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American citizens are far ahead of their political leaders in their desires for government reforms, and parents are ready for innovations in education "that would turn educators' hair gray," Dr. George Gallup told the University's Gold Key members and guests here on Dec. 1.

In a lengthy discussion at the Sheraton Hotel of "What Americans are Thinking," the world-famous originator of public opinion polls also said citizens at large dislike the hoopla of political conventions and "are disenchanted with the compromises our leaders are willing to make to gain public office and to stay there."

The occasion was Gold Key's second annual seminar, presided over by President Frederick B. Youngblood, with University officials and faculty members present.

Space for reporting his remarks here is necessarily limited. His address was tape-recorded, however, and so significant that efforts will be made to have it published at length.

The speaker expressed high regard for the intelligence of the average American, on the basis of his 32 years of poll-taking. He also voiced some explicit opinions on the subject of education, including this one: that the standard textbooks and classroom are hindrances to true education.

"You here at Nova have the right idea," he said, referring to the University's concept of informal discussion groups. "Nova may well set the pattern for the whole United States."

Hopes are high that construction can begin soon after the first of the year on the University's residence complex of three buildings, providing 90 apartments for married students. It is anticipated that bids from contractors will be taken during December.

Financing of the buildings has been aided in recent weeks by a gift of $25,000 from two Davie business leaders, Walter Neal and Nathan Phillips, developers of Park City Mobile Home Estates. Neal is a former automobile dealer from Michigan, and Phillips, who resides in New York, is head of a world-wide shirt manufacturing company.

Construction of the apartment complex is expected to require about six months. One of the buildings is to be designated Davie Hall, in tribute to the residents of that community, who have contributed substantially to the cost of construction.
VISIT TO EXPO
REWARDING EVENT

There is a sizeable group of Nova University supporters, faculty members, administrators and others who are ready to take a trip together next year -- to Mexico for the Olympic Games, to Japan, to White Sulphur Springs ... or almost anywhere.

They are the travelers who made the GOLD KEY trip to Expo 67 in Montreal in October, and found it such a rewarding experience, the camaraderie so delightful, that they’re anxious now to go again.

The occasion was the “Nova University Rendezvous,” with 101 persons making the two-day trip by chartered Eastern Airlines jet -- and finding all of Expo’s red carpets rolled out for them everywhere they turned. “Our VIP Nova U. identification cards were magic in getting us past long, long lines of waiting Expo visitors,” the travelers reported afterward.

Thus in two fast-moving days they were able to see not only much of the great Exposition, but something of Montreal as well. “Among the first and last impressions,” the Rendezvous - ers related, “were the courtesy, patience and good nature of most of the Canadians.” And no less delightful were the swift hours in flight -- the warm comradeship that friends and representatives of America’s most exciting young institution of learning.

Little wonder they’re all eager to go somewhere together again soon -- anywhere.

CONCERT ACCLAIMED;
SECOND ON JAN. 11

The first concert of the Nova University Chamber Music Series, performed by the New York Woodwind Quintet, was hailed as one of the foremost musical events of the season, a fact which now gives added meaning the second concert coming on January 11.

Performing on this occasion will be the Lenox String Quartet, which was formed in Lenox, Mass., where its members were on the faculty of the Berkshire Music Center. As with all three events in the series, this will take place at the McGaw Fellowship Hall of the Second Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale at 8:30 p.m.

The New York Woodwind Quartet was highly praised by all the reviewers. Typical of their comments were those of Arlene Johnson of the Fort Lauderdale News, who wrote that the musicians “displayed masterful techniques and skill as they blended together or answered one another in rhythmic, contrasting color and style.” The group was accorded three curtain calls by the enthusiastic audience.

Tickets for individual performances are $5 for adults and $2.50 for students. They are available at the University from Mrs. Merrill Rose, 525-6771 and at Jordan Marsh in Sunrise Center, Fort Lauderdale.

W. C. MATHER WAS
EARLY BENEFACCTOR

The University family has been saddened by the loss of one of our pioneer supporters and first trustees, William Christian Mather, who died October 28 after an extended illness. He was 77.

Mr. Mather had a long and distinguished career in law in the Hollywood area, including service as the city attorney. As president of the Bailey Foundation, he was responsible for one of the first substantial gifts to the University, a gift which made it possible for the trustees to proceed with detailed planning for the faculty and administrative staff.

In speaking of the passing of Mr. Mather, James Farquhar, Chairman of the University Board of Trustees, declared:

“Mr. Mather will long be remembered by his peers on this board as the first major donor of operating funds for development of the University. His gift of 100 acres of land, valued in excess of $400,000, provided not only the initial means of financing, but also gave vital impetus and probity to this undertaking.”

This acknowledgement was made a part of the minutes of the board, as a permanent testimonial of the respect and gratitude accorded to William C. Mather for the invaluable assistance which he gave to Nova University during its critical formative years.

Mr. Mather was born in 1890 in Savannah, Ga. He attended Georgia Tech, earned his law degree at the Atlanta Law School in 1915, and practiced law in Georgia for nine years except for a period of service in the U.S. Army during World War I. In this conflict he was overseas for 19 months in the Chemical Warfare Service.

He came to Hollywood in 1924 as a pioneer of the legal profession there, became the first city attorney and served three terms in that capacity. He was chairman of a group of citizens who worked out the first five-year plan for the advancement of the city. He was a charter member of the Hollywood Temple Methodist Church and served the church for 40 years, part of this time as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Mather was a past president of the Broward County Bar Association and the Hollywood Rotary Club, and a past commander of American Legion Post 92. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar and the Hollywood Bar Association.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys B., two daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.
THE RETAIL MERCHANTS BAZAAR AND SOME WHO IT MADE SUCCEED

Co-Chairman Tom Gibson of Britts, Peter Sepper, who donated use of the location (Code 1) and Tom Gattle of Gattle's linens.

Edward L. Bonneau of Saks Fifth Avenue, organizer and first chairman of the Bazaar.

Haig Hanessian and Mrs. Molly Frost of Mangurian’s, which donated a large supply of rugs.

Robert O. Cox, who obtained the cooperation of the area’s marine supply dealers.

James Elliott and Mrs. Elliott of the Shoe Tree.

Typical scene at the height of the bargain rush. Scores of persons were waiting when the doors were opened.

Counting the proceeds, amounting to more than $8,200: Trustee W. Howard Allen, president of the First National Bank; Jack Belshaw, manager of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and Bazaar Chairman Al Fox of Britts. The Bazaar was sponsored by the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber.
HOTCHKISS LEADING HALLANDALE DRIVE

Prominent South Broward builder Ira Hotchkiss has accepted the chairmanship of the University Fund Drive in the community of Hallandale, and is expected to announce soon a group of committee chairmen.

Hotchkiss, president of H G Builders, is one of the most active of the south county's business leaders. His firm is the largest builder of apartment houses in Florida. He has served as chairman of the Broward County Area Planning Board and been a member of the board since its inception. He is a director of the Hallandale Chamber of Commerce and a member of Kiwanis.

A native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, he took undergraduate work at the University of Michigan there and graduated from law school in Detroit. He is a member of the American Bar Association and has been licensed to practice in Michigan for 30 years. In addition, he is a member of the Society of Residential Appraisers.

Hotchkiss came to Florida shortly after graduating from law school, lived in Hollywood for 29 years, and has been a resident of Hallandale and Davie as well. Isle of Paradise in Golden Isles was developed by his firm.

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