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York Calls Legislative Sessions ‘Successful’

From “Legislative Report,” June 24, 1977:

In his June 24 report to the BOR regarding the 1977 Regular and Special legislative sessions, Chancellor E.T. York said -- "We have had a very successful year in terms of getting specific bills approved by the Legislature which were of interest to the State University System. In fact, some ten of the fourteen bills which we proposed or sponsored have passed, and all of the key bills which were on our "must list" were passed. I do not recall another year in the past when there has been any greater success in getting legislation of interest to the SUS approved. Furthermore, there has been a minimum amount of negative legislation which would impact the State University System.

"Overall, there has been the most positive attitude towards higher education in the Legislature that I have observed in many years. I really think that we have "turned the corner" in terms of the type of negative public and legislative attitudes we have experienced during the past decade. That may well be the most significant development of all.

"On May 5 I wrote you a memo informing you that the National Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) would make its 1977 "Grand Award" to the SUS this year for our program in the field of "Legislative/Governmental Relations." This award, in effect, recognized the SUS as having the best overall legislative program in higher education in the nation during the past couple of years. The decision concerning this award was made on the basis of a description of the program submitted by Dr. Jim Vickrey.

"We were understandably pleased to receive the award based upon the description of the program. However, the real measure of the value of the efforts described in this paper is what actually happened in the legislative process. I think we all have reason to feel a sense of satisfaction over what has been accomplished.

"I would again emphasize that this has been a marvelous team effort, with everyone-regents, presidents, their staffs, alumni, Councils of Advisors, students, and others--pitching in to make the total effort possible. No one could have had better cooperation. For all of this, we are most grateful."

Water Volleyball Tournament
To Be Held July 17

Reece Smith Appreciation
Day Scheduled July 29

Friday, July 29 has been designated as Reece Smith Appreciation Day and a number of activities have been planned to honor USF’s Interim President.

The day will begin with a morning Alumni Association breakfast and at noon the Tampa Chamber of Commerce will host a luncheon downtown. At this time, Tampa Mayor Bill Poe will proclaim it Reece Smith Day in Tampa.

An all-university reception is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom complete with various types of entertainment.

Members of the President’s Council, the Council of Advisors and the foundation will sponsor a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

And that evening’s performance of “Carnival” by the Theatre Department will be dedicated to President Smith.

INTERCOM will carry a complete schedule of the day’s activities and participants in the celebration in two weeks.

Search Group Votes No To More Presidential Candidates

The Presidential Advisory Search Committee, responding to a letter from Regent Chester Ferguson, voted last week not to submit five additional nominees for president at this time.

"If the Board Committee, after interviewing the (current) five nominees, would like for us to re-open the search, following different procedures, we will try again to find a mutually acceptable person to fill the position," the Committee wrote to Ferguson.

The Tampa regent had requested that the committee forward the names of five additional nominees to the BOR Selection Committee, of which Ferguson is chairman.

Chancellor E.T. York, who met with the USF committee, said the five present candidates "are all excellent people and are all viable candidates."

The five nominees are: Carl D. Riggs, USF vice president for academic affairs; John Lott Brown, director of the Visual Science Center, University of Rochester; Donald Walker, president of Southeastern Massachusetts University; N. Edd Milley, president of the University of Maine; and Trevor Coburn, vice president for academic affairs at San Diego State University.

Theater Major Named Miss Florida

USF theatre major and Miss Tampa, Kathy Louise LaBelle was named Miss Florida last week in Orlando. A 1974 graduate of Leto High School, Miss LaBelle, 23, will advance to the Miss America Pageant to be held in Atlantic City on Labor Day.
calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 8th
Application for graduation deadline for Qtr. IV, 1977
Weekend Story: Ken Russell's "The Devils," LET 103, 7:30 & 10 p.m.
Head Theatre: "Krute," LET 103, Midnight
SP Slappy Hour: Empty Keg N., 3-5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 9th-TUESDAY, JULY 12th
No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th
Plants Show: University Center
Eldo Market: UC Mall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Film Art Series: "Wuthering Heights," LET 103, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 14th

FRIDAY, JULY 15th
No events scheduled.

CONTINUING EVENTS

"Exhibit:" The Last Picture Show: Prints and Photographs from Graphicstudio, Fine Arts Gallery (SVC), through July 10.

"Exhibit:" Prints and drawings by Barbara Johnson, UC Gallery, July 5-15.

"Exhibit:" 24 x 13," Recent Print Acquisitions, The Florida Center Collection, TAT, July 11-Aug. 10.

"Theatre:" "Carnival," TAT, 8 p.m., July 14-17, 21-24, 28-31.

Summary

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SUS FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY--Of the $160 million in fixed capital outlay funds allocated to education, about $26 million was appropriated to the SUS (excluding the special library funding). Of the $26 million, about $20.5 million will be used for SUS priority list projects, with the remaining $5.4 million designated for spending as follows: FIU "Drinking Water Quality Research Center" - $315,432; UF-Brands - $90,000; FSU Continuing Education Center - $4.4 million; FAU Phase I Engineering Building planning and design - $202,402; FSU Lighting - $85,000, UNF Library Building Planning - $300,000.

It appears now that at least four SUS projects will be funded including: St. Petersburg Campus Expansion I - $5,356,505; Tampa Campus Science Center Renovation - $680,000; Tampa Campus Chemistry Building Renovation - $1,300,000; Tampa Campus Utility Expansion - $1,300,000.

SB 1230--Florida A&M/Curriculum Screening Committees: Vetoed by Gov. Askew. This bill, as originally introduced, called for legislative approval before any move relating to the merger of Florida A&M with any other state university could be undertaken. In its final form, as amended, it would have established curriculum screening committees on each of the SUS campuses.

SB 1213- Increase in Per Diem: This bill increases the per diem rate from $25 to $35 per day.

SB 1449-Collective Bargaining Bill: Changes a number of laws affecting collective bargaining and permits a student to sit in on negotiations between the Board of Regents and the United Faculty of Florida.

Of the 14 bills proposed or "sponsored" by the SUS and actually introduced before or during the 1977 session, 10 passed both Houses and were submitted to the Governor with the result indicated below; of the 10 bills the SUS actually wrote or helped write, 7 passed as indicated below:

*HB 262: deleting the requirement of prior Department of Administration approval of State agency membership dues and permitting agency head approval with a report thereof to the Legislature. SIGNED INTO LAW.

*HB 1008: authorizing the electronic transfer of wages and salaries to banking institutions. (This will give employees the option of having their paychecks deposited directly to their bank). SIGNED INTO LAW.

*HB 1259: permitting the "exchange" of SUS personnel with personnel in industry or elsewhere without a "break" in State benefits. SIGNED INTO LAW.

*SB 116: tightening up the process permitting veterans to defer payment of tuition and fees temporarily. SIGNED INTO LAW.

*SB 235: eliminating loopholes in current statutes that enabled campus traffic ticket-holders to avoid payment of traffic fines. SIGNED INTO LAW.

*SB 271: authorizing the Regents and community college trustees to adopt uniform codes of penalties, filling a gap in current statutes inadvertently created by passage of the Administrative Practices Act Law. SIGNED INTO LAW.

*SB 359: reconciling federal and state statutes regarding rights of access to student files, information, etc. SIGNED INTO LAW.

*SB 425: authorizing state universities to accept use of credit cards in transaction of business with students, etc. (as community colleges are now authorized). SIGNED INTO LAW.

CS/SB 66: facilitating the "early retirement" of state employees. AWAITING SIGNATURE.

SB 42 (similar HB 399): facilitating the rehiring of retirees. VETOED BY GOVERNOR.

*SUS wrote or assisted in writing.

Deadline for material for next issue: 5 p.m. today - ADM 264

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