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Civil Rights Activist to Speak at USF

by Jim Schnur
Chairman, USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series

Stetson Kennedy--author, folklorist, and champion of civil rights--will offer a free lecture on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 pm in the Campus Activities Center. An exhibit depicting the "Palmetto Country" of Florida in the early twentieth century will accompany the lecture, and Kennedy will participate in a book signing after the program has concluded. This presentation is sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series, in conjunction with the Florida Humanities Council and the Florida Historical Society.

Kennedy questioned apartheid at an early age. Born and raised in Jacksonville, he repudiated the customs and traditions that governed race relations in the South. The cycle of peonage that kept many African Americans in a state of servitude disheartened Kennedy. He had heard the stories of blacks who toiled in turpentine and agricultural enterprises for little pay. Black camp workers that attempted to escape faced almost certain capture and torture by their white supervisors, the Ku Klux Klan, and local police officials.

From 1937 to 1942, Kennedy participated in the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). He collected and preserved oral histories, folklore, and other social and ethnic studies in the state of Florida. Zora Neale Hurston, the famous African American author from Eatonville, worked with Kennedy and collected the slave narratives that comprise the Florida Negro Collection. The Special Collections Department of the USF Tampa Library owns a copy of this outstanding collection.

Kennedy also infiltrated the hate groups. He assumed an alias and joined the Ku Klux Klan, the Anti-Jewish Party, and the Nazi Columbian Brownshirts. Although his undercover work weakened these organizations, Kennedy received threats for publishing The Klan Unmasked, Jim Crow Guide to the South, Southern Exposure, and Palmetto Country. While campaigning for one of Florida's U.S. Senate seats in 1950, a Klansman said his "head would be blown off." The police arrested Kennedy on the day of the election; his promise to serve as a "color-blind" candidate conflicted with the racial etiquette of the times.

In his Jim Crow Guide, Kennedy reminds us of the asinine nature of segregation: A 1940 Mississippi law required textbooks for students to be kept in separate warehouses based upon race; a pet cemetery in Washington, D.C., refused to accept the remains of pets owned by blacks. Restrictive laws existed in Florida until the 1960s. The 1885 state constitution--which remained in effect until 1968--prohibited whites from marrying anyone having black ancestors as far back as the fourth generation (a black great-great-grandparent). As late as the mid-1950s, St. Pe-

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Puppets have always entertained, educated and enthralled children and adults throughout the world. This tradition will continue at USF St. Petersburg on Saturday, November 23.

This month's Family Fest features a puppet workshop designed to introduce children to basic puppetry. Participants can make a puppet to take home to family and friends. Elizabeth Lorenzen leads the workshop and has extensive experience in the puppetry field. She has worked with the recent USF Puppet Theatre tour of "Beauty and the Beast," and with the City of Tampa Recreational Center's production of "Rumplestiltskin" and "Anansi the Spider."

Join the fun at 10 am in the USF Dining Center (COQ-102) on Saturday. Light refreshments and other treats will also be available.

For further information, contact the Activities Office at 893-9596. This event is free.

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St. Petersburg's charter included an ordinance "to establish and set apart...residential limits or districts for white and negro (sic) residents."

America has changed since the days of Jim Crow. The work of pioneers like Stetson Kennedy inspired later advances in the civil rights movement. Today, we can admire Kennedy for his courageous stand and thank him for making Florida a better place to live.

All events sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series are free and open to the university community, as well as the general public.

Faculty and Staff News

Prof. Sonia Helton (Education) recently published Math Activities for Every Month of the School Year.

Welcome, new temporary staff: Kathleen Agne (Admissions/Registrar); Marcella Hoak (University Relations); and Tony Hoff (Physical Plant).

The USF St. Petersburg Women's Organization is accepting donations for its upcoming White Elephant Sale. See Betty Kiestler in the Business Office. Thanks for your help!

Spotlight on University Police

The University Police not only provide security for the St. Petersburg campus and its students and staff, they also offer crime prevention services as well. An escort service is available to walk you to your car by simply calling the Police at 893-9140 (ext. 9140). A Police Aide also patrols the campus parking lots Monday through Friday nights to guard against vandalism. Located between 1st and 2nd Street on 5th Avenue South, the USF Police also offers free engraving of valuables. Permanently recording your driver's license or social security number on valuable items guards against theft and makes recovery easier if the items are stolen. Also, the police advise recording the serial numbers of all valuables such as stereo equipment and cameras.

If an emergency should occur, call the Police immediately. Be sure to include where and what the emergency is so appropriate assistance will be assured. Emergency phones are located on campus: In parking lots by the Library and Davis Hall, by the CAC, in front of the Marine Science building and on the side of the PSD (Police) building. There are also fire alarms and fire extinguishers located throughout the campus.
THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday, November 18
A Time Management Workshop teaches participants to recognize goals, set priorities and develop a time use plan. It helps to take away the frustration of finding the time to accomplish what you "must" while also doing what you "want." 4:00 to 6:00 pm in DAV-115.

