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BOR Approves New College Acquisition for Next July

The Florida Board of Regents cleared the way Monday for the State's acquisition next July 1 of New College as the Sarasota Campus of USF.

In a series of actions at its regular meeting in West Palm Beach, the BOR approved:
- Acquisition of the 102-acre campus on Sarasota Bay and its 24 buildings for $3,037,000, effective July 1, 1975.
- Allocation of $830,000 for 1974-75 New College transitional expenses.
- Establishment, after July 1, 1975, of a USF regional campus with some courses to be offered beginning in January, 1975.
- Continuation of the New College academic program through private funding.

The Sarasota Campus of USF will have a two-fold mission. It will offer educational programs at the upper-division (junior and senior) and beginning graduate (masters) levels for the heavily populated Sarasota-Bradenton area. Beginning in January, the University will move 14 continuing education courses, primarily in education, to New College. Over the past several years, USF has offered about a dozen continuing education courses each quarter at Sarasota High School. In addition, the University is expected to add another eight to 10 "regular" credit courses in business administration and liberal arts to the New College campus at the same time.

The Sarasota Campus will also include "New College of the University of South Florida" to the extent that private funds are made available to permit continuation of the educational programs for which New College gained national attention during the past decade.

The upper-division and beginning graduate programs will be entirely state funded according to conventional procedures and policies of the BOR.

Three documents were included in the BOR action approving acquisition of New College: the formal contract, a BOR Statement of Intent and a USF Statement of Operating Philosophy.

"Battle of Sexes" Nets $438 and Cabin Cruiser

A total of $438 and $9,000 cabin cruiser were the profits of the tennis "battle of the sexes" sponsored by the USF Task Force on Mission and Goals Dec. 4.

Dr. Glenn Burdick, engineering professor, won the match 6-2, 6-1 over engineering student Frankie Wilson.

The $438 goes to the USF Foundation and will be divided among financial aids, academic affairs, the College of Engineering and the contenders to donate to the departments of their choice.

The cabin cruiser, a 24-foot Century Buccaneer, was given by an anonymous donor to the College of Engineering and will be used for various projects including towing the mini-subs, the Scientist in the Sea program and computation studies of Tampa Bay. It will be anchored at the St. Petersburg Campus.

Regents Accept St. Pete Expansion Land Offer

The Board of Regents Monday formally accepted the City of St. Petersburg's offer of 35 acres for expansion of USF's Bayboro campus.

BOR action is in line with the two-site concept recommended by President Cecil Mackey last March to expand the USF campus in downtown St. Petersburg and to develop a Clearwater Campus of USF in northern Pinellas County to meet growing educational needs there.

The Regents accepted the City of Clearwater's offer of 150 acres near Safety Harbor for possible USF expansion last May.

President Mackey said he was pleased that the Regents had concurred with the two-site concept in their acceptance of the 35 acres from St. Petersburg.

"Now that the issue of geography has been decided," he said following the Board's meeting in West Palm Beach, "we can move rapidly to the consideration of programs and the expansion of educational services for the people of Pinellas County."

Last spring, President Mackey said expansion of the downtown St. Petersburg Campus would permit, in addition to current degree programs, more continuing education courses and course work with special emphasis in banking, insurance, marketing, nursing, fine arts, marine science and mass communications.

Preliminary planning for the Clearwater Campus calls for degree programs in business administration, teacher training, social sciences, literature and the humanities and natural sciences.

Capital costs for St. Petersburg Campus expansion were estimated at $5 million, while the building costs for the Clearwater Campus were estimated at $8.8 million.

President Mackey told BOR members he appreciated their action and commended officials and individuals from St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Pinellas County who helped in the effort to provide the necessary land.

BOR Orders Belt Tightening

As a result of anticipated shortfalls in State revenues, the BOR said Monday, the SUS "must join other citizens in tightening our belts" and ordered "emergency reductions in planned spending" in a number of areas. Savings of $8,550,000 are expected to result.

