Castor’s in charge: USF inaugurates first woman president

With a 2:30 p.m. ceremony on Fri­day, Oct. 14, USF will inaugurate its first woman and permanent President, Betty Castor.

The ceremony is the high point of a week that included conferences, art ex­hibits, brunches, receptions, jazz perfor­mances and a gourmet dinner.

Castor’s inauguration ceremony will be attended by U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons, Gov. Lawton Chiles, Board of Regents member Steve Uhlfelder, Tampa Mayor Sandra Freedman and many other dignitaries.

For Castor, becoming President is just one of many firsts. She was the first woman on the Hillsborough County Commission, the first woman to serve as a new county position of the Florida Senate, the first woman to serve as state educa­tion commissioner and the first woman ever to hold a cabinet position in Florida.

Castor took the reins as President on Jan. 18, and immediately plunged into a new position at the USF Library, call­ing attention to the need for better fund­ing for books and journals. Since then, she has called for an increase in faculty and staff salaries, been the first President to use e-mail and changed the USF policy regarding students who commit violent acts—among many other achievements.

For more on Castor’s background, see Page 3.

Former President John Lott Brown was the first President to have an inau­guration ceremony. Castor has said that USF’s finest is to be recognized at ceremony

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USF nets $7.5 million for underwater research

The project has helped foster a strong relationship between USF and FAU, "one organization can cover the scope of this research," said Hopkins.

When the recent hiring of a Hispanic recruiter and a new black student advisor are successful, the office will be able to increase its efforts even more.

For USF's Admissions office, it's a day's work.

By Alyssa Alger

Friedan to discuss aging in America

USF will examine the phenomenon of aging as it's presented in literature, the media and the visual arts during an upcoming conference: "Aging and Identity: A Humanities Perspective," Oct. 20-21. The conference will feature activist Betty Friedan.

According to Laterra Lenker, co-director of the Center for Applied Humanities and conference organizer, the event will address the issue of aging from multiple points of view.

"We will examine the myths, often embodied in literature, the media and the visual arts, that equate longevity with senility and aging with decrepitude," said Lenker. "We will also explore visual and literary representations that celebrate the multifaceted and pleasures of active old age.

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And the effort doesn't stop with just the conference. A phone-a-thon will be held every Saturday at noon.

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Incoming freshmen aren't the only students receiving special attention. The majority of incoming students consists of transfer students and adults returning to college. To meet their needs, a new office of Adult and Transfer Student Services has opened. This year, incoming freshmen, transfer students each received a personal phone call from USF.

"That went very well," said Albert Coleman, an office staff member. "The students were really happy to receive information about what they needed to do."