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Briefly

Kovac to continue on Latin committee
Michael Kovac, former interim provost and now dean of the College of Engineering, will continue to serve as chair of the steering committee for the Latin American Initiative, an interdisciplinary effort which was launched last spring.

In a memo to Kovac, Provost Thomas Tighe said that the initiative will continue to be an institutional priority. "I fully support that initiative, and want to take action to assure its continued success. Planning for the Latin American Initiative has progressed well under your leadership as chair," he said.

Because of the initiative's importance, both within the university and the greater Tampa community, Tighe asked that Kovac continue as chair. Tighe will be an ex-officio member of the committee.

Summer ceremony planned Aug. 12
About 2,200 USF students will walk across the stage and receive their diplomas during a summer commencement ceremony on Aug. 12 at the Special Events Center.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. Summer graduates no longer have the option of participating in the fall ceremony.

The university hosted a summer commencement in 1981, with more than 100 graduates participating.

Packing hearing set July 26
USF's governing groups, including the Faculty Senate, USF Senate and AdP Council, have been invited to a public hearing on the parking fee increase proposal at 2 p.m., July 26, in the Marshall Center Ballroom.

Vice President of Administrative Services Bert Hartley will conduct the hearing, summarize everyone's comments and make a final recommendation to the president, who will make the decision.

BOR reviewing football projections
For three decades, USF students and alumni have talked about seeing the Bulls play on a football field of dreams.

Now that the USF football fundraising effort has reached the $5-million mark, the Athletic department is poised to go before the Board of Regents on Sept. 15 to seek approval for the program.

At presstime, the BOR was scheduled to meet in Tallahassee on July 20-21 to consider approving a 50-cent-per-credit-hour increase in student activities fees for a football escrow account, which would help finance operation of the program.

Associate Athletic Director Barbera Sparks-McGlinchy said the board currently is reviewing her department's first projections for the program, which include $290,000 in expenditures such as salaries and $300,000 in revenues for the first year.

If all goes as planned, a coach for the new team will be on board by November.

"Coaches don't usually become available until the end of their season, so we probably wouldn't be able to select anyone before then," Sparks-McGlinchy said.

The inaugural season is slated for kickoff in 1997, but five or six intrasquad and scrimmage games may be played in 1996. Two local (Continued on Page 2)

Science Center to get $9.4-million facelift
Construction money in the millions means moving for USF Science Center faculty, staff and students within the next academic year.

According to Rick Fender, vice president of Administrative Affairs, the Science Center has had no major renovations since it was built in the late 1960s.

"The building systems are inadequate," said Fender. "Since (federal) standards have changed, that has to be dealt with." Fender said that the air conditioning system needs to be modified so that 100 percent of the air comes from outside the building instead of the current 15 percent.

Most people will have to move out of the building, Fender said, but people who work with immobile lab equipment or in the basement will be able to stay. He said that the renovations are scheduled to begin next April with a budget of $9.4 million.

Displaced faculty and students will work in portable buildings, said Fender.

Ginny Oliver, a program assistant for the Biology graduate program who has worked on the fourth floor of the Science Center for five years, said, "I can't wait to get out of here. I would prefer to be on campus."" Renovations to the air conditioning system would be wonderful, she said.

Oliver added that the elevators in the Science Center building are out of service often, and that the building is virtually windowless. Kim Mayes, a graduate student in the Anthropology department who works on the second floor, said that the lack of windows makes it "a shock when you go outside.

Other projects on the Tampa campus that will cause changes include the closing of Elm Street between the Education Building and the Administration Building, parking lot to make room for a new building.

Elm Street is scheduled to be closed in October, said Fender. Once it closes, the (Continued on Page 2)

Stamps to head Arts and Sciences
USF Provost and Executive Vice President Thomas Tighe has named Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences David Stamps interim dean of the college.

Stamps will succeed former Dean Rollin Richmond, who left USF on July 14 to become Provost and Executive Vice President at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

"David's experience in administration and his understanding of the needs of the college will ensure that the college continues the forward momentum that has been established under the leadership of Rollin Richmond," Tighe said.

