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# THE NOVA KNIGHT

January 15, 1985

# Letter from the Editor

Looming datelines, adamantine writers, always looking for the perfect late breaking events: All this and more is what I have to cope with. I guess it could be accurately framed into five words-- Journalists Electro-emotive Pressure Syndrome, (JEEPS!!).

The Nova Knight is an informative medium through which you keep in touch with your community -- Nova College. Indeed, what this paper tries to accomplish is quite complex but important. Our motto has been and will be, "keep the reader informed." But when we try to pack a whole community into relatively few pages, we are bound to miss now and again. We, therefore, ask for your consideration and understanding.

Over the past semester, however, The Nova Knight achieved a reputable record in sensing what is important for the student body. Although we have met some skepticism, we tried our best to provide you with (what seemed to us), all the relatively important community issues.

Putting this paper together is a little like cooking. We are

balance of ingredients. But we definately enjoy doing it. Ι hope you enjoy reading The Nova Knight.

Wishing you all the best with your studies and hoping you have a good semester.

Christos Elfinides

P.S. Future events which might interest you. like the Renaissance Fayre and Women's History Veek, will appear in forthcoming issues.

Do you have a complaint? A beef? Are you happy with Nova College? Unhappy? Come in and tell me about it! Jean Lewis will be in Room 200 all day on January 22, 1985 to talk to enchanted and/or disenchanted students. All comments are welcome, but all weapons must be left outside the door!

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Editorials-Letters

\*\*We Want to See the Light\*\*

Recently I wrote a letter to Mr. Garth Smith, Director of Physical Plant, and Dr. Massoud Farahbakhsh Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds I hope the administration considers Committee, concerning the absence of lighting along the paths from the student apartments to the Mailman and Parker Buildings. Many students share my concern about these dark pathways, (especially when walking to and from night classes).

Dr. Farahbakhsh responded by sending copies of my letter along with his urging to install the lights to Dr. Fischler and other pertinent members of the administration. Unfortunately, the **Buildings and Grounds Committee** is only an advisory body, and therefore, has no authority to take action. To this date, I have not heard from Mr. Smith, but I hope the subject is under his consideration.

During the President's address to the student body, the subject was once again raised by concerned students. Dr. Fischler said he would also like to see the paths lighted. In addition, he said that new paths between the apartments

and school buildings would improve student commuting.

the issue in the immediate future. One student has already been attacked while walking along these paths at night... that's one student too many.

There is still time to submit vour creative work to the Nebulae. We will be accepting submission forms through Friday, January 25, 1985. Any essays, stories, poetry, drawings, or black and white photographs will be accepted. Anyone who would like to work on the production of the magazine, contact Bonnie Rosen or Dr. Nadel -- P205. It's a great feeling seeing your work published, and a good experience working on the production. It also looks great on your resume.

B.R.



#### THE SHORTEST WINTER VACATION IN FLORIDA?

What a vacation! Hardly had I unpacked my bags, waxed my skis, and sung a few verses of "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer", before I found myself on a 707 heading back to Fort Lauderdale. No, I did'nt forget my parka; I forgot that Nova College has the shortest winter vacation in the state of Florida (if we extrapolate on the results of a 15 school survey printed below).

That's right; while Nova students are busy writing term papers and cramming for finals, their counterparts at Flagler, Barry, Florida Atlantic, and other Florida schools are busy sipping eggnog and cramming their faces with fruit cake. Not only does Nova College give its students the shortest vacation of any school surveyed, but it is one of only three schools that give less than one week off before the Christmas holiday (3 days to be exact). The college's 16 day recess can be contrasted with Nova's graduate psychology program's vacation, which extends to nearly a month.

School 	Vacation	Total Days
College of Boca Raton	12/20 - 1/29	41
Jacksonville Univ.	12/15 - 1/13	29
Barry College	12/18 - 1/15	28
University of Miami	12/15 - 1/9	25
Florida Southern	12/15 - 1/9	25
Florida Atlantic	12/15 - 1/6	22
Ft. Lauderdale Coll.	12/15 - 1/6	22
Rollins College	12/15 - 1/6	22
Stetson University	12/15 - 1/6	22
Florida A&M	12/15 - 1/6	22
Flagler College	12/15 - 1/6	22
Florida Memorial	12/15 - 1/6	22
University of Florida	12/15 - 1/6	22
Florida International	12/15 - 1/3	19
Miami Christian	12/21 - 1/6	17
Nova College	12/22 - 1/6	16

The inadequacy of the college's vacation stems from the administrations compliance with financial considerations. The school's academic calender is based on six, eight week terms, designed to allow students to earn their degrees on an accelerated time table, and thereby maximize cash flows to the college. While this schedule benefits the college's financial situation, it leaves the students with only four weeks of vacation time for the fall and winter semesters. This is unfair to the majority of Day Program students, who do not partake in the school's accelerated degree offerings. It is unfair to all day program students who would enjoy a normal length winter vacation.

