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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE FARQUHAR CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES • NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Journey Through the Li River Valley

A glimpse into an ancient Chinese environment and culture

by Barry Barker

On March 8, 2000, the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies hosted the first of hopefully many photographic exhibits detailing the travels of our students and faculty members in the Environmental Science/Studies Ecotourism Program. The Li River Photographic Exhibit featured breathtaking images of landscapes and cultures in a secluded area of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The Karst Mountains (pictured here), which form the Li River Valley, are one of the most unusual attributes of this place. For millions of years, the Li River has cut its way through the landscape to create these formations, which lends to a spectacular view of that environment.

I am happy to share with you our journey of discovery and pictorial record of this area of the world that has recently been reopened to Western visitors.

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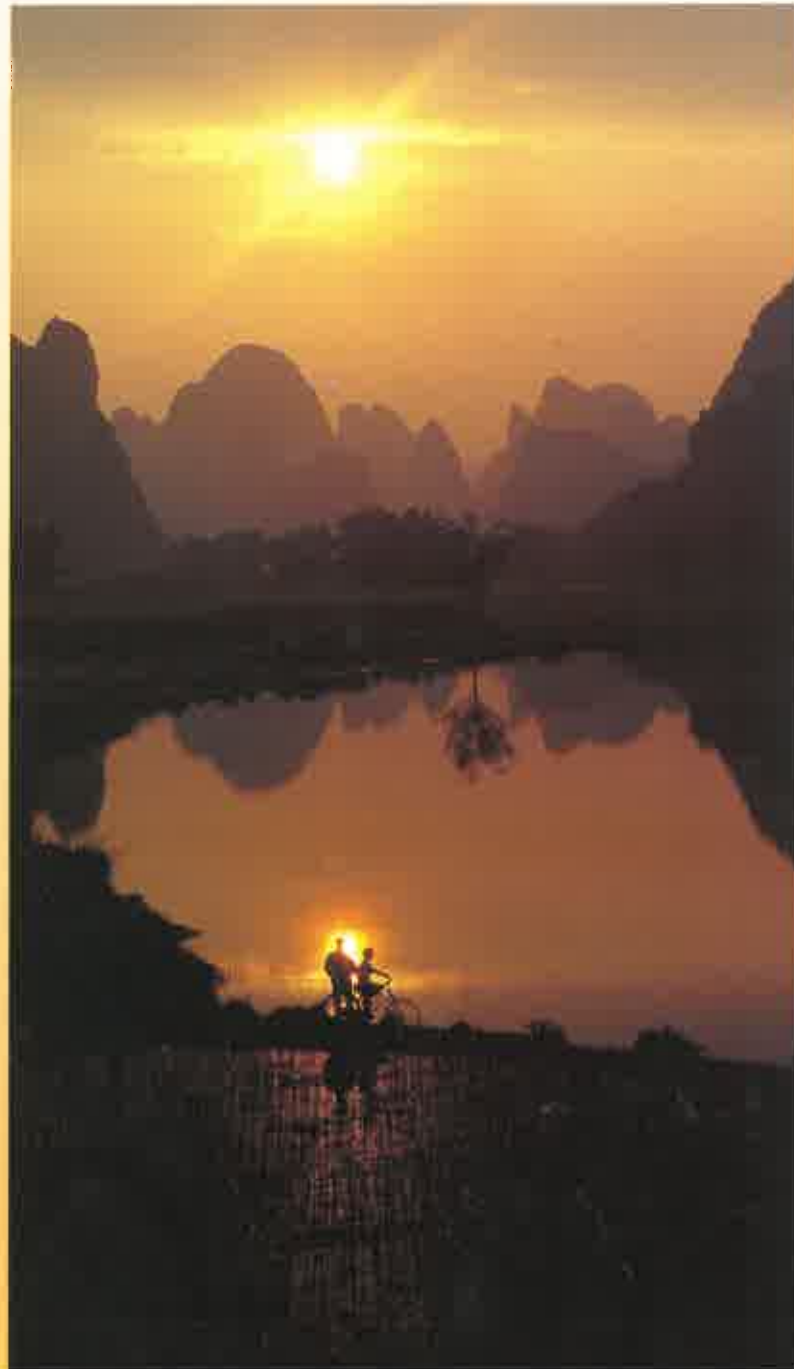


An interesting sidelight to the expedition was the discovery of panda bears in the local Guilin Zoo. Pandas actually are found in the wilds just east of the Li River area we explored. The bamboo forests located high in the mountains provide a reasonably safe life for these beautiful creatures. However, like other wildlife throughout the world, they sometimes fall prey to poachers.

