EDUCATION PARKS CONFERENCE OPENS MANY NEW VIEWS

A picture of a future American education system under which parents would take a greater responsibility for educating the child during his first five years, with the help of tests and teaching aids from a community “education park” was drawn here April 19 at a University conference.

It came from Dr. William Shanner, director of evaluation and assessment at the American Institute for Research in Palo Alto, Calif., who suggested that the home-teaching process might also involve an hour each day of television. Parents would receive instruction in how to make the most of the great potential of the child’s first years.

"There should be occasional visits and testing at the education park," the speaker said. "Then when the child entered school at the age of six, his talents and abilities would be known."

The occasion was an invitational work conference for educators and education writers at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, sponsored by the University in cooperation with the Educational Facilities Laboratory of New York, the U.S. Office of Education and the Nova Complex. Dr. Abraham S. Fischler, the University’s dean of education, organized and conducted it.

Among the speakers were Dr. J. Graham Sullivan, deputy commissioner of the Office of Education, and Dr. Harold Gores, president of the Educational Facilities Laboratory.

Dr. Gores, one of the nation’s foremost figures in education, noted that “our inner-city schools and colleges are in trouble; yet compared with 10 years ago they should be better off.

“Teachers are better paid, classes are smaller, new buildings have been built, education starts earlier and lasts longer, education has been improved in all the
President Warren J. Winstead has been awarded a major grant from the Ford Foundation to conduct a study in Europe, and is presently concluding a tour that took him first to Brussels, Belgium, for a conference with officials in the higher education division of UNESCO.

Announcement of the grant was made in New York by William P. Gormbley, officer in charge of manpower services for the Foundation.

Dr. Winstead is studying the financing of universities in England, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. From his findings he will write a document which is to become part of a worldwide study to be published by the Institute of International Education.

Before coming to the presidency of Nova University in 1964, Dr. Winstead was director of education for the U.S. Army in Europe and the Far East, with headquarters in Germany. Now serving on the University’s Advisory Board is a noted German physicist, Dr. Hans Jensen, a Nobel laureate from the University of Heidelberg.

On May 11, Dr. Winstead will serve as a member of a blue-ribbon panel of experts on “The Changing Face of Education” during Alumni Weekend at the University of Richmond (Va.).

Before leaving for Europe, Dr. Winstead attended the annual meeting of the Young Presidents Organization, representing the younger heads of the leading private enterprises of the free world, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

YPO is made up of presidents of million-dollar firms or institutions, who must be under the age of 40 at the time of admission. Their organizations must be private in nature and have more than 50 employees.

The annual meetings are operated as “universities for presidents,” with seminars on philosophy, the humanities and the sciences as well as discussions of international business and corporate problems.

Dr. Winstead was accepted as a member in August, 1967.

HOLLYWOOD WOMEN WILL BE HONORED

Members of the Women’s Division of the Hollywood Founders of the University will be honored on May 22 for their successful efforts of the past year. The occasion will be a champagne punch party at the Hollywood Beach Hotel Country Club.

Starting its second year, the Division members have raised more than $9,000 in dues for the Hollywood Education Center library.

Some 250 invitations to the party will be mailed early in May by Mrs. Elbert Mclaury, chairman, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. Bernard Millof and Mrs. William Birl, with the aid of Mrs. Saul I. Nitzberg, Mrs. Paul L. Rodensky, Mrs. Harry B. Schorr, Mrs. A.S. Fischler, Mrs. David Aucamp, Mrs. Fred Samuels and Mrs. Robert Kromer.

Robert J. Havlik, the University’s director of libraries, will talk of the role of the library in the Education Center.
'DAY AT GULFSTREAM' IS WELL SUPPORTED

The University’s annual benefit day at Gulfstream Park Race Track was held April 22 and was well supported by the friends of the institution.

Both the attendance and the dollar volume of the betting were higher on that day than on the following day, and higher than for the previous Friday.

Highlight of the day’s activity was the presentation of a six-weeks-old Black Angus calf by University Board Chairman James Farquhar to the Gulfstream board chairman, James Donn, Sr., as a “dividend” from the purebred heifer which was presented to Donn last year on the same occasion.

Proceeds from the day at the track provide the funding for the Gulfstream Chair of Oceanography. Similar benefits held annually at the Hollywood Kennel Club and Dania Jai-Alai support other academic programs.

Library volunteers, left to right: Mrs. Ruth Allen, Mrs. E. Aababen, Mrs. George Rayner, Miss Frances M. Hunter, Volunteer Committee Chairman Mrs. Milo Rudd and Mrs. Robert Sauerteig. Volunteers not pictured are Mesdames Aletha Whitall, Doris Elmore, Henrietta Moriarty, John T. Maloney, Joan Imms, Ernest Onstott, Jane Bonial, E. K. Johnstone.

