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Sign up now for USPS sick leave pool

Open enrollment for the USPS's sick leave pool runs through Oct. 31. This will be your last chance to sign up until April 1990. All USPS employees who have worked at least one full-time year in the current fiscal year (for at least a year and have at least 64 hours sick leave eligible to join. Members contribute eight hours of their sick leave to the pool when they retire. When a member needs leave because of surgery or an illness, he or she can pull up to 480 hours of paid sick leave from the pool in each calendar year.

Members can use time from the pool only after they have used all of their own annual leave and sick leave time. The eight-hour contribution is basically a one-time deal, but members will be required to contribute another eight hours each if the balance in the pool dips below 600 hours. In the three-year history of the pool, that has happened only once—earlier this year when school year elapsed. He did extensive research in developmental biology, electron microscopy and neurophysiology. He was a full professor of biology at USF.

Davis, an energetic and enthusiastic man, once said he wanted to leave an everlasting impression on the campus. He joked that his middle initial "E" stood for "Everlast." He wanted to tell me that I made my mark, put my signature to something that is real quality," Davis said in 1968, upon accepting the USF position. He had hoped to leave a legacy at St. Petersburg.

Nancy Cole's next book for USF scholars uses classic literature to help teach young people that there is tragedy, not romantic Page 8.

Theatre Department earns accreditation

The Theatre Department has earned full accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). To receive accreditation, the department had to conduct a year-long self-study of its programs, curriculum, faculty and staff. To present a report to NAST NAST then evaluates whether the department met the national standards set for a theatre credits program of quality, said Jim Hancock, chairman of the Theatre Department. "You really need a clean bill of health on everything to be accredited," Hancock said.

In addition, the department was commended for its exemplary liberal arts program in theatre and for its honors program, which integrates school and theatre performance. "Through the undergraduate program of education and training, students are ready to make the decision to go into graduate school or into the field," Hancock said. "But we really take a liberal arts approach based on education." The new theatre education program will include a summer theater under review for accreditation.

"The theatre education program has been given the go-ahead by the state," said theatre Professor Nancy Cole. "We're proposing courses toward an education program. However, it will be at least two years before we have any graduates, which will be necessary for accreditation." David Williams, who was acting chairman of the Theatre Department before Hancock came to USF, organized the program and will remain. The current chairman of the Dance Department.

"We have a strong program and the accreditation just confirmed what we've always known," he said. "So now others can recognize that fact." -by M. Amy Morris

Lowell Davis was USF's first black dean.
E. Davis Scholarship Fund at USF St. Petersburg.
A nationwide search will begin shortly. Karen Spear, associate dean of USF St. Petersburg, will be acting dean in the interim.

A publication for the faculty and staff of the University of South Florida

St. Petersburg Dean Lowell Davis dies

A. correction.

Lowell E. Davis, 58, dean of the St. Petersburg campus, died Sept. 30 at Bayfront Medical Center. He had been hospitalized since he suffered a stroke Aug. 23.

Davis was USF's first black dean. He came to the St. Petersburg campus in August 1986 after a 17-year career at Syracuse University in New York, where he was a biology professor and administrative assistant. He served as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, overseeing 17 schools and colleges. His research was in developmental biology, electron microscopy and neurophysiology. He was a full professor of biology at USF.

"He was a strong, articulate leader for the St. Petersburg campus, and very sensitive to the role blacks should play in higher education," President Borkowski said.

"He was very caring human being and had a way of getting through to you almost immediately, a way of getting through to the heart," said Ralph McKay, development director of the campus.

Davis was born in Port Antonio, Jamaica, the youngest of seven children. He left the island in the mid-1950s to come to the United States, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in biology from Howard University. He earned a doctorate in biology from Case Western Reserve. At USF St. Petersburg, he concentrated on expanding the campus, faculty and course offerings available to students. Davis was also president of the board of trustees of All Children's Hospital, the board of governors of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Group, the advisory committee and the St. Petersburg Rotary Club.

He also was president of USF's Black Faculty and Staff Association. The family suggested memorial contributions be made to the Lowell