face Florida Southern on the road in their next encounter which is the final regular season game of the season. The Sharks overall season record moves to 13-13.

### Women's Basketball Struggles to Find Rhythm **Against Panthers**

**CRAIG HEENIGHAN** 

SPORTS EDITOR

The NSU women's basketball team came up short on the road against the Florida Tech Panthers as they were defeated 75-63 on Feb. 20.

The game remained close throughout the early exchanges as both teams looked to find their rhythm. A three pointer from junior Priscilla Perez pulled the Sharks to within two at 19-17 to the Panthers. However, this would ultimately be the closest the Sharks would come as the Panthers were ruthless executing a 17-3 run to lead 36-20 late in the first half. NSU did cut the deficit to 12 points but a late Panther basket gave Florida Tech a fourteen point lead at the break.

The game appeared to be going from bad to worse for the Sharks as they found themselves trailing by as many as 23 early in the second half. However, in true Sharks fashion the women stormed back into proceedings closing the gap to just ten points on two separate occasions. The Panthers were able to hold on for the victory with two late free throws.

Despite the defeat the sophomore Erin Zampell scored a team high 19 points, one point away from her previous career high. Freshman Rheisa Burke also contributed in the defeat with 11 points.

The Sharks conclude their regular season program as they face Florida Southern on the road. The Sharks' overall season record moves to 11-15.

# Men's Baseball End the Week in Fine Style



Men's Baseball got back to winning ways with a crushing victory over Mercyhurst.

### Women's Tennis Struggles in Single's Play



Mary Crider was the only Shark to claim a victory in single's play.

#### CRAIG HEENIGHAN

SPORTS EDITOR

The NSU women's tennis the season as they were defeated by the Florida Tech Panthers on the road 6-3.

In a clash of two nationally ranked teams the #23 Sharks came up just short against the #25 Panthers.

The Sharks made a positive start as they took two of three doubles matches to take an early lead. In the number two doubles slot seniors Karolina Porizkova and Elisa Leeder claimed victory by a score of 8-5. In the number three slot senior Mary Crider and junior Paige Lindsley claimed victory in a closely fought encounter 8-6. The Sharks' only defeat in doubles play came in the number one slot as sophomore Justine Feaster and junior Daria Egorova were defeated 4-8.

However, singles play proved to be an obstacle for the Sharks as they claimed just one victory out of a possible team dropped their first game of six matches. Egorova was comprehensively defeated in the number one spot 1-6, 0-6 whilst Porizkova was edged out in a hotly contested encounter 5-7, 2-6 in the number two slot. Leeder was defeated at the number three slot despite winning the opening set, the senior went down 7-5, 0-6, 2-6. Feaster competed at the number four slot and lost 1-6, 6-7. The Sharks' lone singles victory came at the number five slot as Crider dispatched of her opponent 6-2, 7-5. NSU's defeat was cemented with a loss at the number six slot with Lindsley losing 1-6, 6-3, and 6-2.

The Sharks will be looking to get back to winning ways as they take on Florida Southern on the road in their next outing.

#### **CRAIG HEENIGHAN**

SPORTS EDITOR

#### Valdosta State-Game 1

The NSU men's baseball team was defeated in the first of a four game series against Valdosta State on Feb. 19 by a score of 8-3.

Despite the defeat it was the Sharks who came out firing on all cylinders as they scored two runs in the top of the third inning. The two-run inning was ignited by a triple from freshman Alex Marrero with junior Haven FitzSimmonds and senior Eric McCans securing RBI's in

Valdosta replied immediately as they tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the same inning. The Blazers of Valdosta State then stormed into the lead scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth courtesy of consecutive home runs. The Sharks continued to battle valiantly and despite the Blazers two runs in the seventh and one run in the eighth, NSU added a consolation run in the top of the ninth courtesy of an RBI double from FitzSimmonds.

Junior Luis Penate led the Sharks at the plate as he went 2-4 with a double and a single.

#### Valdosta State-Game 2

The Sharks got back to winning ways as they defeated the Blazers by a score of 4-2 on Feb. 20.

It was Valdosta who took the lead first with a run in the bottom of the third, however the Sharks quickly replied in the top of the fourth with an RBI groundout from senior Brayan Valencia.

