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The extremely rapid development of the University is best described in Dr. Winstead’s year-end Summary Report to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The central points of the report are published here for your review.

Founding Concept

The initial Educational Concept designed for general interpretation of University plans, together with the proposed time schedule for founding the institution, were approved by the Board. (See NOVATECH: Vol. 1, No. 1) This concept has been discussed with government authorities, business leaders and foundation educational authorities in research and technological institutions throughout the country. The consensus is that the founding concept is timely, sound, practical and feasible.

National Advisory Board

The selection and recruitment of a National Advisory Board to the President is now in process. This Advisory group will consist of 10 internationally respected authorities within the various scientific, educational and cultural disciplines to be presented within the University concept. The members of this Board will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees February 22.

Charter

The University articles of Incorporation and By Laws were developed and approved by the Executive Committee. The University was officially chartered under the Laws of the State of Florida December 4, 1964.

Administrative Structure

Colonel Duval S. Adams, retired Chief of Staff, 2nd Logistics Command, U.S. Army, has been appointed administrative assistant to the President. Dr. Charles E. Gauss, former chairman, Department of Philosophy, The George Washington University, Washington D.C. has been engaged to assist in the development of the Arts for the University. This program, in cooperation with Broward County cultural groups, is considered of prime importance to assist in the recruitment of an outstanding faculty and student body as well as for its far-reaching effects upon the intellectual, artistic and cultural level of the community. Dr. Arthur W. Wishart, former President, Knox Glass Company of Pennsylvania, has been selected to plan, organize and conduct the Institute-Seminar and Workshop programs. This will be one of the first academic activities to get under way. A more complete review of the plans for the Arts, and Institutes, Seminars and Workshops will be presented in the January issue of NOVATECH.
Through the courtesy of Mayor R. Young and the City Council of Fort Lauderdale, the services of Lee Meirose, City Librarian, have been made available to the University, interim to the appointment of the regular librarian. Library materials are being accumulated as funds permit.

A skeletal administrative structure has been formulated to consist of Provost, Vice-President for Finance, and Deans for the Schools of Engineering and Education. Preliminary contacts are under way with key authorities throughout the country for recommendations for these positions.

These and other University appointments will be coordinated with the President through the Personnel Committee of the Board under the chairmanship of Robert O. Barber. Other members include Dr. Myron L. Ashmore and James Farquhar.

Campus Site

With the assistance of Congressman Paul Rogers and others an easement of the 125 acres for the university campus has been obtained. Thirty acres of Forman Field are being deeded immediately to enable the University to begin the first stage of site development and building construction in the Spring of 1965. The land is adjacent to and west of the Nova High School and Broward County Junior College.

Public Relations

A Publicity and Public Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees has been established under the chairmanship of Henry E. Kinney. The firm of Jack Drury Associates, Fort Lauderdale has been retained to assist in building the image for the University. One of the first major items was the filming of NBC's Today Show here in Fort Lauderdale at Forman Field and the Nova High School. It was shown nationally on January 21st, 1965.

During the fall the President and staff members have addressed various Broward County audiences.

In addition to the increased flow of information to Broward County, state and national media, the committee will direct the regular issuance of NOVATECH which will appear monthly hereafter.

Finance Committee

The Board has made initial appointments to the Finance Committee as follows: Robert C. Ellyson, chairman, William C. Mather and Henry D. Perry. Initial attention will be directed toward preparing the projections of long-range income and expenditures and provisions to handle the initial 18 month period output.

Fund Raising Counsel

Tamblyn and Brown, Inc., Empire State Building, New York City, one of the top fund raising firms in the country has been retained as a counsel for the fund raising efforts. Based on their detailed survey (copies available to Board members upon request) they project a potential of $5 million over the next 18 months and over $50 million during the next decade.

A University Planning and Development Office has been set up at 440 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale. The preliminary work of the office is under the supervision of the Campaign Organization Committee consisting of L. C. Judd, Chairman, W. Howard Allen, W. Tinsley Ellis, James Farquhar, William D. Horvitz, and Dr. Warren J. Winstead. Mr. Robert Stanforth of the T. and B. staff has assumed his responsibilities as Resident Director.

One of the initial committees recruited by the Campaign Organization Committee, the Leadership Selection Committee, has been appointed to assist in prospect evaluations. Members of this committee include: Frank E. Eby—Dania, Thomas A. Evans—N. Broward, Billie Gill—Davie, H. B. Layne—Hallandale, Edwin D. McDonald—Ft. Lauderdale, Kenneth W. Pittman—Pompano Beach, Myron Segal, M.D.—Hollywood, James J. Ward, Jr.—Plantation.

