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Farquhar Forum

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE FARQUHAR CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES • NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

by Norma Martin Goonen

Excellence, commitment, dedication—these words typify the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. The fact that you are reading this indicates that you are a member of our learning community in your role as student, alumnus/a, faculty, staff, parent, or friend. As dean of the center, I am proud to welcome you to the first issue of *Farquhar Forum*. The purpose of this semiannual newsletter is twofold: to inform you about what is occurring at the center and to share our pride in what has become a premier educational program for both “traditional” undergraduates and adult learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on NSU's progress. The university is growing in size as well as in stature. There are plans for several additional buildings on our main campus in Fort Lauderdale, one of which will be a state-of-the-art library/information technology center.

So much is also happening in our undergraduate programs, as you will read in this newsletter. Our student population has grown to more than 4,000 students as of fall 1998. The introduction of our Dual Admissions Program with NSU's graduate schools of law, education, business, behavioral sciences, and medicine has proven particularly attractive to new students. We also received a prestigious Fund for

the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) grant from the United States Department of Education to develop a three-year baccalaureate degree option. Furthermore, our athletic program has recently achieved provisional status with the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II. And there is much more, as you will find in your perusal of this publication.

The undergraduate students at our center mirror what is happening in the rest of the country. From 1985 to 1995, the number of college students over the age of 25 increased by 22 percent, while the percentage of those under 25 rose by more than 13 percent nationally. At our center, only about one-fourth of our undergraduates attend a traditional day program. The majority of our students are adult learners whose motivation is professional advancement and lifelong learning. It is our mission to serve all our students with quality educational programs that are neither time- nor place-bound. To address this mission and provide an additional option for students, our Business and Professional Management (BPM) Program is now available



online. This is just a small sample of the exciting opportunities offered to our students on the main campus, as well as throughout the state of Florida and in Jamaica, Nassau, Panama, and Israel.

This is your newsletter. We want to hear from you and welcome your suggestions and contributions. Please feel free to contact Lori Albrizio, newsletter editor, at albrizio@polaris.nova.edu, or at (954) 262-8141. Happy reading!

NEW ASSISTANT DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS APPOINTED

Kenneth Thigpen Joins the Farquhar Center

by Norma Martin Goonen

Kenneth Thigpen, Ph.D., joined the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies as the new assistant dean for academic affairs on January 11. Thigpen received his Ph.D. in English from Indiana University in Bloomington, his M.A. in humanities from Florida State University, and his B.A. in English also from Florida State.

Thigpen began his teaching career as a high-school teacher in Florida and, following two years of teaching at Indiana University-Purdue University, spent 25 years at Penn State University as a ten-

ured member of the faculty. For six of those years, he served as associate head (a position comparable to department chair or associate dean in other institutions) of the English Department on all seventeen of Penn State's Commonwealth campuses. In that role, he sponsored new incentives for intercampus collaborations, increased support for faculty scholarship and teaching development, and fostered assessment initiatives for faculty and students.

Among many impressive activities in his distinguished career, he initiated a

strategic planning process, academic innovations, and instructional and curricular reforms. He developed specific definitions and applications guidelines for incorporating components of active and collaborative learning, assessment, critical thinking, and instructional technology into general education courses. Most notably, he has done all of this for a variety of learners, having had experience with traditional undergraduates as well as with adult students.

We are pleased to welcome Kenneth Thigpen to our team.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER

Farquhar Forum Wins the Contest

Many thanks to everyone who submitted their suggestions for naming our center newsletter. We received quite a few creative titles, and it was difficult to choose, but *Farquhar Forum*, submitted by Stephen Levitt (LIB assistant professor), tendered the winning entry.

Some of the other proposed titles that made the decision difficult and deserve honorable mentions were:

- *Farquhar Center Today (FACT)*: Matthew He, MST associate professor
- *Farquhar Folio*: Jean Lewis, director of admissions
- *Farquhar Focus*: Alaric "Ric" Burn, DOF database administrator/programmer
- *Focus on Farquhar*: Mary Muldoon, MST coordinator of computer technology/lecturer

And, to tickle your funny bone, here are a few of the comical entries we received. Names have been withheld to protect the innocent (but you know who you are):

- *FAR Out*
- *The Farquhar Side*
- *Tales from the Far(quhar) Side*

We extend our congratulations to Stephen for submitting the winning entry and, as a token of our appreciation, have awarded him a "stylish" Farquhar Center briefcase and folio (made of 100 percent genuine vinyl).

