President presents affirmative action awards

This year’s President’s Affirmative Action Awards were presented in a ceremony on April 18 at the Tampa campus. Award winners included Sylvia Salter, coordinator, Center for Academic Advising; William Ross, chair, department of English; and the Robert Louis Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund. The College of Fine Arts also received an award.

Each individual award consisted of a check for $500 plus a President’s plaque, while the unit award consisted of a President’s plaque.

“This is just one way for us to recognize excellence in Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action on and off campus,” said Rhandal Kaufman, chair of the awards committee.

Nominations for Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Awards were collected from an faculty through March. “President Borkowski and others have given clearly and eloquently about their commitment to be principles of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and taken action to augment practices to ensure greater compliance with these principles,” said Smart in a memo soliciting nominations from the University community.

Smart said that in an organization the size of USF, however, action needed at every level and at all five campuses “to make Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action a standard practice at the University.”

Nominations were sought for those individuals or units which are most conscientiously striving to take Equal Opportunity a functioning principle in their area(s). These members of the University community are being recognized for their voluntary or supplemental efforts that complement USF’s Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action policies and goals.

The Robert Louis Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Bob Allen, who served as director of the USF Office of Public Affairs from January 1986 until his death on May 15, 1990. He supervised university-wide media relations and publications, and hosted “The Bridge,” a weekly show on WUSF-TV.

Allen was known for his diligence and “expanded the awareness of life on black as well as white issues,” said Smart in a memo to the nominating committee to USF President Francis T. Borkowski.

Allen was a member of 28 professional and civic organizations, and he organized the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Celebration on the Tampa campus.

Borkowski was named by his department’s minority employees for the positive EEO measures enacted with his guidance. The memo stated Borkowski’s “showed commitment to affirmative action,” as evidenced by the “outstanding” faculty members he has appointed.

He was also praised for his efforts to institute graduate level courses such as “Marxism, Feminism and Social Constructionism,” “South American Writers,” and "Black Women Writers.”

Salter was selected for her enthusiasm while serving on many university and community committees. She is a “role model for equal opportunity,” read the memo.

A scholarship in memory of Robert Allen was honored with an Affirmative Action Award. Above is the late Allen.

WUSF will air President’s Symposium

An edited version of the USF President’s Symposium, held March 6, will be telecast on WUSF-TV, Channel 16 on April 22 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Featured speakers are Mary Jane England, M.D. president; Washington Batac, assistant professor in Health; Robert Friedland, Ph.D., director of Public Policy Institute for AARP; Peter J. Levin, S.C.D., dean, USF College of Public Health; Phyllis Busansky, chairman, Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners.

In addition, introductory remarks will be heard by USF President Francis Borkowski, USF Vice President for Health Sciences Ralph P. Kaufman, and NCNB President R. Eugene Taylor.

USF program recognized by trade publication

USF’s Department of Information Systems and Decision Sciences has been named one of the five “hottest” such undergraduate programs in the country by a trade publication.

Book to be based on USF-St. Pete lecture series


Text from the book includes the first six lectures of the series. Ray Arsenault, the history professor who coordinated the series, has edited and written an introduction to the volume. The book will be issued in September, and will be distributed nationally.

University Club opens

The University Club of USF officially opened April 15 on the fourth floor of the University Center. For a complete story on the University Club in the next issue of Inside USF.


Maura Gage, English, has had the poem "Old Town in Pittsburgh" accepted for publication in Green's Magazine. Jackes, her first collected publication of poems, was assembled and released recently by Andy Johnson of Knox Publications.


Gloria Houston, Childhood Education, recently published an "Education Consultant's Report: Writing to Write," which was distributed internationally by IBM.

Barbara Malinowska, English, published her book review of Reading the Waste Lane: Modernis and the Limit of Interpretation by Des. Broholten and Brettley, in a recent edition of Comparative Literature Studies.

P. Judson Newcombe, Communication, recently published the second edition of the college textbook Voice & Diction.