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EDUCATION CENTER SITE DEDICATION FEB. 18

ADVISORY BOARD TO GATHER FEB. 19-20

An international gathering of distinguished scientists and educators will take place at the University again this month, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Advisory Board on Feb. 19-20.

Board members assemble here each February to review the progress made by the institution during the past year and to examine plans projected for the year ahead. They concern themselves with faculty, students, curricula, administration, finances and the physical development of the campus.

Sessions will be held at the Rosenthal Center on the campus. Informal social events are being planned.

Serving on the Advisory Board are:
James R. Killian, Jr., Chairman of the Corporation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Richard G. Folsom, President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Abram

Formal dedication of the site of the Hollywood Education Center and possibly the breaking of ground for the first student residence halls have been planned for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, while the members of the University's international Advisory Board are present for their annual meeting.

The ceremonies are to begin at 2 p.m., with a host of Hollywood Founders and other supporters of the University present. The public is invited.

Completion of the residence halls is expected by September of this year and of the Education Center by September of 1969.

The Hollywood Founders, headed by Sherwood Spencer, prominent attorney of that community, are two-thirds of the way toward their goal of $1 million

CHANNEL 2 WILL HAVE NOVA SERIES

An important series of science programs on Educational Television Channel 2, called "Nova University Reports," will begin on Feb. 1 at 10:15 p.m. They will be seen each Thursday at the same time for an indefinite period.

Featured on the programs will be our University professors discussing the work they are performing in their various fields - physics, oceanography and science education.

On the first program will be Dr. A.S. Fischler, Dean of Graduate Studies and of the Education Center. Dr. Fischler will demonstrate aspects of science teaching with a kindergarten pupil, five-year-old Jeffrey Wilson of Deerfield Beach.

S$100,000 GIFT TO CENTER REVEALED

The campaign for funds for construction of the Hollywood Education Center was materially advanced in mid-January with a gift of $100,000 from Mrs. Birdie W. Einstein of Hollywood, for creating the Albert E. Einstein and Birdie W. Einstein Library within the Center.

The gift was made through the Women's Division of the Hollywood Founders, a group chaired by Mrs. Elbert McLaury, with Mrs. Bernard Milloff and Mrs. William Birl as associate chairmen.

General Chairman Sherwood Spencer and A.L. Mailman, head of the Pacesetters Division, hailed the donation as particularly significant to the campaign effort, since it promises to stimulate interest among other women of the Hollywood area.
for the Education Center, that sum to be matched by a
grant of $552,000 from the federal government.

A mortgage loan amounting to $1.4 million has been
obtained for the residence buildings, including Davie
Hall for which the residents of Davie have raised a part
of the cost.

Contractor's bids on construction of the student resi-
dence complex are to be opened on Feb. 12.

This complex will consist of three structures housing
90 student apartments and seminar rooms.

$100,000 Gift

Dr. A.S. Fischler, Dean of the Education Center,
announced the gift at a coffee held by the Women's Divi-
sion at the Rosenthal Center on Jan. 16.

He said it is anticipated that the Center will be com-
pleted in early 1969.

Dr. Fischler also requested the Women's Division to
continue its work after the Center has been completed,
and to function as a society in support of the Center's
library needs.

The Division now has 126 members and has raised
some $8,000 in membership pledges. It was announced
at the coffee that one member has increased her life-
membership pledge of $100 to a library shelf pledge of
$1,000. A plaque will be placed on the shelf in her
name.

N. B. CHEANEY ON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

N. B. Cheaney, a prominent figure in Fort Lauderdale
business circles for many years, has been elected to the
Board of Trustees of the University. He is chairman of
the board of directors of the First Federal Savings &
Loan Association and chairman of the board of the
Broward County Title Company.

Mr. Cheaney was mayor of Fort Lauderdale in 1942-
43, and earlier had been chairman of the city's first
Civil Service Board.

He is director of the Broward National Bank and the
Coral Ridge National Bank.

A native of Kentucky, he came to Broward County
from Ocala, Fla., in 1919, and has been associated with
the abstract and title business here continuously since
that time. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1926.

For 20 years Mr. Cheaney served as president of the
First Federal. In 1948 he was elevated to the chairmans-
ship.

ADVISORY BOARD

L. Sachar, Chancellor, Brandeis University; Frederick
Seitz, President, National Academy of Sciences; Athel-
stan Spilhaus, President, Franklin Institute; Robert B.
Gilmore, Vice President (Business Affairs) California In-
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University of Heidelberg; T. R. McConnell, Professor,
Center of Higher Education, University of California,
Berkeley; Emilio Segre, Professor of Physics, University
of California, Berkeley; Paul F. Brandwein, Director of
Research, Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.
DERBY BALL TO BE MARCH 29

Preparations have begun for holding the third annual Florida Derby Ball, the gala benefit for the University which takes place on the eve of the great Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park Race Track.

Proceeds from the ball support the James Donn Chair in Science Education. The date this year is March 29, and the scene once again will be the Mayfair Room of the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood. Meyer Davis' famous society orchestra will play the dance program.

