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Briefly

President honored by Stetson

President Betty Castor was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Stetson University during its Spring commencement on May 15 in Deland.

Castor was the commencement speaker for the private university's Deland campus. She was cited by the university as being a strong advocate for better support of student financial aid; and for gender equity.

Admissions and registration director retires

Vicki W. Ahrens, director of admissions and registration, is leaving USF after nearly 20 years of service. Ahrens began in new student orientation in 1974 and worked her way up. She was appointed director in 1986.

A USF graduate and an avid sports fan, Ahrens has been a strong supporter of intercollegiate athletics at USF. During her time at USF she has been named an outstanding A&P employee, received an alumni award, served as the USF United Way campaign chair and served on numerous committees and councils.

Linda Erickson, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, said Ahrens was always willing to go the extra mile and do her best.

A&P raises are discretionary

USF employees who are Administrative & Professional employees will not necessarily receive a 4-percent raise this fall. We stated otherwise in the April 29 issue of Inside USF.

Raises for out-of-unit A&P personnel, the majority of A&P employees, are discretionary.

A billion-dollar university - USF gives Tampa bang for the buck

As a result of the in-depth and detailed efforts of our Center for Economic and Management Research, we have been able to quantify what, frankly, we've long believed to be the case: Not only is the University of South Florida an intellectual and cultural center for the area, but it is also a regional economic hub.

President Betty Castor

University of South Florida Economic Impact

$1,100,000,000.00

money and stimulus from outside the area. McHugh also noted that while USF is a public sector, tax-exempt entity, its presence -- which generates activity in other industries -- contributes to the tax capacity of the region. More than $67 million in state and local revenues is generated annually as a result of university activity, McHugh estimated.

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The word is out. The President and the Provost Search Committee are asking all faculty and staff for names of people to serve in the University's number two executive position, Provost and Executive Vice President.

"It is imperative that we find an outstanding Provost, who will provide the academic leadership we need to move this university forward," President Castor wrote in a letter to all faculty and staff on April 29.

"I ask your help in identifying and attracting such a person to USF," she added. "You can help by nominating highly qualified individuals, or identifying individuals we should contact either with their candidacy or to ask them to help us identify appropriate candidates."

Also included are university employees in excess of 8,000 account for another $209 million, followed by medical services ($81 million), visitors ($27 million), the Sun Dome ($4.4 million) and the USF Foundation ($4.1 million). USF generates nearly 40,000 jobs every year.

"Universities are very labor-intensive operations," said Rick McHugh, CEMR's director. "Impact like this is a reminder that the university far transcends its purely educational function. The impact is across the board. The university and its centers and research groups, etc. interact with governments, with the private sector and with individual residents. It's pervasive."

In fact, nearly three out of every 100 Tampa Bay area residents now owe their employment, either directly or indirectly, to USF. The total ranges from university employees to vendors and construction workers.

More than one in five of the jobs generated by USF activities is in the finance, insurance and real estate industries. One out of six is in the services sector -- health, business and personal services.

"Almost all of the money that comes to USF originates elsewhere," said McHugh. "It comes via out-of-state students, grants and contracts, state appropriations and sales of University services. You open up a grocery store, you take from another grocery store; not so with a university. It draws a significant share of the tax money and stimulus from outside the area."

A study by USF's Center for Economic Management and Research found the university's economic impact to the Tampa Bay area now totals $1.1 billion. In a recent press conference, President Betty Castor told reporters that the same as having eight Super Bowls coming to the Tampa Bay area -- every year.

The lion's share of that billion dollars comes from operations. USF's total income is $775 million, based on total employment (direct and indirect) of 25,700. Also included are university purchases in such areas as financial services and utilities, as well as construction projects.

Source of University Funding 1992

Tuition & Fees

$60,200,000

State Appropriations

$179,000,000

Grants/Contracts

$89,000,000

Other

$48,000,000

TOTAL

$387,200,000.00

Provost search committee seeks diverse pool of candidates

The word is out. The President and the Provost Search Committee are asking all faculty and staff for names of people to serve in the University's number two executive position, Provost and Executive Vice President.

