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March 20, 1984

NEWSLETTER CONTROVERSY HITS COLLEGE !

by James Levey

March 15, the issues of censorship, editing, libel, slander, editorial standards, and a variety of other journalistic issues were discussed at length by several members of the school community. The participants included Matthew Hartsfield, editor of the Newsletter, Dale Mac'Daniel Newsletter staff member, Frank Leach, Director of Student Affairs, Dr. Timothy Hunt, Faculty member, Edward Artau, Student Government President, and James Levey, Student Government Public Relations Director. Discussion centered around a controversial letter to the editor of the Newsletter, submitted by Anthony Arculeo (Arculeo's rewritten version of this letter can be found in this issue.).

The controversy was triggered when Leach and Hartsfield agreed several items in Arculeo's letter were generally unfit to print, and that one was potentially libelous. Hartsfield completed preliminary editing of the letter, deleting five sentences, approximately 30% of the text. He excluded statements concerning "Male Promiscuity Week", attitudes toward the owner of the Corner Book Exchange, the school's sponsorship of Women's History Week, the role of the male sex organ in the "War Between the Sexes", and the sexual preferences of liberated women. The same standards that led to the editing of Arculeo's remarks prevents further elaboration upon them.

After the preliminary editing, Leach contacted the two S.G.A. officers, and requested a meeting to establish an "Editorial Review Board". Levey and Artau then asked Hunt to join them at the meeting.

The most immediate, and most frequently discussed issues at the meeting, were those raised by Arculeo's letter. Discussion focused on whether or not the letter should be edited, if so what criteria should be used, and who should have final responsibility for these matters. Leach and Hartsfield appeared to view the Newsletter from a public relations standpoint, and clung tightly to the well known "fit to print" criteria. They stressed they were not in favor of altering the ideas expressed in the letter but recognized this might be an inevitable consequence of

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viewing certain issues as inherently unfit for print in a school paper, no matter what language was used to express them. Others in the room, however, seemed to differ about what is and what is not fit to print. Various responses to Arculeo's letter demonstrated that what is offensive to one person is often not offensive to another, and vice-versa. Hunt commented on the first amendment, frequently referred to when issues of this type arise. He stated, "The right to free speech granted by the first amendment extends only to the right of self-publication and does not include the right of the individual to demand that he be published by the press."

Hunt, Levey, and Artau all opposed in varying degrees Hartsfield's plan for deleting major portions of the letter, and appeared to be working toward a compromise, but there was a general consensus that the authority to make the final decision on the letter lay with Hartsfield, the only person officially designated in an editorial capacity.

This led to a discussion of another dimension of the issue - the future of the Newsletter. What the role of the Newsletter actually is, what it should be, what part of the school community should be recognized as the publishers, and how editorial authority should be delegated, were all discussed at great length. All those at the meeting seemed to agree that presently the Newsletter primarily exists to provide the Administration, Faculty and Student Government Association a means to make announcements. Furthermore, all seemed to agree that ideally the Newsletter should be a news-oriented publication put together by interested students, not a "printed bulletin board" filled only with contributions by the three aforementioned groups. Leach mentioned that he was presently working on plans to help guide the publication in this direction, but that he was concerned whether there was enough student interest in the Newsletter at this time to support the move. Similar apprehensions appeared to be prevalent throughout the room.

As for the immediate issue of Arculeo's letter was concerned, Hartsfield was unyielding in his decision to censor parts of the letter. As a matter of fairness, he returned it to Arculeo and gave him the option of either rewriting or withdrawing it, or having it printed as edited. The other issues which were discussed remain unsettled at this point. Whether the Newsletter will continue in its present style, or will evolve into a news-oriented, tabloid format, and if it does so evolve, whom should do the editing and what criteria should be used, are all questions that can only be answered with the passage of time, and further discussion. The one thing that is clear at this time, is that the answers will depend on the input of the student body.

ATTENTION: WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS Women students interested in attending a National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at American University in Washington, D.C. this summer (June 8-10) should see Ms. Bohnsack-Lee in Parker 236 for information. The conference theme is "Preparing for Tomorrow Through a Better Understanding of Today: Designing Our Own Future."

