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USF Pushes Energy Cuts

USF's energy conservation measures have been in effect for several years, pre-dating the current national concerns over energy shortages, according to a report issued by Vice President for Administration Ken Thompson.

As a result of Central Utilities Plan actions since 1969-70, Thompson noted that "the consumption of natural gas for heating and air-conditioning on the campus has been reduced by 16% per gross square foot, adding: "Furthermore, primarily by adjusting generator and other heavy equipment utilization, our consumption of kilowatt hours of electricity has been reduced by 4% per gross square foot at USF over the same period."

The report cited University efforts to reduce electrical consumption by lighting only public areas of buildings after dark, assigning cleaning crews to work one floor at a time and cutting the use of motors and other equipment to bare essentials.

To further conserve fuel, these are just some actions taken: vehicles are assigned and controlled daily by the grounds superintendent, equipment is refueled just prior to its scheduled use, turf care is handled on a need rather than on a fixed cycle basis, and oil and lubrication servicing has been extended from 4,000 miles to four months to 5,000 miles and five months.

In an effort to decrease vehicular traffic and gasoline consumption, Thompson said that "several members of the University community are working with the Tampa Bay Area Rapid Transit Agency (TBART) in an effort to determine the feasibility of a regional car pooling system."

The report noted a variety of efforts to stimulate and increase the use of car pools by student government and several departments, colleges and administrative units.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the University Community
SUBJECT: Energy Conservation Program

I was recently informed that the University's utility bills for February indicate that the consumption of electricity and natural gas is the lowest of any month in the past five years. However, the cost of energy has risen so rapidly that our favorable low consumption has not provided any budgetary relief. Your cooperation in and personal commitment to the USF Energy Conservation Program made possible this significant reduction in our use of energy. I want to express my personal appreciation to each of you for your assistance.

With the continued cooperation of each member of the University Community, I am confident that we can maintain our operations at a reduced level of energy consumption.

Again--thank you for doing your part.

Kenneth W. Thompson
Vice President for Administration

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Third Award For USF'er

Mrs. Lamatine Mendoza, a custodial worker in the Social Science Building, has received her third award for a suggestion made to the State Awards Program.

Mrs. Mendoza designed a long-handled tool with a magnet on the end which allows employees to reach and remove staples and paper clips from carpets and hard to reach places with less effort. This tool also is a safer method. Mrs. Mendoza received $45 for this suggestion and her idea has been forwarded to other state universities for their consideration.

Mrs. Mendoza's previous awards were in 1972, $130, for a suggestion to modify custodial carts to carry supplies and equipment in a safer, more convenient manner and in 1969, $175, for a suggestion that a sturdy blade on a long handle would be more effective in removing candy and gum from floors than a putty knife. The 1969 suggestion was implemented by five other state universities.

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Faculty/Senate Fund Nears Goal

Faculty-Staff Fund Chairman Dr. Hartley Mellish reported that the net income for funds generated from faculty and staff at USF were nearing $1,000 mark. He also indicated that one final "reminder" notice will be sent to all USF personnel and that a goal of $1,200 should be reached by mid-May when the campaign ends.

At that time, the Faculty-Staff Steering Committee will conduct its final meeting to allocate the campaign income. Most of the monies will be expended on academic scholarships, the children of USF faculty and staff will be given prime consideration. A smaller allocation will also be made to assist the handicapped.

Dr. Mellish stressed that all contributions, no matter what size, are important. All donors will receive decals indicating their status as "Charter Donors" and the USF TODAY tabloid on a bi-monthly basis. Checks should be made out to the USF Foundation Inc. and sent to the Development Office ADM 109. All questions should be directed to Dr. Mellish at ext. 2960.

Festival Features Goat, Blowguns

A dinner of goat and other ethnic dishes, an atlatl (blowgun) contest and a parade of faculty members in authentic costumes from around the globe (including Yemeni women's underwear worn by a distinguished associate dean) will be featured at the first spring festival sponsored by the anthropology department and the Anthropology Club today. It will begin at 2 p.m. at the riverfront property. Tickets for the feast are available from the anthropology office (ext. 2138) at $2 each. Also to be featured will be a spear throwing contest and pottery and projectile point demonstrations. The purpose of the week is to create a spirit of fun and promote interest in anthropology.