Located in Shanyang County (to the northwest of Guilin) are the Dong people. As a special indigenous minority population who have occupied this part of China for centuries, they still continue their customs and traditions.



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Dean's Corner

What's new for you at Farquhar?

by Norma M. Goonen

It is the beginning of a new academic year, and there are many exciting changes taking place on campus and in the Farquhar Center as well.

What's exciting? The revision of our curriculum is now complete. Our new curriculum offers students the advantage of more flexibility. They are now able to choose from a wider selection of electives in fields other than a chosen major. This is an excellent opportunity to explore other disciplines and enrich their learning experience.

What's new? We are pleased to announce that the computer science and computer information systems undergraduate degree programs are now part of the Department of Math, Science, and Technology in Farquhar. Program and course development, including a new information technology minor, continues. We are also

proud of the new environmental science/studies major as well as the new undergraduate Department of Education major in middle school science. The business and administrative studies majors now incorporate more options and encourage better focus.

This year, we began a tradition of recognizing Farquhar faculty and staff members with the Heart and Soul Awards for contributing that "extra something" that makes our center so special. The awards were presented at two afternoon events, and more are planned for the coming year. And there is so much yet to do, so much we can accomplish together. It promises to be an exciting journey; come share it with us.

Norma Goonen is dean of the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies.

Decoding the Departments

If you are not familiar with the abbreviations used to represent the undergraduate center's departments, here's a list:

ASC: Academic Support Center
ADM: Office of Undergraduate Admissions
ATH: Athletics
BEH: Behavioral Sciences
BUS: Business and Administrative Studies
DOF: Office of the Dean
EDU: Education
ILR: Institute for Learning in Retirement
LIB: Liberal Arts
MKT: Marketing
MST: Math, Science, and Technology
TAC: Testing/Assessment Center
WRI: Women's Resource Institute

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Focus on Farquhar

News from the undergraduate center

National Paralegal Honor Society Comes to NSU

One of NSU's newest honor societies is Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), the National Paralegal Honor Society. NSU received its LEX charter during the winter of 1999. As stated in its charter, "the purpose of LEX shall be to recognize persons who have demonstrated superior academic performance in an established program of paralegal/legal assistant studies offered at an institution that is an institutional member in good standing of the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAFPE)."

In order to be awarded membership in NSU's chapter, a student must have successfully completed two-thirds of the program and must be in the top 10 percentile. Membership in LEX is recognition of a student's dedication to studies by a national organization of paralegal educators. The student is then entitled to place this honor on his/her resume.

To date, NSU has had two inductions of members into its chapter and is planning its next induction for December 2000.

Former Farquhar Student Named "Most Outstanding"

Cheryl Luis, who earned her undergraduate degree in psychology at NSU in 1994, received a major honor this past year when the NSU Center for Psychological Studies (CPS) named her the 1999-2000 most outstanding graduate student. CPS selected Luis from among hundreds of graduate students. This past summer, she completed a predoctoral internship at Miami Veterans Administration Hospital. This fall, she starts a postdoctoral fellowship at the Tampa VA. Luis specializes in geriatric neuropsychology, and she has published several journal articles on dementia and emotions. She fondly remembers her undergraduate psychology professors.



BPM Student Inducted into Alpha Chi

Albirta Regina Murphy, a BPM student from one of the center's Tallahassee clusters, was inducted in December 1999 as a member of the Florida Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society. Murphy, with a 3.92 grade point average, is one of very few students who meet the strict academic requirements for induction into Alpha Chi.

Murphy is encouraged to continue her studies by her husband, Michael, and her 10-year-old daughter, Chelsey. She is scheduled to graduate with her bachelor's degree in December and will continue her graduate work here at NSU.

