Guess Who's Coming to Nova?

Breakfast Speaker Series

Nova University's Executive Council Forum is a community service of the university. The purpose of the Forum is to provide business, industrial and civic leaders of South Florida an opportunity to hear nationally recognized speakers and to participate in discussions of current issues in politics, the economy, energy, defense and international affairs.

The 1980-81 Executive Council Forum Breakfast Series was such an astounding success that the university now will bring to Fort Lauderdale not only the Breakfast Series but also a Luncheon series as well. On this page you will see who's coming to Nova!

Both series meet at Stouffer's Anacapri Inn, 1901 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale. Breakfast Forums are held on Wednesday mornings. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:30 a.m. Speaker begins at 8 a.m. At luncheon forums lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. Speaker begins at 1 p.m.

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Membership fee is $75 for each series. The membership fee covers attendance at Forums in each series, as well as breakfast or lunch. For further information, call 475-7406.

Luncheon Speaker Series

THE HONORABLE CLARE BOOTH LUCE... (October 1981) former American ambassador to Italy, former Congresswoman, playwright, editor, writer

GEORGE GALLUP, JR.... the name in public opinion polls (November 4, 1981)

LIZ CARPENTER... (April 7, 1982) communicator, executive, author and writer, 32-year veteran on the Washington scene, executive assistant and later staff director and press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, appointed by Gerald Ford to the International Women's Year Commission, appointed by Jimmy Carter as assistant secretary of education for public affairs.

JAMES DALE DAVIDSON... director of the National Taxpayers Union, the driving force behind the Constitutional Convention to Balance the Budget, author of The Squares (an account of the decline of the American middle class) (January 20, 1982)

BESS MYERSON... former Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for New York City, writer, diplomat, political candidate, former "Miss America" (March 10, 1982)

MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL... (December 2, 1981) lecturer and author of the best-selling biography of President Harry S. Truman

EDWIN NEWMAN... NBC News correspondent, provided network coverage of the Reagan assassination attempt, has written best-selling books on the death of the English language (September 30, 1981)

GEORGE PLOMPON... (February 17, 1982) author of Paper Lion, editor of the Paris Review, "professional amateur"
News Briefs

Auditions Set For Nova University Community Singers

The Nova University Community Singers, 125 members strong, will begin rehearsals this fall on September 8th, at Hollywood Hills High School from 7:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., under the talented direction of Peggy Joyce Barber. Dana Davis is the accompanist for the group.

Auditions for New Members Only will be held on Aug. 25th and Sept. 1st. Hollywood Hills High School from 7 - 9 p.m. For further information, please call Ginny Nabon at 475-7438.

Anyone who enjoys singing good choral literature will surely enjoy this group. Come join us!

Weight Management Program Offered At Coral Springs Campus

Dr. Martin Lerner, director of Nova's Eating Disorders Clinic has opened an office at Coral Springs. The clinic's Weight Management Program has been available at Nova for the past several months. Treatment in the weight management program is in a workshop format and concentrates upon changing eating habits rather than the traditional approach of diets. Psychological services will be offered both in group and individual format.

The response to the program has been greater than originally expected. The new office for the Eating Disorders Clinic will enable Dr. Lerner and his staff to expand the program and more efficiently serve the community.

Dr. Lerner may be contacted at 475-5053.

Nova University Topic of Coral Springs September Chamber Meeting

The future of Nova University at Coral Springs will be the agenda for the Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 a.m. at the Coral Springs Country Club.

Nova/Coral Springs director, Pat Deegan will discuss new academic and service programs, the development of plans for Nova's permanent site in Coral Springs, and the Nova/Coral Springs 1981-82 cultural calendar. Dr. Joseph Randazzo will discuss Nova's acquisition of the Westford Academy, which has become the

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For further information, please contact Summer Greene at 833-5281.

