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Nova’s First Convocation

By Cleveland Ferguson III

On October 10, 1990, the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies of Nova University had its first convocation.

American universities today hold academic convocations for a variety of purposes. On many campuses, a convocation is an event that marks the opening of the academic year, proclaiming formally why both students and faculty have gathered themselves together.

At this convocation, the first annual at Nova College, administrators, faculty, staff, and students came together to recognize and celebrate the resources of this institution.

Those who attended were entertained by the aurally enchanting string quartet, The Encore Chamber Players.

Teaching, scholarship, service, and competence—hallmarks of university life—were honored through an array of speeches.

Gold Coast scholarship recipients were honored. Gold Coast recipients were: Michele Barley, Jason Domasky, and Janice Griffin.

Dr. Philip H. DeTurk, Dean of Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, welcomed everyone to the convocation.

Dr. Abraham S. Fischler, President of Nova University, offered the opening remarks.

"When Dr. Fischler spoke about education and stressed the fact of lifelong learning, it really made me think about how Nova seems to be committed to integrating education with practical usage and I feel that is very important," said Rachelle Gartner, a sophomore.

"I think [Dr. Fishier's] attitude is reflected in the intense style of teaching by Nova College faculty and I appreciate that," she added.

Joanne Filan, a transfer student, concurred.

"Unlike the other institution I attended, Dr. Fishier's comments seem to reflect a reality in the academic atmosphere of this institution."

Dean DeTurk also introduced the faculty members new to Nova College.

He also presented the Dean’s Award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution to Nicola Schute.

Dr. Schute is the coordinator for undergraduate psychology and associate professor at Nova College.

She stressed the importance of lifelong learning.

"Even technology reflects the fact that we have to constantly learn new things."

"Many aspects of society, such as a growing industrial multi-cultural world cause us to

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Radher Brings Somber Message

By Cleveland Ferguson III

On October 10, 1990, the highest paid news anchor in the United States, Dan Rather of CBS News, came to Nova University as the second speaker for the 1990-91 Forums.

Rather covered a wide range of topics but focused on the Middle East and Saddam Hussein.

Jackie Marcic

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To the editor:

Recently, I have had several inquiries about the increase in housing rates for this 1990-1991 academic year. I wanted to take some time to explain the reasons for this increase. The main reason the housing rates were increased was because there had been no rate increase for at least the two years prior to this one, and it was necessary in order to bring service fees up to reflect the cost of providing housing services. The increase was also needed in order to provide more funds available for necessary improvements in the housing areas and general maintenance requirements. A very small portion of the rate increase is the cost of providing cable TV service to all residents on a ten month basis.

One of the main goals of the Office of Residential Life is to meet the needs of our residential students by offering programs and services and providing an atmosphere that is comfortable and conducive to the achievement of academic goals. Another goal of the Office of Residential Life is to continually work towards the improvement of our housing residents as well. Vandalism has been a problem in several of the buildings, but seems to be most prevalent in the Manor Building. Every act of vandalism costs money and takes time/manpower away from other areas. Vandalism is also illegal and can be dangerous, especially when fire equipment is tampered with and misused.

The Residential Life Staff encourages all residents to take pride in where you live. Be conscious of your neighbors. Get involved in the Resident Student Association (RSA) which currently meets every other Monday at 7:30 PM or stop by the Office of Residential Life. We welcome your input, ideas, and suggestions. Please work with the Residential Life staff so that we can continue to make our housing area a better place to live.

Sincerely,
Tammy Jones, Director

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

In honor of the upcoming "Alcohol Awareness Week," October 21-29, I am submitting an enclosed article I wrote for publication in the student newspaper, The Nova Knight. My autobiographical sketch is about how I came to suffer as a child growing up with an alcoholic father. My article is appropriate because many students are suffering from the effects of having grown up with an alcoholic parent. I tried to convey in the article the following experiences that are common to children of alcoholics:

1. Fear of abandonment
2. Lack of being nurtured
3. Feeling responsible for the parent's problems
4. Sadness

I hope my article will encourage any student who identifies with having grown up with an alcoholic parent to seek help.

