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Smith Addresses Faculty

In his first speech to the faculty since being named Interim President, Wm. Reece Smith said last Wednesday his main objective is for USF "to become pre-eminent as a University of academic excellence."

To help the University achieve that goal, President Smith said he would: "assert the goal at every opportunity, help obtain the financing necessary, urge the faculty to pursue the goal at all times, and, finally, use the goal as the basic premise for decisions he makes."

Other areas on which he said he would concentrate are "the Legislature and the public."

Smith said he will register as a legislative lobbyist and do all he can to help the State University System and USF "receive the funding that is so badly needed."

Cautioning that his efforts may not "work miracles," Smith said he is "wholeheartedly willing to commit such energies and talents as I have to the advancement of your common interests and those of the University."

Before any improvement in funding is made, the State will have to achieve basic tax reform, he said.

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United Way Drive Begins Next Week

The 1976 Greater Tampa United Way campaign will begin at USF next week and Chuck Hewitt, USF chairperson, has announced a goal of $23,000.

"The United Way offers an opportunity for individuals to feel good about contributing unselfishly to others in the community who need help," said Hewitt.

"The United Way supports a great many programs and activities for youth of this area. If nothing else, participation represents a helping situation for our young people. There is no more important investment."

While the Tampa campaign got underway earlier this week, Hewitt said the beginning of the USF drive was set "to allow faculty, staff and students to settle into the first quarter."

USF employees may make direct contributions or arrange for payroll deductions. They may also designate which of the 45 agencies they wish their contributions to support. Pledge cards, listing the agencies, will be distributed to all employees.

USF's $23,000 goal is part of the campaign's overall $1,880,000 goal.

The USF United Way Team Captains who are contact persons for donations are: Chuck Bean, College of Engineering; Herm Brames, President's Office; Eugene Dunham, College of Business; Don Harkness, College of Arts and Letters; Liz Karl, Student Affairs/Univ. Development; Gil Kushner, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Jay Layman, College of Medicine; Marilyn Mercado and Margaret Hague, Library; Jerry Reynolds, College of Fine Arts; Don Anderson, Finance & Planning; B.J. Thomas, College of Nursing; Bob Wallace, Administrative Affairs; Rose Washington, Academic Affairs; Walt Williams, Natural Sciences.

Also assisting are Joyce Dye, Payroll; and Jim Pla, University Development.

USF coordinators lunched recently with Tietlow Johnson, director of the United Way of Tampa, Inc., who discussed the importance of the fund raising effort.

Hewitt will make progress reports to the campaign committee on Oct. 29 and Nov. 12.

BOR Accepts Contract

The Board of Regents formally approved a two-year collective bargaining agreement with the United Faculty of Florida last Friday following ratification of the agreement by the UFF membership. The action was taken over objections by representatives of the AAUP and Concerned Faculty of Florida who asked for a delay because of concern over the union ratification vote.

BOR approval followed recommendations by Chancellor E.T. York and Sam Andrews, UFF president.

Chancellor York commended the bargaining teams of the BOR and the UFF and urged Board approval.

Andrews presented formal certification of UFF ratification and told Board members:

"The bargaining was long and sometimes difficult, but we believe that it represents substantial improvements in the working conditions of faculty and professional employees. As you know, we shall resume
Blacks Awarded SUS Grants For Upcoming Academic Year

Six SUS educational grants in aid—totaling $39,400—were awarded to USF black faculty, staff, and students for the 1976/77 academic year, the Chancellor's Office has announced.

The grants are a part of the State University System's commitments under the "Plans for Equalizing Educational Opportunity in Public Higher Education in Florida," under Action Form Eight.

The purpose of the grants is to increase the availability of qualified black personnel for higher level positions in disciplines where their numbers are extremely low. The total awarded to USF included $17,400 in grant funds to individuals and $22,000 to the institution for salary replacements while faculty and staff are on leaves of absence to study. Thirty-five awards were made statewide for a total amount of $211,500.

USF employees who are grant recipients are as follows: Walter E. Pearcey Jr., Instructor, College of Education, will study at FSU as a doctoral student in Early Childhood Education; Isaiah Trice, assistant professor, Physical Education, will study at FSU as a doctoral student in Exercise Physiology; Wanda D. Nelson, research analyst, Institutional Studies, will study at USF in the Economics Master's Program; and Sonja Garcia, library technical assistant II, University Library, will study at USF in the Library Science/Audio-Visual Master's Program. USF students who are grant recipients are Cynthia Nester, Doctor of Medicine Program, and Lee Mathis Tyler, Anthropology Master's Program.

Activities Mart Set For October 13

The third annual Student Activities Mart is scheduled for Oct. 13 on the U.C. Mall and Crescent Hill.

