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Welcome Back!

Incoming freshmen Ricardo Cervantes, left, and Brian Stephens, both graduates of King High School in Tampa, strike a pose with Rocky the Bull at the Freshman Orientation Showcase.

Cervantes is not sure if he will focus on pre-med or business. "I've heard really good things about both of them," Cervantes said. "My sister also studies here and she stresses that the faculty are really good.

Stephens will major in engineering. "I came to USF because they provided me with better scholarships and I knew that the education at USF was good for engineering," Stephens said. "This extraordinary effort to register was really easy. I thought it would be a much longer line than it was."

A greater variety of USF voices will be heard when administrative decisions are made beginning in September.

USF President Betty Castor has formed a Leadership Council which will include the provost, leaders of the governance groups (Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, A&P Council, and USPS Senate), vice presidents, deans/directors of the colleges and regional campuses, two tenured faculty members and the vice provost. The first day-long meeting of the council has been set for Wednesday, Sept. 14.

"The members of the council will assist us in setting the future direction for the University and in identifying priorities and strategies for accomplishing our major goals," Castor said. "My objective is to create a leadership environment for the University that will be more inclusive, promote a spirit of collegiality and a unity of purpose within which decisions can be made.

As the council determines University issues that need to be addressed, leadership teams will be formed to take action on those issues. The teams will be chaired by Council members and will include faculty, staff and other individuals from across the University. "These groups will form the backbone for the work of the Council and will ensure the involvement of additional faculty and others who are interested," Castor said.

Leadership Council members:
President Betty Castor; Provost Michael Kovac; Vice Provost John Hodgson; VP Administrative Services Bert Hartley; Interim VP/Dean, College of Medicine Marvin Dunn; VP Human Resources & Diversity Paula Knue; VP Research George Newkome; VP Student Affairs Harold Nixon; VP University Advancement Kathy Stafford; Director Government Relations Kathy Balenticort; Director Intercollaborative Athletics Paul Griffin; Director H. L. Moffit Cancer Center and Research Institute John Ruckdeschel; Sr. Director, Resource Management and Information Technology Claire Robinson; Dean Arts and Sciences Rollin Richmond; Dean of Business Administration James Papas; Dean of Education Steve Permutt; Interim Dean of Engineering Melvin Anderson; Dean of Fine Arts John L. Smith; Dean of Nursing Judith A. Plawecki; Interim Dean of Public Health Phillip Marty; Dean of Fine Arts and Sciences Richard Taylor; and Interim Provost John Hodgson.

In addition to investing in faculty and staff, Castor said enhancing library resources is essential. "USF is at the bottom of the libraries in the Southeast Research Library Association, based on student FTE (full-time enrollment)."

Other universities in the association are: Duke, Wake Forest, Emory, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Miami, Kentucky and Alabama. For full-time student, USF spends $619 and Wake Forest spends $994. Alabama was closest to USF, at $199 per student.

The state Legislature agreed to change the funding formula this year. Fully funding that formula will enable USF to invest more in electronic databases, providing direct access to library materials and services from residence halls and locations on and off campus.

The method for funding library materials could be used to replace worn-out and obsolete equipment, she said. Although most people are aware of the need to replace computers as technology advances, "we may be less aware of the pressing need for instructional equipment in the fine arts, engineering and the laboratory sciences."

Quality improvement throughout the State University System is important to Castor. USF's three priorities for improving quality are: the Aging Studies program, environmental studies and partnerships with public schools.
How to submit all the news that’s fit to print

The staff of Inside USF would like to welcome everyone to the Fall 1994 semester and remind everyone that Inside USF is your newsletter.

Inside USF serves as an official notice to the university community and is an easy and cost-effective way to share news with the rest of USF. Each issue is distributed to all full-time employees (except Other Personnel Support-CPS) – a circulation of nearly 5,000 people.

To reach Inside USF, call 974-9090, write via campus mail Inside USF at ADMI 264, or call to 974-8744. INSIDE@CRFVM.CFR.USF.EDU.

Faculty and staff who have interesting ideas, notes and calendar items must be submitted in writing – either via campus mail or e-mail. Story ideas will be taken over the phone.

The deadline for submitting items for the next two issues of Inside USF is always listed on either Page 11 or Page 7, depending on the size of the issue. Inside USF is published twice weekly during the Fall and Spring semesters and once during the summer. Once a month a report of contracts and grants that have been awarded to the university is published. (see containing that list of notices)

Faculty/Staff Notes are for notices of nominations, elections, achievements, presentations or publications. Although many faculty use the Faculty/Staff Notes to list their accomplishments not many staff notices are received. Departments who have outstanding staff members who have achieved notable accomplishments – whether in their department or outside the community – are encouraged to send those items in for publication.

There is usually a backlog of Faculty/Staff Notes. Items submitted may not get published in the very next issue, but they will be published in the order in which they are received. Story ideas can come from anywhere.

Top researchers to discover new frontiers

Fifteen of USF's leading research faculty will unite this fall to teach an unprecedented course focusing on their scientific studies, with topics ranging from research on nuclear waste disposal to the development of drugs to treat cardiac arrest.

The distinguished research professors and endowed chairs of USF's College of Arts and Sciences: Dr. Norman Horrocks, Dr. Alissa Algarin, and Dr. Pam O'Brien will welcome everyone to the Fall 1994 semester.

The classes will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, in ULH 101 (the University Lecture Hall). For more information, call teaching assistant Frank Barnes at ext. 4-5698. The course has been scheduled around three topics (environmental sciences, social and behavioral sciences and medicine and health. The class schedule is as follows:


Aug. 30 — John Walsh, "Global Warming: Searching for the Missing Carbon"

Sept. 6 — Clinton Duvall, "Biotechnology and Conservation of Marine Resources"

Sept. 13 — William Sackett, "Oil on the Water: Spills and Their Effects"

Sept. 20 — George Newkome, "Nature's Architecture: New Frontiers in Polymer Chemistry"

Sept. 27 — Glenn Woolfenden, "Sea Ice and Aging in Florida, Scrub Jay Style"

Oct. 4 — Richard Davis, "Scultping Florida's Coasts: Problems in Paradise"

Oct. 11 — James Jenkins, "Why Is It Easier for Computers to Talk Than Humans"

Oct. 18 — Cherie O'Neil, "Does Tax Policy Influence Family Values?"

Oct. 25 —0. Black, "Taking the Ethical Pulse of America's News Media"

Nov. 1 — Stephen Turner, "Charisma Explained"

Nov. 8 — Charles Spielberger, "Stress, Emotions and Health"

Nov. 15 — Ray O'Brien, "A Pioneer Assesses Bone-Marrow Transplants"

Nov. 22 — John Hardy, "Genetics of Alzheimer's disease"

Nov. 29 — Ray Olsson, "Rise, Lazarus! Developing Drugs to Treat Cardiac Arrest"