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Slant on Film and the Arts

By Betty Leverentz

You did it! By sending your ballots from the Nova News, you have voted for a list of films for the 1981-82 Film Society season that promises to be one of the most exciting series we have ever had! With films such as Fellini's City of Women, Kurosawa's Kagemusha, and Resnais' Mon Oncle D'Amérique, you have also selected what should be the finest such series in South Florida!

Here are the films you selected:

THE PLUMBER (Australia, 1979) Director: Peter Wier
THE CHANT OF JIMMIE BLACKSMITH (Australia, 1978) Director: Fred Schepisi
AUTUMN SONATA (Sweden, 1978) Director: Ingmar Bergman
EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF (France, 1980) Director: Jean-Luc Godard
MON ONCLE D'AMERIQUE (France, 1980) Director: Alain Resnais
IN THE REALM OF THE SENIORS (Japan, 1979) Director: Nagisha Oshima
CONFIDENCE (Hungary, 1980) Director: Istvan Szabo
LES PETITES FUGUES (Switzerland, 1979) Director: Yves Yersin
WOYZEK (at not by, 1979) Director: Helmut Dietl
THE SEDUCTION OF MIMI (Italy, 1974) Director: Lena Wertmuller
BREAKER MORANT (Australia, 1979) Director: Bruce Beresford
LOVE ON THE RUN (France, 1979) Director: Francois Truffaut
THE SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE (Spain, 1974) Director: Vincent Ercin
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT (France, 1980) Director: Philippe De Broca

IN A YEAR OF MOONS (Germany, 1979) Director: Rainer Fassbinder
CITY OF WOMEN (Italy, 1979) Director: Federico Fellini
LAST TANGO IN PARIS (France, 1972) Director: Bernardo Bertolucci

You also decided through your ballots that you like the times and places the films have been shown in the past (Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. in Coral Springs; Fridays, 7:30 p.m. in the Mallinian Hollywood Auditorium on campus. The only change you indicated was from 2:30 p.m. on Sundays on campus, to 7:00 p.m. So be it. We are adding a fourth showing this year to be held on Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Law Center -- so we should be showing near all of you.

Memberships will sell for $35.00 for the full series (20 films); $17.50 for the half series (any ten films); and $10.00 for individual tickets. Senior citizens will be allowed a 6% discount on the full series. We are offering special discounts to Nova students, faculty, and staff, so, if you are interested, do call me at 475-7438.

Nova University's cultural year -- which is to be called, EXPONOA -- will be going into full swing in October with its promise to be a banner year! In addition to the opening presentations of the Film Society in early November, a full year of exciting cultural events are scheduled. Watch for the EXPONOA cultural calendar coming up in the Nova News, October issue!

Starting off EXPONOA in October will be a one-man show of the paintings of noted artist, Jonas Gerard, to be held at the Nova University at Coral Springs auditorium, starting Saturday, October 10th and will run through October 20th. Mr. Gerard did all of the works to be on display especially for this show. Admission will be free.

Nova University's annual art competition and exhibition, now titled, The Francis McHugh Memorial Art Exhibition, will be kicked off with the acceptance of the works submitted on October 5, 6 and 7, on campus. The judging will take place on October 8th, after which winning works will be moved to the Coral Springs Art and Culture Center for the exhibition, starting October 18 and running through November 5th. The exhibit will be free to the public. Those interested in submitting works of art for this competition should contact me, at 475-7435.

On Saturday, October 8th, the first in a series of four original plays, titled, Caged Bird Sings (Top Roor II), will be presented by WoMan Showcase in collaboration with the Nova University at Coral Springs in their auditorium. Tickets for this event will sell for $5.00. For ticket information call either 733-7300 in Coral Springs or 475-7438 on campus.

For information about any of the events in EXPONOA, Nova's wonderful year of the arts, call Betty Leverentz at 475-7438 or 733-7300 in Coral Springs.