Farquhar Veteran Wins Coveted "Stuey"

Congratulations to Diane Gannott, center coordinator for human resources, who won the NSU Staffperson of the Year Award at the inaugural Student Life Achievement Awards, otherwise known as "the Stueys." The award ceremony took place on April 26, 1999, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, where many NSU students, staff members, and faculty members turned out in style.

Gannott is known university-wide for always going the extra mile and has been a valued staff member for 13 years. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the center and the NSU community.



Diane Gannott shares a moment of pride with President Ferrero.

Shyness Studies

John Malouff, a shyness researcher and associate professor in the center's Department of Behavioral Sciences, and **Lisa Levinson** and **Danielle Weiss**, two doctoral psychology students at NSU, are studying methods of guiding parents to help shy children become more outgoing. Malouff became interested in helping children overcome shyness when he observed a boy who was too shy to play soccer with his new team. Malouff suggests that parents take action when shyness interferes with a child's academic or social development because "that child will miss many opportunities to practice valuable social skills." Helpful strategies include showing empathy for the child's feelings and steadily encouraging the child to act a little more outgoing.

Individuals interested in more information about the free shyness studies program, which aims to help children 4 to 8 years old, may contact Malouff at (954) 262-7914.

Undergraduate Department of Education Supports FFMT at Conference

The Fourth Annual Florida Fund for Minority Teachers (FFMT) Recruitment and Retention Conference was held at the Greenleaf Resort in Haines City, Florida, from April 1-2, 2000. More than 700 students from Florida colleges and universities gathered to attend workshops and meet prospective employers. Nearly 70 scholarship recipients from NSU attended. The FFMT is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program that is funded by the state of Florida to enhance ethnic diversity of future teachers in Florida public schools.



Dosé listens intently to Williams' speech.

Kenneth R. Dosé, director of the undergraduate Department of Education and FFMT board member, had the distinguished honor of introducing the keynote speaker, **Stanley Williams**, regional representative for the United States secretary of education. Williams challenged the group to make an impact on their students by emphasizing the importance of education, especially in critical shortage areas such as math and science.

Undergraduate Psychology Student Attends Institute at Berkeley

Nathalie Franco, assistant professor in the center's Department of Behavioral Sciences, is pleased to announce that one of her students, **Melisa Oliva**, was selected to attend the American Psychological Association's Summer Science Institute this past June at the University of California, Berkeley. Only 32 students were chosen for this honor from hundreds of applicants nationwide. Oliva spent nine days with some of the best researchers in psychology in an intimate, hands-on setting. Congratulations!



Forum Highlights

This section is dedicated to the accomplishments of Farquhar Center faculty and staff members. News of published works, presentations, or awards received should be emailed to Lori Albizio at albrizio@nova.edu.

Barry Barker (MST)

- Presented papers at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning titled, "Achieving simulacrity in distance learning environments"; "Inverse distance education: teaching from the field"; and "Connecting science and society: using EPA superfund sites as instructional resources."

Lena Hall (BEH)

- Wrote book titled, *A Comprehensive Survey of Social Behaviors in the O.J. Simpson Case: From A to Z*, published by Edwin Mellen Publishers in January.

Samuel G. Higgins (BUS)

- Wrote book titled, *Survival: Diary of an American POW in WWII*, published by Hellgate Press in February.

George Iber (EDU)

- Was invited by the director of research and postgraduate studies at the Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan to teach two courses this past summer in their Facultad de Educacion. Iber taught a doctoral seminar in educational philosophy and a master's-level course on curriculum and instruction.

Edward O. Keith (MST)

- Traveled to La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico, to attend the XXV Annual Meeting of the Sociedad Mexicana para el Estudio de los Mamiferos Marinos (the Mexican Marine Mammal Society) from May 6–11, where he presented a poster titled, "The marine mammals of Port Everglades, Florida: results of boat-based surveys and other opportunistic observations from NOAA/USCG helicopters." This presenta-

tion described the results of the first year of Keith's five-year research project involving photographic identification of the marine mammals found in Port Everglades.

