10-22-2001


University of South Florida.

Follow this and additional works at: https://digital.usfsp.edu/inside_usf

Recommended Citation
https://digital.usfsp.edu/inside_usf/274

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University History: Campus Publications at Digital USFSP. It has been accepted for inclusion in Inside USF by an authorized administrator of Digital USFSP.
Professors answer reporters’ questions about war on terror

On the morning of Sept. 11, media began what would become an ongoing scramble to provide information to the public about America’s new war on terrorism.

After the first phone call for a faculty expert came into USF’s Media Relations office about 10 a.m., faculty quickly began making themselves available to educate the community. Media Relations coordinators identified four professors who were immediately willing and able to talk about terrorism. As the stories evolved in the weeks that followed, media began looking at a variety of related issues — every-thing from religion, fiction, culture, media and crime scenes to posttraumatic stress syndrome. The list of USF experts reached into nearly every college and continued to grow, ultimately topping 50 faculty members within two weeks.

The result: USF was on the television news nightly and in the local newspapers each morning. One Sunday, four of eight guest columns about America’s war on terrorism came from USF. And USF faculty garnered significant national attention with stories in the New York Times, the Christian Science Monitor, the Associated Press and numerous other outlets.

“I am so proud of our faculty,” said S. David Stamps, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “They have shown an unprecedented willingness to go out of their way to work with the media and help our community understand the complex issues America is facing.”

Professors from the Religious Studies department were helping on the front lines, counseling Muslim students and other students who were seeking to learn and understand. “This is what we deal with all the time — the understanding of different cultures and different religions,” said James Strange, distinguished professor of Religious Studies.

Mark Amen, director of USF’s Center for Globalization Research, found that his research was even more relevant in the world climate following the tragedies. “Two months ago, we were looking at issues such as this,” he said. “Now we found they are front and foremost.” Amen allowed a Tampa Tribune reporter to sit in on his class to hear the lively debates that focused on the tragedy.

Michael Rank, professor of Social Work and co-director of USF’s new International Traumatology Institute, also found he was at the right place during very difficult (Continued on Page 2)
**Honors, Awards and Appointments**

David F. Naar, Marine Science, recently received the Editor's Citation for Excellence in Refereeing for the Journal of Geophysical Research (Solid Earth) during 2000.

Louis LaCivita Nixon, Medical Ethics and Humanities, was reappointed as a juror for Appointments Honors, Awards and Ge or ge Foster Award in Brisbane, Australia, by Centre in Brisbane, Australia, in Preparation Preservice Teacher for All 2002-03 Special Children Program (TAC):A

David F. Naar, Marine A.W.O. was honored by his alma 'lege 's Wall of Fame, which Florida College of Medicine, medicine, education, govern­

nominating committee, has made note­

Th e Wall of Fame is locat­

Sept.

An Anti -gp 41 Human

Monoclonal

Variable Pricing Project

"Neutralization Clinical Isolates by Clone 3,"

"Interactions of Baromella Henseli with Murine and Human Macrophages" at the 101st General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology on May 20-24 in Orlando.

Johannes A. Rhodin, Anatomy, pre­

"Animal Model of Amyloid-­

induced Vacular Inflammation and Prevention by Estrogen and Other Agents" at the Seventh World Congress for Microcirculation in Sydney, Australia, in August.

M.W. Schniederer, R. Widen, R. Arce nas, N. Vo lko va, and M. Anderson, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, presented "The ViRboperon of Bartella Henselae is Uregulated when Co-cultured with Human Microvascular Endothelial Cells (BHEC-1") at the 101st General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology on May 20-24 in Orlando.

Dwayne Smith, Crimino­


Robert E. Snyder, Inter­

disciplinary Arts and Sciences, chaired the session "Popular Culture Florida: The Enter­tainment Arena" at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in May in Cocoa Beach.

B everly Ward, Center for Urban Transportation Re­

search, recently presented "Gaining Involved:The Importance of Public Involvement to Environmental Justice" at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board.

Linda M. White ford, Anthropology, chaired an invited scholarly session at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association in Washington D.C. on Sept. 5-8. The session was "Cuban Health Systems in a Time of Crisis" and papers by Paul Farmer and Arachi Castro of Harvard University, Enrique Beldarian of the University of Habana and a Dino rah Martinez/White ford paper were presented. White ford and Martinez are co­

chairs of the Social Studies and Medicine section of the Latin American Studies Association. White ford and Guif Wigner will give two workshops on ethics in social science research for the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C.

White ford recently host­

ed a discussion on "Creating Partnerships between Private, Public and Academic Institu­tions" for the live telecast of the Emerging and Re-Emerging Pathogens Conference sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization and USF's College of Public Health.