The Sharks took control of the proceedings as they scored two-runs in the top of the sixth courtesy of Penate and McCans who scored due to two throwing errors by the Blazers. NSU made the victory all but secure in the top of the eighth with a further

insurance run to lead the game 4-1. Valdosta replied with a run in the bottom of the eighth but that would be the closest they would come to victory as the Sharks looked comfortable in the end.

Junior reliever Isaac Hicks was tagged with the win after four and one-third innings pitched in which he allowed just two hits and one unearned run.

#### Valdosta State-Game 3

In the penultimate game of the series, the Sharks were comprehensively beaten by the Blazers going down by a scoreline of 8-2.

It was Valdosta who took an early lead, scoring off a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first. The Shark responded to tie the game in the top of the third in similar fashion on a sacrifice fly from

The Sharks took the lead in the top of the fifth inning off a triple from junior Sharad Johnson who was brought home by an RBI groundout from Valencia. This would ultimately be the closest the Sharks would come to victory as the Blazers were ruthless in their response as they scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth and a further three runs in the bottom of the sixth to secure a comfortable victory in the end.

Junior pitcher Nick Avila was tagged with the loss allowing five runs in five and two thirds innings pitched.

#### Valdosta State-Game 4

In the final game of the series the Sharks were edged out in a close encounter by the Blazers by a score of 8-7 on Feb. 21.

The Sharks took an early lead courtesy of a double from Penate who was brought home by an RBI single from McCans. Valdosta stormed into the lead in the bottom of the second after taking advantage of two walk-

offs to score three runs for a 3-1 lead. NSU responded in fine style scoring two runs in the top of the third to tie the game.

The Blazers regained the lead courtesy of a solo home run before the lead again changed hands as the Sharks scored twice in the top of the fourth inning to lead 5-4. Valdosta slowly started to take advantage of the game as they scored one run in the bottom of the fourth and a further two runs courtesy of a two run homer in bottom of the fifth to lead 7-5.

After the Blazers added another run in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Sharks closed the lead to just one run after scoring two runs in the top of the eighth inning. Senior Rhys Roberts scored on a sacrifice fly and junior Dusty Maggs garnered a run after smart base running.

However, the Sharks were unable to close the deficit any further as they were narrowly edge out in a hotly contested encounter.

#### Mercyhurst

The Sharks rounded out their week with an impressive 7-1 victory over Mercyhurst on

The Lakers of Mercyhurst took the lead in the top of the second inning off a solo homerun. The Sharks responded immediately with two runs in the bottom of the second and one run in the bottom of the third inning courtesy of a two run RBI from junior Penate. The game would remain in the balance until the bottom of the eighth inning when the Sharks added a further four runs on a bases clearing triple by junior Matt Seese, who then scored on an errant throw.

The Sharks will be hoping the victory against Mercyhurst will spark a winning streak as they head out on the road against Florida Tech in their next outing.



# Award Season is

Written by Juan Gallo & Stefani Rubino Arts & Entertainment Editor & Managing/Opinions Editor

Well, it's that time of year again and the Oscars are right around the corner. Here are our Oscar picks and predictions for the most important night in Hollywood.

#### **CINEMATOGRAPHY**

- · "Avatar" Mauro Fiore · "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" Bruno Delbonnel
  - · "The Hurt Locker" Barry Ackroyd · "Inglourious Basterds" Robert Richardson
  - · "The White Ribbon" Christian Berger

Juan's Pick: "Avatar" Mauro Fiore Stefani's Pick: "The Hurt Locker" Barry Ackroyd

#### **DIRECTING**

- · "Avatar" James Cameron · "The Hurt Locker" Kathryn Bigelow
- · "Inglourious Basterds" Quentin Tarantino
- · "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by
- Sapphire" Lee Daniels
  - · "Up in the Air" Jason Reitman

Juan & Stefani's Pick: "The Hurt Locker" Kathryn Bigelow



#### **MUSIC (ORIGINAL SCORE)**

- · "Avatar" James Horner · "Fantastic Mr. Fox" Alexandre Desplat
- · "The Hurt Locker" Marco Beltrami and Buck Sanders
- · "Sherlock Holmes" Hans Zimmer · "Up" Michael Giacchino

