

SUS Taking Education Issues to the Public

Tampa and St. Petersburg will be the first cities in Florida to be visited by Chancellor E.T. York and the presidents of the nine State universities in their "grass roots" tour of the State beginning next month.

The Tampa meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Central (downtown) on Nov. 17 and the St. Petersburg meeting will be on the St. Petersburg Campus on Nov. 18. Both will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Seats Now Available For Taut Drama, 'Crucible'

"The Crucible," Arthur Miller's powerful play about a 17th century witchcraft trial in America, will be presented by the USF theatre department Oct. 23-25, and Oct. 28-Nov. 1, in the University Theatre. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$1.50 for students. Seats may be reserved beginning Oct. 16 at the Theatre Box Office (ext. 2323, weekdays, 9-4:30 p.m.). USF students with valid ID cards may receive a ticket free of charge on the nights of performance.

Mesrop Kesdekian, who returns to the USF theatre department this year (he directed "The Hostage" here in 1972) will direct the production. Design director is Bill Lorenzen. Eldon Mecham is lighting and technical director, and John Schuldt is costumer.

A taut drama in four acts, "The Crucible" concerns those Salem inhabitants of 1692 who were accused of witchcraft by several young girls. Protagonist John Proctor and his wife Elizabeth decide to stand by the truth in the face of the mounting hysteria, a decision which ultimately sends Proctor to the gallows.

Portraying the Proctors are Don Moyer and Mary Ann Bentley. The five female accusers will be played by Chris Robinson, Kimberly Ashley, Sharyllynn Shaw, Phyllis Oditz and Megan Norton.

Other cast members include Jack Belt and Paul Massie of the theatre faculty, as well as Sylvia Collins, Wayne Swallows, Andrew Clark, Carol Belt, Jerome Peeler, Bonnie O'Connor, David Elliott, Gary Rodriguez, Salvatore Biagini, Elizabeth Rountree, Valentin Mendoza, Robin Chambers and Douglas Hopkins. Jim Murray is stage manager; Jody Bentley is assistant to director; and Jeffrey Robbins and Kenneth Erickson are assistants to designer.

Lunch, Chat Monday on BOR Agenda

President Mackey will lunch and chat with interested faculty and staff at noon, Mon., Oct. 20 in the Argos Staff Cafeteria. The Oct. 17 Board of Regents meeting will be the topic of conversation. The luncheon is dutch and no reservations are required.

"The purpose of the tour is to account to the public for the stewardship by the State University System and to discuss major issues and concerns facing higher education in Florida," Chancellor York said. One major issue expected to be covered is the "open door" policy of admissions to the State universities.

The "Report to the People" tour will take the Chancellor and the nine presidents to a series of "town hall" type meetings in 13 principal cities in November, December and January.

"There is no longer any doubt that Florida is at a crossroads in its approach to public higher education," said Chancellor York. "Enrollments continue to climb at a rate significantly higher than the national average, while state financial support has actually declined in terms of constant dollars. In fact, during the last three years, headcount enrollment in the State University System has increased 33 percent while state support in constant dollars has decreased by two percent.

"Our State--and its policy makers--are now facing a clear choice, a choice between maintaining the traditional "open door" policy but with significantly lowered quality and restricting admissions in an effort to prevent a future deterioration of quality."

The University of Florida restricted admissions this fall. A number of other institutions have been considering enrollment restrictions because enrollment demands are running in excess of funding for faculty, learning resources and equipment. The Council of Presidents recently recommended to the Board of Regents making the "first priority" for 1976-77 funding of deficiencies in salary and operating expenses due to inflation before increasing workloads further.

"Any action taken to impose a ceiling on future growth would be taken reluctantly and as a last resort," the Chancellor declared.

Dr. York said that a major focus of discussions at the meetings will be the options the universities will face in the event that the door is closed.

"The basic questions will be: who is to be denied access in the future and on what basis?" he declared.

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Regents to Consider SUS Budget, Patent Rule, Academic Evaluation

The Florida Board of Regents meets today at 9:30 a.m. at the University of Florida's J. Wayne Reitz Union, Gainesville.

Among the agenda items the BOR is scheduled to consider are:

- Consideration of 1975-76 operating budgets for the SUS;
- Consideration of 1976-77 request budget for the SUS;
- Consideration of request for approval of resolution regarding Student Financial Aid Trust;
- Consideration of proposed academic evaluation and control procedures;
- Progress report on SUS construction;
- Progress report on requested rule relative to full-time employees of SUS serving on corporate boards;
- Progress report on development of proposed revised rule on patents;
- Designation of Chairman and Vice Chairman of BOR for 1976.

Health Fair to Feature Films, Free Services

Many free health services, including tests for vision, hearing, glaucoma, diabetes, pulmonary functioning, blood and TB, as well as educational displays and programs will be available to the community during USF's second annual health fair Oct. 21-23.

