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Rep. Gibbons to Speak at Commencement Exercises

Tampa Congressman Sam M. Gibbons will deliver the principal address at USF's 1975 commencement exercises on Sunday, June 15 at 3 p.m. in the Bay-front Center in St. Petersburg.

Rep. Gibbons will also be the featured speaker at USF's second Medical School commencement honoring 25 graduates on Saturday, June 14 at noon in the Theatre Auditorium (TAT).

Nearly 4,900 candidates for degrees are eligible to take part in the June 15 academic graduation ceremonies. Some 3,800 students will receive bachelor's degrees, 974 master's degrees, 71 educational specialist degrees and 24 Ph.D. degrees.

Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1963 following 10 years in the State Legislature, Rep. Gibbons, 55, was elected to the powerful Ways and Means Committee in 1969. He has also been a member of the Education and Labor Committee and the House Administration Committee.

In 1975 he was elected to the new standing committee on the Budget--the first and only Floridian to serve on this committee. He has been recognized for his accomplishments in the areas of tax, budget and congressional reform.

Often referred to as the "father of USF," Rep. Gibbons was instrumental in the creation of the University, as well as the USF Medical School. Other area-wide projects of his include: establishment of the veterans hospital in Tampa; federal funds for the deepening of Tampa Harbor; improvement of the Tampa International Airport; obtaining passage of Florida's first Urban Renewal law which provided for the clean-up of Tampa's riverfront and removal of the city's downtown slums; and establishment of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Outstanding Campus Leaders Receive New Signet Award

Sixteen students and four campus organizations received the Golden Signet Award last week from Student Affairs in recognition of their contributions during the past year to the improvement of student life.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joe Howell said the Signet Award was given for the first time to honor students and groups who "made their mark on the university by working behind the scenes to improve the quality of life for students without receiving the traditional types of recognition."

The organizations which received the award were: Rap Cadre, HELP Line, C.A.U.S.E. and the "Oracle."

The 16 students cited were: Buddy Beatty, Galen Brooks, Terrence Dwyer, Jeff Fox, Claude O. Hilliard, Jack Jacques, Alan Jotkoff, George Keller, Lauri Keeler, Linda Kluck, Bill Parks, Clarethia Saulter, Debbie Valentine, Alan Walters, Joan Weil and Jan Williams.

'Salary Increase Prospects Not Good This Year' - Mackey

While efforts for funding salary increases for State employees continue, President Cecil Mackey told USF faculty and staff last week in his spring address that prospects for the coming year are not very good.

He reported that neither House nor Senate appropriations bills carried provisions for salary relief, with the exception of increases associated with promotions.

President Mackey said the House-Senate Conference Committee was expected to report out an appropriations bill about \$15 million above the governor's recommendations for the State University System.

"This," he said, "will make it possible for us to get through the year (which) I look on as the tightest the University has ever faced."

President Cecil Mackey singled out three USF faculty members for special recognition last week at his annual spring address -- Jesse Binford, for his service as chairperson of the Faculty Senate; Glenn Burdick, for his work with the Task Force on Mission and Goals, and Harrison Covington, for his leadership on the Task Force on Contingency Budget Planning.

President Mackey gave special recognition to the role played by Chancellor-Designate E.T. York in this year's legislative efforts.

"He has been the greatest single factor in making the difference between what might have happened to higher education in this State and what the case will be next year," he said.

In other budget matters, President Mackey reported that both the House and Senate appropriations bills carried "line item" provisions for the New College of USF program on the Sarasota Campus (\$1.2 million as compared with the requested \$1.8 million), along with special funding for the upper-division programs at both Sarasota and Ft. Myers.



... from the BOR

Actions of interest to USF faculty and staff taken at the June 2 BOR meeting in Ft. Lauderdale included:

- Approval of a 1975-76 "lump sum" allocation procedure to permit the universities to enjoy budget flexibility provided by the Legislature and to have 75-76 allocation figures by June 9.

- Deferral until the fall further consideration of procedures for determining "financial exigency" and for terminating faculty for that reason.

- Abandonment of degree productivity as a criterion for continuation of academic program, to be implemented when a "viable alternative" be approved,