- Attended the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology annual meeting with Farquhar Center students Randeep Gadh, Melissa Boltz, and Donna Mangatt, in Boston, Massachusetts, June 4–8. Keith and the students presented a poster titled, "Adhesion of tear proteins to contact lenses and vials as determined by HPLC." This poster described the results of a research project in collaboration with Lester E. Janoff from NSU's College of Optometry.
- Received the NSU President's Faculty Scholarship Award for the 2000–2001 academic year. This award, which totals \$10,000 including matching funds, will support Keith's and Lester E. Janoff's (NSU College of Optometry) research project titled "Tear protein adhesion to contact lenses and storage vials." This project will involve NSU's Oceanographic Center, the College of Optometry, and the Farquhar Center, whose undergraduate students will be participating in the research.

Shirley Lebato (MKT)

- Earned a doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree from NSU's Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services (Programs in Higher Education) in June.

Charles Messing (MST)

- Received a summer visiting scientist award from the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, France.

Messing spent most of July working on a collection of deep-sea crinoids (sea lilies) dredged in the Pacific Ocean.

David Millman (ILR)

- Was an invited participant for the Foreign Policy Association National Leadership Summit 2000, held in McLean, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., May 18–20. Millman took part in a State Department Town Hall Session where Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and several undersecretaries discussed global and political affairs. The summit also featured Hon. Jurgen Chrobok, German ambassador to the United States, who addressed U.S./Germany relations, and Walter Cronkite, who spoke about world peace.

Joseph R. Morris (BUS)

- Acceptance into the *Marquis Who's Who in the South and Southwest* (26th edition, 1999–2000), the *Marquis Who's Who in America* (54th edition, 2000), the *Marquis Who's Who in Science and Engineering* (5th edition, 2000–2001), and the *Marquis Who's Who in the World* (17th edition, 2000).

Ben Mulvey (LIB)

- Multiple-choice quiz for elementary and middle-school students titled, "How honest are you?" published in *Scholastic Choices* (v. 15, n. 3, p. 27) November/December 1999.
- Book review titled, "Shakespeare on management: leadership lessons for today's managers by Paul Corrigan," published in *The Journal of Leadership Studies* (v. 7, n. 8, pp. 135–136) Winter 2000.

- Guest lecture titled, "Institutional review boards: historical development," presented at the Law and Medicine Seminar at NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center on February 7.

- Presented a paper titled, "Ethics at the end of life," at the End of Life Care Seminar at NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine on March 11.

Ordean Olson (BUS)

- Presented paper coauthored by **Matthew He**, MST associate professor, titled, "A new model of balance of payments crisis: the target currency as a determinant of exchange rate disequilibria," at the 52nd Annual Conference of the New York Economics Association in October

1999. The paper won first prize at the conference and will be published in volume 31 of the *New York Economic Review*.

- Presented paper coauthored by **Matthew He** titled, "A continuous time model for currency crisis: the target currency as a determinant of exchange rate disequilibria," at the Midwest Economic Conference at Iowa State University in October 1999.
- Presented paper titled, "Exchange rate disequilibria: the role of a dominant currency and a case for currency boards," at the Southeast Economic Theory and International Economic Conference, Georgetown University, November 1999.

Randi L. Sims (BUS)

- Wrote book titled, *Bivariate Data Analysis: A Practical Guide*, published by Nova Science Publishers (2000).
- Journal article titled, "The influence of organizational expectations on ethical decision-making conflict," published in the *Journal of Business Ethics* (v. 23, n. 2, pp. 219-228).
- Journal article titled, "The relationship between employee attitudes and conflicting expectations for lying behavior," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Psychology*.

Barbara A. Stephens (EDU)

- Acceptance into the 2000 edition of *Marquis Who's Who of American Women*.

Farquhar Focus on Faculty

NSU Employee Recognition Program Honors Edward Keith, Ph.D.

by Matthew He

The February recipient of the NSU Cost Saving Award was our own Ed Keith, associate professor in the center's Department of Math, Science, and Technology. Keith secured a donation of an electrophoresis data analysis center, which has a catalog value of approximately \$27,000. This valuable acquisition will be used in the center's biochemistry laboratories.

The university recognized Keith's effort by awarding him a plaque, a check for \$100, and a reserved parking space outside of the Parker Building for one month. Congratulations!

Matthew He is an associate professor in the center's Department of Math, Science, and Technology.



