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# NOVA UNIVERSITY NEWS

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## MOVE TO CAMPUS SET FOR SEPTEMBER

### LIFE RESEARCH CENTER SOUGHT

An opportunity to establish the nucleus of a significant Life Sciences Center almost immediately has been presented to the University by the availability of a cancer research facility which can be moved from its present location in Tampa.

The Germfree Life Research Center, considered internationally important and strongly supported financially by agencies in the cancer field, can be brought to the University campus. The requirement is the sum of \$250,000, which is necessary in order to modify the third floor of the Parker Physical Sciences Center for this purpose.

President Winstead has said, "It would be a fine start for a Life Sciences Center."

Conversations with various business and financial interests in Broward County are being held by the president, with a view to raising the necessary funds with a short and intensive campaign for major special gifts. The aid of national cancer foundations and the American Cancer Society is being sought.

The move can be accomplished by the first of next year, if the financial support is forthcoming.

Funds for operation of the facility would not be required of the University. It is currently funded in this respect in the amount of \$267,000 largely from the National Cancer Institute. The money provides salaries for 22 persons, including specialists in pathology and cancer, three officer employees, and a number of technicians.

The Germfree Center was established at Notre Dame University some years ago by Dr. James Reyniers, who later moved it to Tampa. Dr. Reyniers died last year and a new director is being sought, as well as a new location.

A noted individual in this field who is a prospective

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### MIDTOWN OFFICES TO BE RETAINED

The University's academic and administrative activities will be centralized on the campus in Davie early in September, including the physics research facilities which are now quartered in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

The transfer will bring several educationally related groups in from the campus to occupy the E. Las Olas Blvd. buildings.

The first floor of the Louis W. Parker Physical Sciences Center on the campus is being completed for the change. It is hoped that by September, work will be in progress also on the third floor, which will house the Germfree Life Research Center if this facility is brought here from Tampa.

Involved in the move from midtown will be all personnel, the entire library of books and journals, the physical sciences faculty, University relations and development staffs, comptroller's office and all research equipment owned by the University.

The midtown quarters – four buildings given to the institution three years ago – will continue to be utilized. They will be occupied in October by Academic Games, National Education Associates for Research and Development (NEARAD), and other ancillary activities.

By September, the physical sciences faculty will be expanded with the addition of three professors in chemistry and one in math. This faculty presently includes two physicists, Dr. Roy Herndon and Dr. Kuldip Chopra; a mathematician, Dr. Peter Niiler, and the professor of physical oceanography, Dr. William S. Richardson. It is possible, the University announcement said, that by September this group will be enlarged with the addition of another physicist who would bring with him an assistant professor and two post-doctoral fellows.

The Germfree Life Research Center, if it is brought here, will give the University an immediate capability in

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## RICE RETURNS TO INDUSTRIAL POSTS

University Vice President Clare I. Rice has been named executive vice president of Runnstrom Industries, Inc. with headquarters in Miami, as well as president of two important Runnstrom subsidiaries, Tecstar, Inc. and Datatype Corporation.

This was jointly announced by William C. Runnstrom, president and chairman of the board of Runnstrom Industries, and President Winstead. Mr. Rice has served as vice president of administration since 1966.

Runnstrom Industries is a management corporation for a group of companies whose products and services encompass such growth areas as electronics, oceanography, air pollution control, and educational games and aids. Tecstar, Inc. develops and manufactures precision gears and assemblies for aircraft, missile and electronics companies, as well as aluminum fuel tanks for the boat industry. Datatype Corporation has just completed several years of research and development of a low-cost optical scanning system, which creates from English a bar-code language which can be machine read and thus used in telecommunications and computers.

Dr. Winstead, a director of Runnstrom Industries, commented, "The university was most fortunate to have had the help of Mr. Rice during the early years of its development, to which he made important contributions. He contributed his high executive and management talents to the development of Nova's initial building program. He helped refine fiscal administration and procedures in this small beginning university. As a leader of the Fort Lauderdale community, he helped bring Nova closer to the businessman. His many friends in the Nova family wish him the very best of success as he returns to industry which he knows so well."

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Rice was with Sunbeam Corporation for four years as president of a division in Racine, which was moved to Fort Lauderdale and re-named Sunbeam Electronics.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin and a Bachelor of Science in law from the St. Paul College of Law.

He is on the Board of Directors of the Broward Industrial Board and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

## NEW SECRETARY OF LIBRARY SOCIETY

With the departure of Mrs. Merrill Rose from the University staff, Mrs. Presley Anheuser has been appointed executive secretary of the Library Society. She will perform these duties in addition to those of executive secretary of the Nova University Association.

