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Faculty and staff urged to join area civic association

The USF Area Community Civic Association, led by State Represen­
tative Victor Crist, has been trumpeting headlines with its efforts to revi­
talize the neighborhoods that sur­
puss co uncil. An organizational meet­
ging was set for 4 - 5:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, Nov. 10 in Room 271 of
the University Center. All faculty
and staff are invited to attend. Crist
will be on hand to describe the status
of the association’s work.

The association is concerned with
the high crime areas around the
USF Tampa campus, particularly the
areas west and northwest of the
campus. Over the past 10 years those
areas, originally intended as low cost
housing for students, have trans­
formed into a blighted, high-crime
area.

Recently, the association’s work has
convinced the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Department to make
plans to set up in largest district com­
mass headquarters in the area. The
station, with 160 deputies, will be
within walking distance of the cam­
pus. Plans have also been made for
a 23-acre park and recreation complex
and possibly a velodrome bicycle-rac­
ing track built to Olympic specifi­
cations. The association’s efforts have
also led the area to be designated as a
“priority community development
stock grant district” that will make
approximately $40-50 million avail­
able over the next 10 years for com­
nunity development and programs, Crist said.

All of these efforts have been
made with very few faculty and
staff as members of the civic asso­
ciation.

USF has the most to gain by
improving the area and the most to
lose if the area remains a blighted,
high-crime zone,” Crist said.

At Crist’s request, Interim
President Robert A. Bryan has ap­
nounced a new position, associate
vice president of Student Affairs,
as a liaison between USF and the
civic association. Bryan urges fac­
tory and staff to join the campus
council.

“I believe that the civic asso­
ciation is critical to the future well­
being of the University of South
Florida,” Bryan said. “The associa­
tion is heavily involved in improv­
ing the University’s neighborhood,
and if we are to continue to flourish,
our neighborhood must be dramati­
cally upgraded.”

Hewitt said he will be looking
for faculty, staff, and student sup­
port of an important interface with
the association.

“This will give an opportunity
for those interested to lend some of
their energy and expertise to help
this community area be a better place
to live and work,” Hewitt said.

Phil Smith, associate professor of
Social Work, said there are sev­
eral reasons for the university to be
involved on both an institutional
level and on an individual level.

“We are an urban-based, met­
ropolitan university that is dedic­
ated to contributing to the resolu­
tion of problems that plague urban
areas of the United States. What
better way to interact with the com­
munity that the university sits in?”

Living its mission is one of the kinds
of reasons that we need to be in­
volved in the USF area civic asso­
ciation,” Smith said.

He added that faculty in areas
such as social work, applied anthro­
pology, and public health can do
projects that make a contribution to
the area and involve students in
meaningful kinds of enterprises.

“It’s the moral obligation of the
good neighbor to become involved
in your own community,” Smith
concluded.

By Alissa Algarin

Briefly

Faculty invited to breakfast meetings with provost

Provost Gerry Meisels is holding a series of “Breakfast
with the Provost” meetings as an opportunity to meet informally
with the faculty. The sessions will be held from 8 to 10 a.m.
in the Campus View East Room of the University Center, 4th Floor,
University Center on Tuesday, Nov. 9, Thursday, Nov. 18 and
Thursday, Dec. 9.

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not usually find an opportu­

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USF has begun a fundraising campaign to start an NCAA football program. Next week, fly- ers will be sent to all faculty and staff asking them to donate $50 a year for the next five years that will give them ticket priority when football begins. The money will be placed in an endowment to support the football program. The Athletic Department has answered some questions about the capital campaign for USF football.

**Q: What is the capital campaign goal?**

A: To raise $10 million in cash and pledges over the next two years, with an interim goal of $5 million by the end of this year (1993). This will be done in three ongoing phases.

**Q: Which phase of the capital campaign are we currently in?**

A: We are currently in two phases of the campaign. The first is capital gifts - which are those donors who contribute $10,000 or more. The second is the grass roots phase - an appeal to the alumni and fans to demonstrate their support by making a contribution of $50 per season ticket over the next five years, which would apply only to ticket priority. Our goal is to reach 5,000 subscribers.

**Q: What is the other phase of the capital campaign?**

A: The special gifts phase - this phase is open to donors who contribute between $5,000 and $49,999. This phase will begin at an undetermined date in the first quarter of 1994.

**Q: When will USF seek Board of Regents' approval for the special gifts?**

A: Shortly after we've reached $5 million in cash and pledges. We estimate that this will happen sometime during the first or second quarter of 1994.

**Q: What will happen when USF is seeking capital gifts?**

A: If everything goes as scheduled, the inaugural year will be in 1998.

We also anticipate a possible abbreviated schedule (five or six games) in 1996.

**Q: How much will a season ticket cost?**

A: That has not been determined yet, but probably between $50 and $70.

**Q: Where will the games be played?**

A: That has not been determined as of yet, however, an option would be either of two local municipal facilities as well as our own campus soccer facility.

**Q: What division will USF be in?**

A: We don't have any specific dates on when this will happen, but we plan to be in a Division I-A level conference by the year 2000.

**Q: How have we raised it so far?**

A: We have received commitments of $3.3 million.

**Q: What is the likelihood that the BOR will accept or reject the football proposal?**

A: Because of the unique financial element of our proposal (having $5 million in capital gifts, $5 million in annual pledges), we believe the likelihood for acceptance is greatly increased.