There is no reason why the administration can not, with some careful planning, shorten the summer terms by one or two weeks, thereby making additional vacation time available for the rest of the school year. All that is needed is a little creative problem solving; something that has been missing at Nova College for too long. All that is needed is for the administration to make a sincere effort to reconcile the financial interests of the college with the needs of the student body. To avoid being overcritical, I must acknowledge that recently announced plans to build a student union represent a significant step in this direction. But this step is one of many needed, and I can not think of an easier second step than extending the college's winter vacation to an adequate length.

- J. Levey -

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Sports





The Knights had two games in a row last week. On Thursday night they played against Roberts Wesleyan College. The game was very exciting and the team won by a two-point margin (final score: 58-56). On Friday night the Knights went against Florida

Institute of Technology (F.I.T.). The game turned out to be an unlucky loss for our team which performed quite well (final score: 84-89).

The following are some statistics of the team excluding the last two games:

Leading scorers	Greg Taylor (155 pts)
	Elroy Williams (131 pts)
	Keith Skinner (122 pts)
Field goals	Elroy Williams (115 pts)
Rebounds	Greg Taylor (87)
Assists	Rickie Stanley (34)
Steals	Curtis Colberg (18)
	Rickie Stanley (47)

The Nova Knights have an away game tonight against Palm Beach Atlantic College. Best of luck guys!!!

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### Guido Visits the Writing Lab

"Take a look at this," Guido insisted, waving his tail at the bulletin board to the right of the entrance to the Writing Lab. "Some twit at Harper's Magazine wants us to write about THE IDEA OF THE FUTURE. Think about that for a moment".

"Well, to me the topic is simple... I'm going to write on the importance of Computer Literacy-- that's the only idea that really is different," I said.

"Don't take me literally. When I ask you to think for a moment, don't have such a high opinion of yourself to think that one-sixteenth of a minute is sufficient. I mean, WHAT IS THE IDEA OF THE FUTURE? Who invented it? Some lazy guy who wanted to procrastinate. You can't put off your responsibilities until 'tomorrow' if there's only the present. The other day some worm told me, "Guido, you have no future." I told him, "My slimy friend, you don't know how grateful I would be if that were true."

I was confused-- what was my little friend ranting about? I figured it out after his friend Shruti explained it. See, Shruti is a butterfly, one of those Monarch orange-and-black types which fly around in California. Shruti is an airhead so she can decipher this intellectual (down to earth) philosophy.

You see, as Shruti explained it to this poor page, if you read the essay's title with the right emphasis, you end up asking a question:

"The Idea of the Future" becomes What is the "Idea of the Future?" while normal (limited) consciousness has been trained to read it as "Tell us what you think is the idea of the future."

"You've heard of Victor Hugo?" Shruti asked me. "He said, there is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come. They're asking you to write about the idea whose time has come. "Shruti knows how to talk to a page.

Editor's Note: The writer of this page has been declared a "Missing Person". Therefore, this might be the last time you read "Arthur's Page"!!!!

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#### PART-TIME & FULL-TIME POSITIONS

<u>30-40 telephone solicitors</u> needed to work on charity event in Ft. Lauderdale sponsored by the Shriners. \$4.00/hr. Contact Rodney Van Horn at 963-6522. Jobs run through May 15th. Hours flexible.

<u>Aide at private school</u> in Margate to work with pre-school age children. \$3.35-\$4.00/hr. Hours 12:30pm-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Interested students contact Mrs. Rosario at 979-3399.

<u>Computer programmer</u> at South Florida Mack Truck Corporate Office in Fort Lauderdale. Hours flexible. Salary open. This is an excellent company which offers opportunities for career advancement. Interested students call Ann Richman at 475-7699.

Administrative Assistant at telecommunications consulting firm. Starting salary \$16,000. Opportunity to travel and to advance to consulting position. Contact Steve Trien of Trien & Associates in Miami at 895-7007.

Sales Persons at American Photocopy Equipment Co. offices in Broward and Dade counties. Salary: \$650/month plus expenses and commissions. Interested students call Richard Williams at 486-8111.

For further details on the above, call Ann Richman at the Nova University Placement Office (475-7699).

#### ATTENTION

ALL THOSE INTERESTED for the Renaissance Fayre must

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Knight mailbox (Student Affairs office Rm:245).

They will be contacted shortly afterwards with

audition appointment information by Deanna Finney.

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