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Leavitt selected as USF’s first football coach

Adequate funding from the state, enough parking for everyone and a head football coach. What do all these things have in common? They would all be firsts for USF.

Which one doesn’t belong with the others? Would the first football coach in USF’s history please take one step forward. Thank you, Jim Leavitt.

The 39-year-old head coach is currently the co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State, but his five-year stint there ends at the conclusion of this season, when Leavitt will leave to take the reins of USF’s infant football program.

Athletic Director Paul Griffin announced Leavitt’s decision to accept the coaching position at the Phyllis P. Marshall Center on Dec. 12.

“Jim Leavitt’s passion for the profession is evident,” said Griffin. “His intense desire to lead this team at this particular time in USF’s development, and his ability to communicate this passion effectively to others helped distinguish his candidacy in our selection process.”

Leavitt was one of three candidates with local ties. He grew up in Tampa Bay and graduated from St. Petersburg’s Dixie Hollins High School. He prefers to recruit Florida’s high school football players, actively pursuing them for Kansas State.

“There is a great deal of talent in our backyard,” he said. “I want to cultivate that talent and bring it to USF.”

President Betty Castor was on hand at the announcement Tuesday and was enthusiastic about Griffin’s decision.

“He (Leavitt) has the right priorities,” said Castor. “He values the academic program and knows the importance of graduation for all our athletes.”

The announcement marks the culmination of three weeks of interviews, beginning in late November when the first of five coaching candidates arrived at USF for interviews.

Now, with a head football coach in place, the focus is on putting together a team and finding a place to field them. According to Griffin, stadium issues will be decided in January.

That leaves Leavitt with the task of creating a coaching staff and recruiting players for Fall 1996. The signing date for student athletes is in February and Griffin expects to have a very active month talking with prospective players.

“USF football has taken its first steps now,” said Castor. “We’re no longer crawling and it won’t be long until the Bulls begin to run.”

By Tom Wagner

Bull-ieve it: New logo introduced

President Betty Castor unveiled USF’s new logo during a Sun Dome press conference on Dec. 7. The sleek new bull was created by FKQ Advertising in Clearwater.

“We believe this new bull will increase our visibility and improve our marketing of USF,” said Castor. “We are now the nation’s 15th largest university, with more than 36,000 students. We have more than 135,000 alumni living throughout the United States and the world, and we have strong community support.

“By using the new symbol on clothing and other products and by more aggressively marketing that merchandise, we will raise the visibility and the profile of this outstanding university higher than ever before.”

USF licenses have produced and distributed merchandise featuring the new logo to JC Penney, Dillard’s, Sports Unlimited and several other stores throughout the Tampa Bay area.

“We will see a much more aggressive push to market our product through retailers,” said USF Athletic Director Paul Griffin. “We appreciate the partnerships we are building with retailers like JC Penney, Dillard’s and Champs, and we look forward to seeing those relationships mature and flourish — in addition to spawning new relationships with even more retailers.”

In addition to being printed on T-shirts, hats and other merchandise, the new bull can be seen on the World Wide Web.

With a Web browser such as Netscape, the bull can be seen on the USF News and Information home page. The address is: http://www.rmit.usf.edu/usfnews/home.htm. From the USF page, click on “Downloadable Photos and Graphics.” That will link to a page that features four thumbnail images of the new bull.

While these images can be downloaded, they all are trademarked and may be used for commercial purposes only with written permission from the university.

USF faculty and staff who need a copy of the bull on disk may call graphic artist Anne Scott at ext. 4-9043.

By Colette Glover

Archaeologist to address 3,000 grads

Nearly 3,000 students will graduate during USF’s fall commencement ceremonies.

James Strange, chairperson and professor of Religious Studies at USF, will be the commencement speaker for the Tampa campus ceremony.

Strange has combined a study of the New Testament with archaeology since 1969. He has received international recognition for his teaching and research and has led archaeological digs to Israel for more than two decades. His work has taken him to the West Bank, Jerusalem, Hebron and Upper Galilee.

Strange received his bachelor’s degree from Rice University and a master’s and doctorate from Divinity School. He then earned his doctorate from Drew University in 1976.

In addition to awarding more than 3,000 bachelor’s degrees, the university will also confer 752 master’s, 87 doctorates and six specialist degrees to a graduating class which represents 68 nations.

Three USF campuses will host graduation ceremonies. The Tampa campus ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Sun Dome; St. Petersburg campus, Dec. 18 in the Mahaffey Theater Bayfront Center; and Sarasota at 7 p.m., Dec. 22 in the College Hall Bayfront Center.

By Colette Glover
Senior tuition waiver program celebrates sweet 15

The USF Tuition Waiver program for senior citizens recently turned 15 years old. In 1980, the Florida Legislature passed a bill stating that any state resident 60 years old and older could take credit courses at any state university on a space-available basis. And the courses are free.

