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Busta is chairman of the Council on University Relations and Development of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and also serves on the executive committee of that organization. He was named one of the outstanding young men of America in 1975.

He has two children, Brian, 17 and Sarah Kathryn, 13.

Busta is the second USF vice president and fourth top administrator to retire this semester. University Relations Vice President Barbara Ann Bliss, New College Provost Robert Benedetti and Sarasota campus Dean Robert Barylski have also resigned. In addition, St. Petersburg Dean Lowell Davis died earlier this semester.

None of them have been replaced, but Karen Spear has been named acting dean St. Petersburg and David Schenk has been named interim dean in Sarasota.

Crime Watch program hits the Bull's eye

"The streets, parking lots and buildings on the Tampa campus may be a little safer these days, thanks to the new Bull's Eye Crime Watch Program.

"It's been a little over a year since we introduced a program that gives people the opportunity to report suspicious activity," said University Police Sgt. Mike Garry, who coordinates the program.

"In that time, Garry said, hundreds of reports of criminal activity may have been unreported by casual citizens.

"We need people to not be so suspicious, to not immediately conclude that a car going around a parking lot and you'd assume he was just looking for a spot," Garry said.

"But if you see that he goes by several empty spaces, he might be looking for a car to break into."

The staffers who are taking part in the program went through a training course that took about half an hour, Garry said. Their vehicles now have decals with an eye and the words "Bull's Eye Crime Watch."

Workers from Physical Plant and Parking were chosen because they spend a lot of time traveling around different areas of the campus and they have radars in their vehicles, Garry said.

"When you see a crime or something suspicious going on, you report it to their dispatchers who will then call the University Police. The staffer will then stay in the area until the police arrive and supply any additional information the police may need. If the suspect leaves the area, the staffer will watch where they go but not follow."

"The employees are not to become involved in anything, to take any action on their own," Garry said.

"Garry stressed that the Crime Watch program won't add to the staffers' responsibilities. The staffers won't be held accountable for criminal activity that takes place when they're around."

"It's just a matter of making as much use of university personnel as we can, since they're out there anyway," Garry said.

The rules for reporting suspicious activity apply to the campus, the parking lots and the streets. If you see a crime or something suspicious, call the police (Tampa campus, ext. 5208; Health Sciences Center, ext. 2417; Sarasota, ext. 4242; St. Petersburg, ext. 9510; Fort Myers, ext. 2003) or call 911 in an emergency.

"If it's safe to do so, stay in the area until police arrive. Get as much information as you can -- license plate numbers, physical descriptions, car makes and models, etc. Don't follow a suspect or take any action on your own.

"And if you see something and you're not sure whether to report it, it's probably worth reporting, Garry said."

The University Police Department hopes that the program will be valuable new tool that will help people recognize criminal activity when they see it.
The year in review
We celebrated the liberal arts, graduated our 100,000th student, and treated earthquake victims

It seems that a new year can’t possibly begin without a recap of the old. And so, with January waiting in the wings, what else can we do, but take a look back at USF in 1989?

Let’s get Liberal

USF YEAR OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

Perhaps the most significant happening of 1989 was the beginning of the Year of the Liberal Arts. President Borkowski announced last spring that the 1989-90 academic year at USF would be designated as such.

Events to commemorate the year began in September with a discussion of the “Great Books vs. Multicultural Approach to the Liberal Arts” led by Stanford University’s Clayborne Carson and St. John’s College President William M. Dyal.

Lectures, films, and theatrical, dance and musical performances continuing throughout the year will address such topics as diversity and the importance of a strong liberal arts education.

Shortly after the “Year of the Liberal Arts” began, Borkowski announced that the colleges of Arts and Letters, Natural Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences would be merged into a College of Arts and Sciences.

Growing strong

The 1989 Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac listed the University of South Florida as the higher education institution with the 35th largest enrollment. In December, President Borkowski gave a diploma to the University’s 100,000th graduate. The growth of the university also has been marked by a number of new buildings.

- Renovation of the University Center began, along with construction of the 2,500-seat Phyllis Marshall Special Events Center. An annex to the Student Services building was completed, and the main Student Services building is in the process of being renovated.

- The USF Art Museum was dedicated in January on Super Bowl Weekend. And the Studebaker building, on the St. Petersburg campus, was dedicated by the United States Geological Survey’s Center for Coastal Geology.

- Ground was broken in February for an Educational Center for Child Development near the USF Sun Dome.

In May, WUSF began operating out of its new building in May.

The Eye Institute opened its doors to patients in July.

The Eye Institute received $2 million from the National Eye Institute. In March, the Eye Institute treated 82 patients with a discussion of the center’s future.

Sam Fusuksjian, the former director of the St. Petersburg campus library, translated for young victims of the Armenian earthquake who were treated at the Shriner Hospital on the Tampa campus.

Benedetti and Barylski resign their positions

New College provost Robert Benedetti resigned as provost of the liberal arts school at the University of the Pacific at Stockton, Calif.