Stamps came to USF in 1982 from Syracuse University, where he served as chair of African-American studies. Among his accomplishments were revamping the program and establishing it as a department.

At USF, he has been professor of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and Sociology, and had served from 1989-93 as special assistant to President Frank L. Koski and since 1990 as associate dean for faculty development in Arts and Sciences, as well as a Sociology professor.

Stamps is an urban sociologist and minority demographics expert who has done numerous studies in the community. He co-authored with wife Miriam Stamps, a Marketing professor at USF, and Susan Greenbaum, a USF anthropologist, a study in 1990 for the USF Institute on Black Life, titled "Comparative Study of Blacks, Whites and Hispanics in the Tampa Metropolitan Area.

The study was seen as a snapshot of the perception of race relations in Tampa from the eyes of the white, black and Hispanic communities.

"I've had many years in academic administration, both in the President's office and in the dean's office," Stamps said. "I have a wide range of experience and knowledge of the College of Arts and Sciences works.

"I have a good team of associate deans, a diversity of assistant deans and associate deans of departments," Stamps said. "I understand the problems we are faced with, and we have a collegial, positive approach."

Research tops $100 million
USF helped solidify its reputation as a leading national research institution with the announcement by Vice President for Research George Newkome that USF professors had received more than $100 million in research grants for the fiscal year ending June 30.

"The University's research program has been very successful this year," said Newkome. "Our USF faculty researchers have again proven their commitment to excellence in teaching and research.

"The record-breaking numbers and national rankings are truly symbolic of the tremendous energy and dedication of the faculty. Our faculty are expanding the frontiers of knowledge at every level — in the classroom as well as in the research environment."

Forty-five percent of the research awards, or $48.1 million, were federal grants, which would be enough to help elevate USF to a Carnegie Foundation Research I institution under last year's guidelines. In 1994, USF became a Research II university.

Just nine years ago, the university was at $23.3 million in grants. The 1994-95 figures are more than four times that amount.

This year's top five academic areas in research are:
• College of Medicine: $41.1 million
• College of Arts and Sciences: $19.6 million
• College of Engineering: $11.8 million

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Richard O. Mines Jr., Civil and Environmental Engineering, presented "Distance Education: A Comparison of Class Performance," at the 1995 Annual Conference of the American Society for Engineering Education in Anaheim, Calif., in June. Richard Jerry, Civil and Environmental Engineering, is co-author of the paper.

Luis LaCivita Nixon, Internal Medicine, presented "Good Ethics or Only Good Stories?" at the 1995 Annual American Physicians Week Summer Retreat in Seattle in June.

John C. Ogden, Florida Institute of Oceanography, USF/USF, presented a speech on the role of science in water quality management in South Florida at the Pollard Marine Science Association's annual meeting in Sydney, Australia, July 3.

J. Michael Peppers, Inspector General, reviewed "Internal Auditors and Their Role in Assisting Management" to the 19th Annual Managerial Accounting Conference in Tampa on May 5.

Penny Phillips, Personnel Services, recently presented "The Play's the Thing: A Theatrical Approach to Management" at the College and University Personnel Association's Regional Conference in Asheville, N.C.

Suraskak Phuphanich, Mark Werner and Gary Lyman, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, recently presented "Increasing Incidence of Primary Central Nervous System Lymphoma (PCNSL) in the Elderly: Florida Cancer Data Systems (FCDs)," at an American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

Steve Polzin, Center for Urban Transportation Research, recently presented "Changing Rider Profile: Results from Tri-Rail On-Board Surveys," at the American Public Transit Association's Commuter Rail Conference in Ft. Lauderdale.


Arthur L. Schwartz Jr., Finance, St. Petersburg, recently presented "Canadian Investment in U.S. Real Estate: The Point Roberts Enclave" at the American Real Estate Society Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, S.C. The paper was co-authored with Earl Benson and Julie Hansen of Western Washington University and Greg Smerling of the University of Florida.


