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## F.I.T.'S JANTA CLAUS

Financial aid takes on a seasonal flavor with the help of merry Director Jack Hughes, interested in making sure students remember to get applications completed for 1980.

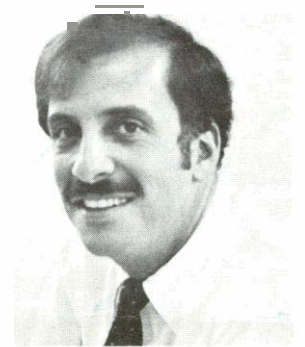
## King is Named Dean at Jensen

Dr. Dennis F. King, formerly associated with Jacksonville University, has been appointed dean of students at the Jensen Beach campus, Executive Director Dr. Ernest E. Tealey has announced.

Dr. King is responsible for admissions, student personnel, the registrar's office, campus housing, athletics and food services in his new post.

After receiving his B.A. degree from Rutgers University, Dr. King earned his masters degree at Jacksonville University and his doctorate from the University of Florida.

For the past six years he has served at Jacksonville University, most recently as assistant dean of students.



**Dr. King**

In addition to his other accomplishments, Dr. King has taught at the college level and has participated in both the Southern College Personnel Association and the Southern Modern Language Association.

## Students Report Positive Feelings

"Overall, there is a more positive attitude toward the university and staff, and general academic services," FRESH Coordinator Sara Howze says of the results of a recent student opinionnaire.

Opinions provided by 374 freshmen point out a higher satisfaction rate in several university services areas than did new student opinions gathered during a similar survey last May.

The sampling last year involved 210 freshmen, and was a forerunner of the 27-question opinionnaire developed by the FRESH staff.

The results of the new opinionnaire were recently compiled by FRESH (Freshman Retention by Evaluation and Systematic Help) data analyst Judith Carter and forwarded to faculty and staff.

"We need to know the student's perceptions of university services," Mrs. Howze said of the survey results, "it gives us important feedback on things that

the university does for the student."

The opinionnaire is designed for re-use with new

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**Data Analyst Judith Carter**

# Campus Notes

**Dr. Glenn M. Cohen**, associate professor of biological sciences, along with doctoral students **Cesar D. Fermin** and **Janie C. Park**, presented papers describing their research activities at the annual meeting of the Neurosciences Society at Atlanta.

**Dr. John C. Hozier**, assistant professor of biological sciences, presented a paper on his research at the annual meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology at Toronto.

**Dr. Richard L. Turner**, assistant professor of biological sciences, participated in a round-table discussion of CAUSE grants at the annual meeting of the International Society for Individualized Instruction at Atlanta.

Dr. Turner, in his capacity as secretary of the F.I.T. Sigma Xi chapter, participated in the annual meeting of the Society for the Sigma Xi, the national scientific society, at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

**Dr. George C. Webster**, professor and head of Biological Sciences, participated in a National Science Foundation project directors meeting at Atlanta. The meeting was primarily devoted to the use of computers to supplement classroom instruction, a technique which the biological sciences department is actively developing.

**Dr. Barry A. Fullerton**, vice president for student affairs, recently addressed the Management Club of the McDonnell Douglas Corporation at a monthly meeting at the Merritt Island Holiday Inn.

Thirteen departments were represented in the recent seminar on "Managerial Skills for Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants," sponsored by the Continuing Education Division.

Participating were **Shelley Cheezem**, placement and cooperative education; **Chris Durfee**, admissions; **Pat Garrett**, financial affairs; **Fay Gonzales**, military science; **Brenda Hill**, mechanical engineering; **Pat Long**, academic affairs; **Kay Ott**, continuing education.

**Marge Quaiel**, electrical engineering; **June Rendall**, management science; **Carolyn Sorrell**, biological sciences; **Toni Van Meir**, language institute; **June Vaught** chemistry, and **Clara Weiss**, personnel.

The registrar's office has announced the appointment of **Elsie Dorrance** as supervisor of the records, and **Mary Holbrook** as supervisor of the graduation certification section.

**Elizabeth DuGoff**, Medical Research Institute librarian, attended the fall meeting of the Florida Medical Librarians Association recently at Halifax Hospital Medical Center, Daytona Beach.

**Jim Griffin** has been named director of intramural sports and activities at the **Jensen Beach** campus. Also an instructor in the diving department, **Griffin** received a degree in recreation from **Abraham Baldwin College** and in education from the University of Georgia.

The **Science Education Department** is serving as a "Search Center" for high school students taking National Engineering Aptitude Search tests in February. The department has also announced a \$50 per credit tuition for elementary and secondary teachers enrolled in graduate-level courses.



