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Community Based Education
Coming Alive In Coral Springs

Dr. Pat Distasio, newly appointed Acting Director of Nova University at Coral Springs, is firmly committed to the concept of Community Based Education and working tirelessly to "make it come alive in this community."

He's visiting civic and cultural groups, talking to community leaders, attending meetings, making and answering hundreds of phone calls — all in an effort to "find out what we need to do to make education — both credit and non-credit — truly responsive to this community's needs."

The answer that's emerging from his intensive, on-going survey is that "there's no need to re-invent the wheel. We have so much expertise in so many areas in this community, that we're going to use the whole city as a laboratory, and all its human resources as extensions of our teaching programs."

One new program will be called "Practicum in Contemporary Humanities" using the cultural resources of the 12 art, theater and music groups within the Cultural Society of Coral Springs. Ed Reardon, coordinator of the program, is helping design a curriculum which will allow students not only to gain a theoretical background through lectures and readings, but also to make a substantive contribution to the community through actually doing an internship and a research project for one of the groups. Nova at Coral Springs, incidentally, is one of the 12, and Dr. Distasio is second vice-chairman of the Cultural Society and an active member of the Society for the Performing Arts.

A second new program on a similar theme is titled "Contemporary Life Styles and The Family." Headed by Kevin Keating, the course will involve the students not only reading and attending lectures, but also working closely with civic and social service groups in the community, and preparing practical solution-oriented research projects designed to improve the entire community.

A third new program, to be headed by Bill Everett, is called "Urban Politics and Problems: Contemporary Political Issues." In this case, students will work closely with Coral Ridge/Westinghouse, the planners and developers of Coral Springs, and with the city government in projects having to do with planning, transportation, recreation, education and administration.

"Community Perspectives in Education" is still another new program to be headed by Dr. Jim Smith, head of the Upper House of the University School. This program will be dedicated to a study of education throughout life; its resource people will be parents, students, educators, administrators, and anyone else in the community with expertise in the field of education at any level.

Ocean Law Enforcement Institute
Established

The city that's been called "the drug-smuggling capital of the U.S." is getting a powerful new weapon in its fight to contain, if not solve, the problem.

That weapon is education — specifically, the "Institute for the Ocean and Law Enforcement" (IOLE), a first-of-its-kind training and research facility developed by Nova in cooperation with law enforcement officials.

Launching a multi-pronged attack on drug smuggling through the development of more effective surveillance and enforcement techniques is actually only one aspect of the Institute's broad spectrum of concerns. The facility, developed by Dr. David Britt of Criminal Justice and Dr. George Lawaniczak, assistant to the president for science curriculum and program development, will deal with all matters having to do with off-shore law enforcement, from operationally defining the 12-mile territorial limits and the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) tactically agreed on by the international community in 1977, to tackling problems of pollution, mining of undersea resources and saving endangered marine life.

Now in its first phase of operations, the

First Masters Program
Set For CHE

The Center for Higher Education has initiated its first masters degree program. Dr. Edgar B. Cale, Director of Continuing Services, will head the new Master of Science degree program in Institutional Development — a course of study designed for development officers, fund raisers and public relations personnel. The 18 month program will be offered in an external degree format.

Dr. Cale was formerly the Vice Chancellor for Development at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Buffalo.
University Mourns Death of Richard Bell

The entire Nova University community was shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Dr. Richard Bell, Director of Learning Technology, and one of the university’s most dedicated and beloved faculty members.

“In the seven years Dick Bell has been with the university, he not only helped build its communications lab and libraries but also demonstrated a constant and active concern for the overall well-being and the educational quality of the entire university,” said Dr. Abraham Fischler, president of Nova. “His vision was to ultimately build a facility to house a library/communications lab which would be the hub of visual and audio transmission for the campus and for all the citizens of Broward County. His death is a tragic loss to all of us.”

Dr. Bell, a nationally recognized authority on the use of learning technology as a teaching tool, was a prolific writer of film, TV scripts, documentaries and articles relating to learning technology and the media. He hosted workshops and conferences throughout the country, and was a much-sought-after speaker of eloquence and charm.