Gov. and Mrs. Claude R. Kirk Jr. who were present at the Ball last year, again head the list of honorary chairmen, serving with James Donn, Chairman of the Board of Gulfstream, and Mrs. Donn; James Farquhar, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University, and Mrs. Farquhar; University President Winstead and Mrs. Winstead; James Donn, Jr., President of Gulfstream, and Mrs. Donn, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Flipse, Edwin M. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goodwin, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, are the chairmen of the Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gilroy, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon K. Miller are coordinating chairmen. Broward County chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Presley S. Anheuser, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Averman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John F. Coulsen; Irving Cowan, owner of the Diplomat, and Mrs. Cowan; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gamble, Mrs. Carole Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Ozmun, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettijohn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rodensky, Mr. and Mrs. William Runnstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, Dr. and Mrs. Myron Segal.

Serving as Dade County Chairmen are Dr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Burch and Mrs. Edwin L. O'Leary. Palm Beach County Chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hewins Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Suhr.

PARKER BUILDING CITED FOR HONOR

Both the Parker Physical Sciences Center, which is under construction on the campus, and the Rosenthal Center, which is completed, have been nominated for Craftsmanship Awards given annually by the Broward Builders Exchange jointly with local architects and engineers.

The awards are presented for outstanding work on the part of skilled individuals - carpenters, masons, plumbers, etc. Winners in the competition will be announced in February. Structures by the Caldwell-Scott Engineering and Construction Company, the general contractor on the two university buildings, have been selected for a total of 13 nominations.

YENTSCH ATTENDING MEETING IN EUROPE

Biological Oceanographer Charles S. Yentsch is in the Netherlands attending a meeting of the International Biological Program on the measurement of photosynthesis on the earth. He is serving on a panel for a discussion of the measurement of photosynthesis in natural waters, which is his special field of research.

The IBP was formed for the purpose of fostering broader observation of biological activities throughout the world. It is supported by a number of governments, of which the United States is one.

For the University, Yentsch is carrying on a two-year program of research in photosynthesis in plankton, under a grant from the National Science Foundation. He has been performing studies of this nature for the past 12 years at other institutions.
A wave of innovation in education reaching out from Nova University is making a game out of learning in public school systems across the nation, in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

The University and the Nova public schools have become the National Academic Games Center for the development, testing and dissemination of academic games by which children may learn concepts of math, geography, science, linguistic fallacies, logic and the democratic process.

The center is an outgrowth of the three-year old Nova Academic Games Project, which during the spring of each year conducts Academic Olympic Games. The Olympics are held at the Nova schools with dozens of U.S. high schools sending their best scholars to the competition.

Project Director Robert W. Allen found that hundreds of other schools want not only to know about the project but also want to begin using the games in their classrooms. The project staff now is consulting with schools in 17 states representing every region of the U.S.

His office also distributes 29 films demonstrating the use of the games — some starring such personalities as Lorne Greene, Steve Allen, actor Huntz Hall and ex-pro football player Junior Wren — and the films are booked solidly until the end of the school year.

"We get about a hundred letters a week asking for information," says Allen, a former California school teacher. He has a full-time assistant, R. Lawrence Liss, and intends to add two or three more aides during the coming months.

Every game is related to a course of a unit of study. The material to be learned, in other words, "is structured as a game activity," Allen explains. They have been used in all grades from pre-first to the University of Mississippi Law School — in the latter case, for students whose scores on law school achievement tests were too low for admission to the school.

Games are developed and tested in the Nova public schools. If they don't test out successfully, they are not disseminated. Assisting Allen with this work is an advisory board consisting of a number of local educators plus Dr. James S. Coleman, professor of sociology at John Hopkins University, and Allen's brother, Layman, formerly the director of a project called Accelerated Learning of Logic at Yale University.

The games don't provide any magic formula for learning a difficult subject, Allen emphasizes, but they do stimulate interest in subjects which pupils might otherwise consider dull. And while it's often the gifted students who make the Olympics, the primary objective of the project is to develop programs that are helpful also to the non-motivated student, the under-achiever, those with negative attitudes, juvenile and adult prisoners in correctional institutions and emotionally handicapped youngsters. Many of these seemingly less able students have represented their schools in the Olympics. In fact, last year's Junior High mathematics champion was considered a "slow-learner" prior to his involvement in the Academic Games program.

Another objective is aid to people from culturally different areas, such as Puerto Rico, rural Alaska, Indian reservations, and migrant farm worker settlements.

"The project is based," Allen says, "on the assumption that achievement can be improved by altering the structure of values and rewards evidenced in many schools.

"For example, the high school athlete generally is accorded recognition and prestige by his peer group, whereas the 'scholar' is often less acceptable in adolescent society."

"It is this value perspective that the Nova Academic Games Project is designed to restructure." School and community recognition of student participation in the games is encouraged, as a reward for achievement in the intellectual arena.

Typical of the areas which have taken up the games with high enthusiasm is Allegheny County, Pa., which swept both top honors in the 1967 Olympics. Richland High School won in the senior division and Bethel Park Junior High won in the junior division. When the county sends its teams here for the 1968 competition, May 2, 3, and 4, the contests will be broadcast for the folks back home.

Another enthusiastic area is New Orleans, where the Louisiana Academic Games tournament, sponsored by a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, international mathematics fraternity, has become an annual Christmas holiday event.

Allen knows that the games are being played in schools in Alaska, Colorado, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin, California, Maine, Texas, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Georgia, Illinois, Alabama and Mississippi, in addition to Puerto Rico and rural Alaska. But, he says, "they're probably being played in lots of places we don't know about."