Nancy Jane Tyson, English, recently presented "Thackeray and Bulver: A Dynamic of Negative Influence," at the 16th Annual Nineteenth-Century Studies Association Conference at Loyola University in Baltimore.

B. Petersen

G. Woollenhead

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John M. Lawrence, Biology, and James B. McClintock of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, recently published "Energy Acquisition and Allocation by Echinoderms (Echinodermata) as an Adaptation for Success?" in the journal, Echinoderms Through Time.

Gregory L. Colm, Mathematics, recently published "Dimension Versus Number of Variables and Connectivity, Too," and "On the Power of Deterministic Trans­ lative Closures" in Mathematical Logic Quarterly.

Jacob Neusner, Religious Studies, recently published "Religious Cultivation" in the journal, Chronicles.

Alberto Sagüés and Stanley Kranc, Civil and Environmental Engineering, recently published "A Comparison of a Corroding System with Constant/Phase Angle Interface: Application to Steel in Concrete," with graduate student Eric Moreno, in the Journal, Corrosion Science.


Opinions

Remembering Pete, the ‘journalist’s journalist’

Guest Column by Donna Dickerson

My friend Pete Sasser died last month of cancer. I will miss his advice, his support, his humor and above all, the gift of his friendship.

There is a Creole word that I am fond of — lagniappe — which refers to small gifts or extra measures that a merchant gives a good customer. As I was thinking about what to write about Pete, I realized that our 18-year friendship was realized with lagniappe — his words of encouragement, a good piece of advice, a strong shoulder to lean on and a willingness to listen. I don’t recollect his ever asking for anything in return except friendship and loyalty. My memories of Pete — like lagniappe — are gifts waiting to be sorted out.

Emery L. “Pete” Sasser was chairman of the Department of Mass Communications 1973-1987. I remember the hot July afternoon he left Tampa and headed north to the cool mountains of West Virginia, where he became dean of the Isaac Perley Reed School of Journalism at West Virginia University. But I soon began to wonder whether Pete really assisted the Mass Communication department at all. One would say “I saw Pete Sasser Saturday at a restaurant over on Dale Mabry.” Or, “I saw Pete over at the beach last weekend.” Tamps was like a magnet for Pete; he returned whenever he could.

His was a “Suht’s boy” first and a journalist second — a fifth-generation Democrat woven from the same liberal cloth as other Southern journalists he admired, like Hodding Carter Sr., Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution and Tom Wicker. In his own way, journalism gave him a wide streak of politician running through them. And Pete was no exception.

He loved politics — once even worked with the idea of running for office. But, at heart, he was a journalist — the press-card-in-the-hat kind that believed in “just the facts, ma’am” with none of today’s fluff and editorializing.

Bill Ryall of the Lakeland Ledger called Pete “a journalist’s journalist.” Although Pete had a doctorate from the University of Illinois, he never did trade in his political acumen for a chi square. Pete believed that the purpose of journalism education was to improve the craft. He succeeded at this when he began The New York Times Florida Opinion Poll in 1984. Today, the poll, now directed by the Ledger, is one of the most respected political polls in the Southeast. It is praised for its accuracy and ability to predict election outcomes in Florida. The accuracy came from Pete’s insistence that not only would the polling be scientific, but that the questions generated from the polls would adhere to the strictest principles of journalistic excellence.

My relationship with the Ledger was one of the few times that Pete’s talents as a teacher came through. As chair of Mass Communications, he never had time to teach. When Pete came to USF in 1973, his first goal was accreditation — a goal that was reached three years later. Much of the successful accreditation effort was due to Pete’s innovative curriculum, an approach that the program still adheres to and that has been copied by other universities.

His second goal was to develop a sound base of scholarship funding. When Pete left the chairmanship in 1987, the department had one of the largest scholarship endowments of any single department at the university. He went on to do the same thing at West Virginia — (Continued on Page 8)

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