The word "forum" perfectly exemplifies what this newsletter is all about: it is an arena, an outlet, and a platform for people in the undergraduate center to express their ideas and accomplishments, as well as an opportunity for us to come together as a community and tell our story. Please send any and all ideas for the newsletter, including suggestions for articles, to:

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Decoding the Departments

If you are not familiar with the abbreviations used to represent the undergraduate center's departments, here's a list:

ASC: Academic Support

ADM: Admissions

ATH: Athletics

BEH: Behavioral Sciences

BUS: Business and
Administrative Studies

DOF: Office of the Dean

EDU: Education

IRP: Institute for Retired
Professionals

LIB: Liberal Arts

MST: Math, Science, and
Technology

TAC: Testing/Assessment Center

WRI: Women's Resource Institute

FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

This section is dedicated to the accomplishments of Farquhar Center faculty and staff. News of published works, presentations, or awards received should be emailed to Lori Albrizio at albrizio@polaris.nova.edu.

Rebecca Abraham (BUS)

Published in 1998:

- "Instrumental Values: A Five-Nation Comparative Study" in *Cross-Cultural Management: An International Journal*
- "Emotional Dissonance in Organizations: Conceptualizing the Roles of Self-Esteem and Job-Induced Tension" in *Leadership and Organizational Development Journal*
- "Emotional Dissonance in Organizations: Antecedents, Consequences, and Moderators" in *Genetic, Social, and General Psychology Monographs*

James D. Dean (BUS)

- "Six Costly Money Myths" published in the March/April 1998 issue of *New Man Magazine*

Randi L. Sims (BUS)

Published in 1998:

- With J.P. Keenan: "Predictors of External Whistle blowing: Organizational and Intrapersonal Variables" in *Journal of Business Ethics*
- Review of book *Developing Competency to Manage Diversity* in *Journal of Leadership Studies*
- Interactive paper titled "Reducing Sexist Language in Management Student Writing: The Influence of Instruction and Modeling" presented at the National Academy of Management meeting in San Diego, California, in August 1998

Lynn T. Slossberg (BEH)

- Textbook published in August 1998: *The Essentials of Real Estate Law for Paralegals*

Norma M. Goonen (DOF)

- Selected to the 1998 class of the prestigious Leadership America Program and participated in three national sessions held in Washington, D.C., Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Los Angeles

Anne E. Mulder (DOF)

- Presentation titled "Strategic Planning for the Community College Professional" at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Florida, on January 30, 1999, as part of the University of Florida Academic Administrators Program

Barbara Brodman (LIB)

- Received an honorary doctoral degree from the Universidad de Iquitos in Peru on December 28, 1998

Lester G. Lindley (LIB)

- Published a review essay for H-Law (an Internet service) of Paul Finkelman's *Slavery and the Founders: Race and Liberty in the Age of Jefferson*

Ben Mulvey (LIB)

- Published an article titled "Response to 'The Case of Mr. B'" in the April 1998 issue of *Network News: The Newsletter of the Florida Bioethics Network*

- Appeared on WPBT's *Issues in the Media* program on January 10 as part of a panel discussing ethical implications of gathering DNA from newborns

- Participated as a panelist in an Advance Directives talk on February 2 at Broward General Medical Center

Diego Castano (MST)

- Talk titled "Consequences of Supergravity with Gauged R-Symmetry," Florida International University, Miami, Florida

Matthew He (MST)

- Two research papers on nonrigid motion analysis completed for publication at the National Lab of Scientific Computing and Institute for Computational Mathematics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, People's Republic of China. Three research papers on information entropies completed for publication at the National Research Council of Italy, University of Rome

Mahmood Shivji (MST)

- Poster presentation on shark ribosomal DNA, International Workshop on Marine Genetics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fuzhen Zhang (MST)

- Book titled *Matrix Theory: Basic Results and Techniques* due to be published in early 1999

FARQUHAR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD NAMED

by Anne Mulder

For the first time in the history of the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, an advisory board has been named to provide leadership and support to the center. The chair of the newly formed group, Andrew J. DiBattista, will represent the center's interests to NSU's Board of Trustees. DiBattista, the chief operating officer for Recycled Shipping Container Company, with operations in the United States and Canada, has been active in numerous community activities in the Ft. Lauderdale area. He has chaired the annual golf outing hosted by the university's Department of Athletics and has been active in other NSU activities.

Additional members of the board include Suellen Fardelmann, director of NSU's Women's Resource Center and mayor of Cooper City; Michael Langley, executive vice president of The Broward Alliance; Noorina Mirza, president of the International Women's Club; Gustavo Sagastume, general manager of WLRN Public Radio and Television; Robert Oddo, vice president of AT&T Wireless; Sister John Norton Barrett, O.P., retired principal, St. Thomas Aquinas High School; David Merriken, executive director of American Maritime Officers Plans; William Rose, community member; and George Zoley, Ed.D., vice chairman of the board and CEO, Wackenhut Corrections.

