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University of South Florida.
Renovated University Center opens

After 14 months of waiting, the students, faculty and staff of USF are again able to enjoy the services provided by the University Center. The renovated building includes several new services while retaining most of the facilities it had before.

The building opened on Feb. 3, although according to Phyllis Marshall, director of the UC, not all services began operating at that time. The information desk, reservations and most offices in the UC are open now. Food services will be opening later this month. Grand opening events are scheduled for March 5-10.

"We encourage all people to come and use the facilities," Marshall said. "Everything in the building is available for students and faculty/staff to use."

The largest change to occur to the UC is the addition of the Phyllis P. Marshall Special Events Center. This 2,000-capacity auditorium provides a place for programs not large enough to be held in the Sue Dune. Some of the programs scheduled so far are speakers for the USF Lecture Series, a fashion show, various films, and student events such as a bodybuilding contest.

Another new service offered in the UC will be a copy center, said Marshall. The center's operating hours are the same as the building's and will do copies for the customer or the customer can do his own copies. The copy center will also provide services such as binding.

A branch of the USF credit union is also operating in the UC, said Marshall. Two automatic teller machines will handle deposits and withdrawals, and a full-service teller stationed in the UC will allow members to take advantage of the credit union without travelling across campus.

The newly renovated University Center opened Feb. 5. Above is an artist's rendering of the building.

"I think the credit union, the copy shop and food services will be most important to faculty and staff," Marshall said.

Richard Wingard, director of food services, is very enthusiastic about the university running its own food services in the UC.

"We want to make sure our products are fresh and top quality," Wingard said. "And we are focusing on fast service."

One of the food service innovations in the UC will be a specialty shop called "Sweet Sensations" on the ground level. The shop will provide everything from fresh-baked pastries, bagels and muffins to gourmet coffee and tea, said Wingard.

All baking will be done in the UC kitchens, and students, faculty and staff will even have the opportunity to order cakes for special occasions. Once it gets going the shop may sell such items as newspaper, flowers, greeting cards and helium balloons, said Wingard.

"We want to meet everyone's needs," Wingard said, "and down the line I'm sure we'll do that."

The dining room will be reopening on the ground level of the UC with operating hours from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, said Wingard. There will be a hot food line, a deli section and grill for made-to-order meals, and a selection of prepared and wrapped "grab-and-go" food. Salad bar carts will provide another lunch alternative.

The Empty Keg will reopen also, said Wingard, this time on the lower level. It will be open from 4:30 p.m. until the building closes. Pizza, deli sandwiches and soft drinks will be available there. The university has also applied for a beer license for the Empty Keg, but it is unknown if and when this will be approved, Wingard said.

A full-service catering operation now provides quality service for scheduled events ranging from small lunches to large-scale dinners and award banquets. The catering service is a mostly student-run operation, said catering manager Michael Carroll. The catering service has a recruiting program to establish qualified student employees, managers and supervisors, he said.

The first catered event was a small luncheon for a student organization on Feb. 7, said Carroll. "Sweet Sensations" will open on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The Empty Keg will open on Feb. 21, and the dining room will open on Feb. 28. Wingard said food services will cater all events held in the UC as well as provide concessions for the Special Events Center.

"We want a flexible and dynamic experience in the services we provide," Wingard said. "I think we can do that."

Much of the UC has been divided into meeting rooms and dining rooms. On the lower level there are 10 smoking and non-smoking rooms, and on the ground level there are 25 rooms non-smoking for smoking. The balance will be open for events, and there are several large meeting rooms for conventions and dinners.

Good morning, America!

Volunteers needed

FMHII is seeking couples who have been married or living together for a year or more to participate in a study on interpersonal behavior. FMHII is particularly interested in couples where the female has experienced depression within the last year.

Couples will earn $20 for completing questionnaires and holding a 20-minute conversation with each other. The entire session will last approximately one hour.

The session will be held at FMHII at a time convenient for each couple. Call Colette Rather at ext. 4632 for more information.

Be an American Friend

Every year more than 250 new international students representing approximately 50 countries arrive at USF. It is important that we welcome these students, so please provide them with opportunities to meet and be in touch with us.

The American Friend Program has been designed to bring this about. The program requires no obligation other than that of befriending a student. The program does not involve providing housing for the students. For information, call ext. 5102.

Briefly

Breast health classes offered

Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute now offers Breast Health classes designed to teach women the signs they should take to prevent breast cancer and how to detect cancer in its early stages.

Class dates and times are: Feb. 21 from 7:45 p.m. and March 19 from noon to 1 p.m. Registration is limited. Call 972-4673, ext. 2689.

Moffitt Cancer Center is also offering an outpatient breast cancer screening program called Mammmography at Moffitt. This program offers screening mammograms -- low dose, X-ray images of the breasts -- for $45.

For more information, call Mammmography at Moffitt at 979-7210.

Correction

Construction will begin in 1990 on a $9 million classroom building at USF Lakeland. USF will lease use of six classrooms, some office space and will share the library with the community college.

Incorrect information was reported in the last issue of Inside USF.
Committees to draft alternatives and proposal.

The department's entire $1.1 million annual

The decrease in the next five years would actually mean you're

Parking fee increases:

Joy Clingman has one foot on the ground, and the other, she says, is in the air. "You don't call it walking, actually, you're running," says this state champion race walker who can tell you the story of her sport is not that easy.

Disqualified she's never been. A

"If you saw a sign that said "race walking," you would think it was a race. But the word walking is right there."

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