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USF hosts Vesperi and Means lectures


The speaker is Maria Vesperi, an anthropologist and editorial writer for the St. Petersburg Times, who is also the author of City of Green Benches: Growing Old in a New Downtown.

Vesperi will examine the parallels between the classic paternalism of 19th century factory owners toward immigrant workers to today's "new paternalism" that some critics say helps to shape a punitive social welfare program.

On Monday, Feb. 22, Mary C. Means, creator of the Main Street Program at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will talk about economics, urban planning and the good society. Means currently is the president of Mary Means and Associates Inc., a consulting firm in Alexandria, Va., that provides planning and project management services in the areas of community planning, downtown/Main Street revitalization, heritage development and public involvement.

The free public lectures will be held at 6 pm in the Campus Activities Center. The series is funded by the Florida Humanities Council and the St. Petersburg Times. Means' lecture is sponsored by Save Our St. Petersburg (SOS), an organization devoted to creative urban redevelopment and historic preservation. Call 893-9160 for more information.

Symposium Notes

The annual Symposium dinner is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26 at 6 pm in the Campus Activities Center. Tickets are free for tuition-paying students and $8.00 for the general public.

There is a limited supply of tickets for the event so buy your tickets soon at the CAC.

The event includes a dinner catered by the Taj Restaurant (Tampa) and live entertainment.

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USF acquires 35 acres of land for expansion

The USF-St. Petersburg campus recently received the final allotment of 35 acres of land from the city of St. Petersburg, allowing the campus to move ahead on its plans for expansion.

The City Council voted unanimously to convey the tracts to the Board of Regents, fulfilling an 18-year-old agreement to provide land for the campus. Some parcels have been individually conveyed since 1975, but this agreement will transfer the balance of the land in one fell swoop.

"This gives us the opportunity to develop campus plans and place LAND continued on page 2

India Symposium starts Feb. 17

By Lisa A. Wharton
Chairperson, USF Campus Lecture Series

The USF Campus Lecture Series begins its International Symposium on India on Wednesday at noon. Entitled India: Diverse, Divine, Divided, Passage to Bharat, this year's symposium will explore the fascinating...

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buildings where we could not before,” said campus dean H. William “Bill” Heller.

Those plans include preparing to serve a projected student enrollment of 9,000 by the year 2,003, a figure triple the current number of students. Additional classroom buildings and parking spaces will be needed to handle the increase. The U.S. Geological Survey, marine science department and student activities center also will expand, and a professional ethics institute is planned. University administrators are in the process of outlining a long-term, master plan that will address the development of the campus for the 21st century.

The land officially stretches campus boundaries west to 4th St. South, north to 5th Ave. South, east to 1st St. South, and south to 8th Ave. South, forming a large square and bringing the total number of campus acres to 46. Eleven of those acres also were a gift from the city to the BOR in 1965 to establish the first branch campus of a state university. USF will plant trees and shrubs on the new parcels not immediately earmarked for development.

The campus currently is renovating the Piano Man Building into five classrooms. The building, one of the single tracts of land the city gave USF in recent years, will be finished in spring. A $22-million marine science facility also is under construction. The facility, to be shared with Department of Natural Resources scientists, will contain the last equipment for processing optical data from U.S. satellites surveying the ocean. The technology will allow USF marine scientists to expand their research on Florida’s vital coastal waters and the Gulf of Mexico, as well as other oceans around the world.

Ground breaking for a new, $15 million library will occur April 16. The library, to be completed in 1994, will be one of the most technically advanced libraries in the southeast and feature fiber optic technology, a long distance learning center and a teleconference center. The library will hold 350,000 books.

The city also pledged to work with USF in getting more directional signs to the campus. The campus wants to obtain an interstate sign for I-275 as the port shown to the campus by the mayor before,” said Heller.

“It’s wonderful that people recognize the value of having a major university right in their own backyards.”

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ing country of India.

