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"... There is little question in our mind that it (Nova University) would be an extremely valuable asset to Broward County and to all of Florida, for that matter. Mankind’s quest for new knowledge and its need for finding better and quicker ways to transmit and absorb knowledge... are both increasing at a fantastic pace. The areas which can establish institutions geared to these objectives are going to be the pace-makers in the years ahead."

The quotation is taken from an editorial by Editor Jack Gore of the Fort Lauderdale News, in the issue of Oct. 7, (this particular paragraph being preceded by the pertinent clause, "if Nova can surmount its financial hurdles...")

Mr. Gore’s comment was prompted by his presence on the extremely rewarding Oct. 4 “Nova-Trek to Dallas”, in which 99 leaders in all fields from Broward and Dade Counties participated. Their purpose was to view the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, to learn of its effect on and potential value to its region, and to relate this effect to what Nova University can do for South Florida.

The trek was one of the most effective activities ever undertaken by the university trustees. It has already spurred extremely favorable editorial comment by Editor Don Shoemaker in the Miami Herald and editorial writer Clarke Ashe in the Miami News, and it is anticipated that the “fallout” will be discernible for months to come. The university trustees and staff have a great appreciation for the warm hospitality of Erik Jonsson, Mayor of Dallas, Gifford K. Johnson, president of the Graduate Center and their executives and aides. They spared no effort in making the visit rewarding and significant.

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Two more distinguished individuals have been added to the Nova University advisory board: Dr. Frederick Seitz, president of the National Academy of Sciences (headquarters in Washington) and Mr. Robert B. Gilmore, vice president for financial affairs of the California Institute of Technology.

In issuing a welcome to these gentlemen, we repeat what has been said time and again by educators being introduced to the Nova concept: “Any university in America would be proud to have such an advisory board as this.”

Dr. Seitz was research professor of physics at the University of Illinois and head of the Department of Physics there before becoming the Academy’s first full-time president. Mr. Gilmore is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, a Certified Public Accountant and a leader among the financial officers of our western universities.

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Our expanding National Founders Council has been able to attract two more individuals of distinction, Mr. Thomas C. Fogarty, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Continental Can Company, and Admiral David Lamar McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations.

A warm greeting to these two distinguished gentlemen, and our sincere thanks to them for joining with us in the planning for America’s newest technological university.
A model of the university campus has been completed, was unveiled at a reception for the press in the office of the Board of Trustees, and presently is on display in the lobby of the Sterling National Bank in Davie.

This is a graphic three-dimensional rendering of the campus, executed by Mr. J. B. Kelso under the direction of our architect, Mr. James Hartley, and all friends of the university should make a point of seeing it. It will remain in Davie for exhibition during the final stages of the Fund Campaign there.

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The Davie Fund Campaign is to be resumed in coming weeks, under the guidance of the chairman, Mr. A. D. Griffin, Sr., and his committee, and the board chairman, Mr. James Farquhar.

While activity in this effort was lessened during recent weeks, as a result of the usual early-fall lull in most civic work in this area, substantial gains have been made nevertheless. These will be disclosed when the total campaign is put in motion once again.

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Dr. Ray Pepinsky, our research professor of physics, is moving ahead in the task of assembling his laboratory in our quarters in the 400 block of E. Las Olas Blvd. Within a short time, one of the laboratories will be opened to the public as a showplace illustrating the scope of our Physics Department.

In the meantime, Dr. Pepinsky has added to his staff a highly qualified technician, Mr. Laslo Nemeth who served with the professor at Penn State. Mr. Nemeth studied engineering at the University of Budapest and is a specialist in the design of research instruments.

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The establishment of a number of faculty chairs in the physical sciences has been made possible by the creation of annual Nova University benefit days at the pari-mutuel betting establishments of the county, beginning with the coming season. It is expected that the university may receive over $200,000 yearly from this single source.

The benefit days were conceived and carried out by a group of staunch university supporters consisting of Mr. James Donn and Mr. James Donn, Jr., heads of Gulfstream Park Race Track; and our state legislators Sen. A. J. Ryan, Reps. Emerson Allsworth, Richard Brown, James Eddy, Tom Kearns and Tom McPherson; and Mr. Leonard Romanik, Gulfstream's attorney. Accordingly, these men and representatives of the other pari-mutuel establishments were honored at a dinner held in September at Rolling Hills Country Club, by Dr. Charles Forman for the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Donn, Sr., expressed the opinion that the university might receive as much as $200,000 from Gulfstream alone, if the race day there is properly supported. It is scheduled for a Saturday in April — but the planning for a successful day and a record-breaking crowd will begin this winter.

