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USF St. Petersburg gets 35-acre expansion gift

USF’s St. Petersburg campus received formal allocation of 35 acres of land on Feb. 4 from the city of St. Petersburg, allowing the campus to move ahead on its plan for expansion.

The City Council voted unanimously to convey the tracts to the Board of Regents, fulfilling an 18-year-old agreement to provide land for the campus. Some parcels have been individually conveyed since 1975, but last week’s agreement will transfer the balance of the land in one fell swoop.

“This gives us the opportunity to develop campus plans and place buildings where we could not before,” said campus Dean H. William “Bill” Helmer. Those plans include preparing to serve a projected student enrollment of 9,000 by the year 2003, triple the current amount of students. Additional classroom buildings and parking spaces will be needed to handle the increase. The United States Geological Survey, marine science department and student activity center also will expand, and a professional ethics institute is planned. University administrators are in the process of outlining a long-term, master plan that will address the development of the campus for the 21st century.

The land officially stretches campus boundaries west to Fourth Street South, north to Fifth Avenue South, east to First Street South, and south to Eighth Avenue South, forming a large square and bringing the total number of campus acres to 46.

Eleven of those acres also were a gift from the city to the BOR in 1965 to establish the first branch campus of a state university. USF will plant trees and shrubs on the new parcels not immediately earmarked for building.

The campus currently is renovating the Piano Man Building into five classrooms. The building, on one of the single tracts of land the city gave USF in recent years, will be finished this spring. A 525-million marine science facility also is under construction. To be shared by Department of Natural Resources scientists, the facility will contain the latest equipment for processing optical data from U.S. satellites surveying the ocean. The technology will allow USF marine scientists to expand their research on Florida’s marine ecosystem and the Gulf of Mexico, as well as other oceans around the world. This building is expected to be finished at the end of the year.

Groundbreaking for a new, $15 million library will occur April 16. The library, to be completed in 1994, will be one of the most technically advanced libraries in the Southeast and feature fiber optic technology, a long-distance learning center and a teleconferencing center. The library will hold 350,000 books.

The city also pledged to work with USF St. Petersburg to get further directional signs to the campus.

Campus officials want to obtain an interior sign for $1275 as well as city signs. In addition, the city agreed to dredge shoal areas in Bayboro Harbor that interfere with the campus watercraft program.

There was an awful lot of support shown to the campus by the mayor and City Council members, the city administrators and other friends of the campus,” said Helmer. “It’s wonderful that people recognize the value of having a major university right in their own backyard.”

By Deborah Kurelik

USF Sarasota / New College opens Caples Fine Arts Complex

“The sculpture studio is a dream come true. It is close to perfect. Students are in awe of the facility...they can do ‘big things.’ This has been worked for,” said Susan McCloud, chair, Fine Arts Complex.

Building namesakes include Mildred Sailer, accomplished violinist and music enthusiast; Lota Mundy, accomplished violinist and music teacher who was active in the Florida West Coast Symphony; and Christiane Felsmann, mother of New College’s first Rhodes Scholar, Gregory Dubois, and an associate of New College Foundation.

Ralph and Ellen Carrell visit Sarasota Bay on their honeymoon in 1899, built a mansion on its shores and encouraged friends John and Mable Ringling to do the same. In 1973, Ellen Carrell-Carrell deeded 3,500-acre land and home to New College.

USF to feature month-long celebration of women

USF has expanded its 21-year-old tradition of celebrating women from a week to a full month in March, in conjunction with National Women’s History Month.

Women’s Awareness Month (1993, with a theme of “Breaking Boundaries.”) kicks off March 1 with former Florida Representative Mary Figg at a reception on the Tampa campus and Robin Morgan, editor-in-chief of Ms. magazine, at the St. Petersburg campus.

The 25 lectures, discussions, and workshops run the gamut of women’s issues, from menopause to the computation of the Clinton administration. The month closes with a candlelight ceremony on March 31.

Mary Figg will discuss the meaning of women “Breaking Boundaries in the 1990s” during the 4 p.m. reception in the USF Club, University Center, fourth floor.

Robin Morgan, feminist activist and author of Sisterhood Is Powerful and Feminism Is Global, will give a feminist perspective on society at 6 p.m. at the Campus Activities Center in St. Petersburg.

