C.H.I.E.F. AWARD TO CHARLES WEST

Charles F. West, F.I.T. Board of Trustees member and past Chairman of the Board, will be honored on May 27 at the annual I.C.U.F. Presidents Council Awards Banquet.

The banquet at the Bahia Mar Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale will be featured by the presentations of eight Champions of Higher Independent Education in Florida (C.H.I.E.F.) awards. Recipients are honored by the 17 Presidents of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF).

Mr. Charles West, President of Optical Business Machines Inc., Melbourne, manufacturer of advanced optical character recognition machines, is also President of Florida Data Corporation, West Melbourne, which produces high speed dot matrix computer printers. He has supported Florida Institute of Technology substantially in past years and has provided outstanding leadership to the university as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1976 and as a member of the Board since 1969.

NEW ROTC RIFLE RANGE DEDICATION TO BE HELD

Major General Charles C. Rogers, Deputy Chief of Staff for ROTC, will visit Florida Institute of Technology on May 27 and 28. He will examine the ROTC program, tour the university and dedicate the new ROTC Rifle Range.

General Rogers is a graduate of West Virginia State University (1951) and received his commission in Artillery while there. He is a Medal of Honor winner and the only general on active duty who has received this award.

The General holds a master's degree in Vocational and Educational Guidance from Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. His military education includes basic and advanced courses at the Artillery Schools: the Army Command and General Staff College; and the National War College.

Major General Rogers took over as head of ROTC in September, 1975. The appointment of a major general to manage the ROTC program is evidence of increased recognition by Department of the Army of the ROTC's vital role in producing the majority of new officers entering the Army.

Dr. Arthur F. Burns to Address F.I.T. Graduates

Dr. Arthur F. Burns, Chairman, Board of Governors of the U. S. Federal Reserve System and Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, will be the commencement speaker at F.I.T. on Friday, June 11. An honorary Doctor of Science degree will be conferred on him at that time.

Dr. Keuper, President of F.I.T., who made the announcement said, "We are extremely pleased that this distinguished gentleman and statesman could accept our invitation to visit the university and meet with our students, faculty and staff."

Dr. Burns, who has spent much of his life in government service has been Counsellor to the President of the United States, Chairman of: Cabinet Committee on Small Business, President's Council of Economic Advisors, and the President's Advisory Board on Economic Growth and Stability.

He was Chairman of the National Bureau of Economic Research in 1967-68 and President of that Bureau from 1957-1967. He has been a member of the following committees: President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy, Advisory Council on Social Security Financing and the Governor's Committee on Minimum Wage for the State of New York.

In 1925, Dr. Burns received an A.B. from Columbia University and later, his M.S. and Ph.D. from the same university. He served as a professor on the faculty of three universities, Columbia, Rutgers and Stanford, covering a period of thirty-two years.

Commencement ceremonies will be held in the F.I.T. Gymnasium on the Melbourne Campus at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Keuper Addresses AAUW

F.I.T. President, Dr. Jerome P. Keuper spoke on "Free Enterprise and Higher Education" at a recent luncheon meeting of the Melbourne Branch, American Association of University Women.

The 12:15 p.m. luncheon meeting was held on Saturday, May 22 at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. An 11:30 a.m. social hour preceded the event.
HAPPENINGS

We now approach the hectic time of the year—exams, graduation, and for ROTC, commissionings. This month we would like to say a "well done" to another department which is busy all year long—The Graphic Arts and Print Shop. George and his crew do a superb job all during the year and we would like to take time out to say THANKS.


WELCOME ABOARD to the following: Mindy Duncan, William Ferrell, Hildegard Fickett (who has joined the library staff full-time since having worked part-time since 1967). Also, welcome to Mary Paulfus, Byron Tappan, Deborah West, J. Card, Alfred Vendetti, V. Morrison, and R. Reynolds who joined us in January and February of this year. In March we gained: C. Cannon, J. Edwards, C. Hessler, B. Holley, N. Hutchinson, P. James, S. Peterson, E. Poole, P. Garrett, V. Walker. In April we welcomed, G. Ashmore, M. Browington, N. Carr, A. Earle, C. Foster, and G. Grogan.