"We will solicit nominees or input from all faculty and staff," said Search Committee Co-Chairperson Cynthia Cohen. "We want a diverse pool of candidates, and we appreciate all the help we can get."

The committee has already received several résumés and nominations, Cohen said.

Minimum qualifications for the position are: an earned doctorate and credentials appropriate for appointment as a tenured, full professor in an academic department. Significant administrative experience at or above the level of dean; experience with academic planning and resource allocation; excellent communication and human relations skills; and a commitment to diversity.

The deadline for nominations and applications is Sept. 16.


Nomination forms should be submitted to Kovac in ADM 226.

By Lisa Cunningham
Anchin Center to house educational centers

With a single shovelful, Anne Anchin, 88, established a living memorial to her late husband and provided a physical base for educational innovations of the future.

Anchin was assisted by President Betty Castor at the groundbreaking of the Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching, which will house at least six centers and programs dedicated to improving education, serve as the home of a new doctoral program to prepare leaders to manage educational change, and house the Robert H. Anderson Leadership Library.

Anchin’s gift will be matched in state funds through the Trust Fund for Educational Innovation and the David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

David C. Anchin and his family immigrated to the U.S. from Russia when he was 6 years old. He grew up in New York, put himself through college and eventually founded Anchin, Block and Anchin, one of the largest private accounting firms in New York City.

He and Anne retired to Sarasota 25 years ago. David Anchin was very active with the Sarasota County School Board and was responsible for the Life Skills Program (now in the Florida Statutes), and helped found the Sarasota Jewish Foundation.

“We celebrate the entrepreneurial dedication of David C. Anchin and the philanthropy of his family,” said College of Education Dean Bill Katzennmeyer at the groundbreaking. “This is the beginning of a lifelong dream – the center being the catalyst that brings together education and business.”

Castor pointed out that in an emerging global economy characterized by instantaneous communication, the professionals of tomorrow will need skills and a new momentum to deal with the situations that will arise.

“These changes demand a total revolution in how we do business in the public schools,” she said.

Students, colleagues toast Good's 50 years of work

Many of the world's top experts in the fields of pediatrics, immuno­genesis, transplantation and AIDS gathered at a symposium in May to pay tribute to Dr. Robert Good. For a professor at the USF Departments of Pediatrics and Medical Microbiology & Immunology.

The symposium marked the 50th anniversary of Good's career in medical research. More than 200 former students, trainees and colleagues attended – many of them from other countries – to honor his accomplishments in clinical and laboratory medicine.

Held at the TradeWinds Resort on St. Petersburg Beach, the symposium included four scientific sessions focusing on the major areas of pediatric medicine in which Good, author of more than 1,900 papers, conducts research.

Good has mentored more than 400 students, at least 200 of whom have become professors or senior level scientists around the world.

“He may be the most cited scientific author of all time,” said Gary Litman, professor in the USF pediatrics department and one of the organizers of the special symposium.

“The 50th anniversary of his first publication is a remarkable milestone of continuous productivity,” Litman said.

It was Good's former students who proposed organizing an event to honor their mentor, and the response among the world's top scientists has been phenomenal, Litman said.

Among the 32 speakers who shared their latest findings and reflected on Good's contributions to their research interests were:

- Dr. R. Michael Blaese, chief of the Cellular Immunology section of the National Cancer Institute;
- Dr. Thomas Starzl, of Falk Clinic and a recognized leader in the fields of liver transplantation, multi-organ transplantation and immunological tolerance;
- Dr. E. Donnall Thomas, of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center at the University of Washington in Seattle. Thomas shared the 1991 Nobel Prize for Medicine for his achievement in the use of bone marrow transplantation to cure leukemias;
- Dr. Jack Strominger, professor of biochemistry at Harvard University, and acclaimed for work that deduced the action mechanism for penicillin.

From 1973 to 1980, Good was president and director of the Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York. He was featured on the cover of Time magazine in March 1973 for his work in immunology and cancer research.