Career Corner

NSU beefs up off-campus service centers

by Dennis Dannacher

Students enrolled in NSU's six major off-campus locations are beginning to feel the impact of our continued commitment to service. Deo Nellis, director of service centers, has recently completed the hiring process for NSU facilities in Jacksonville, Tampa, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Miami, and Las Vegas. Site administrators and support staff are now available to students during the day. A campus-like appearance has been instituted at each location, giving students a sense of university identity and connectedness to the main campus.

Totaling nearly 150,000 square feet in all, NSU's service centers house 138 classrooms, nine computer labs, compressed video labs, conference rooms, offices for faculty and staff members, student lounges, and friendly reception

areas. The service centers now serve well over 7,000 adult students in 12 NSU undergraduate- and graduate-level programs. Undergraduate programs in business, education, and psychology are now being offered at these locations, with computer information systems (CIS) on the horizon.

Students can receive assistance with a wide range of needs, including financial aid, tutoring, registration, and access to computer labs. Enrollment and application information will also be available to prospective students. All NSU service centers are open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please visit www.nova.edu/cwis/ssc for more information.

Dennis Dannacher is the center's director of career marketing.

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Journey Through the Li River Valley

A glimpse into an ancient Chinese environment and culture



For hundreds of years, fishermen along the Li River have used cormorants to fish. By tying a band around the neck of the bird, fish cannot be swallowed, which creates a great device for catching fish without hooks and bait

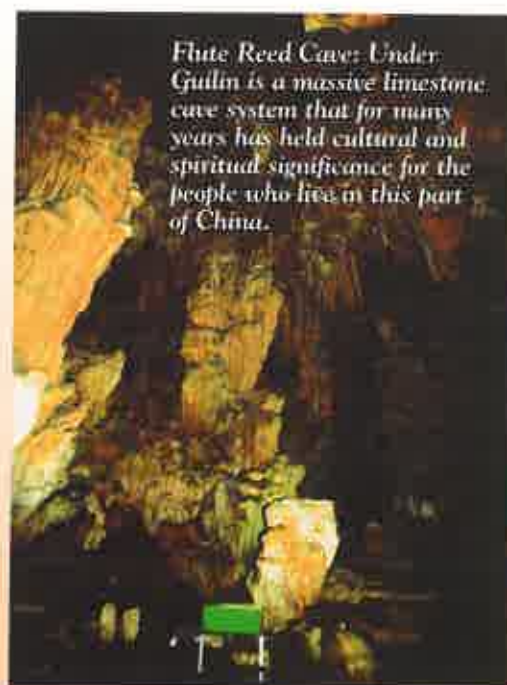


One of the more important duties of those participating in the Li River expedition was the exploration of food. Throughout the trip, no western food was available to our travelers, and the boundaries of American taste buds were stretched beyond belief.

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Rice is planted by hand from sun up to sun down in rice paddies that are flooded around the Karst mountains. The world-famous Longji rice terraces are carefully manicured strips of water and land carved on the slopes of mountains found in the area to the northwest of the province.



Flute Reed Cave: Under Guilin is a massive limestone cave system that for many years has held cultural and spiritual significance for the people who live in this part of China.



Life along the river not only includes villages, rice farms, and tourism destinations, but also provides a home for thousands of water buffalo. These beasts of burden do what they have done for hundreds of years: plow the rice fields.

For more information about the Li River expedition as well as other exciting journeys to come, please visit my Web site at www.nova.edu/~barkerb.

Barry Barker is an assistant professor in the center's Department of Math, Science, and Technology.

Farquhar Focus on Students

NSU student captures prestigious national Truman Scholarship

by Mike Laderman

Carolyn Renae Griggs, a class of 2000 graduate of Nova Southeastern University's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, has been selected a 2000 Truman Scholar, earning \$30,000 for her current and future college education. She was elected by 14 independent selection panels on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual ability, and the likelihood of "making a difference," according to the Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Griggs was one of 599 candidates initially nominated by 311 universities and colleges across the country. That list was narrowed to 61 winners from 49 universities and colleges, each of whom receive \$3,000 for their undergraduate senior year and \$27,000 for two or three years of graduate study. Griggs will attend the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York to obtain a master's degree in forensic psychology. She then hopes to return to NSU for her Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

"Carolyn is a unique and talented individual who has attained a well-deserved national honor," said Norma M. Goonen, Ed.D., dean of the Farquhar Center. "She has brought prestige to herself and to Nova Southeastern University, and we are extremely proud of her accomplishments. We are confident that this will be one of many such honors. Our university is privileged to have been a part of her learning experience."

