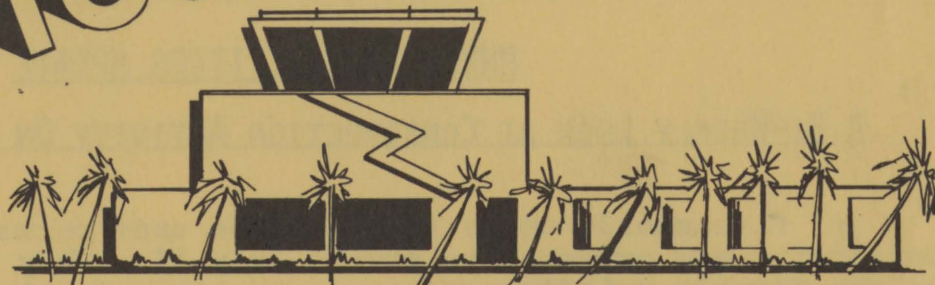


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STUDENT SERVICES GEARING UP

Dr. Nicholas Sileo was named Dean of Student Services at Florida International last July, and has spent the past year in planning, organizing and staffing the Division of Student Services. The Division will have four major branches, each of which will become operational as the need arises over the next year. All will be operational by September, 1972.

Organizing the Division has been an enormously complex, challenging and intensive task, Dr. Sileo explained, because of the requirements of accreditation, the extent and variety of counseling and guidance needs, and the professional requirements for intercollegiate activity.

Dr. Sileo also pointed out that President Charles E. Perry has emphasized from the beginning that Student Services at Florida International must be innovative and creative, and become a model for student life on the urban campus in the decade ahead.

In the past year, Dr. Sileo has maintained a pace that would wear out a good college miler. In addition to office routines and planning demands, he has visited 30 public and private universities to observe and evaluate student programs and organizations, always with a keen eye out for the most original and imaginative efforts. He has also attended numerous state and regional conferences and meetings to gather data.

In order to become informed on the current practices of each of the diverse areas for which he is responsible, he has met with professional groups, such as the financial aid administrators, college placement officers, personnel and guidance associations and student health service groups.

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PHYSICAL FACILITIES UPDATE

A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE TAMiami CAMPUS

+ Five mobile units that will be used permanently by the University are expected to arrive July 15. They will be located next to the Tursair Building and serve as academic planning offices. Dan D'Oliveira, Director of Physical Planning, said the trailers will eventually be used as offices for other projects and be relocated as the need arises.

+ The first floor in the Multi-Purpose Building has been completed. Plans now call for completing a floor level each month.

+ Construction drawings on the four-story Multi-Function One Building will be completed in late June. "We expect to bid them in August, with construction to start in September," said Mr. D'Oliveira. The building will house classrooms, academic and administrative offices.

LUNCHEON FOR COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS: The first semi-annual Florida International Luncheon for junior and community college personnel was held yesterday at the Royal Biscayne Hotel on Key Biscayne. Speaking to the group on the University's plans and development were President Perry and Terry L. Spence, Director of College and High School Relations, who also made a slide presentation. Administrators from Miami-Dade Junior College and Florida Keys Junior College attended, along with the University's academic deans and administrative staff. The session was also thrown open to question and general discussion.

NATIONAL OFFICE: The National University Extension Association has elected Glenn Goerke, University Services and Continuing Education, to the office of Secretary for 1971-72. The Association, which recently held its national convention in Portland, Oregon, is the professional organization for educators in the field of continuing education.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OUTLINED: New fact sheets, outlining data about the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Business and Organizational Sciences, have been printed. They are available from the College, the two Schools, and in the Office of College and High School Relations. The fact sheets give a tentative listing of undergraduate programs, explain academic program planning and outline admission requirements.

STUDENT SERVICES (CONTINUED):

Considerable effort has been devoted to preparing special services such as the Veterans Administration aid, social security, student financial aid, and making formal contacts with testing agencies, including the College Entrance Examination Board and the American College Testing. In addition to the regular meetings of the SUS Council for Student Affairs, he has also attended numerous interinstitutional committee meetings related to student personnel work.

As a member of the Academic Council, which is composed of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Academic Deans, Dr. Sileo has maintained close coordination between planning of the curricula and student services. In the organizational structure, he reports directly to the Vice President, Dr. William T. Jerome III.

"This structure," he said, "reflects President Perry's desire that student personnel work is not an afterthought of academic instruction but is an integral part of the academic program to serve students."

Dr. Sileo is one of the three original planning team members brought to Miami by President Perry to start Florida International. Like the others, he is closely aligned to Dr. Perry's aims in establishing an urban service university. So it is easy to see why he feels strongly about the role of a university to its students.

"In the long run," Dr. Sileo said, "the whole task of running a university is to serve and prepare the students, who in turn, will serve the community of which they are a part."

Dr. Sileo, who holds a Ph.D. in sociology, will teach classes at Florida International. He has also served as an ordained Baptist minister and holds a B.D. from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He brings to the University over 20 years experience in working with young people. This covers YMCA leadership work, directorship of a settlement house for all ages, serving as an associate minister and religious education director of a large suburban church, and six years of service as a director of a summer remedial reading school and camp. He also taught for five years at the University of Miami.

The goals of Student Services, he summed up pragmatically, are these: To meet the obvious needs of students, to help the student discover unfelt needs, to counsel the student to achieve complete self-awareness, and to provide a bridge for the student to make the transition from a theoretical to a real world.

According to Dr. Sileo, each of the Division's four main branches will be headed by a director, and organized along these lines:

* The Office of Student Record Services will be responsible for admissions, registration and records. This office will be operational this September. Ronald Butler, who is coming from North Carolina State University at Raleigh, will be the Director.

STUDENT SERVICES (CONTINUED):

* The Office of Student Athletic and Recreation Services will regulate programs in intercollegiate, intramural, special club and extramural sports, and general recreation. Doyt Perry is the Director.

* The Office of Student Health and Welfare Services will be responsible for counseling and guidance, financial aid, health services programs, career planning and placement, and international students. The University plans to enroll a limited number of international students when classes begin in 1972, Dr. Sileo said, but the cut off date for registration will be much earlier than for regular students because of visa, health records and grade requirements.

* The Office of Student Social and Cultural Services will be responsible for organizations, activities, student governance and publications. Because there will not be a great deal of activity generated in this area until after students begin classes in 1972, the Office will not be fully staffed until then, Dr. Sileo said. However, the Office will be compiling an inventory of social and cultural activities desired by students, he added.

TOP AWARD FOR STUDENT: MaryAnn Hutchins, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Hutchins, University Relations and Development, who is Student Council President at Riviera Junior High School, was awarded the highest and most coveted trophy given by the school, the 1971 Ram Award as Outstanding Ninth Grade Student. In ceremonies at the school Wednesday, MaryAnn also won a plaque as the Outstanding Orchestra Student for 1971.

HERE AND THERE: As a member of Mayor David Kennedy's Diamond Jubilee Festival Committee, President Perry attended the first organization meeting last Wednesday to begin mapping plans for the celebration. The City of Miami will be 75 years old on July 28, 1971...G. Wesley Sowards, Schools of Education, has been invited to participate in the Texas Conference on Performance Based Teacher Education at the University of Houston...President Perry will deliver the keynote address tomorrow to the 4th District convention of the American Advertising Federation at the Americana Hotel.

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