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Tidings

Spreading The Word

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“NSU is investing in your future.”

NSU's growth and reputation for excellence reflect a total commitment to academic programs of distinction. To this end, NSU is embarking on the construction of a new \$41.4 million Library, Research, and Information Technology Center as its highest institutional priority. At the same time, NSU has entered into a unique partnership with Broward County to create a joint-use library facility designed to serve the community at large.

The five-story, 275,000-square-foot NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center – the largest research library in Broward County – is designed to keep pace with the university's growth in the new millennium while satisfying the mandate of NSU's main accrediting agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

With more than 16,500 students, NSU is the largest independent university in Florida and the 16th largest independent university in the United States. Unique in offering a full complement of educational programs from early childhood through the

retirement years, NSU serves the needs of a diverse, multi-ethnic population both on-campus and in off-site clusters in 22 states and seven other nations.

In launching the new library, NSU ensures its status in higher education while bringing a state-of-the-art research facility to a community that already boasts the nation's celebrated “Library of the Year” designation.

Initially, the library will open with four floors, with a commitment from the County to build out the fifth floor when needed during the first 10 years after the building is occupied. The County will pay half of the construction cost and 40 percent of the annual operating cost. After five years, the County will pay 50 percent of the annual operating cost. During the first four years, the County will contribute toward collection development and will continue to support it annually. A parking garage will also be constructed to accommodate 1,525 spaces.

The result of this remarkable partnership between the County and NSU is a “seamless,” synergistic facility with advantages for the university and the community.

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Tidings*. This is the first in a series of quarterly newsletters to be produced by NSU Library's *Circle of Friends*.

NSU Library's *Circle of Friends* is a community support arm for Nova Southeastern University's new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. The *Circle of Friends'* mission is twofold: to increase public awareness of the activities, collections and services available at the new research facility and to provide a source of annual support for future exhibits, programs and special collections.

The new NSU Library is a \$41.4 million facility. On June 8, 1999 the Broward County Commission agreed to partner with NSU. Construction is slated to start in the third quarter of 1999. As NSU's capital campaign continues in high gear, there are several key dedication opportunities available for major donors.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Circle of Friends Group Holds Kick

It was an evening of fondly shared memories among strangers – book lovers and library enthusiasts – who quickly became friends as they came together to celebrate the inauguration of the NSU Library's *Circle of Friends* group.

Omnigraphics owner Fred Ruffner offered his lovely home overlooking one of Fort Lauderdale's splendid waterways for the first social get-together of the NSU Library "friends" on May 5th. Fred, who has also made his Las Olas Boulevard conference room available for meetings of the *Circle of Friends* steering committee, began the evening with a wonderful ice-breaker: He asked each guest to share a recollection of beloved books or a memorable library experience, thereby transforming a roomful of strangers into friends.

A Charter attesting to the founding of the *Circle of Friends* was passed around for signatures. The Charter proclaims that members "extend the hand of fellowship to all who share our commitment to advancing the NSU

Library which enriches the educational process of Nova Southeastern University for the benefit of this community, the state and the nation."

Guests included: Robert and Millicent Steele, President Ray and Raquel Ferrero, Dr. Michael and Gail Kaplan, Tom and Virginia (Ginny) Miller, Donald and Jo Ann Medalie, Arthur and Elizabeth Freeman, Dr. Andrew and Nancy Rappaport, Dr. Donald and Jane Riggs, NSU Einstein Library Director Harriett MacDougall, NSU Library Director of Development Elaine Blattner, Barbara Cooper, Myra Gross, Philip and Eileen McNally, Dr. Robert and Dr. Anna Burke and Jules Epstein.



Publisher Fred Ruffner with Nancy and Dr. Andrew Rappaport.



Arthur and Elizabeth Freeman, Broward Public Library Foundation officer, and Millicent Steele.



(From left) NSU President Ray and Raquel Ferrero, host Fred Ruffner, and Millicent and Robert A. Steele, chairman of the NSU Board of Trustees.



(From left) Community leader Virginia Miller and her husband Tom Miller, head of Miller Construction, on either side of Fred Ruffner, and Dr. Donald E. Riggs, NSU Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian.



Robert Steele and Jo Ann Medalie enjoy reminiscing about their love of books.



Don Riggs, Sam Morrison and Ray Ferrero enjoy the news that the Broward County Commission approved the new NSU / Broward County Library partnership.

"NSU is investing..."

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"This is truly a classic case of synergism where one plus one equals three," said Dr. Donald E. Riggs, NSU Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian.

"The Broward County Library system has aggressively sought opportunities to expand library services through partnerships," said Samuel F. Morrison, Director of Broward County Library. "This is one of the most innovative, providing opportunities and benefits to the citizens of Broward County which would not otherwise be available."

You Can Make A Difference

As a member of the Circle of Friends, you will be joining an illustrious group of business, academic and community leaders with a common goal of furthering South Florida's intellectual resources.

- Gail Kaplan



Architectural Rendering

No library can flourish without the faith and help of its ardent supporters. The NSU Library's Circle of Friends provides a meeting point for library supporters, programs and events that encourage intellectual exploration, as well as create general awareness and goodwill for the library. As a founding member, you have the opportunity to contribute significantly to the program design and help steer the Circle of Friends onto a winning course of success and recognition.

- Donald E. Riggs

**"For all you want to know...
When you need to know."**

Message from Donald E. Riggs, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian



A library facility that incorporates traditional information sources, leading-edge technology and highly trained, responsive personnel is critical in supporting the evolving Nova

Southeastern University curriculum and the continuing needs of students and faculty in the new century.