A former police officer and detective for the towns of Davie, Florida, and Cooper City, Florida, Griggs—while majoring in psychology at NSU—is now the director of recruiting and training for the 17th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program, which advocates for abused and neglected children. Her vision, which helped her

earn the prestigious national honor, is to pioneer national reform with regard to the psychological well-being of police officers and their families.

It was Griggs' proposal regarding police officers' mental health that helped capture the panel's attention. In it, she outlined a five-step plan that included 1) radical reform of the attitude toward police officers' psychological health and emotional well-being; 2) implementation of insightful educational components in the police academy and continued education in law enforcement with regard to mental health issues; 3) policy changes in confidentiality contracts which, at present, do not protect the officer who seeks psychological assistance; 4) crisis intervention and support systems specifically designated for law enforcement families; and 5) proactive psychological maintenance programs and availability of specially trained psychologists to assist officers in need.

In narrowing the list of nominees, each selection panel interviewed finalists from a three-to-four state region and generally elected one scholar from each state and one or two at-large scholars from the region. Panels typically include a university president, a U.S. Appeals Court judge or a State Supreme Court justice, a distinguished public servant, and a past Truman Scholarship winner. Recipients of the scholarship must be U.S. citizens, have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills, be in the top quarter of their class, and be committed to careers in government or the not-for-profit sector.

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the federal memorial to the nation's 33rd president. Griggs, NSU's first-ever



student honored by the Truman Scholarship Foundation, is just one of 2,003 students elected since the first awards in 1977. She joined the nation's other winners—including students from Harvard, Yale, Brandeis, Duke, and Stanford—May 21 for a weeklong leadership development program at William Jewell College in Missouri, and received her award in a special ceremony on May 28.

For a complete listing of the 2000 Truman Scholars and for more information on the foundation, see www.truman.gov.

Mike Laderman is NSU's associate director of public affairs.

CLASS OF 2000

Graduation notes, quotes, and anecdotes

(Editor's note: Every year the Farquhar Center's graduating class walks the walk; however, we rarely get an up-close look at the "stand outs"; students who have overcome tremendous odds and have made inordinate sacrifices to earn their degrees, as well as students who lead unique and quite active lives in conjunction with their studies. This is a tribute to a few of those students who graduated in May 2000.)

Nancy Bryant has been trying to complete her degree for 30 years. In between, the 48-year-old from Vero Beach, Florida, has lived and taught school in Venezuela. She's been co-owner of a macadamia plantation in Costa Rica and a children's entertainment company. She's also owned her own public relations/marketing firm and has been a professional model/actress. In the past two-and-a-half years, she has put her life on hold to complete her lifelong goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree in business management.

When **Yvonne Grace Chambers**, now 49, first received her associate's degree in education in 1977 in Jamaica, she was two months pregnant with her daughter, Sacha. Twenty-three years later, both mother and daughter have received diplomas: Yvonne a bachelor's degree in elementary education and Sacha a bachelor's degree in legal assistant studies.

Felice Crammer, now 56 years old and living in Coral Springs, Florida, first returned to school in 1990 after being out of high school since 1961. She started at Broward Community College and has now graduated from NSU as a member of the dean's list with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She accomplished this while working full time in her own insurance brokerage firm and part time helping her husband, Ed, in his CPA practice. She has already started her master's degree in marriage and family psychology at St. Thomas University.

Tanya Henriquez is a 31-year-old single mom from Miami, Florida, who became pregnant with her daughter at 18 and never married. At 21, she began working with Nortel Networks, traveling throughout South America and the Caribbean. She left a year ago in preparation for the opening of her own business in September 2000, the Garden Boutique (an ornament, accessory, and gift store for the gardening enthusiast). After attending business classes at NSU part time in the evenings for the past six years, she has earned her bachelor's degree in management.