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By Christopher Platrz

Marine Science chair earns award from the Bar

For years, Peter Betzer has worked tirelessly to build a nationally recognized marine science program at USF.

His successful efforts have not gone unnoticed in the St. Petersburg community. Betzer’s most recent acknowledgment comes from the St. Petersburg Bar Association.

The area law organization presented the USF marine science department chairman this year’s Liberty Bell Award for outstanding service to the community.

The award was presented by state Representative Peter Rudy Wallace at the annual Law Day Luncheon May 6 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

It recognizes community service that strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law.

“Peter Betzer has brought a sense of vision and boundless energy to the community,” said Wallace to the hundred of lawyers, judges and city officials who attended the luncheon.

Betzer said the Liberty Bell award was a great honor.

“Seeing the names of the other recipients of this award over the past 29 years makes it a tremendous honor,” he said. “These are incredible people to be in the same league with.”

Past recipients include Eugene Peterson, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor emeritus of the St. Petersburg Times, and Andrew Hines, former chairman of Florida Progress Corp.

Betzer, who received his Ph.D in chemical oceanography from the University of Rhode Island in 1971, played a pivotal role in bringing the U.S. Geological Survey Center for Coastal Geology to St. Petersburg. USGS plans to expand its presence in St. Petersburg with the addition of a $2.3 million building.

He also was instrumental in obtaining $21 million from the Florida Legislature for the Knights Oceanographic Research Center currently under construction.

The state-of-the-art facility will house the USF marine science department, the Florida Institute of Oceanography and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Florida legislature recently earmarked another $600,000 for more marine science faculty, courses and research projects.

Betzer has served on numerous community advisory boards and committees in St. Petersburg, including the Board of Governors for the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Pier Aquarium Board of Directors, the Bayfront Center Foundation, the Board of Directors for Great Explorations and the Center for Advanced Technology at Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg.

The St. Petersburg Chamber presented Betzer with a special award in 1991 for outstanding contributions to the betterment of the community.
Larry Clarke is a scientist with a lifetime mission: to bring together the talents of many scientists in different fields, to focus on medical imaging—developing software to improve the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Clarke, a native of Ireland, is a professor of radiology and physics and director of the Digital Imaging program at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute. He and a team of USF scientists use an advanced, optical fiber network that links the Cancer Center, USF's Health Sciences, the James A Haley Veterans Hospital and the University Diagnostics Institute—the largest network used for medical imaging research in the United States.

With the software Clarke’s team is developing, radiologists can read digitized 3-D images on a computer screen—saving physicians, surgeons, radiologists and others time, as compared to the old method of reading X-rays on a light box and running them into surgery or other medical service locations.

“We have a very focused, clinical objective,” Clarke explained. “Our mission is to bring on-line the technology for the appropriate development tool for earlier cancer diagnosis and therapy.”

His team of medical scientists includes: Wei Qian, Maria Kallergi, Mohan Vaidyanathan, Priya Venugopal, Robert Thatcher and Robert Velthuisen. Clarke also plans to work with Jeff Krischer, associate director of Cancer Control, in the area of measured outcome research for new technologies, at Moffitt.

One project focuses on developing software for a new type of digital mammography sensor, Clarke said. “It will be better diagnostically and different in its computer software requirements, so we’re developing the new software methods for this detector,” he explained.

“We have to be very timely with what we do, to anticipate changes in X-ray and other sensors used in medical imaging, in relation to software design.”

For the new Drug programs, mammograms may be easier to read,” Clarke said, “and our image compression methods also will allow cost-effective, remote diagnosis.”

The goal is to put Moffitt in the lead in computer applications of diagnostic radiology. Clarke believes that Moffitt has greatly improved as a research institute in the last two years, “It’s second to none in cancer research in the state of Florida and perhaps the Southeast.”

The team’s research is funded by several grants from the National Cancer Institute and NASA. Kallergi, one of the program’s faculty members, was recently contracted by NASA to review all information available on computer (digital) mammography. Clarke also served as an NCI consultant in the dual-use technology evaluation.

It was NASA’s largest dual-use technology evaluation performed on medical imaging. Clarke has also given talks on the subject three times in the last two years before NCI in Washington, DC.