Civilization has reached a milestone in intellectual development. New and future multimedia technologies continue to change the way knowledge is transmitted and the way students learn. The new library is poised on the brink of change – providing a bridge to the past and a gateway to the future.

Yet the library of NSU's future is more than its collections, more than its innovative technology. Most of all, it is an intensely human place, committed to serving individual needs, whenever and wherever they arise.

NSU's new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center will be the signature building on campus and a

unique research and resource facility in South Florida. It will also have the distinction of serving the entire community in a unique partnership with the highly rated Broward County Library system.

It will accommodate seating space for 1,000 customers, a 500-seat auditorium, 20 electronic classrooms, a classroom of the future, a knowledge navigation center, Internet access in all work areas and capacity for 800,000 volumes.

Designed to keep pace with the emerging telecommunications technology of the 21st century, the new library will continue to serve NSU's academic, professional and research goals with the highest quality customer service.

Research libraries must have the capacity to instantly connect people around the world with ideas and with one another. NSU's newest library will offer global resources and serve the campus constituency as well as distance students with the utmost attention, quality service and speed.

And with its special collections and exhibit areas, it will become a favorite gathering place for the cultural life of the community.

Gail Kaplan Chosen as Founding President of NSU Library's Circle of Friends



We have captured a prize! Gail Kaplan has been selected as the founding president of NSU Library's Circle of Friends. One of South Florida's most sought-after community leaders,

Gail is a woman who knows how to organize and galvanize a group into tip-top shape.

For the past seven years, Gail has been associated with Medic Pharmacy & Surgical, a family business in Fort Lauderdale, as vice president of marketing and administration. She is a tireless community service volunteer, serving on the Board of Directors of ArtServe and Elder Services Resource Network. She is president of Broward Women's Alliance, vice president of Broward Coalition on Aging, a member of the President's Council and Leadership Broward Class XIV.

A 10-year career in arts management included positions as executive director, Western New York Institute for the Arts in Education (Buffalo, NY) and the Arts Council in Buffalo and Erie County; development director, Florida Philharmonic; and executive director, Broward Public Library Foundation.

Gail holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.S. from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The Wit & Wisdom of Will Rogers

In mid-May, the *Circle of Friends* and the Florida Center for the Book co-sponsored a unique performance by Doug Watson portraying the wit and wisdom of one of America's favorite humorists – Will Rogers.

Rogers was a cowboy on the rodeo circuit, a newspaper columnist, movie star, vaudevillian and political analyst – and they don't make 'em that way anymore! The *Circle of Friends* was proud to bring this American treasure to

life with all his rope tricks, still-relevant quips and biting commentary.

Doug Watson, a professor of English at Oklahoma Baptist University, portrays Stephen Crane and Nathaniel Hawthorne as well as Will Rogers in programs across the country.

To learn more about other exciting programs sponsored by the *Circle of Friends*, become a Charter Member now and receive your free subscription to *Tidings* in the months ahead.



Circle of Friends members Lee Millman (left) and Maxine Jordan (also chairman of NSU's Institute for Learning in Retirement) with Doug "Will Rogers" Watson.

Become a Charter Member of NSU Library's Circle of Friends and ensure lasting recognition of your support.

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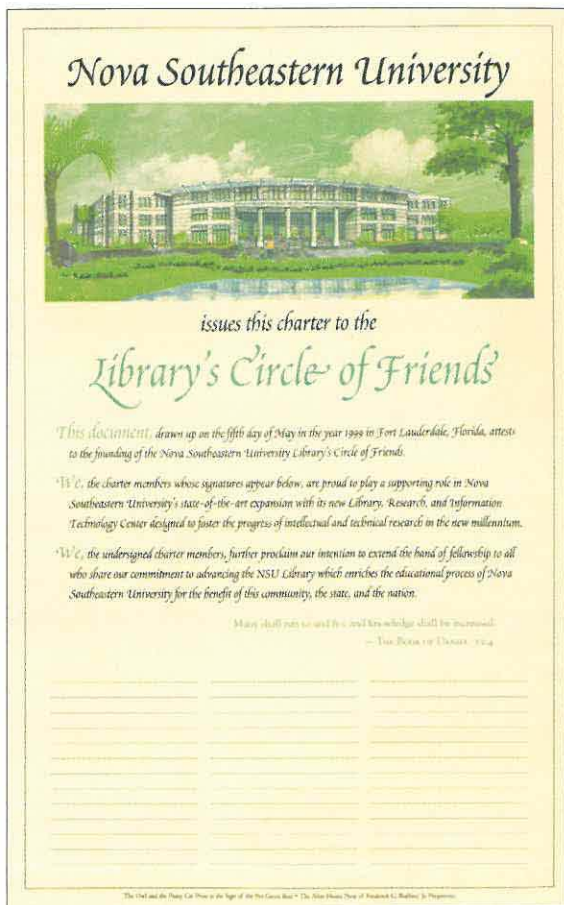
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Einstein Librarians Karl Suhr (center) and Mair Bonnin (right) and guests trying to "Stump the Librarians" at the Virtual Groundbreaking event.

Festival of the Future

A university-wide Festival of the Future was held on the NSU campus March 30, 1999 featuring a virtual reality/interactive groundbreaking for the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. The event offered technology exhibits such as Telemedicine, Vision of the Future, Stump the Librarian, Virtual MBA, Environmental Studies, Great Barrier Reef, Dynamic Spine, Electronic Research Projects, Speech Recognition, Interactive Distance Legal Clinical Education, Graduate Education Online, WebCT, Office Skills Assessment, Teaching Teachers Via the Net, Electronic Student/Electronic Teacher and Virtual Conference Center.

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