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Mackey: Lower Division Integral Part of USF

President Cecil Mackey told media representatives at a special press conference on Jan. 28 that the "lower division is an integral part of USF" and any decision to abolish it would have serious adverse effects on the entire University.

The effects were outlined in a preliminary report prepared for presentation at a Feb. 3 "emergency" meeting of the Board of Regents at Florida Technological University in Orlando where presumably the lower division proposal of the BOR Finance Committee will be discussed.

That report was printed in full in yesterday's Oracle. Copies are also available in the dean's offices and in the Special Collections Section of the USF Library.

The BOR is expected to vote on the proposal at its regularly scheduled meeting March 10 at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Among the most prominent adverse effects included were:

- A detrimental impact on the quality of USF's academic programs, the quality of the faculty recruited and retained, and on the academic services offered to present and prospective students;
- A disproportionate impact on economically disadvantaged students due to loss of essential part-time employment opportunities;
- The loss of lower division black students, who represent the largest percentage of black students at USF, thus hampering the University's special efforts to increase significantly the number of blacks at USF;
- Re-examination of USF's accreditation;
- Contractual and other legal difficulties arising from the some 600 freshmen and transfer students who have already been admitted to USF for Fall, (Quarter 1) 1975;
- The improbability of renting all available residence hall spaces and attempting to pay off $8,324,000 in mortgages without rental income; (Recent court decisions suggest that mandatory residence for upper division students to pay off bonded indebtedness would not likely survive a court test);
- Reduction of faculty positions by approximately 172--or about 20 percent of the current total (at the end of the 1976 academic year);
- Reduction of staff positions by approximately 108--or about 10 percent of the current total (by the end of the 1976 academic year);
- Reduction by approximately $5.6 million--or about 15 percent in the Educational and General Budget at a time when current activities and programs are not adequately funded;
- President Mackey also noted that in a recent memo to the faculty he outlined the context in which the lower division proposal is being considered and described other alternatives being studied by the Board.

The following are excerpts from the Jan. 28 press conference:

**Question:** Wouldn't switching the freshmen and sophomore classes to the community colleges cost just as much?  
**Dr. Mackey:** If the level of quality is maintained, the cost to the State would be about the same if the...


J. Dawes (bio.), Ecological and Cultural Studies on the Red Alga Euchema. Florida Heart Assoc., $10,000, Darrell L. Davis (physiology), Changes in Small Artery Responses in Hypertension.

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Mote Marine Laboratory, $10,000, Harold J. Hown (mar. sci.), Cooperative Study of the Florida Red Tide.

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Jim Catterall (fine arts), invited to be in "New American Graphics," an exhibition of innovative prints by younger American printmakers.

Gladys Kashdin (hum.), is exhibiting the Everglades Series of collages, paintings and prints at Waller's Gallery, Tampa, Jan. 6-Feb. 14. . . . is exhibiting 2 drawings at the Invitational Drawing Show at the College of the Mainland, Texas City, Tex., Jan. 20-Feb. 27.

Georgia Institute of Technology, $17,800, James Bowers and H. A. Nienhaus (geology), Development of a Hi Power Model of the Silicon Controlled Rectifier.

State University System of Florida Sea Grant Program, $14,764, Dean F. Martin (chem.), Characteristics of Aponin: Interaction with Gymnodiunib breve.

State University System of Florida Sea Grant Program, $21,770, Clinton J. Brown.


Florida Heart Assoc., $10,000, Darrell L. Davis (physiology), Changes in Small Artery Responses in Hypertension.

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