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Nova University, known in Florida and throughout the United States as one of the major forces for change in higher education, has made an equally significant contribution to education at all levels in Central and South America. "In Chile, we've trained teachers. In Venezuela, and Argentina. In South America, has been making an impact," says Nova University President Abraham S. Fischler. "We are a catalyst for change. We're not just talking, we're doing. We are helping to organize the educational model, and to leave knowing that the work will be continued.

This is precisely what has happened in countries like Colombia, Chile, Venezuela, and Argentina. In Miami, in Columbia, Fort Lauderdale's sister city, Nova has provided the intellectual resources for CINDE (the International Center for Education and Human Development), a not-for-profit corporation funded by U.S. and South American contributions to Holland, for example. Operated by Nova professors Dr. Gerson Chamberlain and his wife Dr. Marta Arango, CINDE conducts social research and studies in public health and education. Through CINDE, a limited number of graduate students in education may earn a Nova Master's degree.

In Bogota, Nova has worked with Bogota's Latin American students coming to the United States to study full-time, and Nova has also developed an intensive English Program for international students. The goal of the program is to prepare students for successful university or career experiences by helping them develop proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading English. The program is now offered in Panama and in Fort Lauderdale and Jakarta.

With the large number of Latin American students coming to the United States to study full-time, Nova has also developed an intensive English Program for international students. The goal of the program is to prepare students for success in the United States, to provide them with the necessary skills and experience to succeed in a university or career environment. Students in the program are provided with opportunities to develop their language skills, as well as to gain insight into American culture and society.

Because the State of Florida is in a unique position of being at the hub of trade with South America, the Nova University Center for the Study of Latin America offers a variety of courses for students interested in learning about Latin America and its culture. Nova has also developed partnerships with universities in the region, allowing students to take courses at partner institutions.

"The goal of the university," adds President Fischler, "is to transmit knowledge and information, to train professionals, and to contribute to the development of countries throughout the world. Nova has a strong commitment to making a difference, not only in the United States, but internationally as well. Nova's mission is to create a better future for all people, and we strive to achieve this through our educational programs and partnerships with other institutions around the world."
Dr. Marilyn Segal, left, Dir., Family Center, and Joe Mailman assist Mrs. Abraham Mailman in cutting the rainbow ribbon of Family Center Building.

Mr. & Mrs. Orlando Torres and daughter Gladys present the national Maga Tree of Puerto Rico to the Family Center. Orlando is a resident student with the Center for Higher Education and Gladys attends classes at the Family Center.

Dr. Wendi Masi, Dir., Family Programs, can often be found engaged in meaningful play activities with toddlers at the Family Center.

Dr. Dot Goldenberg, left, administers Dial test to Dr. Carol Mardell as a demonstration for students.

Michael F. Cox, noted sculptor, stands beside The Embrace, a translucent sculptor of his own original art which he presented to the Family Center.

Summer Institute in Early Childhood Education Brought Students, Ideas Together at Sonesta Beach

Sixty students, all doctoral candidates in early childhood education from states as far away as New Jersey and New York, met on Key Biscayne July 20-25 for their Summer Institute, a part of their degree requirements.

Dr. Polly Ebbs, Program Director, welcomed students to a program that represented a potpourri of topics that were requested by the participants.

National lecturers spoke, students gave presentations to one another, and there was much sharing of information and ideas, as well as the excitement of meeting.

Dr. Joanne Nurss, Dept. of Early Childhood Education, Georgia State University, spoke on "Research & Issues: Assessment of Young Children." In speaking of various testing situations, Dr. Nurss pointed out that the old theory that children are better off tested by a person of the same race and same sex has been discounted by new research. The new research shows that as long as the person is a warm and caring person, testing goes well. She spoke about various types of bias that enter the testing picture. An example given was "regional" bias, not just socioeconomic bias. For example, in Denver, Colo., where United Airlines runs its headquarters, a "man in uniform" to children was not a policeman, but a United Airlines employee.