At Nova, he designed and built the learning technology lab, developed teaching programs, helped design the audio-visual facility at the University School, and, at the time of his death, was working on the design of the audio-visual facility for the new law school. As chairman of the Library Committee, he coordinated all of the university’s libraries, served as a delegate to Gov. Askew’s Conference on Libraries and Information Services and to the White House Conference on Libraries, and attended countless workshops and conferences on libraries and media facilities as an invited participant or as a guest speaker.

Dr. Bell was also a dedicated patron of the arts. He was a member of the Nova University Community Singers, Director of the Nova Film Society, and Director of the university’s annual “Arts of Spring” festival.

Dr. Richard Bell, a warm, gentle, scholarly man of quick wit and a ready smile, will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to have known him. Those wishing to honor his memory are invited, at the request of the family, to make a contribution to the Nova University Community Singers. Contact Bette Leverentz at ext. 311.

Nova Wins Retraction From Ohio Auditor

The Ohio State Auditor has amended a 1978 audit report of the Cincinnati Public Schools by deleting a reference to Nova University as awarding “mail order” degrees.

Nova, which conducts classes in over 20 states, had sued the auditor and his staff for libel. Based on the change in the audit report, Nova has agreed to drop its libel suit against state officials connected with the audit.

A letter dated May 24, 1979, from Thomas E. Ferguson, the Ohio State Auditor, to Dr. Abraham Fischler, states that the State Examiner who prepared the audit report used the term “mail order degrees” only to indicate that “students were not required to take a leave of absence from their jobs to pursue their studies. It is unfortunate that some people read into the phrase a meaning quite different from that intended,” the letter continued. “We did not intend to cast any aspersions on the quality or character of Nova’s program.”

Suny Chevalier, Ohio State Examiner, stated in a sworn deposition that she knew nothing about the Nova University program, and meant by “mail order” only that students did not have to leave their jobs to take the courses.

“We accept Ms. Chevalier’s statement that there was no intentional defamation,” said Dr. Fischler. “Because the offensive characterization has now been deleted, we have dropped the suit.”

A libel suit brought by Nova against the Cincinnati Enquirer remains pending in the Federal District Court in Cincinnati. After the release of the auditor’s original report, the Enquirer, in an editorial by Robert Clerc on Jan. 28, 1978, referred to Nova as a “mail order diploma mill.” In a preliminary hearing on May 31, 1979, U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hogan termed the use of the phrase “diploma mill” by the Enquirer “irresponsible...to say that it (Nova University) is a diploma mill is pretty bad,” the judge added.

Reminder: listings for the Monthly Calendar of Events are due the 15th of the preceding month.
Wayne Williams, Director of the Institute for Survival Technology, has been much in the news lately, with reference to his drive to have airplanes adequately equipped, and flight crews properly trained, to help passengers survive a plane crash in the water—a tragedy he's virtually certain will occur in the not too distant future.

“Practically every major airport in the United States has an approach or departure route over a large body of water, yet most airplanes don't carry life rafts, and flight attendants aren't trained in the techniques of sea survival without life rafts,” Williams charges. “What they're not telling people is that the biggest danger is not from the impact in the water—it's hypothermia.”

Hypothermia—loss of body heat—can kill a person who lands in the waters off Boston or New York during the winter months within 10-15 minutes. Children and the elderly succumb even faster.

Even in tropical waters, there's still a risk of hypothermia (although the survival time is longer)—providing the sharks don't get you first, Williams warns. Then there are waves and currents to contend with. And, if rescue efforts are hampered by the darkness, rain or fog which probably contributed to the accident in the first place, the prognosis for surviving a plane crash at sea becomes grim indeed.

Which is why Williams, along with the Association of Flight Attendants and safety experts from the public and the private sectors, are spearheading a drive to have life rafts restored to commercial air flights, whether they are classified by the FAA as "Over-Water" or "Non-Over-Water."

Williams, who developed and ran the Air Force Survival School at Langley and Homestead Air Force Bases, also wants flight crews to be thoroughly trained in sea survival, from techniques for combating hypothermia, to helping people assist in, rather than hinder, their own rescue.

