

nently there," Hanbury said. "Many businesses today with some security measures don't wish to have classes on campus

for anyone other than their employees."

Hanbury said offering classes on the new campus is part of NSU's efforts to branch out and be "Broward's university."

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For information and course registration, go to www.nova.edu and www.broward.edu.

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Chances for higher learning in Miramar

NSU, Broward College campuses open soon

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Residents will have two more options for higher education when new college campuses open in a few weeks at Miramar Town Center.

The campuses for Broward College and Nova Southeastern University will be in the Miramar Branch Library and Education Center. The library, which has yet to open, will occupy the first floor, with Broward College taking up the second floor and NSU using the third.

Creating a library and col-

lege campus were early components of the town center's master plan, said Hector Vazquez, Miramar's strategic development officer.

"It'll be one of the integral components of the town center," he said. "We want people to work here, live here, dine here and be entertained here."

In developing the library and college campuses, the goal is to keep people in the area after hours during the week and on weekends, said Assistant City Manager Wazir Ishmael. Downtown revitalization

projects in some other cities haven't performed as well because they're only alive during work hours, Ishmael said.

"What happens with the office workers is when they leave at 5 o'clock, the downtown goes dead," he said.

The entire property is owned by the county library system. Miramar leases the second and third floors from the library, which in turn subleases to Broward College and NSU.

When classes begin for Broward College on Aug. 18, the Miramar campus will offer

general education courses, as well as a new air traffic controller program. The program will feature several air traffic control simulator units that cost a total of \$1 million.

Offering this new program is important because many controllers will be retiring within the next 10 years, said Terri Justice, the school's dean of academic resources. The program is requesting certification from the Federal Aviation Administration.

"The reason we're jumping into it is because there's not that many colleges that are providing this kind of training," Justice said. "There's going to

be a tremendous need for air traffic controllers, and it's an expensive program to put together."

Although Broward College already has satellite centers in Pembroke Pines and Weston, it saw potential when approached by Miramar several years ago, said Lourdes Oroza, the South Campus provost.

"That's a growing area, and we're very aware of the potential in that area for the college because so many people are moving in that part of the county," she said.

Classes at NSU will start a bit later, either in late August or after Labor Day, said Deo Nellis,

executive director of student educational centers. When it opens, the campus will offer an MBA graduate program, said George Hanbury, NSU's executive vice president and chief operating officer. It also is considering future offerings for a health program, including the psychology area, he said.

Hanbury said NSU has offered classes for businesses in the Miramar area before, but they were provided on-site at businesses and lacked a permanent location.

"We felt that it would be worthwhile for us to be perma-

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