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Black Affairs Committee
To Advise USF President

A Committee on Black Affairs, comprised of faculty, staff, and students, has been formed. The Committee advises USF's President directly about the concerns of blacks on campus, as well as the relationship of the University to the black community of Tampa. The goal of the Committee is to increase awareness of the problems of blacks and to assist in finding solutions to these problems.

The Committee met in November with Interim President Reece Smith who emphasized his commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative action goals.

Among the emphasized areas of study for the Committee are the status of black students, especially graduate students; recruitment, admission, and academic success; blacks in leadership positions at USF; and attracting and hiring of blacks at all employment levels at the University.

The Committee Member Robert Saunders--who is also Affirmative Action Officer for Hillsborough County--presented a "mini-workshop" for members including films and discussion on Equal Opportunity Laws and management's affirmative action responsibilities.

Chairperson of the Committee is Dan Akins, associate professor of chemistry. Other members are: Faculty--Keith Brown, Richard Pride, John Smith, Susan Stoudinger, Sherman Thompson; A&P--Eric Walden and Glenda Lentz; Career Service--Thelma Benton, Vicki McNeal, Diane Lewis, Laura McDaniels, Robert Cuthbert; Students--Sydel Barnes, Edna Cade, Margaret Deloach, Frazier Hardy, Josette Langer, Leslie Miller; Community Representative--Robert Saunders. Rose Washington, special assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, serves as the special assistants' liaison to the Committee.

Library Named For USF Librarian

The Oklahoma State University Library has been named the Edmon Low Library in honor of the Bradenton resident who was responsible for the planning and operational design of the building.

Low, now librarian for the USF Sarasota Campus, was librarian at OSU from 1940 until his retirement in 1967. The library was one he planned and helped to design for 30 universities in various parts of the nation.

Naming of the library for Low came through action of the Board of Regents of the university at the request of the president.

This represents one of only a series of honors that have come to Low during his lifetime. Last July he was awarded an honorary life membership in the American Library Association, only the 40th such award made in the 100-year life of the association. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma Library Association, distinguished alumni awards from the University of Michigan and East Central State College, and the American Library Association Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the library profession.

Dr. Low joined the New College library in 1972 and remained when the university acquired the campus in 1975. He directed the transition of the library from serving 500 students of one college to the present 1200 students working under a number of different university colleges.

Employe Wins State Award

E. Louisa Wiedenburg Hecht, Clerk Typist II in Physical Plant, is the latest USF employe to receive a State Award.

Ms. Hecht collected a check for $50 and a Certificate of Commendation from Gov. Reubin Askew for her design of the Suncom decals displayed on USF phones as a reminder to use the Suncom system for long distance calls.

A USF staff member for the past two-and-a-half years, Ms. Hecht will receive a second certificate from the governor for her design of decals placed on light switches throughout USF as a reminder to conserve energy.

She has a bachelor's degree in art from USF and is currently working on a master's in adult education. She also edits the Physical Plant newsletter.

On hand for the ceremony last week during which Ms. Hecht received her check and certificate were Acting Vice President of Administration Bob Wallace, State Awards Committee Chairperson Phyllis Hamm, Madine Stanley, Mary Gambrell and Charlie Butler. Further information about the State Awards program is available from Ms. Hamm, ext. 2530.

A & M To Host Monday BOR Meeting

The Florida Board of Regents will meet Monday in the Grand Ballroom, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, at 1:30 p.m.

Among the agenda items the BOR is scheduled to consider are:

- Request from USF to merge the Department of Speech Communication and the Linguistics Program into a single Department of Communication;
- Request from USF/Florida Atlantic University of cooperative Ph.D. Program in Chemistry;
- Request from USF to increase room rates in residence halls;
- Proposals relating to Laboratory School operation in the SUS;
- Proposed revised rule relative to modified semester calendar.

Make reservations now for the second faculty-staff luncheon. See page 3 for details.
USF Construction Update

The following is an update on various construction projects on campus. The information was supplied by Facilities Planning.

- New Business Administration Building--Project is approximately four weeks behind original schedule due to bad weather, but it is estimated that time can be made up as weather conditions improve. Anticipated completion date is January 1978.
- Baseball Field Lighting--Lights and poles were received last month and have been installed.
- Tennis Court Complex--Construction was slated to begin the first week in February.
- Bayboro Campus Expansion--Architect is proceeding with advanced schematic drawings.

Wireman Takes SUS Post

Dr. Billy O. Wireman, president of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg for nine years, has accepted the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs in the State University System office.

In his new position, he will be primarily responsible for the system administration and coordination for degree program review and for continuing education.

A native of Jackson, Ky., Dr. Wireman, 44, received his A.B. in history and physical education from Georgetown College. He received his M.A. in educational administration and history from the University of Kentucky and his Ph.D. from George Peabody College.

Annual Trauma Seminar To Draw Nat’l Speakers

The Annual Suncoast Trauma Seminar, sponsored by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and the department of surgery of the USF College of Medicine, will be held March 9-11 at MDCA.

Dr. Roger T. Sherman, chairperson of the department of surgery, is the course director.

Approximately two hundred physicians from the fifty states, Australia and Puerto Rico will be attending.

