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First of a Series: Meet the Project Team
New Library Will Be Signature Building on NSU Campus

When it is complete, the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center will be the signature building on the Nova Southeastern University campus.

With five stories and 300,000 square feet of space, it is the largest building on the main campus, and the most modern and forward-looking, according to the architects.

To get an idea of the size of the new building, those who are familiar with the NSU campus can compare it to the Health Professions Terry Building and the Horvitz Administration Building.

“Our challenge was to create a structure which accommodates diverse functions and current demands, yet will be adaptable to meet unforeseen future needs,” said Joe Trammell, a partner in the architectural firm of Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Inc.

The Atlanta-based firm is no stranger to NSU, having worked with the university since 1993. It is responsible for the design of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building and the Malitz Psychology Building, and is currently working on a proposed new Family Center building.

“We looked for models of other university libraries around the country, but there was actually no precedent for the NSU library,” said Greg Blaylock, a lead member of the architectural team. “The NSU library is unique in many respects. First, as a collaboration between a public agency and an academic institution, and second, for encompassing traditional research library facilities and state-of-the-art computer labs, as well as public reading areas and collections, a 500-seat

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Theater, 20 electronic classrooms, a classroom of the future, and space for one million volumes."

The largest library in the state, the new building features a five-story atrium center with a skylight that allows diffused sunshine to spread throughout. The openness of the library, from the lobby upward, suggests the grand reading rooms of turn-of-the-last-century libraries. Library visitors may look across the atrium clear through to unobstructed views of the outdoors.

Trammell said that although it is more modern in design, the building is compatible with others on the campus, including the Shepard Broad Law Center and the new Wayne Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Blaylock and Trammell worked closely with Donald E. Riggs, vice president for information services and university librarian, to fine-tune the design and efficiency of the library.

NSU members of the library construction management team include Don Riggs; John Santulli, vice president of construction; Harriott MacDougall, director of the Einstein Library; and
project manager Suzie Hayes. Among their challenges was the need to identify storage facilities for the hundreds of thousands of volumes and journals in the collections. The library will have unique compact shelving that offers tremendous efficiency.

"Without this shelving, the building would have been doubled in size," Trammell said. "Working with the NSU management team makes our job easier. They move more quickly than other institutions, with the result that this project should be completed in the time frame set by the university."

Site development is concluding this summer with underground work for water and utilities. Construction crews are creating 588 deep foundation pilings through a process known as auger casting. Each piling has a weight-bearing capacity of 150 tons and is drilled 58 feet into the ground and anchored into a layer of lime rock. The completed pilings will actually support twice their designed capacity.

Visit the Library and Friends' Web Sites

Since the construction site is off limits to all but construction personnel, we invite you to make a virtual visit on our Web sites: www.nova.edu/library/irtc and www.nova.edu/library/friends. The "irtc" site includes a message from Don Riggs, information about the new library, our 1999 "virtual reality" groundbreaking ceremony, construction progress, parking status, news releases, Circle of Friends information, giving opportunities, employment opportunities, and information about the library development department.

The "friends" site includes information about the organization: our mission, a listing of members of the board of directors, the benefits of joining the Circle of Friends, and an online membership form. A special "Friends-only" page is under construction.
A Promise Made, A Promise Kept: Circle of Friends’ Annual Meeting

May 16, 2000, marked the date of the Circle of Friends’ Annual Meeting, which was held for the first time, and what an exciting and gratifying day it was. The steering committee, founding members, contributors, and NSU faculty and library staff members were all on hand to celebrate the launch of this unique organization.

“The Circle of Friends has come so far in so short a time,” said Gail Kaplan, president of the year-old organization. “With the construction of the new NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center under way, our organization is positioned to lend support to what is destined to become Broward County’s—indeed, South Florida’s—most advanced technology and research library.”

Held in NSU’s Horvitz Administration Building, the meeting began with a reception. Circle of Friends program committee chair Mary Riedel took the podium to welcome members and guests and to introduce Gail Kaplan, of the Circle of Friends, who officially called the meeting to order.

After summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the Circle of Friends’ first year, Kaplan recognized each of the 18 members of the Executive Steering Committee for helping to establish the organization. She acknowledged special guests Greg Blaylock, architectural project manager, of Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Inc.; Kathy Cox, members elected to the board at the first meeting (L-R, back row): Joel Lavender, Barbara Cooper, Sally Robbins, Jim Dwyer, Mary Riedel, Ginny Miller; (front row): Peter Palin, Gail Kaplan, Don Riggs, John Chaperon

Board members (L-R) John Chaperon and Jim Dwyer, architect Greg Blaylock, founding members Rita Talchik and Bill Phillippi
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CIRCLE
of FRIENDS

Annual
Report
1999-2000

Mission

The Nova Southeastern University Circle of Friends was established
to attract and maintain a diverse group of individuals, corporations, and
other entities who share the common goal of furthering the intellectual
resources of the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology
Center, and to generate public interest and support for it.

Purpose

The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to promote awareness of the
NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center; to fund
special exhibits, programs, and collections that will enhance its resources;
to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services
for the academic and public communities it serves; and to provide
opportunities for networking, communication, and intellectual
development among the members of the Circle of Friends.
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Message from the Circle of Friends President

Last year at this time the Circle of Friends was just beginning. There were less than a dozen members. A few people had agreed to be on a small steering committee that was about to hold its first meeting. Valuable information from other sophisticated and successful academic friends groups from throughout the country had been gathered as resource material. Many ideas were on the table. And there was optimism in the air and a strong determination to get the job done and to do it right.

Now, just one year later, our fledgling organization has spread its wings. Many thanks to those who have come aboard early. Thanks to those who have become members at this early stage. Thanks to the board members who have worked through the year on the steering committee and willingly gave of their time and talent to develop a strong organizational structure. Thanks to university president Ray Ferrero, Jr., whose door is always open and whose vision for our group is as farsighted and creative as our own. Thanks to Don Riggs as university librarian, who brings a wealth of information, insight, and experience to guide the library's development. And thanks to Elaine Blattner, who is always there to help steer the course on a daily basis.

At the Annual Meeting in May, as we sit in the rotunda of the Horvitz Administration Building in the early evening, many of us gazed across an open expanse of land, intrigued by the appearance of a construction site just beginning. We'll watch that site as work continues throughout the next 12 months—and in the summer of 2001, just one year away, we will celebrate the opening of an edifice whose magnificence and resources we can today merely imagine. And together we will step into the future. It's very exciting.
Founding Friends ($950)
Elaine and David Blattner
Raquel and Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Linda Gill
Jane and Robert Holzkamp
Gail and Michael Kaplan
Jo Ann and Donald B. Medalie
Virginia and Tom Miller
Miller and Solomon
General Contractors, Inc.

Sustaining Friends ($500)
Jan and Ronald Chenail
Maria Kondraki and James Dwyer

Patron ($250)
Carla Albano and George Cann
Elizabeth Beauchamp
Silvia and Arturo Flores

Family Friends ($100)
Sharon E. Barnwell
Nancy and Frank Cavico
Karen and John Chaperon
Barbara D. Cooper
Elise and Wayne Dunham
Shirley and Abraham Fischler
Constance and Theo Foltz
Joyce and Neese Gardner
Karen and Craig Grosby
Elyse E. Groseclose
Mara and Arthur Jaffe
Marilyn and William Johansen
Marilyn Johnson

Individual Friends ($50)
Glenda and Florio Abbate
Wini and Joseph Amaturo
Elaine and Michael Azen
Sally Ann Carr
Patricia Du Mont
Jennifer and Russell Everatt
Elizabeth and Arthur Freeman
Robert W. Gaddis

Ina M. Reed
Mary Riedel
Jane and Donald Riggs
Sally and Leonard Robbins
Jacqueline and Chesterfield Smith
Rita L. Talchik and
William C. Phillippi
Lorraine Thomas
David C. Meyer
Lois and Peter Falin
John A. Morgan, Jr.
Mary and Frederick G. Ruffner, Jr.

Robert Kurlander
Ilene and Joel Lavender
Carol and Ronald Levant
Marsha and Alan Levy
Mary and David Loshin
Sara J. Rashti
Patricia and Hugh Root
Jane and Peter Spyers-Duran
Diane Valovich
Tessie and David White
Muriel and Marcus Zbar
Rose Mary Zenobia
Stuart D. Galup
Marietta Glazer
Myra Gross
Christine and Arthur Lambertus
Harriett MacDougall
Florence Ross
Eugenie Suter
Laura and John Wetsch
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

Income
Individual and Family Memberships (64) $21,050.00
Corporate Memberships (1) $2,500.00
Program Income $424.74
Honories/Memorials $50.00
Total $24,024.74*

Expenses
Initial expenses to organize the Friends were supported by NSU.
*All income from the Circle of Friends are restricted funds for the purpose of the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Accomplishments

May 1999 – Fred Ruffner, Jr., hosts a reception to assess interest in the community to form an academic library friends organization.