Donald L. Bringen, public relations counselor, has been assigned by Tamblyn and Brown to coordinate the promotional and informational programs of the University during the initial phase of the fund raising effort. He will be responsible for directing the preparation and production of campaign materials and publicity.
Sydney Prerau, nationally known tax consultant and a representative of Tamblyn and Brown, Inc., met with several groups and individuals in Broward County.

Mr. Prerau will continue to act as tax consultant to the University whenever his services are required.

Foundations Contacted
Initial contacts and discussions have been made by the University President and the President of the Board with the Ford Foundation, the Edison Foundation, the United States Steel Foundation, and the Olin-Mathieson Foundation.

Agencies contacted include: The American Council on Education, the National Science Foundation, the National Space Agency, the U.S. Office of Education, and the Educational Research Association of the National Education Association.

Founders Council
As the Nova University concept has become known to many people throughout the country and in Europe, the offers of interest and help have been most encouraging. We are planning to establish a Founders Council composed of prominent men and women who wish to be identified closely with the formation and founding of the University, and who will assist its growth in a variety of ways.

Visitations
Dr. Winstead, often accompanied by the President of the Board, James Farquhar, or other members of the Board, has visited the following institutions in Florida:

University of Miami, University of Florida, Florida State University, University of South Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Rollins College, New College, University of Tampa, Brevard Engineering College and Florida Presbyterian College.

Other universities and research centers visited:
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Case Institute of Technology, Carnegie Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, University of California at San Diego, University of California, Los Angeles, University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University, Harvey Mudd College, Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, and the University of Maryland.

In all cases, the response of school authorities has been very affirmative concerning the need for the Nova Concept to service the Southeastern part of the Nation. The willingness of these institutions to assist in this endeavor is quite evident.

Architect
James M. Hartley, A.I.A. of Hollywood, Florida, has been retained as architect to plan the campus site and buildings. His work has received national recognition particularly for his designs for Nova High School. He has accompanied Dr. Winstead in trips this fall to other technological universities and research centers around the country.

A master plan has been prepared for the development of the University site and final plans are being drawn for the University Center. Ground is expected to be broken in the Spring for this first building.

The Executive Committee has resolved that this edifice be designated the “William C. Mather Administration Building,” in recognition of Mr. Mather’s faith and support in founding the University.
Dr. Gauss and Dr. Wishart Join Nova University Staff

Dr. Gauss comes from George Washington University where he was Elton Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy. He took his education at Washington College of Music, Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University where he completed his doctoral studies in philosophy. He also studied at George Washington University, University of Maryland and The Institute of Iranian Studies.

Dr. Gauss has operated his own music studio and taught in several positions: History of Art and in piano at Western Maryland College, History of Art and of Spanish at Greenwood School and Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, McCoy College.

Dr. Gauss and his wife, Lenna, live at 508 South Riverside Drive in Pompano Beach. Mrs. Gauss holds a Mus.Bac. in Voice and an M.A. in History of Art.

Dr. Wishart received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry and Physics and taught at the University of Minnesota while completing post graduate studies there.

He is a former president of Knox Glass, Inc., Knox, Pennsylvania, one of the largest glass manufacturers in the country. During his tenure he rehabilitated the firm, increasing annual net sales from $25 million to $45 million and income before taxes from $560,000 to over $3 million. In 1961, Dr. Wishart was given the “Man of the Year Award” in the field of ceramics and ceramic engineering by Ceramics Age Magazine.

Prior to heading the Knox Company, he held executive positions with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, McKee Glass Company and Corning Glass Works. He is a past director of the Glass Containers Manufacturers Association and an advisor to the American Management Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Wishart reside at 4505 N.E. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

Nova University of Advanced Technology is being established in Broward County as a privately endowed university under the sponsorship of the South Florida Education Center, Inc. (a non profit foundation). It will be located at Forman Field, a former Air Force Base adjacent to the town of Davie where the South Florida Education Center in cooperation with the Board of Public Instruction of Broward County has established elementary, secondary and junior college facilities. The ultimate objective is to create an Education Center at Forman Field which will provide a continuum of education of unexcelled quality from kindergarten through graduate school, oriented toward the scientific age in which we live. Nova University will concentrate in the area of Advanced Technology and offer instruction initially at the graduate level.