Juan & Stefani's Pick: "Fantastic Mr. Fox" Alexandre Desplat



#### **MUSIC (ORIGINAL SONG)**

- · "Almost There" from "The Princess and the Frog" Music and Lyric by Randy Newman
- · "Down in New Orleans" from "The Princess and the Frog" Music and Lyric by Randy Newman
- · "Loin de Paname" from "Paris 36" Music by Reinhardt Wagner Lyric by Frank Thomas
- · "Take It All" from "Nine" Music and Lyric by Maury Yeston
- · "The Weary Kind (Theme from Crazy Heart)" from "Crazy Heart" Music and Lyric by Ryan Bingham and T Bone Burnett

Juan & Stefani's Pick: "The Weary Kind (Theme from Crazv Heart)" from "Crazy Heart" Music and Lyric by Ryan Bingham and T Bone Burnett

#### WRITING (ADAPTED SCREENPLAY)

- · "District 9" Written by Neill Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell
- · "An Education" Screenplay by Nick Hornby
- · "In the Loop" Screenplay by Jesse Armstrong, Simon Blackwell, Armando Iannucci, Tony Roche · "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by
- Sapphire" Screenplay by Geoffrey Fletcher · "Up in the Air" Screenplay by Jason Reitman and Sheldon Turner

Juan's Pick: "District 9" Written by Neill Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell Stefani's Pick: "In the Loop" Screenplay by Jesse Armstrong, Simon Blackwell, Armando lannucci, Tony Roche

#### **WRITING (ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY)**

- · "The Hurt Locker" Written by Mark Boal
- · "Inglourious Basterds" Written by **Ouentin Tarantino**
- · "The Messenger" Written by Alessandro Camon & Oren Moverman
- · "A Serious Man" Written by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen
- · "Up" Screenplay by Bob Peterson, Pete Docter, Story by Pete Docter, Bob Peterson, Tom McCarthy

Juan's Pick: "Inglourious Basterds" Written by Quentin Tarantino **Stefani's Pick:** "A Serious Man" Written by Joel Coen & Ethan Coen

# Heating Up

#### **ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE**

- Jeff Bridges in "Crazy Heart"
  George Clooney in "Up in the Air"
  Colin Firth in "A Single Man"
  Morgan Freeman in "Invictus"
  Jeremy Renner in "The Hurt Locker"
  - Juan's Pick: Jeff Bridges in "Crazy Heart" Stefani's Pick: Colin Firth in "A Single Man"



#### **ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE**

- Sandra Bullock in "The Blind Side"
  Helen Mirren in "The Last Station"
  Carey Mulligan in "An Education"
  Gabourey Sidibe in "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire"
  Meryl Streep in "Julie & Julia"
  - Juan's Pick: Sandra Bullock in "The Blind Side"
    Stefani's Pick: Carey Mulligan in "An Education"

#### **ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE**

- Matt Damon in "Invictus"
  Woody Harrelson in "The Messenger"
  Christopher Plummer in "The Last Station"
  Stanley Tucci in "The Lovely Bones"
  Christoph Waltz in "Inglourious Basterds"
  - Juan & Stefani's Pick: Christoph Waltz in "Inglourious Basterds"



#### **ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE**

- Penélope Cruz in "Nine"
  Vera Farmiga in "Up in the Air"
  Maggie Gyllenhaal in "Crazy Heart"
  Anna Kendrick in "Up in the Air"
  Mo'Nique in "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire"
- Juan's Pick: Mo'Nique in "Precious:
  Based on the Novel 'Push' by
  Sapphire"
  Stefani's Pick: Maggie Gyllenhaal in
  "Crazy Heart"

#### **ANIMATED FEATURE FILM**

- "Coraline" Henry Selick
  "Fantastic Mr. Fox" Wes Anderson
  "The Princess and the Frog"
  John Musker and Ron Clements
  "The Secret of Kells" Tomm Moore
  "Up" Pete Docter
- Juan & Stefani's Pick: "Fantastic Mr. Fox" Wes Anderson