NSU JOINS NCAA

by Anne Mulder

NSU is moving from NAIA to NCAA Division II status. The university is in the initial phase of a four-year process that will enhance the 11 men's and women's sports currently offered through the athletic programs, the most recent addition being the women's basketball team. Corey Johnson, NSU director of athletics, noted, "The NCAA, which encompasses more than 1,200 universities, gives you instant recognition."

"We're very excited to take this step to the NCAA," president Ray Ferrero, Jr., said. "It's a logical move for NSU when



The Lady Knights played their first game on November 14, 1998.

we consider the growth of our institution, in terms of student body size, academic offerings, and success of our athletes."

WNSU MOVES FORWARD

On September 4, 1998, NSU's student-run radio station took a big step forward. The eight-year-old station had been available on AM to Comcast cable subscribers, but thanks to a new agreement with the Broward County School Board, the college is reaching FM listeners from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. using the frequency that Piper High School students use during the day hours. The listeners have mushroomed from 55,000 to more than 1 million. Student station manager Angelique Nixon said, "Being on FM gets us more listeners, and that has been one of our goals from the beginning."

The station was formed to allow students a chance to learn about radio broadcasting through practical experience. Students and faculty agree this new venture provides an opportunity for anyone interested in the communications industry. Faculty advisor Kevin Petrich said, "The people that run this

station have been bitten by the radio bug, and their enthusiasm and professionalism are evident." Everyone has been equally pleased at the public response to the show. Student disc jockey Angel Sanchez reports that his show, *El Sol De Medianoche*, a bilingual program featuring Latin music, has received calls from numerous happy listeners. The station also performs community service through public-service announcements.

Anne Mulder is the director of development for the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies.



INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

by Anne Mulder

Recently, people from around the world found their way to NSU's Farquhar Center. An international conference on linear algebra and matrices drew scholars from across the United States, Europe, Canada, and Asia. Law students from Germany, working with the German consulate in Miami, visited with students from the Legal Studies Program. These activities, as well as the numerous site-based programs throughout the Caribbean, are proof that the global connection is alive and well in undergraduate education.

Dr. Fuzhen Zhang, associate professor of mathematics and conference host, presents an award to Stanford University professor T W Anderson.



Professor Stephen Levitt and the German student law clerks.

JOURNEY TO THE EAST

Chinese Language, Culture, and Civilization Expert Hsinpo Chen Teaches at IRP

by David Millman

The Institute for Retired Professionals (IRP) was pleased to host several short courses in January taught by Professor Hsinpo Chen from the People's Republic of China. The courses, "Chinese Archeology and the Arts I and II," "The Taiwan Issue," and "Founding of the People's Republic of China," were presented by Chen, who received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Beijing Foreign Languages University.

Chen is an active researcher in the areas of Asian religions and philosophies, Chinese and Asian culture, comparative linguistics, and Qigong (the science of generating vital energy by application of Chinese religious and

philosophical principles to medical science and health care). Chen is also the author of five books, the latest titled *Chinese Language and Philosophies in Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine*, and since 1980 has been a guest speaker on cultural, educational, and economic issues at the U.S.-China Peoples' Friendship Association.

Chen is presently a visiting professor at Florida International University and Barry University. For further information about the IRP and its programs, please call (954) 262-8472.

David Millman is the director of the Institute for Retired Professionals.



Professor Hsinpo Chen

BPM ONLINE—Now at a Computer Near You!

by Jane Whitney Gibson

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Management (BPM) Program has been offered through the Farquhar Center's Department of Business and Administrative Studies to thousands of full-time working adult students since the late '70s at locations all over Florida and in Louisiana, the Bahamas, Panama, and Jamaica. BPM is an upper-level completion program designed for students with a wide variety of undergraduate experiences. All students have the common goal of earning a management degree on top of whatever other undergraduate course work they already have completed.

As the 21st century approaches, the Department of Business and Administrative Studies realizes that not everyone can attend classroom-based courses, even though our classes are of-

fered in dozens of off-campus locations. Some people, because of work schedules, family responsibilities, or other logistical challenges, prefer the convenience of doing their academic work at times and in places more suitable to their individual schedules. Now, students can participate in the BPM Program wherever they have a computer and an Internet service provider (ISP).

Officially launched in October 1998, BPM Online already has three cohorts of students, with more scheduled to start soon. All course work is delivered via the World Wide Web, and center faculty have developed Web sites where students can access course outlines, detailed learner objectives, lecture notes, supplementary material, bulletin boards, and chatrooms.

