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ALUMNI PROGRAMS

Newsletter

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This is the first issue of the Nova University Alumni Newsletter, to be published monthly for the purpose of serving as a communication link between the university and its graduates and among its graduates. This is your Newsletter. It will be as valuable to you as you wish to make it. The editorial staff is dependent upon you for sending information about you and your fellow graduates, about your aspirations and concerns, your needs and successes. Call or write the alumni office to let us know what you are thinking about, and the ways in which this publication can help you to develop a stronger, more effective, more satisfying alumni organization.

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Nova University opened its eleventh academic year with Convocation Ceremonies Sunday, September 25, 1977 at the Parker Playhouse in Fort Lauderdale. Ten years ago on that date, Nova University welcomed its first 17 graduate students to its new campus in Davie. Then the university had a faculty and staff of 35 and an operating budget of \$500,000. Today the student body has expanded to more than 9,000 graduate and undergraduate students, a faculty and staff of 550 and an operating budget of \$19.2 million for fiscal 1977-1978.

This growth, both on the Nova University campus and in clusters throughout the nation, has placed the university in the position as the second largest independent institution of higher learning in the State of Florida, second only to the University of Miami.

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For the first time this year, Nova University held two commencements. The late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Tom C. Clark addressed the May 22 graduates. Dr. Albert B. Sabin, developer of live poliomyelitis vaccine, gave the July 24 address. A total

of 800 undergraduate and graduate degrees were conferred at these commencements, including 149 juris doctor degrees.

"It was very exciting to graduate our first law class and also to know that the nine early graduates who took their bar exams in February all passed," said President Abraham S. Fischler.

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New faculty members for the coming year include Dr. David Harnett, former director of advance standing and secretary of the faculty of arts and sciences at Harvard University, as dean of Nova College and director of undergraduate studies for Nova University. Also joining the faculty is Dr. George E. Lawniczak, who has been named director of the Nova University Oceanography Center (located at Port Everglades.) Lawniczak is former director of the U.S. Navy Oceanographic Lab at Bay St. Louis, Miss., and a graduate of Annapolis. He holds a doctoral degree in meteorology from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Dorothy White, former dean of the School of Nursing, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, will direct the Louise Mellon Institute of Nursing, to be launched this fall by the University and affiliated with Broward General Medical Center, Holy Cross Hospital and Florida Medical Center. The Institute will offer registered nurses in Broward County training beyond the two year diploma or associate degree. Because of limited available bed space in accredited teaching hospitals, however, the initial classes will be small.

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The Life Sciences Center of the University is engaged in continuing cancer research and new research in the areas of oxygen's effects on MS and the use of high-pressure oxygen in treating ill persons and accident victims. It is also studying the origins of the Florida lobster, and under Dr. Murray Tamers, associate professor of physical chemistry, has patented a synthetic benzene and acetylene in an effort to help curb the energy crunch.

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In the past the Behavioral Sciences Center has expanded its programs to include a Child Assessment and Treatment program under Dr. Luis Salcedo and broad psychological services for all ages coordinated by Dr. Michael Palmer. An Outreach Program under Pediatrician Dr. Georgia Reynolds offers screening services in day care centers throughout Broward County to help detect early maladies. The program is supported in part by the Early Childhood Development Association of Broward County and the Broward County Heart Association.

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Reaching out to serve the community at another age level is the Institute for Life-long Awareness which offers non-credit lectures and workshop series. Since its inception last fall, it has reached a thousand students on and off campus. Plans for this fall include an Institute for Retired Professionals which will include discussion groups and seminars, lecture series and workshops, auditing courses at Nova College, and education through travel.

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Nova University at Coral Springs celebrated the first anniversary of operation in its facilities in the Bank of Coral Springs building in June. To date, the center, which is community based, has offered numerous classes and has hosted seminars for more than 500 persons and plans to initiate cable television classes via Nov-Air in the fall. Upcoming activities also include a seminar co-sponsored by the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale.

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OFF CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Among the dimensions of the University that the public finds most significant and surprising are its graduate degree programs in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Through these programs and their graduates, the University is having a far reaching impact on public schools, community college and vocational education, public administration, criminal justice and business management. Nova students who are professionals in their fields meet in regional clusters to study under professors from the nation's top institutions of learning. Thus, Nova University has succeeded in becoming a truly national University effecting change through its graduates in responsible positions nationwide.

In addition, Nova University has reached into Latin America with programs in the areas of child development and public health.

Nova University has become, in fact, what many authorities believe the total university of the future must be...constantly open to new approaches to learning whatever their sources, dedicated to meeting the needs of the individual rather than forcing the individual into the mold of the university, devoted to creating new opportunities in learning for people of all ages and needs, structured so flexibly that it can take first-quality education off the campus to wherever it may be required.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. Jules Pagano (DPA '77) was recently appointed president of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges. Dr. Pagano served for two years as first director of Adult Education in the U.S. Office of Education, and most recently was an administrator at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. Pagano serves as chairman of the board of Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities, a group of 33 public and private colleges that offer individual undergraduate and graduate programs.

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Dr. Chester Handleman (Ed.D. '75, Community College), a faculty member in history and political science at Broward Community College, Fort Lauderdale, has had 15 articles published since 1975 in the fields of curriculum and instruction in such periodicals as: Community College Review (North Carolina State University Press); Improving College and University Teaching Yearbook (Oregon State University Press); and the College Student Journal. In 1976, Dr. Handleman won a medallion award as one of the 10 outstanding Faculty Sponsors of Phi Theta Kappa's Hall of Honor. Phi Theta Kappa is the Community - Jr. College National Scholastic Honor Society.

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Dr. Gwyn S. Brownlee (Ed.D. '75, Educational Leaders) has been appointed to the post of Director of Instruction for the National Ed. D. Program for Educational Leaders, replacing Dr. Gerald Sroufe, who remains with Nova University to direct a program involving the training of personnel for the operation of day care facilities. Dr. Brownlee comes to Nova University from the position of Director of Instructional Services for Region X, Education Service Center (Dallas area).

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The District Board of Trustees of Tallahassee (Fla.) Community College is seeking applications and nominations for the position of president. Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of application with a resume summarizing educational background and experience. All teaching and administrative experience should be included. References should be included. Applications addressed to Mr. Charlie M. Macon, Chairman, District Board of Trustees, Tallahassee Community College, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, Fl. 32304, must be received no later than December 15, 1977. Salary and length of contract are negotiable: salary of incumbent \$37,900, plus state retirement, social security and health insurance.

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