#### **FILM EDITING**

- · "Avatar" Stephen Rivkin, John Refoua and James Cameron
  - · "District 9" Julian Clarke
- · "The Hurt Locker" Bob Murawski and Chris Innis
- · "Inglourious Basterds" Sally Menke
- · "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" Joe Klotz

Juan's Pick: "The Hurt Locker" Bob Murawski and Chris Innis Steafni's Pick: "Inglourious Basterds" Sally Menke

#### **DOCUMENTARY (FEATURE)**

- · "Burma VJ" Anders Østergaard and Lise Lense-Møller
- · "The Cove" Louie Psihoyos and Fisher Stevens
- · "Food, Inc." Robert Kenner and Elise Pearlstein
- · "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers" Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith
- · "Which Way Home" Rebecca Cammisa

#### Juan and Stefani's Pick:

"The Cove" Louie Psihoyos and Fisher Stevens

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

- · "Ajami" Israel
- · "The Milk of Sorrow (La Teta Asustada)"

  Peru
- · "A Prophet (Un Prophète)" France
- · "The Secret in Their Eyes (El Secreto de Sus Ojos)" Argentina
- · "The White Ribbon (Das Weisse Band)"

  Germany

Juan's Pick: "A Prophet (Un Prophète)" France Stefani's Pick: "The White Ribbon (Das Weisse Band)" Germany

#### **BEST PICTURE**

- · "Avatar" James Cameron and Jon Landau, Producers
- · "The Blind Side" Gil Netter, Andrew A. Kosove and Broderick Johnson, Producers
  - "District 9" Peter Jackson and Carolynne
- Cunningham, Producers

  · "An Education" Finola Dwyer and Amanda Posey,
  Producers
- · "The Hurt Locker" Kathryn Bigelow, Mark Boal, Nicolas Chartier and Greg Shapiro, Producers · "Inglourious Basterds" Lawrence Bender,
- Producer
   "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire"
  Lee Daniels, Sarah Siegel-Magness and
- Gary Magness, Producers

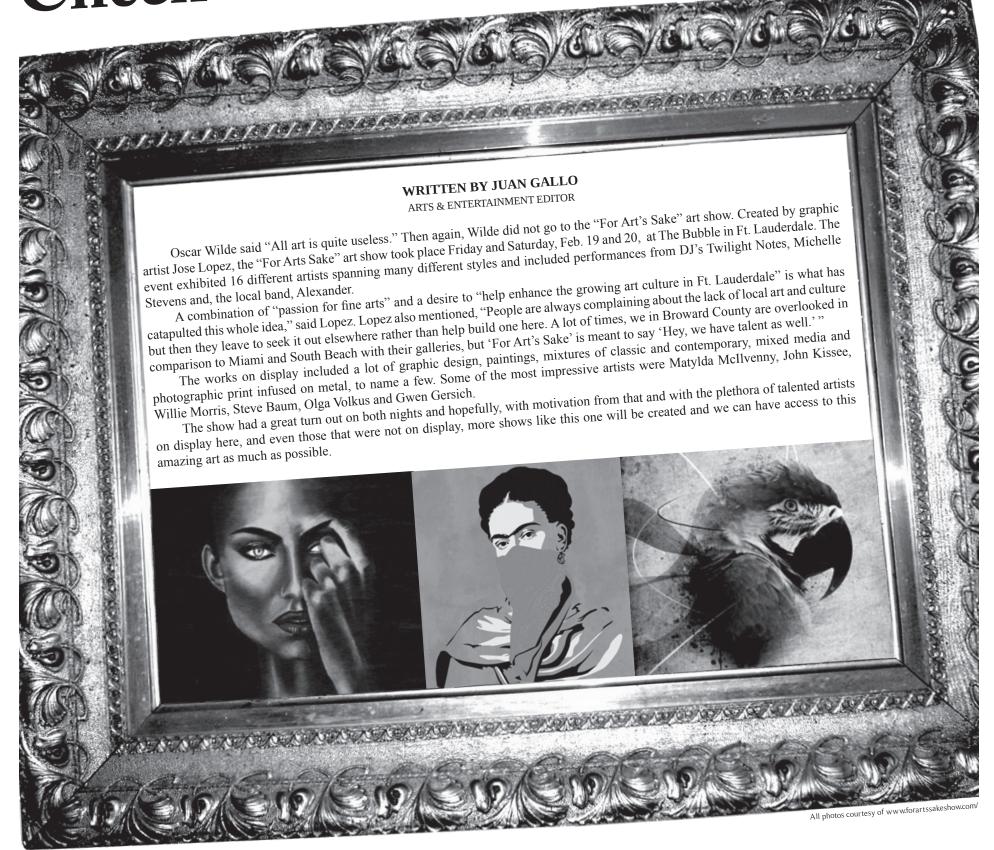
  · "A Serious Man" Joel Coen and Ethan Coen, Producers

