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Margaret Bates

named interim provost at New College

Political science professor Margaret Bates was named interim provost at New College.

"I'm very pleased that Professor Bates agreed to serve as interim provost," said US Provost Gerry G. Meisels. "She has fine vision for the future of the college and the commitment to strengthen it. In addition, she works well with different groups and has earned their respect."

"My immediate job," Bates said, "is to increase cooperation among the various groups on the Sarasota campus, to continue to strengthen New College and to make Professor Provost Meisels' activities, which have so been fruitful in the past." - Meisels said a national search for a permanent provost will begin in the fall semester, and that a new provost should be named by Aug. 1, 1990. Bates will serve until then.

In her 36-year academic career, Bates has taught at Rockford College and at Goddard College, an associate professor of government at Smith College, and chairwoman of New College's Division of Social Sciences. She is a specialist in African politics and history, and now teaches international relations and comparative politics.

Bates is a former president of the Florida Political Science Association and of the Sarasota-Bradenton chapter of the United Nations Association. She is a member of the Sarasota County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women and a member of the board of the Women's Resource Center in Sarasota.

She received her B.A. from Rockford College in Illinois, her B.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts and her Ph.D. from Oxford University. She also has an honorary doctorate from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Blind justice

In the "Vehicle Registrations" memo that Parking Services sent out July 14 is a section about free handicapped parking permits. Among the people who can get the permits, the memo says, are those who are "legally blind—with doctor's endorsement." A staffer sent a copy of the memo to Inside USF with a note that read, "No wonder traffic is so bad on campus. Why are blind people driving to work?"

Grants increase

Sponsored research at the Health Sciences Center increased 22 percent in the past fiscal year. The leading element in the growth was 53 percent increase in peer-reviewed federal funding for research in the College of Medicine.

The total of all sponsored research in the College of Medicine was $142.2 million, a $2.57 million increase. Sponsored research in Public Health totaled $2.27 million, up 13.7 percent, and Nursing's total of $223,000 represented a 6.7 percent increase. Charles Edwards, the College of Medicine's associate dean for research and graduate affairs, said the increase is impressive because grant applications to federal agencies are subject to rigorous review by other scientists before they can be approved.

The International Exchange Center on Gerontology will co-sponsor the International Conference on the Future of Older Workers at the Marriott-Airport Hotel in Tampa.

The conference will address early retirement, the implications of the impending shortage of young entrants into the labor force and the continued use and retraining of middle-aged and older workers.

USF is coordinating the conference with the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the American Society of Personnel Administrators, the American Association of Retired Persons, Hillsborough County and other local agencies.

Spielberger elected president of APA

Psychology Professor Charles D. Spielberger was elected president of the American Psychological Association last month.

The APA is the world's largest association of psychologists. Its membership includes more than 100,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. The association works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession and as a way of promoting human welfare.

"I am very pleased and delighted by the confidence my colleagues have placed in me at this time when the contributions of psychology to the prevention of both physical and emotional problems are increasingly recognized," Spielberger said.

"I look forward to increased collaboration between psychologists and physicians in contributing to a healthier and more productive American society," he added.

Spielberger is recognized throughout the world for his research in the areas of stress, anxiety and anger.

"Spielberger was in pioneer in developing the areas of community psychology and health psychology. His election is a measure of the high regard in which he is held by his colleagues," said APA Chief Executive Officer Raymond D. Fowler.

Spielberger's primary task as APA president will be to facilitate collaborative training, research and professional relationships among academic-research psychologists and colleagues who are engaged primarily in professional practice.
The average diner views waiting tables as nothing special, but there are those who think of waiting tables as a profession.

Jerry Felz, a senior thesis student at the University of South Florida’s New College in Sarasota, is conducting a study on the social identity of waiters. Felz is careful to distinguish between waiters in elite establishments and “food servers” in less ritzy restaurants. His thesis, based on extensive research in anthropology and sociology and which includes a series of taped interviews with waiters in fine dining establishments in the Sarasota area, reveals that many waiters consider themselves professionals.

"Others can’t envision people waiting tables for a living, but there are some people who do it by choice," Felz says. "They like the hours, the money, the social atmosphere.

Gary McDonagh, an anthropology professor at USF’s New College who has worked with Felz on the project, says that the assumed attitude helps waiters build a true professional identity.

"Waiters in elite restaurants are professional people, creative people," McDonagh says. "Although most people might think of waiters as a profession, McDonagh says waiting on tables is a part of the profession of a professional.

"Medical doctors were once in the same position as waiters. It was a recognized profession in the medical field in the 19th century," says McDonagh. "They see waiters in the same way that we see waiters."

But waiters, according to their television versions of the 20th century, waiters are the waiters in the films, in magazines and in television that like.

"Waiters are just like any other people in the history of the American restaurant business. They have a long history of building a career," says Felz. "Waiters have a history of building a career, but the context in which the career is built is different than that of other careers.

"Waiters in fine dining situations are important to society but not purely for their economic value, although they mark class differences as effectively," Felz explains. "Cultural capital may include knowledge of gourmet food, wine, art or classical music.

The diner in a fine-dining situation is usually the one who actually possesses the cultural capital. But a first-time patron of a restaurant, Felz says, is not likely to know about the food and wine. The customer assumes the waiter has the expertise. He relinquishes control of the cultural capital to the waiter, which blurs the class distinctions and creates an identity crisis for the waiter.

"The customers defer to the person who is hovering over them and wearing a tuxedo," Felz says. "He doesn’t actually hold the cultural capital himself. He wasn’t educated at Harvard and didn’t grow up in a home with fine wine and food.

"The waiter assumes the role of the head of an elite household, and creates an upper class dining experience. As a result of assuming this role and associating with people from another social class, the waiter often begins to identify with the clientele.