Richard F. Lockey, Aller­

gists, and social scientists, Center for Urban Transportation Research, presented "The Role of MPOs in Access Manage­

ment" at the meeting of the MPOAC Governing Board in Orlando recently. She also pre­

sented "Interchange Area Access Management at the spring meeting of the Florida Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers in Altamonte Springs. Williams presented "Managing Land Development and Access on Major Roadway Corridors" at the Mack-Blackwell Transportation Center recently.

Tennyson J. Wright, Pro­

fessor and Chair, Department of Sociology, presented a paper titled "The Science, Policy and (Continued on Page 6)
Traumatology Institute offers recovery workshops

**Trustees discuss budget cuts**

Nobody likes budget cuts, especially in the middle of a budget year. Yet that is what USF faces because of the catastrophic financial hit the state suffered after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The executive committee of USF's Board of Trustees met on the St. Petersburg campus on Oct. 12 to discuss a game plan to handle a projected mid-year budget cut proposed by the state Legislature due to the dramatic loss of revenue from state sales taxes.

The Legislature will meet for a special session on Oct. 22 to deal with the shortfall. Among cuts being discussed is an across-the-board, 5-percent cut for all K-12 schools and state universities. At issue is whether the cuts will be the same for everyone or if the Legislature will be involved in making line-item cuts.

After much discussion, the board decided on three focal points to lobby the Legislature: authority for each university to determine student fees and when they can be increased; fairness in the revenue cuts in comparison with other schools; and more equality in the per-student revenue, compared to other universities.

President Judy Genshaft expressed her desire to acquire authority over student fees. She reviewed changing the cap on fees, now at 40 percent of tuition. She said that other university presidents agreed that it was necessary to keep pace with inflation, especially in the athletic departments. The school needs the authority to change the fee schedule when it sees fit, without needing legislative permission each time, Genshaft said.

Excess student fees were also discussed. More than $6 million is at stake for USF alone because of unfunded enrollment, or enrollment that exceeds the funded plan. The excess fees are currently in Tallahassee coffers, and the executive committee discussed how to get the fees returned without the Legislature reducing other revenues to the university to replace the excess fees refund.

The Legislature must decide whether K-12 schools and universities will suffer similar cuts. Already on the cutting floor are a 5-percent cut in teacher recruiting, a 10-percent cut in Bright Futures scholarships and a 10-percent cut in general financial aid.

Making sure that the universities don’t lose more than K-12 schools is crucial, said Genshaft.

Kathleen Betancourt, USF’s lobbyist in Tallahassee, said that the cuts were coming, and the only issues were how much and in what form. The House of Representatives wanted across-the-board cuts, while the Senate favored line-item cuts, she said.

“The Legislature is trying to identify the amount of the revenue shortfall and working backwards to balance the budget,” Betancourt said. The executive committee decided that it was important that the House concept be pursued.

“We want to decide how to make the cuts if the Legislature says to cut so many million,” said Dick Beard, chairman of the executive committee. Genshaft agreed.

The group also discussed per-student revenue. Genshaft said that USF is currently eighth in the state in this revenue, and needs to be more in line with Florida State University and the University of Florida. The committee discussed tactics to use to improve the per-student revenue numbers, but decided that the special session might not be the best time to address that.

The committee discussed the best ways to lobby the law makers. A board of trustees member is needed to help with lobbying every day of the special session, Betancourt said.

Beard agreed. “The board needs to be in Tallahassee, wandering around the halls to show the Legislature we’re interested,” he said.

The meeting ended with members agreeing to make phone calls and travel to Tallahassee to collectively lobby for the fees and the authority to determine which cuts to make.

By Larry Halstead

Editor's note: Halstead writes for The Cross's Nest, the student newspaper at USF St. Petersburg.

---

**Central Asia is topic at USF St. Pete**

USF St. Petersburg will host a panel discussion on Central Asia at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Campus Activities Center.

“Central Asia at the Crossroads: Understanding the Crisis” will feature three USF St. Petersburg faculty members. They are:

- Thomas Smith, assistant professor of Government and International Relations. He will discuss whether law and ethics should apply in the current campaign against terrorism, the Geneva Conventions and the conduct of war and “just war” considerations within a historical perspective.
- Mary Matthews, assistant professor of Environmental Science and Policy. She will focus on environmental security in Central Asia, oil and water resources and the politics of scarcity.
- Daxxene Mustafi, assistant professor of Geography. He will discuss why Pakistan supported the Taliban, instability in Pakistan and its chances of being dominated by a fundamentalist ideology and the connections between the history of the United States policy and Central Asia and the present situation.