One resource open to all students is the Nova Clinic 475-7554.

Sincerely,
Bradford Hamilton
Junior, Community Psychology

Letter from the Associate Copy Editor

By Kimberly R. Larksin

In America when you abuse a privilege you have that privilege taken away either temporarily or permanently. Here at Nova College, the use of a student center is a privilege only recently enjoyed by Nova students. This is not a privilege we want to lose, but a few students' disrespectful and destructive behavior may dictate otherwise.

Have you tried to play any of the games in the Student Center lately? You will find, to your disappointment, that parts of games are missing or have been destroyed. Or maybe you were one of those lucky students that came in to play a game immediately following a repair job, paid for by Student Activities (funds provided by our activities fee).

The minimal reaction you can expect from administration may be an increase in the activities fee (and they would have good reasons for doing that presently). But what should your reaction be? How about a visible effort to protect your privilege to relax and enjoy.

When you see fellow students displaying disrespectful, destructive behavior, let them know how you feel, or if you are not comfortable with this talk to someone who can handle the situation for you, like an I.O.C. membro, an S.G.A. officer, or our great Student Activities staff in the Rosenthal Student Center.

The Student Activities staff is very busy making our campus life as fun and memorable as possible. Help them by first behaving appropriately and second by discouraging disrespectful and destructive behavior. If you are reporting such behavior or spreading the word that such behavior will not be tolerated.
**Just Who is the Bozo Here?**

I would like to raise questions pertaining to The Nova Knight's inclusion of "How Do Bozo's Get Their B.A.'s? African American and Women's Studies" in their Editorial Section (October 1990) 1) Why re-print such an obvious example of bigotry? and 2) Why re-print such an obvious example of bigotry without, in the same breath, examining or challenging any of the fallacious assumption? I am of two minds about my two questions: 1) What a joke! I cannot bother to give this buffoonery the slightest consideration; and 2) Students and others may fail to comprehend the articles blatant bigotry (hence, the buffoonery) and its accompanying dangers, so I do need to consider it, and in public forum. Apparently, my "second mind" won out. I cannot begin to untangle and expose all of the fallacies contained in this reprinted review in the space of a newspaper article, so I'll look instead at a sample or two.

The review's title, for example, "How Do Bozo's Get Their B.A.'s?..." beg's the question. All Lan 112 (Argumentation) students know that this title is fallacious because it assumes that the very issue, being argued, had been proved, which, of course, it has not, certainly not in this sordy piece of prose. Generally, programs in Afro American Studies and Women's Studies are offered on the graduate, not the undergraduate, levels. Moreover, these specialties are area of concentration within a time-honored discipline (such as English, History, etc.). So graduates necessarily have to prove themselves competent in that discipline as well as in the specialty area. So much for Bozos.

Furthermore, the poorly devised analogy comparing Women's Studies and Afro American Studies to a "drunken vagrant outside of church while services are going on..." actually works against the writer's argument. The analogy demonstrates that the "mainstream" curriculum--originated, devised and developed by white Anglo-Saxon men over the centuries--does exclude the voices, contributes and experiences of women and minorities due to their shared second-class citizenship.

Of course, that does not mean we should do away with Aristotle and Freud and our traditional curriculum. But what we need to do, and what the Afro American and Women's Studies programs attempt to do, is open up the "church" (an apt metaphor indeed, to connote the exclusionary nature of "mainstream" curriculum) in; that is, add these important and relevant studies to our current curriculum. In doing so, we might learn some significant facts. For example, did you know that the first extant autobiography in the English language was written by a woman named Magery Kenpe back in the 14th century? (This is just a tidbit of what one might learn by becoming acquainted with an under-represented area of study.)