Both ancient and modern, India is a land of contrast, conflict and extremes. With the second-largest population in the world, India is a mosaic of cultural diversity. Home to Hinduism, India also has a large Islamic population. Dozens of languages and dialects are spoken and India does have many problems to resolve.

However, India does bring thoughts of beauty... the Himalayas, the Ganges, the Taj Mahal, the colorful sari dress, the pungent taste of curry... India creates a kaleidoscope of culture, one that this year’s Symposium will attempt to describe and bring home to its audience.

The Symposium will run from Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 26. It will conclude with a celebration of Indian culture, dance and food at the International Dinner. The dinner will be held at 6:00 pm in the Campus Activities Center and is free for USF students and $8.00 for the general public. Seating is limited, so get your tickets soon at the Campus Activities Center.

Lectures, slide presentations, films and exhibits are as follows:

Wednesday. Noon - Prelude to the Symposium: Krishan Bahl, President of the Indo-American Association of Tampa Bay.

Monday, Feb. 22. Noon-Keynote Program: India- Some of Mystery Revealed. Allen G. Noble, Professor and Head of the Department of Geography, University of Akron, Ohio.


7:00 pm. Art and Architecture of India. Professor George Mayer, Department of History, USF, Sarasota.

Thursday, Feb. 25. Noon. Professor Raja Dave, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida.

7:00 pm - Panel Discussion Friday, Feb. 26. Noon. Music and Arts of India.

6:00 pm - Symposium Dinner ($8.00). Featuring live entertainment and authentic Indian cuisine.

Concert notes

A concert featuring the flute and piano is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 pm on the USF-St. Petersburg campus in DAV 130. The musicians will be USF College of Music faculty Martha Rearick on flute and Jan Khorsandian on piano.

The event is free and open to the public.
Black History Month celebration continues

By Patricia Hines
Crow's Nest Staff

There's still time to celebrate Black History Month, an event that began almost 70 years ago.

Carver G. Woodson, an educator and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History), can be credited with the recognition of black history.

As a public school teacher and principal in the early 1900s, Woodson became concerned that his students were not being exposed to the roles black people played in American life. The textbooks of the day did not portray blacks or their contributions to society. There were no programs that existed to offer instruction in such studies.

Woodson campaigned for observance of a week in which schools would concentrate on black history.

Woodson was successful in his endeavors and the first Black History Week was observed in February 1926. Since then, the week has been extended into a month. Some people feel that still isn't long enough.

"I think that Black History Month is a good start to educating all people in a more complete history of America. However, black history should be a part of the regular curriculum of history in the schools. All aspects of our history should be integrated naturally," says Jennefer Khattabi, a graduate student.

Despite Woodson's work and the contributions of other black history advocates, there are people who remain unaware of this special interest month. Ursula Mack, a social work major, says, "Black History Month does not get enough recognition in the media or in the schools, which may contribute to the lack of knowledge about black history in general."

A disadvantage of Black History Month is that it seems to limit the wide range of black history and achievement to one month. "Unfortunately, Black History Month seems to be the only time that Afro-Americans acknowledge their history," says Sharon Tayler, a criminology major.

Amy R. Hopkins, coordinator for Career Development Services at USF-St. Petersburg, says, "It is positive long program that promotes individualized wellness goals in any of six dimensions of wellness: intellectual, social, emotional, physical, occupational or spiritual. Participants set their own wellness goals for the semester and keep and updated log of their wellness-related activities. Area businesses and restaurants donate gift certificates that are raffled off to participants.

Interested students, faculty and staff may pick up Great Strides contracts in the Fitness Center and the Counseling and Career Center or at Time Out on Tuesdays on Feb. 23.

As Woodson said, "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it became a negligible factor in the thought of the world and it stands in danger of being exterminated." Black History Month allows blacks the opportunity to focus on their history and continue to strive for recognition in American history books.

