Dr. Richard Karl first to hold Bolivar Chair

Dr. Richard G. Karl, director of the division of surgical oncology, has been awarded the Juan C. Bolivar Endowed Chair in Surgical Oncology. He is the first to hold the newly established chair at USF.

The chair is named in honor of a former USF professor of surgery who died in 1984. Dr. Bolivar was one of the first full-time faculty members at the USF College of Medicine. Dr. Roy Behnke, chairperson of the department of internal medicine, described him as "the definition of class."

"He was a true Renaissance Man," Behnke said. "Not only did he have the most proficient and able skills in surgery, but he also had very, very broad interests in literature and the arts."

"It is especially nice to have a chair named for a man like Dr. Bolivar," Karl said. "He had a breadth of experience and a noble gentility that made people want to be like him. It gives me pretty big shoes to fill."

"We are privileged to have Dr. Karl, one of the outstanding academic surgeons in America, selected for this chair," said Dr. Marvin Dunn, dean of the College of Medicine.

Occupying the chair gives a platform from which to lead the surgical oncology division, Karl said.

"It includes the responsibility to be a public presence for the field, but also to continue efforts in surgical oncology," he said.

Karl's research focuses on cancer of the gastrointestinal tract, particularly in management of patients with colon cancer that spreads to the liver.

"In many cases, we are able to take those deposits out safely," Karl said.

"Ten years ago, we rarely dared to try."

Other researchers in the division include Dr. Timothy Yeaman, a specialist in colon and cancer and molecular biology, and Dr. Charles Cox and Douglas S. Reintgen, both experts in clinical management of breast cancer and melanoma.

"For many of these cancers, the cure rates are not a whole lot better now than they were 30 years ago," Karl said. "With all the research and success in early detection and prevention, we haven't seen enough progress in treatment."

"This chair gives us a "bully pulpit" from which to organize our efforts to do something about these concerns. We're working hard to recruit new people who bring a strong foundation in basic sciences, which we believe is the key to progress."

Karl named his medical degree at Cornell University Medical College, in 1970. He served as an intern, resident and post-doctorate fellow at the Washington University School of Medicine and as associate professor of surgery at the University of Chicago before coming to USF in 1983. Karl was the founding medical director of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and served as chief of the general surgery section at Tampa General Hospital from 1984 to 1986. He was awarded the Good Samaritan Award of the Florida Medical Association in 1985.

By Christopher Platz

Reading between the lines

USF Registrar personnel direct new students at registration. As of the opening day of classes for the Spring 1993 semester, 31,128 students registered, a headcount that is 3.2 percent higher than it was in Spring 1992.

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By Down Clark

Briefly

Board of Regents to visit USF

The Board of Regents (BOR) of the State University System will meet at the USF Tampa campus for the first time in seven years on Jan. 28 and 29. The BOR is the governing body for all nine state universities in Florida. Attending the meeting will be all of the Regents, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, the university presidents, staff members and other interested parties.

There will be afternoon committee meetings on Thursday, Jan. 28. On Thursday evening, USF President Francis T. Borkowski will host a dinner, sponsored by TECO Energy, for the Regents, Presidents and local business and civic leaders. The evening will begin with a reception in the USF Contemporary Art Museum featuring three USF-related exhibits, followed by a cabaret dinner in Theatre Wit with entertainment from the USF departments of music, dance, and theater.

Friday morning will begin with committee meetings and the full Board Meeting at 9 a.m. in the Special Events Center on the campus. The meeting usually ends at noon, but may continue into the afternoon. The parking circle between the University Center and the Special Events Center will be closed during the BOR visit and there will be some special reserved parking spaces in the area.

Borkowski has appointed a committee to help with the planning of the Tampa meetings, and questions can be directed to committee coordinator Ann Ross, ADM 280, ext. 4-2607.
Monday

St. Petersburg Lecture: “In Search of the Good Society,” Public Lecture Series: “The Good Society.” Steven M. Tipton, professor of sociology and religion at Emory University and its Candle School of Theology and co-author of Habits of the Heart, 6 p.m. Campus Activities Center, St. Petersburg Campus. Call 893-9160 for more information.

USF Lecture Series: “Title IX – Past, Present and Future,” Ellen J. Vargus is senior counselor of education and employment at the National Women’s Law Center in Washington, D.C. She will discuss Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which deals with nondiscrimination on the basis of gender in educational programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance, 7 p.m. Business Administration Auditorium, Room 1100.

Concert: Student/Faculty Piano Gala. 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall. Special prices. For more information, call Ext. 4-2311.

Question & Answer Session: “Leave Used in Conjunction With Aorida Workers Compensation,” 10:30 a.m.-12, SVC 1133. Call JoAnn Myers at 4-5717 for more information.

Tuesday

Pharmacology & Therapeutics Lecture: “Cytokine P. - Dependent Drug Metabolism in Brain,” Henry W. Strobel, professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Texas Medical School. 4 p.m., MECC 1004. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.

International Folk Dance: Everyone, including students, is welcome to come enjoy an evening of dancing. Folk dances will be taught to all attendees. Dances will be held every Tuesday, night at 7:30 p.m., FAD 3rd Floor. For more information, call Gretchen Warner at Ext. 4-2014.

USF Lecture Series: “The Military’s Discrimination Against Gays.” Joseph Steffas is a former student, star athlete and singer at the U.S. Naval Academy. He was forced to resign from the academy two months before his graduation in 1987 when he acknowledged that he was homosexual. He is currently using the U.S. Department of Defense for the right of homosexuals to serve in the military, 8 p.m. BEH 104.

Wednesday

1993 Conference on Rehabilitation of Children, Youth, and Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities - Achieving Valued Roles. Jan. 27-30. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee $220, Hyatt Regency Tampa. Sponsored by the Research and Training Center on Children’s Mental Health at the Florida Mental Health Institute, the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University and the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. For more information, call Dan Casella at ext. 4-4433.

Sarasota Employee Recognition Luncheon - 1 p.m., Sudakoff Center, Sarasota Campus.

USF Lecture Series: “The Presidency and the Cold War.” Edward Pessen is a distinguished professor of international relations and history at the City University of New York and the author of numerous books on the U.S. presidency. 2-3 p.m., BEH 104.

April 1 to May 30.

Lecture: “The Sacred Art of Islamic Calligraphy,” presented by Constantin H. Tsitsios, professor of history of Islam and humanities. 3:30 p.m. CPR 122. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday

Jazz Concert: A USF jazz band performs at the University Center at the Empty Keg Noon.

Chemistry Lecture: “Joseph Loschmidt – The Father of Molecular Modeling.” Alfred Bader. USF. 4 p.m., CHE 101. Refreshments served at 3:30 p.m. in the lobby outside SCA 228.

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Sarasota Panel Discussion: “Crossing Educational Borders.” 1 - 4 p.m. Teaching Auditorium, Sarasota Campus.

Sarasota Library Lecture: “Zora Neale Hurston – A Florida Genius,” Phyllis Taylor, USF Librarian. 2 p.m., Sudakoff Center, Sarasota Campus. Part of the Selby Library Cultural Arts Series. For more information call 365-5228.

Sarasota B-B-Q Celebration: Celebration of the Capes Arts Complex. B-B-Q for students, faculty and staff. 4 p.m. Capes Arts Complex, Selby Campus.

Lecture: “Idols of Sickness.” An examination of the ego’s search for substitutes for the love of God. Sponsored by students of “A Course in Miracles.” 8 p.m. CES 1046.

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Men’s Basketball vs. Marquette, 7:30 p.m., Sun Dome.

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