Grad Centers Keep Growing

The gathering of graduate center directors in F.I.T.'s off-campus program at the university's main campus recently marked another year of growth for the multi-state educational service.

"We'll reach over 1,000 graduate students this year," said Edward F. Gudgel, director of off-campus programs for F.I.T.

Center directors joining the annual meeting were Paul Bruehl of Fort Lee, Va.; Dorris Kent of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Flora Galloway of the Naval Training Center at Orlando, Fla.; Wayne Sills of Fort Eustis, Va.; Dr. Leonard Winter of Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; James Grabski of Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Detroit, Mich.; Conrad Davis of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; Robert Fleming of Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Vincent Siragusa of Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., and Harry Woods of the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Md.

"It's a significant part of F.I.T.'s academic activities," Gudgel said of the graduate centers. He explained that during the current academic quarter 934 students were pursuing graduate degrees through off-campus courses.

"We're adding about two new programs a year," Gudgel said, noting that a policy keeps an eye to quality in the educational offerings.

WFIT Radio Expands Its Voice

Radio Station WFIT, an FM station built and operated by students, has been transformed into a community broadcasting facility by a signal strength increase from 41 watts to nearly 3,000 watts.

Station Manager Dave Thomas announced expanded programming to accompany the broadening of WFIT's audience. As well as a switch in the station's position on the FM dial from 91.5 megahertz to 89.5, Broadcasting is around-the-clock except 1 a.m. - 6 a.m. Mondays.

Program Director Cliff Lethbridge, like Thomas an F.I.T. student, announced that listeners seeking music will find eight hours of classical programming each week. 10 hours of jazz, three hours of "golden oldie" tunes (1955 to 1974), and a wealth of rock tunes.

Additional programs include regular features on consumer issues, astronomy, film reviews, satire, old-time radio shows ranging from the Lone Ranger to Gangbusters, the Mother Earth News and the off-heat Zodiac News.

The university radio station was started in 1975. Along with university support, the station relies on community volunteer workers and community assistance of other types.
Dr. Robert H. Frank, head of Science Education, was recently appointed by the Commissioner of Education to serve on an accreditation committee for Florida International University in Miami. The team consisted of 16 members, including people from the state Department of Education and other universities. The evaluation took place during a three-day visit.

John L. Carkeet, associate dean for academics at the School of Aeronautics, recently attended the annual convention of the National Air Transport Association in Las Vegas.

Jack Hinman, associate professor of air commerce, attended the International Civil Aviation Conference No. 2 recently in New York. The convention was sponsored by Lloyds of London.

Dr. Kenneth L. Kasweck, assistant professor of Biological Sciences, recently presented a paper at the national meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Miami Beach. It was entitled, "Mating Compatibility in Nocardioida asteroideae."

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DOUBLE LIFE - Jackie Illingworth, executive secretary for Development, is as much at ease on a theater stage as she is in an F.I.T. office. The actress and singer, who studied voice and acting at the University of Utah Center, she has starred in several productions, including one role opposite husband Herb. The mother of three and grandmother of two also recently backpacked through Europe with her daughter.

Dr. John Treffy and Dr. Richard Pierce, chemical oceanographers, held a Marine Chemistry Symposium in Tampa recently in conjunction with the meeting of the Florida Section of the American Chemical Society. The program included presentations by marine chemists from six universities, as well as from private and federal research institutions. Dr. Treffy chaired a session on inorganic-trace
ROOTS - Gaston de Bedout [left], new president of the Florida-Columbia Partners, recently visited the campus as the guest of the university and the Partners organization. The prominent book publisher joined with Dr. Keuper [right], and Development Associate Tom Adams [center] in providing a picture of past and present leadership in international relations. Adams founded Florida-Columbia Partners in 1963, the oldest of 50 such programs. In July de Bedout is to return to F.I.T. as head of a large Colombian delegation to the XV Annual Partnership Conference.

Bill Jurgens National Coach

Bill Jurgens, coach of championship crew teams at F.I.T., has been selected as National Lightweight Camp Coach. The post carries responsibility for the training of selected oarsmen from throughout the U.S., to compete in this summer’s World Rowing Championships.

Jurgens was selected by the National Lightweight Committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen to train a “lightweighteight” squad chosen to compete August 13-16 at Hazwinkle, Belgium.

Prior to that annual world competition the lightweight-eight team will participate in tune-up regattas that include the U.S. National Championship in New Jersey during July.

Jurgens, architect of F.I.T.’s 11-year-old rowing program, said the duties he assumes beginning in late June will include serving with a panel of coaches for the initial selection of the lightweight camp oarsmen.

About 100 oarsmen are expected to try out for the team Jurgens will coach, including two F.I.T. students. After the team is selected at Princeton University, training will take place at Cornell University. An assistant coach will oversee the training of a pair of four-man crews also under Jurgens’ supervision.

Jurgens was himself a member of the U.S. rowing team in 1974, as a heavyweight oarsman. The Jacksonville University graduate has been a Melbourne resident for 26 years. Along with guiding F.I.T.’s crew teams to a tradition as Southeastern U.S. champions and a national power, Jurgens has for four years served as an athletic director.

Dr. Trefry will be chief scientist aboard the “R/V Researcher,” one of NOAA’s most advanced oceanographic research vessels, for a three-week voyage ending this month. He and six chemical oceanography graduate students and technicians will be collecting water and sediment samples in the vicinity of two coral reef systems off the Texas coast, as well as from adjacent oil and gas drilling fields.

The cruise is part of research directed by Dr. Trefry and Dr. Pierce to study the impact of drilling operations on the Texas Flower Garden coral reefs. Working on the sampling cruise from F.I.T. are Don Arne, John McFarlane, Dave Meyer, Joel Stewart, Bob Trocie and Bred Wielchert. (In addition to the F.I.T. sampling operations, NOAA scientists will collect physical oceanographic data. Biologists from Yale University, Wayne State University and the National Marine Fisheries Service will be studying organisms to provide a multidisciplinary investigation of the area.

Sara Hewes, director of the FRESH program, has been named chairperson of the Brevard County delegation to the Central Florida Commission on the Status of Women. She has served for a year on the commission, an advisory group to the county commission.

Dr. J. Ernest Breeding, Jr. of Oceanography and Ocean Engineering presented a seminar at Tetra Tech in Pasadena, Calif. He summarized his research on water waves and wave-induced beach processes. Dr. Breeding also presented a paper on “Ray Curvature and Refraction of Wave Packets” at the 17th International Conference on Coastal Engineering at Sydney, Australia.

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Researcher at MRI

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By all counts (heads, feet, noses), a record number of staff, faculty, family, and friends attended the annual picnic held May 3 at Rodes Park. More dry mouths and empty stomachs than anticipated caused several runs on beer, soda, and food, but everyone seemed full and content by the end of the day.

Some of the people who deserve our thanks for creating an enjoyable outing include: Dee Dee Pannell for coordinating food catering with PFM; Krista Reinersman, Roger Shilliday, and Bette Gesualde for production of posters and tickets; Norma Arleo, Pat Bernick, Shelley Cheezem, Patti Eastwood, Betty Fink, Arlene Kerlo, Jani McCray, Carmen Read, and Carolyn Sorrell for selling tickets and encouraging attendance (Patti and Betty sold the most tickets); Dick Enstice, Dean Norris, and Dee Dee Pannell for planning; Bill Jurgens for providing the athletic equipment; and, a special thanks to Jeff Brown and SGA for showing us the Muppet Movie—certainly the highlight of the day for the kids.