FLORIDA TECH OPENS

Dr. Charles N. Millican, FTU President, explains the story of the university seal during Sunday's open house. With the President are Martha Welty, Bruce Hamilton, Shari Roberts and Shelby Prince.

"Strive For Excellence"

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The President's Message

Welcome FTU Students...

We are delighted that you are here, for today, the opening of the University, is the fulfillment of the dream of many people—the citizens of Central Florida, the Legislature, the Florida Board of Regents, and the faculty and staff of Florida Technological University.

Now, with your help, we can pursue the twin tenets of our University's basic philosophy—accent on the Individual and Accent on Excellence. We believe in the individual worth of the person, and at FTU his character and intellect will be given an opportunity for development of his full potential. At the same time it is expected that every person at the University (faculty, staff, and students) will reach for excellence in all his endeavors, each person striving to do his best with whatever abilities he possesses.

As members of the charter class, you will help establish the traditions and the reputation of an entirely new university. An opportunity and a responsibility such as this comes to only a few, but by working together we can make this a great University, one of which we can be proud.

That is our challenge—our star to reach!

Charles N. Millican

Editorial Policy

Strive To Excel

Welcome to the newest Florida State University, Florida Technological University. Each person at Florida Tech is facing a new beginning—whether he is a freshman or junior student, a night student, a teacher, or an administrator. Each person has as a duty to himself to excel. Florida Tech's goal is to place the accent on the individual and on excellence.

The present class of students are the decision makers. You will form the customs and traditions that will one day be a major part of the school. It is up to you, as an individual and as a student at Florida Tech to excel in whatever you attempt. Make studying the most important aspect of college but don't neglect the extra-curricular activities. Participate in the organization of student government, start and join service clubs, join the yearbook staff or the newspaper staff. Don't be afraid to involve yourself in activities other than studying. Every student has not only the opportunity but the responsibility to make this university the best in Florida.

To make Florida Tech the best university, each student will have to do his or her part. Each student can do this by facing problems and difficult situations with enthusiasm and determination. Put your best foot forward and strive to excel.

Many comments may be made about this first issue of the University newspaper—but remember, it is only a start. Equipment and help have been in short supply. Hopefully these problems soon will be overcome.

And one should not forget that most universities, even those with established newspapers and trained staffs, wait several weeks before attempting to publish at the beginning of a school year.

The handicaps have been great and matters may not improve. Funds are scarce. We trust our readers will bear this in mind as we try to publish a newspaper which will serve the needs of all the areas of the university—the students, the faculty, and the administration.

And now we ask your help. The paper, at the moment scheduled to appear in this format once a week on a Thursday or Friday, needs reporters, photographers and copy editors. Those interested should stop by room 153 in the village center.

We invite letters to the editor. All shades of opinion are welcome. The newspaper, as is customary, reserves the right to edit these letters and not to publish those considered offensive or in bad taste.

Our next issue will appear either Oct. 17 or 18.

NAME THE NEWSPAPER

We need a name! (We can't remain the FTU!!!)

Use this entry blank for your suggestion and drop it in any of the contest boxes located in the village center, the library or the science building. Contest closes October 14.

My entry is:

My name is:
Address and Telephone:
Well, at last we are actually here. We are beginning to wonder if the buildings would ever be ready, but indeed they are. My name is... John the Good. I will be writing this fountain of knowledge every week for all those proto-students who are actually bothering to read it.

The column is called "The Portable Prophet." I will be answering and posing many questions. (I can't promise the right answers to the former, but there will be both.)

For this first issue, (in which I was asked to take up a lot of space) I will write of the complexities of the first day of classes for the freshman at a new university.

LIP edited

His name is Finde Tobergaden, and he comes from the booming industrial town of Townsend, Florida. (Look it up, it's far north Pennsylvania.) His day starts off quite normal. That is to say for some one on a new campus. For the first time with 5 minutes between classes it was normal. At any rate, as soon as he arrived on campus this was after he brought his car without any parking permit on campus and had to take it off and park it in Union Park (and walk back) he went to lunch. (Due to some scheduling oversights he had solid classes from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Upon completion of lunch, consisting of a large salad and a class of water (how many are there at 5:00 in the morning for lunch??? Finde proceeded to his first class, General Golf I, which was held in the Men's restroom on the third floor of the Learning Resource Center (that's the library, duh!!!). The reason for the strange place is the Professor was not well that day, something in the water. I should think. The class went smoothly, it was out about 20 minutes, but that was an unforeseeable incident, as the sink drain fell off and the water was shut off. Now, one would think this would leave our friend with an extra twenty minutes, but he is in one of the express elevators, which went to the fourth floor and refused to move another inch. The poor disgruntled student then proceeded to the stairwell, which he remembered as being at the southeast corner of the building. He arrived at his appointed corner and began his hike down to freedom. Suddenly he realized that the door to the fourth floor closed with a nifty retracting clunk, indicating the bolt had fallen in place, which it had, locking him in the stairwell. However, no one to panic, our hero gallantly skipped down the four flights of stairs to the first floor door. As he reached for the push-type release on the door he silently chuckled to himself as he thought how funny it would be if this door were locked too. HA, HA, HA, YEAH!!!