Circle K International, a community service organization, meets at 5:00 pm in the Campus Activities Center.

Tuesday, November 19
A one session workshop on College and Career Planning provides information about USF academic programs and admissions for prospective USF students unsure of their major. 5:00 to 6:00 pm in DAV-115.

Wednesday, November 20
USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series presents Professor Larry Morehouse, Ph. D. of the USF Department of Government and International Affairs. Noon in DAV-130.

A Job Search Strategies Workshop shares information on structuring a job campaign, researching organizations and utilizing the hidden job market. 6:00 to 7:00 pm in DAV-115.

USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series presents "An Evening with Stetson Kennedy." Kennedy, author, folklorist and champion of civil rights, infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan in Florida. He also participated in the WPA Federal Writers Project and collected Florida folklore. His books include The Klan Unmasked, Jim Crow Guide to the South and Palmetto Country. Co-sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council and the Florida Historical Society. 7:00 pm in the Campus Activities Center.

Friday, November 22
The Sail Club meets at 6:00 pm in Coquina Hall. Sail-outs are held every Friday. All students are welcome.

Saturday, November 23
The USF monthly Family Fest presents a puppet workshop designed to introduce children to basic puppetry. Elizabeth Lorenzen, whose works include the USF Puppet Theater tour performance of "Beauty and the Beast," leads the workshop. 10:00 am in the USF Dining Center. Free. Sponsored by the Activities Office.

Club News and Views

The USF St. Petersburg Lecture Series Committee is having another immensely productive year, according to student chairperson Jim Schnur. Meetings are regularly held in the Campus Activities Center.

The Committee presents the weekly Bayboro Lyceum Series on Wednesdays. It also produces the popular Student Forum and International Symposia.

Schnur says that this year’s Symposium features Spain and will be presented on March 4-13, 1992. Interested students are cordially invited to join the Lecture Series Committee. For more information, please call 893-9596.

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The Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) recently elected new officers: Sandra Coillaru, President; Pam Hartzell, Vice-President; Laura Wolf, Secretary; Rev Smith, Treasurer; Aleah Smith, Historian; Ellen Opitz, T-shirt Chair; Michelle Lacy, Newsletter Chair.

The USF Ambassadors will host "Operation Santa Claus" this holiday season in order to help 300 underprivileged children from the Center Against Spouse Abuse (CASA) and the St. Petersburg Salvation Army.

The site of "Operation Santa Claus" is USF St. Petersburg's Lobby. Approximately 1,000 holiday tags are placed on a holiday tree, and faculty, staff, students and friends are asked to select a tag containing the child’s name and age from the tree. A list of gift suggestions is printed on the back of the tag. Each person who selects a tag is asked to purchase a gift for the child, wrap the gift, and bring it to the collection point, which will be Davis Hall 141 (University Relations).

Immediately before the holidays, the two charities will take the gifts and distribute them to the children.

The Ambassadors invite the university community to participate in this worthy project and help make it a success. The tree-decorating ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 3. For more information, please call 893-9160.
Attention USF community: Make sure you wish Happy Birthday to USF’s favorite relic, Sudsy Tschiderer on November 18. Forty-something plus and counting...How old can she go!!

Congratulations, Julie and Dennis Kratz (Physical Plant) upon the recent birth of darling Philip Michael.

We'll miss you, Ken S. Please get better SOON! The CAC just isn't the same without you.

Name the author of this famous dissertation: *Staff/Enrollment Exploration System: Modeling Cost-Income Flexibility for Florida Community Colleges*

Congratulations, Bill Dorr (University Police)! He just completed 20 years at USF. Way to go, Bill.

We hope you’re feeling better soon, Thelma!

Jimmy G.: Where is the coffee better—at the Fire Station or at Activities?

Mike W.: THANKS for your mucho help and continued good counsel regarding our CAC computers! What a WIZARD!

Ron: "Strang Hall" is really beginning to look terrific. Thanks!

Chloe Dapper: Long live historic preservation! (You should know!)

FOR SALE

Daily specials at the USF Dining Center, hosted by Canteen, Inc. Soup or hot chocolate make a nice warm treat during chilly weather. Stop by Coquina Hall. Breakfast, lunch and dinner served Monday - Thursday. Breakfast and lunch on Friday. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Superstars Shine in Team Spirit

by Sudsy Tschiderer
Activities Program Coordinator

Athletes and fun-seekers from all over the Tampa Bay area were pitted in friendly competition on Saturday, November 2 at North Shore Park. Superstars '91 featured teams from 29 companies including the *St. Petersburg Times*, Federal Construction and GTE.

The USF St. Petersburg Student Government entered a campus team, helmed by Julie Stevens (Education) and Laura Angelelli (Education).

Barnett Bank finished in first place, according to Marine Coordinator Bob Jolley. Proceeds from Superstars '91 benefit the USF Department of Marine Science. Approximately $7,000 was raised after expenses.

Favorite events included the canoe race (in spite of the many spills), blind-man football toss, and the obstacle course.

Superstars '92 is scheduled for November 7.

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