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The Boys Won't Let Me Play!

Ken Cook

The Nova University Deep Ocean Research Center has a flag football team. They play in the intramural league at the main campus. They call themselves "the DORCs." The team is made up of graduate students, athletic young men in their early 20's, well on their way toward high-paying careers in the field of oceanography.

These men are sports-oriented, especially water sports. Several of them are members of the Nova Synchronized Swimming Team. Another of them, Whale, spends so much time in the water that he has developed a blowhole in his head and when he gets angry, water spurts out of it.

Valerie is a student at the center. She runs for the opposite goal line, stiff-arming, elbowing, and groin-kneeing anyone who gets in her way. Everyone on Snapper's team is on the ground, moaning and nursing various Valerie-inflicted injuries.

"Give us the ball, Valerie," demands Jellyfish.

"Why don't you come and get it? Come on, show a little backbone, you invertebrate," Valerie taunts.

"Yeah, you get it," the others call. Mud snail says, "Uh, Val, if you want, you can play on my team."

He smiles and giggles nervously.

"Don't call me Val! My name is Valerie!" she angrily throws down the ball and propels herself toward the hapless young man, who falls in panic for a second or two before running away as fast as he can.

Valerie stops chasing him as he disappears over the horizon and challenges the rest of the squad.

"What's my name?" she asks.

"Valerie!" they all chorus.

"All right, let's play some ball!" Valerie resounds as the other team and the referees finally appear.

It's time to begin the game.

Ken Cook is a graduate student at Nova's Oceanographic Center.
In Defense of the Athlete

To the Editor:

This letter responds to the article, “How come they don’t play anymore?” (December issue of The Knight). That article featured a survey of ten student non-athletes, which certainly is not enough people to conduct a good survey or draw adequate conclusions.

In the article, the author states that 40% of the students surveyed said that time constraints form a major reason that they do not play sports. There are many athletes who make time for themselves. Some shuttle school, work, and their sport at the same time.

It is difficult, but possible. Also, 40% of 10 people means that 4 out of 10 people believe that the lack of time was a major reason. The author should have taken a larger survey and should have included athletes. Athletes would say that it is difficult but that there is no problem.

Each of the sports programs here at Nova University normally practice for three hours a day and take the weekends off, games and tournaments excepted. All of the coaches believe that school is why students are in college. If an athlete must study for an exam, many times he/she is allowed to miss that day of practice.

The next bad point of the article is when the author states that 30% of those students who refuse to eat meat on grounds of animal cruelty that meat production is not the only source of animal suffering, then she is making a good point.

But if, as it seems, Ms. Sharp is addressing the larger community, claiming that the argument against meat-eating is unsound because some vegetarians wear leather shoes, then her own argument is an example of what logicians call the ad hominem fallacy.

That is, the attempt to disparage an argument or idea by attacking those who hold the idea or make the argument.

In any case, Ms. Sharp seems to fall into the all too common mind set that believes that if one is not doing all that one possibly can do to address a moral wrong, then they might as well be doing nothing at all.

This, it seems to me, is a thinly veiled way of justifying inaction in the face of moral demands. Clearly, just as alleviating some Somali hunger is better than alleviating no hunger (even if we cannot alleviate hunger altogether), alleviating some animal suffering is better than alleviating none.

Finally, Ms. Sharp claims that starving African children would certainly consider vegetarians the ultimate squanderers. Aside from the nonsensical notion that because I do NOT eat something I am somehow squandering food, there is a more important point to be made here.

Strong arguments have been made demonstrating that the meat-eating habits of affluent countries actually contribute to world hunger. Wide-scale meat production as it is practiced in the industrialized nations is a grossly inefficient, wasteful way to produce food protein.

Studies have shown that for every 100 pounds of protein in the form of grain fed to cattle (that could be directly consumed by human beings), only 10 pounds of meat protein is produced.

Given also that the land required to support meat cattle might be used to grow the more efficient grain protein, meat production is clearly an inefficient and wasteful process that, if eliminated, would go a long way toward alleviating world hunger.