I will leave the rest of this superfluous example of narrow-minded bigotry and fallacious reasoning to the scrutiny of the Lan 112 Argumentation classes of Nova College and, in the future, (I hope) to the expressed contempt of the Nova Knight editorial staff.

Dr. Kathleen A. Wailes-Lamm, Coordinator of Women's Studies

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**To the Editor:**

The legitimacy of Afro American and Women Studies programs in a college curriculum is a timely and important issue. If it were the intention of the Editor to stimulate discussion on this topic by inserting the article form the *Florida Review* into the Editorial Page (October 1, 1990, page 2), the Editor is to be both commended and challenged. There is little question that the topics underlying the *Review* article are significant and worthy of debate within an academic community. To invite discussion on this topic is laudatory. However, the belief that this *Review* article would produce the intended forum lacks discrimination and is probably counterproductive. Because of the article's incendiary language, its apparent ideological bias, its crude sexual allusions, and its identity with events peculiar to the University of Florida campus, the serious issues are diluted and trivialized. If the Editor wishes analysis of these important questions, it would better serve the cause to begin the dialogue with a clearly articulated essay which asserts the essential arguments on either or both sides.

We may live in a culture where MTV and The National Enquirer attract attention, but one hopes that The Nova Knight will not adopt their approach to stimulate reaction form what it believes is a passive college population. To do so will focus attention only on the style of the communicator rather than the issue communicated. Once again, I commend your desire to raise a serious issue before the college community.

Sincerely,

Stuart Horn Director, Liberal Arts

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SGA Leads The Way...

By Yvonne M. Murphy
SGA Secretary/Treasurer

Nova University will also contract with Sunshine, at a charge to the program, to collect aluminum cans; soda and beer cans will comprise most of the aluminum collection. Aerosol cans of any type are not recyclable and will not be collected. Glass and plastic bottles will be collected at a later date.

Seminars will be held in the Rosenthal Building to inform and educate all participants on the usage and location of the various collection points. A four phase recycling program is detailed below:

Phase 1-11/11/90: Dormitories A, B, C, and D Rosenthal Building Parker Building

Phase 2-12/11/90: Main/Health/Highland Modular Building Complex Family Center

Phase 3-1/11/91: University Social Buildings

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The goal of this survey is to aid the freshman representatives Kim Frimowitz and Sandra Watson in meeting freshmen needs. We cannot do this unless you return your ideas to us. Please give your survey to any Student Government office representative, or place it in the Student Government suggestion box. The suggestion box is located in the Parker Building 2nd floor.

The product of what we put into our community today. The Covenant House was just the beginning. We encourage students, faculty, staff, and administrators to participate in upcoming events. Some are: The Heart Run, Red Cross activities, and the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon.

I would like to thank everyone, on behalf of the rest of the Student Government Association Senators, who contributed to the great success of our clothes drive. I hope for your continued support in our future community services.

Editor's note: The Covenant House is a place where runaways go to. They receive clothing, shelter, and rehabilitation.

Dropline

By Johanne Anderson
SGA Vice President

Many students have asked about the need for a public mailbox. Basically, the reason there is not a mailbox on campus is because there isn't a large enough population to deliver mail to according to the Davie Branch Post Office. If you have outgoing mail, contact the housing office to drop it on your way.

Many dorm residents wanted to discuss problems with repairs. In addition, residents wanted notices posted by the exterminators letting them know that the person had come.

I spoke with Ed Pattison, Director of Physical Plant, about dorm residents problems. "He is working hard to improve the dorms" he stated. Also, any repairs need to be reported to the Residential Life Department. The numbers are: 475-7025. The exterminator will leave a receipt on everyone's kitchen counter to let you know your home was entered.

FRESHMEN !!!!!

The FRESHMEN representatives will be having a meeting November 8, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rosenthal Building to discuss the rights and responsibilities of the freshmen students. Please plan to be in attendance. THANK YOU.