  · "Up" Jonas Rivera, Producer
  - · "Up in the Air" Daniel Dubiecki, Ivan Reitman and Jason Reitman, Producers

Juan & Stefani's Pick: "The Hurt Locker" Kathryn Bigelow, Mark Boal, Nicolas Chartier and Greg Shapiro, Producers

#### March 2, 2010

# Check This Out, "For Art's Sake!"



# Scorsese Creates a Modern Classic with Shutter Island

JUAN GALLO

There are certain things, like fixing a transmission, cleaning a grouper or flying a plane, that are better left to an expert. Perhaps, if you or I tried some of these things, the result would not be as good as it should, but when in the hands of a master, they often lead to the greatest outcome. When it comes to film, there are no better hands to be placed in than those of Martin Scorsese.

This time around, Scorsese brings his mastery of the art to the adaptation of the Dennis Lehane novel, "Shutter Island." The plot is based around a mental institution for the criminally insane, constructed on an island off the coast of Massachusetts. Federal Marshall Teddy Daniels

Ruffalo), are assigned to travel to the island to investigate the escape of a female patient.

The film begins as a mystery with the brilliant mind of Daniels working rapidly to try to put all of the pieces together. Although the institute's staff are not being as cooperative as Daniels would like, he finds a note in the missing patients room that he believes is implying that there is a secret patient at the hospital. Although he is told there are only 66 patients, the note hints that there may be actually 67.

Frustrated with the uncooperative and shady attitudes of the hospital workers, Teddy and his partner decide that they want to leave the island but are detained by a terrible storm that

(Leonardo DiCaprio) and his punishes the locale. With all the the missing patient, find his wife's as a Scorsese trademark by now. partner, Chuck Aule (Mark power down, Daniels is able to killer, find out what goes on at DiCaprio, Ruffalo, Ben sneak into forbidden areas and he interviews one patient, who creates even more mystery by arousing suspicions that things are not as they seem and a cunning trick may be being played on Daniels. However, Daniels also reveals that there are some ulterior motives for his wanting to come to the island, one is to confront his wife's alleged killer, and the other is to assert his theory that the hospital is a cover-up for secret government experiments to control individuals minds.

As everything begins to unfold and Teddy becomes more personally affected by the revelations, he suffers from migraines and then becomes suspicious of everyone around him. For him, the key is to find

the secretive lighthouse (where he believes the brain surgeries are being performed) and escape from the island safely with his partner.

From the first ten minutes of the film, it is clear that Scorsese has complete domination over every aspect of the filmmaking process. There are quick, almost choppy cuts that provide the audience with a sense of uncertainty about what is happening. There is also the use of music and sound, which Scorsese manipulates at certain times to create both tension and suspense. There are also some amazing shots that seem indistinctive to the average viewer but actually add a lot to the film, which pretty much cements this

Kingsley and Michelle Williams all provide spectacular performances that bring out the film's characters with rich emotion and palpability. DiCaprio's stellar performance in this film was nothing short of perfect. The gifted actor moves stealthily through the vast array of emotions that he is required to convey.

There are lots of twists and surprises in this film, hopefully none will get spoiled for you before you go see it. Even if this is the case though, it is still a highly enjoyable film. It is a great ride conducted by what is certainly one of the greatest directors of all time.

