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Library Rises to Full Height; Construction Stays the Course

What do the Miami Dolphins and the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center have in common? The answer is Miller & Solomon General Contractors, Inc., the firm selected, in 1992, to build the Miami Dolphins' Training Facility on the NSU main campus and, in 2000, the university's newest building—the state-of-the-art five-story library.

In 1992, NSU and the Miami Dolphins held a nationwide competition to select a contractor to build the Miami Dolphins' Training Facility. The selection of Miller & Solomon marked the start of NSU's successful and enduring relationship with the Miami-based firm. Since then, the general contracting company has built eight other structures at NSU and has helped to transform the campus from an eclectic collection of disparate styles into a harmonious, dignified, and gracefully scaled landscape.

According to John Santulli, NSU associate vice president for facilities management, "Miller & Solomon's approach is very straightforward. Their people are on the job during design and preconstruction through completion. They provide valuable insight that keeps the job on track, every step of the way."

Miller & Solomon won the bid to construct the NSU library in the early days of the project, before NSU received the approval and support from the Broward County Board of Commissioners to create an expanded joint-venture library that would combine academic with public library facilities.

"Because we had been involved early on in the library design process, working with NSU and the architectural team, we were able to respond quickly to the new parameters of the project and expedite a revised new budget and construction schedule," said Lawrence L. Kibler, president of Miller & Solomon.

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Construction of the library began with installing the auger-cast piling and preparing the site. Next came the installation of underground utilities and the vertical rise of the steel-reinforced concrete superstructure.

“When the roof is completed and the structure is watertight, it will be clad with precast concrete panels and glass,” Kibler said. “After that, it is ready for the installation of internal systems—mechanical, electrical, air-conditioning, plumbing—and, lastly, the decorator finishes.”

Scheduled for completion in fall 2001, the joint-use library will be one of Florida's largest libraries, with 325,000 square feet of space and a collection of one million books. An adjacent multistory parking garage will accommodate some 1,525 spaces. Yet it is not sheer size alone that distinguishes the NSU library.

Serving NSU students, faculty, and staff members, as well as the public, the library will feature an impressive two-story, 3,800-square-foot rotunda atrium lobby, a centralized circulation area for materials checkout and a holding station, 20 electronic classrooms, a “Classroom of the Future” offering local teachers extraordinary opportunities for exploring technology-augmented teaching methods, 1,200 user seats (1,000 with Internet access), 100 reference computer workstations, children's and teens' reading rooms, a lake-view cafe, the NSU Archives Department, and a 500-seat theater.

It is this last feature—the new theater—that posed the greatest construction challenge, according to Kibler.

“South Florida has a high water table,” Kibler explained. “In some areas, the water is only three feet below the surface. To create the orchestra pit in the theater, we needed to dig nine feet below the surface. The process involved pumping out the water to artificially lower the water table. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate

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Circle of Friends program chair Mary Riedel introduces the program at the November 2, 2000, “hard hat” event.

NSU library staff members welcomed guests at the check-in.

Circle of Friends president Gail Kaplan expressed the pride and satisfaction the group felt in the library’s progress.
Circle of Friends Hard Hat Event Is a Successful ‘First Look’

The first Thursday in November was mild and sunny, perfect weather for an outside event in South Florida. For those gathered on the fresh-cut lawn opposite the library construction site, it was an exciting and privileged occasion—a hard hat tour of the eagerly anticipated structure.

All the major players and supporters were here—Ray Ferrero, Jr., president of NSU; Donald E. Riggs, vice president for information services and university librarian; Sam Morrison, director of the Broward County Library, as well as members of the NSU Board of Trustees.

Circle of Friends president Gail Kaplan welcomed the attendees and introduced special guests, after which President Ferrero acknowledged capital campaign donors in attendance.

Program committee chair Mary Riedel recognized the contributions and support of Circle of Friends members, then introduced Greg Blaylock, one of the lead architects from Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Inc., working on the library architectural team.

Since the construction site itself is still off limits to all except the building crew, NSU’s Office of Media Services, along with Elaine Blatmer, library director of development, and Blaylock produced an impressive, highly creative videotaped and computer-aided presentation of the library construction progress, for which Blaylock provided a live narration.

The sun was just starting to set in resplendent color over the library site as the guests departed, a perfect ending to a perfect event.
Plan Your Legacy

In his book Wealthy and Wise, nationally recognized investment manager and philanthropist Claude Roseberg wrote, “I have observed that too many people, including many of those with considerable wealth, find their money more of a source of worry than pleasure. Many needlessly deprive themselves of personal amenities. Others wish to invest in their community and help address its needs and problems, yet they unnecessarily deprive themselves of this pleasure, too.”

By planning your legacy, you can help to clearly articulate your deepest dreams and desires and hopes for the future. You can let your family and your community know, during your lifetime and beyond, what is most meaningful to you. And you can bask in the pleasure that comes from making a gift that makes a difference.

