MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT for Information Services & University Librarian

When Beth asked me to write my message for this newsletter on the topic of the tuition remission benefit offered to NSU employees, I welcomed the opportunity. Employees of institutions/organizations are normally provided various benefits. The ones that quickly come to mind are medical and retirement. NSU goes a step farther by providing a benefit that will pay and repay many dividends; that is, tuition remission.

The cost for courses at private institutions of higher education is usually higher than that at public colleges/universities. Conversely, the size of classes at private colleges/universities is normally much smaller than those at public colleges/universities; thus, the learning process is enhanced in the smaller classes. Our society places a high premium on academic degrees. Employers tend to give the edge to job applicants with a degree or two. In order to be a professional librarian, for example, one must have the master’s degree in library/information science from an accredited American Library Association school. And the education beat goes on!

Imagine being able to work full time and earn the Ph.D. simultaneously! Imagine working full time and earning the M.B.A.! Both of these examples are real, and they recently occurred in the NSU Libraries. Earning a degree while working full time in the NSU Libraries is a tremendous benefit.

Notwithstanding the importance of becoming more marketable getting your first, second, or third degree, we should not forget that we can also take a course or two on a topic that we simply want to learn. In sum, the tuition remission benefit enables one “to learn and earn” concurrently. Of course, it is difficult to take courses while working, but “What is the alternative?”

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Brandon Gardner, LRITC, is attending Nova Southeastern University majoring in Biology through the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. He is expected to graduate in May 2003.

Douglas Gordon, LRITC, has begun taking classes in the Center for Psychological Studies.

Jaime Hilliard, LRITC, is attending graduate school at NSU working on a degree in Marine Biology. She started her fourth quarter in July, and attends classes at the NSU Oceanographic Center located in John U. Lloyd Park in Dania Beach. She recently took a weekend trip to Belize to study Coral Reef Ecology, and also did research on Brittle Stars. Coral reef ecology and marine mammals are her main interests within the field of Marine Biology. She graduated in May 2001 from Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC, with two degrees: BS in Marine Science and a BS in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry. Her anticipated graduation date is fall of 2003.

Carey Hunt, LRITC, is enrolled in the eMBA program and hopes to graduate in three years. She did her undergraduate studies in French at l'universite Laval in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada and her MLS at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Carey wants to specialize in Finance and use the skills acquired in conjunction with her library degree.

Tanya Lopez, LRITC, is currently a junior at NSU majoring in English and Psychology.

Leonard Onyeonoro, East Campus Library, received the Master of Science in Human Resource Management MS/HRM degree from NSU in July 2002. Congratulations, Leonard! He received an MPA degree (Master in Public Administration) from Howard University, Washington, D.C. and a BS in Political Science from the University of Calabar, Nigeria.

Jason Rosenberg, Law Library, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BS in Business Administration in May of 2001. He is now pursuing a Masters in Business Administration at NSU and hopes to graduate at the end of 2003.

Maxine Scheffler, Law Library, will begin taking courses in August in Paralegal Studies. She will be taking courses at night and does not know when she will graduate. Hang in there, Maxine!

Michael Shires, LRITC, is currently a non-degree seeking student in the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences at NSU. His goal is to earn a Masters Degree in Management Information Systems (MIS). His undergraduate degree, BA in History, and his graduate degree, MLIS, were from the University of Alberta.

PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

OUR PROGRESS AS A NATION CAN BE NO SWIFTER THAN OUR PROGRESS IN EDUCATION.
THE HUMAN MIND IS OUR FUNDAMENTAL RESOURCE.
--JOHN F. KENNEDY

HPD LIBRARY:

LAW LIBRARY:
Donna Struthers wrote an article in The Book Docket for April 2002 titled, "Overdue? Here's How to Check in Your Record." Carol Yecies also wrote an article for the Book Docket in May 2002 titled, "Finding Older Sections of the Florida Administrative Code in the Florida Administrative Weekly." She also did a presentation on Westlaw in Advanced Legal Research class.

Lisa Smith-Butler is teaching a summer session of Advanced Legal Research.

Billie Jo Kaufman attended both the Florida Law Librarians Directors Meeting and the Local Advisory Committee for AALL annual meeting in Orlando. She taught Criminal Procedure for Online Aample and a summer session of Advanced Legal Research.

She was recently promoted to Associate Professor.

Roy Balleste did a presentation of PowerPoint and CALI in Advanced Legal Research class.


Donna Struthers attended Florida III Innovative User's Group meeting at Stetson Law School in St. Petersburg, Florida.


Meli Balleste attended the SkillPath conference for Managers and Supervisors.

Rhonda Gold did a presentation on International Legal Research at the Costa Rica Summer Program as well as a presentation for the Advanced Legal Research Class on U.N. and treaty materials. Rhonda also wrote an article, "World News on the World Wide Web" for the SEALL newsletter, V. 27, No. 2 Spring, 2002.

Sarah Tabor was a speaker for the Advanced Legal Research Class; the topic was Legislative History.

