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What are you doing to make the holidays happy?

Beth Hyde: Making gifts for friends and family.

Valerie Simpson: Waffles and bacon for Christmas.

Culverhouse, Greeley to receive honorary degrees

Honorary Degrees will be given to Hugh F. Culverhouse and Andrew M. Greeley during the 1991 fall commencement scheduled for Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the USF Sun Dome.

As an attorney, banker, real estate developer and owner of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Culverhouse has made significant contributions to the economic growth of Florida. In addition, he serves on the boards of directors of several Fortune 500 companies, and philanthropic activity is widespread in Florida and other southeastern states. His million-dollar contribution to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center was the lead gift to start that phase of the Campaign.

He served as co-chair of USF's successful $11 million capital campaign, and he and his family donated $4.6 million to the campaign, which is the largest single gift in the history of the University. This gift placed prominent scholar chairs in the Center for Swallowing Disorders, the College of Business Administration and the College of Education. It also endowed an professorship in arts and sciences, and general scholarships in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Culverhouse's numerous accomplishments, services and generosity have already been widely recognized. He has received honorary degrees from Jacksonville University, Stetson Law School and the University of Alabama, his alma mater, and where the University's School of Accountancy bears his name.

Andrew M. Greeley, who will deliver the commencement address, has distinguished himself in three distinct areas of learning and humanistic expression as well as religious life in the United States. As Director of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago and Professor of Sociology at the University of Arizona, he is a leading opinion research. His work in sociology of ethnicity and of religion is trail-blazing.

Second, in the area of humanistic creativity, he is a novelist, whose 22 novels have combined the capacities to reach a huge audience with the power to win critical acclaim. A recent novel, The Cardinal Virtues, was deemed a "masterpiece" by the Associated Press.

Third, as a scholar and novelist, Greeley has conveyed to his own Roman Catholic Church a prophetic vision, transforming his learning as a sociologist and his art in fiction into a message of renewal in his own Roman Catholic setting. He is an advocate of the power of the love of faith and of the Church to sustain an ancient faith.

As a sociologist, novelist and theologian, Greeley is a premier figure in American religious life today. Greeley received his graduate degrees from the University of Chicago.

New Dean search begins at USF-St. Petersburg

USF Provost Gerry G. Meisels has reopened the search for a permanent dean for USF's St. Petersburg campus.

A new search committee will be chaired by Nancy J. McIntosh, an associate professor of management and organization science at USF-St. Petersburg. It includes 13 faculty, staff, students and community members. The national search has an application deadline of Dec. 16. A new dean is expected to be chosen by spring.

"This will be an expedited search; we expect to interview candidates in January, and hope to extend an offer in February," Meisels said. "We are confident that we will be able to attract applications and nominations for this important leadership position from highly qualified individuals."

Briefly

Benefit deductions will be reflected in Dec. 13 paycheck

If you made any changes to your benefits during Open Enrollment in October, please audit your December paycheck stubs to be sure they reflect the correct changes in deductions.

If there are any discrepancies, contact the Benefits Office at ext. 2977 immediately.