The XIII Annual Conference of the Florida-Colombia Partners convened on the F.I.T. campus June 23. When the gavel fell on the close of the conference, 118 Colombians returned to South America and 80 Floridians dispersed to their hometowns across the state. Meetings had been held, discussions had taken place, and reports had been made. But did the close of business really bring the end of the working sessions?

"Hardly," answers Dr. Arthur A. Kimball, executive director, "While the convention is a very important day, quite an exciting affair in fact, it only happens one day a year. Yet our programs and the real work of the Florida-Colombia Partners go on continuously all year long."

Eight committees, each conducting business both in Spanish and English, formulated programs and set goals for the coming year. Some of the highlights include: a student exchange between Florida 4-H'ers and Colombia's counterpart, Hogares Juveniles Campesinos; continuation of the doctoral exchange program which has seen over 875 doctors travel between the two countries for clinics, seminars, and special surgery; student scholarships to BCC; sending Coach Cockrell from F.I.T. to conduct basketball clinics in Bogota; the exchange of athletic teams including a girls' softball team; and

OFF-CAMPUS CENTER HONORS GRADS

[Left to right] Dr. J. T. Stoms; Major Larry E. Jarvis; Mr. Donald White; Captain Larry E. Ivey; Mr. Willard L. Schick; Captain Charles P. Watts; 1st Sgt. William C. Sharples; Mr. Gon L. Gee; Colonel [Ret] Leonard M. Winter.

The Redstone Arsenal Center, Florida Institute of Technology, celebrated completion of its second year at the Arsenal with a graduation luncheon. Master's Degrees were conferred on ten United States Army Officers and civilian employees by Dr. James T. Stoms, associate dean for off-campus programs and head, management science department, F.I.T. The principal speaker for the examination of plans for a new hospital in Ciudad Kennedy, a small suburb outside of Bogota.

"The committees were so involved in their work that they met far beyond the time scheduled and even re-convened after the luncheon to conclude their business," stated Kimball.

Support for the programs of the Florida-Colombia Partners comes from yearly membership dues, State Department grants, funds from Partners of the Americas in Washington, D.C., personal donations, and fund raising events.

The next jointly held conference will take place in 1979 in Colombia.

F.I.T.'s championship crew team returned from the Henley Royal Regatta satisfied that they had done their best. "We rowed one of our best races," said Coach Bill Jurgens, "but we lost to an outstanding team."

Jurgens was referring to the team's final race against Syracuse which they lost by a 3/4 length under the chilly, showery English weather. The race was completed in seven minutes.

"F.I.T. kept the pressure on us, trying to see if we'd crack early," commented Syracuse Coach Bill Sanford. He noted that the F.I.T. crew had the lead for the majority of the race.

Prior to the race with Syracuse, the F.I.T. team soundly defeated the Harvard lightweight eights with a 7:09 clocking. Even in the rainy weather, F.I.T.'s crew finished with a 2-3/4 length victory over the strong Harvard team. The F.I.T. team carried a 16 pound per man advantage and stroked a powerful 38 strokes per minute for most of the race.

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J. W. Schwalbe and E. H. Kalajian presented two papers at the American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference, June 19-22 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada: "Experiences in Starting a Small Ocean Engineering Laboratory on a Limited Budget" and "Ocean Engineering: Graduate versus Undergraduate Education," as co-authors.

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N. W. O'Hara attended the American Geophysical Union Meeting in Miami April 17-21 where she chaired an international committee meeting and conducted an open forum on U. S. Gravity studies sponsored by Soc. of Exploration Geophysicists and U. S. Geological Survey. She presented a paper on Gravity Anomaly Map of the U. S. and also served as session chairman for Tectonics Section meeting and presented a poster session.

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Charles D. A. Polson has been appointed an instructor in biological sciences. He has both the B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology from Central Michigan University, and has completed most of his work for the Ph. D. During the coming year he will be especially concerned with the freshman biology course, and with a series of planned improvements of the biological sciences laboratory courses.

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Dr. Eleanor E. Storrs of the Medical Research Institute attended the II Congressus Theriologicus Internationalis in Brno, Czechoslovakia during June 19-27. Dr. Storrs co-chaired a session on Applied Theriology with Academician V. V. Kuceruk of the USSR. The paper she presented at this meeting was entitled The Armadillo/Dasyus sp./in Biomedical Research.

On Dr. Storrs' return trip through London, she visited with Dr. R. J. W. Rees of the National Institute for Medical Research, Medical Research Council for discussions on the current Immunology of Leprosy program which is supported by the World Health Organization. Dr. Storrs currently has one grant funded by WHO, and during her stay in London learned that two more grants, and possibly three, will be funded in the near future.

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Dr. Norris will be making a presentation August 7 before high school students at FTU, Orlando, involved in the SEEK Program. His talk and slide show will deal with "Marine Resources."

