RSMAS HISTORY COMMITTEE
The Rosenstiel School History Committee, chaired by Dr. Robert Ginsburg, is producing an oral history of the Rosenstiel School. Almost thirty senior scientific and technical staff members have been interviewed on audio tape so far, and transcriptions of the interviews have been completed by Eloise Zakevich. More interviews are scheduled by Jean Yehle before the end of the year. Tapes, transcriptions, and abstracts are placed in the archives in the RSMAS library for use by scholars and historians. Along with video tapes made with some RSMAS faculty members at the History of Oceanography Symposium in January, 2000, by interviewers from the U.S. Navy History Branch, the RSMAS oral history eventually will be available in digital form.

LIBRARIAN FLORENCE MARTIN RETIRES
Family and friends will gather in the Rosenstiel School Library on October 30th from 3-4:30 to celebrate 26 years of service to the school by Florence Martin. Join us as we wish her a happy retirement. Contact Helen Albertson if you wish to donate to the gift. All faculty, staff, students and friends of Florence are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

DR. FRED TAPPERT RECEIVES NATIONAL HONORS
At a special ceremony held at the Rosenstiel School on October 4th, Dr. Steven Ramburg, Captain Bob Houtman, and Dr. Jeffrey Simmen, of the Office of Naval Research presented the Department of the Navy’s Superior Public Service Award to Dr. Frederick D. Tappert of Applied Marine Physics. Joined at the ceremony by his wife Sally, and his two sons, Andrew and Peter, Fred’s citation states:

“For sustained superior public service to the Navy and the nation during the past 27 years. Professor Tappert’s introduction of the parabolic equation propagation model in 1974 started a revolution in the underwater acoustics modeling community. Throughout the ensuing years Professor Tappert remained at the forefront of further model development and improvement. His fundamental contributions to both the theoretical and the commercial developments were instrumental in demonstrating the versatility of the model and its ability to give a realistic view of the acoustic field. Using his expert knowledge and insight he successfully applied the model to a wide variety of Naval applications. It is, in large part, a tribute to Professor Tappert’s superb efforts that today the PE model is the de facto standard full wave propagation model in underwater acoustics and that, in a practical sense, he is thought of as the ‘father of the PE model’. His outstanding contributions in the field of underwater acoustics have had a significant impact on the Department of the Navy and are deeply appreciated.”

Signed by Rear Admiral Jay M. Cohen, Chief of Naval Research

A combination of family, students and colleges enjoyed the presentation and heard letters read to Fred from MIT, the Marine Physical Lab, WHOI, and others. Past and current chairmen of Applied Marine Physics, Dr. Harry DeFerrari and Dr. Michael Brown described Fred as both brilliant and ingenious. When given a chance to say a few words, Dr. Tappert humbly stated “No professor ever truly works alone” and he gave much credit to the role colleagues and students play in the research process.

“We are proud to have someone of Fred’s intellectual and creative caliber at the Rosenstiel School. His understanding and insight into underwater acoustics has provided a generation of scientists and practitioners with a new way to think about and model sound propagation in the sea”, says Dean Otis Brown.
CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER
AT ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL

The Center for Sustainable Fisheries at the University of Miami’s Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science is organizing an innovative world conference entitled: “Scientific and Technical Bases for the Sustainability of Fisheries” to be held in Miami November 26-30, 2001.

This Conference will be a unique forum for world-renowned scientists to discuss: the science needed and the mechanisms required to understand sustainability of fisheries, the management strategies and methods to achieve sustainability, and the cutting edge technologies that could be used to achieve sustainability of fisheries. Demersal species, large and small pelagics, crustaceans, mollusks and coral reef species will be covered. Contact Nelson Ehrhardt at 305-361-4741 if you have questions about the conference.

THANKS FROM THE UNITED WAY

I am glad to announce that we have set a new record with pledges totalling $24,492. With the demand on charity dollars due to the tragedies in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, this an extraordinary RSMAS response to the United Way campaign. The Rosenstiel community never ceases to amaze me!!

Michele Rowand
RSMAS United Way Ambassador

VOLVO OCEAN RACE IS UNDERWAY

Follow the race by going to www.volvoceanrace.org/ or check out the details for the stop in Miami in April by going to www.oceanracemiami.org/

FACULTY TRAVEL

Dr. Keir Becker of Marine Geology and Geophysics was in College Station, Texas from October 16th to 19th to attend Leg 196 Post-Cruise meeting at ODP Headquarters at Texas A&M University. All faculty are welcome to submit their travel information by the 15th of each month for inclusion in Soundings.

A/V TRAINING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED SOON

Training classes for all faculty, staff and students who need to use the A/V equipment in the new seminar room S/A 103 will be offered just as soon as the equipment installation is debugged. Don’t be caught with your Powerpoint presentation inoperable because you don’t know how to link your laptop and the overhead projector! Watch for announcements by e-mail.

LUNCH AND LEARN RETURNS

We are in the process of setting up a new schedule of lunch time videos from Professional Development and Training that will be shown at noon in the Library Map & Chart room. Beverages and popcorn will be served. Bring your lunch if you like. Watch for e-mail announcements.