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NEW BOARD MEMBERS WELCOMED: A rousing round of applause greeted the two new board members appointed by Governor Martinez. Dr. Bett Yates Adams is publisher of the Fernandina Beach News-Leader and Campbell L. Smith, president of Ivy H. Smith Co., brings his past leadership of the FCCJ Foundation to his new position on the Board of Trustees.

A FOND FAREWELL: Dr. William Scott, assistant dean of Adult High School, affectionately known to all as "Scotty," will be retiring in December. Dr. Lois Gibson, assistant dean of health services, known for her dedication to the Allied Health program, will retire next month. President Spence and the Board recognized their years with FCCJ and wished them well.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING: Dr. Spence told of his recent trip to Russia and the new openness found in every facet of Russian life since the advent of Gorbachev and Perestroika. Gorbachev, as part of his ongoing reorganization, is trying to determine new ways in which education and industry can work together to upgrade the skills of the Russian workforce. This resulted in an invitation to Dr. Spence, the chancellor of St. Louis Community College and the district director of Waukesha County Technical College to visit the USSR to work with the Republic of Tartar, to help them build on a success which they were experiencing in their new institute of lifelong learning. They met with industrial leaders, directors of technical colleges and university faculty to share ideas concerning how the community college system could be adapted in the USSR. The result of this was an agreement signed between the two countries to develop and perfect the system of continuing education for the mutual enrichment of the scientific and practical knowledge of both countries. An agreement was also reached to co-author a book on the community college system and its implications for the USSR. The exciting end result, according to Dr. Spence, is that visitation has been tentatively arranged for the end of September for Russian officials to come to Jacksonville, look at our community college and then establish very specific agreements on the development of a program of cooperation.

APPOINTMENTS: Congratulations are in order for the following appointments: Dr. Gerald R. Patterson, acting campus dean of Student Affairs (North); Wendy Morrow, acting Marketing and Public Relations director, Geraldine Smith, department chairperson for Communications Department (Kent); Clashous Witherspoon Jr., acting director Student Affairs (North), Dr. Pamela D. Grey, director of Institutional Planning and Instructional Support; Barbara Witherspoon, assistant dean of Nursing programs; James R. Woods, director of Allied Health programs, and Linda Bennion, accounting officer.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 4pm, College Administration Board Room.