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Nearly 2,000 newly-minted USF graduates, representing three campuses, are expected to participate in fall commencement exercises Dec. 15-16.

On the Tampa campus, more than 1,500 graduates will receive degrees Wednesday, Dec. 15. At the 11,000-seat Sun Dome, nearly 1,200 bachelor’s, some 300 master’s and 50 doctoral degrees will be conferred.

“Commencement is the ultimate academic celebration of teaching and learning at our University,” said Gordon McDougall, acting vice president for university advancement. “It is a time for the entire university community to recognize student and faculty achievements.

On Dec. 16 nearly 200 graduates will receive degrees in St. Petersburg and another 85 at ceremonie s on the Sarasota campus. The St. Petersburg commencement is set for 7 p.m. at the Tradewinds Resort on St. Petersburg Beach. Commencement speaker will be Sister Margaret Freeman, founder of The St. Petersburg Free Clinic, a non-profit organization that provides medical and emergency social services.

The Sarasota ceremony, set for 7 p.m., will be held on campus at the Sudakoff Center. Commencement speaker is alumnus Amy Eisenhart, a credit analyst at Sun Bank of Sarasota.

Both the Sarasota and St. Pete-

ersburg ceremonies will mark the first time either campus has hosted a fall commencement.

“The students have wanted — and deserved — a fall commencement,” said O’Flannery, acknowledging Bill Heller, dean of the St. Petersburg campus. “It’s our great privilege to finally be able to offer them one.

The commencement speaker at the Tampa campus commencement will be Dr. Herbert G. Brown, chairman of the board of Checkers Drive-In Restaurants Inc. Under Brown’s leadership, Checkers has grown from one store in Mobile, Ala., to 400 stores today. The Clearwater-based company expects to have 1,000 restaurants by 1996. Brown, 76, was honored as “Entrepreneur of the Year” by the State of Florida in 1991.

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“Commencement is such a special time,” noted Jennifer Frechette, director of public ceremonies, “and this one, I think, especially so. Call it an extra measure of distinction; this is President Bryan’s last major public function here.”

O’Flannery also noted that due to Sun Dome construction, parking availability will be limited. Graduates need to arrive no later than 7 p.m. Graduates and guests are invited to attend the Presidential Reception at the Tampa Hilton.

New president to be announced today

At 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 in the University Center Ballroom, State University System Chancellor Charles Reed will announce the name of the new president of USF.

Members of the Board of Regents selection committee will also be present either in person or via telephone conference call.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Inside USF will feature articles on the new president and the anticipated future of USF in the next issue on Jan. 7.

Follow up further on the suggestions of consultants KPMG Peat Marwick which led to a recent reorganization of the university administration.

“It is a noble act to bring in a consulting team (to recommend reorganization) and to have a cultural transition team,” Edelstein said.

He also suggested that USF should take its time to grow in steps.

“An Interim President (Robert A.) Bryan said in his university address, you want to first be a good regional university, and the rest will follow,” he said. “You have to do it incrementally.”

By Alice Algurin

Research showcase

The first combined Faculty/Student Research Day brought 125 researchers together from the colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health on Nov. 19. Above, Santo Nicolsa of Pathology (right) describes his work to John Talbirs of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Briefly

FSEC/United Way figures match last year’s

USF’s 1993 Florida State Employees/United Way Campaign officially ends Dec. 10, with the proceeds expected to match the 1992 total of $15,000. According to United Way Division Director Maggie Gunther Osborn, 12-15 percent of the donations have been designated for non-United Way agencies, which is also in line with last year’s percentage.

At present, $150,000 had been raised, with 14 Keel Club members (who donate $1,000 or more) still expected to renew their Keel pledges.

This year’s goal was $175,000. Anyone with last-minute contributions can contact Campaign Chairman Adrian Catta at ext. 4-2160.

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Herbert G. Brown