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Dr. Alexander Schure, center, president of New York Institute of Technology, became Chancellor of that school and of Nova University, at impressive induction ceremonies Sunday, November 15, 1970

The above picture was made at Nova on October 4, prior to the Investiture of Dr. Abraham S. Fischler as president of Nova and the awarding of an honorary doctorate to Dr. Schure. The "Hooding Committee" is composed of, left: Dr. William Love, Behavioral Science, and right, Dr. Dennis Moore, of Oceanography.

Dr. Schure holds Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Education degrees from New York University, with majors in communications and education.

The Mailman-Hollywood Education Center, Nova University campus, was also dedicated on November 15.
A LOOK AHEAD

"Consider the Space Center ... Cape Kennedy. Standing on the 34th floor platform adjacent to the Apollo 14 Missile, or in the 506-foot control room, or atop the $11,000,000 transport crawler which carries the missile to the launch pad, I was overwhelmed by the immensity of the task, the competence of all concerned and the implications for the future.

"To think in terms of sky-labs, astronomical observatories, space platforms, "shooting men to the moon and back" is a challenge to the imagination of any man - sophisticated though he may be. But to an educator like myself, the implications are even more far-reaching as we try to prepare young people to live in this world of the future.

"It gave me a good feeling to realize that Nova University has been organized in precisely the right manner to cope with this ever-changing society. Not only are our programs geared to the individual student, not only is flexibility and adaptability built into the total design, not only are we committed to the concept of Continuing Education, but emphasis on research on the vital problems of today and tomorrow is a key to the very fiber of this University.

"Four years ago, when I arrived at Nova University, there were few faculty and staff members, no students, no campus -- just an idea ... a campus site in Davie and dedicated people with a dream -- among them several present here today.

"Last May, with six buildings completed, we graduated our first five Ph. D. students, all of whom are making their contribution already in the field of teaching and research.

"Looking back, we take pride in this early period of development. While this stage required much nurturing, loving care and dependence; and covered many faltering footsteps, it did allow us to unify and solidify as an Institution.

"The community at large, the Trustees, and many others worked to nurture the Institution through these dependent years. Like all infants, we had our difficult moments.

"Now Nova University moves into a new and exciting phase ... in the affiliation with the New York Institute of Technology.

"New York Institute of Technology, an accredited four-year undergraduate Institution committed to an innovative system of education, desirous of moving toward the development of graduate programs; Nova University, a Ph.D granting Institution innovative in its educational program, looking to move into bachelor's and master's degree programs ... 

"Nova University can profit from the programs at New York Institute of Technology, their intellectual resources; as well as the administrative skills which are essential for Nova University to reach the goals set by those who founded the Institution in 1964. In return, Nova University has fine academicians with high level research skills; Ph.D. programs in the Behavioral Sciences and Oceanography; with excellent capabilities of moving into graduate programs in the Life Sciences shortly.

"We are fortunate to find at New York Institute of Technology such human resources as Dr. Schure, President; and Drs. Saltz and Theobald, as Vice-Presidents.

"We plan to embark on programs developed jointly with the business and industry community of Broward County.

"We can provide opportunity for students to receive relevant training in various establishments within Broward County. Example: next fall we begin a master's degree program in business administration utilizing the method of on-campus seminars, blended with independent study.

"We offer three master's degree programs; one in Early Childhood Education, the second in Counselling and Guidance and a third in Curriculum and Instruction ... Hopefully, in the next three years these will evolve into an organizational pattern which will provide opportunities for students to combine practical experience, independent study, and intensive seminars.

"Next year, we start a Ph.D. program in the area of Life Sciences under the direction of Dr. Joel Warren, and we will expand our Oceanography program under the direction of Dr. William Richardson now that we have new quarters located at Port Everglades.
“Our Oceanographic Research Center is engaged in important research. A major breakthrough has occurred this past year as Dr. Richardson and his staff perfected a technique of measuring ocean currents from an airplane, rather than using the more traditional methods of dropping buoys from the side of boats. This Laboratory has received approximately $600,000 per year in research contracts.

