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These dates won't wait

Did you ever miss a deadline? Have you ever stepped onto campus Friday only to realize that you needed to be there on Thursday? We have. That's why we decided to include this handy clip-n-save deadline buster.

**FRIDAY JANUARY 17**
CLAST registration deadline
Last day to return textbooks

**MONDAY JANUARY 20**
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
No classes

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7**
Graduation application deadline

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15**
CLAST administration day

**FRIDAY MARCH 7**
Last day to drop or withdraw from courses without academic penalty

**MONDAY-FRIDAY MARCH 10-14**
Spring semester break

**FRIDAY MARCH 14**
Deadline for graduate dissertation and thesis drafts

**FRIDAY APRIL 11**
Dissertation deadline for graduate students

**FRIDAY APRIL 18**
Thesis deadline for graduate students

**THURSDAY-WEDNESDAY APRIL 24-30**
Final examination week

**SUNDAY MAY 4**
Commencement

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**The Crow's Nest begins weekly production schedule.**

From the Nest

The Crow's Nest is pleased to announce that it will begin a weekly production schedule starting with this issue.

The Nest, which began in 1969 as a newsletter, has continued to grow and change in the past 26 years. Going weekly is just another step in that evolution.

Along with the changes in production come changes in staff. Scott Hartzell, who edited the newspaper last semester, resigned in December, as did business manager Phil DeVoe. In Hartzell's place, the Nest hired two editors: Sara Jenkins and Baird Lefter. (See editorials, page 4.)

"I am very excited about the next few months," said Nest advisor Tim Craig. "Last semester, Scott did a great job in bringing a professionalism to the newspaper and he will be missed as will Phil. However, I am looking forward to seeing Sara and Baird grow in this position. They bring with them an exciting spirit and a concern for the campus that will be reflected in these pages."

The production staff also doubled, as Amy Lowder joins Molli Gamelin and brings additional expertise in layout and design.

"Amy has a lot of experience in layout and design. Together with Molli, who has been the backbone of the paper for two years, they should ease any panic I have about going weekly," Craig said.

Of course, all is not perfect. There is an immediate need for advertising representatives and the editors will be combing the sidewalks and classes for fresh writers, but as the spring semester starts, the staff is very excited about the possibilities.

"Rob (Hyypio, advertising manager) has done an outstanding job, but as we go weekly, our advertising base needs to increase and I'm sure he'd like some help," Craig said.

In 1969, The USF-SP Bay Campus Bulletin appeared under the direction of J.M. "Sudsy" Tschiderer. In 1970, the name The Crow's Nest was chosen to reflect the campus' proximity to Bayboro Harbor — a time when crows' nests were a common sight from the classrooms. The rest, as they say, is a continuing history.
What ever has happened to ...?

Some USF St. Petersburg graduates have moved on to become famous. Read on to see who’s who.

James Popp
Nest Staff

Fame and economic stability. And let’s not forget education.

Through the years, numerous students have entered USF St. Petersburg in order to acquire all of the above. Almost all succeed at various levels. Any inquiry, however, into the whereabouts of USF’s St. Petersburg graduates brings one sooner or later to the office of Sudy Tschiderer.

It’s difficult to say everything Tschiderer does, but her card reads, “Special Events & Public Ceremonies; University Advancement.” When she’s not busy with some public ceremony, she manages to keep up with an astounding number of graduates.

Three of Bayboro’s prominent graduates would have to be Ed Baird, Doug Jamerson and Jim Neader.

Baird is known from New Zealand to San Diego for his sailing prowess, winning several world championships and coaching New Zealand to winning the America’s Cup. His wife Lisa is also a USF St. Petersburg graduate.

Jamerson is Florida’s Labor Secretary. Neader is a successful sports agent to whose exclusive Snell life-tenure former presidential candidate Bob Dole was invited for a barbecue lunch this past fall.

Other graduates have gone on to local, national and international careers. David Cordell is with the American embassy. “He used to be in Algiers, but now he’s in Paris,” Sudy said.

