Education...

By JEFF WALTERS
Staff Writer

A grave situation has developed in America: the education system no longer performs the task it was created to do. During no time in modern history have American students been so poorly prepared to pursue a healthy, prosperous life. But how in the richest, most technological, country can the young be so poorly trained?

It is easy to lay blame on any number of the factors which effect the education system. Parents, school administrators, and church leaders routinely blame each other without considering any that they could actually be at fault.

Examining the problem we find that parents are very much at fault for their children’s problems. There has been a definite loss of the family values which dominated previous generations. This loss can be attributed to the massive divorce rate. The stereotypical mother now works with little respect and inadequate pay. There are no tangible arguments for teaching other than a concern for the young. Teachers are even unable to protect themselves from a violent student. Administrators are no different although they are paid a considerable amount more. Of course teachers and administrators are not perfect. A few have been known to use drugs, sexually harass, and show little concern for their work - it sounds alot like most politicians.

There exists one common foe which everyone fails to recognize. Television has become a nothing more than a paralyzing the youth of today. One can sit in front of television for hours, for days, and now find the wrong piece of programming. Even worse are the video games and video record players that are so dependant on television that inventors have transferred books to TV. No, not into movies, shows, games, or mini-series, actual words on the screen in a effort to expose kids to literature rather than the garbage which constantly pollutes the airwaves. A popular commercial on telly this week shows a frying egg while the narrator offers that it resembles a person's brain "on' daytime TV."

It depicts a person's brain "on" daytime TV. The most dangerous fact that drugs are the real enemy. These people fail to comprehend that drugs have been prevalent in societies around the world for many centuries, and have never negatively affected the learning process. The growth of minds of all time were fueled by drugs. Those same people who cooked up the drug theory are the same. It is different. Essentially drugs have remained the same. The situations in which children are raised has changed, however.

Field Study Program lives and learns Hispanic culture

By DR. BARBARA BROMMAN
Special to the Knight

College is expanding its Field Study Program in Mexico and Brazil. The program will still provide everything it did in the past: thousands of miles of travel through Brazil or through Mexico, Belize and Guatemala; intensive language study; residence with local families in cosmopolitan Sao Paulo (Brazil) or rural Chalchihuites (Mexico), and the adventure of your life. Now, however, the program has been expanded to include a .3 credit hour. preparation for the Field Study course in March that will introduce you to the language and culture of the country to which you are going. This means you can now earn 12 credits for the Field Study experience. You may even be eligible for a scholarship (new this year as well). Of course, full financial aid is already available. Because the program has been expanded, you will have to make your decision earlier this year. If you do not enroll in LAC 485 (the "prep" class) in March, you will not be able to go.

OK, so why go at all? On a very good note (as opposed to the personal fun and growth factors) is that, in the interdependent world of the 1980's, the college graduate who demon...
Opinions and Editorials

Eat the rain forest! The right way

by Francesca Galarraga

Editor-in-Chief

The elimination of 750 species of trees, 125 types of mammals, 400 different birds, 180 types of reptiles, and 68 kinds of amphibians, of enhancing the greenhouse effect, and spilling large amounts of carbon dioxide into the air warming the world with the chance of severely changing our weather pattern.

These are the figures and predictions, provided by Time magazine, September 18, 1989 and backed by Science News, July 15, 1989, that dramatically outline the threats we face destroying the rain forest in Brazil.

Covering over 2.7 million square miles of South America, the forest provides us not only with incomparable natural beauty, but with irreplaceable natural resources. Because of its size, many believe within the land, to begin new crops. Recently, popular ideas to save the for forest is use of the resources that the forest provides, while still alive, for profits. Rubber tappers already knew this. In recent years, they have been gathering their materials without destroying the forest. In a study conducted by Charles Peters of the New York Botanical Garden, Peters notes that the forest can not be destroyed, but scientists have determined that with the land is continually destroyed by farming, it will eventually become a part of the past. With makes the destruction of the forest more devastating is that the land does not readily accept farming; Most farmers harvest what they can for a year, and then must destroy more of the forest, moving deeper "tropical forests are

Mr. Tree, 19?? - 1989

by Benny Mohall

Layout/Sports Editor

"Urbanitas," a once rare species of the Brevard County has finally rear­ed its ugly head on Nova University's Davie cam­pus. The victim: entrance one. Within the some of the reasons with his closest friends. Mr. Tree passed away to the great beyond in the sky November 11, 1989.