June 1999 – Gail C. Kaplan agrees to spearhead efforts to form a library friends group on behalf of Nova Southeastern University.

July/August 1999 – Overall organizational planning and development of Executive Steering Committee is undertaken.

September 1999 – Executive Steering Committee holds first meeting.

December 1999 – Executive Steering Committee appoints bylaws, membership, and program committee chairs.

January 2000 – NSU Board of Trustees approves Circle of Friends bylaws.

February 2000 – First solicitation for Friends’ members is initiated.

March 2000 – Inaugural issue of Circle of Friends newsletter is published.

May 2000 – Annual Meeting is held on May 16 and board of directors is elected by membership.
a council member of the town of Davie; and Fred Ruffner, publisher and owner of Omnigraphics, Inc., whose leadership and motivation were key elements in the organization of the Circle of Friends.

Donald E. Riggs, NSU vice president for information services and university librarian, recognized Sam Morrison, director of the Broward County Library system, and commented on the unique partnership between NSU and Broward County Library, as the first-ever independent university/public library collaboration.

Barbara Cooper, nominating committee chair, presented the slate of nominees for the first board of directors for the Circle of Friends. The slate was unanimously approved by the membership. Terms began July 1, 2000. The members of the board of directors will serve as follows: three-year term: Sharon Barnwell, James Dwyer, Gail Kaplan, Joel Lavender, Virginia "Ginny" Miller, Mary Riedel; two-year term: Silvia Flores, Jane Holzkamp, Marilyn Johansen, Jean Smith, Michael Williams; one-year term: John Chaperson, Barbara Cooper, Peter Palin, Sally Robbins.

Ray Ferrero, Jr., president of Nova Southeastern University, was the keynote speaker for the evening's event. He provided a university perspective regarding the importance of a new academic library in our community and recounted how the joint-use library with Broward County was established. President Ferrero discussed his vision for NSU and the positive impact of the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.
Welcome New Members (as of June 30, 2000)

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Diane Valovich
Rose Mary Zenobia

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Jennifer and Russell Everett
Florence Ross
Eugenie Suter

Member Profiles

Virginia (Ginny) Miller, Vice President, Board of Directors

Ginny Miller is one of Broward's foremost community volunteers and leaders, as well as director of community relations for Miller Construction Company. Born in Miami, she has resided in Broward County since 1968.

Miller is currently a commissioner of the Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority and has been honored many times for her distinguished service to the community. She has served in executive and board positions of the county's major cultural and civic organizations, including Winterfest, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, Leadership Broward Foundation (alumna, Class IX), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation of Broward, Covenant House of Florida, United Way, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, Artserve, Broward Education Foundation, President's Council, Children's Harbor, The Resource Group/Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, FAU Broward Community Board, Broward Community College, and Museum of Art.

John Chaperon, Member, Board of Directors

John Chaperon has been a member of South Florida's banking industry for three decades. He is president of Gateway American Bank and also takes an active role in community affairs, particularly in the area of education.

He is a member of Broward Alliance's Broward Business Coalition for Education, and FAU's Broward County Citizens Advisory Board and College of Liberal Arts Davie Campus Advisory Board.

Chaperon also serves as a member of the American Cancer Society's Florida Division Board of Directors, chairs its Broward County Public Issues Committee, and served as president of the Broward County Unit in 1998-1999. Chaperon is a board member and treasurer of United Way of Broward County and vice chairman of its Finance and Administration Committee. He has also served in several roles and continues to be an active member of the Florida Bankers Association.
As part of its commitment to share resources with community organizations, the Nova Southeastern University Einstein Library hosted a group from the Community Foundation of Broward in early June 2000 for a program titled Donuts and Discovery: A Guided Tour Through the Foundation Center Collection.

While the group snacked on donuts, they discovered informational nourishment from a more significant source, according to Nora Quinlan, assistant head of distance library services and caretaker of NSU's Foundations and Grants Collection. "The Foundations and Grants Collection in NSU's Einstein Library is part of the Cooperator Collection network of the prestigious Foundation Center in New York City," Quinlan said. "Foundations and grants collections like NSU's provide essential tools for grant seekers. From its New York City hub, the Cooperator Collection network encompasses free funding information centers in selected libraries and nonprofit resource facilities across the nation. These collections offer the Foundation Center's core publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services useful to grant seekers."

