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CONFERENCE ON DIET AND NUTRITIONAL CARE

A far-reaching conference on diet and nutritional care, called "The Dietitian Reaches The Hard-to-Reach," will be conducted by Florida International University with the support of a U.S. Public Health Service training grant. The five-day workshop opens Monday, April 26, at the Royal Biscayne Hotel on Key Biscayne and will run through Friday.

The most ambitious conference yet conducted by the University, it is designed to assist dietitians in adapting environmental factors and other influences involved in providing nutritional care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes and health centers. Some 30 dietitians, home economists, psychologists, hospital administrators, food service supervisors and educators from Florida and nationally are scheduled to speak or participate in panel discussions. Some of the subjects to be discussed include:

- * Psychological and cultural influences on dietary habits.
- * New developments in food technology.
- * Diet counseling and its effectiveness.
- * Problems of the aged adult and his eating customs.
- * Nutritional care in today's society.

There will be panel and group discussions on the role of community agencies in improving diet habits, on problems of the poor, and on services and resources provided by health agencies. The conference

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will open on Monday with an overview to be delivered by Dr. E. L. Fleming, Professor of Psychology at Saint Leo's College, Saint Leo, Florida, who will also serve as moderator. Dr. Fleming was formerly the Director of the Developmental Center at the University of South Florida and served 10 years as Chief Psychologist for the Florida State Board of Health.

A unique aspect of the conference is that participants will be given an evaluation questionnaire at the outset and then will be re-tested at the end of the week to see if any change has occurred.

On the first day there will be an address by Dr. Paul Wohlford, based on the work, "Childhood and Society," by Erik H. Erikson, who is world renowned for his work in the field of psychoanalysis and human development. Dr. Wohlford is Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Miami. On Monday night, the banquet speaker will be Philip F. Rimmel, Vice President for Sales of the IFS Florida Foodservices, Inc. He will speak on "New Developments in Food Technology Which Condition our Choice and Use of Foods."

On the last day, Dr. Vandon E. White, newly named Dean of the School of Health and Social Services at Florida International, will speak on "New Teaching Methods for Nutritionists." Others participating in the conference include: Miss Mildred Kaufman, President of the Florida Dietetic Association; Mrs. Vera Adair, Director of the Visiting Nurses Association of Dade County; Walter E. Scott, Senior Vice President of the Florida Hospital Association, and Dr. Carol S. Shear, Medical Director of Mailman Center for Child Development. The conference registration begins at 8 a.m. Monday.

NEW FACES: Mrs. Linda Eads, Secretary to Dean McDowell and Mr. Arrowsmith in Administrative Affairs, was a business education coordinator in a Little Rock, Arkansas high school...Roger Cruz, Jr., Student Assistant in Physical Plant, plans to attend Miami-Dade Junior College next semester...Jorge Zardoya, Student Assistant in the President's Office, is a senior at Coral Park High School...Mrs. Helen Connor, Library Assistant in the University Library, was a Library Assistant at Florida Atlantic University and received a B.A. from Stetson University...Wade Cole, Student Assistant in the University Library, attends Miami-Dade Junior College...Mrs. Rita Kershner, Account Clerk in Administrative Affairs, was a bookkeeper for a Miami business firm.

FROZEN LITERARY ASSETS: This is National Library Week, and Howard Cordell, Director of University Libraries, reports that the motto this year is "You Can Get It At The Library." "However," he adds, tongue in cheek, "in some cases at our library you may not be able to take it with you." The reason is that many of the books are now being catalogued and stored because of inadequate shelf space, a situation that is expected to be corrected by the opening of the University in 1972.

CARIBBEAN TIES: Florida International has become a member of the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes, President Perry announced this week. A formal welcome came from Sir Phillip Sherlock, Secretary General of the Association, which has its offices in Kingston, Jamaica. The Association was founded in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1968 for the purposes of fostering contact and collaboration between member-universities and institutes through conferences and workshops, publications, pooling of institutional resources in research and the exchange of staff and students. It now comprises a community of more than 10,000 scholars, both teachers and research workers, among them many with specialized knowledge and experience of the Caribbean.

Charged with giving priority to agriculture, education, health, science and technology, the Association has been attempting to generate wider circles of interest in each member-institution by involving as many specialists as possible in the planning and execution of its programs. Over the past two years, it has held Task Force meetings on public administration, health, teaching of the social sciences, agriculture and education. Of this collaboration, Sir Phillip said:

"There is already a large gap, a gulf almost, between the richer countries and those of the Caribbean in respect of the provision for higher education. This gap is likely to become a gulf because of the spiraling cost of specialists and equipment, and the pace of discovery is so swift that the sophisticated laboratory equipment of today quickly becomes obsolescent. In these circumstances with the clock against us, getting together is the most effective way of getting ahead."

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: Nicholas Sileo, Student Services, attended a workshop on Operation Student Concern last weekend at the University of Florida. This is a statewide program that was begun in 1968 to coordinate all student volunteer programs at state and private universities and junior colleges. It provides student volunteer services to the underprivileged and disadvantaged in the communities of which the institution is a part. The workshop dealt with problems encountered in funding, coordinating and administering the program. Dean Sileo said the University will adopt the program when it opens for student enrollment next year. At the workshop, he gathered information on the various types of volunteer programs that exist and how they can relate to Florida International's philosophy of a "work experience" for each student.

DRUG EDUCATION EFFORTS: E. A. Giordano, University Services and Continuing Education, was host last Wednesday to Miss Michele Moran, National Coordinator for Drug Education with the U.S. Office of Education, who was in Florida to review the state's drug abuse education program. Florida is considered to have one of the most effective drug education programs in the nation and is one of six states chosen by USOE

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for a study of its program. Dean Giordano is the Region VIII Drug Education Coordinator for Florida. Miss Moran visited the Lindsey-Hopkins Adult Education Center and also conferred with Dade County school officials. Florida International conducted a drug education conference last October, and since has been involved in updating drug education programs in South Florida in conjunction with the State Department of Education.

HERE AND THERE: The six newly appointed associate deans and division chairmen in the School of Business and Organizational Sciences met yesterday and today at Miami Lakes Inn with Dean John E. Lewis and Assistant Dean Lucian Palmer in a get-acquainted session, and to discuss plans for the School prior to their coming aboard in the summer...Bids will go out this week on renovation of one of the existing buildings for use as the University Library, according to Dan D'Oliviera, Director of Physical Planning...Rafe Gibbs, Assistant Dean of University Relations and Development, will address the luncheon meeting of the Southwest Rotary Club on Monday, April 26.

"There is nothing mightier than armies except an idea when its hour has come."

---Victor Hugo

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