LRITC:
The following LRITC employees attended the ALA Conference held in Atlanta from June 14-17: Mou Chakraborty, Tiffany Griffin, Lia Hemphill, Jim Hutchens, Harriett MacDougall, Nora Quinlan, Laura Ramirez, Don Riggs, Amanda Roberts, and Johanna Tunon. Mou and Tiffany presented a poster session on the joint-library during the ALA Conference.

Marty Mandt attended the Florida III Innovative User's Group meeting at Stetson Law School in St. Petersburg, Florida. She also volunteered to host the next meeting in October in the library.

Amanda Roberts attended two BCL training courses: Core Reference Sources on June 4 and Money! Money! Money! On June 26.

Peter V. Picerno attended the annual North American Serials Interest Group meeting from June 20-23 at William and Mary University in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Anne Leon attended a conference in Boston on "Building Learning Communities," which focuses on information literacy and using technology to enhance learning.

Johanna Tunon and Mou Chakraborty wrote a paper "Going the Distance: Solutions and Issues of Providing International Students with Library Services" which was made available at the AAOU Preconference Seminar 2002 at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India.
LIBRARY HAPPENINGS
The first meeting of BOOKS OVER BISCOTTI on June 27th was a huge success with over 15 attendees. More people are expected for the next meeting on July 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The discussion will be on the book, Atonement, by Ian McEwan. Facilitators for this event are Amanda Roberts and Rebekah Benison. The event is held in the Connections Café and all attendees receive a 10% discount on food and coffee.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS
Traverse through the waterways at the Ann Kolb Nature Center West Lake Park located at 751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood, FL 33019. Experience a Robinson Crusoe adventure as you canoe through the mangroves. Bring a cooler of food and drink and relax on the water. A canoe for two for four hours is only $13. Phone: (954) 926-2480.

If you have found a great restaurant or a fun place to visit, please share it with the editors. There is lots of fun in the sun in South Florida!

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CONGRATULATIONS to the LIBRARY CONNECTORS SOFTBALL TEAM who finished in THIRD PLACE for the season! Library employees on the team were Dinos Andreou, Cheryl Bond, Kiki Carr, Piya Chayanuwat, Anthony Clementi, Daniel Esquivel, Brandon Gardner, Beth Harman, Jim Hutchens, Dante Tang, Michael Shires, and Katie Turner. Thanks to all who turned out to lend moral support! Thanks to Piya, for his wonderful coaching efforts!

The Editors of CONNECTING welcome any and all suggestions. Please e-mail us! Beth Harman harman@nova.edu; Betty Maxwell maxwellb@nsu.law.nova.edu; Vicky Zaetler vzaetler@nova.edu

HPD LIBRARY:
Welcome, Vicki Labson, our new Study Center Attendant, on May 25, 2002. Guillermo Galvez has accepted the position of Library Assistant II/Sericals Assistant and will join us on August 5. Angela Colmenares, Circulation Manager has taken the position of week-end Library Assistant II so that she has more time to concentrate on her studies in Computer Science. Angie will transfer into this position on August 31, 2002. Carlos Lopez, currently Night Circulation, will be taking over Angela’s position of circulation Manager, effective August 26.

LAW LIBRARY:
Welcome to Cassie Brinston who began work as the Computer Support Specialist.

LRITC:
Congratulations to Miranda Sampath who accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for Reference on June 3. Glorimar Rodriguez started as Library Assistant III in Document Delivery on June 24. Keiko Yano became part of the staff on August 1 as a Youth Services Librarian. A hearty welcome to Dean Vellenga who joined our team as General Reference Librarian on August 5.

LIBRARY LISTINGS:
Archives: 262-4642
East Campus: 262-4607
HPD:
Circulation: 262-3106
Reference: 262-3117
LAW:
Circulation: 262-6202
Reference: 262-6201
LRITC:
Circulation: 262-4601
Reference: 262-4613
OCEANOGRAPHY: 262-3643

DIRECTORS:
HPD: Janice Gottlieb
LAW: Billie Jo Kaufman
LRITC: Harriett MacDougall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES July-August
HPD LIBRARY: Sabrina Cohen 6/21, Derrick Thompson 7/12, Barbara Gray 7/21, Vanessa Martillo 8/14
LAW LIBRARY: Jaimi Stout 7/2, Billie Jo Kaufman 8/20
LRITC: Rebekah Benison 7/12, Dot Howard 7/17, Tanya Lopez 7/18, Elaine Taylor 7/21, Miriam Hershenson 7/23, Jennifer Isaacs 7/23, Michael Shires 7/27, Angela Cromwell 8/3, Brandon Gardner 8/6, Amy Stultz 8/9, Dina Neuner 8/12, Esther Villalobos 8/13, Bob Bozoff 8/22

PERSONAL MATTERS
Congratulations to Dina Neuner, LRITC, who became Mrs. Azpiri on July 6. She and her husband, George, honeymooned in Mexico. Congratulations to Kaye Robertson, HPD Library, on the birth of her granddaughter on July 14!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES July-August