WEDDING BELLS will be ringing for Dawn Fisher, Student Affairs, and Colin Helms, a Physics Major (senior) on 15 July 1976. Best wishes to the happy couple.

CONGRATULATIONS—to Phyllis Jablonski, (Graduate School) whose daughter Kim has been awarded a Fulbright Grant for the study of German in Freiburg and Berlin this summer. Kim is a teacher of French and German at DeLaura Jr. High, and is a graduate student at F.I.T. in the Management Science Department.

REMINDER—Clara, in the Personnel office, would like to remind everyone that discount tickets are available at the Personnel Office for the following attractions: Busch Gardens, Circus World, Disney World/Cypress Gardens and Six Flags. These tickets give a discount on entrance prices or books of tickets at the various attractions. They do save money, especially when you take the kids along. It's worth the walk over to see Clara and pick up one. We did, and appreciated the savings (bought those extra hot-dogs the kids like so well).

SATURDAY NIGHT, May 15, found the "Top of the Pines" ringing with music and splashed with gaiety. Event—the ROTC Ball, given each year by the Cadet Club. With envy, we watched those fancy steps danced by Dr. and Mrs. Keuper and Dr. and Mrs. Miller, who kept right up with the cadets. We welcomed back Ken Carkeet who flew in for the week-end to attend the ball, along with Fred Gomez. Both are brand new 2nd LTS and are attending Armor school at Fort Knox. They looked great. Another former cadet, Dave Robinson, flew in with Ken and Fred—and announced his engagement to Celia Lee (an anniversay for them—they met at last year's ball). LTC and Mrs. Anderson are leaving for duty in Germany and the Colonel was given a plaque and a new name plate from the Cadet Club, while the flowers that graced the head table were presented to Mrs. Anderson. Another cadet member leaving is Major Ankrom—he and Marge will be at Maxwell AFB (yes, Bo will be with the USAF for school) and the Cadet Club presented the Major with an ice bucket in the shape of a liberty bell. Major Ankrom has been the Club advisor for the past three years, and will be missed by the cadets. The theme was Bicentennial, and the hall was transformed into a truly Bicentennial mood with bunting, bells, flags, and flowers in red, white and blue. The Cadets presented a flag ceremony which was both stirring and beautiful. Other faculty members seen were, Col. and Mrs. Carkeet (Ret.), Col. and Mrs. Jones (Ret.), Dr. and Mrs. Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, Dr. and Mrs. Haltzer and Father Moreau. The music was excellent, the ladies lovely in all their finery, and a good time was had by all. Ah, shame we have to wait a full year to do it all again.

BELATED GET WELL WISHES—Flowers were sent to Susan Rodriguez, wife of Oscar of Grounds and Maintenance, Ray Ollie, Physics and Space Sciences Department and June Armstrong, Admissions, who were recently in Brevard Hospital, but are now all back on the job.

That's it for this month.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR ANDERSONS

A farewell party in honor of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. John L. Anderson was held on Saturday, May 22 in the Seventh Floor Science Tower Lounge.

The Andersons are leaving for duty in Germany in June.

COLOMBIAN DANCE GROUP PERFORMS AT F.I.T.

Twenty-four talented Colombian dancers and musicians between the ages of eighteen and twenty-seven performed in the Florida Institute of Technology Auditorium on Saturday, May 22.

The matinee appearance of the professional group was sponsored by the Greater Melbourne Area Y.M.C.A. and hosted by F.I.T. Native and folkloric dances from the various regions of Colombia, South America, complete with colorful costumes, highlighted the exciting show.

The dancers are also scheduled to perform at Disney World and in the Milander Auditorium, Hialeah during their brief stay in Florida.

