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Hilary Rodham Clinton and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation brought their first town meeting on health care to Tampa March 15. USF students and professors turned out in force.

College of Public Health Dean Peter J. Levin led 70 people associated with USF to the day-long discussion of health care reform.

White House organizers invited about 200 guests and panelists from around the US. In addition, Dr. Levin brought with him about 36 students and professors from public health, nursing, and medical schools.

The First Lady was clearly in charge. Besides taking notes and asking questions, she listened to more than 100 individuals.

The reaction to testimony from panelists or the audience. When Doug Jeffers of USF's College of Public Health said the role of the nurse in a cost-effective delivery of quality of care, Clinton responded:

"Nurses recently gave me a lot of good ideas about the obstacles that still exist, or are being insurmountable, to prevent nurses from fulfilling their basic nursing functions, and other functions that are more along the lines of taking care of patients, such as midwives and nurse practitioners.

"We cannot provide primary and preventive health care. Americans do not make better use of our nurses."

Panel participant Levin commented, "America has undergone many changes. We've all seen inner cities die. We've seen small towns go by the wayside. Our last department store closed in downtown Tampa. The Wal-Marts of Arkansas and other similar businesses scattered in malls in cities and around the world. Are the way Americans have taken to go to buy their products. The same thing is happening in health care. And I think that when the President says we have to sacrifice, I want all of the people with chronic illnesses who have spoken so eloquently today to be covered. But I also know that the freedom of choice, the freedom of action, on the part of providers is going to have to come to an end. And we are not going to have the system we had in 1950 in the year 2000. And it's going to take some belt-tightening. Some people are going to have to make hard decisions about how they're going to get what is needed."

The cost factors are astronomical.

The concern that we have is that we don't continue to diminish the human spirit, so that even though we've taken care of the physical body, the soul is gone, and what do we have left?

Clinton added, "I just wanted to say, Professor Smith, (that) you just said is so important. And it needs to be part of the overall sense of health care that we have. Because for many people, that human support system is the quickest way toward recovery and sustaining life, and being able to deal with problems. And human contact really does help. And yet we don't have a system that provides that kind of support. And we've got to move toward that. And what you're doing is very important in making that point."

In her concluding remarks, Clinton noted that many elements of the health care system will be hard to change because they were instituted with good intentions.

"How do we suddenly reverse the ratio of specialists to generalists? How do we undo the federal subsidies that paid for the residencies of the specialists under the Medicare programs so that older people had access to specialists, but now need access to primary care tour guides to help go through a system that we, in effect, created?"

"I don't know how it is possible to satisfy every need that was heard today. I think the best we can do is to be honest about facing the problems that every one of us in this room have had a hand in helping to create."

By Michael Hood

First Economic Summit consensus: Tampa Bay needs united approach

The Tampa Bay region remains an enviable place to live and an attractive area for business. A recent study that disputed at USF's first Regional Economic Summit hosted March 18-19. Some 400 business and government officials from across West Central Florida registered for the series of lectures and workshops.

But what is also indisputable, said speakers and panelists, is the unique geography and attractive economic climates are only part of what makes a market on the map as a prime place to do business. Also critically important is a game plan for the future.

"Are we really positioned for the ongoing transition into a knowledge-based, global economy? Are we pooling our considerable regional resources and synergies to market the Tampa Bay area effectively?"

"The Tampa Bay area is one contiguous area now," said David Pfeiffer, Snyder, the fast moving future and last, the area is a much more intense type of market.

"We've seen a diverse community, the largest port in the country. The area is a diverse community, the largest port in the region, a major research-oriented state university and a renowned international airport. But it is also a world class research partner. Individual counties have often gone their own way when it comes to marketing strategies, and sometimes the income for county, intra-contractor alliances have splintered matters more.

And again, summit speakers hammered home the point that the regional (seven-county) approach was the only one that made economic sense. And that meant pooling funding for research and marketing, sharing office space and having a single voice for Tampa Bay as a uniquely monopolistic market.