In the fall of that year, USF initiated its Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver program and 55 eager students enrolled. Within a year, the number of enrollees had doubled. The numbers have steadily increased, and now, 15 years later, 175 students have enrolled this fall at the Tampa campus.

"The program is an excellent link between the seniors in the community and the university," said Lee Leavengood, director of Senior Programs at USF's School of Continuing Education. "We are very pleased with the continued growth and popularity of the program, despite the scarcity of available space in many classes."

The program has also caught on at the four other USF campuses. "At St. Petersburg, we've enrolled over a hundred students a semester," said Ara Rogers, a graduate assistant.

The senior students are not typical — they range in age from 60 to more than 80, their educational backgrounds vary from high school to doctoral degrees and they enroll in courses in almost every subject. "This clearly reaffirms that most of us continue to be lifelong learners throughout our lives with a variety of ongoing interests," Leavengood said.

For Thelma Flanagan, who has been enrolled in the program since day one, the courses not only help broaden her outlook, she also enjoys "being on campus with young adults, a contrast from life at John Knox Village, where only senior citizens live.

"Thoroughly enjoy and benefit from each course, though I am headed towards pharmacology," Flanagan added. "The courses I have taken explore subjects in depth, from Anthropology to Nutrition, my college major, to Zoology. This was part of a biological warfare experiment I was working on undergraduate and graduate degrees." Planagan also serves as a peer adviser for the Tuition Waiver program, helping others sign up for courses. "Lifelong learning has come to fruition for me at USF. Only regret that more senior citizens are not taking advantage of the university's offerings to enrich their lives."

For more information about the program, call the Senior Programs office at ext. 4-5636.

A vast wasteland: Professor assesses risks of toxic fallout

Professor Kristin Shrader-Frechette has an embarrassment of academic credentials, a reputation for speaking up and a message she thinks her colleagues should hear: "If we don't get out and do the independent, probono work, there is no hope for the ethical future of science. We have got to be the keepers of the intellectual birthright of this society.

A distinguished research professor of Philosophy with degrees in Mathematics, Physics and Philosophy of Science, Shrader-Frechette today specializes in risk assessment. With no shortage of risks on our national agenda, she is much in demand, and currently serves on three committees for the National Academy of Sciences.

The flip-side of feel-good ecology, risk assessment is a gritty process that utilizes all of Shrader-Frechette's specialties, and then some. It is, briefly, the "quantitative assessment of the risks imposed by human-generated substances: nuclear waste, industrial by-products and chemicals."

But the ethical issues it spawns are as politically toxic as the waste itself. The hangover of the 20th Century's love affair with science, these by-products have become the scientists' headache and the ethicist's nightmare. In whose back yard, exactly, do we deposit this stuff?

Without the participation of unbiased, academic researchers, says Shrader-Frechette, that decision is often made on the basis of skewed data — and by the wrong people.

"If university people cannot engage in service activities of this kind...the only information the public will get will be from H-I-R-E education — the special-interest groups," she says. "The universities are the only ones who don't have a vested interest in just finding the cheapest outcomes..."

In the course of her work, Shrader-Frechette has encountered both historical and futuristic horrors, some of them disturbingly close to home.

"Did you know?" she asks, "that Pinellas County was, until this year, on the short list for a nuclear waste disposal site?" A member of the blue ribbon committee evaluating these sites, and armed with a specialization in hydroecology ("Who knew?") Shrader-Frechette maintained that the water table in Florida is simply "way too high to be putting that stuff in the ground here."

Pinellas County thus dodged a sort of time-release nuclear bullet. Forty years ago, it was not so lucky.

From 1949-1969, the U.S. Government, as part of a biological warfare experiment, sprayed much of Florida's east coast with viruses. Among those used was the pre-vaccine era mumps to children, whooping cough. This, says, Shrader-Frechette, was only one of several even larger experiments which the Army has acknowledged in recent years. She does not cite these in order to vilify the government, as might philosophers like herself to argue.

"I believe they honestly didn't realize, in some cases, what they were doing. Remember, this was the product of a cold-war mentality...I have known many people within the government bureaucracy who do the right thing, who are good people..."

It may fail, however, to university researchers to save these folks from themselves. And budget cuts are crippling the universities' abilities to contribute their researchers.

In a quiet voice that does nothing to mask her intensity, Shrader-Frechette explains that "risk assessment projects at this point concern some 50,000 chemicals to which we were all subjected. My research depends heavily on data from the U.S. Office of Technology Assessment (OTA). They've reported — and here's a quote — that 'up to 90 per cent of all cancers are environmentally induced and are theoretically preventable.' But now, the OTA has been abolished! So there go my statistics....And believe me, the OTA was just the canary in the coal mine."

