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What are South Florida beaches really made of?

Tracy Froebel

On September 18, bright and early on a Saturday morning, Nova University’s SCORE students, together with other university students, attended a beach clean up at North Beach Park, on Hollywood Beach. The clean up was sponsored by Washington, D.C.-based Center for Marine Conservation, and co-sponsored by a local volunteer organization called the Ocean Watch Foundation.

Imagine sitting on a beautiful, sandy beach at dusk, watching the sun slowly set across the horizon. Seagulls are walking around, or gliding over the sand and water. However, what was not envisioned in this picturesque scene was the presence of thousands of pounds of garbage.

Instead of seeing a gorgeous, crystal clear ocean, and white sand, the only eye-catching objects were plastic oil containers, hundreds of straws and plastic silverware, rope, fishing line, and, let us not forget the increasingly popular medical waste. Well, this was the vision for the future of Florida’s beaches for those who attended the annual International Coastal Cleanup.

The clean up crew, which assembled at the beach in the early hours, was broken down into teams of five or six. My clean up team consisted of Christina Gay, Kim Dinkel, Mikey Betesh, Dr. Ferriss, Dr. Stoddart, and myself.

Each team member was handed a garbage bag, a garbage checklist, and directions to their specific clean up site. Most of us did not imagine the surprising and astonishing debris which would be discovered and collected when we returned our trash to the registration table at the conclusion of the clean up.

Once my team reached Johnson Street (our designated garbage removal site), we dispersed in different directions scouring the beach. We picked up anything that did not look like a jellyfish, until we concluded our portion of the clean up at Garfield Street.

The garbage checklists provided for each team included categories such as: lightsticks, plastic oil bottles, syringes, and food containers. As our team surveyed the beach, a very astonishing observation was discussed.

It seemed that the majority of the trash collected that day had made its way to the beach by way of careless, unconcerned, tourists and beach connoisseurs. These of whom were oblivious to the environmental impact of their Taco Bell containers, or their beer cans lazily left behind on the sand.

However, there was evidence of commercial environmental hazards as well. The shoreline contained lumps of tar which had washed ashore after being released from ocean liners and cargo vessels out at sea. Pieces of drift nets and heavy rope, used for commercial fishing expeditions, were also confiscated by the clean up teams.

While walking along the beach, the garbage was very detectable, and yet beachgoers did not seem the slightest bit distracted by our efforts. To them, basking in the sun seemed more elegant and attractive than wearing gloves and picking up garbage on the sand.

What these beachgoers did not take into consideration, however, was the fact that the 1,493 pounds of garbage collected from Hollywood Beach (as presented by way of careless, unconcerned, tourists and beach connoisseurs. These of whom were oblivious to the environmental impact of their Taco Bell containers, or their beer cans lazily left behind on the sand.

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Dr. Horn receives Dean's Award

The Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies has selected Dr. Stuart Horn as the recipient of the Dean’s Award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution. Associated with Nova University since 1973, Dr. Horn is a professor of humanities in the Farquhar Center’s Liberal Arts Department.

In addition to his teaching, Dr. Horn administers the Legal Studies, Liberal Arts, and General Studies majors, as well as the Master of Arts for the Liberal Studies Program. Dr. Horn also holds the position of Director of Liberal Arts and Director of the Institute for the Humanities and Arts.

"Students register for Dr. Horn’s classes no matter what subjects he is teaching. His spirit and enthusiasm in the classroom truly create a unique learning experience that keeps the students coming back for more," commented Dean Philip DeTurk.

Professor Horn holds a Ph.D. in American and Modern European History from the City University of New York Graduate School.

During Dr. Horn’s tenure at Nova, he has been recognized three times as Teacher of the Year by Nova students. The Farquhar Center honored Dr. Horn at its annual Convocation where the award was presented.

On behalf of all Nova University faculty, employees, and students, The Knight wishes you a sincere Congratulations!
Dear Editor:

We read, with utter amazement, your account of this year's Leadership Conference. In our opinion, the article represented a misuse of your office as Editor of The Knight. It lacked factual information, was terribly biased, was full of rancor, contained unsubstantiated innuendo, and was poorly composed.

As an editor and a journalist, we believe that you are tasked with investigating and reporting the truth. This article had very little investigating, very little reporting, and very little truth. Yes, we agree that there were some very unfortunate circumstances with the buses. In fact, this will no doubt be remembered as the "year of the buses," or perhaps even "the broken buses," or perhaps "the buses from hell." However, in spite of the broken down and late buses, all students arrived safely to Captiva and back to Nova. No one was killed, maimed, or mutilated. Perhaps everyone was hot, sweaty, tired, and frustrated; but, if that is the only time in your life that you end up hot, sweaty, tired, or frustrated, you will indeed lead a very blessed life.