The Mart, which is designed to acquaint new students with campus organizations and clubs, will be opened at noon by the USF Parachute Club, which will be joined by WLGY-TV newman Arch Deal. From 1-2 p.m. various campus administrators, including President Reece Smith, will be "auctioned off," and from 2-3 p.m. an acoustical band will perform. USF sports clubs will provide demonstrations from 3-4 p.m.

New Faculty To Be Listed Next Week

A listing of new faculty members of USF, originally scheduled to be carried in INTERCOM this week, will appear in next Friday's issue.

Postal Service To Observe Holiday

Columbus Day will be observed by the U.S. Postal Service Monday, Oct. 11. There will be only one postal delivery and pickup by the Campus Postal Service. (Mail received by the Campus Post Office will not be picked up by the U.S. Postal Service until the following day). All priority mail of the University must be ready no later than noon Friday, Oct. 8, or it will not leave the USF campus until 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The Administration Building and Personnel office will have the normal campus pickup and delivery schedule on Oct. 11. All other areas will have only one pickup and delivery that afternoon.

Dell Sylvia Picks Tennis Assistant

USF head tennis coach, Dell Sylvia, and Athletic Director Richard Barron, announced last week the hiring of Sherry Bedingfield as assistant tennis coach for both the men and women's teams.

Ms. Bedingfield will continue her duties at the Airport Resort Racquet Club and assist Coach Sylvia on a part-time basis.

"The University is extremely appreciative of the Airport Resort Racquet Club and Bob Tarr, the manager, for their understanding and willingness to allow Ms. Bedingfield to assist with our tennis program," said Bowers. "Ms. Bedingfield brings not only a wealth of knowledge of tennis, but understands the USF tennis program and our commitment to gain national recognition." Sherry is no stranger to South Florida. She played number one in 1971 and '72 for then tennis coach, JoAnne Young, was on the team which took the Lady Brahmins to third place in the 1971 nationals.

Contract Endorsed By BOR

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bargaining within the next two weeks on salaries, fringe benefits and sabatical leaves...

"We hope that this agreement marks the beginning of a new era of improved relationships between faculty and professional employees and the Board of Regents."

In other action of interest to USF, the BOR:

- Approved the acceptance of 55 acres adjacent to Edison Junior College as the site for the University's Fort Myers Campus;
- Approved capital funding for Bayboro Campus ($268,495 for architectural design) and renovations to the Chemistry Building ($100,000). The Bayboro Campus expansion program will total some $5.5 million and Chemistry Building renovations overall will cost $1 million.
- Approved a revised rule making part-time students eligible for out-of-state fee waivers.
- Re-elected Marshall Criser from Palm Beach chairman and James Gardner (Fl. Lauderdale) vice chairman of the Board in 1977.

N.C. Begins Plan To Reach Students

New College Admissions staff initiated a new plan for reaching high school students and their college counselors by visiting schools in a travel trailer.

Using the Airstream trailer belonging to new admissions counselor Mary Beckett, the admissions staff together with Provost Dr. George H. Mayer visited St. Stephens School in Bradenton and Pine View School and Riverview High School in Sarasota.

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Later, if the initial outings prove successful, Mrs. Beckett may use the trailer as she visits high schools and community colleges throughout the state.

An error occurred in last week's INTERCOM story about the U.C. Program Advising Office. We should have written that the office is making arrangements to offer graphic and audio-visual equipment in and around the U.C. to recognized student organizations only.
Faculty Hears Smith Speech

"Meanwhile," he said, "we should be mindful of the fact that we can improve the quality of education and advance academic excellence by judicious use of the resources at hand." "Accomplishments in this regard will do much to enhance our credibility with the Legislature and the public and will provide reassurance that we are capable of making maximum use of the monies that are available."

In an effort to generate renewed community interest, Smith said he would be presenting programs through which the University can advise the communities USF serves about "what we do here, how we help the communities and how the public can participate in the activities and can enjoy the opportunities that exist here."

Other matters discussed by the Interim President included:

- An offer to meet with any College faculty at their convenience.
- Being accessible "as one can possibly be both collectively and individually."
- A desire to see many educators teach beginning level courses.
- A commitment to the concept of education for living rather than for making a living.
- His willingness to become involved in the internal concerns of the University and to make such decisions "as may be necessary with respect to them."
- His intention to serve as Interim President for no more than 12 months and to not be a candidate for the permanent position.

President Smith's remarks are carried in full as a special supplement to this week's INTERCOM.

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**Dance Rescheduled To March**

The Annual President's Ball, usually scheduled in the Fall Quarter, will be scheduled for March.