Faculty members guide students in a "learner-centered environment" and are available to individual students by email, fax, and a toll-free telephone number. Students have full access to the NSU electronic library system to support their studies. BPM Online students are also assigned student advisors as well as full-time faculty members who serve as their academic mentors.

For more information regarding the BPM Online Program, visit our Web site at <http://www.polaris.nova.edu/Business/online> or call the Cluster Development Office at 800-338-4723, ext. 8101 or (954) 262-8101.

Jane Whitney Gibson is director of the center's Department of Business and Administrative Studies.

FARQUHAR FOCUS ON ALUMNI

Robert V. Armstrong, Jr.

by Lori Albrizio

"Personal achievement is not personal at all. It means knowing that other people have benefited from my work and my accomplishments or were inspired by something I said." When Robert Armstrong talks about personal achievement, he is speaking with the voice of experience. As the undergraduate center's pick for the 1998 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, Armstrong embodies the style, experience, and knowledge of someone who knows how to set and accomplish goals.

Born and raised in Land O' Lakes, Florida (near Tampa), Armstrong earned his bachelor of science degree with a major in business administration in 1992. During his years as an undergraduate student, Armstrong was active in student government, played on the softball team, participated in and won

many awards in public-speaking competitions, and launched the university's first radio station, WNSU. Armstrong learned the value of delegation and trust while working long, hard hours at the new campus radio station and falls back on those undergraduate experiences and the good advice he received. "Many times during school I said that familiar phrase, 'When am I ever going to use this?'" Armstrong said. "Little did I know that I would use so many of my experiences and my education at NSU to guide my everyday life, in business and in personal matters."

After graduation, Armstrong put his knowledge and experience to work for America's Pride Steak and Seafood, Inc., where, during his three-year tenure as operations manager, he increased sales by a remarkable \$5 million for the frozen-food distributor. Currently,

Armstrong is the vice president of operations for BCD Computer Distributions, Inc., in Tampa. BCD was a one-store computer retail and wholesale distributor in 1995 but, due in part to Armstrong's contribution to the team, it is now a four-store operation and growing. In addition to his full-time job at BCD, Armstrong has a part-time business that aspires to teach companies about the growing industry on the Internet and how to achieve success developing Internet-based businesses. Armstrong said he keeps himself motivated by motivating others. "It truly inspires me when I see someone who I have helped achieve success with their Internet business," he said.

Armstrong and his wife Julie, a first-grade teacher, have settled down in his hometown of Land O' Lakes. Despite his growing responsibilities and busy,

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work schedule, he still finds time to give back to the undergraduate center and to the university. Armstrong serves on the advisory board of WNSU and is also involved with other student-life activities. He spoke to a group of 40 students at NSU's Student Leadership Conference a few years ago and was moved by a student who expressed how inspired she was as a result of his speech. "It was the feeling of knowing that I had actually helped that still drives me today," he said, "and I plan to continue my involvement with student life, WNSU, and alumni programs."

Armstrong's commitment to excellence and hard work are an inspiration to the university community and encourage students, especially, to realize that they, as individuals, can make a difference.

Lori Albrizio is the coordinator of academic projects for the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies.



Dean Norma Goonen presenting Robert Armstrong with the 1998 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award

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What's Up?

The Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies wants to know where you are and what you're up to, but we need your help. Please use this update form to let us know about yourself or to send a gift to the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. And if you move, remember to include us on your change-of-address list. Thank you.

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FARQUHAR FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Homecoming 1998

by Piper Griff

Editor's note: This article has been reprinted with permission from "The Knight: The Official Student Newspaper of NSU's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies."

On Saturday, November 7, Nova Southeastern University's annual homecoming was once again a great success. Prior to homecoming, the NSU's Student Government Association and Student Life promoted activities for the event.

On Thursday, November 5, the eighth annual "Anything That Floats" raft race took place. There were a lot of participants, and a Power 96 DJ provided the music.

On Friday, November 15, NSU held the third annual Bed Race and Donkey Basketball Game. These events were also a great success. An amusing twist to the basketball event was the use of ponies rather than donkeys.

Also on Friday, The Flight Deck hosted comedian Sonia White for T.G.I.F. The Flight Deck was packed, and White had most of the crowd falling off their seats from laughter. Melissa Hellerman, an NSU student, was the opening act for White, and she did a great job getting the show started.

The 1998 homecoming events and dance were a great accomplishment for SGA and a lot of fun for students. Homecoming was also special this year because SGA invited the NSU alumni. An alumni reception was held at the Embassy Suites between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and soon after, NSU rocked the house and danced the night away.