Dr. Dot Goldenberg, and Dr. Carol Mardell, developers of the DIAL testing system used in all Broward County schools for the pre-screening of kindergarten students, gave their presentation of "Administration/Scoring of the DIAL Concepts Area: Practice and Issues." In Florida, the DIAL system is used by 76% of counties statewide. Dr. Mardell was quick to point out that "There is no perfect test," but added that "We tried to pick behaviors that are not biased."

The administration of the DIAL test is called an operator, and it is interesting to note that, according to the developers of the test, the better testers are neither too skilled nor so inquisitive that they ask too many questions and throw the testing off!

On Wednesday of the seminar week, students shared activities and ideas formally with groups of other students. Harolene Storr, Center Director at the Joseph Caleb Community Center in Miami, exhibited "The Art of Communication through Movement and Music" with her harp.

Mary Parker, Chicago cluster, gave many useful tips on "Volunteers in your Classroom." Ms. Parker, who works with as many as 75 volunteers at a time, remembers the time when volunteers were unheard of in the classroom situation. Now, Ms. Parker uses volunteers around the clock in her kindergarden classes. She estimates that her volunteer program is saving the school system at least $16,000 each year. Parents help students in writing experience.

The Mailman Family Center of Nova University opened its doors officially to the public at 3 p.m. Sat., July 25. The entire week of the dedication, beginning on Monday, July 20, had been designated as Family Week, according to Dr. Marilyn Segal, Director of the Center.

Family Week featured a spectrum of free services to the public, with special emphasis each day on a different facet of the Center. Infants, school age and adolescent, adult family members, the special needs child, and the professional in family care each occupied one day's activities.

Dr. Segal explains the Center's motto is: "We Believe in Rainbows". This motto was chosen, she says because "The rainbow is a symbol of peace, joy, hope, and love. And that's what the Family Center stands for."

The Center's mission is to enhance the quality of family living, meeting the total needs of families through educational, mental health, and recreational services," says Dr. Segal. "Special emphasis is put on the parent/child relationship," she adds. This is just one of the aspects of the Center that makes it unique.

At the core of the Family Center is the Parent Resources Room. This room houses a library of books and media selections on parenting, education, and family concerns and interests, and is open to the public Mon. through Friday. It includes special materials for parents such as hospital toys that can be checked out for a small charge for a parent to help a child adjust to a hospital stay.

The Family Center is exciting both in its physical layout as well as its concepts. A special feature of the family center are the parent/child programs. In these parent/child programs, your children from 2.5 years old attend weekly and bi-weekly play sessions. Parents have the opportunity of sharing a variety of learning experiences with their children. Together, parents and children participate in music, movement, sensory, art, language and imaginative play activities. Experience designed to encourage creativity, develop thinking skills, and provide opportunities for social interaction. In each class, activities are specifically geared to the developmental level of the children.

On the first floor there are five stories after a field trip, and in many other ways.

Volunteers have yielded Ms. Parker such treasures as a husband and wife architect team who built a playhouse for the kindergarten children.

Allan Redmond, a student in the Orlando cluster and a representative
The second floor also houses five learning clinics. A consulting psychiatrist and pediatrician complete this area. Hearing tests are administered upstairs, as well as testing and evaluations, family counseling, and group counseling.

The largest room on the second floor is a multi-purpose room, with a dividing door that houses the Learning Disability program and the Reading clinics. This room is fully equipped with the most up-to-date media and learning aids and will be used for a variety of educational purposes. Three small rooms provide opportunity for one-to-one tutorials.

Truly the Mailman Family Center is geared to the entire family. Dr. Segal states emphatically, "We learn from our families and they learn from us. The Mailman Family Center is a resource for the child care facilities; we are a model. As we become aware of new and emerging needs, we will be developing products for families and recording developmental material to use with infants and toddlers. The Family Center is in every sense a resource for families in Broward and a model for the nation." With Childcraft, spoke to his fellow students about "Unit Block-Cornerstone to Learning," Redmond's presentation was doubly exciting not only does he sell the Dial system to schools (which block building) but he enrolled in the Nova program in early childhood education in order to know more about what he is doing with Childcraft.