10 Top Reasons Why Mr. Tree Should Not Be Removed From Nova Soil

1. Provides maximum shade for loafing Town of Davie workers.
2. Fastest way to remove rust from the side of your car if you run into it at the right angle.
3. Can be sold to National Enquirer as cheap Christmas tree substitute.
4. Removal would cause imbalance of lush land­scaping on campus.
5. Wood from tree was already promised to local Boy Scouts troop for popsicle stick project.
6. One of Broward County's biggest tourist attractions.
7. Serves as living trophy from Governor Martinez for Nova's 25th Anniversary celebration.
8. Already assigned to be cut down by Coach Hauke's baseball team for future disciplinary acts.
9. The tree acts as Nova's own all-seeing, warding off evil spirits. Nova would lose its contract with CBS tele­vision since the tree serves as its trans­mission tower.

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Food for Thought

Ten Little Indian Boys and Girls

The day begins as usual, no different from any other day for some, save the fact that it is two days before Christmas. In this particular house though, with its late 18th century walls and brick red roof, the monotony of life seems to have been broken. It is there we see a solemn man sitting amid his various antiquities.

"Thomas, are you downstairs?" screams a certain Mrs. Smith. No answer, so she decides to check for herself.

As she proceeds to walk down the stairs, she thinks aloud as if she is already talking to her husband.

"Now, dear, don't take..." "Well at least he's gonna be all right now missus Smith, don't wait up for me."

"Well at least he's calm now," says Mrs. Smith on the verge of tears, "He's a real strong man, right?"

The appearance of George Smith at the local mall with a gun tucked tightly beneath his coat was all but attributed to last minute shopping. He sat down on the dais in the middle of the mall looking rather calm and complaisant. It was only when the first gunshot rang, did anyone begin to question this man in the grey coat.

"And none of your religious whinings are going to get my job back," he interrupts, "I can't believe it, after thirty-five years they decide that I am suddenly not good enough. And what a time to lay me off right before the holidays!"

"But dear if we get down on our knees and maybe send some more money to that Mr. Swaggart, I know in my heart that..."

"That what! All of sudden my job will be back! Is that how you always see things!" he screams.

His remark is met with silence. After a frenzied moment, the look of agony that had draped George Smith's face all but disappears. He gets up, goes to the closet, and removes his favorite grey coat as well as his M-60 hunting rifle. As the front door closes he says in a boyish tone, "Everything

is gonna be all right now missus Smith, don't wait up for me."

Tick, tick, tick, I hear its echo, distant thunder rumbling in silent tremors, I sit and wait, impatient at its timeless coming, Tick, tick, tick, I shiver in the cold monotonous gong of a wound up spring, I tire at its effortless journey, consistently constant always changing, I lie down, I breathe deeply, I look and comprehend, graceful, smooth, rhythmic, Tick, tick, tick, I close my eyes and fly.

—George M. Gabb

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Student Life

Scavenger Hunt: One of Nova's best

By JAIME VELÁZ
Special to the Knight

On October 13, the Student Activities Department of Nova College organized the best event of the year, the Scavenger Hunt. It was the most fun I ever had. I have never done so many crazy things in my life like I did that night.

Sixteen teams signed up for the event. My team was composed of Chris Quint (captain), Tim Pietras (driver), Rennie Weidenhammer, Michael Tomberg, and myself. The hunt consisted of collecting as many items as possible from a list of 146 items. All of the teams had to be at the Rosenthal Student Center by 6:45 p.m. for the list and rules. The toughest activity was prohibiting teams from buying items. All we could think about was winning first place and collecting the five tickets for a Sea Escape cruise.

Once we received our list, we took off. We ran like a bunch of wild college students and jumped into the car. Everybody heard Tim's car screech as we left. It was the beginning of our adventure.

We started looking at the list as we were leaving campus and quickly made a U-turn. We realized that the first things on the list were basic items that we could find in the dorms such as a condom, a tampon, a red lighter, yesterday's newspaper, a Nova University application, and other easy-to-get things. As we went further down the list, the items were more difficult to obtain. For instance, we needed a reflector from a Bob's barricade. We found a row of barricades on Davie Road and stopped to get the reflector. We had a hard time trying to yank the reflector off. Finally, we came up with a more rational solution, the use of tools.

Next on the list was a string of Christmas lights. We were driving down University Drive and spotted a tree with Christmas lights in the parking lot of a garage. We got out the bank and dropped me off. I crawled underneath the tree and cut a strip of lights off with my army knife. I then hurried back to the car. We then went to Denny's restaurant for a menu. The manager refused to give us one, so we proceeded with Plan B. While we were entertaining the manager, Tim sneaked a menu inside his jacket.

One of the more challenging items was an exit sign. We took an exit sign from a local hotel. As we were taking it, a security guard from the hotel saw us and tried catching us with his golf cart but he wasn't able to catch us. As I was looking around the list, I thought of an excellent idea. I remembered that my grandfather had a full of junk that we could use as items on our list. We easily found around 300 points of listings. My grandfather's house.