The research group has written several review articles in leading journals about software development and sensor characterization for nuclear medicine, mammography and MRI. Martin Silber, chairman and professor of Radiology, went on a sabbatical last year to review NCI policy in relation to radiology research and computer technology.

Remarks created by software for early cancer detection

Larry Clarke

Twenty-four USF faculty members and professional advisors recently received the 1994-95 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching and Advising awards. Funding for the awards comes from the state legislature, through the State University System Competitive Grant Program for Undergraduate Enhancement.

Candidates receiving the teaching awards were selected by committees at each college and regional campus. Candidates for advising awards were chosen by a University committee appointed by the Provost.

Those receiving Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards were:

College of Arts and Sciences
Marvin R. Alvarez
Kevin Archer
William R. Blount
Maria Esformes
Marcia A. Finkeinstein
Jennifer Friedman
Mary E. Farrot
Linda M. Whitford

College of Business Administration
Cynthia Cohen
Joel Reedy

College of Education
Marjorie J. Wynn

College of Engineering
Scott Campbell

College of Fine Arts
Mary Filippo
Hilton Jones

College of Nursing
Lois W. Lowry

USF Fort Myers
Diane McGuinness

USF Sarasota
Barbara K. Clarke

USF St. Petersburg
Robert Hall

Receiving Outstanding Undergraduate Advising awards were:

College of Education
Gerald Barkholtz

College of Engineering
William Revoahl

College of Business Administration
Phyllis LaBaw

Academic Support and Achievement
Sally Salisbury

Larry Clarke got his training as a research scientist at Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York. He also worked as an assistant professor of medical physics at University of California’s Radiation Laboratory.

Clarke recently organized two national meetings on medical imaging and cancer biology, each attended by representatives from 20 societies—the International Society for Magnetic Resonance Imaging and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.

He and his wife Alice, a former schoolteacher, have twin daughters, Laura and Allison, who plan to attend one of the state universities this year. Their daughters are considering careers in graphic art and medicine.

In his rare free time, Clarke is a member of the University of Tampa’s Tampas Rowing Club. He likes to sail and play tennis.

But Clarke’s main interest is his research. “The impact of what we do is recognized by many of whom now have nationally recognized expertise in computer-assisted diagnostic methodology and radiologic oncology. We all work toward a common goal... to be successful.”

By Lisa Cunningham

USF Sarasota to celebrate 20 years of serving students

USF Sarasota will celebrate 20 years in October, and USF is planning a year-long “Education Celebration: USF Sarasota” to commemorate the campus’ service to the community.

The year-long party will emphasize the important educational contribution the University Program makes to Manatee and Sarasota counties.

The party will kick off with The Alumni Connection, a theme party under a tent by the bayfront on Oct. 1.

“The purpose is to raise the awareness of what a valuable resource the University Program is to the Sarasota community,” said Celebration Chairman Charles R. Baumann. Baumann, a 1971 graduate of USF, is a principle partner of Kerckering, Barberio & Co., CPAs.

“More than 5,000 USF alumni are in this area—of which 3,000 have graduated from this campus in the past 20 years,” Baumann said. “I think it’s time to boast about how important USF is to our community.”

“Approximately 1,400 students a year depend on USF Sarasota for their higher education needs, 80 percent of whom stay in this area,” he added. “Graduates make up the economic, social and cultural backbone of the community.”

The party at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8 will bring together all USF alumni who live in the Sarasota area. The Community Connection—a music-and-mimosa brunch with gourmet cuisine from area restaurants—will take place from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9.

A community open house, with free programs, tours and music, will showcase the campus that afternoon, from 2 to 5.

A cross-section of community leaders from Manatee and Sarasota counties have planned the events, via the Annual Steering Committee.

Alan Andr Christian, president of the Ringling School of Art and Design, is honorary chair of the Celebration. Christian served as the “architect,” shaping the 1975 merger of the Ringling College of Arts and Crafts (a private, liberal arts college) with USF, establishing USF’s regional campus in Sarasota.