Caroline Johnson is a health success story. The 45-year-old Sunrise, Florida, resident was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997. After going through surgery and facing many complications, along with the task of facing radiation and chemotherapy, she came to work at NSU's Baudhuin Oral School as a teacher's aide. She then became an administrative assistant and began taking classes at the university. When faced with having to take a medical leave from NSU, she finished her degree online and graduated with a bachelor's degree in professional management. She plans to attend graduate school at NSU.

Ann Page, 49, will gleefully state how much she's loved receiving her education at NSU the past few years. However, the Dania Beach resident who has earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies will also admit that the most educational experience of her life remains the three-year period just before attending NSU, when she was an interviewer of Holocaust survivors for director Steven Spielberg. "I interviewed 50 survivors, and I will tell you to physically sit across from a person who survived life in a concentration camp—to look into their eyes and hear their personal story—is a gift," Page said. "We take so many things for granted, but these survivors cherish every breath. It gives you a great perspective on life."



Farquhar Focus on Alumni

Farquhar alumnus captures top Florida teaching honor

by Mike Laderman

Nova Southeastern University graduate Joseph Balchunas, who earned his bachelor's degree in education from NSU's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies in April of 1995, has been named the 2001 Florida Teacher of the Year.

Balchunas, who graduated from NSU with distinction, was one of three NSU graduates who were up for teaching honors this year. First-year teachers Maximo Miranda and Martha Coiras were both selected as finalists for Miami-Dade's Rookie Teacher of the Year Award. Miranda graduated from NSU in December of 1998, while Coiras graduated in May of 1999.

"We are really pleased for Joe Balchunas and his students," said Norma Goonen, dean of NSU's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. "I am gratified that his energy and enthusiasm have been recognized, and we at Nova Southeastern University are honored that he credits NSU with a role in his success. It is an additional honor for the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies that the two finalists for the Rookie of the Year Award in Miami-Dade are graduates of our



teacher education program. I have confidence that these bright stars will continue to shine throughout their careers."

A teacher for only five years, Balchunas, 28, still attends Nova Southeastern University. He is enrolled in the educational leadership master's degree program at NSU's Fischler Graduate School of

Education and Human Services. He is currently a fourth-grade teacher at Fairway Elementary in Miramar.

The state award, which gives Balchunas more than \$10,000, also qualifies him for national honors.

Mike Laderman is NSU's associate director of public affairs.

What's Up?

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Farquhar Focus on Community Service

NSU's Women's Resource Institute strives to educate, empower, and enlighten

by Suellen H. Fardelmann

The Women's Resource Institute (WRI) is a growing division of Nova Southeastern University. Housed in the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, it is a self-contained, private, peaceful place where employees, students, and community members can find a variety of services. Founded in 1995 through the generosity of the Judith Shulimson Memorial Fund, the WRI continues to welcome and assist women and the people in their lives.

The warm atmosphere of the institute includes the "New to You Community Shop and Pantry," where clients can take, without charge, donated items they need in times of crisis. Clients also have access to the *WRI Resource Directory*, which contains information and referral to various helpful agencies. In addition, an information desk displays brochures that address frequently requested services, as well as information on the undergraduate minor in gender studies. Visitors to the WRI will also find resources and a quiet place to study in the Judith Shulimson Library.

The WRI offers financial assistance and educational opportunities through emergency loans and scholarships. Recognizing the need for confidentiali-



Suellen Fardelmann, director of the Women's Resource Institute.

ty and expediency, applicants fill out minimal paperwork and, if they are eligible and funds are available, a check is awarded. Employee payroll deductions reimburse the loan fund. All monies for loans and scholarships are raised from outside sources.

Networking opportunities through special events, support groups, educational programming, and volunteer initiatives create a sense of community at the WRI. The banquet room provides a lovely set-

ting for special events and board meetings. Community leaders and campus-wide representatives contribute time and effort as advisory board members, donors, fund-raisers, and volunteers.

For more information about the Women's Resource Institute, call (954) 262-8451 or email wri@nova.edu.

Suellen Fardelmann is director of the Women's Resource Institute.



Women's Resource Institute house



The Flight Deck Follies, a variety show with a "twist," is one of the popular fund-raising events sponsored by WRI.