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The Council of Presidents will meet Wednesday, Apr. 3 at the Host Hotel at Tampa International Airport. Room and time were not available at deadline time.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please announce to your classes that during Qtr. III, the Counseling Center for Human Development will be offering a program designed to help students who experience detrimental test anxiety when taking exams. The program does not involve unpleasant experiences or the discussion of personal problems. Interested students should contact Jeff Bedell at the Counseling Center at ext. 2833.*

*The Division of Physical Education is offering a noon-time "muscle re-education (fitness)" program for men faculty and staff. Contact Tony Jonaitis for information at ext. 2125. Capacity limited to the first 25 respondents.*

*A Psychological Clinic, Dept. of Psychology, will offer group counseling for personal problems to faculty, staff, and part-time students during Qtr. III. Groups will begin early in April and will be conducted by doctoral students in psychology under the supervision of a faculty member. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Diane Ludington, ext. 2795 or Dr. Donald Stein, ext. 2805 through Mar. 30.*

*In order to provide assistance to employees who may encounter problems with Blue Cross and Blue Shield in conjunction with the State Sponsored Health Insurance Plan, a "Claim Information Request" form has been developed by the administrators of the Employee Insurance Program. This form is completed and forwarded to the State Employee Insurance Program in Tallahassee. They will determine the current status and problems surrounding an employee's claim. Employees wishing to submit a "Claim Information Request" form should contact Personnel Services, FAO-011.*

*Faculty and staff members enrolled in either of the two group health insurance programs are reminded to contact Personnel Services at least one month prior to their 65th birthday so they can be transferred to the medicare supplement plan. The same procedure applies to the dependent spouse of an enrolled member.*

*April 5 is the deadline for application for the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science Congressional Scientist-Fellow Program, which begins in September. This program selects and places younger Ph.D. level scientists and engineers on the staffs of congressmen or congressional committees for one year. The stipend level may vary, but is expected to be around $12,000. Application forms and further information are available from: Dr. Richard A. Schribner, Director AAMS, Dept. A, 177 Massachusetts Ave., M.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.*

*Quarter III hours will be as follows:*

- **University Bookstore**
  - Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Closed Sat.
  - Check Cashing
  - Mon.-Fri. 9-11 a.m. - noon - 4 p.m. - Closed Sat.
  - Text Center
  - Mar. 21, 22 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
  - Mar. 25-29 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
  - Apr. 1-5 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
  - Remainder of Quarter
    - Mon., Tues.
    - Wed., Fri. noon-3 p.m.
    - Thurs. noon-6 p.m.
    - Sat. & Sun. Closed

*Personnel Training has coordinated a Human Relations Workshop to be given by Drs. Klukken and Lilli­ bridge, USF Developmental Ctr. The workshop will include five, 2-hour sessions (9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning on Tues., Apr. 16, and on consecutive Tuesdays ending May 14. Topics to be covered are: Listening Skills, Self­ Disclosure, Confrontation Skills, and Conflict Resolution Skills. Participation will be limited to 25 staff members. For more information and reservations, call Personnel Training, ext. 2438.*

*Income Tax Assistance Program for all staff and students whose 1973 income did not exceed $10,000 is available Apr. 1-15 in FAO-122. Appointments may be made by calling Personnel Training, ext. 2438.*

**Africa Topic For Seminar**

"Religion and the Nation Building Process in Africa" is the topic for the Apr. 4-5 Florida Regional Seminar #4 on Africa to be held in CTR 255-256. The seminar is sponsored by a grant to Florida State University from the Social Science Research Council to encourage cooperation among Africanists in the State University System. The international studies department is hosting the event. Dr. Abdelwahab Hediche is chairman. The public is invited to attend the various programs given by Africanists in Florida, and other states from 9 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. Apr. 4 and 10 a.m.-noon Apr. 5."