Ben Mulvey
Liberal Arts

Note: Ms. Sharp’s argument is an example of what logicians call the ad hominem fallacy.
A Passionate Rebuttal

Dear Ms. "Murderess":

I wrote an editorial about a turkey's life (45 Million Slaughtered, The Knight, Vol. III, Issue 8) without attacking anyone. I must say I was excited when The Knight told me someone had read my article and was writing a letter debating the animal rights issue. I must add I was extremely disappointed about what they (and you) seem to think is a good rebuttal. I debated even whether to acknowledge your accusations.

But then, since I feel ignorance may be an excuse in this case, I have decided to enlighten you and other readers on the facts. After all, I believe we are all in college to overcome our ignorance.

First, what leads you to believe that vegetarians (or anyone who dedicates one's time to another, other than one's self) are really unhappy? Such an unsubstantiated remark would lead one to believe that you have not encountered many dedicated people. Attacking people through ignorant remarks never won a civilized argument.

Because we are happy, we can extend our hearts to help others, including other single animal rights activists who claims they are. What we claim is that, just as humans do, animals have rights. Animals were not put in this world do us to exploit, just as we were not put on this earth to exploit it. First we will lose our fight to save endangered species. Next we will lose our fight to save our earth. Eventually we will lose what you find of most importance, the human race.

I must advise you to go back to Ethics class. As I took Ethics with Dr. McNar on, I know you missed the whole discussion on animal rights. Even Dr. McNar-—a meat eater—after a long discussion, claimed there was no ethical reason for eating animals.

And I believe Dr. Mulvey's views follow that same line of thinking.

You said "Give an animal freedom to do whatever it wants, and it will eat and find the same place to lay down and sleep day after day." Most of us, human beings who are blessed, do eat everyday and those of us blessed enough to have a home, sleep in the same bed every night. So what is your point?

Why is someone who decides to be a vegetarian "struggling" to find out who they are? We know what we stand for.

We know being kind to animals means much more than simply petting one's dog or cat on the head. Being kind to animals means not eating them and their products (dairy, not wearing their skin, whether crafted as a belt, shoes, or skirt, and certainly it means not using products tested on them.

Being a vegetarian—allow me to educate you—means only eating those products that grow from the earth (not on the earth) So anyone who tells you they eat chicken or fish is obviously not a vegetarian. Furthermore, a person who is a vegetarian still wearing leather is undoubtedly doing more for the animals than you are.

Next time, before you publicly accuse a company, check your facts. Clinique does not test on animals. And it is very unlikely that you will see an animal rights activist standing outside a restaurant holding a sign. We have concentrated our efforts on stopping animal testing. The majority of the companies have stopped.

You claim "only a few cosmetic companies do not test on animals." I have included with this article a list of about 300 companies (manufacturers of cosmetics, personal care items, and household products) that do not test on animals. (Due to space limitations The Knight was unable to publish this list. Contact The Knight office if you wish to obtain a copy. —Ed.)

It is your responsibility as a "good" writer to check your facts before you state them. I guess it is a "hypocrisy" that drives us (PETA, ARFF, SAA, and other organizations) to spend our weekends protesting companies such as Lancome and L'Oreal. Frankly, we feel that you or I "are not worth" the suffering these animals endure. Through our dedication to the animals, we have convinced those 300 companies that we are not.

Let me further enlighten you by pointing out that make-up and perfume are not the only products tested on animals. Animal testing is performed with most of the household cleaners you probably have in your home. Let me remind you (even if you do not care about the suffering of animals—I hope you care about our earth) every chemical and toxin you put down your drain is going directly into our planet.

Furthermore, animals are used by General Motors to test their cars. Dollar wise they are cheaper than dummies, so in compassionate humans such as yourself who see animals as nothing more than dispensable trash—put these live animals (dogs, pigs, cats) in cars and test crash the cars against a wall.

The animals are then thrown away with yesterday's garbage—and it does not stop here. Animals are used for dissection in classrooms when there are a lot more inexpensive methods (computers, or plastic models) that schools could use.