We had a lot of stuff but needed a big-point item. I called a taxi so I could get the cab driver for points. He came to the dorms and then I told him to drive me to the Rosenthal building. He was not too happy about it. We looked at the time and it was getting late. We made it back to the student center around midnight. The scores were posted and we had 100 points. A lot of teams were still out getting more things. We decided to go back out to get a 11th item. We only needed 15 more items to complete the list. Tim and Rennie had half of the remaining list while Chris, Mike and myself took the other half.

We needed a job-application from the Copa Nightclub, a club on the strip. We notice something strange once we got inside the club. There was no full-time security. As we got close to the job-application, we realized that it was a gay bar. After I heard what happened to Tim and Rennie, I was glad we went to the Copa. They sneaked inside a junkyard with a muffler and got chased by two vicious junkyard dogs. After escaping, they set back at the dorms and then we all drove back to the Rosenthal building. It was illegal to use more than one car during the hunt, but everybody still got parked anyway.

We made it back just in time, five minutes before the deadline. The team was told to make it back in time, therefore, they were disqualified.

Snow Ball '89

Semi-Formal Dance
Arrowhead Country Club
December 8, 1989
8:30 pm - 1:00 am
Tickets $10.00 per person
$12.00 at the door

Rape prevention

By JENNIFER BRASK
Special to the Knight

Recently there has been rumor of two rapes on campus. Fortunately, both have been untrue. But consider this statistic: every one in six women is a rape victim and committed. Scary. Now think about this campus. Big fields, deep ponds, miles of trails and no sidewalks or paths, no lights, no intervening traffic, and no security guards. Plus if you've ever personally asked for assistance or tried to call a ROVALERT phone, often there is no answer. Possibly dining out - BK perhaps? Try walking from the Parker Building to the dorms at night and you may notice how easily a rape could occur somewhere along this journey (remember the actual crime could be over within a matter of minutes, one might pass by or take a scream seriously). You wouldn't want it to happen. It is obviously not a safe environment.

It has been my opinion and several others that an escort service may be beneficial to the well-being of Nova University's students. Not only would this increase personal safety, but it would also offer opportunities to those students who attend night classes, or study late in the library, or work. It would also eliminate half a mile of parking lots to get to our car, but it would also provide more college related study jobs for students.

Please, let's not wait until someone really does get hurt before we do something about it!
Activities

Homecoming '89

By GEORGE CURRY
Special to the Knight

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Buscemi's Pizza:
Nova's Choice

Approximately 100 students volunteered to eat a slice of pizza from each of the four pizza makers competing in Nova's first annual "Battle of the Pizzas." Once the cardboard boxes settled and all of the pizza was gone, Buscemi's Pizza and Subs stood atop of the competition. Buscemi's received 32% of the votes while Ciro's Pizza, Pizza Hut, and Domino's Pizza lagged behind.

So what does this contest mean? Quite simply more business. In addition to gaining more business in the dorms, the contest directly affects which pizza is served at numerous student activities. "Winning this contest definitely has a financial impact on where Nova orders its pizza," said Brad Williams, director of the Student Activities Department. "Roughly speaking, by the end of the year, our business with Buscemi's could be about $1,800."
Entertainment

RACE

By JANET BRUGHAM

Coordinator

Marvelous, absolutely marvelous was how, "the most powerful South Florida rock-n-roll band" RACE is coming on strong proving to be a winner in the rock n roll voyage. This intense five member band has just recently released their album "ONEHANDONTHEWHEEL". To help RACE celebrate this momentous occasion the radio station 970GTR was on hand hosting their Halloween debut bash.

Founding members lead vocalist Mark Allen and guitarist Jon Speltz (primary songwriter of the band) formed RACE five years ago. Combining tales of the road with Brad Iroz, bassist Hovie Hughes, and drummer Bob Rowland. This quintet started traveling early in their career. In 1987 Fantasma productions sent the RACE band to Sweden. While on their travels throughout Scandinavia RACE sampled the sweet smell of success when their song "Stockholm Girl" was given airplay. Crowds opened up outside just to hear them play. It was as if they were a very well known band.

The band soon returned home to America to further themselves but another hardworking band, struggling to make it in the U.S. It did not take their long to get noticed though. All the hard work and dedication put into their music began to pay off when they won the Budweiser Battle of The Bands in 1988. RACE was the opening band last March for Cheap Trick at Sunrise Musical Theater. But, even more recently then that they opened for Bonham in November.