The 1998 "Once Upon A Time" homecoming events and dance were a lot of fun and will be remembered by all who attended.

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FARQUHAR FOCUS ON STAFF

Don H. Rosenblum, Ph.D.—Gateway to Services for Students

by Lori Albrizio

In July 1998, the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies welcomed to its team Don H. Rosenblum, Ph.D., as director of student development and retention. Rosenblum most recently served as assistant dean of enrollment management for the School of Continuing Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and comes to us with an impressive background in student affairs. "Students' satisfaction with the quality of education and services is of paramount importance," Rosenblum said, "and I am looking forward to helping students get the most out of their undergraduate experience here at NSU."

Rosenblum was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and completed his bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Maryland, College Park. He went on to earn a master's degree in student affairs and a doctoral degree in the study of higher education from Ohio State University.

As a student advocate, Rosenblum understands the importance of being accessible: "One of my primary tasks is to respond to special requests from students," he said, "and also to develop programs that enhance the quality of the student experience." As chair of the

Student Life Committee, Rosenblum addresses undergraduate students' concerns by working closely with other university departments as well as central services such as financial aid and registration. "I believe in creating systems that make administrative tasks seamless," he said, "so students can spend less time on mundane paperwork and more time experiencing the joy of learning."

Events of significance for students, such as orientation and commencement, are also part of Rosenblum's charge, and he is working hard toward making both events more exciting for students. "Ori-

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TACKLING AMERICA'S EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGE

The Department of Education Hosts a Colloquium Celebrating the America Reads Partnership

by Karla Ford

According to the results of a poll released on November 17, 1998, by Recruiting New Teachers, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., Americans rate the quality of the classroom teacher as the most important element in lifting student achievement, ahead of stronger curriculum and stricter discipline.

As if on cue, high-quality teachers were also the main topic of discussion at a November 19, 1998 colloquium hosted by the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies Department of Education at NSU's main campus. "The Challenge for America: A High-Quality Teacher in Every Classroom," featured Stanley Williams, regional representative to Richard Riley, United States secretary of education, as the keynote speaker.

In Williams' address to the crowd of more than 200 professors, principals, teachers, student-teachers, and reading volunteers, he identified the challenges and complex issues of



All smiles at the colloquium were (top, L-R) M. Myers-Kershaw, J. Scigliano, A. Fischler, S. Williams, R. Ferrero, W. Graham, (bottom, L-R) P. McCabe, N. Goonen, K. Dosé, M. Collins

quality teaching as they relate to school change and educational reform.

"Compared to the education systems in other countries, ours does not match up," said Williams. "There is not enough structure and rigor in our cur-

riculum. Our education system is a mile wide and an inch deep. We need to restructure the curriculum so that there is more focus on specific areas instead of so much being done so little."

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entation is not just about placement testing and registration," he said. "It starts from the minute a student is admitted, through his/her first year." With the help of center faculty, students, and staff, Rosenblum is significantly retooling the center's orientation program to include more interactive and social activities that encourage students to keep the lines of communication open, both in and out of the classroom.

Because of the large adult population our center serves, Rosenblum is also hoping to extend orientation programs to off-site students. Although further

developing student services to our off-site constituents is a large and diverse task, he is up for the challenge. "I am excited about creating consistent information resources for our off-site students," he said, "because it is important that these students feel part of a larger academic community."

By spearheading retention efforts, Rosenblum hopes to continue supporting students by positively contributing to their undergraduate experience.



Indira Rolle (right), a BPM major, shares a proud moment with Dr. Rosenblum and Dr. Caryn Asleson, director of student support

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Williams also said the challenge has just begun. "In the next decade, we will need 2.2 million new teachers in order to meet an exploding student population and a growing number of teacher retirees," Williams said. "Teachers who have not become part of the Information Age will need retraining. The 21st century will require technology-literate teachers."

As Williams concluded, he encouraged the audience to think in terms of pooling resources. "We need to make sure we involve parents, students, teachers, administrators, and legislators in efforts to change and improve our system. And most importantly, we must 'listen to the lambs' and talk to the

children. They can tell us with such innocence what benefits their learning."

Panel member Abraham Fischler, Ph.D., NSU president emeritus added, "We must promote active, lifelong learning. Teachers need to make learning active for the students."

As part of the colloquium, organizers celebrated the educational partnership between NSU and Broward County Public Schools with "America Reads." This program coordinates reading programs with 20 local elementary schools.

In his opening remarks, Ray Ferrero, Jr., president of NSU, praised the America Reads partnership and called the program rewards enormous. Ferrero added that the problems we face in providing

quality education to growing populations cannot be solved solely by one part of the educational system. "Partnerships," Ferrero said, "enable us to do what we may not be able to accomplish alone."