"I know who you all are, so 'less up'!? How can you know or even claim to know all vegetarians are wearing designer leather bags and Reeboks shoes? I am one of hundreds of thousands who do not wear leather, but I also eat chicken and fish."

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The Nova Club Update

IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Plantation CPA is looking for an Undergraduate Accounting Major to help with general office tasks. Duties will include receptionist work. Could lead to accounting Internship if Interested.

Non-Smokers Only. Must have a College Career Work Experience or College Work-Study award and be at least sophomore status to apply.

PAY: $6.25 per hour to start
HOURS: 20 hours per week minimum
Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm

SEE KAREN SMITH IN FINANCIAL AID FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The Nova Law Library

Check Us Out (but read this first!)

We would like to introduce the faculty, staff and students of Nova University to the Law Library.

The Law Library is approximately 53,000 square feet in size and houses around 250,000 volume equivalents (books, media, microforms, etc.) on three floors.

We carry selected Florida and United States documents and we are one of the few United Nations depositories in the country.

All Nova "family" are welcome to use the library to do research. There are a few rules you should be aware of, however.

No food is allowed in the library and beverages are allowed in an approved mug, which is on sale at the Nova Bookstore in the Rosenthal building. No other form of container is permitted.

Study rooms are reserved for law students. Only law students may use the computer lab and Westlaw or Lexis.

You may be asked to show a Nova identification card at the door. Please assist us by having your ID card ready. This procedure will insure that only those people meeting our guidelines are using the facilities.

Our regular hours are:

- Mon. - Thurs.: 8 a.m. - midnight
- Friday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Sunday: 10 a.m. - midnight

Our hours may vary during breaks and holidays.

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Don't forget to buy your Nova College yearbook!
Contact Scott Chitoff in Rosenthal, Room 208, or call him at 370-5670.

Remember Intramural Bowling starts up again this semester.
Support your team Wednesday nights!!
University Bowl, Davie, 9pm

THE NOVA KNIGHT Interested in joining the Knight Staff? New writers are always appreciated. Call the Knight hotline at 452-1553.

I.O.C.
The first I.O.C meeting will be held on Monday January 11th at 3:30 pm in the SGA Office.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Nova Knight Chapter:
will meet on Thursday, Jan. 7th at 7 pm in Rosenthal Rm. 208. Interested members welcome.

Nova's Forum of Forensic & Debate Society
The winner of their election week drawing was Robert Gardner. Congratulations Robert.

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Nova University is home to a variety of different clubs and organizations open to all individuals who attend Nova. While most groups recruit members in the Fall semester, prospective members can join clubs throughout the year.

Some organizations, such as Phi Alpha Delta, have two major recruitment periods: one in the Fall and one in the Winter. Membership, however, is not restricted to these periods.

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Alpha Delta, have two major recruitment periods: one in the Fall and one in the Winter. Membership, however, is not restricted to these periods.

Another campus organization is the Campus Activities Board (CAB). CAB, affiliated with Student Life, is located in the Student Life office in the Rosenthal Student Center. In conjunction with Student Life, CAB plans events throughout the school year, and welcomes new members any time.

The Paladin Yearbook, located on the second floor of the Rosenthal Building, does the bulk of its work load during the second semester. As a result of this time schedule, more input is needed from students in the Winter semester.

Other campus organizations include the Future Florida Educators of America (FFEA), the Student Government Association (SGA), the Knight Force Pep Squad, the Debate Society, WNKR (the Nova University radio station), the Nova University Black Student Association (NUBSA), Amnesty International, the Psychology Club, and many others.

If you are interested in joining a campus organization, drop a letter with your name and telephone number in that particular organization’s mail box. Boxes are located in the lobby of the Rosenthal Student Center.

And remember: The Knight is always looking for writers. If you are interested in joining the Knight staff, call the newspaper office at (305) 452-1553.

The Nova Club Update

Monica PuigSos

Nova’s Forum is an academic social club.