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THE LINEBACKERS, our new men's group, that is backing up the Founders and the Trustees, was formed Sept. 25, with members of the County Commission as the first members and an appropriate ceremony in the Board office (well attended by press, radio and television). This is the organization for the scores of men who already have thrown the weight of their effort and influence behind the university — with the splendid results that you are seeing day by day. Membership certificates are going out, and the first get-together is being arranged.

Trustees, founders and members of the board of the South Florida Education Center are automatically Linebackers, . . . and many Linebackers, we feel, will become founders. In the meantime, meet the first members: County Commission Chairman John D. Easterlin, Commissioners Jack Humphries, Frank Adler, Bill Stevens and Herbert Burke, County Attorney John U. Lloyd and Administrative Assistant George Scheigert . . . good men all!

An organization for the women who also have become so indispensable in our planning is being formed. Novatech's next issue will have a full report.
Welcome to Dallas was extended to those on the Oct. 4 "Nova-Trek" by Mayor Erik Jonsson, left, under the wing of our National Airlines jet in a drizzling rain. Mr. Jonsson was presented with a plaque from Nova, presented by County Commissioner Frank C. Adler, right; Dr. Warren J. Winstead, Nova president, center, and Nova Board Chairman James Farquhar, who is partially hidden at right.

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The university's first seminar has been scheduled for Nov. 16-19 at the Hollywood Beach Hotel, and it promises to be one of the most significant events of its kind ever held in South Florida.

Such speakers as Julius Shiskin, chief economic statistician of the Bureau of the Census, have accepted invitations to appear. Others will include the chief of capital markets research for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, A. M. Puckett, and the manager of planning research for the famous Stanford (University) Research Institute, R. F. Stewart.

These and others of their calibre will discuss the management of financial securities and national economic factors which relate to such securities. The seminar is expected to attract investors and investment counselors on a national scale, as well as South Florida residents with large interests in the securities market.

In charge of the seminar for the university are D. B. Cotton, assistant vice president for corporate planning at Univis, Inc., chairman; G. R. Ackerman, resident partner, Goodbody & Co., marketing chief; Dr. A. L. Langsen, product manager at Univis, production chief; R. E. Busbey, trust officer, Broward National Bank, finance chief; and Dr. A. W. Wishart, assistant to the president of the university.
WILLIAM C. MATHER

A resident of Hollywood since 1924, Mr. Mather was the pioneer of the legal profession there. He became Hollywood's first city attorney and served three terms in that office, and was chairman of a group of citizens who worked out the first five-year plan for the advancement of the community.

Son of a Methodist preacher, Mr. Mather was born in Savannah, Ga., in 1890. He was educated in private and public elementary schools, attending high school and prep school at Southern Military Institute, College Park, Ga., graduated from Georgia Tech in 1912 and the Atlanta Law School in 1915.

He practiced law in Georgia for nine years, except for a period of service in World War I, from May 1917 to October 1919. He was overseas 19 months in the Chemical Warfare Service.

Mr. Mather is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association (of which he is a past president) and the Hollywood Bar Association. He has been president of the Hollywood Rotary Club and Commander of Hollywood American Legion Post 92. He was a charter member of the Hollywood Temple Methodist Church and has served this church continuously for more than 40 years.

DWIGHT L. ROGERS, JR.

A prominent member of the legal profession and an active civic leader in Fort Lauderdale, Mr. Rogers is a partner in the law firm of Rogers, Morris and Ziegler, chairman of the board of the Wilton Manors National Bank and a director of the Lauderdale Beach Bank and the Central Bank.

Admitted to the bar here in 1941, after graduating from the University of Florida, he entered the Navy and served until 1945, being discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander. From 1947 until 1951 he was assistant state’s attorney for Broward County, and in 1956-58, he was president of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Rogers is a son of the late Dwight L. Rogers, who had a long and distinguished career as congressman from this district. The younger Rogers was born in Ocilla, Ga., and came to Fort Lauderdale with his family in 1925. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration as well as a law degree from Florida.

He is a member of the board of trustees of Park Temple Methodist Church, a director of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, a member of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is married to the former Virginia Campbell of Bronxville, N. Y., and has five children.