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Take "Time Out on Tuesdays" to have fun at Great Strides harborside lawn parties

Time Out on Tuesdays, a series of harborside lawn parties, will be held from noon to 1 pm on Feb. 23, March 9 and March 23. Sponsored by the Wellness Committee as part of the Great Strides '93 wellness program, Time Out on Tuesdays will feature competitions in volleyball, horseshoes and croquet, free lemonade, and the good company of fellow students and colleagues.

Participants will get a chance to win a free half-hour airplane ride over the campus and Tampa Bay on March 23. The drawing will be held March 9. Great Strides '93 is a semester-long program that promotes individualized wellness goals in any of six dimensions of wellness: intellectual, social, emotional, physical, occupational or spiritual. Participants set their own wellness goals for the semester and keep and updated log of their wellness-related activities. Area businesses and restaurants donate gift certificates that are raffled off to participants.

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Weighty Decision? Dispelling Weight Control Myths!: Become enlightened at this program which is designed to clarify misconceptions about weight control. From noon to 1 pm. Call 893-9129 for more information.

Sunday, February 21
Sunday Concert Series. This event features USF faculty from the USF School of Music: Martha Rearick, flute; Jan Khorsandian, piano; and other special guests. 2 pm in DAV-130.

Monday, February 22
International Symposium: India: Diverse, Divine, Divided - A Passage to Bharat. A program of lectures, films, exhibits and food displaying the culture of India. Keynote Program: India- Some of the Mystery Revealed. Speaker: Allen G. Noble, Professor and Head of the Department of Geography, University of Akron (Ohio). Beginning at noon.

Spring Monday Night Forum: In Search of the Good Society: Perspectives on Community and Culture. This week's topic: Economics, Urban Planning, and the Good Society. Speaker: Mary C. Means, creator of the Main Street program at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Beginning at 6 pm in the Campus Activities Center.

Wednesday, February 24


Thursday, February 25
International Symposium (continued): Speaker: Professor Raju Dave, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida. Beginning at noon.

International Symposium (continued): Panel Discussion. Beginning at 7 pm.

International Symposium Dinner: Featuring live entertainment. $8 per person. Call the Campus Activities Office at 893-9596 for more information.

Saturday, February 27
Talent Show: Talent at its Best. Admission is $5 in advance, $6 at the door. Co-sponsored by the Association of Black Students (USF) and the Harambee Black Student Union (SPJC). Beginning at 7 pm in the Campus Activities Center.
Cuban sailing trip a real adventure for Americans

By Brian Neill
Crow's Nest Staff

If you're an American, you have no business going to Cuba, says the United States government. But the government couldn't tell that to Doran Cushing and Meg Keller. They went anyway. And what a trip it was.

Keller, a middle school Spanish teacher, and Cushing, a journalism student at USF, made the 19-hour sailing trip in the latter part of July and returned in the middle of August.

Americans are strongly discouraged from going to Cuba, but the government cannot restrict an American's travel there as long as that person doesn't spend American money there. If you are a researcher or journalist, like Cushing, then you are as good as there.

The trip was made in a 35-foot yacht named Panache that was equipped with extras like satellite navigation and automatic steering.

The first ordeal the two faced was the crossing of the Gulf Stream. With the currents moving one way and the tradewinds blowing the other, the boat's movements were unpredictable. Keller had the bruises to prove it.

And then there was the first radio contact the two made with the forbidden island's inhabitants, which happened a few miles offshore — a pretty hairy experience is unfamiliar waters.

But despite the pains and labors it took them to get there, what they found when they arrived was a country full of open and giving people.

In the slide presentation the two gave last Wednesday evening at the Bayboro campus, there were pictures of several families they had befriended and rows of rainbow-colored buildings.

The presentation also showed individuals living in great poverty. But the people still manage to maintain a sense of happiness and generosity.

"People that had virtually nothing would give you all the could," Keller said.

The trip to Cuba was interesting, but Keller tried to correspond by mail with some of the friends they made there, but she has no way of knowing whether she will make contact with them.