Robert Barylski resigned his post as dean of the Sarasota campus in October.

He will officially leave the position in January 1990. Barylski will teach political science at USF.

Victim assistance

In April, the Shriners Hospital treated four children who were victims of the Armenian earthquake.

A who’s who of who passed through

The University played host to a number of luminaries, who visited the campus to lecture or accept awards.

Novelist Ellen Douglas spoke at the Florida Suncoast Writers Conference in January on the St. Petersburg campus. In April, a speech by congresswoman and one-time presidential hopeful Pat Schroeder wound up Women’s Awareness Week. Schroeder is the highest-ranking woman in the U.S. Congress.

Also in April, H. Ross Perot, noted international electronics entrepreneur, received the Leonardo da Vinci Award from the College of Engineering.

Kitty Dukakis, the wife of Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, spoke about her addictions during Alcohol Awareness Week in October.

In May, honorary degrees went to former baseball player Al Lopez, Florida Power Chairman Andrew Hines, Nobel Prize winner Charles H. Townes, and U.S. Sen. Ernest Fitch Hollings. In December, honorary degrees were awarded to industrialist Armand Hammer, opera singer Licia Albanese, environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas, author Jose Yglesias, and Kennedy Simmonds, the prime minister of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Getting in tune

The USF Symphony Orchestra got a new director, Edward Cumming, who also serves as conductor of the Florida Orchestra.

Dean Lowell Davis dies

Lowell Davis, dean of the St. Petersburg campus, died Sept. 30. He had been hospitalized since he suffered a stroke Aug. 23.

Davis was named dean of the St. Petersburg campus in 1986.
SUS academic vice presidents tour FIO center in Keys

Florida's State University System (SUS) Council of Academic Vice Presidents had a rather unusual meeting recently when they visited the Marine Science and Conservation Center at Long Key in the Florida Keys.

Along with the meeting, the council received a guided tour of the Keys and Florida Bay and an evening cruise aboard the research vessel, the R/V Bellows, provided by hosts from the Florida Institute of Oceanography, according to FIO director John Ogden. Headquartered at the St. Petersburg campus, FIO operates the Long Key marine science facility in cooperation with the Florida Department of Natural Resources.

"Since SUS was embarking on a new activity down in the Keys through the operations of this center we felt it would be a good idea to invite them for a first-hand look at the Keys facility," he said.

Five scientists and Monteer County legislator Ron Saunders briefed the vice presidents on scientific issues and how FIO was interacting with educational research around the state, Ogden said. FIO has already begun a research project on coral reefs of the Florida Keys seascapes. The Marine Science and Conservation Center covers eight acres on Long Key. Four of those acres are under water.

"What we're trying to do is to have an opportunity for research encompassing the whole of the Florida Keys, which functions as kind of a super-ecosystem," he said. "Once we have a successful example of how to manage a program like this in south Florida, we can then export the idea with the help of the state to other regions of Florida." Ogden hopes to create a "full service" marine lab that is available for use to the state for both research and education.

United Way campaign a success

United Way Campaign Chairs Dean John L. Smith and Vicki Abren, and Assistant Director of the American Red Cross Melanie McWhorter, would like to thank all USF and University of South Florida staff and faculty for their generous support of this year's drive. Your contributions and hard work have allowed us to surpass our goal of $104,250 by $5,117.

Bruce Nocita, an assistant professor of geology, acquired the 3.96-billion-year-old rocks, the only ones currently found in Florida, while accompanying members of the Geological Survey of Canada during their work in the northwestern part of that country. Nocita, who says he got the rock specimens about two years ago, was visiting the USF campus when he made the discovery that he isn't the one who found nor dated the outcroping of ancient rock.

"The story is bowring at Washington University in St, Louis," Nocita said, adding that Bowring and his Australian colleagues used sensitive equipment to date the rocks from the site by measuring their radioactive isotope ratios.

Nocita said the tan-colored stone specimens that contain dark gray streaks are metamorphic rocks known as leucocratic gneiss.

"These are among the rocks that are approximately 100 million years older than anything previously discovered," Nocita said.

He said that it is hard to grasp the concept of holding in one's hand an object formed nearly four billion years ago. He speculated that the world in which these rocks were formed was a hot, lifeless and barren place; its oceans dotted by many small continents that featured routine volcanic activity while its atmosphere was filled with carbon dioxide, nitrogen and tiny amounts of oxygen. Nocita said not even vegetation had emerged in the steary, noxious wasteland of four billion years ago.

"It would be like an episode of "Star Trek" where they come upon one of these strange planets," Nocita said. "It didn't look anything like it does now."

The geologist said plans were being made now on how to display the samples for the staff, students and general public.

