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Tucker: 'Universities Must Convince Us'

Public confidence in higher education was the main topic of discussion on WUSF-TV's Face to Face With Education program featuring the newly elected leadership of both houses of the Florida Legislature and the chairperson of the USF Faculty Senate.

House Speaker-elect Don Tucker, democrat of Tallahassee, appeared in the studio along with Chairperson of the Faculty Senate Dr. Jesse Binford, Jr. Senate President-designate Dempsey Barron, democrat of Panama City was interviewed in Tallahassee by Jim Lewis of Florida Public Broadcasting and the videotaped interview was inserted in the program which aired Thurs., Nov. 14 at 10 p.m.

Both Sen. Barron and Rep. Tucker agreed that accountability for the taxpayers' dollars would receive major emphasis during the next legislative session.

"It will be up to the universities themselves to convince us (the legislature) that the public is getting a dollar's worth for a dollar spent," Rep. Tucker said. Sen. Barron made parallel remarks and said that this session "we will be looking very closely at higher education."

Dr. Binford said that what is needed is for the universities, and especially the faculty members, to take the lead in providing legislators with a clear picture of what a university is all about.

Face to Face with Education airs on WUSF-TV, Ch. 16, every fourth Thursday at 10 p.m. and is produced and hosted by Tom Boyle, radio-TV coordinator in Information Services.

Title IX Guidelines Due in Fall of 1975 — HEW

Final Title IX Guidelines will probably not be ready until "early next year" to take effect in the fall of 1975, according to Peter Holmes, Director, HEW's office for Civil Rights, as reported last week in a wire service story.

More than 9000 written comments were received by OCR in response to the "proposed guidelines," promulgated last June. Included was a detailed letter from USF. The bulk of comments concerned athletics, textbooks, equal employment, physical education classes and private groups such as college sorority and fraternity organizations.

The final version of the Guidelines must be approved by President Ford and rest in Congress 45 days for review.

USF Equal Opportunity Coordinator Jim Vickrey stated, "until the proposed Guidelines - or others - are approved by HEW and the President and reviewed by the Congress, neither we or anyone else in America can say for sure what are the specific requirements of Title IX. When we know, we will act accordingly."

Enrollment Up; USF Passes Goal Set For Black Students

Enrollment this fall has reached 20,936, a figure seven percent higher than a year ago which also reflects a 39 percent increase in black enrollment and a 45 percent increase in overall minority enrollment.

Overall enrollment, however, primarily reflects an increase in part-time students, and not of FTE's which showed an increase of only one percent from 16,338 last year to 16,486 this fall. Actual fall headcount of full-time students is 13,726 as compared to 13,536 last year.

USF has also reached its 1974-75 equal opportunity goal of five percent for black students. Black enrollment totals 1,020. Some 699 other minority students (Spanish surname, Indian and oriental) are also enrolled, bringing the total minority enrollment this fall to 1,719.

Last year black enrollment was 735 and represented 3.6 percent of the student body. Enrollment of other minorities last year totaled 448, for an overall minority total of 1,183.

The approximate number of black graduates from USF is 226, almost all of whom have received their degrees since 1970, the majority since 1972. Of these 60 have master's; five, A.A.'s and one, Ph.D. At least four bachelor's degrees are in engineering, one in geology, 22 in business, four in mass communications and seven in political science—all non-traditional areas for blacks.

Other enrollment breakdowns for fall show that there are more men (11,366) than women (9,570). Freshmen numbered 2,879; sophomores, 2,577; juniors, 5,482; seniors, 4,642; unclassified students, 2,823; graduate students, 2,387, and medical students, 146.

Fall headcount on the St. Petersburg Campus is 1,767. The Fort Myers Campus has 539 students and 1,023 students are enrolled in continuing education courses in the nine counties served by USF.

Brahmans Open Nov. 30

The Brahmans truly "come alive" with the opening of the 1974-75 basketball season, Nov. 30, against Florida Tech in Winter Park High School gym.

USF opens its home schedule two weeks later with Jacksonville, Dec. 14, in Curtis Hixon at 8 p.m. The game will be preceded by an Alumni Association-Interfraternity Council sponsored social with free beer and snacks in the Curtis Hixon lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m. The social is open to all ticket holders.

"Our immediate objective is a winning season, although the schedule is a tough one," Coach Bill Gibson said.

Besides back-to-back games with Jacksonville, USF meets such powers as Auburn, Ohio University, Florida State, Arkansas State, Old Dominion, South Alabama, Cincinnati, North Carolina, Dayton, and Duke.

The season ticket campaign culminated yesterday with a victory party for the "First Team," hosted by George Cortner at the Holiday Inn on Fowler. Season tickets are still available at the Athletic Department, ext. 2125.
NEW CARRERS' SYMPOSIUM

Response Outstanding

The first ever "New Careers at Mid-Life Symposium" attracted over 225 people to the campus on Nov. 15-16.

Designed to aid middle-aged men and women in "recycling" their lives, the conference featured State, regional and national experts on such topics as educational and employment opportunities for mature students, changing life styles for men and women, retirement options and the costs/benefits of changing careers.

Portions of the sessions were audio- and videotaped for airing by WUSF-TV and -FM.

The symposium also featured career testing for interested persons. About 60 participants signed up for the tests to be followed by counselling and test evaluation after Dec. 3.

Symposium coordinator Lea Leavengood expressed great satisfaction with response to the conference, which represented the University's continuing -- and expanding -- efforts to serve mature students on Florida's West Coast.

"The response of people in the area to the Symposium exceeded our most optimistic expectations and we are already working to build on the foundation it provides us."

Dr. Fiore Appointed to Commission

Dr. Silvia R. Fiore, chairperson of the USF Status of Women Committee, has been appointed by Governor Reubin Askew to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. She attended the first meeting of the new commission Nov. 20-21 in Tallahassee.

Dr. Fiore will serve a two-year term through October 1977. She is one of several women representing the southwest district of Florida.

Dr. Fiore is an associate professor of English. She has served on the USF committee since its beginning and has been active in women's affairs.

New Director Named for USF Post

Kenneth J. Hollett, senior planning consultant with the University of Florida, has been appointed director of the USF Division of Facilities Planning effective Nov. 1. Hollett replaces Roxy Neal, assistant director of facilities planning, who has served as acting director since the death of long-time USF employee Clyde Hill in January.

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