Events will be from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 21-22 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 23 in CTR 248, other UC rooms and in tents on the UC Mall. A complete schedule of events will be available from the UC Information Desk after 9 a.m. Oct. 21.

Volunteers are still needed to help during the fair and may contact Dr. Curtis Wienker, fair director, at ext. 2150.

The preliminary schedule includes:

- Films, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 21-22, CTR 251.
- Speakers, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 21-22, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 23, CTR 203.
- Blood pressure screening, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 21-22, CTR 248.
- Diabetes testing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 21, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 22, 1-5 p.m. Oct. 23, place TBA. Tests only for those who are overweight, over age 35 or have a family history of diabetes. Pre-test instructions required in order to complete testing: Eat two jelly sandwiches and a beverage two hours before testing.
- Vision screening, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 21, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 22, 1-5 p.m. Oct. 23, place TBA.
- Hearing tests, all day Oct. 21-23, place TBA.
- TB skin tests all day Oct. 21-23, place TBA.

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In addition to Tampa and St. Petersburg, meetings will be held in the following cities: Dec. 1--West Palm Beach; Dec. 2--Fort Lauderdale; Dec. 3--Miami; Dec. 10--Orlando; Dec. 11--Gainesville; Dec. 12--Jacksonville; Dec. 15--Tallahassee; Jan. 12--Fort Myers; Jan. 13--Sarasota; Jan. 21--Panama City; and Jan. 22--Pensacola. All meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsoring the tour will be the Board of Regents, the Councils of Advisors of the universities and the joint alumni of the universities.

Expected to attend the meetings are legislators, community leaders, alumni, parents, students, faculty, and members of the general public. The format for the meeting will be five-minute reports by each of the presidents on various subject areas of general interest to the public, including the cost of higher education, the value of a college education, accountability, and who should go to college. Question and answer periods will be held following these presentations. A reception will be held after the program.

Dr. York said that at each meeting questionnaires would be distributed to the audience in order to obtain public opinions regarding the direction which Florida should take in higher education in view of current trends.

The Chancellor noted that this was the first time that the State University System had gone to the public in this manner in an effort to find answers to major issues which higher education is facing.

"The responses which we get will be valuable to us in shaping educational policies in the uncertain years ahead," Dr. York said.

--Blood tests and blood donations, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 21-22, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 23, place TBA.

--Breast self-examination counseling, all day Oct. 21-23, place TBA.

--Health and nutrition counseling, all day Oct. 21-22, place TBA.

--Pulmonary function testing, time and place TBA.

--Glaucoma testing, time and place TBA.

USF Student Health Services and Student

Government are sponsoring the fair in cooperation with numerous on and off campus individuals and groups including the Hillsborough County Health Department, Hillsborough County Mental Health Association, American Cancer Society, DACCO, Winter Haven Mental Health Association, Southwest Florida Blood Bank, Gulf Coast Epilepsy Foundation, Bay Area Women's Health Center, Greater Tampa Alcohol Safety Action Program, Visiting Nurses Association, West Coast Branch of the Florida Society for the Prevention of Blindness, and from USF, the College of Nursing, Counseling Center for Human Development, the anthropology and communicology departments.

Student Scholars Honored

Over 100 students who received scholarships for excellence from USF this year were honored at a reception Oct. 15 in the UC.

President Cecil Mackey recognized the recipients of scholarships from six new programs set up to reward outstanding achievement.

The President's Scholar Program provides an award of \$600 each to public high school valedictorians from Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota counties. No special applications are required, but each high school must submit the name of its valedictorian.

Forty non-renewable scholarships of \$400 each have been established for National Merit Semifinalists accepted by USF from high schools all over the state.

The Freshman Honors Scholarships provide \$250 non-renewable awards for Quarter I for one graduating senior from each of the 64 high schools in the 15-county area surrounding USF.

Each of the 11 alumni chapters offered one of the Alumni Association Scholarships for Academically Talented Students. They provide the equivalent of full tuition for three quarters and are based on grades, test scores, recommendations and a letter from the applicants.

The Faculty/Staff Scholarships Program provided nine scholarships, funded by the annual faculty/staff drive. Each USF college selects its outstanding upper level student to receive the awards, which are equivalent to full tuition for three quarters. The winner from the College of Medicine received the same amount as those from the other colleges.

Science Learning Expert to Visit

Eric L. Green, professor of educational research at Countesthorpe College, Leicester, England, will be at USF Tues., Oct. 21. Professor Green is the coordinator of "Independent Learning in Science," the only national United Kingdom organization concerned with self-paced learning in science. If you would like to meet Dr. Green, contact Dr. Aibel at ext. 2780.