GRADES

Why all the fuss about grades? Is putting in the hours, receiving good grades, and getting a diploma really all we want for our money? We can't all be that materialistic. Say you get an "A" in a class—that's great. Now you can hang your report card on the refrigerator. But what did you get out of the class? Maybe not as much as the student who really had to bust'em to get a "B" or "C". The "A" student in our present classroom situation is one who can closely imitate the instructor. In some cases he/she is known as the "Brain". On the other hand, we have "Criers" who complain about assignments and grades and hold back students who really want to learn, which is what were all supposed to be here for. An "A" student can exit the class not learning much more than he/she knew previously. The "B" or "C" student, on the other hand, may have learned more but had not ruminated the material as well.

This is a problem for society in general, e.g., it is not the job you do but how much money you make. It is unfortunate that we have to allow these principles to contaminate our institution. I myself am close to graduation but would like to suggest an alternative grading method: Withold all grades and indications thereof for the duration of the term. This should cause all students to try to learn more, and help to take some of the South Florida materialism out of our classrooms. In my opinion we've been under the "carrot and stick" mentality for too long. Rather than being grade-motivated students, we should become knowledge-motivated. This could possibly become an example for other colleges to follow. If Nova, as a truly liberated institution, does not attempt to change methods and pioneer alternatives, B.C.C. certainly will not.

--Anthony Arculeo

(inspired by Robert M. Pirsig's "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance")

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Part-time sales people wanted in tele-marketing. $4/hour plus commission. Any four hour schedule preference between 5pm-11pm. Call 735-7016 and ask for either Mr. Bob Jacobs or Ms. Diane Parker.
The Student Government Association will hold their annual "Holiday Party" on Thursday, December 22nd at 8:00pm. The party will be in the Parker Building's IRP room (located on the 3rd floor). Featured at this spectacular event will be the hottest disco sounds brought straight from New York City by "Boppin" Big John Rodriguez (not related to Norman). Also planned are a variety of refreshments including: platters of assorted sandwiches, open bar, Robert's exotic concoctions, and other holiday goodies. A $2.00 Admission fee will be charged at the door.

"Gold 'C' Value Books" are now available at the S.G.A. office for $6.00. These books, containing over 500 pages of coupons, offer fantastic discounts and special deals at area stores & restaurants. All proceeds will go to an emergency fund to help safeguard international students against monetary crisis.
Dear Student Gov't. Association, Faculty, and Students:

We wish to express to you our appreciation for the food drive you held during the Holiday Season.

We sincerely thank you for your help to the needy in Broward County. As we mentioned, the need is high and your canned food drive is very much appreciated. This is one way you play a very direct part in caring for and helping the needy. Without people like yourselves giving food items we certainly could not supply the demands of those that come to us for assistance.

Please accept our grateful thanks and appreciation for all your efforts, concern and thoughtfulness.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

William Crabson, Captain
COMMANDING OFFICER

2 boxes canned foods

Corps, Community Center - 90-100 S.W. 9th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida