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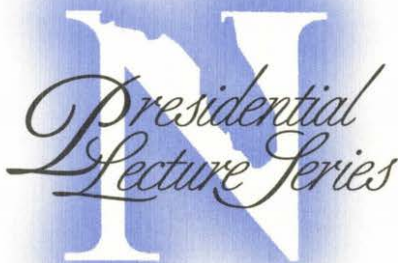
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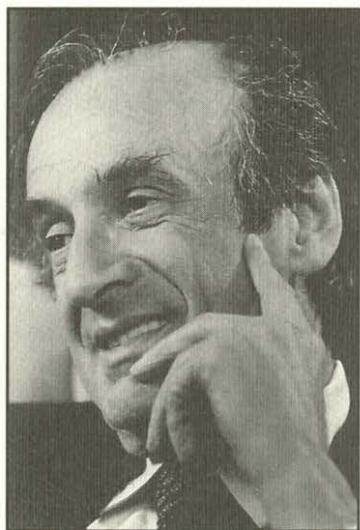
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HUMANITIES COUNCIL
PRESENTS

AN EVENING WITH ELIE WIESEL
Building a Moral Society



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997
8 P.M.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA ARENA



ELIE WIESEL

Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel has devoted himself to preserving the memories of those who suffered and lost their lives in the Holocaust. When Professor Wiesel was fifteen years old, his family was deported to Auschwitz, where his mother and younger sister were killed. He and

his father were later transferred to Buchenwald where his father died. Only he and his two older sisters survived the Nazi death camps. In his book, *La Nuit (Night)*, Professor Wiesel chronicled the suffering he and his family endured. Since its publication in 1958, *Night* has been translated into twenty-five languages.

Professor Wiesel travels the world fighting oppression and defending human rights. He visited Europe to assist victims in the former Yugoslavia. He defended the victims of apartheid in South Africa. He also has worked to help both the Kurds and Cambodian refugees. His honors include the United States Congressional Gold Medal, the Medal of Liberty Award and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He is a Grand Officer in the French Legion of Honor and has received honorary degrees from more than seventy-five institutions of higher learning.

Professor Wiesel currently resides in New York with his wife, Marion, and a son. With his wife, he established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity shortly after winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. The purpose of the foundation is to create awareness of human rights violations and to create a channel for discussion of ethical issues facing humanity.

WELCOME

ADAM W. HERBERT
PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

INTRODUCTION

BRIAN J. STRIAR
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PRESENTATION

Building a Moral Society
ELIE WIESEL
ANDREW W. MELLON PROFESSOR IN THE HUMANITIES
BOSTON UNIVERSITY

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

MODERATED BY THEOPHILUS C. PROUSIS
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

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THE PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Presidential Lecture Series has been established by President Adam W. Herbert to bring speakers of national and global significance to the University of North Florida. Lecturers are challenged to provide enlightening and intellectually stimulating presentations which generate provocative discussions of the major social, political, economic, ethical and philosophical issues of our times. Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel inaugurates the Presidential Lecture Series as we continue our celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University of North Florida.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years ago, the University of North Florida opened its doors as a fledgling upper-division and graduate institution. Today, the University serves more than 11,000 students; enrolls a freshman class of 1,100; has constructed almost 1.7 million square feet of buildings; has a total operating budget of over \$85 million; and has conferred degrees on 30,941 graduates from 104 countries and all 50 states in the United States. Through its strong commitment to high-quality undergraduate education, UNF has earned well-deserved recognition as one of the most outstanding comprehensive universities in America.

Special events are planned throughout the year to mark this significant record of institutional achievement. The entire First Coast community is invited to participate in these special celebratory activities.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, the University of North Florida Humanities Council sponsors research, teaching, and service activities across a wide cultural spectrum for UNF students, faculty, and the residents of Northeast Florida. The Council aspires to evolve into a Center for the Study of Culture and Civilization which will nourish the intellectual and cultural dimensions of our community. The Council's mission focuses on generating and facilitating dialogue about the varied forms of communication among people from all walks of life. These include music, art, literature, and philosophical inquiry. Currently the Council is producing a series of events dealing with ethics, of which Mr. Weisel's address this evening is an integral component.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Council and its future plans, or wishing to participate in its development, may call the Council Director, Dr. Brian Striar, 646-2580.