Richard O'Neill, director of USF's Center for Economic and Management Research, noted that the Tampa Bay area remained one of net immigration but that the most pronounced patterns of growth were occurring on the periphery of Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. And downward trends were leading to "increased inter-dependsencies" among counties. "It's just another indication of how the area is growing more and more together," said O'Neill.

Both the main speakers, the futurist Snyder and author-consultant David Osborne, underscored the need for more, more education. Osborne described the present as "a second wave of economic development" and "that which follows the infrastructure of bridges, roads and airports." "Now it's education. It's training. It's capital and it's technology." And cooperation.

"By Joe O'Neill"

L to R: Steven A. Schroeder, president, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and moderator; Hilary Rodham Clinton, Dr. Peter J. Levin, dean, USF College of Public Health; and Dr. Gladys Branic, director, Manatee County Healthcare Unit, discuss the issues.

About 400 business and government leaders from across West Central Florida registered to attend USF's first Regional Economic Summit, the 1993 Tampa Bay Symposium. The author David Osborne extols the economic virtues of education.

Briefly

Top Alzheimer's researcher to visit Sarasota

Dr. John Hardy, leading researcher on the genetics of Alzheimer's disease, will be in Sarasota April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sudokoff Center at the Sarasota campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Hardy's talk and slide show will cover the current research on Alzheimer's disease taking place at USF. His research team was the world's first to discover the genetic mutation in the amyloid protein that causes early-onset Alzheimer's.

Hardy came to USF in 1992 from St. Mary's Hospital in London, England. His United States team works at the USF lab, which is co-directed by Dr. Mike Mullain, and is now pursuing other causes of the disease and testing models of the disease to enable faster production of treatments.

'Books & Bucks' benefit to end April 7

The Tampa campus 'Books and Bucks Benefit,' a fundraiser for the USF Library, will conclude April 7. Although more books can be accepted at this time, financial contributions are welcome until that date. Checks made payable to 'Council of Honor Societies Library Benefit' can be mailed to CTR 340.
The great white shark, big, bad, beautiful, New College professor Leo Demski's discovery may change the way we think about the "Killer of the Deep."

After a recent examination of one of the first "killer" sharks (Carcharodon carcharias) to be acquired and classified in detail by science, Leo Demski, associate professor of biology and holder of the title "Island Explorer," observes that it is more likely to be a species that has a more general and small number of black rhinos that are more likely to be endangered. Knowledge of the behavior is vital in determining plans for species preservation.

"The lack of exceptional development of the brain of the adult white shark, the study will be presented in August at the annual conference on "The Biology of the White Shark" held in March 4-7 in Bodega Marine Laboratory, Bodega, California, and will be published by the Caliifornia Academy of Sciences.

The motivation for his and Northcutt's research, Demski said, stems from the need to better understand the animal's behavior to help in determining its increased complexity, sensorial and brain function in guiding attacks on humans and animals. The information is useful in predicting situations dangerous to human or prey. Predictions from study of multiple brain systems and organs can be used to guide field studies of the animal's behavior. Also, there is a need to understand the biological weight of predation cold-blooded animals that are more complex than expected to become limited to the extent they are threatened or endangered. Knowledge of the behavior is vital in determining plans for species preservation.

The shoal of sharks may be the largest in the world and includes a large number of black rhinos, and are known to have larger brains compared to other shark species. The study will be presented in August at the annual conference on "The Biology of the White Shark" held in March 4-7 in Bodega Marine Laboratory, Bodega, California, and will be published by the California Academy of Sciences.

For more information, contact Julie Gillispe at 893-9160.

"Inclusion" theme of fourth annual EOA conference

"Inclusion" is the theme of the USF's fourth annual Equal Opportunity Conference April 6 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the University Center on the Tampa campus.

The keynote address will be delivered by Melville Ausme, who chairs the department of African American studies at Temple University. Ausme's presentation, "Stop! Hate is a Silent Killer," will be followed by a panel discussion. "What Can We Do?"

Ausme, the creator of the first doctoral program in African American studies, is the author of 13 books, including his latest "Temptation and Silence: The Mass Media in Africa."

He is the founder of Journal of Black Studies.

The afternoon will feature concurrent workshops -- "Dispelling the Myth of Sexual Harassment" and "The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and You."