**Q: Who can I call for additional information?**

A: Mike Lewis in the Athletic Administration office at ext. 4-3669 or Larry Wachman in the Athletic Department at ext. 4-2125.

**Q: How much has been raised?**

A: We have no official numbers, but we estimate we have raised approximately $1 million.

**Q: How do staff get involved?**

A: We will need volunteers to solicit sales for our grass roots campaign and special gifts campaign. Send your name and phone number to Patty S. at ext. 1001 in the SVC 1001 and a campaign coordinator will follow up with more details.

**Q: Will there be job openings?**

A: Currently there are no new staff requirements for our football program. As we move into the football operations stage, staff requirements will be addressed. In the meantime, resume can be forwarded to the SUN 109 for future reference.

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**Admissions**

Admissions lobby under construction

The admissions lobby in the Student Services Building is currently under construction and has been temporarily relocated from SVC 1036 to SVC 1001. Campus tours and information sessions have also been moved from the building.

The lobby area is undergoing a transformation into a customer service area for students. Students will be able to come in and get basic questions answered about admissions and enrollment. The renovation is part of the campus-wide effort to become more student oriented.

The admissions lobby in SVC 1036 is scheduled to reopen prior to the beginning of on-site registration in January.

**['Barney' booklet available](#)**

A free activity booklet featuring the popular children's character 'Barney' is available at the TVC.

"Barney & Friends Watch, Play & Learn" is a 48-page activity guide complementing the ABC television series "Barney and Friends," which began in 1992. The "Barney & Friends episodes" which begin Nov. 8 and air weekdays at 6:30 p.m. on WUSF-TV (channel 16). It contains an introductory letter; 36 pages of activities; a list of parenting resources; lyrics to the songs featured in the series from "Barney & Friends"; a research questionnaire; and two "Barney" coloring sheets.

To receive a free copy of the "Barney & Friends Watch, Play & Learn Activity Guide," please call Martha Cooper at ext. 4-4000. Supplies are very limited.

**New award set aside for St. Pete staffs**

An "Excellent Service" award program has been created for St. Peteus campus staff members. The program will recognize up to three USF employees each year with $250, an engraved plaque and a letter of recognition.

This program will not conflict with the ongoing university-wide commendation program.

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**Announcements**

**Dancescapes approaches USF's Department of Dance will present its Fall Concert "Dancescapes: Empowering Passion" at 8 p.m. on Nov. 12-13, 3 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 8 p.m. Nov. 18-20 in Theatre 1. Tickets are $7 general admission, and $3.50 for students and senior citizens.

This fall's concert features four choreographers: Bill Hug's restaging of "Rhythm Ritual" which uses dancer-made sound; John Park's social commentary on violence in our cities with particular reference to Tampa; Homer Garza Horsedance's "The Clown and the Spider (set to Peter Gabriel)" and embracing classical technique with contemporary movement; and Ronnie DelMarco's jazz work "Speakeasy" that features the melodies and rhythms of the Roaring 20s.

For tickets call the box office at ext. 4-9228.

**Cancer research funds available**

Researchers at the assistant professor level are eligible for $15,000 grants from the American Cancer Society (ACS) for psychosocial/behavioral research projects related to cancer.

The funds are part of a three-year $135,000 grant awarded to USF and the Moffitt Cancer Center via ACS as a way of providing "seed money" for junior faculty. Proposed projects can be in the basic or clinical sciences, or of a psychological, epidemiological or cancer control nature.

The deadline for application is Nov. 30, 1993, for February funding. Application packets and additional information are available by calling the Moffitt Cancer Center Department of Research Administration at 979-6077.

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**Spotlight on Safety**

**Tips to prevent office accidents**

- Position office furniture close to outlets to eliminate tripping hazards of telephone or electrical cords.
- Turn on lights before entering a dark room.
- Close desk and filing cabinet drawers slowly to prevent injuries to fingers.
- Do not leave file drawers open. The handle could catch you.
- Do not stack file cabinets on top of one another.
- Never move heavy materials in bottom drawers, lighter materials in the top drawers.
- Never place materials, boxes, other files, etc., on top of cabinets (above five feet). Not only can they fall, but they can unduly strain people on the cabinets above.
- Open doors slowly and keep them in either a fully open or fully closed position.
- Do not tamper with office machines, phoners or wiring.
- Call for service if repairs are required.
- Use staple remover, not fingers, for removing staples.
- When refilling stapler, point the spout away from yourself.
- Do not place fingers in or near the feed of a paper shredder. Verify that guards are in place and working prior to use.

- Use lock down the sliding arm on paper cutters when not in use. Do not use paper cutting devices unless finger guards are in place.
- Do not place office machines in unstable locations where they are in danger of falling.
- Do not touch mechanical machines and connections with wet hands or while standing on damp floors.
- Turn off and unplugging machines before adjusting, lubricating, or cleaning.
- Keep lids on copies machines.
- While seated, do not tilt chairs back too far.
- Do not stand in swivel chairs.
- Do not raise the seats on swivel chairs more than the point where your feet can touch the floor.
- Never sit, stand, or sit on inside waste cans before checking for sharp objects.

Office employees can greatly reduce the risk of accidents and injuries by following these simple safety rules.

Please direct comments and questions regarding safety awareness to Scott Assent at ext. 4-4306.

By Jolee Land, student intern, Personnel Services