Search committee for Arts and Sciences dean named

The members of the search committee for a dean for the new College of Arts and Sciences have been named. Art Rohecher of Communications will chair the committee. The other members:

Business Dean James Pappas; Kristin Strader-Frechete, Philosophy; Ray Burnette, English; Barry Lawson; History; Richard Davis, Geology; Susan Bell, Biology; Susan Hoar, Art History; Theater; Carlos Basat, Chemical Engineering; Althea Jenkins, Library; Manny Vega, Criminal Justice; Harriet Deel; English; Pamela Muller, Marine Science; student Rob Mackoy; alumni Harry Costello; and USFSM employee Janie Keyes.

Staff and faculty members are encouraged to suggest candidates for the dean's position in members of the committee.

The committee began its work in November, and hopes to have a new dean on campus by Fall Semester 1990.

Sick leave pool created for faculty, A&P

The faculty Senate has approved a proposal from the administration to create a faculty and A&P sick leave pool. Open enrollment will be held twice a year. Application forms were sent to all eligible personnel for the first open enrollment.

To be eligible for the pool, faculty and A&P staff must be employed by the university and must have completed at least a year of satisfactory state employment. They will receive a sick leave balance of at least 64 hours.

The pool works basically the same as the already established SUS FIP Sick Leave Pool. Members contribute eight hours of sick leave to the pool when they join. They don't donate again unless the balance in the pool drops below 600 hours; then they donate another eight hours.

Members can draw leave from the pool after they've used all their own leave time—sick, annual and compensatory leave. Members can request up to 150 hours from the pool at any one time, and up to 480 hours in any 12-month period. Members can use leave from the pool only for their own illness, accident or injury. They don't have to reimburse the pool for the time they use.

The use of pool hours is subject to approval by the appropriate department chair or supervisor, and requires a written physician's statement describing the illness and specifying the date the member needs to be away from work.

For more information, call Norma Templeton at ext. 2899.

Library to revise overdue fine policy

The USF Tampa Campus Library is planning a minor revision in its overdue fine charge policy. Effective on December 17, 1989, overdue fines will be charged for every calendar day that a library book is earned late. The policy had not been to charge for days occurring during semester sessions, spring break, or on holidays when the library is closed. The Library will continue to not assign due dates occurring during these periods.

The revision to the overdue fine charging policy will further encourage library users to return or renew materials on time, thereby increasing the accessibility of materials to all library users.

Sick leave pool created for faculty, A&P

Also, the revised policy will enable the Library to more effectively utilize the billing capabilities of its automated circulation system.

The Library reminds all library users to avoid overdue fines by either returning or renewing library materials that are due prior to January 9, 1990 before leaving for the holidays. All library users borrowing or renewing books now will be assigned due dates occurring beyond the first day of the spring 1990 semester.

For answers to questions regarding the USF Tampa Campus Library's circulation policies or procedures, contact Bill Fogo, Circulation Librarian, at ext. 2723 or ext. 2724.

Library announced for annual Suncoast Writers Conference

Mary Higgins Clark, one of the country's top mystery and suspense writers, will be the featured speaker at USF's Suncoast Writers Conference, January 22-27 at the St. Petersburg campus. This year's session will mark the 18th anniversary of the conference.

Professional writers, editors, poets and agents will present "how-to" programs for the approximately 500 published and would-be writers expected to attend. Fifty workshops, some over three days, will offer expert hints on writing novels, poetry, TV scripts and almost any type of writing, along with expert advice from agents publishers and free lance writers.

Clark is considered the reigning queen of romantic suspense novels with eager readers waiting to grab up her next thriller. She was born in New York on March 15, 1937, to an Italian father and a Scotch-Irish mother. She attended St. Mary's Grammar School in New York City and was graduated from Marymount College in 1955.

"I write about foul deeds and malodorous strangers," she said. "I don't have time to worry about them."

Clark is the author of over 25 books, including northern lights, The Woman Who Cried, Trespass and The View From the Bridge. She is the recipient of the 1986 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Career Achievement in Mystery Fiction.

She has been a member of the Mystery Writers of America since 1969 and of the International Thrillers Writers Association since 1979.

Clark will be in residence on campus from January 23, 1990, to January 27, 1990. She will lecture on Wednesday, January 24, on "The Art of Writing," and on Thursday, January 25, on "from Idea to Publication." The library has reserved a room for the author to sign books and hold a reception after the Thursday lecture.

The Conference, which is open to the public, will be held January 22-27 in the lecture hall of the Fine Arts Building, at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg campus. Each day the conference will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After the workshops, there will be a reception each evening. There will be a $35 registration fee for the conference for each participant. For more information, call Sue Kinnear, Fine Arts Building, at ext. 3755.

Program announced for annual Suncoast Writers Conference

The 18th annual Suncoast Writers Conference, January 22-27 at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, will feature Mary Higgins Clark, one of the country's top mystery and suspense writers, as the keynote speaker.

The annual Suncoast Writers Conference will bring professional writers and instructors to the St. Petersburg campus to work with and to lecture to students and faculty on a wide range of topics. The conference is open to the public.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. on January 22 and continues through January 27. Registration is $35 per person.

For more information, call Sue Kinnear, Fine Arts Building, at ext. 3755.