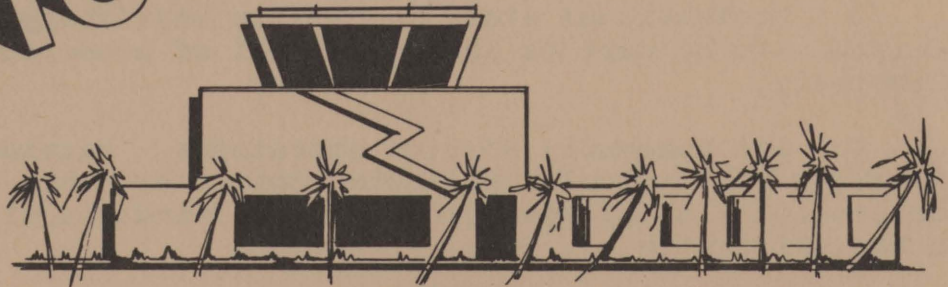


the ivory tower



florida international university □ miami florida

Vol. 1, No. 25

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

APRIL 16, 1971

A BLUE PRINT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Declaring that it "may well be a landmark speech in higher education," the Newsletter of the National University Extension Association gave major attention to a recent speech by President Perry regarding continuing education and extension service programs. The address was the keynote for the NUEA Region III meeting at Charlottesville, Virginia, March 17-19.

In the address, Dr. Perry described in some detail the ways in which Florida International is translating the principles of continuing education into specific blueprints for the future development of the University.

The Newsletter, which devoted front-page play to the speech, is published biweekly by the Association, which has over 150 member institutions of higher education. The full text is expected to be published in the next issue of The Spectator, the NUEA's monthly magazine.

In the address, Dr. Perry said that the heart of the university of the future will be a total commitment to continuing education and community services by the administration at every level. University commitment to continuing education, he said, carries with it the following conditions:

1. The appointment of a continuing education administrator to a key policy and decision-making level, affecting not only continuing education but the development of the whole university.
2. Budget support allocated proportionately to the university services and continuing education component in the same manner that it flows to the other segments of the university.

(Continued on Page 2)

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CONTINUED):

3. Professional staff members in university services and continuing education to be part of the total pool of academic positions for the university.

4. All community service operations - regardless of their point of origin in a school, institute, center or other unit within the institution - to be operated through a single administrative mechanism in the university.

President Perry also declared that the university of the future will have to change the current faculty slogans "publish or perish" or "teach or terminate" to "SERVICE OR SILENCE."

At Florida International, the Division of University Services and Continuing Education, headed by Dr. Glenn Goerke, has taken an active role in providing services and opening liaison with many community groups. Since last September, for example, the Division has coordinated and sponsored seminars and workshops on such wide ranging and important topics as environment and land planning, drug abuse, funding of the Arts and Humanities, nursing education, and religion and communication.

UNIVERSITY FUNDING: Recent action of the Board of Regents and confirmed by the State Cabinet has provided adequate funds to award a construction contract for the University of Florida Medical Center expansion. Bids for the project were some \$8 million over the budget, and after some reductions to approximately \$4 million, funds within the university system were temporarily reallocated. Florida International has participated in the "loan" to the extent of approximately \$2 million from funds that will not be needed until our construction has progressed further. Repayment has been promised by June of 1971 which is the time the funds will be needed to continue activities necessary to open in the fall of 1972.

* * * * *

*
 * "When I look across this campus, I don't see an abandoned *
 * airport. I see the scene of the future -- 20,000 students *
 * and 2,500 faculty and staff members engaged in the teaching- *
 * learning process." *
 * *
 * -- President Perry *
 * April 13, 1971, at the *
 * picture-taking of the *
 * University faculty and *
 * staff. *
 * *
 * * * * *

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Continuing its policy of working closely with other area institutions, the University has established a Coordinating Committee with Barry College. The joint group met at the Tamiami Campus on April 7 to discuss articulation agreements and cooperative in order ventures to better utilize both our facilities. Florida International members are Butler Waugh, College of Arts and Sciences; Vandon E. White, School of Health and Social Services, and Keith Trowbridge, Institutional Planning and Anaylsis. Barry College members are Irvin Kyle, Dean of Faculty; Robert Nee, Acting Dean of the School of Social Work, and Sister Rita Schaefer, O.P., Dean of the Undergraduate School.

UNIVERSITY LANDSCAPING: Landscaping of the Modular Building was started by Melrose Nursery this week. Shrubbery, trees and grass will be planted on the grounds around the building. The Physical Plant Department also plans to reclaim the outlying grassy area, and in order to do this, staff personnel are requested to park only in the paved areas on both sides of the building. The front is still reserved for visitors and University vehicles.

OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM: Vice President Jerome has accepted membership on the Industrial Advisory Committee of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, a Dade project now in its second year of aiding black Miamians to upgrade their job skills and to improve their earning power. The Miami OIC has been selected by the national OIC for a special fund grant to enlarge its activities. The committee will consult with the Dade OIC Board in the overall direction of the program.

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL MEETING: Nicholas Sileo, Dean of Student Services, met on April 1 with the three Deans of Students at Miami-Dade Junior College, North and South, and Broward Community College. The three are, respectively, Mary Jeanette Taylor, Clinton G. Cooper and George W. Young. The focus of the meeting was primarily on planning student services at Florida International that will tie in with programs at the three campuses. The group will meet periodically, according to Dr. Sileo.

NATIONAL AWARD: William Trotter, Director of the Specifications Department at Greenleaf/Telesca, worked on the specifications for the University's five-story Multi-Purpose Building for almost a year. The other day, he realized the fruits of his work--he and Richard Solomon, a specifier at G/T, won first place awards in the Construction Specifications Institute's 1970 nationwide competition among educational facilities. Specifications are the technical and legal documents that accompany a design project. The annual nationwide competition is conducted to improve specification practices and is open to the 5,000 professional members as well as to non-members of the Washington, D.C., institute.

HERE AND THERE: Keith Trowbridge, Institutional Planning and Analysis, has been named to the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors of the University of Miami. The board serves as a local arm of the Florida Conference Commission on Higher Education, and is responsible for furthering the church's ministry in higher education in the Dade area...Mrs. Dottie Honea, Administrative Assistant to the President, received a proclamation last Tuesday from Metro Mayor Steve Clark recognizing National Secretaries Week, April 18-24. Mrs. Honea, who's played an active role in the local chapter of the International Secretaries Association, noted that the banquet honoring secretaries and their bosses will be held Wednesday, April 21. President Perry will make remarks to the banquet...Dr. Perry is on a special committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities that will meet next week in Washington with officials of the Agency for International Development concerning future funding of AASCU programs... Dean Sileo attended the 46th anniversary dinner of the James E. Scott Community Association.

* * * * *

ALL-UNIVERSITY PICNIC COMING UP

Sunday, May 2, is a day to save for "fun in the sun" with your colleagues. The first All-University Picnic is scheduled that day at Pit No. 7 at Crandon Park located on Key Biscayne near parking lot no. 2. The area is reserved for the day, and lunch is planned about 1:30 p.m. All Florida International employees are invited along with their families. A detailed notice is being mailed to each family today.

* * * * *

"In character, in manner, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity."

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Next issue of The Ivory Tower will be published April 23

This is an official weekly publication of the Office of Information Services, Division of University Relations and Development, Florida International University, Tamiami Trail, Miami, Florida 33144.