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Dr. Martin L. Silbiger, Interim Dean

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Change has been the characteristic feature of 1994-95 for the College of Nursing. Ten full-time and two part-time faculty joined our ranks. Our student demographics continue to change as reflected by the average ages of entering classes: basic baccalaureate, 25, registered nurse/bachelor of science, 33, and graduate, 38.

Changes in health care delivery were anticipated by our faculty, who initiated a revised baccalaureate and graduate curriculum. The Nursing Learning Resource Center was remodeled to provide a primary care laboratory for interdisciplinarity, and the long-awaited planning committee for a doctoral program in nursing was launched.

The initiation of an exciting partnership with Sarasota Memorial Hospital brought the return of the RN/BS sequence to Sarasota. Other newly developed partnerships include the funding of a clinical faculty position by Tampa General Health Care. A dual master's degree program in Occupational Health began in fall 1995 is jointly offered by the colleges of Nursing and Public Health.

While change is exciting and necessary, maintenance of quality is imperative. Our numbers of master's program graduates passing national certification examination scores are above the national norm in all areas. Baccalaureate graduates continue to have high passing rates on the licensure exam. Our alumni now number 2,990.

Interim Dean Patricia A. Gorska

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The College of Public Health continues to grow as we expand our coursework and degree offerings through our distance learning program. Currently undergoing development and pilot-testing, we plan to have several distance learning sites established across the state.

Last year, the college developed the Public Health Leadership Institute of Florida. Its mission is to provide leadership training to public health officials across the state using intensive on-site and independent study formats.

An Executive M.D./Master's of Public Health degree program is being planned for next year, which will allow mid-career physicians to secure an MPH degree through the executive format. This degree program will be of high interest to physicians seeking public health training, as they position themselves to better meet the primary care need of patients in the emerging managed care system.

Curriculum review and refinements, college reorganization, long-range planning, fund raising, grant writing and the development of several "centers of excellence" are further activities that have kept the college busy this last year.

As the only accredited College of Public Health in the state, the potential for the school is unlimited. I look forward to the years to come, as a member of the USF community, striving to have the college achieve this potential.

Dr. Charles Mahan, Dean

USF ST. PETERSBURG

USF St. Petersburg celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Recent accomplishments include an Ethics Center and a high school drop-out prevention program which are run from the campus. The Teacher for All Children program, an innovative training program that prepares future teachers for working with children in both special and regular classrooms, also was developed.

USF St. Petersburg just received a $1.2 million grant to operate the Florida Comprehensive System of Personnel Development, which deals with recruitment, retention and personnel preparation in an effort to alleviate a critical teacher shortage in special education.

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a $100,000 grant to the Oceanography Camp for Girls, a program sponsored by USF's Marine Science Department. The campus, which encourages eighth-grade girls to consider careers in science, was recognized as an NSF Model Program for Women and Girls and will broaden its scope to serve more students from throughout the Tampa Bay area.

High-tech interactive video classes have come to the campus, and internationally known geographer Harm J. De Blij joined the faculty as a university scientist and scholar in Geography.

Dean H. William Heller

USF LAKELAND

USF Lakeland continues to maintain "one-stop students' service" and user-friendly operations that were established in 1988.

10 William F. Buckley, political commentator, discusses issues at "Interact '95," a forum held on the Tampa campus.

12 The fourth biennial Suncoast Music Education Forum, a gathering of internationally known music educators, is held on the USF campus.

3 Fall Dance Concert, featuring international guest artists, is held at the Tampa campus.