SGA Gellner: Representative

By Jill Legters
SGA General Representative

During the past month, Student Government sponsored a clothes drive for the Covenant House of Fort Lauderdale. There were three designated areas to drop off donations: the first floor in the Farquhar Center For Undergraduate Studies, the first floor of the Rosenthal Student Center, and the second floor of the Malman Hollywood Building.

The clothes were picked up weekly and placed in the Student Government Office until October 3. A Nova van was packed and delivered to the Covenant House by Student Government Senators. They were more than happy to receive the more than thirty bags of shoes, radios, men's, women's, children's and infant's clothing.

This year the Student Government Association is focusing on helping the community. It is important for students to be active in the community because our future is the product of what we put into our community today. The Covenant House was just the beginning. We encourage students, faculty, staff, and administrators to participate in upcoming events. Some are: The Heart Run, Red Cross activities, and the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon.

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Student Government Association

Student Government Association wants to serve all the freshmen at Nova University. Please take the time to fill this out so we know what you need help with.

1. How could SGA help you? Write down any ideas, complaints, etc.
   - Yes
   - No

2. Have you and friends had an enjoyable experience at Nova University?
   - Yes
   - No

3. What improvements would you like to see on campus? (Check as many as you like)
   - Housing
   - Sidewalks
   - Cafeteria
   - Vending machines
   - Campus security
   - Others

4. Would you participate in Cultural Awareness week?
   - Yes
   - No

5. Would you participate in aids awareness week?
   - Yes
   - No

6. Would you like to see a first-aid course offered at Nova?
   - Yes
   - No

7. List any problems with your dorm room.

The freshmen representatives of SGA, Kim Frimowitz and Sandra Watson, would like to have a meeting of all freshmen to discuss any problems or issues concerning the freshmen. Would you please be present at the meeting? Yes
   - No

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Nova's First Convocation

learn about others" she added. "I was inspired by all of the community service she and her husband have done" said Sandra Watson, a freshman.

"She not only seems to be a model professor, but a wonderful humanitarian" she added.

Representation from the student body was not neglected. A Student Government Presentation was given by the Senate President: Lisa Muellner.

"One of the first things that I noticed about Nova College was the diversity of the students themselves. We have people from all over the country-all over the world, joining together. As a result we begin to tear down the wall of judgment that says stay with people that are not so different" said the junior.

"We begin to realize that it doesn't matter what's on the outside; its what comes from within that makes a friend," she stressed.

Dr. Karen Dreyfuss, the Keynote Speaker for the convocation, emphasized becoming a teacher.

"The best thing that you could do is to become a teacher. The impact you could make on a child's life could change the fate of the world" she emphasized.

"You could really make a difference. Strive for your ultimate goals. Like I once told my elementary school class: 'Reach for the stars. The worst you could come up with is a handful of Heaven.'"

Brian Clayton, a sophomore, summed up the affair by saying "Although this was Nova's first convocation, if you didn't come, you missed out."
RESOLUTION FOR ESCORT SHUTTLES
by Alvenice Swain, President, BAUCHUS and Cleveland Ferguson, III, Editor-in-Chief, Nova Knight

Proposed to the Inter-Organizational Council

Whereas, student safety should be one of the primary concerns of campus administrators. Whereas, members of administration continually hide behind the costs of a well-lighted pathway from the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies to the Rosenthal Student Center. Whereas, members of the administration are cognizant of the fact that on campus crime is on a rapid increase, given the tragic events that have occurred at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Whereas, students' concern for their safety at Nova has risen owing to night classes and late evenings at the Einstein library. Whereas, night classes do not end until 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., whereas, the Einstein Library does not close until 11 p.m., and whereas, the darkness beckons trouble.

Let it be resolved that (pending approval by the administration) Examination Residence Life vans be used as shuttles five (5) nights per week, at 8:15 p.m., 10:15 p.m., and 11:15 p.m.; that the vans be driven by four volunteers from the Inter-Organizational Council for a trial period of thirty (30) days upon enactment hereafter.