After only 1 hour and 45 minutes of pounding the campus police picked Finde up for attempted to damage state property. The fine was nominal, it was the ink on his fingertips that bothered him as he walked to his next class (of which he was already late). Upon arrival at the Science Lecture Auditorium he found his class had been moved. To the stairwell of the learning resources building. After 1 hour and 15 minutes of fingerprinting, fine paying, and all the other little things that one must go through being picked up the entire class was released by the Campus Police. Now at last it was time to go to the most exciting class of the day, Finde's Introductory Math class, held in the heating plant. He is at the southeast corner of campus. Upon arrival he found his professor, casually dressed and surrounded by the air-conditioning system. "You wouldn't believe what I have been through, Doctor," the poor student began, "for me being washed out of my golf lesson to arrested twice. "Young man, I believe you are in the wrong room" retorted the very confused custodian. "Isn't this Math 107?? Pleased the distressed child.

"Hope, this is furnished number 203."

"#&*%#! Could you tell me where Math 107 is being held??"

"Sure, son - It's in the stairwell of the Library Building."

"The story you have just read is true, only the names have been changed to protect the guilty. Finde Tobergaden was sentenced to 30 years in the Federal Pen, for attempted murder of FTU Custodian number 26."

This is John the Good.
Activity Calendar

Monday, October 7
Music Listening Program all week at village center; Convocation, 9-10 a.m.; Circle "K" club meets 7:15-9:30 p.m., multi-purpose room of village center.

Tuesday, October 8
Campus Fashion Show, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., village center.

Wednesday, October 9
"Howdy" week coffee hour, 2-4 p.m., multi-purpose room, village center.

Thursday, October 10
Student Activity Day, all day, main desk, village center.

Friday, October 11
Movie "ARABESQUE," 8-10 p.m., science auditorium; Dance, free admission, village center.

Saturday, October 12
"TOBRUK," 8-10 p.m., science auditorium.

Friday, October 18
Movie "TOBRUK," 8-10 p.m., science auditorium.

Saturday, October 19
Movie "TOBRUK," 8-10 p.m., science auditorium.

Library Ready
For Student Use

Students beginning classes today will find the library stocked with more than 31,000 volumes and plans are to add about 50,000 more yearly for the next several years.

All volumes are on open shelves to allow students and faculty to browse at leisure.

Students and faculty using the library's facilities must be able to present proper identification.

All books and materials from the circulating collection can be borrowed for a two-week period. They may be renewed for another two weeks unless needed by another borrower.

Only one reserve book may be checked out at a time. These books are marked with a red tape on the spine.

Reserve books, as well as periodicals and reference books, do not circulate outside the library.

Overdue books will be assessed at a rate of 25¢ a day. Reserve books which are overdue will be assessed at 50¢ an hour. A lost book will cost the replacement of the book plus a $3 handling charge.

Loss of loan privileges and the withholding of grades may result if a student fails to clear up a delinquent account.

The library hours will be from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Fifteen minutes before closing time a blinking of the lights will advise readers to prepare to leave.

Intramural Sports Set

Intramural sports will be offered beginning this quarter. The activities will vary from highly competitive to non-competitive, recreational activities.

Men will be offered flag football and cross country for the first quarter; basketball, volleyball and table tennis in the second quarter; and softball, track and field, and tennis in the third quarter.

In the first quarter women will be offered volleyball and tennis; softball and tennis in the second quarter; and basketball and track and field in the third quarter.

CIRCLE 'K' FORMED

The Circle K, the only organized club now on campus, will hold a "Blast Off" meeting tonight at 7:15 in the multi-purpose room of the village center.

Students attending the meeting will be shown a film outlining the objectives of the club.

Membership is open to male students of "good character and scholastic standing" who are officially enrolled in FTU. The club is sponsored by the East Orlan-

do Kiwanis.

Students interested in participating in intramurals should contact Dr. B. A. Rothberg, Coordinator of Intramurals, in room 334 of the library. Further addition of sports on this program will be largely determined by student interest in the intramural program. Persons are also needed to officiate.

Physical education facilities are now under construction at FTU. Plans call for football and soccer fields, a heated swimming pool, four handball courts, four softball diamonds and an outdoor education area.

Physical education facilities at FTU are presently being built on campus with a long range view toward the future.

The present facilities include 32 instructional golf stations and two golf greens. These courses are stationed south of the village center and next to the football and soccer fields. The stations include 32 driving mats with astro-turf for iron play and rubber tees for use with wood shots. The football and soccer fields will be used as a driving range during class hours.

Golf clubs and balls are available for use by students and faculty outside of class time.

Also under construction is a tennis court facility. There are expected to be six useable courts by the spring of 1969. Three of these are now being built.