Welcome Aboard!

We would like to welcome all the new members to our center "family," who joined us from February through August 2000.

Affifa Ahmed, ASC, Administrative Secretary
Carmen Arango, DOF, Assistant to the Associate Dean
Greg Brown, BUS, Visiting Professor
Anya Burnett, ADM, Student Records Assistant
Jessica Connor, ASC, Coordinator of Developmental Writing
Patty Davis, MKT, University Representative-Jacksonville
Jennifer Dawkins, EDU, Academic Adviser
Semra Deniz, MST, Assistant Professor
Timothy Dixon, LIB, Assistant Professor
Lynnette Fellenbaum, MKT, University Representative-Tampa
Imani Fredericks, BUS, Administrative Assistant
Gary Gershman, LIB, Assistant Professor
Vicki Greenbaum, ATH, Sports Information Director
Laura Grunas, ADM, Clerical Assistant IV
Jon Inouye, MST, Instructor
Malou Kemp, DOF, Coordinator of Online
Michael Kinghorn, EDU, Administrative Coordinator of Interns
Carole Kurtines, EDU, Assistant Professor
Alla Levin, MST, Academic Adviser/Health Professions Specialist
Timothy Margush, MST, Visiting Professor
Myra Mendible, LIB, Visiting Professor/Interim Writing Program Coordinator
Judy Mesler, EDU, Visiting Professor
Michael Momlney, ATH, Head Men's Baseball Coach
Angelleta Patten, MKT, Clerical Assistant IV
Patricia Prado, EDU, Administrative Secretary-Tampa
Janette Rasmussen, DOF, Coordinator of Database Administration/Programming
Sara Rogers, EDU, Coordinator for Urban Professional Development Academy
Raymond Romero, ATH, Game Operations/Assistant Baseball Coach
Wendy Rosebrough-Alonso, BUS, Academic Adviser
Christina Ruby, BUS, Administrative Assistant
Karen Schneider, ADM, Clerical Assistant IV
Les Schumack, MST, Science Lab Manager
Robert Seltzer, LIB, Visiting Professor
Robin Sherman, MST, Assistant Professor
Anthony Spence, EDU, Academic Adviser
Robert Stevens, BUS, Administrative Assistant
Marcia Swope, ASC, Math Support Specialist
Raisa Szabo, MST, Assistant Professor
Karen Tolchin, LIB, Visiting Professor
Richard Wilkinson, EDU, Academic Adviser/Student Services Specialist

Save the Date

Winter 2000 College of Career Development Orientation

Sunday, December 17, 2000, 5:30 p.m.

Nova Southeastern University, main campus, Mailman-Hollywood Building, Room 309
3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

Contact Kirk Berner at (954) 262-7918, or kirk@nova.edu for further information.

Undergraduate Information Meetings Fall 2000

South Sites

Main Campus

Monday	September	11	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	October	14	9:00 a.m.
Monday	November	13	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	December	9	9:00 a.m.

Miami-Dade County

Saturday	September	16	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	October	19	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	November	18	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	December	9	9:30 a.m.

Palm Beach County

Tuesday	September	12	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October	19	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	November	11	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	December	14	6:00 p.m.

North/Central Sites

Jacksonville

Thursday	September	14	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October	17	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November	14	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December	12	6:00 p.m.

Ocala

Thursday	September	21	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October	26	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	November	16	6:00 p.m.

Orlando

Wednesday	September	13	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October	19	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	November	15	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	December	14	6:00 p.m.

Kissimmee

Tuesday	September	12	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October	18	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December	13	6:00 p.m.

West Coast Sites

Bonita Springs

Thursday	September	14	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October	19	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	November	9	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	December	9	9:00 a.m.

Sarasota

Tuesday	September	12	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October	19	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November	7	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December	12	6:00 p.m.

Tampa

Thursday	September	14	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October	19	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	November	8	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	December	14	6:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Dates

Sarasota

Tuesday	November	7
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Tampa

Wednesday	November	8
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Bonita Springs

Thursday	November	9
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Palm Beach

Saturday	November	11
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Jacksonville

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News item (Please attach an additional sheet, if necessary, and photo, if available) _____

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