The largest room on the second floor is probably the most exciting of all. It was designed by Dr. Segal and her staff and is unlike any other such room in the country. Dominating this room is the SESAME CLIMBING structure where young infants, and handicapped children can share the joy of climbing to new heights together.

The second floor also houses five therapy rooms which are staffed by clinical psychologists from the University. A consulting psychiatrist and pediatrician complete this area. Hearing tests are administered upstairs, as well as testing and evaluations, family counseling, and group counseling.

By Dr. Marvin Silverman

In January, 1980 I received an Ed.D. degree from Nova University in early childhood education. After having spent seven years as an elementary school counselor, I decided to enter into the world of self-employment, at age 40, and joined Affiliated for Evaluation and Therapy, a private mental health center in Dade and Broward Counties. By November, I was well established as a child behavior therapist, purchased a home in Pembroke Pines, and felt ready to begin a family. The fact that I was not married could have made it difficult to begin a family, but I knew another single man who adopted five children, so I was optimistic. He put me in touch with Universal Aid for Children, a foreign adoption agency (P.O. Box 610246, North Miami, Florida 33161). After extensive discussions with one of the agency's social workers, a home study and an investigation, I was approved for adopting a child.

On April 15, 1981, Pedro Antonio Rodriguez, a seven year old orphan, from war-torn El Salvador arrived at Miami International Airport and I was proud to become the father of Peter Anthony Silverman (his new American name). All of my assumptions from my training in psychology and education were in the back of my mind. Peter never wore shoes, never flushed a toilet that connected to a sewer, he never attended school and he probably did not have a tremendous amount of socialization or normalization in the orphanage. He was accustomed to washing his underwear in the shower because his wardrobe was so limited. He could not read numbers of letters and he thought that I was stealing when I placed a can of soup in the Publix shopping basket because I had not yet paid for it. Since I knew how important sensory stimulation, verbal interaction, and pre-school education was during the first few years of life, I assumed that my son's learning potential might be limited but, since my love for him was unconditional, whatever he could achieve would be fine.

My first concern was to establish a loving, caring, and nurturing relationship with Peter, while simultaneously bringing him adjust to his new culture and environment. From the moment my son arrived, he was outgoing, happy, and curious about everything. (Continued on Page 8)
Graduation Activities

Alumni Association

On The National Level

Lawrence R. Belli (left), newly-elected board member for the National Association of Elementary School Principals, is congratulated by NAESP President John Ourch.

NANCY R. DEAN, Ed.D., '80, Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Nursing, has been elected Treasurer of the National Council of State Nursing Boards.

Secretary of State David Poythress said the election of Dr. Dean gives her and the State Board recognition for their exceptional work in seeking improvements for the nursing profession. He pointed out that it is the first time a Georgian has been named to a top post in the National and State Nursing Boards. The Board, which is administratively a part of the Secretary of State’s office, licenses registered nurses and exercises broad leadership in upgrading the nursing profession.

LAWRENCE R. BELLI, Ed.D., '80, principal of Willow Dale School, Warmminster, Pennsylvania, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS. Dr. Belli will serve a three-year term beginning September 1.

"Dr. Belli has been extremely active in working for quality education in Pennsylvania. We are delighted that he will bring that expertise to our Board of Directors," said Dr. Samuel J. Sava, executive director of NAESP.

As a board member, Dr. Belli will become a member of the governing body of the association, which represents some 23,000 elementary and middle school principals in the U.S. and Canada. He will represent Zone II – Delaware, New York, and Pennsylvania – on the 12 member board.

In Memorium

JOHN W. FRY, Ed.D., '80, director of community services at Kapiolani Community Colleges and program specialist at Leeward Community College, died in June, 1980.