LIBRARY SOCIETY CRUISE ON MAY 14

The University Library Society has planned a benefit event for May 14, consisting of a floating dinner dance and three-hour cruise aboard the excursion boat Paddle Wheel Queen.

Mrs. Russell Fraser is serving as chairman. On her committee are Mrs. Fred Temple, Mrs. Dell Savage, Mrs. Stanley Emerson, Mrs. Lloyd Dutcher, Mrs. B. L. Clement, Mrs. Peter Clements, Mrs. Frank Rule and Mrs. S.O. O’Bryan.

Guests will board the boat at seven. Tables for eight or 12 can be arranged. Mrs. Merrill Rose at the University offices, 525-6771, will accept reservations.

Last year the University Library Society was formed as a medium through which interested persons might help the libraries attain various goals. This year the Society has contributed the nucleus of a fine scientific periodicals collection. The Libraries now subscribe to 450 periodicals. Back issues of those most important to research at the University are being acquired rapidly.

Volunteers under the direction of the Volunteer Committee chairman, Mrs. Milo Rudd, will have given approximately 1,500 hours of clerical help to the library by the end of the year. In March a membership coffee was held at the home of Mrs. C. K. Davis to enlist volunteers from the Plantation area for work on the Davie campus.

The Library Society welcomes inquiries from anyone interested in this particular phase of the development of the University. Individual membership fees range from $10 to $1,000.

You are invited on a starlight cruise aboard the

PADDLE WHEEL QUEEN

for

The Nova University Library Society
May 14, 1968
(Rain or Shine)

Cocktails - Dinner - Dancing
Donation: $25
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Call 525-6771 for reservations
Paddle Wheel Queen west of AIA at N. E. 30 St.
YACHT 'GYPSY' GIVEN BY WILFRED STROHS

Long-time yacht owners Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Stroh of Fort Lauderdale and Detroit parted with “an old friend” this spring, in the cause of education and oceanography.

They donated their 101-footer, the Gypsy, to Nova University “to be used in any manner that will best serve the purposes and objectives of the university.”

The institution’s oceanographic research program thus gained another sizeable boost from South Florida’s yachting fraternity and marine interests, which lined up behind the multi-million dollar educational project two years ago and began encouraging gifts of this kind. So far about a score of owners have come forward, giving craft ranging upward from 15-footers.

“It’s liking losing an old friend,” commented Mrs. Stroh, as the registration papers were passed over to University Board Chairman James Farquhar, the Stroh’s friend, with President Lionel Beakbane of National Yacht Sales, present for the occasion. “We had many good times aboard this boat.”

“It’s sort of a sad day,” added Stroh, a Detroit industrialist. But he told university officials:

“I’ve followed the development of Nova University with considerable interest. The objectives of the University and the serious interest that has been displayed in oceanographic research and allied subjects are most commendable and worthwhile.

“The progress that has been made by the University along these lines is most encouraging and deserving of support, not only from local residents but from people throughout the country. Not only the local community but the country as a whole will benefit from the work in oceanography and oceanographic research that is being conducted.”

Yachtsman Lewis F. Bellows, chairman of the University’s Marine Advisory Board and a friend of the Strohs, commented that the donation “reflects the understanding among boat owners and brokers that the research work of Nova University will have a tremendous impact upon the marine field here.”

Both the Marine Industries Association of Broward County and the yacht brokers association have been working with the University to encourage donations of yachts.

DEAN AND STUDENT AIDING VENEZUELA

Nova University’s Dean of Graduate Studies and the president of its Student Council have been appointed advisors to the faculty of the Central University of Venezuela and become closely involved in that country’s efforts to improve the calibre of science education in its public schools.

The dean is Dr. Abraham S. Fischler, and the Student Council president is Joaquin Lira-Olivares, a native of Venezuela.

An immediate project in Caracas is the establishment of a science education center which it is hoped will become a focus for this type of activity for all the nations of northern South America.

One of the first objectives is to bring the faculties of Venezuela’s Central University and its Teachers College together in a common action to improve the teaching of science in elementary and high schools.

Dr. Fischler also now is consulting with the government of Argentina and INEC, a subgroup of the National Academy of Sciences which is developing new programs of teacher education and science instruction in Argentina.

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conventional criteria for excellence — yet the situation worsens. What happened?

“Two things happened,” he asserted. “The student body changed and the neighborhood changed. The educational establishment is not accustomed to dealing with change as fundamental as the student body and the neighborhood.

“City school systems are for the most part a defense mechanism.

“The city schoolhouse is classically defensive — a masonry fortress afloat on a sea of black top, it stands there defying the neighborhood to scale its parapets. This is the problem — changing student bodies and neighborhoods, unchanging municipal response.”