NEW OFF-CAMPUS SITES OPEN

F.I.T. degree programs are now offered at two new sites opened recently under the coordination of the F.I.T. Off-Campus Programs Office. This announcement was made by General Ed Gudgel, director of the Off-Campus Programs, who added that these recent additions bring the total number of Off-Campus Programs to eight. Both of the new programs will offer degrees in the management science field.

Mr. Jack Noonan will be the resident director of the program opened on April 24 in Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. M.S. degrees will be offered by F.I.T. at Picatinny in systems management, contract and procurement management, and engineering management.

The program beginning July 17 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, will be headed by Colonel (Ret) Conrad Davis, resident director. The M.S. degree will be available in engineering management while an MBA. will be offered with concentrations in logistics management or in contracts management.

"F.I.T. is certainly growing," remarked Gudgel, "and we only have to look to these two new program sites in the north to prove it. "We're very pleased to have Jack Noonan and Col. Davis join those of us working with the F.I.T. Off-Campus Programs."

CREW TEAM HOME FROM HENLEY

"It was a great experience for the team," said Jurgens. "They rowed exceptionally well and it's something none of us will ever forget."

F.I.T. competed in the Ladies Plate Challenge division of the Henley Royal Regatta. The dual races were rowed on the Thames River over a 1-mile, 550 yard course.

JBC NOTES

Dick Wells Summer Day Camp is being held on the Jensen Beach Campus for ten weeks beginning June 12. Mr. Wells was 1977 U. S. World Games Swimming Coach, and is director of student activities at JBC during the normal school year. This program is for 6 to 13 year olds, and activities include swimming, gymnastics, arts and crafts, team sports, tennis, racquetball, quiet games of all types, movies, nature study and field trips.

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Peter Navaretta, assistant dean for student affairs, received his MBA degree at the JBC commencement on June 9.

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Marge Battaglia has been transferred from student affairs to administration, where she will be working as secretary to Dr. Gehrig and Woodie Johnson, coordinator of graduate studies at JBC.

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Jeri Butler is the new acting associate registrar at JBC.

Reverend Johnnie Horton, Jr. comes to F.I.T. from Atlanta, Georgia where he attended the Interdenominational Theological Center before becoming a United Methodist minister. As the most recent addition to the staff of F.I.T.'s campus ministry, Rev. Horton plans to emphasize a current approach to a living theology.

"I want to be a resource person for students and faculty," he stated. "There are a lot of questions that need to be asked and there are many support systems we need to build. I see our campus ministry as one which will provide a valuable service with students and faculty, not dictate a program to them."

Rev. Horton will be starting Protestant worship services on campus in the teaching auditorium, tentatively scheduled for Saturday afternoons. He intends to pull in various denominations and work toward some of the same goals of the "United Ministries in Higher Education" (UMHE), an ecumenical campus organization.

Now living in Melbourne, Rev. Horton will also serve as pastor of the Scott Chapel Methodist Church. "But," he smiles, "you don't have to call me Reverend.—Johnnie will do fine."

"I want to do more than handle room assignments. I intend to make dorm living as pleasant as possible." This statement seems to sum up the goals of Lon Weston, newly appointed director of residence life. Weston's job title replaces the former position of housing director which implied a more narrow line of work.

"As director of residence life, I hope to initiate some residence hall programs bringing shows, lectures, and various forms of entertainment into the dorm lobbies," said Weston. "We also need to re-examine our check-in/check-out process and instigate a policy of room inventory prior to students moving in."

Not a newcomer to the field of student housing, Weston previously served as director of residential living at Hood College, Fredrick, Maryland, and as assistant dean of students at UNC in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Weston's wife, Paula, will be joining him in Melbourne soon, with their two daughters. Personal plans for the new director include a Ph.D. in behavioral science or psychology.

"After earning a Master's of Education degree in student personnel services," Weston remarked, "I've decided to commit my energies to the field. I enjoy it."

"Obviously my goal is to help students get jobs," said Bob Heidinger, newly appointed director of placement and cooperative education. "F.I.T. students have very marketable credentials and I want to present the package properly."

On the job less than a month, Heidinger was already enthusiastically listing the areas in which his office was becoming involved. "Vigorously recruiting companies to interview students on campus is a top priority," he stated. "And then making sure that the student is properly prepared before the interview: resume, appearance, questions to be asked. . . . all very important and very necessary."

Heidinger most recently served in the office of continuing education at F.I.T. as a seminar administrator. He is a graduate of F.I.T. having received his B.S. in biological sciences in 1974. Currently he is working on his Masters in that field also.

"I plan to work closely with the faculty and administration," concluded Heidinger. "And I want to appeal to my fellow alumni for their assistance in providing us with the names and companies they work for and the credentials of the personnel they hire."

