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## DID YOU KNOW?



June/July, 2003

• Dr. Karen White will assume the position of USF St. Petersburg's Vice President and Campus Executive Officer July 1. Dr. White will take over the helm of USF St. Petersburg at a time of great change and unprecedented growth and development. She will also be leading a new "crew" of 11 administrators, three founding deans, and 57 new faculty members. While the university sets sail with an eye on the future, there is a strong sense of pride, enthusiasm and anticipation of great things to come.

• The College of Business has a new home. The entire third floor at Bayboro Station building on Third Street South, some 27,000 square feet, has been leased to house the College. The Bayboro Station location includes 39 offices, five classrooms, four conference rooms, a student computer lab and study areas, and limited parking.

• More than 150 offices are being changed as the campus anticipates the arrival of 57 new faculty members and 11 administrators. The establishment of academic colleges has stimulated the desire to cluster faculty into their respective disciplines. As the College of Business moves into the third floor of Bayboro Station, the College of Arts and Sciences will be gathered into Davis Hall, and the College of Education will depart its quadrangle of modular

buildings for Coquina Hall.

• In a proactive move to ensure that USF St. Petersburg is in the position to meet both current and future communication needs of its faculty, staff and students, the campus is changing to a new, innovative phone service. The project, nearing completion, will save more than 50 percent on monthly phone costs. When calling a USF St. Petersburg number, it is now necessary to change the fourth digit to a "4." (Example: 553-1234 becomes 553-4234)

• USF St. Petersburg was successful in its endeavor to secure two Florida Department of Education grants that will benefit Pinellas county students. In two separate grant competitions, the College of Education received a total of \$127,201 to fund the Teach Florida program and to conduct two 'Reading First' Reading Academies. The Teach Florida grant of \$77,201 is to provide a program for 30 students designed to prepare participants for positions teaching children with varying exceptionalities at the secondary level. The second grant of \$50,000 is being divided between the two reading academies, both held in June.

• The USF St. Pete Singers were honored at the "Volunteer of the Year" luncheon on April 30 hosted by the United Way of Tampa Bay and 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares. The Singers won the top award in the Arts and Recreation category. The group is composed of students, faculty, staff, alumni and others. For more than 30 years, the Singers have performed free at nursing homes, veterans' hospitals, senior centers and other locales.

• USF St. Petersburg's search

for excellence has resulted in the recruitment of an unprecedented pool of scholars from around the globe. The university was fortunate to find three outstanding educators to hold the founding dean positions at the university's three academic colleges:

**Dr. Vivian Fueyo**, Dean of the College of Education -- Dr. Fueyo was professor and chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Florida State University. Before that she was an associate professor at California State University, curriculum specialist in Novato, California, and associate director for public services and parent teacher training at the University of Kansas.

**Dr. Ronald Paul Hill**, Dean of College of Business -- Dr. Hill was founding dean and professor of business administration at the University of Portland. Before that he was chair of marketing at Villanova University in Pennsylvania; professor at Cornell University in New York; The American University and the George Washington University, both in Washington, D.C.; and the University of Maryland.

**Mark Durand**, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences -- Dr. Durand was chair of the psychology department and interim dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Albany -- The State University of New York. He was also the director of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. He has written five books including several best-selling textbooks on abnormal psychology.

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