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# Evening Students Will Now Receive A Helping Hand

Until recently, the problems of USF evening students were going largely unheeded. But USF has now begun making some special efforts--including the appointment of a coordinator of evening students--to help meet the needs of those students who take night classes.

Students who take night classes make up nearly a quarter of the enrollment (4,109 students) on the Tampa Campus. On the St. Petersburg Campus, over half (55 percent) of the student body of about 1,900 take only night courses.

At Tampa, if one combines the number of night students with the number of students taking both day and night classes, the total is more than 10,000 students--53 percent of the Tampa Campus enrollment of nearly 18,800 during the fall quarter. (Total USF enrollment for all campuses was 22,243 for the fall quarter.)

Although most evening students are not yet aware of it, some campus offices are arranging regular evening hours, or evening hours by appointment.

The Office of Student Affairs has also appointed Dr. Larry Scott to act as coordinator of evening students.

"The evening student has some basic needs--a place to register, pay for classes, have ID's made and validated, and a place to ask questions and obtain information regarding other services and activities on campus," Dr. Scott said. "It is my objective to research those areas and the evening students' needs and to aid in implementing programs that will meet those needs."

Dr. Scott surveyed some evening students who registered for the winter quarter to find out, for example, what services they most needed. He is compiling information useful to evening students to be printed in an "Evening Student Communique," which is expected to be out next fall.

In the meantime, he encourages evening students who have problems and questions to call him at 974-2151 in Tampa. He is available until 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and will also arrange appointments at other times.

"It would be the 'best of all possible worlds,'" Dr. Scott said, "if offices could stay open every evening. But the current budget restrictions of the University make that impossible."



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## C.A.U.S.E. To Have It's Day

Wednesday, April 6, is C.A.U.S.E. Day at USF, the day C.A.U.S.E. representative Jack Norris hopes to "scoop up as many volunteers as we can" and put them to work in the 43 various agencies C.A.U.S.E., serves as a USF-based social service organization.

C.A.U.S.E. is computer jargon for Community and University Service Encounter, and the agencies it serves include rehabilitative centers, convalescent homes, and three student-staffed pre-schools in Hillsborough County.

On C.A.U.S.E. Day, Norris and his co-workers will set up a long table at the University Center, decorate it with banners, leaflets, and photographs, then beat the drum of recruitment to build the staff of the three-year-old organization.

"We can place as many volunteers as we can sign up," explains the exuberant Norris, who said C.A.U.S.E. usually manages to attract "about 250" volunteers at the annual affair.

"Right off the bat we could put at least 100 in convalescent centers, and probably 50 in the Veterans Hospital," Norris said, adding "we could increase our pre-school involvement by a third."

The success of C.A.U.S.E. as a community action agency depends on the commitment of USF students, Norris said.

## Smith, Faculty To Hold Lunch, Chat

Pres. Smith will lunch and chat with interested faculty and staff at noon, Tues., April 5 in the Argos Staff Cafeteria. The April 4 Board of Regents meeting will be the topic of conversation. The luncheon is dutch and no reservations are required.

### TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Recently I announced that I would not be a candidate for the permanent presidency of the University. I hope that decision will not be interpreted as indicating that I am disheartened about the University's future. On the contrary, my optimism in that respect has steadily increased as I have come to know the University better. It is young, but vibrant and flexible, and I am confident that its emergence as a leading institution of higher learning is inevitable.

I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and support I have received since coming to USF. It will never be forgotten. I shall seek to deserve and return it, both while here and later.

Since coming to USF, my affection and respect for the institution and its faculty, students and staff have grown steadily and I am sure it will continue to do so. I thank you for a rare and rewarding experience.

Ours is a University of great promise. I hope your faith in it will not wane. Assuredly, mine has not.

*Pres. Smith*

## Regents To Convene Monday

The Board of Regents will meet Monday in the Alpha Auditorium at the University of West Florida, Pensacola, at 9:30 a.m. Among the agenda items the BOR is scheduled to consider are:

- Proposed rule relative to UF and USF Health Insurance Trust Fund;
- Proposed revised rule relative to Admissions in Teacher Education;
- Proposed rule relative to Graduation Requirements;
- Progress report on educational doctoral programs at FAU and USF;
- Progress report on common calendar studies.