"This conference is an example of us being proactive and implementing a change," said Wilma Smith, director of University Equal Opportunity Programs.

"The university is a microcosm of society, and this conference gives us an opportunity to address key societal issues. It's also a good opportunity for those in attendance to vocalize their concerns -- and hopefully realize some solutions."

The conference, which is sponsored by the USF Office of Equal Opportunity Affairs along with African Studies and the equal opportunity committee is open to both the university community and the public. The full program and a registration form are available on the web site. For more information, call the USF Office of Equal Opportunity Affairs at 843-2187.

By Joe O'Neill

Art-warming

Area schoolchildren with disabilities share the fun at USF's Very Special Arts Festival, held at USF's Sarasota-Manatee campus March 19. The annual festival is held each spring for Hillsborough County public school students and brings thousands of students and adult volunteers together to participate in music, dance, art and the visual arts.

By Susan McConnell

ISF offers travel-study programs

From the pyramids of Egypt and a fallen empire of Greece to the slappas Islands, travelers will have the opportunity to learn about the world's cultures in this year's ISF tour program for 1993 will visit far-away cities of the world for class credit.

Many faculty and staff may not realize that they may participate in a program similar to one offered by the Office of Continuing Education at the University of South Florida. ISF is a travel-study program that will allow students to take courses, credits, and, most importantly, broaden their horizons for a fraction of the cost of traditional travel.

For more information, call Julie Gillispe at 893-9160.

Library & information science program thrives

The Office of Equal Opportunity Affairs announces the following EOA Programs.

For additional information, call the USF Office of Equal Opportunity Affairs, ADM 274, or call ext. 43437.
April

2 Monday
Lunchtime Aerobics Class: Fit and Fun, 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. USF gym $12 per month, payable at the first class of each month. Low-impact aerobics on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays taught by certified instructor. Locker and shower facilities are available. For more information, call Brenda Holley at ext. 4-3990. Classes are also offered Monday and Thursday at the MFII gym from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for $10 per month. Call Fertie Brand at ext. 4-6614 for more information.

Biology Lecture: "Better Seaweeds Through Genetic Engineering," Don Cheuk, Northeastern University, Boston. 3 p.m. CHE 111. Refreshments following in LSA 102.

Study Group: Students of A Course in Miracles, 7:30 p.m. CIS 1046.

Concert: "Music of the Baroque," John Robinson, director, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall. $2 general admission. $1 for students and senior citizens.

Performance: Theatre USF presents "In the Last Time," Joe Dee director. 8 p.m. Theatre 2. Also playing April 3 and April 4 at 5:30 p.m. and April 14-17. $5 general admission, $3.50 students and senior citizens.

5 Saturday
Outdoor Adventures: "Cooee Rock Springs," fee provided. $15 per person. Call ext. 4-9555 or ext. 4-3177 for more information.

Sun Dome Spectacular: Hall of Fame Baseball Players, card signing. Emie Banks, Stan Musial, Bob Syphons and others, 9 a.m. Sun Dome. Free. Fee is $3 for ages 12 and up.

Sunday
Sports Card and Memorabilia Show: 10 a.m. Sun Dome. 54 students.

Cine' International: Au Hasard Hallow (France) 7:30 p.m. UC Ballroom. Free.

Monday
Art Exhibit: "Theatre of Noodcoup." A. A. Ruzene, performance and installation. UC Centre Gallery through April 16.

St. Petersburg Lecture Series: "The Quest for Community (Again)," E.J. Dionne, Jr., political correspondent for the Washington Post and author of Why Americans Hate Politics. Reception 5:30 p.m. Lecture 6 p.m. Campus Activities Center, St. Petersburg.

Concert: USF Wind Ensemble. Malley B. Thompson, conductor. 7:30 p.m. Gauthier High School. Free.

Tuesday
International Folk Dance: Folk dances taught at all levels. Dances held every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. FAD 3rd Floor. Fee more information, call Gretchen Warren at ext. 4-2614.

Equal Opportunity Conference: "Inclusion," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the University Center. See page 4 of this issue of USF for more details.