The planned giving program at NSU can help you to make the kinds of gifts you want to make, but didn’t think possible. We can help you to explore the questions that will bring you to an understanding of the financial and emotional aspects of your philanthropy. In concert with your professional advisers—estate planning attorney, accountant, financial consultant, and others—you can create a plan that enables you to meet your personal needs, leave as large an estate as possible for your family, and reduce your tax liabilities, while simultaneously making more generous gifts than you ever thought possible.

Imagine. You might take advantage of a naming opportunity on campus, endow a scholarship program, fund a chair in an area that particularly interests you, or even provide funds for a new collection in the library. Your passion and your understanding of what will create your legacy should be foremost in your thinking.

Of course, you may have obligations to family—spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, and others. Although you may have a substantial estate, you may also need to generate additional income for your retirement. Even with these factors present, there are a number of ways that you can plan to make the meaningful gift that you desire.

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at that stage in the construction, and a huge storm flooded the area, slowing down the dewatering process. The problem slowed us up some, but it was solved and since then construction has moved full speed ahead.”

In January 2001, right on schedule, the library’s roof was completed, and in accordance with a popular construction tradition, a tree was hoisted onto the roof for the “topping out” ceremony.

“The topping out of a building signals an important change in the job,” Kibler said. “At this point, the concrete crews will have completed their work and
‘Making Capital’ of Library Building Campaign

Fund-raising for the new library building is keeping pace with construction progress, according to Elaine Blattner, director of development for the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

The total cost of the new joint-venture library is $42.8 million, with $10.5 million allocated for the initial book collection.

The capital construction portion is $32.3 million, half of which will be provided by the Broward County Board of Commissioners, and half by Nova Southeastern University.

“A number of generous contributors have stepped forward to show their support and enthusiasm for the library,” Blattner said.

“We greatly appreciate their magnanimous commitments and farsightedness in helping to make this the most up-to-date and comprehensive library in the state of Florida.”

To date, approximately $9.5 million has been raised from individual, corporate, and philanthropic donors. While the library has several major naming opportunities available, one of them has already been designated as a result of a special gift—the Alfred and Rose Miniaci Theater.

Secured gifts have been received from:
- Ronald and Cathy Assaf/Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Cabletron Systems
- Albert and Birdie Einstein Fund
- Abraham S. Fischler
- Linda Gill
- The Albert E. and Esther G. Kaufman Foundation
- Marshall Lytle
- Mr. and Mrs. David Millman
- Rose Miniaci
- Joel B. Munson
- Mr. and Mrs. August Paoli
- Janice Revitz
- Donald E. Riggs
- Fred Ruffner
- Silverman Family Foundation
- Franklin L. Smith
- State of Florida, Cultural Facilities Grant
- Steadman Stahl Memorial Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele
- Lydia Sudick
- Sun-Sentinel*
- SunTrust Bank
- Dr. and Mrs. Morton Terry
- Irving Weil Memorial Fund
- Winn-Dixie

*The Sun-Sentinel has pledged $250,000 to the capital campaign. A grant of $50,000 from the McCormick Tribune Foundation has been made for programming in the new library.

Take a Virtual Tour

Since the library 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/tric and www.nova.edu/library/friends.

The first site (tric) 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 second site (friends) includes information about the Circle of Friends organization—its mission, members of the board of directors, membership benefits, and an online membership form. A special “Friends-only” page is under construction.
Library News

- **SEFLIN** (Southeast Florida Library Information Network) recently graduated its second class of emerging library leaders, known as Sun Seekers. SEFLIN is a five-county library consortium sharing information and materials. NSU Einstein Library director Harriett MacDougal is the outgoing chair of SEFLIN’s Library Administration and Management Committee and will be succeeded by Rita Pellen of FAU. Under MacDougal’s leadership, NSU library staff members Suri Hayes, Lia Hemphill, Peggy Richard, and Mary Paige Smith acted as mentors to SEFLIN Sun Seekers.

- **Free ride.** NSU has acquired four buses to shuttle students, faculty, and staff members around the 232-acre main campus. The buses run weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. between the Horvitz Administration Building and the Health Professions Division complex, and everywhere in between. There are no set bus stops, so just wave and the driver will stop.

- **North Miami Beach** campus gets first branch librarian. Texan Laura Lucio was welcomed to South Florida as the first branch librarian for NSU’s North Miami Beach campus. Laura holds a degree in psychology from the University of Texas, Pan American. She earned her M.L.S. degree at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

- **Staff growth.** The Einstein Library currently has a staff of 44. That number is expected to more than double with the opening of the new library in the fall. New positions will include head of public library services, head of reference and access services, director of auditorium operations, reference librarians specializing in instruction, subject specialist reference librarians, youth services librarians, and many library assistants to serve the Broward County public and campus population.

- **Congratulations to new appointees:** Tanya Lopez, administrative assistant, Interlibrary Loans; Jaime Passaro, collection maintenance coordinator; Jim Hutchens, head of document delivery.