## CONVENTION PLANNED

**Wayne Matson**, left, editor-in-chief of **Aviation-Space Magazine**, discusses plans for a summer convention at F.I.T. with **Vic Kovac**, director of continuing education.

## Aviation-Space Is Topic

The 1980 National Aviation-Space Education Convention is coming to F.I.T.

F.I.T. will host the July 19-27 event through its Continuing Education Division, it has been announced.

Board members of the American Society for Aerospace Education recently met on campus to prepare an agenda for the conference.

The convention will present an outstanding array of the nation's top aviation and space speakers, along with the latest in aviation and space programs and publications.

Also to be featured are a wide range of aerospace exhibits, which are to be periodically open to the public during the conference.

The convention is expected to draw between 500 and 1,000 participants.

Persons interested in the upcoming convention, or with contributions to make, are asked to contact the Continuing Education Division, 723-3701, extension 109.

## President Keuper Renamed Partners Board Member

Dr. Keuper was recently reelected to a two-year term as a member of the international board of directors of the Partners of the Americas Inc., and to the executive committee of the National Association of Partners of the Alliance (the U.S. Partners organization).

The election was held at the annual meeting of the international board at Guatemala City, site of the Nov. 15-19 International Convention of Partners of the Americas.

Dr. Keuper headed a delegation of 16 members of the Florida-Colombia Partners of the Americas to the convention.

# Dr. Shephard Joins Trustees

The election of Michigan businessman Dr. Donald L. Shephard to the Florida Institute of Technology Board of Trustees has been announced by university President Jerome P. Keuper.



Dr. Shephard

Dr. Shephard, founder and president of Empire Tool Company headquartered at Memphis, Michigan, joins Dr. Keuper and 17 other board members in guiding the growth and operations of F.I.T.

The Detroit native attended Albion College in Michigan and held several positions with a tool company in Detroit before forming Empire Tool Company in 1939. The business is now international.

The "Donald L. Shephard Old Car Museum" was recently opened at F.I.T. and houses vintage vehicles donated to the university by Dr. Shephard. (See back page)



## MR. GLASS HONORED

Mr. Robert Glass, second from left, is honored upon the completion of two decades as a member of the mathematics adjunct faculty. Congratulating Mr. Glass is Dr. David Clutterham, with Dr. Ray Work, left, and Dr. John Miller.

# Off-Campus Program Expands

The signing of an agreement between F.I.T.'s Management Science Department and the Army for creation of a graduate level Professional Development Program at Selfridge ANG Base in Michigan has been announced by Dr. James T. Stoms.

Dr. Stoms, associate dean for off-campus programs, said the agreement provided for F.I.T. to offer programs leading to a master of business

administration degree, with study concentrations in logistics and contract management.

Course offerings are to begin in January at Selfridge, center of the Army's Automotive and Tank Command.

"I feel that the award of such a contract to F.I.T. is a tribute to the exceptionally high quality of our academic programs, both on and off campus." Dr. Stoms said.

# Survey Results Are Positive

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freshman classes, she said, because "we want to compare the perceptions from year to year." Subsequently, the results can aid in planning of programs and services for students.

"The only thing that was a surprise to us was the super-positive feeling about orientation and placement testing," Mrs. Howze said of the survey.

The 55 percent of surveyed freshmen who said orientation activities helped them learn university rules, regulations and procedures compares to 13 percent who felt that way last year. The 70 percent who felt orientation allowed them to become acquainted with fellow students compares to 14 percent last year.

"There was less overall dissatisfaction with class placements this year," Mrs. Howze said. One-third of the freshman surveyed last year expressed dissatisfaction, but that dropped to just over one-fifth of the students this year.

A high degree of satisfaction with placement testing among students means "the placement testing is working as it should," Mrs. Howze said. "it just needs to be polished and refined."

But 36 percent of the students felt they were not

well informed about the placement testing program. "It wasn't a bad response by any means," Mrs. Howze said, "but there were some students who did not get the information. It means we need to improve our communications with incoming students.

"Overall there is a very positive feeling about the Individual Learning Center as well as the services offered by the FRESH office," Mrs. Howze noted. While last year's survey found 14 percent of the respondents dissatisfied with ILC services, that figure dropped to 11 percent this year.

Of those who utilized FRESH services, 90 percent said the services were helpful in the new survey. That compares to 66 percent last year of those students surveyed a month after the office opened.

More than three-quarters of the students surveyed this year said academic advising was sufficient, while only two-thirds offered that opinion last year.

"A larger percentage of the students have a perception that the faculty and staff care about them," Mrs. Howze said.

The new survey found that 66 percent of the students queried believed they would stay at F.I.T. through their college career.