We've had the good fortune to be involved in three of the four leadership conferences. The logistics of feeding, lodging, transporting, and providing a useful and meaningful experience for forty to fifty student leaders is a huge task.

Each conference has required much planning and forethought by both Student Life staff members and others from the community who volunteer their time to ensure a successful conference. This year's conference, like the others, in spite of the busing situation, was a success.

From a lodging standpoint, a meeting point, and an activities standpoint, the facility was more than adequate. The food was both plentiful and edible. Most of all, there was a well planned and thought-out program to help student leaders better understand their roles as leaders within the university community, as well as the larger global community.

There was the opportunity to hear presenters speak on a series of leadership issues. After each speaker, there was an opportunity to synthesize the material and build community within interactive teams. Lastly, there was the opportunity for each team to share opinions, ideas, and understanding with the larger group.

We suppose that if any individuals went to the Conference against their will, with a "chip" on their shoulder, with a closed mind, and with no expectations to share and learn, then their's indeed would be a miserable weekend. However, from the interaction that we observed within the large group, between individuals, and between ourselves and many of the student leaders, we believe that the weekend was overall a positive experience for most participants.

We believe the weekend provided insights into some very relevant leadership issues. We believe the interaction that took place was very thought provoking. We believe that most participants enhanced their personal leadership skills. We believe that most of the people had fun, and came away better persons.

We challenge you to prove us wrong.

We challenge you, as the Editor of The Knight, to be a responsible journalist. Editorials belong on the editorial page. Factual news stories belong on the front page. We challenge you to seek out the truth and print it. Not the truth as you would like it to be, but as it really is.

One of the things we tried to stress in our presentation was the idea that leaders must base their actions on "right principles." Truth, integrity, and concern for others were at the top of the list. In your position as Editor, you have a rare opportunity afforded only a small handful of students. You have the opportunity to be a builder and an "uplifter" of people through your articles and the tone you set for the rest of your staff.

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You have the opportunity to be a leader, and a positive influence in the university community, as well as the global community. We encourage, no, we pray that you will put away your rancor and your bitterness, and seize that opportunity.

Recognize the good in events, the good in others, and especially, the good in yourself.

Sandy and Elizabeth Frazier

End Violence and Hate

March: Sunday, 24 Oct 93, Tampa Assembly: 10:00 a.m.

For more information about the march itself and transportation, call Tracy Cardello at (305) 345-4292, or Dr. Lamm at (305) 475-7582.
Navy Admiral to Speak at Shepard Broad Law Center

Admiral Henry H. Mauz, Jr., Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, will give a special presentation on the "State of the Navy" while visiting South Florida. The presentation will be held from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, in the Shepard Broad Law Center Atrium.

Admiral Mauz' recent assignments include serving as Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command aboard his flagship, USS BLUE RIDGE, in the Persian Gulf, and as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Navy Planning in Washington, D.C.

A. Mauz has also been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with three gold stars, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Combat "V," the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with two gold stars, and various unit and campaign awards.

For more information or to RSVP, please call (305) 452-6110.

Volunteer Ventures

Bar Grossman

As highly educated, fairly stable students, we sometimes forget those around us who are constantly living in crisis. I am not proud to admit it, but I am just as guilty as the rest. It may seem difficult, when your life is hectic as it is, to think about adding another responsibility to the list. But, in a sense, we already do have the responsibility, whether we acknowledge it or not.

The number of college students volunteering has risen over the years. However, the college age group of 18-24 is the lowest percentage (besides the elderly) of contribution (48%). Those aged 25-44 have the highest percentage with 63%, and the youth of our nation (teenagers) have the next largest numbers with 60% volunteering, an increase of over 10% in the past five years.

Overall, 51% of the general population volunteers an average of 4.2 hours per week, equivalent to 176.4 million dollars in value per year in our country. We, as students, have an extreme impact on the community, and have the power to make changes, yet we are not being represented as much as we can. We need to empower each other and do our part.

Nova University is a wonderful school. Collectively, we can accomplish so much by volunteering for shelters, hospitals, and many other agencies. We can aid abused/neglected children, helping them to build trust in adults again.

But the great thing is that we can do our part to make changes that will put smiles on people's faces. We can educate the community about spaying/neutering animals, so that there aren't so manyitters that get put to sleep. We can look at the positive side of all that seems so negative. We have to; that's the only way anything will get better.

If you are currently volunteering, or would like any information on the different agencies in the community, call Bar Grossman, Liaison for Campus Volunteerism, at 476-4871.

October 23rd "Make a Difference Day," the 3rd annual national day of community service sponsored by USA Weekend of USA Today. Thousands of people across the country participate in volunteer projects on this day. Ten outstanding community service efforts will be recognized.