She has heard that much of the incoming mail from the United States gets burned.

For now, only memories will serve as consolation for the loss of these friendships that were never meant to be.

Lecture takes a look at journalism in the 1990s

The USF-St. Petersburg Journalism Studies Program continues its series Perspectives: A Look at Journalism in the 1990s on Friday with a talk by Hugh Mulligan, a foreign correspondent and columnist for Associated Press. Mulligan's lecture is entitled Covering The New World Disorder and will be held from 3:30 to 6 pm in the Conference Room of the Dean's Office in Davis Hall.

This program is an informal gathering of USF journalism graduate students and faculty who explore a variety of topics with journalism educators and professionals.

The next speaker is Elizabeth Bird, an associate professor of humanities and anthropology at the University of Minnesota at Duluth, who will discuss supermarket tabloids on March 26. Rick Bragg, senior writer for the St. Petersburg Times, will discuss Painting Pictures: Telling Stories With Images on April 16.

This program is sponsored by the Poynter Jamison Endowed Chair in Media Ethics and Press Policy as part of the journalism studies program.

Police News

by Sgt. Jim Kramer

Walter Ewing has joined the USF Police Department as a police service technician.

Ewing is a 1987 graduate of the University of Florida with a major in criminal justice. He worked on the Tampa campus from 1988 to 1990 as a security officer, assisting the University Police in many different areas. He then went to the Pasco County Police Academy and finished second in a class of 24 cadets.

Ewing returned to the Tampa campus and worked as a security guard in the Shriners Hospital before he came to USF-St. Petersburg. Originally from Cranford, N.J., he has lived most of his life in Pasco County and now lives in New Port Richey. Ewing hopes to become a police officer.
Club news and views

The Arts and Sciences Honor Society will hold its Spring Induction ceremony on Sunday, March 7, at 3 pm in the Campus Activities Center Conference Room.

Awards will be presented and a reception will follow. Friends, family and faculty are welcome to attend this induction and support the new inductees.

Membership requirements are as follows: the student must be a declared major in the College of Arts and Sciences, the student must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours at USF, and the student must have earned a minimum 3.5 USF GPA.

There is still time to join the honor society this semester. Please contact Judith Sasso-Mason in COQ 209 or call 893-9507 for more information.

Sudsy Tschiderer, activities coordinator at USF-St. Petersburg, will be one of this year’s USF “Endurance Hall of Fame” recipients for 20 years of faithful service on Friday at noon in DAV 130.

The luncheon is also a third annual reunion for faculty and staff.

For more information, call 893-9160.

Congratulations to Helen Talge, a doctoral candidate in Marine Science. Talge was recently recognized as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Estuary and Coastal Management’s Graduate Student of the Year. The award salutes her scholarship and research on the impact of recreational divers on Florida’s coral reefs, the subject of her master’s thesis.

Two St. Petersburg campus employees were recognized as “Outstanding Staff” at a recent awards presentation at USFTampa. Congratulations to Mary Beckett and Barbara Fleischer.

Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society, is now accepting applications for membership. Applicants must have 16 hours completed at USF and a minimum GPA. Deadline for applications is Feb. 25. Applications are available in the education office. For more information, call 733-0250.

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Family Fest presents "Circus on Strings" in the Campus Activities Center on Feb. 20

By Valerie Prosser
Activities Program Specialist

Family Fest presents Circus on Strings on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 am in the Campus Activities Center.

The Gordon Bennett Marionettes will perform, followed by a question-and-answer period and hands-on puppeteering for the children (and the young at heart).

The Activities Office sponsors Family Fest, a family-oriented series of events for USF-St. Petersburg faculty, staff, students and their families and friends. Family Fests are scheduled once a month on Saturdays and are free. The next event is Easterfest, co-sponsored with Circle K International, on April 3 in the campus Dining Center (COQ 102).

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