To the editor,

Nova U. is a unique learning experience. We have all learned much here, both inside the classroom and out. I personally have found that the more valuable education has taken place outside the classroom. During my attendance at Nova I have learned...

that to get the Nova Administration to do anything you have to start a petition, and even if you do

that Nova Adminis. will most likely do what they want regardless, and will ignore student complaints about the bookstore.

that certain members of the Adminis. are causing the Student Government to go bankrupt, (e.g. no more Ms. Pac-Man).

that when you go out on a limb for someone, don't expect them to follow.

that we never did, do not now, and probably never will live in a free country.

that since I've had to rewrite this editorial, Nova has no claim to being a "liberal" institution.

that being "liberal" means you only take it as far as it benefits your own interests.

that men and women both are much happier in their traditional roles.

that if you grind your axe down to the handle you've nothing to chop with.

that being "radical" means not going along with anyone else and vice versa.

that a male cannot object to Women's History Week without being labeled obscene.

that ERA has forever ruined many American traditions.

that our society is so strict, censored, regulated and monitored,

that any effort at a truly free society would be nipped at the bud before it ever had a chance to grow.

that John Endicott chopped down the May-Pole a long time ago,

and that no matter how hard some of us try, it will never be erected again.

--Anthony Arculeo, D.D.S.
(Day Division Senior)

To The Editor,

TOYS 'R US

When we are thirteen or fourteen, we cannot wait to be eighteen or twenty. It seemed the goal was to be that age.

We are eighteen and twenty. Now what? Was it what we expected it to be? I think the grade of comfort really varies within each individual, but it is important to remember that when we were younger, we continuously thought about "going somewhere" and getting older. Today we are going somewhere else. It seems that we are never happy where we are. Back when we were kids, we wanted to be big, because all of the toys we had as children were the same toys older people had, with the difference that the planes could not fly and the cars had no engines. Now we have all of those (maybe not the plane), but I guess that most of our generation is looking forward to it.

Did the achieving of the car with the real engine bring us anything other than joy for a year, and now a pain for traffic hour? So let's now think of getting "older" people's toys such as a limo or a helicopter. After those thrills are over, then what? Bigger people's toys like yachts or maybe a jet? And after those thrills are over, what?

You think you will never get tired? When we were twelve, a Chevy, or really anything on four wheels, would have been enough. But now that we have them, it does not thrill us anymore. What makes you think that it would be any different with the other toys?

Maybe our society can come up with more sophisticated and complex toys. But then if we really want them, we can get them. The question is, how long before we realize that vain thrills do not mean a great thing?

We are being used by our own values, to uphold the society in which we live. It is not the media or propoganda, government, or teachers anymore. It is all of us who have in our minds and hearts those teachings. It matters very little who put it there; what matters is that we have it within us, and it is as much a part of us as our own heart. The dilemma is not an easy one to confront. What is most important is to realize that it is there. Our society lives out of our consumerism, and so the chain effect is created by people like us, when we hold those values and teach them to our future children. This is considered natural.

BUT IS IT?

I once heard the idea that, "society teaches us to want what we can get, and not to consider what is not in its best interest for its survival...."

Philius

SPRING TRIP SURVEY

The S.G.A. needs your help in planning a school trip for this Spring. Please answer the following questions.

1. Where would you most like to go on a one, or possibly two day trip?

 Disneyworld

 EPCOT Center

 Busch Gardens

 Other _____

2. Would you rather the trip be made in one day (leaving early in the morning, returning late at night), or two days (leaving early in the morning and returning in the middle of the next day)?

 One Day

 Two Day

3. What is the probability that you will go on this trip (depending, of course, on confirmation of date, costs, and other factors)?

 Highly likely

 Fairly likely

 Unlikely

 No chance

Please return all completed surveys to the S.G.A. Office (P-211).

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Ms. Patricia Dayton, a training officer and recruiter from Sun Banks, will be visiting our campus on April 10, 1984, to discuss career opportunities with our B.S. and M.B.A. graduates in Business and Accounting. If you are interested in pursuing a career in banking, please contact me to arrange an interview with Ms. Dayton.--Dan Sullivan, Room 247 Extension: 7346.