The group has been dancing together about six years and have performed all over Colombia, before young and old, at requests of Governors, and before the President of Colombia, as well as on T.V.
NEWS FROM JENSEN BEACH
by Vivian Brown

Members of the newly formed Ecology Club at the Jensen Beach Campus combined Martin County beaches on May 8 for litter. Close to fifty students volunteered for the task. Groups covered nine access strips that lie between the St. Lucie/Martin County line and the St. Lucie Inlet.

The Ecology Club, at some future date, has planned a campus clean-up and also a project to re-establish the mangroves along the Indian River, on which the Jensen Beach Campus fronts.

The club will be involved in various endeavors out of an interest in protecting and preserving the environment.

Dr. Jim Hannan is the club’s advisor.

Newly elected S.G.A. officers at the Jensen Beach Campus are Frank Deeney, President, Rick Seadden, Vice President, Janis Miranda, Secretary, and Kevin White, Treasurer.

Two Jensen Beach students, Tom Ingram and Mike Braund, plan to put their welding and design skills to the ultimate test this week by lowering themselves into shark infested waters off the St. Lucie Inlet in a home-built shark cage.

For Ingram and Braund, taking the plunge in their cage five miles out in the ocean represents the culmination of 150 hours work spread over a six week period at the drawing board and in the shop. If a panel of faculty advisors approves their efforts, their cage will earn them credit for their ocean project.

The shark cage is five feet square and seven feet tall and is constructed of half-inch steel bars nine inches apart. Between the bars is a webbing of quarter inch mesh "to keep the smaller sharks from squeezing through”. By unfastening several bolts, the four sides and top and bottom platforms can be disassembled for easy transportation and storage.

Ingram and Braund plan to make their first dive over a fishermen’s tire reef. To assure a plentiful supply of sharp-toothed monsters, the crew of the support vessel will “chum” the water, dumping blood and bait fish overboard. Carrying still and motion picture cameras with them, the students will enter the cage through a top hatch. It will then be lowered into the water by a cable. The cable and a safety line of nylon rope will be left slack, allowing the cage to “free float”. Two large oil drums have been attached to the cage as ballast and sections of styrofoam are used for buoyancy.

The students say they don’t plan to go any deeper than 65 feet. They hope to document the eating habits of sharks on film during several dives this month.

The project may sound dangerous, but there are plenty of safety features built in. The cage has two hatches, one on top and one on the side, and in addition to the buoyancy tanks, it will be supported from the boat by a stainless steel cable. Also, the divers will carry a “bangstick”, a metal shaft with a cartridge on the end that holds a .44 magnum bullet, in case any sharks get too bold. Two safety divers will be ready on the surface when the students make their descent in the cage.

John Hackney, the students’ faculty advisor, says he feels confident the cage will work as designed.

**PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELAN FOUNDATION VISITS CAMPUS**

Professor Ruth Lerner de Almea, President of Fundacion Gran Mariscal de Ayacucho, government sponsored foundation in Venezuela was a recent visitor to Melbourne and F.I.T.. The attractive Mrs. Lerner de Almea was accompanied by her husband and their two young children.

The visit was crammed with activity as the family visited Sea World, Disney World, met with the local A.A.U.W. group at a luncheon, participated on a WMEL radio talk show and spent most of a day shopping at Merritt Island.

Other highlights included a formal reception in the Student Center where they met F.I.T. faculty, students (especially those from Venezuela) and topped it all off with dinner at Musicana with Dr. and Mrs. Keuper and Dr. and Mrs. Miller.

**BARTLETT APPOINTED BASEBALL COACH AT F.I.T.**

William Neal Bartlett, experienced high school and college baseball and football coach, has been added to F.I.T.’s Athletic Department staff.

F.I.T. Director of Athletics, Bill Jurgens, who made the announcement, said that Bartlett will coach the varsity baseball team.