Dr. Fry founded the Hawaii Association for Staff, Program and Organizational Development (in higher education). He received the 1980 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges national council for staff, program and organizational development and was recognized by the Hawaii Legislature in a resolution passed in March 1981.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sarah B. Fry of Martinsburg, W.Va., a sister and two brothers.

CARMEN F. ROSS, Ed. D., '79, died suddenly, Tuesday, June 9th, 1981. At the time of her death, she was a Professor at the University of Miami School of Nursing and an active leader in nursing locally, statewide and nationally.

Her professional career in South Florida since 1955, was both in nursing service and education. She instituted dynamic and progressive techniques in health care delivery as Director of Nursing Service and Nursing Education at Mt. Sinai Hospital of Greater Miami from 1954 to 1964. Dr. Ross was also Director of the School for Practical Nursing at Mt. Sinai Medical Center and was instrumental in the school achieving state and national accreditation. She recently completed the 5th edition of her text "Personal and Vocational Relations in Practical Nursing."

Her contributions to the advancement of professional nursing were in Ethical/legal issues, leadership and administration. Dr. Ross was appointed by Governor Askew to the Florida State Board of Nursing in 1970 and served as President from 1973 to 1977. She was an active participant in the FMA/FNA Joint Practice Commission and assisted in the revision of the Nurse Practice Act, 1975. She was the recipient of numerous meritorious awards and honors.
On the State Level

JAMES L. SPARTZ, Ed.D., '79, has been named assistant state superintendent for administration at the State Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Spartz, a resident of Camden, had been state director of finance and school services since 1977 and earlier was supervisor of evaluation. The department works as staff of the State Board of Education to supervise the school system and help school district officials improve instruction.

Alumnus Represents Nova

BRICE W. HARRIS, Ed.D., '77, represented Nova University at the inauguration of Gene A. Budig as Chancellor. The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on August 24, 1981.

Regional Meeting

Graduates in Region VI were invited to a President's Cocktail Party at the San Francisco Hotel, San Francisco on Friday, August 7, 1981. Graduates were also invited to stay for the Banquet following, which was arranged by the Ed.D. Leaders program during their Summer Institute. The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Alonzo Crimm, Superintendent, Atlanta Schools. Between 55 and 60 persons attended.

In Their Regions

Region I

GARY KEEHLER, MS, '74, is in charge of the coordination of instuting microcomputers and their applications in the Broward County school system, one of the largest in the country. The district is 7,000 teachers strong and, for the third straight year, has committed to further purchases of what is now called the "ultimate teacher's aid", making microcomputers a familiar fixture in every Broward school.

JAMES LARRY NEWTON, Ed.D., '77, has been named Dean of Science at Edison Community College, Fort Myers, Florida. Newton will be responsible for the instructional areas in the Associate in Arts degree programs dealing with Mathematics, chemistry, physics, energy studies, and biological sciences.

LORETTA TONG LEON, Ed.D., '77, Director of the Finding Place, a private, non-profit school serving pre-school and post-school aged autistic individuals, will lecture in Zagreb, Yugoslavia on August 16. Her topic is "New Hope for Autistic Adults Through Educational Programming." The presentation is to be made at the International Convention of Social Psychiatry.

Region II

MARK S. COLTRIN, MBA, '78, has been promoted to vice president by North Carolina National Bank. North Carolina National Bank, the major subsidiary of NCNB Corp., is the largest bank in the Southeast. Headquartersed in Charlotte, the bank has 176 branches in 59 communities throughout North Carolina and offices in New York City and six foreign countries.

Region V

LOIS ELIAS, Ed.D., '77, has initiated legal action to gain a promotion which she claims was denied because of gender. The suit states that a less-qualified man was given the position.

Dr. Elias is asking the U.S. District Judge in El Paso, Texas, to appoint her to the position with back pay and to prohibit the college from continuing promotion practices that discriminate by sex.

Dr. Joe Thomas, DPA '80
Father, Patriot, Educator

Dr. Joe Thomas, who holds a doctorate in public administration from Nova University, never guessed when he was beginning his illustrious career with the Navy over two decades ago that he would return to Lowell, Mass., place of his birth and home of his family for over 150 years.