Kenneth Dosé, director of the Farquhar Center's Department of Education, honored the participating school principals and 70 America Reads tutors for positively impacting so many students.

"This is the first, and hopefully not the last, colloquium of this kind," Dosé said. "We need to remain proactive in putting a high-quality teacher in every classroom."

Karla Ford is NSU's associate director of public relations.

PLANNING TO SAIL

The Undergraduate Center Gears Up For Its Outcomes-Based Baccalaureate Program

by Linda Gordon

An exciting new program developed by our faculty is the Studies in Advanced Independent Learning (SAIL) Program, which is an outcomes-based baccalaureate. SAIL offers an accelerated program of study that integrates general education courses with the major requirements, and thereby streamlines the undergraduate curriculum. SAIL students will enroll in "modules" that focus on experiential learning and interdisciplinary studies. Students will participate in service learning and other types of projects that focus on their major, and they will receive credit for a variety of lessons learned. This means that SAIL students will be able to see how the skills and knowledge we usually call "general education" are not only the basis for study in the majors, but are also the basis for living a well-rounded professional life.

The development of SAIL is funded by a very competitive and prestigious fed-

eral grant sponsored by FIPSE (the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education). The state of Florida has also agreed to support students who enroll in SAIL. This unique scholarship program, currently available to Florida residents, will serve as a model for other colleges and universities that, like NSU, seek to facilitate the educational process for students who are self-motivated and enthusiastic about learning.

One SAIL module is a learning experience that integrates studies in biology with lessons in biomedical ethics and studies in literature. Students who participate in this module might volunteer at the Museum of Discovery and Science in downtown Fort Lauderdale or at a local hospital to see how science and ethical problems influence our everyday lives and our hopes for the future. During discussions and labs, students will be able to experience how scientific discovery and invention in-

spire our imaginations. SAIL students will earn college credit for skills they've already mastered, such as writing and public speaking or calculus and geometry. In the SAIL program, students will be able to demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways, so that they can earn credit when they're ready; even if it's before classes begin.

SAIL will set the standards for many colleges and universities, but most importantly, it will give our NSU undergraduate students the chance to experience college learning while participating in community and professional life.

The SAIL program is truly an exciting voyage for our entering Florida freshmen.

Linda Gordon, an associate professor in the Department of Liberal Arts, is coordinator of the center's SAIL Program.

SAIL PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

by Ed Stieve

Former vice president and executive provost, Elizabeth McDaniel, who served as interim dean of the Farquhar Center during 1997-1998, and former assistant dean for academic affairs, Ed Stieve, presented a session on the Studies in Advanced Independent Learning Program (SAIL) in late July 1998 at the International Conference on the First-Year Experience at University College in Dublin, Ireland.

The paper explored alternative ways in which incoming SAIL students will learn outside of traditional, three-credit courses. A discussion following the presentation considered faculty development under way by a group of Farquhar Center faculty members working to plan and teach in the program.

Session attendees, including faculty, staff, and administrators from as far away as Hong Kong and Australia, provided

insight into their own programs for first-year students.

The center's SAIL Program is planning many unique features, including learning modules and cooperative learning projects with NSU's Offices of Student Life and Student Affairs, features that many of the attendees found very innovative.

Ed Stieve is an associate professor in the Department of Liberal Arts.

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Department of Behavioral Sciences Legal Assistant Studies Program

by Allan Schulman

"There is an old Chinese proverb that says, 'Tell me, I may forget; show me, I may remember; involve me, I'll understand.' That's the driving force behind our program," said Lynn T. Slossberg, the new coordinator of the Legal Assistant Studies Program at the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. "Whether our students plan on entering the legal profession as legal assistants (paralegals) or whether they plan to continue their legal education by attending law school," Slossberg said, "practical application in the classroom is key to our students simultaneously building the confidence and competence levels that will give them a competitive edge in a densely populated profession."

The program's instructors comprise an impressive array of practicing Florida attorneys and judges who keep students current with the latest developments in their respective areas of expertise. Additionally, the program has an advisory committee whose members represent the tri-county area, including faculty members, other practicing attorneys, legal assistants, legal staffing consultants, and current students.

"Our advisory committee cannot be matched," Slossberg said. "It includes the past president of Florida Legal Assistants, Inc.; the president of the Dade Association of Legal Assistants; graduates of the NSU law school; and a legal assistant (with more than 20 years of experience) currently working for the law firm of Searcy, Denney, Scarola, et al., just to name a few." The committee includes representatives in both public and private sectors of the legal field. Students currently enrolled in the program are also represented.