# Letter to the Editor Editor's Note

The Current,

After reading the article on Hookah places, I realized that the NSU community may be unaware of another alternative — Kava Bars. The Ft. Lauderdale area now sports two - one off of Sunrise and A1A, the other on Hollywood Blvd off of Dixie. The newest is the one in Hollywood, and is called Mystic Water. It was started by a former Kava Wahini at the other Kava Bar which used to be called Kahuna Awa (had a Myspace website), but is under new ownership since the start of the year and is called the Fiji Kava Bar, I think. The decor is different now than it was. I don't know if the atmosphere is different.

Kava is a root-based tea from the Pacific islands. It is non-alcoholic, but it does have

very effective stress relieving qualities, and tends to make you more sociable. As such, although a lone person can go there and become VERY destressed, it lends itself to group experiences. It doesn't taste particularly good, but that is not why you drink it. You drink it for the relaxing effect and the sociable communal experience — and because you may meet a few unique persons that you may not ordinarily come across. Kava Bars tend to attract the Offbeat folk, artists, thinkers, spiratualists, etc. An open mind is a must — and generally pays

The website for Mystic Water is: www.thekavabar.com. I don't know what the other one is for Fiji, since it tuned over at the start of the year.

The one thing about the Mystic Water site is you have to

click all the links and look around for the info on location and times etc in unexpected places — it's still rough.

The Proprietors: Holland is the former long-time Wahini at Kahuna Awa and can fill you in on the Kava experience, as can Avi who seems to have quite a bit of knowledge of the physical properties and history of Kava.

I got introduced to Kava through an excursion by Oceanographic Center students to the then new Kahuna Awa about four years ago and it stuck for a number of us.

Just a Thought for Something Different,

Christopher Jordan NSU Oceanographic Center Candidate MS Marine Biology/ Marine Environmental Science

SERENA MANN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last week NSU hosted two monumental spiritual leaders — His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and ArchBishop Desmond Tutu. Press from across South Florida and the nation had their eyes on our university to hear what messages these two individuals had to bring to NSU's student body and the U.S. at large.

During events like these, I feel proud to call myself a Shark. NSU went above and beyond to deliver speakers that many people wish they could have heard from in their lifetimes but will never be able to. The Dalai Lama and ArchBishop Tutu both spoke about how we, as individuals and students, have a responsibility and the power to influence the world for the better. Their speeches reminded me of the late Mahatma Gandhi and his famous quote, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Archbishop Tutu stated, "Don't be cynical like me and my generation...dream...the idealistic dream. Dream of a world without war." His words made me hopeful. His words made me vouthful. It reminded me of when I was an innocent, younger version of myself and listened to the news with my parents and thought, "When I grow up that whole



world peace problem should be solved."

The speakers stretched my mind to think, "Why can't world peace still be possible? Who is to say that the world doesn't deserve to be rid of world hunger?" If anyone is going to be the change in the world it is the next generation of educated scholars and young people. We have the ability to do great things, but we have to start remembering how to think about someone else before thinking about ourselves. At a time when the U.S. is facing great economic turmoil and dismay, the hopeful words hit home more than ever before.

Have something to say? The Current is listening. Send your opinions, letters, and story ideas to nsunews@nova.edu. We want to hear from you.

# **Issue 23 Correction**

- In the story Elongating Your Shark Lifespan printed in Issue 23 it should be noted that the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences also offers an M.A. degree in Writing with more to come this Fall.
- •In the story "The 'N' Word: What Is in a Name?" it should be noted MultiCultural Affairs Programming hosted this event.

# On the Scene

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ

NEWS EDITOR

### What did you think of the Dalai Lama's presentation?



"I really couldn't hear him but from what I could hear, he had good information and insight." Bridget Musto, sophomore marine biology major



"I assumed he was going to talk about peace and happiness and I read the Bible for that." Vicky Duclos, freshman biology major



"I didn't get a ticket because it was too late. I wish I would have been able to see and hear him. I heard the speech was interesting."

Melissa Rosen, freshman psychology major



"I had class but I don't regret not going, [because] I haven't heard that much about it, just that there was a lot of traffic."

Sherelyn Gonzalez, junior dance major



"I am in law school, [so] I had no time but it would have been more interesting than con[situtional law."

Adam Diaz, first year law student



"I couldn't get a ticket but I didn't know that much about him, so I didn't care to see him." Caleb Rodriguez, junior psychology major