BULLETIN... BULLETIN...

Alpha Chi: Next meeting scheduled for November 7th Wednesday, at 5:15p.m. in the RSC conference room, second floor.

Campus Programming Board: Meetings held every Monday from 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m. in RSC. International Luncheon Day at RSC, October 26th 11a.m.-1p.m.

Catholic Campus Ministries: GREENPEACE representative Mike Cherin will be a guest speaker in the RSC at 1p.m.

Cheerleaders: Patty Nance, returning cheerleader, is the new captain. Congratulations.

Florida Future Educators of America (formerly FSTATE): Information on meeting dates and times will be posted on the FFEA board on the second floor of the Parker Building near room 222.

Nova University Black Student Association (NUBSA): Information on meeting dates will be posted on the NUBSA board on the second floor of the Parker Building, near room 212.

Outdoors Club: Sponsor: The Halloween party is scheduled for October 31st, Wednesday from 8:00p.m.-1:00a.m. The party will be held at Tree Tops Park. The cost is $2.00 with costume, and $5.00 without costume. Contact Mike Jolly, President for other events at 473.4665. See you at the PARTY!!!

Pep Squad: Congratulations to the co-captains Laurie Fisher, Jackie Cohen, and Annette Bearman! Call Lori at 475.7579 if you are interested in becoming a member of the Pep squad. The purpose of the Pep Squad is to support athletic organizations on the campus.

Phi Alpha Delta: PAD meetings are held regularly on Tuesday at 5:15p.m. in RSC Conference room. If you are interested in joining the law fraternity or having pertinent information for the club, is welcome to attend a meeting or drop us a note in the suggestion folder, located on the P.A.D. bulletin board, across from Parker room 212 (Student Affairs).

DON'T MISS OUT!!! UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

WORKSHOPS:
October 30th T. "Applying to Graduate School" 4-5:00p.m.
November 7th W. "Resume Writing" 3-4:00p.m.
November 14th W. "Interviewing Techniques" 3-4:00p.m.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWING-Mass Mutual. November 1st Th, 9a.m.-10p.m. Stop in CRC room 205-Rosenthal

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* Applications for the Florida House of Representatives Legislative Internship Program are available in the CRC, Come by or call 475.7564 for application information.
* Study Abroad and Internship Abroad information is also available.
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Jan Poole  Sophomore
Sherri Carmeli  Junior

Robin Silberstein  Freshman
Edward Mackie  Freshman
Jennifer Vosseller  Junior
Gina DiGiovanni  Junior

Melissa Bucci  Freshman
Marcus Torres  Freshman
George Curry  Sophomore
Isaundra Gonzalez  Junior

Michele DePasquale  Freshman
Brooke Baldwin  Junior
Cleveland Ferguson III  Sophomore
Jackie Marcial  Junior

Katryn Vogt  Freshman
Jill Letters  Sophomore
Melvin Mayo  Sophomore
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NOVA STUDENTS MAKE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Fort Lauderdale, Fl--Hard work really does pay off. Especially for eight South Florida Students who have been nominated for the 1990 National Dean's List, a listing of the top students at graduate schools across the country.

Kasim Abu-Raia of Davie; Naninka L. Bonne, Davie; Gilda M. Getz, Fort Lauderdale; Walter E. Izurieta, Hollywood; Thomas L. Parsons, Davie; Gustavo Silva, Fort Lauderdale; Mariette Felice Taylor, Delray Beach; And Robert F. Toth of Surfside have been nominated for their academic achievement in obtaining a 3.75 or above grade point average in the Master's of International Business administration program at the Friedt School of Business and Entrepreneurship of Nova University.