Mrs. Rose has accepted another position in Fort Lauderdale with Behring Properties, Inc.

All inquiries relating to the Library Society should be addressed to Mrs. Anheuser at 440-A E. LasOlas Blvd., phone 525-6771.



IBM computer of the type to be installed at the University is inspected by faculty members Dr. Joseph Lipson, Dr. Robert Jones, Dr. John Flynn and Libraries Director Robert Havlik, shown left to right.

## CAMPUS WILL GET COMPUTER IN FALL

Research in Oceanography and Science Education at the University will be advanced to the computer stage this fall, with the introduction of a sophisticated IBM memory and retrieval system on the campus.

Plans have been finalized for installing the system in the Rosenthal Center, primarily for the use of students and faculty.

It may also be used, Dr. John M. Flynn explained, for planning construction on the 300-acre campus. Dr. Flynn, instructor in educational psychology, is also a specialist in electronic data processing.

The system will be capable of retrieving a word in about 3.6 micro-seconds and add two numbers in eight micro-seconds, Dr. Flynn said. (A micro-second is one one-thousandth of a second.) It will be able to store a half million words on its magnetic disks.

It is to be used for library purposes as well as for the calculations of the oceanographic research group and the students in Science Education and Education Research.

Such a computer, Dr. Flynn said, "represents an important advance in graduate education, and an assurance that Nova University will be able to deal as effectively as any other institution with the complex problems that arise in preparing young people for significant research work in today's world."

It will be only one of several such devices which ultimately will be located in the university.

## NU JOINS STATE REGISTRAR GROUP

Nova University has been made a member of the Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, it was announced by Dr. A. W. Wishart, director of admissions.

Acceptance of the university for membership, he said, "represents another step of the university toward closer ties with the established community of higher education in Florida."

Association members exchange information on improvement of registration procedures, admissions policies and systems.



## NOVELIST WRITES IN NEW JOURNAL

“. . . the novel may very well be dying. And if it is dying, I feel it is because fewer and fewer people understand what the purpose of fiction is.”

So writes the young novelist Harry Crews (until recently of Fort Lauderdale) in the latest issue of the Nova University Journal. Mr. Crews, who has since moved from the faculty of Broward Junior College to the University of Florida, contributed to the Journal a pertinent comment entitled “Why Fiction Fails.”

Using as a vehicle the Truman Capote book, “In Cold Blood,” he declares:

“A surprising number of people think that literature would improve significantly if it were confined to good people doing good things to other good people. People who hold such a view invariably think that modern literature is bloodier and generally more violent than the literature of any other age. This is patently not the case. Nothing in modern literature is bloodier or more brutal than the *Odyssey*, written nine centuries before Christ. What is Shakespeare’s work about if not murder, incest and betrayal? . . .

“More often than not the same people who make the mistake of thinking violence is something that sets modern fiction apart, also make the mistake of thinking that obscene words make obscene literature. But the truth is that a book that has obscene words in it may or may not be an obscene book; it may or may not be a worthwhile book. It all depends on what the writer has been able to do with his material . . . .

“He (Capote) has taken a grisly murder and applied to it the novelist’s techniques: the specific, telling detail, the distortion of time . . . and the gradual revelation of character through dialogue and interaction of specific personalities. But what Capote has failed to do is make sense of it . . . .

“We end the book not with an understanding of what it means to be a man in the predicament of the world, but with a shrug. And I submit that it is the same kind of shrug with which we end so much of what is being published as fiction today.

“The failure of much of modern fiction, then, is not the emphasis upon violence and obscene language, but the failure to make any kind of coherent statement about man’s common predicament. And many readers make their own contribution to this failure by insisting that literary criticism begins and ends with counting the dirty words and checking the story for gunshot wounds . . . .”

(Mr. Crews’ first novel, “The Gospel Singer,” published by William Morrow & Co., is now in its second printing. A second novel, “Naked in Garden Hills,” is scheduled for publication early in 1969.)

Other contents of the latest issue of the Journal include a discussion of “Education in the Year 2000,” by Dr. Joseph Lipson, the University’s Professor of Science Education; “Neo-Naziism in Austria,” by Dr. Robert

## DR. JOHN FLYNN RECEIVES DEGREE

John M. Flynn, Nova University instructor in Educational Psychology, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Education from the University of Florida. He



majoring in the psychological foundations of education, and prepared his dissertation on the topic of matching automated instructional techniques to the characteristics of individual students.