"The fastest moving job ever" is how Dave Ridgley describes his new position as dean of students. "Problems in this office demand immediate solutions," commented Ridgley. "We're constantly busy and I am finding it a very challenging role."

Ridgley recently became the dean of students after serving for a short time as acting dean. Before coming to F.I.T., the former Brevard educator ran his own educational supply business and also was associated with William Penn College in Iowa in the housing office.

"My job is to keep the channels of communication open between the faculty, students and the administration," said Ridgley. He smiles at the mention of new programs. "Of course," he nods, "plans include working closely with the counseling center to train the residence hall staff, developing a working rapport with faculty, and hopefully establishing a student recreation center in the SUB."

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Jensen Beach is a busy place this summer. In addition to the regular summer quarter courses being offered, there are three special summer programs going on. The five week College Marine Environmental Studies Program includes instruction in oceanography, marine biology and SCUBA diving. Two courses are being conducted this summer, one from June 19 through July 23, and another from July 31 through September 3. This credit earning research and recreation experience is crammed with the essentials of marine environmental knowledge, and a "hands-on" application accompanies all classroom presentations. There is ample time for laboratory analysis, close examination of shoreline ecologies and at-sea sampling on board one of JBC's instrumented ocean going research vessels. The course includes a variety of field trips along the Atlantic Coast, and is highlighted by a week in the Florida Keys.

A special two week Marine Environmental Studies Program for high school students between their junior and senior years is being held from July 24 to August 6. This program is designed for students interested in science, nature and the sea through laboratory analysis of near shore environs, cruises aboard JBC's research vessel, and snorkeling among nearby reefs and jetties. Students completing this program will be recommended for one half unit of credit to their high school and will receive college credit if they enroll at F.I.T. after high school graduation.

The newest face in the office of financial affairs is that of Edward Baydala who officially joined the university staff on July 5. Baydala will serve as F.I.T.'s business manager and is presently finding out just what that position entails.

"I'm reading, deciphering, asking questions, and generally trying to organize myself and my duties within the overall financial network," explained Baydala after just two days on the job.

Before coming to F.I.T., Baydala served for ten years as the vice president for administration at the State University College of New York at Fredonia. Prior to that, his career was with the United States Air Force. It was during that time that he first visited the sunshine state and made plans to return some day to live.

As business manager, Baydala mentioned that some of his responsibilities will include budgetary planning, management of service contracts, utilization of campus facilities by outside groups, and internal financial reporting.

An educational tour of the Yucatan to benefit the campus ministry at F.I.T. is scheduled for October 19-24. Dr. Terrance Cronin, Melbourne, who serves as chairman of the board for the campus ministry, will be the educational director of the tour.

The tour, open to any persons interested in the Yucatan, will depart Melbourne the morning of October 19 and return the evening of October 24. Educational tours will be offered of Merida, the capital of the Yucatan, the ruins of Chichen Itza, and the remains of the city Uxmal.

Cost for the tour, which includes bus, airfare, tips, hotels and some meals, will be as follows: single room accommodations $338 per person; double room $298 per person; triple room $288 per person.

Reservations are now being accepted at Yvonne's Ravel Agency where trip arrangements are being handled.

Rowers participating in the Olympic Crew Development Pair Camp, held this summer at F.I.T. entered their final week of preparation in July before competition in three important regattas.

Since June 10, rowers representing teams in the Southeastern Region have been training at the clinic sponsored by the Olympic Committee. Objective of the intensive practice was to select two pairs of rowers to represent the Southeast in the National Pair Trials to be held at Princeton, N. J. on August 5. The top contenders (final six pairs) of the national competition will make up the U. S. contingent for the World Rowing Championships to be held in New Zealand in November.

Prior to the National Trials, the camp will be taking a four-man and two-two-man teams to the U. S. National Rowing Championships on July 23 in Camden, N. J. The rowers will also compete in the Miami International Regatta in Miami, Florida on July 30. The strongest competition in the Miami Regatta is expected to come from the Mexican National Team.

event was Colonel Edwin A. Rudd, Commandant. United States Army Missile and Munitions Center and School. Among those receiving degrees were the first two ordinance officer advanced school graduates permitted by the Department of the Army to attend F.I.T. on a full-time basis, as part of the master's degree completion program between the F.I.T. Redstone Arsenal Center and MMCS.

Also receiving diplomas were the following students listed by the degree they received: Master of Business Administration in Logistics Management: Captain Joel D. Becton, Mr. Edmund A. Davis, Captain Larry E. Ivey. 1st. Sgt. William C. Sharples, and Captain Charles P. Watts; Master of Science in Systems Management: Mr. Donald White; Master of Science in Contract, and Procurement Management: Mr. Gon L. Gee, Major Larry E. Jarvis, Mr. Willard L. Schick, and Captain Robert P. Thompson.