Americans may well decide that their consumption-heavy lifestyles are worth the risk of cancer and other diseases that result, Shrader-Frechette says. That is not, she adds, for scientists and philosophers like herself to argue.

What is their concern is to see that people get sufficient, unbiased information about the nature of those risks. In the philosopher-scientist's ethical hierarchy, few concepts outrank this one: free, informed consent. It is a tenant of democracy, but one that does not come cheap.

"The Legislature assumes it can tell professors to just teach, to cut out their research, but that violates our historical mission...It's no accident, you know, that these toxic dump sites end up where there is no university and there is an uneducated population..."

By Jacque Bishop
John C. Ruckdeschel, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, was appointed by Gov. John C. Ruckdeschel, H. Lee Moffitt in November. The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory group to promote cancer control for the Florida Cooperative Education Congress and Exposition in San Francisco in November.

Michael Lares, Biology, USF St. Petersburg, recently presented “Effect of Feeding Frequency on Feeding Rate and Digestion in Sea Urchins” at the Florida Echinoderm Festival in St. Petersburg.

John Lawrence, Biology, USF St. Petersburg, recently presented “Potential for Production in the Chillean Sea Urchin Lincodendraster” at the Florida Echinoderm Festival in St. Petersburg.

Sang-Hie Lee, Associate Dean, Fine Arts, presented “Departmental Conditions and Music Faculty Vitality” at the Annual Meeting of the College Music Society and Association for Technology in Music Instruction in Portland in November.


Darryl Paulson, Government and International Affairs, USF St. Petersburg, presented “Politics Would Be a Serious Business... If It Wasn’t So Darn Funny” at the Pinellas County Fair Campaign Faithmakers, the Irish Politicians Club and the Panhandle Tiger Bay Club in Pensacola.

Emma Polson, Biology, USF St. Petersburg, presented “Role of Proteins in Crystal Formation in Sand-Dollar Ostreae” at the Florida Echinoderm Festival in November.

Martha Rearick, Fine Arts, recently presented a master class for flute students at the University of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

John Romeo, Biology, USF St. Petersburg, recently gave the poster presentation on “Nitrogen in Plant Defense” at the International Society of Chemical Ecology annual meeting in Los Andes, Chile.

Nicole Ruediger, Biology, USF St. Petersburg, presented “Elongation of the Archerfish in the Sea Urchin Lytechinus variegatus” at the Florida Echinoderm Festival in November.

Bajen Sen, Engineering, presented “Durability and Bond of AFRP and CFRP Pretensioned Elements” at the American Concrete Institute Convention in Montreal in November.

R. Lee Smith, Education, New College, recently presented “Consultation Strategies which Enhance Educational Outcomes for Secondary Students” at the Florida Federation Council for Exceptional Children’s annual conference in Beach and “Elidepartivity and a Constructionist Teacher Education Program” at the 18th Annual Conference of the CEC Teacher Education Division in Honolulu.

Robert E. Snyder, Arts and Sciences, Lakeland, recently presented “Gordon Parks and the Politics of Race” at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in New Orleans.

Sharon Stackes, Adult and Transfer Student Services, will present “African-American Students Getting Through the Educational Pipeline” at the Florida African-American Student Association conference in Tampa in November.

Publications

Gaëtan Brulotte
Paul Buchanan, Social Sciences, New College, recently published the following: State, Labor Capital: Demonizing Class Relations in the Southern Cone; “Counter-Hegemonic Strategies in Neo-Liberal Argentina” in the journal Latin American Perspectives; and “Old Wine in New Bottles, New Wine in Old Bottles, or Something Completely Different?” U.S. Defense Policy for the Western Hemisphere” in the journal of Inter-American Affairs and World Studies.

Glenn R. Cuomo, Humanities, New College, recently edited the essay collection National Socialist Cultural Policy. Cuomo wrote the introduction, translated two chapters from the original German and contributed the final chapter.

Justus D. Doenecke, Social Sciences, USF New College, recently published the following: “U.S. Interventionist Policy and the European Student Movement” in the book The Election of 1940.

Frederick B. Essig, Biology, USF St. Petersburg, published “A New Species of Cryogenophyllum from the Bismarck Archipelago” in the journal Principes.

John W. Hadden, Medicine, recently published “The Treatment of Zinc Deficiency is an Immunotherapy,” “Zinc Inhibits Thymulin Secretion from Human Thymic Epithelial Cells in Vitro and Augments Splenocyte and Thymocyte Responses in Vivo,” and “Methyl Imine Monophosphates T-Lymphocyte Mitogen Responses and Reverses Immunosuppression in Flaxseed Flaxseed Echinoderm Festival in November.

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Martha Rearick, Fine Arts, recently published a book, orchestral excerpts for flute and piano.