Twenty-five participants from nonprofit agencies in Broward and Miami-Dade counties attended the two-hour program presented by Nora Quinlan. "We discussed the components of the collection and how to access the Web site and use the databases of the Foundation Center," Quinlan said. "Guests also had an opportunity to ask questions about the Foundation Center and the Einstein Library's services and resources."

The Einstein Library has hosted the Cooperator Collection of the Foundation Center for a number of years. It provides a wide range of resources to help those involved in preparing grants and soliciting funds from foundations. In addition to books and journals, the collection also contains two CD-ROM databases, FCSearch and FCScholar, and Florida 990PFs on microfiche and CD-ROMs.

Quinlan said the Donuts and Discovery program was extremely well received. "Because of its popularity there is already a waiting list of 20 people. It will be repeated later this year," she said.

For more information on NSU's Foundations and Grants Collection, call Nora Quinlan, (954) 262-4631.
Did you know?

Donald E. Riggs, vice president for information services and university librarian, is the long-time editor of *College & Research Libraries*, a premier national journal in library sciences. He recently was the keynote speaker at Mississippi State University and is a much sought-after presenter around the nation.

Harriett D. MacDougall, director of the Einstein Library, is chairperson of the Library Administration and Management (LAM) Committee of SEFLIN (Southeast Florida Library and Information Network).

Elaine F. Blattner, director of library development for Nova Southeastern University, was elected 2000–2001 president of Broward Women’s Alliance, an organization of women leaders in business, community service, and the arts. Blattner’s family was recently named “Family of the Year” by the Family Service Agency of Fort Lauderdale.

Johanna Tuwon, director of distance library services of the Einstein Library, was awarded a doctorate in information technology and distance education by Nova Southeastern University this spring.

An invitation to join the

**CIRCLE of FRIENDS**

You’re invited to join the NSU Library Circle of Friends, a group of individuals committed to advancing—and enjoying—the intellectual life of Broward County.

**Why should you join the Circle of Friends?**

You will be associated with individuals, corporations, and others who share a goal of furthering the intellectual and cultural goals of NSU and the community-at-large. The Circle of Friends is committed to:

- Promoting awareness of the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center
- Funding special exhibits, programs, and collections
- Supporting and cooperating with the library to develop services for the public and academic community
- Providing opportunities for networking, communication, and intellectual development among Circle of Friends members

**Benefits of membership**

Every year, the Circle of Friends will sponsor diverse programs—lectures, exhibit openings, and symposia.

As a member, you’ll receive a subscription to *Tidings*, the Friends’ newsletter, offering an inside look at the library’s programs, services, personnel, new acquisitions, and future plans. Members will also receive recognition in annual reports and invitations to Friends-only events.

Sustaining and Patron Friends will receive invitations to VIP Friends events. Founding Friends will also be invited to a reception with NSU president Ray Ferrero, Jr., and will receive permanent recognition in the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.
YES. I accept your invitation for membership in the Circle of Friends for Nova Southeastern University Library, Research, and Information Technology Center in the category checked below.

Membership Levels

- $950 – Founding Friend
- $500 – Sustaining
- $250 – Patron
- $100 – Family
- $50 – Individual/NSU Student

Name ____________________________________________________________

Company _________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

City/State/ZIP _____________________________________________________

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Nova Southeastern University
Einstein Library/Department of Library Development
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
Vice President’s Message
Technology and the New Joint-Use Library

In its earliest conceptual stage, the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center—which is now under construction—was perceived to become a sophisticated facility using modern technology to the hilt. One of the reasons Broward County supports the joint-use library is the new facility’s emphasis on technology. Over the past few decades, technology has proven to enhance the use of traditional paper-format learning materials (e.g., books and journals). Technology adds value to library and information services by improving their efficiency and effectiveness. Access to electronic resources is now available essentially from any place at any time.

The joint-use library is designed to accommodate evolving technology. It will use both wireline and wireless technology. Special features include 20 electronic classrooms (including one for children), a multimedia room, a Knowledge Navigation Center (providing our students and the general public the opportunity to experiment with vendors’ latest hardware and software), a classroom of the future (including state-of-the-art electronic teaching aids), and a modern electronically equipped 500-seat theater. An interactive online learning environment is a worthy goal that will result in an improvement in the quality of life for both the local and NSU communities.

Donald E. Riggs
Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian