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Newkome gets new vice president post

George R. Newkome, vice provost for research and graduate studies, has been promoted to the newly created position of vice president for research and graduate studies.

As a vice president, Newkome will report directly to the president and will represent the University’s interests in research and graduate education. He will remain dean of graduate studies, a position he has held since he came to USF in July of last year. Previously, he served on the staff of the provost/vice president for academic affairs.

President John Iott Brown complemented Newkome leadership in producing a 34-person increase in research grants at USF during the 1986-87 school year. The University’s total research budget of $31.4 million last year was nearly $8 million higher than the year before.

"Dr. Newkome is a dynamic thinker and innovator in the areas of research and education," President Brown said.

Dr. Newkome’s guidance will enhance further the overall educational and economic development of the state and the region," Dr. Newkome said. "I am pleased with the president’s show of confidence and belief in the great potential of the faculty, staff and students involved in research and graduate education at the University. When I came aboard in 1986, I said my goals were to continue USF’s upward trend in research and to push for the advancement of strong graduate programs. I reiterate this commitment to President Brown and to the faculty, staff and students I serve."

Before coming to USF, Newkome was executive director of the Center of Energy Studies at Louisiana State University, a $1 million state research grant program. He received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry and his doctorate in organic chemistry from Kent State University in Ohio. He did postdoctoral work in organic chemistry at Princeton University.

USF to test new communication system

USF has been chosen as the only university in the country to test a new system that allows voice, computer and even video communication on the same telephone line.

Art Stoutenburg, a marketing director with General Telephone of Florida (GTE), said the new system is known as Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) and that USF is the only university in the country chosen to be test site at this stage of research.

"We had a good working relationship with USF, so when the system came up for testing, we thought of the university," Stoutenburg said.

According to General Telephone officials, Bell Telephone companies and some private businesses are involved in the project. GTE, Stoutenburg said, is the only independent telephone company taking part in the test.

The marketing director said ISDN allows for voice, computer and video transmission using existing telephone lines. A GTE report stated ISDN will allow these functions to take place using one telephone line where current technology calls for a separate telephone line for voice, computer and video communication.

"For example, on today’s network, a customer who wants to talk to someone and send that person some data must use two separate phone lines, one for the voice call and another for the data transmission using a modem connected to a computer. With ISDN, the voice call and the data transmission can both be transported over one pair of wires simultaneously without disturbing each other," the report states.

"It’s like having a quarter-inch pipe and now having a two and a quarter-inch pipe," Stoutenburg said.

Stoutenburg said other benefits of the system include the ability to move work stations by simply plugging the computer and telephone combination into a nearby phone jack and to transmit data up to 50 times faster than the speeds that are currently possible.

Charles E. Fisher, director of University Computing Services, said operating as a test site will give USF officials a chance to examine the evolving technology.

"We’ve been looking at phone systems for two or three years," he said. "Everyone says they will have ISDN, but no one has shown us one. Now we’ll get a chance to see a system in operation.”

Plans call for the test to run until December 1987 or January 1988. The administration building, the student services building, the College of Business Administration building, the College of Engineering building, and the USF Medical Center will each have the opportunity to share one or more of the ISDN-serviced lines available to USF during the research program.

Children’s Festival, faculty-staff events set for Nov. 7

Admission for children between the ages of 2 and 14 is $3 and adults can come with them for free. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more children.

The rain date for the festival will be Nov. 8, from noon to 4 p.m.

The festival is sponsored by the College of Education Student Council, supported by faculty members, students, local businesses and hundreds of volunteers.

Details on the Faculty-Staff Arts and Crafts Show were still sketchy at press time. But the show will be open to all employees and students and their families. For more information, contact Barbara Alwes at 3645, Fred Ellens at 3250 or Steve Rubin at 2193.

Bull tags

Auto tags bearing the USF logo are now available.

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New center to help Florida’s marine environment

A new center at the department of marine science on the Bayboro campus has been formed to address environmental problems in Florida’s estuaries and on the continental shelf.

The first of its kind in Florida, the center for Nearshore Marine Science (CNMS) will conduct research, gather data necessary for governmental and environmental decision-making and planning, provide oceanographic specialists for information and guidance on state and local problems, and educate the public on various aspects of Florida’s marine environment.

The center presently consists of USF marine science Prof. Larry J. Doyle, an internationally recognized expert on beach systems and continental margins, and Dr. Greg Brooks, also of the marine science department. Other top-level people will be associated with CNMS when specific research and expertise is needed, Doyle said.

“We have a responsibility as a state university to address and work on problems important to the state of Florida,” Doyle said.

In addition to the research, Doyle said, the experts will teach marine science and environmental courses to the public.

“One of the more important aspects of the center will be to help educate the public and decision-makers in government as to how the environmental systems work so they can be informed in their decision-making process,” he said. “It’s important that the people of Florida be informed about their own environment.”

Funding for the center will come from grants, contracts and memberships in the center. Basic membership will start at $10,000 per year and will be open to cities, counties, private companies and individuals. The membership fee will include research and monitoring of specific problems, a rapid response service for marine environmental and pollution crises and access to experts in all aspects of the marine environment.

Faculty/Staff

Publications


Domenico Ierardo, Italian, published Dante Nostro Contemporaneo.

John Iorio, English, published The Shrine and Selected Stories.


Hans Juergenssen, humanities, published “The Scar.”

Hans Juergenssen, humanities, was elected 1987 president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Rowlands, David T., pathology, was named to the National Board of Medical Examiners’s part one test committee.

Announcements

USF sexual harassment policy

Statement: Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Florida Educational Equity Act and in accordance with our equal opportunity policy and practice, it is the goal of the University of South Florida to create and maintain a work and study environment, faculty, staff and students must be aware that sexual harassment is sex discrimination, and is unacceptable conduct that will not be tolerated by the University.

Definition: Sexual harassment is defined as conduct of a sexual nature or with sexual implications, which interferes with an employee’s or student’s status or performance by creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or educational environment. This conduct may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Inappropriate touching; the display of sexually explicit or suggestive material, use of sexually explicit or suggestive language or gestures; and subtle pressure for sexual activity, as well as demands for sexual favors or physical access, which is sexual harassment is a serious form of abuse.

Grievance procedures: If you believe you are the victim of sexual harassment and wish to express your dissatisfaction, you should follow one of the following actions within 180 days of the incident:

a. talk to the person whose actions you find offensive;

b. contact the administrative head of the department in which you are employed;
c. contact the Office of Equal Opportunity Affairs at 974-4373, or the Equal Opportunity Hotline at 974-3159 (ADM 281).

Purchasing rules

The state Comptroller’s Office has determined that trailers and modular buildings must be purchased from fixed capital outlay funds and not from operating capital outlay (CCO) funds as has been allowed in the past. For information, please call Keith Simmons, Division of Purchasing, 974-2481.

Ars Nova

Ars Nova Plays Christmas Music features seven Christmas Carols — including “Silent Night,” “Good King Wenceslas” and “O Little Town of Bethlehem” — as well as five selections from The Nutcracker Suite.

Ars Nova features five members of the USF music department: Martha Pearack on flute, Noel Stevens on clarinet, Nancy Warfield on oboe, Thomas Keesee on bassoon and Ralph Froelich on horn.

Their Christmas album costs $7.50, including $1 for the purchase of a recording fund for people who buy 10 or more records. The quintet maintains a recording fund to help pay for future recording projects. All proceeds from the Christmas record will go to that fund.

To order the Christmas record, send a check (payable to Martha Pearack, treasurer, Ars Nova Quintet) along with your name and address, to Ars Nova Quintet, Department of Music, USF, Tampa, FL 33620.

Several previous recordings by the quintet are also available. They include “Ars Nova Suite” — a medley of 14th century music arranged by Stevens, and several quintets by Anton Reicha, a contemporary of Beethoven. Each of those records sells for $6. For more information, contact the music department at 974-2311.