“The recent National Airlines accident of Pensacola, Florida, was a classic example of what can happen when a "Non-Over-Water" flight goes down in the water,” Williams says. “Three people were killed, and the only thing that saved us from a much greater loss of life was a barge that happened to be nearby.

"Next time, we won't be as lucky."

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The Institute for Survival Technology is offering its one-day workshop in Sea Survival to University employees at a reduced rate of $75 (additional family members cost $50).

Child Help And Placement Agencies
To Coordinate Efforts

Partly because this is the International Year of the Child, and partly because the social service needs of children are so great that a major new cooperative effort to solve them is almost imperative, Nova University, together with District 10 of HRS, recently co-sponsored a first-ever conference for all social service agencies in Broward County. The day-long, HEW-funded workshop was titled "Permanence for Children — A Team Approach."

The conference was attended by some 170 representatives of hospitals, schools, police departments, psychological clinics, courts, and all the social service agencies in the county which deal with children in need of community assistance and placement.

Dr. Theodore Stein of California State University, a noted authority on foster care and author of several books on the subject, delivered the keynote address.

Among the speakers in the panel discussion which followed were Judge Lawrence Korda of the Broward County Court Family Division, and Audrey Millisip, a member of the Board of Directors of National Action for Foster Children.

The afternoon was devoted to small group working sessions in which the participants explored ways to coordinate their efforts more effectively in order to bring about continuity of care for children.

Conference coordinator was Jim Arnone, Director of BSC's Continuing Professional Training.

Finally, Marshall Salzman will be teaching an art course called “Novart” which promises to be so different from anything ever taught before that it could almost be termed “revolutionary.” Salzman—artist, architect, inventor, engineer, scenery and set designer and builder, sailor, swimmer (and probably at least a dozen more things) —has developed his own unique approach to teaching art which, he says, can't help but give people a totally new perspective on visual experiences of all kinds. His course has already received approval from the School Board as an in-service credit course for teachers, and will therefore presumably be packed when it opens in September.

For further information on any or all of these programs, call Dr. Distasio at 753-3300.
CHE Plans New Adult Ed Degree

A new Doctor of Education degree program in Adult Education to be offered by the Center for Higher Education, will be headed by Dr. Malcolm S. Knowles, Distinguished Professor of Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University.

Prof. Knowles is quite familiar with Nova and its external degree programs. He has been a National Lecturer in Learning Theory, a consultant to the Center for the Study of Law, and a lecturer at the 1976 Summer Institute.

Prof. Knowles was the first executive director of the Adult Education Association, and was formerly Professor of Education and General Consultant in Adult Education at Boston University. A graduate of Harvard College, Prof. Knowles received his M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees from the University of Chicago, studying with Carl Rogers and Syril Houle. He is the author of The Adult Education Movement in the United States, The Modern Practice of Adult Education, Introduction to Group Dynamics, Self-Directed Learning and The Adult Learner; A Neglected Species. He also edited the 1960 Handbook of Adult Education.

Dr. Virginia Scigliano, who recently resigned as Director of Nova University at Coral Springs, is overcome with emotion as she accepts a silver plaque and a key to the city from Robert L. Hofmann, president and chairman of the board of Coral Ridge Properties, and a board member of Nova at Coral Springs. (Previous recipients of this signal honor were Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan.) Coral Springs mayor Ed Heafy (right) and a group of 30 associates and friends honored Dr. Scigliano at a testimonial luncheon at Coral Springs Golf and Tennis Club, where the Board of Governors of Nova at Coral Springs also presented her with a silver platter.

Drs. John and Virginia Scigliano are moving to Ohio where John, former director of Nova’s Center for Higher Education, will be director of the planned Center for Higher Education at Kent State University. Virginia plans to study law at the University of Akron and engage in private consulting work.

Dr. Ross Moreton has been appointed acting director of the Center for Higher Education; Dr. Pat Distasio, acting director of Nova at Coral Springs.

Ocean Law

Institute is conducting two-day intensive training seminars, including simulated air and sea drug runs, for law enforcement personnel.

