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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

From the Search Committees:

**Search For Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs**

The next meeting of the search committee for the position of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs will meet on Thursday January 29th at 1:00 pm in Davis 100.

**Search For Senior Environmental Scientist**

There will be a meeting of the Environmental Science, Policy, and Geography search committee (for the position of senior Environmental Scientist) to be held on:

- Friday, January 23, 2004 at 1:00 pm in the DAV-100 Conference Room

All interested parties are invited to attend.

**Search For AVP Research and Community Partnerships**

Notice Correction: The next meeting of the Search Committee for the position of Assistant Vice President for Research and Community Partnerships will be held on:

- Tuesday January 27th at 1:00 pm in Davis 100.

The previous message incorrectly identified this as the 29th.

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**USF COMPUTING OFFERS COURSE TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTORS BUILDING WEB-ENABLED STUDENT SUPPORT**

Blackboard provides tools for instructors to build and manage courses. The USF implementation can be found at MyUSF:

http://www.acomp.usf.edu/portal.html

The Office of Campus Computing is pleased to announce the following Blackboard training schedule:

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Please confirm your attendance by calling the faculty/staff helpline at 3-help.

A guide for instructors can be found at: [http://www.acomp.usf.edu/myUSF/bbls_rel6_instructor.pdf](http://www.acomp.usf.edu/myUSF/bbls_rel6_instructor.pdf)

Blackboard has made numerous corrections to the system. While most of the major bugs have been fixed, there are still some performance problems being worked out that may cause access problems during times of heavy load. An updated version [6.0.14] will be installed at the end of January. This should improve performance and fix most of the remaining issues.

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**USF ST. PETERSBURG TO HOST 32ND FLORIDA SUNCOAST WRITERS' CONFERENCE, FEB. 6-8, 2004**

Tampa, Fla. (January 8, 2003) -- Acclaimed writer Norman Mailer, along with authors Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Verlyn Klinkenborg, and Robert Olen Butler, will be featured speakers at the 32nd annual Florida Suncoast Writers' Conference, to be held at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Feb. 6-8, 2004. The USF conference, which brings nationally known speakers and workshop faculty to the Tampa Bay area, is considered one of the nation's top ten conferences for aspiring and published writers.

Mailer, National Book Award winner and two-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, will open the conference with the Edgar Hirshberg Memorial Keynote Address on Friday, Feb. 6. Mailer's legendary career began with his World War II novel, *The Naked and the Dead* (1948). Other critically acclaimed works by Mailer include *Armies of the Night* (1968) and *The Executioner's Song* (1979). His most recent book is *Why Are We at War?* (2003).

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The University of South Florida St. Petersburg FACULTY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THE OPENING CONCERT OF THE 2004 PALLADIUM ENCORE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

First concert of the series is Thursday evening, January 22. The performance by the Florida Orchestra Chamber Players includes Mark Sforzini's Winds of Passion and the world premiere of a new work, Approaching Midnight. Also on the program are
works by Carl Nielsen and Ludwig Spohr. Single tickets to Encore concerts are just $15 ($12 for seniors and $10 for students). Season passes for all eight concerts are also available for $105 ($84 for seniors and $72 for students).

The festivities begin at 6:30 with a reception in the lobby of the Palladium followed by the concert at 7:30. A talk back session with the musicians and Florida Orchestra conductor Susan Haig follows the performance in the Palladium’s Great Room.

Series organizer, Dar Webb, states, “A goal of the Encore Chamber Music series is to celebrate our hometown heroes – the musicians and composers who live in our community, and who teach and perform in our community. In addition to being awesomely talented musicians, they’re our friends and neighbors. The Encore concerts are a chance to get to know these wonderful people. Plus, the intimate acoustics of the Palladium bring the performance right into your seat. It’s an incomparable way to experience chamber music and learn about the people who perform and write it.”

Parking is provided in the United Bank parking lot at 4th Avenue N between 3rd and 4th Streets, just a short walk away from the Palladium, which is located at 253 5th Avenue, N.

For More info on the series contact: The Palladium at 727-822-3590

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