Nationally recognized speakers will include Dr. Lester R. Bryant, professor and chief of the section of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans; Dr. John F. Burke, professor, Harvard Medical School, Boston; Dr. John H. Davis, professor and chairperson of the department of surgery, University of Vermont, Burlington; and Dr. Charles E. Lucas, professor of surgery, Wayne State University, Detroit.

Twenty-two USF medical faculty members will also participate.

The curriculum will stress established methods of assessing serious injuries and their treatment, i.e., serious head, thoracic, abdominal, genitourinary, arterial injuries and shock due to hemorrhage.

Freedom of Speech Talk March 8

"Freedom of Speech: The Hard Questions" will be the topic of activist/scholar Dr. Howard Zinn at two lectures Mar. 8 at the St. Petersburg Campus.

Dr. Zinn will speak at noon and at 7:30 p.m. in the North Lounge of Building B. The program is free and open to the public and is part of the Open Mind Lecture Series being sponsored by the Student Civil Liberties Association and the Student Activities Office.

Dr. Zinn has lectured extensively throughout the U.S. on various controversial topics, including civil disobedience, the new left, the civil rights movement and the New South, the trial of Daniel Ellsberg and the Vietnam anti-war movement. In 1968, he flew to Hanoi with Father Daniel Berrigan to receive the first three American fliers released by the North Vietnamese.

Welcome New Employees

INTERCOM wishes a sincere "welcome" to the following new employees whose names were supplied by Personnel Services.


'Night Music' Auditions Continue

Auditions for Stephen Sondheim’s "A Little Night Music" continue today for the musical, which will be produced in the University Theatre in May.

There are 17 roles, 10 of which are major singing-acting parts for six women and four men. Only two roles have been cast.

Those interested may sign up in the Fine Arts Building, or show up today from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in TAR 130. Callbacks will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. in TAR 130.

For more information, call ext. 2701, or contact Annetta Monroe.


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R.C. Holmes (GYP-St. Pete) presented a paper entitled, "Irrigation Water Use in the Arequipa Region of Southern Peru," to the annual meeting of Florida Society of Geographers at Clewiston, FL on Feb. 20.

W.S. Silver (biol.) presented "Biological Nitrogen Fixation and World Food Production," and "Careers in Microbiology" to Plant City High School.

Vance Jennings (music) appeared on "Involvement 10," WLCY-TV, Ch. 10 on Feb. 10; "College Kaleidoscope," WTVT-TV, Ch. 13 on Feb. 13; "Tampa Bay Topics," WTVT-TV Ch. 13 on Feb. 10 to discuss the Lerner & Loewe Scholarship Concert.

Jerry Sergent (eng.) appeared on "Involvement 10," WLCY-TV, Ch. 10 on Feb. 20 & 23 to talk about the Engineering Expo '77.

Alan Kraus (eng.) appeared on "Breakfast Beat," WTVT-TV, Ch. 13 on Feb. 23 to talk about the Engineering Expo '77.

Leonard Kransdorf (USF student) appeared on "Breakfast Beat," WTVT-TV, Ch. 13 on Feb. 24 to discuss "Jazz Night at USF."

Scott Mueller (info. svc.) "Media Relations and Public Education" to the Florida Association of Community College's Public Relations Spring Commission in Orlando on Feb. 24.

Speakers Service Engagements for January: William West (edu.), Unitarian Fellowship, Jan. 2; TT Sertoma Club, Jan. 27; Ed Hirshberg (Eng.), Firefighters' Sertoma, Jan. 6; Greater Tampa Sertoma, Jan. 27; Joe Howell (v.p.), Breakfast Sertoma, Jan. 18; Ken Henderson (mass comm.), TLB, Jan. 19; Jay Knippen (bus.), Ibor City Civitans, Jan. 19; Bob Beasley (PE), AARP, Jan. 25; Roger Trask (Hist.), TT Women's Club, Jan. 26; Jack Moore (Eng.) and Tom Boyle (OIS), Academy of Holy Names, Jan. 27.


Walter E. Grisci (mass comm.) was elected president of the Central Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America on Feb. 18.

Merle R. Donaldson (elect. eng.) has been appointed to the Fellow Selection Committee of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

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William M. Brady (WUSF-TV) attended the annual Public Broadcasting Service convention sessions in Atlanta, Feb. 8-10.

Judith B. Kase (edu.) chaired an invitational Education Through Drama Conference Feb. 1 at UC on campus, supported by the South Florida Educational Planning Council.

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Golf Clinic Tees Off Spring Qtr.

A free golf clinic for faculty and staff will be held again during Quarter III with instruction given by Spaff Taylor on Thursdays at noon.

The clinic begins April 7 with the first meeting to be held on the USF Driving Range (adjacent to the University Police Building).

If interested, call ext. 2125.

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**New College Foundation**

**Adds to Trustee Board**

A college president and a Sarasota businessman were elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of the New College Foundation recently.

Elected to membership were Dr. Neal R. Berte, president of Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama and developer Jack Shire of Sarasota.

Dr. Berte was previously dean of New College of the University of Alabama and that university's vice president for educational development from 1974-76. Shire is president of New Pass Corporation and vice president and treasurer of Resorts Inc. He was formerly chairman of the board of St. Armand's Investment and Development Co. and is a member of the board of directors of several corporations.