“Georgie Ann Geyer is sponsored by the Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Humanities Council and the USF St. Petersburg Campus Lecture Series.

The month’s keynote speaker is Georgie Ann Geyer, internationally renowned foreign correspondent and columnist. She is scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the College of Business Administration Auditorium, room 1100. She recently published Guerrilla Prince: The Geraldo Story of Fidel Castro, which analyzes the legacy of Castro.

Geyer is a journalist who has managed to get stories where other journalists have feared to tread. During her 25-year career she was the first to report on the Guatemalan guerrilla movement; the first to find Dominica President Juan Bosch in hiding; the only American to interview Argentine president Juan Peron; the only American to interview Prince Shihanub of Cambodia when all American reporters were forbidden to enter the country; was held by the Palestinians in 1973; and was imprisoned in Angola in 1976 for writing about the revolutionary government.

Activities will also include an art show at the University Center, Centre Gallery, Tampa, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and a health fair Monday, March 15, with the location to be announced. Other lecture topics include adoption, careers, health care, relationships and violence.

Artists in residence will address the development of the Tampa campus appears on page 5. More events may be added.

The St. Petersburg campus will also be offering programs. For information on those events, call Deborah Kurelik at ext. 3-9160.

By Alissa Algarin

Briefly

Reaccreditation surveys sent out

USF’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is setting a survey for faculty and staff on Feb. 19-22. The responses, which will remain anonymous, are due March 1.

“We’re really enthused about doing it and we want everyone to participate,” said Bonnie Yegid, faculty chair of the SACS self-study and director, Social Work. “The sooner we get it back, the sooner we can compile the data.”

Four groups of surveys will be distributed to all faculty, all staff, a sample of 40-100 classrooms of students, and 3,000 alumni.

Bruce Hall, committee member and chair, Educational Measurement and Research, said the surveys will focus on SACS new reaccreditation criteria.

“Discipline age people to provide us with their honest opinions,” said Hall. “This data will be very important.” He said survey results will be sent to the SACS committee in early April.

New Fort Myers dean named

David McCormick has been named the new campus dean and executive officer of USF Fort Myers. McCormick comes to USF on leave from the University of California at Berkeley, where he is a visiting scholar. He previously served as president of the State Colleges and Universities System of Louisiana, with a Ph.D. in music from Northwestern University. James Duplass, existing campus dean, will remain at USF Fort Myers as a full professor with tenure.

The position of dean will remain until the 10th university opening in 2003.
Profile

New St. Petersburg dean shares visions of growth

Quality is a primary theme of recently arrived USF St. Petersburg campus dean and executive officer H. William (Bill) Heller. Heller’s most interested in maintaining the excellence of existing programs, faculty and staff, and introducing other valuable programs. One of his main goals is to “build on the really good partnerships” that exist between the campus and the community.

“The relationship between the community and the campus reflects one of the most positive town/gown relationships I’ve seen anywhere,” says Heller, acknowledging that the support of the community is a major asset for a new dean. Heller credits support that in part to former interim dean Winston Bridges Jr. who capably led the campus for two years.

Heller recognizes the value of partnerships with the campus’s immediate neighbors, such as the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the Salvador Dalí Museum, and All Children’s and Bayfront Medical Center hospitals. He wants to become even more involved with them and the total community.

Heller believes USF St. Petersburg has a unique opportunity to assist the city, county and neighborhood residents help youth — especially troubled youth — succeed in public school and college.

He visualizes a program that would provide neighborhood children the opportunity to visit the campus informally and participate in planned programs that would help spark interest and determination in staying in school.

“Both the campus and at-risk youth have much to offer,” says Heller, who wants to involve area agencies and the public school system in the program.

His other plans include the development of a professional ethics center, which he envisions as a nationally recognized program that would fill a void in higher education. The ethics program would build on resources already available, and would involve the arts and sciences faculty with professionals working in the field.

He also would like to pursue other new programs in taxation, health care administration and human services.

In the immediate future, Heller will concentrate on ensuring that the latest technology is incorporated into the planning and equipping of the new library, slated to open in 1994. He also plans to focus on cultivating the graduate journalism program, developing a liberal studies major, and expanding the information sciences program in the College of Business Administration.