Pharmacology and Therapeutics Lecture: "Identification of Amino Acids Crucial for Agenis-Dependent Gating of the GABA Receptor," Dr. Steven Weiss, assistant professor of physiology and biophysics, USF, 4 p.m. MDC 102. Refreshments available.

Course Design Workshop: "Values and Ethics." Barbara Curr, Jan Eison, Sandra Schurter, and Marcus Vanderford offer a multidisciplinary look at how to help students gain ways to make better informed value judgments and to behave in principled and ethical ways. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. LIB 251.

Lecture Series: "Life and Work in a Totalitarian Society," Robert Zanze, editor of the tri-lingual newspaper La Gaceta. Sanchez spent 20 years as a journalist under Communist control in Cuba. 2 p.m. Grace Allen Reading Room, library.

Wednesday
Country-Western Line Dancing Lessons: Free dance lessons taught by Jim Matthews, coordinator, Telecom munications. Noon to 1 p.m. USF 1133. Classes are held every Thursday through April 29. For more information call Matthews at ext. 4-5286.

Chemistry Lecture: "Recognition and Catalysis Using Nickel: From Hydrocarbons to TNA," Cynthia J. Burrows, University of New York - Stony Brook. 4 p.m. CHE 101. Refreshments before seminar at 3:30 p.m. outside SCA 228.

Lecture Series: The AIDS epidemic and its impact on developing countries will be discussed by Heidi Larson, research associate in anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. Auditorium, Sciences building room 104. This talk is co-sponsored by the University Lecture Series, the international Students program, the department of sociology and the Environment Center.

Faculty Recital: Guitar Chamber Music. John Michael Parris, guitar and special guest performers. 8 p.m. Raw Scott, Keith Kahl, on cello, and Arthur Woodbury on saxophone. 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall. $2 general admission, $1 students and senior citizens.

Concert: Hank Williams, Jr. with Aaron Tippin and Leroy Parnell. 8 p.m. Tickets $22.50 and $20, plus admission, $1 students and senior citizens.

Pharmacology and Therapeutics Lecture: "Regulation of Brain Nicotinic Cholinergic Receptors." Kenneth Kellar, professor of pharmacology and psychopharmacology, Georgetown University, 4 p.m. MDC 102. Refreshments available.

Alzheimer's Lecture: Dr. John Hardy, holder of the Pfeiffer Chair in Alzheimer's Research at USFs department of psychiatry and director of the USF Suncoast Alzheimer's Research Lab will discuss current research on Alzheimer's disease. 7:30 p.m. Sudhoff Center, Sarasota campus.

Friday
Professional Development: "Coping with Work-Related Stress," a workshop to help identify stressors, and teach stress reduction and relaxation techniques, Leonard Klenin, Ph.D., Counseling Center for Human Development. 1-5 p.m. SCA 207. Free. Call ext. 30908 for more information.

Biology Lecture: "Plant-Pathogen Interactions: How Do Viruses Cause Disease?" William Don Davis, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred. 3 p.m. CHE 111. Refreshments following in LSA 102.

Geology Lecture: "Seismic Studies of Crustal Structure," Juan Loukom, Louisiana State University. 3:30 p.m. CHE 101.

Concert: Vox Bahamensis, The USF Cello Choir, Malley B. Thompson, conductor. 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall. Free.

Tomas-Hill confrontation to be discussed through ethnic viewpoint

A panel discussion and viewing of a documentary on the confrontation between national Supreme Court justice Clarence Thomas and New Yorker, Aliahn Hill will be held at 7 p.m. April 17 in the Jane Bancroft Library at the Sarasota Campus.

The PBS "Frontline" documentary "Public Hearing, Private Pain," explores Thomas's confirmation hearings through the dynamics of race and details how little understanding existed in the way black and white Americans viewed the battle.

Panel participants include Susan Greenbaum, associate professor and chair of USFs anthropology department, Wendy Thompson, associate general counsel for USF; Aaron Smith, associate professor of social work, and Russell Sizemore, associate professor of humanities at New College. The talk is sponsored by the Multi-cultural Society of USF at Sarasota/ New College, formerly the Black Student Union. For more information call 359-4314.