In coming months, the program will be expanded to include seminars and credit courses on everything from Physical Oceanography to Law and Electronics.

“With land-based resources decreasing and populations burgeoning, people are going to be looking to the oceans to fill their basic survival needs,” said Dr. Lawniczak.

“As the economic exploitation of the oceans increases, it’s imperative for us to develop new and improved techniques for enforcing laws at sea.”

Police Training In America, Israel Compared

Gary Feinberg, Assistant Director of Nova’s Criminal Justice Programs, recently visited Israel and toured the High Police College as the guest of Lt. Col. Ilan Gertner of the Israeli Police. Prof. Feinberg met with the Chief Educational officers of the Institute to exchange ideas and information on methodologies and techniques of police training in both countries.

He found that informal seminar-like classes, standard at Nova, are relatively new to Israel’s police educational system. Career incentives for Israeli police, however, include the use of the training center with its excellent dormitory facilities, recreation areas, dining hall and medical center, as a seasonal resort-like retreat for “R and R”. The use of study guides to assist students in the learning process is a teaching technique both countries are successfully employing.

Further discussions centered on role integration between Israeli police and the military with respect to national security measures, and the difficulties in handling the increasing crime problem generated by that nation’s attempts to integrate a large number of immigrants.

Prof. Feinberg extended an invitation to his Israeli counterpart to visit Nova’s Criminal Justice Program. Tentative plans call for such a visit to take place some time this summer.
Gentle Hands
Make Gentle Babies

Soft voices, gentle hands, loving hearts, make happy babies — and well-adjusted adults ... that’s the Leboyer method of birthing and infant care which was eloquently described in his best-selling book, Birth Without Violence.

The Florida Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of the Leboyer Birth Without Violence Method, and Nova’s Lifelong Learning Institute co-sponsored a workshop recently for parents and their babies.

Florence Birchansky, founder of the organization, and Karen Kerr, president of the Florida Chapter, were on hand to further explain the Leboyer revolutionary method of birthing and infant and baby care. The movie, "Loving Hands" was shown, after which Indu, secretary of the group, demonstrated baby massage.

Program coordinator was Lauren Azouli, who teaches the Infant and Toddler Workshop courses at LLI.

Workshops Work Wonders

And all this time you thought students in Nova’s academic programs were concerned solely with matters of the intellect.

Wrong. They’ve also got heart. Miles and miles of it.

Just ask Bernice Shahrabani, an undergraduate student in Nova’s Criminal Justice Program, and administrative secretary to the Director of the Center for Public Affairs and Administration. At a workshop held last summer, Bernie met a D.P.A. candidate named Charles W. Blackwell, chief accountant for American Cast Iron Pipe Co., and an assistant professor of Business Administration at the University of Montevallo in Birmingham, Ala. They talked about Criminal Justice and Business Administration and Public Affairs and Administration — obviously.

They met again at the December workshop, and again at the April workshop, but by this time, the long distance telephone lines and the planes from Birmingham to Fort Lauderdale were working as hard at their tasks as Bernie and Charlie were working at theirs.

Yes, they’re going to be married, but not until Charlie passes his orals, (which should be this summer), and Bernie, her finals (scheduled for December).

After that, Charlie will be moving to Fort Lauderdale where he hopes to find a position in either the public or the private sector and perhaps teach part time at a university.

And Bernie plans to enroll in the masters degree program in Behavioral Sciences at Nova.

Her reaction to all of this? “It’s beautiful.”

Student Wins Scholarship

Deborah Chance of Hollywood, a junior at Emory College majoring in Biology, is this year’s recipient of the Harold Kaufman Memorial Scholarship which provides a summer of study and research at the Leo Goodwin Cancer Institute at Nova University.

Miss Chance, who is planning a career in medical/cancer research, is working under the supervision of Dr. Joel Warren, head of the Institute, and Dr. Robert Menzies, on a project which could lead to earlier detection of cancer. She is using electrophoresis to study enzymes in laboratory rats with tumors in varying stages of development.