The Campus Activities Center is located at the corner of Second Street and Sixth Avenue South in St. Petersburg. For details, call ext. 3-5498.

---

**Around Campus**

Yep, that was me

Former President Betty Castor looks at her portrait from when she was president and living at the Lifsey House. She was on campus earlier this month to dedicate the newly renovated Gamma Hall. The residence hall has been renamed Castor Hall in her honor.

USF Photo by Gil Williams

---

Trustees discuss budget cuts

Nobody likes budget cuts, especially in the middle of a budget year. Yet that is what USF faces because of the catastrophic financial hit the state suffered after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The executive committee of USF’s Board of Trustees met on the St. Petersburg campus on Oct. 12 to discuss a game plan to handle a projected mid-year budget cut proposed by the state Legislature due to the dramatic loss of revenue from state sales taxes.

The Legislature will meet for a special session on Oct. 22 to deal with the shortfall. Among cuts being discussed is an across-the-board, 5-percent cut for all K-12 schools and state universities. At issue is whether the cuts will be the same for everyone or if the Legislature will be involved in making line-item cuts.

After much discussion, the board decided on three focal points to lobby the Legislature: authority for each university to determine student fees and when they can be increased; fairness in the revenue cuts in comparison with other schools; and more equality in the per-student revenue, compared to other universities.

President Judy Genshaft expressed her desire to acquire authority over student fees. She reviewed changing the cap on fees, now at 40 percent of tuition. She said that other university presidents agreed that it was necessary to keep pace with inflation, especially in the athletic departments. The school needs the authority to change the fee schedule when it sees fit, without needing legislative permission each time, Genshaft said.

Excess student fees were also discussed. More than $6 million is at stake for USF alone because of unfunded enrollment, or enrollment that exceeds the funded plan. The excess fees are currently in Tallahassee coffers, and the executive committee discussed how to get the fees returned without the Legislature reducing other revenues to the university to replace the excess fees refund.

The Legislature must decide whether K-12 schools and universities will suffer similar cuts. Already on the cutting floor are a 5-percent cut in teacher recruiting, a 10-percent cut in Bright Futures scholarships and a 10-percent cut in general financial aid.

Making sure that the universities don’t lose more than K-12 schools is crucial, said Genshaft.

Kathleen Betancourt, USF’s lobbyist in Tallahassee, said that the cuts were coming, and the only issues were how much and in what form. The House of Representatives wanted across-the-board cuts, while the Senate favored line-item cuts, she said.

“The Legislature is trying to identify the amount of the revenue shortfall and working backwards to balance the budget,” Betancourt said. The executive committee decided that it was important that the House concept be pursued.

“We want to decide how to make the cuts if the Legislature says to cut so many million,” said Dick Beard, chairman of the executive committee. Genshaft agreed.

The group also discussed per-student revenue. Genshaft said that USF is currently eighth in the state in this revenue, and needs to be more in line with Florida State University and the University of Florida. The committee discussed tactics to use to improve the per-student revenue numbers, but decided that the special session might not be the best time to address that.

The committee discussed the best ways to lobby the law makers. A board of trustees member is needed to help with lobbying every day of the special session, Betancourt said.

Beard agreed. “The board needs to be in Tallahassee, wandering around the halls to show the Legislature we’re interested,” he said.

The meeting ended with members agreeing to make phone calls and travel to Tallahassee to collectively lobby for the fees and the authority to determine which cuts to make.

By Larry Halstead

Editor's note: Halstead writes for The Cross's Nest, the student newspaper at USF St. Petersburg.

---

**Central Asia is topic at USF St. Pete**

USF St. Petersburg will host a panel discussion on Central Asia at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Campus Activities Center.

“Central Asia at the Crossroads: Understanding the Crisis” will feature three USF St. Petersburg faculty members. They are:

- Thomas Smith, assistant professor of Government and International Relations. He will discuss whether law and ethics should apply in the creation of a narrative of traumatic events is one of the most important tools in healing. Participants will also be challenged to read their narratives in a small group while others in the group practice ‘bearing witness’ to their neighbor’s experience, also an important aspect of resolving trauma.
- Mary Matthews, assistant professor of Environmental Science and Policy. She will focus on environmental security in Central Asia, oil and water resources and the politics of scarcity.
- Daxxene Mustafi, assistant professor of Geography. He will discuss why Pakistan supported the Taliban, instability in Pakistan and its chances of being dominated by a fundamentalist ideology and the connections between the history of the United States policy and Central Asia and the present situation.

The Campus Activities Center is located at the corner of Second Street and Sixth Avenue South in St. Petersburg. For details, call ext. 3-5498.