Bartlett is currently teaching at Satellite High School, Satellite Beach, Fla., and will continue in that position. He is a native of Deland, Florida, where he was a three sport athlete in baseball, basketball, and football. He is a graduate of Catawba College where he also was an outstanding football and baseball player. He attended graduate school at Western Carolina University and received his M.A. degree from there in 1974.

Bartlett was head coach of wrestling and assistant football coach at Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina, for one year. He also coached at Western Carolina University, at Wood High School, (Florida) and was an assistant football coach at Satellite High last year.
SPORTS AWARDS GIVEN

The Sweden House, Merritt Island, was the scene of the Eighth Annual Sports Awards Banquet on Thursday night, May 20. Athletes in seven varsity sports were honored along with their respective coaches. Included were Basketball (Coach Jerry Stone); (last season’s Head Coach Art Loche was unable to be present as he has already assumed his new position in South Florida); Crew (Coach Bill Jurgens, New Director of Athletics for F.I.T. and Assistant Coach Norton Schlachter, Tennis (Coach Jack Schwalbe), Baseball (Coach Dale Darr), Soccer (Coach John Hadji­logiou), Sailing (Coach Bill Saitta), Rifle (Capt. Jack Castonguay.)

Guest speaker for the occasion was John Lotz, Head Basketball Coach, University of Florida. Tom Nugent, F.I.T. Director of Public Relations, was the Master of Ceremonies.

F.I.T. RIFLE TEAM COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The varsity rifle team at F.I.T. has completed its most successful season. Under the strong coaching of Master Sergeant Jack Wesson, F.I.T. competed in 10 matches. This competition resulted in five first place trophies, three second place trophies, one third and one fourth place trophy.

At the Loyola University match in New Orleans, F.I.T. took a first against 16 other teams. Some of those teams were major colleges, i.e., University of Florida, University of Georgia, Mississippi State University Loyola and Northwestern.

In addition to this accomplishment, F.I.T. gained national recognition in the Society of American Military Engineer Postal tournament. In this competition, F.I.T. competed against major and small colleges throughout the nation and placed second to the University of Nevada at Phoenix. The outstanding members of this year’s team were Dale Pierce, Most Valuable Shooter; Darrell Williamson, Team Captain; and Louis Del Do, Scott Graham, Bob Morgan, James Watkins and Leroy Smith.

NEW SUMMER COURSE OFFERING

For the first time since the inception of the ROTC program at F.I.T., the Military Science Department will offer two courses for the summer quarter (SY 75-76).

These courses—MS 1004 and MS 2004—are being offered to provide a freshman or sophomore student the opportunity to complete the military science basic course for entry into the senior-level (junior and senior years) ROTC program.

The senior-level ROTC program makes one eligible to receive $100/month for 10 months of the junior and senior years ($2,000). In addition, it affords the F.I.T. student a second career option. (i.e., Army officer.)

The courses, although not published in the summer course offering list, are on the computer. Course time is TBA, room is B-1 Shaw Hall, and the instructor is Captain Habig.

Calendar of Events

JUNE 1

PFM Picnic for all Meal Plan Students ($2.00 for those not on meal plan), 4:30—6:30 p.m., S.U.B.

JUNE 3

Spring Stage Band Concert, Melbourne High Band, 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

JUNE 4

Spring Stage Band Concert, Melbourne High Band, 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

JUNE 5

Society for Science Fiction & Fantasy movie, “Fail Safe”, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

JUNE 6

S.G.A. movie, “So Yes”, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

JUNE 7

Final Exam Week - June 7-11.

JUNE 10

Graduation Reception (Bio-Sciences) - All Purpose Room, S.U.R., 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 11

ROTC-Commissioning Ceremony, 10:00 a.m., Teaching Auditorium, Crawford Science Building.

Commencement Exercises, 4:00 p.m., F.I.T. Gymnasium.

JUNE 14

Flag Day

JUNE 20

Father's Day

The Palm Society Biennial Meeting, 1:30 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

JUNE 28

Florida-Colombia Partners 11th Annual Conference, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.