And yet, today he resides there and is combining experiences of his Navy career years with his doctoral degree in public administration by teaching at nearby Assumption College in Worcester, Mass.

Assumption College is a liberal arts school with 1,500 students that has just recently added a business curriculum and Dr. Thomas. Thomas has much to bring to his students. A graduate of Annapolis, he was a member of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal division in the Navy.

Dr. Thomas and his wife Evelyn, a registered nurse, whom Thomas also labels "a real estate salesperson and licensed mother," are the parents of three sons and a daughter.

Recently, daughter Cathleen became the third family member to graduate from Annapolis when her father proudly commissioned her at graduation ceremonies in May. Brother Richard is a physician stationed in Norfolk and also a graduate of Annapolis. John is busy serving an internship at the Center for the Arts (SUNY) College at Purchase and working on a master's in theater arts management. Bill is the only offspring who hasn't left home yet. He manages Fred Locke Stereo in Lowell.

Dr. Joe Thomas commissions daughter Cathleen an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

"U.S. Navy — Official Photo" Dr. Joe Thomas commissions daughter Cathleen an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

IRA FINKEL, Ed.D., '76, received a distinguished achievement award for Excellence in Educational Journalism by the Educational Press Association of America. His winning article "Today's Gifted Education: From Questionable to Stupid" was featured in the October 1980 issue of Learning, The Magazine for Creative Teaching.

PETER B. WRIGHT, Jr. Ed.D., '77, has been elected to enter the Florida Adult Education Hall of Fame. Wright was chosen for his "distinguished adult education service" by his Florida associates in adult education. The award will be presented during the FAE's October 15 conference in Daytona Beach. Wright is dean of Adult and Continuing Education, North Campus, Florida Junior College at Jacksonville, Florida.

Regional Institute

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Dr. Joe Thomas commissions daughter Cathleen an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.
The University School of Nova University at Coral Springs Opened

Dr. Abraham Fischler, President of Nova University, has announced the official opening of the University School of Nova University at Coral Springs for kindergarten through grade 8, at the site of the former Westford Academy.

Dr. Joseph Randazzo, Headmaster for both the University School on the main campus in Davie and the new University School in Coral Springs, said, "Our goals for the Coral Springs campus are exactly the same goals we have for the University School on the Davie campus. We will have the same curriculum, same admission procedures and the same programs. That philosophy, said Randazzo, is a commitment to personalizing and individualizing the students.

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As of the end of July, Peter has mastered the alphabet, was on grade level in math computation, could read most of the Dolch List, first grade words, had basic knowledge of American geography and history (a trip to Seattle and snow at the Mount Ranier helped a lot), and was completely Americanized (I keep reminding him of low price, high quality, and his past heritage and birthplace and that he is a Latin American). Also, a strong bond has developed between us.

As an educator, I've learned some new things. Early childhood stimulation is more than that described in most textbooks. Peter is very bright and is a fast learner. His former environment must have provided a type of stimulation different from our concepts of stimulation. Learning to take care of himself, playing with children after day (without educational objectives guiding his play), observing the environment, running around the open air market, playing non-organized and non-competitive games, and just being alive helped Peter become bright. In three months, Peter (age seven) went from not being able to read or write numbers to being on grade level in math, including telling time. This raises a question, Do kids really need "formal" education at age four or can a child start "formal" learning at age seven or eight and still master everything he would have known had he started school earlier?

Peter and I are both growing in our new father-son relationship. Being a single parent is not as tough as I anticipated it would be, and Peter is obviously better off with one nurturing parent than with none. I'm developing a greater understanding of Latin culture, and Peter is learning that "prongos" are not as bad as he heard they were. The United States' population has increased with a new Jewish-Central American Indian member, now known as Peter Anthony Silverman, and I'm very happy about it.