Slossberg said that the advisory committee is not a committee in name only. "We tell members up front that we have invited them onto the committee in order to utilize their expertise," she said. For example, the placement subcommittee was instrumental in organizing the Legal Assistant Career Workshop held on December 5, 1998.

The next big project is the Legal Technology Workshop, scheduled for April 17, 1999 and cosponsored by NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center. "We want

to provide our students with every advantage when it comes to legal technology," Slossberg said. "I cannot think of a better way to do that than to work in cooperation with our law school, which was recently named the most wired school in the country."

Plans are to provide legal-assistant-studies students with hands-on experience, both in the classroom and in workshops, using the legal software programs most commonly utilized in local law firms, as well as other legal software that is on the cutting edge.

"While our primary focus is the preparation of our students to enter the legal job market," Slossberg said, "we never lose sight of the fact that our courses also teach students life skills that can be used to address the basic legal issues we all face from cradle to grave." For further information about the Legal Assistant Studies Program, contact professor Lynn Slossberg at (954) 262-7948.

Allan Schulman is director of the center's Department of Behavioral Sciences.

NOVA LORE

How the Farquhar Center got its Name

by Helen Murray

Once upon a time, in 1945, when Broward County was resplendent with verdant acres of pasture, James Farquhar, a graduate of the landscape architecture program at the University of Pennsylvania, came with his wife, Nan, to make his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

As time went by, Farquhar and his wife purchased land in western Broward County. Their sod farm, which consisted of several hundred acres, provided the lawns for many Florida home builders. In addition, the farm was home to one of the largest herds of registered, award-winning Aberdeen Angus cattle in South Florida.

James Farquhar's ideals and his commitment to education were shared by other business and community leaders. This united vision was realized with the creation of Nova University and its

mission to provide outstanding educational programs and cultural opportunities to students of the world community. In addition to his financial contributions and generous gifts of time, Farquhar served for a decade as chair of Nova University's Board of Trustees. His steadfast support and financial contributions saw the university through the turbulence of its early years and prepared it to take its place as one of the nation's leaders in innovative higher education.

James and Nan Farquhar's philosophy was one of lifelong learning. Through their many years of support they became known by the unofficial title of "Mr. and Mrs. Nova." Beneficiaries of their appreciation of the arts and history include the Philharmonic Orchestra of South Florida (formerly the Fort Lauderdale Symphony) as well as the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

Farquhar was a charter member of Florida's State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities and a founder of the South Florida Education Center.

On June 4, 1989, in honor of their dedication to improving the quality of life in their community and to commemorate the generosity that enabled the vision that was Nova University to grow and flourish, the university renamed its undergraduate center the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies. On that day, 820 undergraduates received their degrees, and the first honorary doctorate of humane letters from the undergraduate center was conferred upon Dwight Lauderdale by then chair of the board of trustees, Ray Ferrero, Jr.

Helen Murray is the executive assistant to the dean of the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies.

FARQUHAR CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Kary Mullis, 1993 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry,

Discussion on AIDS science and the "viral load" theory

HEAL (Health Education AIDS Liaison)

Health Professions Division, Terry Building, main auditorium, main campus

Contact Sherry Thorup, (954) 262-8181; thorups@polaris.nova.edu

February 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Polaris Email Training

MicroLab, Second Floor, Parker Building, main campus

Contact Rena Register, (954) 262-8097; register@polaris.nova.edu

February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Open House

College of Career Development

Presidential Dining Room, Horvitz Administration Building, main campus

Contact Regina Schawaroch, Office of Admissions, (954) 262-8020; regmas@polaris.nova.edu

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March

March 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Polaris Email Training

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March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Flann O'Brien's "Thirst" and "A Bash in the Tunnel"

Dramatic reading sponsored by Writers' Bloc and the South Florida Irish Studies Consortium

The Flight Deck, Rosenthal Student Center, main campus

Contact Tim Doan, Department of Liberal Arts, (954) 262-8207; doan@polaris.nova.edu

March 27 at 9:00 a.m.

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April

April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

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April 15 at 2:00 p.m.

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April 17 at 8:00 a.m.

Legal Technology Workshop

The Legal Assistant Studies Program, Department of the Behavioral Sciences, and the Shepard Broad Law Center

University Park Plaza, MicroLab, main campus

Contact Lynn T. Slossberg, Department of Behavioral Sciences, (954) 262-7948; slossberg@polaris.nova.edu

May

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Undergraduate Commencement

Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies

National Car Rental Center, Sunrise, Florida

May 9 at 9:00 a.m.