John T. Romeo, Biology, recently published Phytochemistry of Medicinal Plants, a volume of Handbooks of Recent Advances in Phytochemistry, with John T. Arason, University of Ottawa and Rachel Mata, University Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.

Arthur L. Schwachtje Jr., Finance, USF St. Petersburg and Stephen D. Kaplin, Finance, were co-editors of “Alternative Ideas in Real Estate Investments,” in the journal Real Estate Research Issues.

Mary Jo A. Witt and Clinton J. Davies, Biology, recently published “Flowering and Short Shoot Age in Three Thalassia Testudinum Meadows Off-West Central Florida” in the journal Botanica Marina.


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DECEMBER/JANUARY

Calendar

SATURDAY

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Holiday exhibition: Graphicstudio will present its annual Winter Salon Exhibition through Jan. 25. Fine prints from renowned artists will be available for purchase and admission is free during the exhibition. For more information or to schedule a tour, call ext. 4-3503.

Radio: The 56th consecutive season of live Metropolitan Opera broadcasts will continue at 1:30 p.m. with Wagner’s “Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg” on WUSF-FM 99.7. For more information, call ext. 4-4890.

Men’s basketball: USF will take on Florida Atlantic University at 7:30 p.m. in the Sun Dome. Tickets are $12 for general admission, $8 for children and senior citizens and free for students with valid ID. For more information, call ext. 4-2125.

SUNDAY

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Commencement: The Tampa campus commencement ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the Sun Dome. No tickets are required for entrance and participants can invite as many guests as they like. For more information, call ext. 4-9406.

Commencement: The Fort Myers campus commencement ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. No tickets are required for entrance. For more information, call ext. 4-5574.

Commencement: The St. Petersburg campus commencement ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. in the Mahaffey Theater. No tickets are required for entrance. For more information, call ext. 3-9162.

Women’s basketball: The USF Holiday Classic will continue with UAB and Marshall at 1 p.m. and USF and East Tennessee at 3 p.m. in the Corral. Tickets cost $2 for general admission, $1 for children and senior citizens and free for students with a valid ID. For more information, call ext. 4-2125.

MONDAY

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Radio: WUSF-FM Concert 99.7 will air an episode of “Adventures in Good Music: Festival of Light” at 12:04 p.m. featuring special music pertaining to Hanukkah. For more information, call ext. 4-4890.

Commencement: The St. Petersburg campus commencement ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. in the Mahaffey Theater. No tickets are required for entrance. For more information, call ext. 3-9162.

Women’s basketball: The USF Holiday Classic will continue with UAB and Marshall at 1 p.m. and USF and East Tennessee at 3 p.m. in the Corral. Tickets cost $2 for general admission, $1 for children and senior citizens and free for students with a valid ID. For more information, call ext. 4-2125.

TUESDAY

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Happy

Kwanzaa

FRIDAY

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Commencement: The Sarasota campus commencement ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. in the College Hall Bayfront. No tickets are required for entrance. For more information, call ext. 2-4263.

FRIDAY

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Men’s basketball: The USF Holiday Invitational basketball tournament will feature USF and Georgia Southern at 7 p.m. followed by Long Island and Yale at 9 p.m. The consolation and championship games will be played on Sat. Dec. 30 at 6 and 8 p.m. respectively. Tickets for the tournament are $12 for general admission, $8 for children and senior citizens and free for students with valid ID. For more information, call ext. 4-2125.

MONDAY

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Happy New Year

SUNDAY

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Men’s basketball: USF will host conference opponent Memphis at 4:30 p.m. in the Sun Dome. Tickets are $12 for general admission, $8 for children and senior citizens and free for students with valid ID. For more information, call ext. 4-2125.

THURSDAY

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Groundbreaking: A week of activities commemorating the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will begin with a groundbreaking ceremony for the MLK central core development project. The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. at the south entrance to the Phyllis Marshall Center. For more information, call ext. 4-5154.

FRIDAY

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MLK Day: USF’s annual program will feature former congresswoman Shirley Chisholm as the keynote speaker. Bay area and university talent also will be showcased. The program will begin at 4 p.m. in the Special Events Center. For more information, call ext. 4-5154.

WEDNESDAY

17

AIDS awareness: The Division of Human Resources will offer an AIDS awareness training session at the Fort Myers campus from 1:45 - 3:15 p.m. at the Activities and Recreation Center. To enroll in this free training session of for more information, call ext. 4-5487 or 4-5708.

Calendar on Gopher

A calendar of USF events and activities can be viewed via Gopher or the prof, e-mail system.

The on-line calendar does not represent every event at USF, and does not list details such as prices. Read Inside USF as the event approaches for specific details.

To input an event of specific interest to the campus, send the information to Anne Cash in LIB 654, or call her at ext. 4-1816.