"The waiter spends a lot of time around people making more money than he or she and begins to acquire their attitudes," Felz says. "The acquisition of these attitudes fosters the feeling of professionalism, but society still thinks of waiters as servants.

"It’s difficult to ignore the social stigma," Felz says. "And because of the social stigma, a lot of waiters don’t consider themselves professionals even if they’ve been doing it for 20 years."

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\text{Good things come from those who wait.}
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\text{"Communism in Crisis" series set for September}
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The Division of Lifelong Learning has scheduled a lecture series titled "Communism in Crisis" for September. Three USF professors will lecture on different aspects of communism.

History Professor Henry Dikkes will speak on the Soviet Union Sept. 13. On Sept. 20, Harvey Nelsen, coordinator for international studies at USF and director of the USF Center for Chinese Studies, will lecture on China. And Charles Armand of the School of Economics and Policy Studies will present a perspective on the communists.

All three sessions will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the University Center in the CMC auditorium.

For information call ext. 3403.

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\text{Researchers develop animal model for gonorrhea tests}
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USF researchers have developed animal models to test the infectivity of the hundreds of existing strains of the disease gonorrhea. It is the first time such animal models have been developed.

The model, developed by Dr. Robert J. Grasso of the Department of Immunology and Richard Hiler, was presented May 15 at the American Society for Microbiology’s annual meeting in New Orleans.

The number of antibiotic-resistant strains of gonorrhea is increasing at an alarming rate. An animal model has been developed that is an effective vaccine against gonorrhea.

A major problem in studying gonorrhea is that the microbe that causes the disease does not attach to animal cells, so the disease doesn’t occur in animals. Grasso said. As a result, there is no suitable animal model for gonorrhea, and vaccine tests must rely on human volunteers.

Grasso’s technique uses “cellular” electrosorption, a process he developed, to transfer human cells in a safe and rapid manner to anesthetized animals. The process causes no pain or harm to the animals. With the electrosorption, the animal cells then have the receptors needed to bind with the gonococcus and to begin the infection process.

The model now allows further study of how the various strains of Neisseria gonorrhoeae infect humans. These tests can go forward more intensively and without the use of human volunteers.

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\text{Legislature approves new Lakeland building}
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The Florida Legislature has approved $66 million to construct a new classroom and laboratory building at USF’s Lake- land. The $58,000-square-foot building will house offices for Admissions, Registration and Records, Counseling, Financial Aid, Academic Advising, Student Government and Student Activities. Construction is scheduled to start this fall and take two years. The first building on the Lake- land campus, the Curtis Pomker Academic Center, has a capacity of about 3,000 students.

About 500 USF students and 2,000 PCC students share the campus.

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\text{Guest Column}
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This is the first of two columns on Florida’s "Sunshine Law" by Debbie King and Ashley Robinson of the Office of the Attorney General. Her column in the next issue will concern public meetings.

As employees of an institution of the state of Florida, we all potentially have responsibility under Florida’s Public Records Law.

The Public Records Law basically requires the state government (of which USF is a part) to make documents available to any person for inspection and copying if the documents are in the public right of access to government records—or, in our case, to university records—were absolute, then our compliance would be a fairly simple task. However, through a large number and wide variety of records or materials within USF custody are either excluded by law from the disclosure requirement of the Public Records Law or are exempted from that requirement by federal or state law. University records that should not be disclosed upon request under the Public Records Law include student records and information, evaluations of university employee performance, medical and psychological records, certain university police records, collective bargaining records, signed originals, manuscripts and records in a public records office.

When the records are of a kind which should not be disclosed by law from the disclosure requirement of the Public Records Law or are exempted from that requirement by federal or state law, the university has a responsibility to excise the confidential information, indicate the information should be deleted and produce the remainder to the requestor.

USF Policy and Procedure 0-106 contains general information and directions about handling of records requests. If you ever have a question about compliance with the Florida Public Records Law or appropriate handling of any request for records under the law, please do not hesitate to call any attorney in the Office of the General Counsel, Tampa, (813) 253-1166, for advice and assistance.

EDITORS NOTE — Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth ruled in June that computer communications and information stored in computer networks are subject to the Public Records Law.

St. Petersburg campus staffer Tyrone Zdrok (left) "arrests" Joe Alvarez, chairman of the USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series Committee, and Tyson Tschider, USF St. Petersburg student activities coordinator, as part of the American Society’s "Jail" campaign. Tschider raised their $300 bail in an hour and 20 minutes.

The Florida Legislature has approved $66 million for a new classoom building for USF’s Lake- land. The $58,000-square-foot building will house offices for Admissions, Registration and Records, Counseling, Financial Aid, Academic Advising, Student Government and Student Activities as well as a Career Resources Center. Other features will include a new job-site library, computer classrooms, art studios, an auditorium, and Criminal Justice technical laboratories for Polk Community College.

Construction is scheduled to start this fall and take two years. The first building on the Lake- land campus, the Curtis Pomker Academic Center, has a capacity of about 3,000 students.

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Robert Thornton named to new position at New College Foundation

Robert "Rab" Thornton has been named Vice President for Development at New College Foundation, effective August 1. He succeeds Mary Lou Wingerter, who will retire from her position as Director of Development.

Thornton, who has a bachelor's degree in political science from Harvard University and a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan, has extensive experience in higher education development. He was the director of development at New College Foundation before leaving to work as vice president for development at the University of Illinois-Chicago, where he served for six years. He will continue in his new role as an active and enthusiastic supporter of the college's mission.

"We feel that Rab's excellent track record in fundraising and his dedication to the college's mission make him an ideal fit for this position," said President Bill Jurgensen. "Rab brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the college, and we are excited to welcome him to the New College team."