- **Archives in action.** NSU’s Archives Department, which will be housed in the new library, has been working with the Miami Dolphins to create a Dolphin history with the people who made it happen. The Dolphins’ president, Eddie Jones, has given his enthusiastic support to this unique project, which will comprise oral histories with former and current team members, coaches, staff, trainers, physicians, and officials. The tapes will be indexed and stored in the archives for future researchers and students.

- **Campus/Community Expo.** Library staffers Mari Bonnin, Suri Hayes, Lia Hemphill, Lee Roden, and Merlin Spillers participated in NSU’s first such expo, which featured information about the library, campus organizations and clubs, and 20 vendors from the community.

- **Volunteer of the Year.** Circle of Friends president Gail Kaplan was honored on National Philanthropy Day by NSU as a Volunteer of the Year at a reception presented by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE) Greater Fort Lauderdale-Broward Chapter. Gail, vice president of marketing of MediPharmacy, was one of 45 honorees cited at the event for distinguished volunteer service.

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Message from the Circle of Friends president, Gail C. Kaplan

Members of the Circle of Friends who attended NSU's Celebration of Excellence in January were thrilled to find a stunning new piece about the library at each place setting. The new publication proclaims the library's purpose to "open up a world of possibilities." As the piece is unfolded, it reveals the words "connect, discover, and learn," inviting the reader to celebrate as the "whole wide world of knowledge and wonder comes to South Florida."

This year, the Celebration of Excellence was attended by more than 1,200 guests who paid tribute to honorees Bob and Millicent Steele for their outstanding and generous efforts on behalf of the university. It was a particularly gratifying moment for Circle of Friends members, who are proud to count the Steeles among our staunch supporters.

As NSU took a look back to share what the Steeles have done through the years, it was also "fitting and proper" to look toward the future to the soon-to-be Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

NSU is at the cutting edge of the future of education, and the Circle of Friends is proud to support this incredible effort. Once again, we thank those of you who have joined at the beginning and invite others to join us as we move toward the future.

Jane S. Holzkamp, Member, Board of Directors

When Jane Holzkamp relocated to Fort Lauderdale from Chicago almost two years ago, she brought with her a dedication to community service. Owner of a marketing consulting firm and a computer and Internet training company, Jane has enjoyed a varied career in real estate, banking, and as an entrepreneur. In addition, Jane has reestablished her marketing consulting firm, with husband Bob, under the name J and B Marketing Connection. Since arriving in Broward County, Jane has graduated from Leadership Broward Class XVIII, is on the boards of SCS Children's Village of Florida and the Bonnet House, and is serving as president of the Prologue Society of Broward County.

James (Jim) W. Dwyer, CLU, ChFC, Member, Board of Directors

After a highly successful career in the financial services and insurance industry since 1959, Jim Dwyer left corporate life in 1987 to concentrate on building an estate planning practice.

One of the principals of Strategic Planning, Inc., of Fort Lauderdale, Jim is past president of the Broward County chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters and a member of the South Broward chapter of the National Association of Life Underwriters. He is a NASD registered representative affiliated with New England Securities. He serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of Gateway American Bank and on the Board of Leadership of the Broward Foundation. Jim has taught classes nationwide in management development, product application, time management, and nonmanipulative selling.

New Members
(as of November 27, 2000)

Founding Friends ($950)
Blue Cross Blue Shield*
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Mike Williams

Individual Friends ($50)
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Timothy Dixon
Suzi Hayes
Lia Hemphill
Mary Linden
Ann Meacham
Stephanie Moore
Peggy Richard

*capital campaign donors
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.
Membership

☐ 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

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☐ My company sponsors a matching gift program. Enclosed is the form.

☐ I want to include the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center in my will or trust. Please send additional information.

Payment type (Please check one.)

☐ Check – Make payable to Nova Southeastern University.
☐ Credit Card – Please fill in below.
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Please send check and application form to:
Nova Southeastern University
Einstein Library/Department of Library Development
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
Construction Facts

If the auger-cast pilings (injected with concrete and steel rebar) that support the library were laid end to end, they would stretch for six miles.

Sixty-seven million pounds of concrete were used to construct the library.

The library’s 93,000 square feet of precast panels would cover 1.6 football fields if placed side by side on the ground.

The Wonders of Wireless Communications

Our new joint-use Library, Research, and Information Technology Center with Broward County offers many opportunities to utilize emerging technology. For several years, libraries have been wired with fiber-optic and copper-based infrastructures. Wireless technology, however, has matured to the point where it is both effective and efficient for use in libraries. The NSU Law Library, for example, is enjoying a successful experience with wireless technology.

In the new joint-use library, wireless technology will provide the user greater flexibility and freedom. Users will not be confined to a workstation, but may even sit on a floor in a corner while accessing global databases via a laptop computer. However, we should not expect that the new facility will be totally wireless when it opens for service. Wirelines will still be necessary for a few more years. We must ensure our users access to data, images, video, and voice technologies, regardless of the mode of communication carrier.

The new joint-use library provides an exciting opportunity for NSU and Broward County to offer a full range of library and information services via wireless technology. A wireless environment will enable NSU and Broward County to better serve a previously disconnected people and libraries.

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

Einstein Library Hours

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