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Library Books: Top Priority In USF Money Request

In its 1977-78 Legislative Budget request, the University of South Florida has requested a total of $46.5 million dollars, a 9.4 percent increase over current year funding, and has labeled the acquisition of library books as its number one priority. Requests for salary increases and fringe benefit improvements will be addressed by the Board of Regents in the State University System Budget Request. "This request, if budgeted and funded, will allow USF to regain only a portion of the loss of financial support it has suffered during the past several years," said President Reece Smith. It will not and cannot put the University on a sound financial basis upon which it can build its instructional, research and service responsibilities to its various constituencies.

The $325,000 request for library books was listed as the top priority because the funding level for the Library has decreased by 50 percent over the past four years and inflation has reduced purchasing power over that period by 30-40 percent, the President said. The second priority is a $993,000 request for restoration of equipment and renovation needs of all academic units on the campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota and Fort Myers.

"With equipment acquisitions reduced by 53 percent in 1975-76 and the further need to reduce purchases to fund the salary budget, much equipment...has fallen into disrepair, become obsolete or unsafe or has failed to keep pace with the changes in curriculum and the increase in enrollment," President Smith said.

Equipment would be replaced or repaired in areas including: engineering, education, audio-visual classroom support, science labs, theatre, mass communications, and selected programs on the regional campuses and campus security.

A third priority is $579,000 to add 26 faculty positions with the largest number (22) being assigned to teaching and the remainder to research and public service activities.

"Since 1971-72 USF has experienced a loss of funding for approximately 67 (nine-month) faculty positions while the number of students enrolled in educational programs increased by a four-quarter average of 3,500," said President Smith. "This budget request would restore some of the regular faculty positions, reduce class size in selected areas, re-staff high-demand, fast-growth programs, and restore faculty funding to research and public service activities."

A $210,000 request to improve the University's computer center is listed as the fourth priority. The fifth and last priority is a $1.4 million request to provide funding for support personnel and resources in the areas of academic affairs, student

Banking Executive To Head Academic Fund Raising Drive

Gordon W. Campbell, prominent Florida banking executive, will head a fund-raising campaign to permanently endow scholarships for area valedictorians who choose to study at USF, it was announced last week.

USF President Reece Smith said the campaign "is a major University-community effort to attract outstanding area students to USF and hopefully retain them for careers and leadership roles in their home communities."

The campaign is an outgrowth of the University's President's Scholar Program, which has attracted 27 area high school valedictorians to USF in the past two years.

"Our long-range goal," Smith said, "is to raise $1.5 million to fund these talented young people during their undergraduate years at USF; and we are enthusiastic and delighted to have Gordon Campbell taking on the overall leadership role."

The President's Scholar Program last year supported 13 valedictorians for their first year's study, and 14 more will be funded this year. The President's Scholar Endowment Fund will concentrate initially on seven counties--Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota. Campbell will seek local community leadership to head campaigns in each county and will coordinate the overall project, which will include gifts from individuals as well as from business, industry and foundations.

Campbell, president and chief executive officer of Exchange Bancorporation and of the Exchange National Bank of Tampa, said the scholarship drive "is something everyone in the seven-county area can be excited about and involved in. After we are successful," he said, "we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have rewarded the top students of the area and at the same time gone a long way toward keeping them for future local leadership.

Deadline: 5 p.m. today, ADM 190

TO: USF FACULTY AND STAFF
FROM: Wm. Reece Smith, Jr.

From time to time, I would like to use this corner of INTERCOM to call your attention to items of special importance or of broad concern to the University Community. Currently, there are four such items which are especially important:

1. The 1977-78 USF Legislative Budget request has been completed and sent to the Board of Regents.
2. Several important draft Role and Scope documents have been distributed to the universities. These documents are extremely important and suggest major changes in the purpose and responsibility of each SUS institution.
3. A proposal by the BOR to eliminate the Doctoral Program in Education.
4. A study by the BOR on the Computer Capability in the SUS which includes a recommendation which may take away USF's research capability in this regard.

Because of the importance of these subjects, copies of the documents have been placed in the Special Collections Room of the Library. I urge you to review them and to provide me with your reactions and suggestions.
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Weekend Sinny: N. Roeg's "Walkabout," LET 103, 7:30-10 p.m.
Film Art Series: "The Passenger," ENA 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.
Head Theatre: "Slaughter House Five," LET 103, Midnight.
USFSEC Film: "Women In Love," Auditorium 8 p.m.
Paintings & Collages: Jeffrey Kronsnoble, "BOXES," Teaching Gallery.
Exhibition: Dave Audet: Horace-Environmental Photography, UC Gallery.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th
Weekend Sinny: N. Roeg's "Performance," LET 103, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
Film Art Series: "The Passenger," ENA 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.
Head Theatre: "Slaughter House Five," LET 103, Midnight.
Soccer: USF vs. Rollins, USF, 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th
SIP River Riot: RiverFront Park, 12 noon-6 p.m.
Film Art Series: "The Passenger," ENA 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18th
Soccer: At Denver.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th
Student Senate: CTR 252, 7 p.m.
Film Art Series: "The Man Who Skied Down Everest," LET 103, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. TENTATIVE.
UC Craftshop: Ceramical workshop, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.
Soccer: At Colorado College.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th
Student Reading: LET 115, 2 p.m.
Film Art Series: "The Man Who Skied Down Everest," LET 103, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.
Plea Market: Ballroom, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st
Weekend Sinny: Fellini's "The Clowns," LET 103, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
Music Dept.: "Faculty Chamber Players Recital," FAH 101, 8:30 p.m. FREE.
UC Craftshop: Workshop, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd
SIP Slappy Hour: Empty Keg N., 3-5 p.m.
Weekend Sinny: Fellini's "8½," LET 103, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
Film Art Series: "Hester Street," ENA, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.
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