BASCOM PALMER DEDICATES NEW PALM BEACH GARDENS CAMPUS

I
clude Florida Governor Charlie Crist at one of the tents of thousands of people whose lives have been touched by the world-class ophthalmologic research and clinical care of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

Crist’s father, Charlie Crist Sr., suf
fers from macular degeneration, a lead
ning cause of blindness. But thanks to the treatment the elder Crist received at Bascom Palmer, “my father’s eyesight is becoming better than it was before the disease,” the governor said recently.

The annual competition at UM is sponsored by a gift from businessman and philanthropist Karl Schulze to the School of Business Administration and its Business Ethics Programs, as supported by the UM Citizens Board. These debates are precursors to the new Arts Ethics Debates, fostered by a gift from businesswoman and philanthropist Adrienne Arzh to UM Ethics Programs.

The UM Ethics Society is an undergraduate club founded 12 years ago. Professors Aniza Cava (Business Law Department) and Ken Goodman (medicine and philosophy), codirectors of UM Ethics Programs, advise the group.

CENTER FOR HEMISPHERIC POLICY RECEIVES STATE DEPARTMENT GRANT

A $500,000 grant from the U.S. State Department will help the University of Miami’s Center for Hemispheric Policy (CHP) continue its mission of examining the relationship of the United States within the hemisphere as well as undertake a new project focusing on U.S. interests in Latin America.

The grant is the second for the CHP from the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in as many years.

“This new grant will allow us to continue our efforts to analyze Latin America’s new challenges, how they affect U.S. interests in the hemisphere, and the policy alternatives available to Washington in light of these new realities in the region,” says CHP director Susan Kaufman Purcell.

The grant will help fund the center’s latest project, “Securing U.S. Interests in a Changing Latin America.” Headed by Purcell, the project consists of two task forces, one addressing “New U.S. Policies for a Changing Latin America” and the other examining “The ‘Maras’ (gang) Threat in Central America,” taking a close look at the growth of gang violence in the region and its expansion into the United States.

Each task force will result in policy-relevant publications, as well as public programs focusing on the task force topics.

Additionally, the grant will support other programming featuring Latin American and Caribbean decision makers from the public, private, and non-governmental sectors of their respective countries and will underwrite the CHP’s two new visiting fellows: Alberto Trejos, a Costa Rican economist and a columnist for several Chilean publications who is a respected analyst of political and electoral issues affecting Latin American countries.

SELF-PROCLAIMED ANIMAL LOVER ESTABLISHES ANIMAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM AT LAW SCHOOL

A dog is a man’s best friend,” is a saying that rings true with Arnold Grevior. An alumnus of the School of Law, Grevior donated $100,000 to establish an animal advocacy program at the school.

Grevior’s gift will be used to establish the Arnold and Barbara Grevior Animal Advocacy Endowment Fund, dedicated to promoting awareness of legal issues related to animals. The gift will help create a classroom curriculum devoted to animal advocacy. Students will have an opportunity to see how all facets of the law, whether it is premises liability, negligence, or criminal (animal cruelty), affect or are affected by the welfare of animals. The endowment will also fund a fellowship program for students to provide pro bono services outside of the classroom dealing with animals such as work at an animal shelter.

By making this generous donation, Mr. Grevior has provided the financial resources with which future lawyers can be trained to appreciate the importance of the myriad of legal issues surrounding animals,” says School of Law Dean Dennis O. Lynch.

Grevior has been practicing law for more than 50 years. The Fort Lauderdale resident has been actively involved with the Humane Society of Broward County as well as several other animal treatment and care organizations.

Pet news: Animal lovers will appreciate Grevior’s gift.

Hiding Behind the Tax Code

“IT seems to me we have to find a way to increase the disclosure of the contributors. I’m not talking about every church in America disclosing who gives money to their collection plate. But there’s got to be a way to show who gives big chunks of money.”

Prancer Hill, professor of law, on tax-exempt groups being paid by corporations and trade associations to conduct lobbying.

Regional Slamming

“There are regional rivalries in terms of economy and industry, but it rarely spills over into outright insult. In some ways, it’s unpatriotic, because you’re just insulting another part of your country. Ideally, we’re all one nation.”

George Gonzales, associate professor of political science, on recent regional insults by national politicians.

USA Today (December 5)

Collaring Cholesterol

“It’s a significant disappointment, but it’s not setting the field back. What we have that’s good is good. It was anticipated that this would be another significant benefit, and it’s not working out. But the notion of doom and gloom doesn’t make any sense.”

Roberts J. Myerburg, professor of cardiology on Pfizer Inc.’s decision to halt development of a promising new cholesterol drug.

HealthDay News (December 4)