On the academic level our members take part in either, or both, forensic and debate State competition. Nova’s Forum is a member of the American Forensic Association (AFA).

Forum members who do not wish to travel or compete play an important role in our research department. The forum welcomes students of all majors.

The debate, speech, and research skills you will practice will help you in college and in any career you pursue. Nova’s Forum will give you the opportunity to meet outgoing, confident people who share your interests.

You can make life-long friends!

If you attend one of our meetings, you will not only become familiar with the debate society, but automatically become a part of it. Your opinions, guidance, and suggestions are important to us.

We would like you to be a part of our society and our plans for this year. Please call Student Life for further inquiries, or contact Monica at 473-1643.

Monica PuigSos is the president of Nova’s Forum.

Welcome Back and Happy New Year

We’re Having A Party!

Come Celebrate the New Year at the Memo Board Party

Saturday, January 9th
9 to 1 am
Arrowhead Country Club

Wear a white t-shirt and we will supply the markers!!!

Sponsored by: Campus Activities Board and Student Life
The picture of a couch comes into mind as one imagines the psychologist in a treatment session.

locations exist and those areas offer diversified positions. Take for instance the Community relations Officer who promotes good relations within the community by working for the government or within the local community.

The picture of a couch comes into mind as one imagines the psychologist in a treatment session. The typical scene has changed as hotlines for crisis intervention become popular.

Help is available for those in need at critical moments, rather than only available through scheduled doctor appointments. Positions are available at hotline centers for recipients of bachelor's degrees.

Administration is also an area which may be considered while holding a four year degree, provided the necessary business courses are taken during undergraduate years.

Since psychology provides a basis for public and interpersonal relations, many community-oriented jobs are available to four-year graduates. Advocacy positions are appropriate in this case for there is a desire to help less fortunate groups.

Before graduation, one should consider his or her future by participating in activities related to a particular field of interest. This may be accomplished through volunteering. Many times, organizations providing these opportunities offer diverse positions. Take for instance Dr. Michelle O'Hayan in her receivership of still others can be obtained through hotline centers for recipients of bachelor's degrees. 

The following list represents just a small segment of the positions that persons with a bachelor degree in psychology have found interesting and challenging.

1) Recreation Worker: plans and supervises community recreation facilities. (Increasing number of opportunities available for therapeutic recreation workers, often requiring coursework in therapeutic recreation.)

2) Advertising Copywriter: researches audience and media, writes text of advertisements.

3) Probation and Parole Officer: persons with psychology backgrounds are often preferred for such positions, especially with adolescent parolees.

4) Daycare Center Supervisor: supervises and coordinates activities of preschool children with working parents.
Meat-Eaters and the "Media Spin" Rebuttal

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animals. So there goes your argument. And yes, we wear makeup and perfume. But, as conscientious consumers our products come from one of these 300 companies mentioned above.

Next, most of us do not make "a disgusting face" when someone orders a steak even if they are sitting at our table. You see, unlike you, we respect other people's choices and do not call them "hypocrites" or "fanatics" just because they don't hold our views. If we are guilty, we are guilty of trying to educate the public through pamphlets and boycotts.

In remembering "those starving children in Africa" I will comment that it is not only people in Africa who are starving, but people all over the world-including the U.S.

According to The Animal's Voice magazine statistics, there are 243,000,000 people in the United States. 1,300,000,000 human beings could be fed the grain and soybeans eaten by U.S. livestock. 60,000,000 people will starve to death this year. If Americans would reduce their intake of meat by 10%, 60,000,000 people could be fed by the amount of grain saved.

Unlike meat everyone would be able to afford crops.

Why waste these foods on feeding animals for slaughter? Why not feed these grain directly to starving people? 20 vegetarians could be fed on the amount of land needed to feed one person consuming a meat-based diet.