“We have two new Institutes - the Institute of Human Development under the direction of Dr. Rosenblatt and Dr. Jones, and the Institute For Professional Growth under the direction of Dr. Louis Rubin.

“In Oceanography, in addition to studying the distribution of currents in the Gulf Stream, we are studying the problems of water pollution on the Atlantic shelf. In the Behavioral Sciences, we are studying the problems of schooling in the urban setting of Hartford, Connecticut, as well as the problems of institutional change. Of course, our Life Science Center is engaged in the study of atypical cell growth utilizing germ free animals.

“The next five-year growth period should be even more exciting and rewarding. With the near completion of the first phase of our building program, thanks to such large donors as Dr. Parker, Mr. Rosenthal, Dr. Mailman and Dr. Farquhar, and the continuing financial support of GOLD KEY -- the Royal Dames and the University Association, ... we can now concentrate more fully on program development.

“As President, I shall do all that I possibly can to reach the goals established by the founders of Nova University.

“The task of sending men to the moon has not been easy. However, through the strong effort of many individuals and agencies, it became a reality.

With the faculty assembled at Nova University, with our new affiliation with the New York Institute of Technology, with the continued support of many other groups and individuals, and with God’s continued guidance, I have confidence that we shall accomplish our task -- and bring to Broward County an outstanding, non-profit University of which we will all be proud.”

Abraham Fischler (From Inauguration address)
"NOTHING IS BEYOND THE REACH OF FREE MEN"

The Novacrat, on occasion, has compared Nova University and GOLD KEY with other fine schools and organizations. Each began with a great idea, great plans, and sky-reaching programs. Many achieved their goals.

Briefly, in this issue the Novacrat will review the distinguished career of another southern school, the 151-year old University of Virginia.

Thomas Jefferson, one of the greatest philosopher-statesmen this country has produced, founded the University of Virginia. He drafted its constitution, planned the curriculum, chose the site, designed the buildings, supervised construction, employed the first professors, selected the library volumes, and presided as the first Rector, the Chairman of the University's governing board.

In an era when America's colleges trained men almost exclusively as school teachers and preachers, Jefferson astonished them by dedicating his University to the education of men for leadership in practical affairs and public service.

Established Virginia, like beginning Nova, is innovative. Both are based on the "illimitable freedom of the human mind." "Nothing," Jefferson declared, "is beyond the reach of free men."

For the Library, Jefferson reserved the University's most splendid building, the dominant, centrally located Rotunda... No other American institution had ever been inaugurated with a library of such size and quality. Edgar Allan Poe, one of the first students, wrote of the distinction of the collection... The Library is among the twenty major research libraries in America.

Students govern and discipline themselves. Since 1842 the Honor System has been a vital force of self-reliance, honor and responsibility... Academic standards were high, almost severe, and may account for Woodrow Wilson's career as educator and President, and for Walter Reed's conquest of yellow fever... Apollo 8 astronauts carried with them three experimental projects on behalf of scientists of the University of Virginia.

In 1965 Virginia obtained Foundation grants of five million dollars to strengthen scientific and medical departments. Alumni contributed matching funds of three and a half million.

The Eminent Scholars Fund provides monies for attracting and retaining eminent scholars. The state matches this income.

Forty-five percent of her students come from countries and states other than Virginia... Graduate and professional students make up forty percent of the 9,000 student body... Baccalaureate degrees are offered in 50 fields, master's degrees in 53 fields, and doctoral degrees in 45.

The permanent private endowment of the University of Virginia is $87,000,000.

To meet educational goals and responsibilities, Virginia has developed a ten-year projected capital outlay program for physical facilities to cost $110,000,000.00.

The reach of free men is limitless.

ANNUAL DINNER
Details and date of the annual GOLD KEY dinner will be announced in a special issue of the Novacrat in mid-November.

DUNGANS TRAVEL
As of Mid-October, Travis and Charlotte Dungan were in the Mediterranean area. They found Athens an entertaining city, and the weather perfect.

Later in the month they planned an extensive cruise of the historic Grecian islands.