Dr. Flynn is a specialist in electronic data processing, having done much of the work of this kind performed at the University of Florida’s College of Education for a two-year period. He has written and re-

vised numerous computer programs and consulted with the College of Education faculty on data processing techniques and procedures. He has also served as a consultant with several school evaluation projects.

A native of Ohio, Dr. Flynn completed high school in Homestead and earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Florida. As an undergraduate he was active in an array of student affairs, and headed a number of committees. In 1960-61 he was voted the outstanding member of the Legislation Council of the student government.



*Contributions from Fort Lauderdale area business firms to the third annual Retail Merchants Benefit Bazaar in October already are being received. Here some of them are being inspected by Birch Willey, left, and Tom Jones, chairman and vice chairman respectively of the Retail Merchants Division of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.*

### Novelist writes

Schwarz, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Florida Atlantic University; “Florida Government: the Developing Years,” by Fort Lauderdale attorney William Gundlach; and a commentary on the Eskimo culture called “Education, Automation and the Invisible Canadians,” by Dr. Jim Lotz, Associate Director of the Canadian Research Center for Anthropology.



director will visit the University early this month for a conference on the subject of moving the facility here.

The Center has made recognized contributions to the search for the causes of cancer, a principal one being a germfree chamber in which animal life can be reared and studied under totally controlled conditions.

Dr. Reyniers, the founder of the Center, was Professor of Microbiology at Notre Dame, and a member of the faculty altogether for 28 years, until 1959. Under his direction the Lobund Institute was established and rapidly became a world-renowned center for the rearing and study of germfree animals. Ultimately it began to undertake well supported programs in aerobiology, infection and resistance, and cancer research. In 1959, Dr. Reyniers retired from Notre Dame to establish the Germfree Life Research Center in Tampa as a non-profit research institute.

The GLRC has been described by one authority as "a well organized and highly functional organization." It has been extensively supported, first by the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund and for the past three years by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. It is presently located in a remodelled office building, in quarters that are considered inadequate and incapable of expansion.

Since Dr. Reyniers' death, the technical administration has been assumed by his long-time assistant, Miss Miriam Sacksteder, A.B., who is considered an expert in germfree technology and has the full confidence of the National Cancer Institute as an independent investigator.

Among the major objectives of the GRLC is production of a variety of germfree species, including Japan quail, chickens, mice and hamsters, together with development of the equipment and methods necessary for their use.

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the life sciences, specifically interrelated initially to molecular biology. The Center, which is concentrating on research in cancer, will move to Fort Lauderdale if some \$250,000 can be raised in the coming weeks for the task of making the necessary space in the Parker Center.

Transfer of the downtown laboratories and offices to the campus, it was explained, will expedite the progress of the University under its unusual organizational structure. In this structure there are no departments as such, and no department heads. Since its inception, the institution has been organized into centers, in which senior professors of various disciplines interact "without the obstacles often created by departmental boundaries."

The University was launched in a single office at 232 E. Las Olas Blvd. in 1964, when Dr. Winstead arrived to assume the presidency. It was later expanded into the four buildings in the 400 block. Some activities were moved to the Rosenthal Center on the campus prior to the opening of the institution for its first classes last September.



Latest donation to the University's oceanographic research program was this 33-foot Pacemaker given by Charles A. Gerhardt of Fort Lauderdale. On board is Dr. William S. Richardson, Professor of Physical Oceanography.

## CHARLES GERHARDT IS YACHT DONOR

The oceanographic research program has been strengthened by a gift of another yacht, a 33-foot Pacemaker sports fisherman. It was given by Charles A. Gerhardt, a long-time boat enthusiast who makes his winter home in Fort Lauderdale.

The boat carries the name of Bubs, but formerly was known as the Aquabat. It's a twin-screw convertible sedan built in 1960, sleeps six, and is powered by eight-cylinder 177-horsepower Chryslers.

Yacht broker William J. Breen of Breen-Fisher & Associates assisted in the transaction.

Gerhardt, who has owned several previous boats, is a retired financier who still serves on the board of directors of the Seaboard Finance Co. and performs consulting services for finance and loan agencies. He has been a Fort Lauderdale winter resident since 1954.

Oceanographic research will continue to be concentrated in the existing waterfront laboratories.

Three buildings in a student housing complex are under construction on the campus, and officials hope to break ground this fall for the \$1.6 million Hollywood Education Center. Another target is the permanent Oceanographic Center to be erected on a 10-acre site held by the institution at Port Everglades.

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