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Med School Funding Approved

The first measure to clear both houses of the Florida Legislature during last week's special session was the appropriation of $9 million to complete construction of the USF Medical School.

The measure was passed with a House-attached amendment providing that the amount be reduced in the event any federal grants are obtained for the project.

Passage of the special appropriation has completed funding of the $25 million Medical Center.

The special legislation, expected to be signed by the Governor, was required when anticipated federal funding for Phase II of the Medical Center failed to materialize.

Phase I of the medical complex was financed from $3.4 million in state funds and a $5.5 million federal matching grant. Passage of the $9 million appropriation means that Phase II will be financed entirely from state funds.

USF President Cecil Mackey said that the University Community is indebted to Governor Reubin Askew, Senate President Mallory Horne, President pro tem Louis de la Parte, House Speaker Terrell Sessums, House Majority Leader Carl Ogden, House Rules Committee Chairman Murray Dubbin and Representative Richard Nodde, M.D., for their roles in gaining the funds needed for the Medical Center.

The USF Medical Center was authorized by the Florida Legislature in 1965 and consists of colleges both of medicine and nursing. The Director of the Medical Center and Dean of the College of Medicine is Dr. Donn L. Smith who has been with USF since 1969.

"Donn Smith has done an exceptional job in building the USF Medical Center from the planning stage forward," Dr. Mackey said. "He has brought to the University a highly qualified faculty, and the first two classes of medical students who have been admitted are outstanding both in terms of academic accomplishments and their extra curricular activities.

"The Medical Center, now under construction, is well on its way to becoming a vital part of the future of the State. Passage of the special appropriation legislation indicates legislative recognition of and support for the work Dr. Smith and his faculty are doing at the University."

MacCullough Named Acting Registrar

Douglas B. MacCullough, 37, was named acting registrar at USF last week by Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl D. Rigs. MacCullough replaces James E. Lucas, who had been USF registrar since 1968. Lucas has resigned from the USF administrative staff effective June 6, 1973, and has been reassigned to the USF institutional research office until then, Rigs said.

MacCullough joined USF a year ago as director of records and registration, having previously served at the University of Florida as assistant registrar. He holds a bachelor of business administration and master of economics degrees from the University of Florida.

While at USF, MacCullough has been working closely with the Systems and Computer Technology Corp., Philadelphia, Pa., to devise a computerized registration system tailored to the specific needs of USF's 19,000 students, Rigs said.

MacCullough said that the Philadelphia corporation has devised specialized computerized registration systems for some thirty colleges and universities. He expects to have the USF registration system computerized by fall 1973. (Watch INTERCOM for more information on computerized registration.)
The terminal provides immediate feedback to the student or faculty operator, telling him his mistakes. It is one of the things Thompson said the University would not have had without the hookup.

Another is the planned connection with the St. Petersburg campus by means of a remote terminal. By Jan. 1 the St. Pete campus will have available, in St. Pete, computer service which will be essentially equal in quality and quantity to that on the Tampa campus.

Because of the computer's increased memory bank, research projects previously too large for the computer can now be handled.

Among the many uses of the computer by all of USF's nine colleges and other administrative departments are for instruction in computer use, analyzing research data and surveys, accounting, payroll, budgets, admitting students, classroom and grade rosters and providing transcripts.

USF President Mackey has expressed his personal commendation to Thompson and Steele for their outstanding work on the project.

**Data Center In Operation**

The Central Florida Regional Data Center, a $1.1 million operation linking USF and Florida Technological University in Orlando, is now in operation, increasing the computing power of the two schools by five-fold.

Ken Thompson, USF assistant vice president for administrative affairs, said the CFRDC is one of four in the state established by the Board of Regents to link all nine Florida state universities with at least one other school. The centers were established, Thompson said, to increase the level of computer support and, in the long run, to reduce costs.

Howard Steele, director of USF's Computer Research Center, is also director of the Central Florida Regional Data Center. Steele said the CFRDC employs about 90 persons, both at USF and FTU. Of the approximately 55 employed at USF's CRC, 21 have been designated as regional data center personnel.

USF has maintained its IBM Model 360/265 computer which has had its memory bank upgraded from 265,000 to 1.5 million characters. A remote terminal ties FTU to the USF computer and makes all of the capabilities of the computer available on the FTU campus.

An interactive terminal will be available for USF classes within 30 days.

**Dr. Forman Lauded**

Dr. Guy Forman, retired USF Professor of Physics, received two prestigious awards recently—the George Braxton Pegrem Medal for teaching excellence and the American Association of Physics Teachers Distinguished Service Citation.

The Pegrem Medal, awarded by the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society last month, and an accompanying citation were presented at the annual meeting of the SESAPS in Birmingham, Ala.

The AAPT's award will be presented to Dr. Forman at the organization's annual business meeting Feb. 1, 1973 in New York City.

Dr. Forman, who retired in June after 43 years of college and university teaching at Western Kentucky University, Vanderbilt University and USF, remains actively involved in a number of educational and civic projects.