Included in the reductions--outlined in a document on file in Special Collections, USF Library--are:
1. delays in filling vacant positions until certain additional lapse figures are obtained; (2) reductions, if possible, in the number of fall classes offered; (3) suspension of "non essential" out-of-state and inter-institutional travel; (4) limitations on various expense items, including printing, long-distance calls, social activities, and memberships; (5) non-book 000 reductions of 15%; (6) continuation of current energy conservation efforts; and (7) development of 1976-76 legislative request "contingency budget."

Information regarding the impact of these new reductions on USF will be included in future issues of INTERCOM.
The Dec. 9 meeting of the Board of Regents, held for the first time in West Palm Beach, included the following matters of interest to USF faculty and staff:

- A series of actions were taken to permit USF regional expansion in Sarasota (on the site of New College) and in Pinellas County.* See related INTERCOM stories.
- A new policy on limitation of university enrollments was adopted, providing a "cap" on USF at 25,000 head count students on the Tampa campus and 7,500 on USF's regional campuses—half of a percent growth factor included.* President Mackey told the Board he preferred a FTE cap but stressed that the approved cap would not restrict USF's service capability along the State's West Coast.
- State Senate President Dempsey Barron addressed the Regents and said that state tax monies are held "in trust" and must, therefore, be spent "wisely." He indicated that his purpose in speaking was to open a "dialogue" with the Regents to begin a continuing examination of how such monies are spent. In response, BOR Chairman Marshall Criser thanked Senator Barron for his expression of concern and said he and the Board welcomed the opportunity to work with him.
- Due to anticipated shortfall in State revenues, "emergency reductions in planned spending" in the SUS were mandated by the Board.* See related INTERCOM story.
- The new faculty grievance procedures were revised to provide hearing transcript copies at cost to the grievant.
- A report on the "felon admission policy" was made by Chairman Criser. He noted that only 24 of 110,000 SUS students were "convicted felons" and the BOR decided that a systemwide exclusionary policy on the matter was not needed.
- Chancellor Robert Mautz said that until implementing regulations from HEW or from a DOE task force are available the SUS would not change present records access policies to comply with the purported meaning of the Buckley amendment. In addition, the Chancellor reported that the state funds may not be used to pay dues in any organization not opening "all" of its records to inspection by any Florida citizen. He also reported on the disgrace" (Criser) of increases in the GPA's of SUS students.*

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- Chancellor-Designate E.T. York made a progress report to the Board and announced preliminary plans to establish a "Council of Visitors" at each SUS institution and to create a short-term "Commission on University Outreach and Service in Florida."*
- The SUS Faculty Senate Council requested that the "Common Course Numbering" project be delayed until the proposed common SUS semester calendar be adopted. However, since the effort is legislatively-mandated, the project cannot be delayed, Chancellor Mautz said, but he promised to discuss the matter with Education Commissioner Ralph Turlington.
- USF student body president Richard Merrick addressed the Board regarding USF Library hours, and President Mackey informed the Board of the process involved in and the rationale for reducing the hours.

The next BOR meeting will be Jan. 13 on the St. Petersburg Campus.

*Copies available in Special Collections, USF Library.

Course To Prep for Admission Tests

A non-credit course "Preparation for the Medical and Dental School Admission Tests" (MCAT and DATP) will be offered by the Center for Continuing Education at USF during Quarter II.

Classes will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. from Jan. 14-Mar. 11 in LIF 268. Registration fee for USF students is $30 and may be made through the Continuing Education Office in FAO 106.

Further information is available from Jorge Garcia, AOC 232, ext. 2838.

Epsicopalian Minister Transferred

The Rev. Mr. Kevin Stanley, minister of the Episcopal University Center for four years, has been transferred to the St. Albans Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg Beach.

He has been replaced by the Rev. Mr. John Hamblin Jr. of St. Petersburg, formerly chaplain of St. Petersburg Jr. College and Stetson Law School.

Campus Terminology Error Corrected

An error appeared in last week's story regarding the correct terminology for the various USF campuses. The USF Fort Myers facility should be referred to as the Fort Myers Campus (not the Fort Myers Center as was printed). The facility is the Fort Myers Education Center.

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