These students' names will appear with 90,000 outstanding students representing 2,500 colleges and universities in a book published by Educational Communications, Inc. in Lake Forest, Illinois. The National Dean's List book is nationally distributed once a year to deans of colleges and universities and to the nation's largest 1,000 public libraries. Students listed in the book can qualify for $25,000 in scholarship awards. Students remain on the list currently enrolled in a graduate program.

"It is a real honor for these students to receive national recognition for their hard work and achievement. Appearing on this reputable list can open many doors in their future, said Bill Musella, director of the Institute for International Trade and Development. "Nova University is proud to have such high caliber students in the international business program."

Nova University is a 25-year-old educational institution based in Fort Lauderdale that awards bachelor's, master's educational specialist and doctoral degrees. Nova has 10,500 full-time and part-time students on in main campus and in 24 states and two foreign countries.

SCC Grand Opening

By Sandra Watson

The opening of the Student Communications Center which includes the Nova Knight, WNKR, and the student communication Business department celebrated their Grand Opening on October 5. The opening was primarily geared toward saluting patrons and faculty members who were instrumental in the inauguration of the Student Communications Center. Among those who were recognized for their contributions were Nova Books, Y-107, John Santulli, Joe Lakovich, Kate Lamm, Steven Alford, and the Nova University Women's Club.

This festive occasion included speeches from Rob Armstrong, Cleveland Ferguson, Louis Badami, and the Master of Ceremony, Brad Williams. The Student Communication Center staff would like to thank everyone for attending, and for their continued guidance and patronage.
"It would be a mistake to center our attention too much around the Persian Gulf because that is his vision," Rather emphasized somberly.

Saddam Hussein doesn’t see himself trapped. "He doesn't believe he’s sitting on top of the world--he knows that he has a lot of trouble, but he believes he is in not too bad a position."

"From his point of view, he sees himself as to have run a spectacular operation. He has captured tremendous riches in Kuwait, with virtually no casualties, at very little cost." His attitude is "I got it with a great bold military move and now you've got to come and get it."

"He is convinced in his marrow that we won't."

Rather underscored a few reasons in support of this view: 1. He doesn't think we can take the casualties. The way he puts it, 'we can't take the blood.' 2. He sees the United States as big and strong, but lacking staying power. 3. He has the option of terrorism. "He talks a great deal about what happened in Lebanon, losing 242 Marines." He feels we can't and won't take the expense. "The add-on military costs are $1.2 billion a month. That's before we fire a shot."

It is important that it is possible that we can save the world's economy and wreck our own."

The most conservative costs that Rather has heard per year is $35-40 billion. "That money has to come out of your pocket and mine."

"We have to have a sensible, meaningful, national debate about what we are going to do and up until this point, we have not had that."

**Forces in the Middle East**

Rather feels that the United States have a terrific army in the fields. "They are well motivated. Their morale is terrific. They are well led."

"But in the back of their minds, particularly flag ranked officers, is the Vietnam Experience."

Rather feels that it would be a mistake to draw too many parallels between what's happening over there with the Vietnam Experience. But we've learned some things that are applicable in this situation. The viewpoint the people who will lead our troops into the field is: "we must have a national consensus on what the mission and the goal is in the Persian Gulf--what would constitute victory--what would constitute an acceptable outcome."

"The tragedy of Vietnam is that we were never able to answer the question: 'For what?' Nobody was able to answer that question."

"Military leadership feels that it is essential to answer that question before we go to the 'military option,'" stressed Rather. "This time, let's not send troops into the field without a clear definition of what the goal and the mission is," he added. Rather feels that we should not go to war unless the national consensus is ready for national sacrifice. "The longer they stay out there, the tougher their assignment gets."

The greatest concern of the troops today is a feeling of isolation. "It worries me that they are motivated but aren't quite sure why they are out there."

One of the things that Rather has learned about war as a journalist is that "you get killed and nobody would know how it really was."

There is a minor version building out there in the Persian Gulf;" he added. On the USS Independence, eight decks below, the temperatures get to be 115 degrees.

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