Public Relations company seeking outgoing, energetic, ambitious students for part-time promoting of special events and parties. High earnings, flexible hours. Call 565-1569 9:00am-5:00pm. for appointment.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION Any persons, 17½ or over who are American citizens, residents of Dade County and as yet unregistered to vote, may become registered by completing the official documentation with Ms. Bohnsack-Lee in Parker 236 any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. *BROWARD residents still unregistered may check the bulletin board in Parker 236 to determine the location for registration nearest to their residence.

DATES TO REMEMBER - IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Don't miss out on financial aid for your education....
These deadline dates apply for the 83-84 school year. If you haven't already applied for aid this year, see your Financial Aid Counselor today!

Florida Tuition Voucher.....June 8, 1984
Guaranteed Student Loan.....90 days before
the end of your
loan period.
All other types of aid.....May 1, 1984

And don't forget - we are now accepting applications for aid for 84-85. Students who apply before April 1, 1984 will be given priority consideration for funds.

The Gainesville, Fla. Area American Business Women's Association plans to award scholarships to deserving women from that area. Requirements for these scholarships include the following:

1. The applicant must either be attending an advanced institution or have recently been approved for admission to a community college or four-year institution.
2. Applicant must show financial need.
3. Applicant must have a satisfactory grade point average.
4. Application deadline is April 1, 1984.

For more information and application forms, contact the Financial Aid Office, Parker Building, Room 225.

The Financial Aid Office has a current listing of job openings in Broward County for all students to look at.

Nova College will be adding three new sports in the Fall of 1984. The three new sports will be Men's & Women's Cross Country, Women's Volleyball and Men's Soccer. Any student who will be returning to Nova College in the Fall, is asked to sign up on the sheets outside Room 249.

It's Here! Catch the Fever! The awesome Spring Break Fever, at Nova's LaVolcanique "Spring Fling" Party. Free admission and one free cocktail to anyone carrying a Nova invitation. It will be held on March 30 from 8pm till 11pm.

Unique Awards Program
for Summer Research
in the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced a unique grants program for individuals under 21 to spend a summer carrying out their own non-credit humanities research projects. The Younger Scholars Program will award up to 100 grants nationally for outstanding research and writing projects in such fields as history, philosophy and the study of literature. These projects will be carried out during the summer of 1985. The application deadline is Sept. 15, 1984.

Award recipients will be expected to work full-time for nine weeks during the summer, researching and writing a humanities paper under the close supervision of a humanities scholar. Please note that this is not a financial aid program, that no academic credit should be sought for the projects, and that competition for these grants is rigorous.

For guidelines, write to: Younger Scholars Guidelines CN, Rm. 426,
The National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506

EMPLOYMENT

Nova College Day Program students needed to phone prospective students, to market and share information about the college and do mailings.

A two month position

- *Up to 20 hours per week
4pm-8pm, Monday-Friday
10am-2pm, Saturday
- *\$4.00 per hour
- *Training sessions: Week of March 19th
- *Phonathon: April 1 - May 30
- *Contact: Dr. Ken Dose'
Admissions Office
(by appointment for interview)
Parker Building, Room 201

Nova College Day Program student needed to supervise recruitment phonathon, to keep records and work up simple statistics.

A two month position

- *Up to 20 hours per week
4pm-8pm, Monday-Friday
10am-2pm, Saturday
- *\$5.00 per hour
- *Training sessions: Week of March 19th
- *Phonathon: April 1 - May 30
- *Contact: Dr. Ken Dose'
Admissions Office
(by appointment for interview)
Parker Building, Room 201

¡VIVA! Mexico

Limited space is still available in
SOC 485 - Field Study in Latin
American & Caribbean Studies, Term V.

This is a pilot program and a unique
opportunity to experience field study
in Mexico for the cost of regular
tuition!

The course will consist of on-campus seminars and study and a 3-week program of total immersion in the language and life of Chalchihuites, a small rural town in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Occidental in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. Students will live with local families while attending innovative language and culture classes and participating in a voluntary work program which is integrated into the daily life of the town. An optional travel week is possible for students interested in extending their stay in Mexico.

Students will be awarded 9 credits for the course, applicable toward the Certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies. Tuition will include all on-campus instruction, roundtrip air fare to Mexico, room and board with an appropriate family, language instruction, seminars and excursions. The optional travel week and incidental expenses are additional.

Interested students should contact
Dr. Brodman, Parker 217, ext. 7001.

A \$100.00 DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED
BY MARCH 21!