As the caring humanitarian that you are, you should know that, according to PETA, "90% of the beef produced in Central America goes to the United States." In these countries where the middle class is non-existent, people that work for animal factory farms are exploited by big corpora-

TV and the Invasion of Panama

Jax Margo

On November 16, the Faculty Development Committee presented a lecture by Dr. Walter Soderlund that discussed television coverage of world conflicts. The lecture focused primarily on the Panamanian conflict in late 1989 that eventually led to the extradition and incarceration of General Manuel Noriega.

The case-study determined the role of the press when dealing with problems outside our realm of understanding. Dr. Soderlund's research spanned three United States networks and two English stations in Canada and covered a 23 day period starting five days prior to the actual military action.

Through his research, Dr. Soderlund determined that the media coverage was favorable (78% without neutral sources) to the invasion. This "high intensity conflict" received favorable coverage due to the operation's speed. Essentially, the conflict was over within 6-12 hours of the initial invasion, which allowed virtually no time for opposition to rise up and voice their objections.

Although television tries to present the news with a high level of impartiality, Dr. Soderlund made it clear that a degree of "media spin" occurs in coverage. This spin will give us, the viewer, a favorable or unfavorable opinion of any conflict.

It is up to the individual viewer, Soderlund maintains, to search for these biases and make the proper adjustments whenever necessary.

Jax Margo is the new associate editor of The Knight.
Defending the Athlete

The article also says that sports in high school are played for enjoyment while in college athletes plan on pursuing their sport as a career. Athletes are willing to sacrifice the time required because their sport is their priority. First of all, studies are most athletes number one priority because without good grades, athletes cannot play their sport.

Second, high school is where athletes begin to know if they want to pursue their career in that sport. Many athletes come to Nova to receive a good education and to enjoy their last few years of playing a sport competitively. Some athletes go on to play professionally, but that includes only a select few.

Sports in college, like in high school, are played for enjoyment with the exception that the schedule is larger and the competition is tougher.

This survey should have been thought out a little longer than it had because there are many discrepancies in the article. One of them is that 15% surveyed said that they did not play college sports because they are not good enough.

Even if you’re not a math major, you know that 15% of 10 is one and a half. I have never in my entire life heard of half a person saying anything.

The author’s conclusions were that collegiate athletics differ from high school athletics and that sports in college require much more from students than they did in high school. Another conclusion is that students who play collegiate sports make their sport a priority while high school athletes in college would rather choose grades as their main priority [sic]. These conclusions are mostly false.

High school athletes have the same demand placed on them that college players have. College actually gives students more time to study because of scheduling.

Jeffrey Sponder

Nova Offers Drug Abuse Treatment Program

Debbie Rudes

The Nova University Youth Counseling Program is an ongoing study conducted with substance abusers in the Ft. Lauderdale area for the past three years. The program offers free substance abuse counseling to both adolescents and adults in the local community for up to two years.

There is no cost to participate, and free urine drug screening is performed every session.

In addition to this initial counseling, two years of unlimited outpatient sessions are provided to each client.

The Nova University Youth Counseling Program is operated through Nova University, and is a non-profit, out-patient substance abuse treatment program. There is no cost to participate in the program, and free urine drug screening is performed every session.

To enter the program, the client must meet two important criteria. First, the client must have used a drug one month prior to the intake session, and second, the client must live within twelve miles of the Griffin and University intersection in Davie.

All program counselors have a Master’s degree and are supervised by two Ph.D’s licensed in Clinical Psychology. The program is doing quite well.

According to Evan Kogan, one of the counselors, “Over the last three years 150 people have entered the program.”

He continues by saying that the main concern addressed in the program is the drug use itself.

The treatment is aimed at eliminating substance abuse. Frequently, the drug abuse is related to areas such as emotional conflict, poor communication, lack of employment, depression, and anxiety.

According to Kogan, “By treating the substance abuse, other problems are eliminated as well.”

The Nova University Counseling Program is a successful service offered to the local community, dedicated to helping those who need services to achieve a drug-free lifestyle.

Evan Kogan is confident that, “the program is at least good, if not better, than what one can receive out in the community, it’s a great service that we offer—because it’s free.”

For further information or to schedule an initial assessment session, clients and referral sources are invited to call 680-2702.