RACE has one of the biggest followings, if not the biggest in all of South Florida. Their die hard fans are commonly referred to as "rat tail racers". Believe me people this is no insult, contrary to what you might think it is quite appropriate. Like the pied piper, wherever RACE goes they go. To believe this that is an encouraging sign, it says something about their music. People wonder how to rock, and that's precisely what it's all about. Quality makes people come back for more. The facts are good music and pure enjoyment lead to total satisfaction.

"Don't let the "good time" rock-n-roll image fool you. RACE and the 970GTR radio station are not only mutual colleagues, they are long time friends. Both of their dedication to quality music has united them.

A special thanks to Ginni and Raul for all of their help and cooperation. We couldn't have made this work without you. FG, BM and Staff.

Are You the 1990 "Florida College Student of the Year?"

Students from colleges throughout the state will vie for the title of 1990 "Florida College Student of the Year" in the contest sponsored by Florida Electronics. Applications must be received by Feb. 1, 1990. This prestigious statewide award sponsored by "Florida College Magazine." Recognizes students who support themselves through school, demonstrate leadership, and are involved in community service, sports, and political activism. The "Florida College Student of the Year" and 19 other students will share a total of $3,000 in cash and prizes donated by supporters which include Winn-Dixie, Apple, Denali, Honda, The Door Store, Board "n" Buck and more.

Winners will be announced at an April 1990 press conference and reception at The Capitol in Tallahassee. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of distinguished judges, including former U.S. Secretary of Education Terrell Bell, Florida Commissioner of Education Betty Carter, State University System Commissioner John Brown, and Board of Community Colleges Executive Director Clark Maxwell. For details and eligibility requirements, please send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to "Florida College Student of the Year”, Florida Electronics, 1500 NE 16th Avenue, Suite 150, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. The contest is open to all full-time students in Florida and sponsored by Florida Electronics, First Union National Bank of Florida, and ZENITH.

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Lyrical Pursuit

By HEATHER DOBKN

Assistant Editor

As always I pick the lines from the "Florida College Magazine" and you name the artist and song. All the answers are loaded into SHE, 97 GTR, and ZETA.

1. Good Lucky!!!!!
2. It's alive and it's The Police
3. You can tear a Bonham
4. "Bal'gain"--The Who
5. 1 sometimes I wanna give up, I'm in...
7. "Wai
8. "Walkin' Shoes"--Tora
9. "Don't Stand (So Close to Me)"--The Police
10. "Hey Jude"--The Beatles

I say I love you, before you finally understand..........
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The Nova Knight
Sports

Soccer, volleyball seasons end, basketball off to best start (3-0)

By SCOTT VARELB
Special to the Knight

The Nova volleyball team (Lady Knights) finished their season on Saturday, November 11, losing to South Carolina (Spartanburg), ending their season at 1-18.

A victory in South Carolina would have given Nova its first-ever regional title and allow them to advance to the national championships in Hawaii. The Lady Knights have never won a regional title.

Nova captured their fourth NCAA District 25 championship, by defeating Florida Memorial College. "It was a crazy season," said head coach Gary. "I think we made the best of what talent we had. My job now will be to recruit some exciting athletes for next season."

The men's soccer team finished the season on a down note, losing 1-0, to Berry College, of Georgia in a shoot-out. Boca Raton defeated Belleville in the District 25 final and eventually advanced to the NAIA championship in New Orleans.

Senior Richard Carlson led Nova with 36 points (15 goals and 11 assists). Senior Mohagham had 20 points (7 goals and 6 assists). "We had a great start, but did not play well at the end of the season," said head coach Hal Henderson.

The basketball team is off to its best start in three years, winning the first five games. With returning senior, Miguel Carmona (who missed last season due to a traffic accident), the Knights could be a force in 1989-90 competition.

Recently, the Knights rallied from a six-point deficit at halftime to defeat Embry-Riddle in Daytona Beach by 11 points. Nova received a taping from Atlantic Beach Atlantic to its gym crowd of over 200 fans witnessed the Knights win 87-83, Teves Bush led both teams, with 19 points each. Carmona finished with 21 points while Sean Wilkinson added 26.

The Benny Bunch captures intramural volleyball crown

By BENNY MOHALL
Layout/Sports Editor

At the conclusion of the intramural volleyball season I had hoped to write an article about my team winning the championship. I no longer have any desire to write a cliche about our victory. Nova University's 1989-90 basketball team, kneeling: Michael Aiello, Melvin Mayo, Teves Bush, Brian Horowitz, Brad Ford, Bob Malmgren; standing: head coach Jim Michaels, assistant coach Robert Crumley, Kelly Ackerman, Sean Wilkerson, Chris Walsh, Tyler Wilson, Jeff Uptigrove, Miguel Carmona, Art Castner, assistant coach Don Atherton.

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