Let's get Nova University recognized! We can make a difference! Let's all join hands and help those around us. Everyone is needed: undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and staff! Please call (305) 476-4871 for more information.

* Information provided by Marilyn Mayhill of Volunteer Broward.

The Office of Student Life and Liaison for Campus Volunteerism recognize the following two students for their volunteer efforts and commitment to the community:

Gwynn McDaniel
Melissa Dranka

Gwynn and Melissa have begun volunteering at the Wildlife Care Center in Ft. Lauderdale, where they help care for injured wildlife.

The Office of Student Life and Liaison for Campus Volunteerism also recognize the N.A.T.U.R.E. club, who held Nova's first successful Blood Drive of the 1993-94 school year on September 29, 1993.

Phi Alpha Delta

Cordially Welcomes New Members for the 1993-1994 Academic Year.

Congratulations to those new members inducted on Sept. 23!

Elaine Borden
Rick Bauer
Todd Shane
Mark Reyes
Amy Post
Shannon DeJesus
Carrie Sandler

Phi Alpha Delta is looking forward to a successful and fun-filled year. If you are interested in becoming a member, it is not too late!

Phi Alpha Delta inducts new members year round!

Call Margie at 452-9530 or Tracy at 452-1553

Halloween Poetry Contest

sponsored by the Poetry Circle

Use any of your ghastly and ghoulish visions you might have or anything pertaining to Halloween to create a poem.

Completed works can be put in Dr. Suzanne Ferriss' mailbox in the NC/SSSS Trailer.

You can also contact Sean Heiss at 472-7481 for more information (including the official deadline).
AIDS Prevention Begins with Awareness

In an effort to raise HIV/AIDS awareness among college students, Sebastian International, and its hair and beauty care salons, have formed a partnership to benefit the National Community AIDS Partnership (NCAP). Two other partners are Follett, America's largest operator and wholesaler of college book stores, and Hogan Communications, an entertainment-based marketing and media company specializing in the college market.

Beginning this fall, and continuing for a minimum of three terms, HIV/AIDS awareness scholarships will be available to students in all fields of study. Thirty $1,000 scholarships will be awarded for entries that best address the HIV issue by supplying hopeful solutions.

To be eligible, one must be enrolled as a full-time student, and have served as a volunteer for a community or non-profit organization within the last 24 months.

Applicants are encouraged to be creative and may select whatever medium best expresses their vision (designing a board game, painting a picture, developing a logo, or composing a song).

For more information or for a scholarship application, please write to:
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*A deli sandwich of the day with pickles, 2.25
*a delicious salad.
*Chips, soda, dessert.

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This offer is good for commuter students with current Nova I.D. ONLY! You can pick up one coupon per Wednesday per person. You must present your I.D. when you receive your coupon. Students already on the meal plan are ineligible.

Free Appetizers 25¢

You're at school. Maybe alone for the first time. Having classes that are unbelievably hard -- the pressure is on. As life gets more intense, you get more obsessed with food. You eat, constantly. Binging and sometimes purging. Or you diet as though a morsel of food would kill you.

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Poets, Here's A Contest For You!

National College Poetry Contest is open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. First Place: $100. Second Place: $50. Third Place: $25. Fourth Place: $20. Fifth Place: $20. Awards of publication for all accepted manuscripts in the American Collegiate Poets anthology. The deadline is October 31. For more information or to submit poetry, write to: International Publications, Post Office Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, California 90044.

Alcohol Awareness Week

Fri Oct 16 T.G.I.F. Oktoberfest
Alcohol Awareness Week Kick-Off
Rosenthal Student Center Patio
5:00-8:00pm

Mon Oct 18 Information Booths in the Rosenthal Dining Hall
"Answer a Question, Get A Kiss"

Tues Oct 19 "What's Your Limit?"
Lunch Time in the Rosenthal Dining Hall
"Know Your Limit"
7:00pm Rosenthal Dining Hall

Wed Oct 20 Dating Game
Rosenthal Dining Hall

Thurs Oct 21 WNKR Plus Five Battle of the Bands
Sign up for transportation to the concert during lunch.
"Please Don't Drink and Drive"

Fri Oct 22 Mocktail Fair
Clubs will be making their own non-alcoholic drink concoctions
The winner will be rewarded with a Pizza Party
11am-2pm Rosenthal Dining Hall

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12:00-12:30 Drive Choir
1:00-1:30 One
Impacting the Environment

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This will be the future state of the environment if individuals do not take a personal and legal stand against ocean pollution. Taking a stand could eradicate the belief that the ocean, and the environment as a whole, are not infinite and indispensable.

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Jeffrey Sponder

The Knights from Lynn University's soccer team, ranked #1 in the nation (NAIA), defeated Nova University 4-0.