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May 20 at 8:30 a.m.
New Transfer Student Orientation
Office of Student Affairs
Contact Don Rosenblum, Office of Student Affairs, (954) 262-8402; donr@polaris.nova.edu

June

June 7 at 6:00 p.m.
Open House
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Presidential Dining Room, Horvitz Administration Building, main campus
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July

July 7-8 at 8:30 a.m. (two days)
New Freshman Student Orientation
Office of Student Affairs
Contact Don Rosenblum, Office of Student Affairs, (954) 262-8402; donr@polaris.nova.edu

July 19-20 at 8:30 a.m. (two days)
New Freshman Student Orientation
Office of Student Affairs
Contact Don Rosenblum, Office of Student Affairs, (954) 262-8402; donr@polaris.nova.edu

July 21 at 8:30 a.m.
New Transfer Student Orientation
Office of Student Affairs
Contact Don Rosenblum, Office of Student Affairs, (954) 262-8402; donr@polaris.nova.edu

July 23-24 at 8:30 a.m. (2 days)
New Freshman Student Orientation
Office of Student Affairs
Contact Don Rosenblum, Office of Student Affairs, (954) 262-8402; donr@polaris.nova.edu

July 25 at 9:00 a.m.
Open House
College of Career Development
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Contact Regina Schawaroch, Office of Admissions, (954) 262-8020; reginas@polaris.nova.edu

August

August 3 at 8:30 a.m.
New Transfer Student Orientation
Office of Student Affairs
Contact Don Rosenblum, Office of Student Affairs, (954) 262-8402; donr@polaris.nova.edu

August 21-22 at 8:30 a.m. (two days)
Welcome Weekend
Office of Student Affairs
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For more information on upcoming events, visit the NSU Calendar of Events at <http://137.52.20.138>.

WELCOME ABOARD!

We would like to welcome all the new members to our center “family,” who joined us from July-December, 1998.

Patty Adeeb, EDU, Assistant Professor

Judith Amster, EDU, Associate Professor

Kirk Berner, DOF, Enrollment Coordinator for Career Development

Flavia Bromberg, ADM, Admissions Counselor

Shannon Cain, ATH, Assistant Athletic Director/
Compliance/Senior Women's Administrator

Bethany Carpenter, BUS, Clerical Assistant IV

Diego Castano, MST, Assistant Professor

Ada Christie, DOF, Coordinator of Operations

Joe DePalo, ATH, Men's Soccer Coach

Rick DeVictor, DOF, Accounting Assistant IV

Gloria DeVine, BEH, Clerical Assistant IV

Marie Dittebrand, EDU, Clerical Assistant IV

Veljko Dragojlovic, MST, Assistant Professor

Mirtha Duque, EDU, Administrative Secretary

Karen Fischera, DOF, Administrative Assistant

Ellen Flynn, BEH, Visiting Professor

Dawn Giannoni, BUS, Administrative Secretary

Michael Goodrich, ATH, Operations Coordinator

John Hannon, BUS, Assistant Director for Operations

George Iber, EDU, Associate Professor

Edward Keith, MST, Associate Professor

Diane Kelsey, BUS, Administrative Secretary

Natalie Lewis, BUS, Clerical Assistant IV

Anika Lunan, BUS, Clerical Assistant IV

Kevin Mahoney, MST, Science Laboratory Manager

Ramona Martinez, TAC, Administrative Assistant

Anne Mulder, DOF, Director of Development

Helen Murray, DOF, Executive Assistant to the Dean

Alex Nelson, DOF, Manager of Network and Software Services

Keisha Nicholls, ADM, Clerical Assistant IV

Karen O'Brock, MST, Math, Visiting Professor

Carlo Palazzese, EDU, Assistant Director of Marketing

Nadine Pawenski, BUS, Administrative Assistant

Kevin Petrich, LIB, Visiting Professor

Alicia Rodriguez, BUS, Student Advisor

Andrew Rogerson, MST, Associate Professor

Don Rosenblum, DOF, Director of Student Development and Retention

Sara Salas, ADM, Secretary

Vic Shanbhag, MST, Assistant Professor

Jill Singer, BEH, Visiting Professor

Lynn Slossberg, BEH, Coordinator of Legal Assistant Studies Program/Assistant Professor

Jennifer St. Thomas, ADM, Financial Aid/Admissions Specialist

Lakecia Styles, BUS, Clerical Assistant IV

Virginia Tejera, DOF, Clerical Assistant IV

Kenneth Thigpen, DOF, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs

Anthony Valenti, MST, Visiting Professor

Kenneth Ward, ATH, Cross Country Coach

Gerald Work, BUS, Visiting Professor

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