Heller also plans to enhance programs in other colleges.

The College of Arts and Sciences, he says, is a major asset. He will work closely with that faculty and with the U.S. Geological Survey that is also located on campus.

“I’m very impressed with the quality of campus faculty and staff and wish to see them grow,” he adds, “in terms of their teaching efforts.”

They have a long tradition of supporting their local symphony orchestras, and plan to do so in the Tampa Bay area. They also enjoy Broadway musicals and a wide range of other music. Heller considers the arts and education “an important part of a quality college community.”

By Nancy McIntosh

USF to open exhibit on Tampa’s past

The newly renovated Special Collections section of the USF Library will kick off the exhibit “Glimpses of Our Past: A Tampa Panorama,” on Monday, Feb. 22.

The show, which runs through March 19, features portions of the extensive local collection. Library has acquired in recent years, documenting Tampa’s evolution from the 1500s to the present, said Special Collections Director Tom Kemp.

The exhibit will include such artifacts as diaries from early Tampa settlers; cigar box labels made by German immigrants; rare Florida maps; photographs of Tampa; memorabilia from The Children’s Home; The Tampa Women’s Club and Ybor City’s mutual aid societies; selections from the National Bank Black Music History Collection and many other items of historical interest.

On Sunday, Feb. 21, President Francis T. Borkowski will host an invitation-only preview of the exhibit and a reception honoring charter officers of three key community advisory groups to the university: Adajean Samson of Town and Gown, the Rev. Leon Lowry of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee on USF Black Issues; and E.J. Salcines of the Latin Community Advisory Committee.

The reception begins at 4 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Library. For more information, contact the Library Information desk at ext. 4-2727.

By Todd Simmons

Sponsored Research Notes

The following calendar, compiled by the Illinois Researcher Information System (IRIS), includes deadline dates for grant applications for the second half of March 1993. Information is organized in deadline order and agencies are listed alphabetically.

For more information, please contact E.J. Ford or Merilyn DeCrapper, Division of Sponsored Research, FAO 126, ext. 2897.

March 15

American Association for Clinical Chemistry Research Grants
American Bar Association Mini-Grant Program
American Chemical Society Eli Lilly and Company Travel Awards for Women Students
American Historical Association J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship in American History
American Museum of Natural History Lerner-Gray Grants for Marine Research
Atlantic Salmon Federation Olin Fellowships
Columbia University Hartman Institute for Advanced Study of the Colleges
Dysautonomia Foundation Research Grants
Early American Industries Association Grants-in-Aid Program
Gerald R. Ford Library Research Grants
Initial Teaching Alphabet Foundation, Inc. Research Grants
Institute for Humane Studies Summer Faculty Fellowship
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture Visiting Scholar Research Fellow Program
National Endowment for the Arts Writers in Residence The United States-Japan Artist Exchange Fellowship
National Endowment for the Humanities National and Regional Projects Institute for Teachers and Administrators Special Projects—Conference Grants Special Projects—Planning Grants Projects in School Systems and Individual Schools Collaborative Projects Minority Study Grants Special Opportunity in Foreign Language Education Languages Undergraduate Language Programs
National Science Foundation Science and Humanities Course and Curriculum Development

United Cerebral Palsy Research Grants
Andy Warhol Foundation

March 26

American Society for Microbiology Research Grants
American Society of Toxicology Educational Grants in Optical Engineering
S.P.E.E. - The International Society for Optical Engineering Educational Grants in Optical Engineering

March 30

National Endowment for the Arts Visual Arts Program Special Projects
March 31

American Association of University Administrators Foundation Doctoral Award Program
American Psychiatric Association APA-Burroughs Wellcome Fellowship Program
American Society of Anesthesiologists Award for Excellence in Research
Barclay’s Bank Trust Company Amasya Talbot Prize for African Anthropology
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Congressional Fellowships Program
Diabetes Research and Education Foundation
Evelyn McKenney Dirkson Congressional Leadership Research Center Congressional Research Grants Program
Djimmi Resident Artists Program

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Congressional Science-Engineering Fellowship Program
International Brain Research Organization

Johns Hopkins University National Foreign Language Center Research Fellowship Competition
National Endowment for the Arts Theater Program Services to the Field

Cigar boxes are part of the library exhibit.