Nova has been slumping as of late since this was their fourth straight loss after starting the year at 4-1. The Knights now hold a 4-5 overall record.

"It was not a pretty sight out there," stated Head Coach Thomas Rongen. "We did the best with what we had, but it was evident that Lynn truly outplayed us." Give Lynn credit, they have a very nice team."

The Nova Knights beat Flagler college 3-2, and Webber College 4-0, before going on their four game losing streak. This losing streak consists of home losses against the University of Tampa (6-0), Florida Institute of Technology (3-2), and Lynn University (4-0). The Nova Knights' one loss on the road came against St. Thomas University (2-1).

Hopefully, the Nova Knights will break out of their lull and turn their season around.

Jeff Sponder is The Knight's persona homecoming King.
Anyone can be a mystic

Splashing 'Round shows you how to be the hit of the party

fiction by Ken Cook

I was one of the first arrivals at the party. An attractive young woman stood in the doorway between the kitchen and the living room. At first glance, I was struck by her. It was as if I could see through her social facade to the thoughts and passions within her. She seemed vulnerable, adventurous, sensitive, loving, and a good mother to my children.

I needed an opening line, but didn't want to say the usual thing. I scrutinized her from head to toe, decided on my approach, and strode forward with confidence, determined to get this girl.

"Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice what beautiful hands you have. Do you play the piano?" My slight smile and twinkling eyes were calculated to charm.

"Uh, no." She was embarrassed and attempted to hide her hands from my nosy eyes, making me feel like I was invading her privacy by mentally undressing her hands, even though they were already undressed. I persisted, however.

"Do you sew, paint, do carpentry or masonry, study karate or practice sign language?" I asked, in an attempt not to appear sexist.

"Uh, no, no, uh, sorry," she stammered. Her embarrassment deepened, her hands turned a bright shade of red. To ease her mortification, I gently took her hand, and then asked her the most standard of questions.

"What's your major?"

"Pre-med," she answered.

"Oh, you must live in the dorm with all of the other pre-med students," I absolutely turned her hand over my own two.

"That's right," she confirmed, relaxing a little. She looked me in the eyes and smiled softly. I almost melted.

At that moment, two young women arrived at the party and assessed the situation as they saw it. One said:

"Oh, you read palms? Can you read mine next?"

"Read mine after hers!" chimed the second one.

I immediately realized that here was a unique opportunity to have fun. "Okay," I agreed. I had very little idea of how to do it, but I wasn't about to let small details spoil things.

I held her palm up again and assumed a critical air. "Hmmm, well, what can I make up here?"

"It looks here like soon, maybe even tonight, you're going to meet someone who will change your life, give you strength to persevere through the trials ahead, and help you become a successful professional."

"It sounded sort of like a fortune cookie, but I didn't know what else to say. With a slight effort, she pulled her hand away, I didn't realize how tightly I had been holding it.

The palm of the next person was thrust into my face.

I took a quick glimpse at it and told her, "Happiness comes to those who smile with their hearts." Now that really sounded like a fortune cookie!

After reading the second woman's palm, I glanced up to see a long line of people, going out of the door of the apartment, all waiting for me to tell them their futures. If I didn't get better at it fast, someone would catch on to me, and things might turn ugly.

Some of the guys in the line played on the football team. They were downing full cans of beer in a single gulp, belching loudly, guffawing uproariously, and smashing holes in the walls with their fists.

"I'm gonna get my fortune read and it better be good," I overheard one of them say just before he pulled the chandelier out of the ceiling and crushed it between his forearm and his bicep.

I generally think better under pressure, so I was heartened, rather than dismayed, by all of this activity. I studied the palm of a young man. From somewhere beyond the limits of my consciousness, inspiration came to me. I spoke with the authority of the infinite, and the conviction of long experience.

"It looks like you're a business major."

"Uh, no, psychology," he countered. I heard the sound of a beer bottle being broken against a bathroom sink.

"Well, your palm says that you should be a business major," I persisted.

"To tell you the truth, I'm going to change my major to business next semester." The spectators gave a collective gasp of surprise at my accu.

I had achieved credibility; from that point on, it didn't matter what I said, as long as it wasn't immediately verifiable.

"Stay away from horses," I declared. "Who's next?"

On and on through the evening I continued, giving advice, building dreams, dashing hopes, fanning the embers of secret, hidden desires.

I discouraged rational plans because they weren't bold enough and suggested crazy, impossible alternatives. I was a hit, the star of the party. The multitudes gathered around, clamoring for my attention. Dozens of palms were continuously shoved in my face, even while I was attempting to use the toilet. And when I came out of the john, I saw the girl with the beautiful hands walk off with the psychology major. I didn't leave the party by myself, though.

The football players decided that I was their buddy, so I was obliged to go with them to their fraternity. I was one of the first arrivals at the party.

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