Speakers, Experts
Lists Being Updated

Two of the most popular services Nova offers the community are currently being updated.

The Speakers Bureau lists people who volunteer to speak to clubs, civic groups, etc.—on a time available basis, of course—on any subject they feel capable or willing to address.

The Experts List — a listing of people who are authorities on one or more particular areas—is sent to the media to be used when someone is needed to comment on a news event or feature, or to serve as the subject of an interview.

Anyone in the Southeast Florida area who wishes to participate in either or both of these important community services should call or write Nova’s News Office by Friday, Sept. 14. Please include your name and title, area(s) of expertise and/or titles of talks you can give, and a phone number where you can be reached during normal business hours.

Babes In College-Land

Fannie E. Brown of the Los Rios Cluster II (CHE) has been appointed a faculty member for the Nursing Board Review for June, 1979, at San Francisco State University.

**Practicums Are Practical, Graduate Discovers**

Gloria Vacca Mahoney, a recent graduate of the Center for Higher Education, says she found that several of the practicums she prepared as part of her course work “have already proved beneficial to me.”

One was a handbook to help sponsors of school clubs and extracurricular activities manage the funds they collect. A second was a booklet titled *Mini-Review Course in Business English*, which she prepared by analyzing the mistakes secretaries most often make in their work, and developing an easy-to-use guide to correct them. “I have had the book published and copyrighted, and have already given seven three-hour workshops to secretaries.” Dr. Mahoney says, “These workshops not only enable me to help secretaries update their English skills, but also provide me with an excellent opportunity to tell them about Nova’s programs, since the workshops evolved from a Nova practicum.”

The third practicum she’s found especially useful is called “Employability Skills Tests to Be Used When Hiring Clerk/Typists and Secretaries.” “This project is having a tremendous impact in that it shows the business community the practical side of Nova’s programs,” Dr. Mahoney writes. “Businesses (and the local newspaper) were amazed to find that these tests would be provided free of charge. It is hoped that continuing to offer these types of tests will assist in building needed rapport between community and school. Perhaps it might be considered a small return for the tax dollars that are poured into education.”

Elena Flom, Brevard Cluster (CHE), was one of 100 stipended persons in the country selected by the Project on Higher Education and the Handicapped of the College and University Personnel Association to participate in a consultant training program on federal handicap legislation. As a member of the “Technical Assistance Corps,” she will be invited to share her expertise with other colleges and universities.

Marion B. Menzel of the North Miami Cluster (CHE) has been appointed Occupational Education Officer at St. Petersburg Junior College.

Fred Ulmer, Director of Dental Programs at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Virginia “A” Center Cluster (CHE), co-authored an article titled “Simplified Technique for Production of a Distal Extension Removable Partial Denture Remounting Cast” which was published in a recent issue of Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Dr. Leo Reyna has been invited to present a paper on the “Latest Developments in Behavior Therapy” to the Psychology Department of the University of Lisbon, and to direct a workshop on that subject.

Dr. Debbi Robin was the principal guest speaker at The Atlantic Vocational-Technical Center’s Student Achievement Day.

Harry Gwynn, a masters degree student of Criminal Justice, has recently been appointed director of the Police and Fire Science Program at Montgomery County Community College, Montgomery, Penna.

Dr. Albert G. Hess, a professor of Criminal Justice, was a panelist of a Florida Technological University Radio Network show on White Collar Crime. The program was aired in Tampa, Orlando, Cocoa Beach, Eustis, and Sanford.

Jill Witherrill, a participant in BSC’s Master’s Program for Child Care Administrators (Johnstown, Penna.) and a Head Start administrator, recently wrote an article in the *Home Start Report* describing how she integrated two programs—center-based and home-based Head Start—in her community. Program Director Richard Goldman was so impressed with her idea, he’s inviting other participants similarly to seek ways to promote cooperation among programs in their communities, and to send the Center their comments and suggestions for the purpose of dissemination to other program participants.

Helen C. Winstead, Fayetteville Cluster (CLE) spoke at the National Association for Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors convention in Washington, D.C. Her topic was “Women Administrators in the Community: Rewards and Headaches.”

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