Ed Kirby is in Australia, teaching in the Queensland and Outback areas by radio. A little closer to home — but not much — is Dr. Tom Wengartner, teaching at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Sharon Nolte works on an Indian reservation in Minnesota, and Les Levine lives in Maine, raising sea grasses.

At the local level, many graduates have gone into teaching college, such as Jack Davis at Eckerd and Linda LaPaine at St. Petersburg Junior College. “I think for me, the campus (USF St. Petersburg) had the academic integrity and experience consistent with my goals,” LaPaine said. “I didn’t become a number. I was able to work with professors on a one on one level.”

There is also Carl McClinton, an editor at the St. Petersburg Times, and Nieda Eliason, a columnist there.

Among the more interesting graduates is Brad Weigle, who works for the Department of Environmental Protection, specializing in marine mammals. Currently, he is working on developing a blimp to aid in marine research.

So with a little determination and luck, you too could end up in Paris, or the Outback, or flying your own blimp.

Making your education pay off with a job

James Popp
Nest Staff

Students are confounded daily by a daunting array of tasks. Reams of reports and papers are assigned, all with deadlines that conflict with homework, midterms and final exams. Then, a few of life’s crises into the mix: a dead battery, a flat tire, locking the keys in the car — and you’ve got academic mayhem.

Then, all too quickly it seems you’ve graduated. Forget the late-night cramming and papers are assigned, all with deadlines that conflict with homework, midterms and final exams. Reams of reports and papers are assigned, all with deadlines that conflict with homework, midterms and final exams. Then, a few of life’s crises into the mix: a dead battery, a flat tire, locking the keys in the car — and you’ve got academic mayhem.

Many students get a jump on this tedious undertaking by taking advantage of the help offered by the Career Development Services in Davis Hall. Although there are no hard numbers on how many students use the services, Amy Hopkins, the coordinator, figures it’s about 10 percent of the student population.

“Students are interested in themselves,” Hopkins said. “And they’re interested in what they’re going to do.”

There is also a Career Development Services department offers a full range of services, from group testing to individual counseling to

A LABOR OF LOVE: Working to ease graduates into the work place at the Career Development Center are Marianne Ervacho (left), peer counseling assistant, and Amy Hopkins, coordinator.

finishing part-time jobs and more.

“We help a lot of students who are unsure about their majors,” Hopkins said. “And not just freshmen, but all the way up to juniors. Some students don’t know what all is available in the job market within their major. A person might enjoy taking economics courses, for example, but not know what kind of jobs they could get with that degree. We can help with that.”

Then there is the testing. “Students like, or need, to see something on paper,” Hopkins said. “We have various kinds of tests we can give them as a group and then discuss the results individually.”

The department can also help students find a job. “We had a total of over 6,000 job vacancies listed with us last year,” Hopkins said.

The department also has on-campus interviews, a job line, a computerized resume service, a resource library and information on how to surf the Net for jobs.

Job services are not just for current students but are also free to alumni. Of the 727 total records visits last year to the resource library, 268 were by alumni, more than a third. Out of Hopkins’ individual appointments last year, 11 percent were alumni.

So, if you’ve followed your nose or your heart into an unusual major, or you just want to get a jump on the job market, the Career Development Services is a good place to start.

Ten Most Wanted Skills Sought By Employers

1. Analytical thinking
2. Researching
3. Organizing
4. Speaking
5. Writing
6. Human relation skills
7. Quantitative reasoning
8. Ethics
9. Technology
10. Career planning

(Data from Florida Dept. of Education)
"Humanatee" to the rescue

Marine scientists rush to save the life of Florida's most lovable endangered mammal.

Baird Leiter  
Nest Editor

On a day when Gator fans would celebrate the victory over Florida State, another audience gathered around Bayboro Harbor to cheer on a team outfitted in wet suits.

The group wasn't watching a game at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, but witnessing the efforts of a team of scientists racing to save a West Indian manatee.

The manatee apparently was a victim of the cold front that shocked the Tampa Bay area just before Christmas, said Monica Ross, a marine research assistant for the Department of Environmental Protection, which responded to the emergency.

Despite their appearance, manatees have more muscle tissue than fat tissue, leaving them more susceptible to the cold, Ross said. When the front passed through, water temperatures dropped, leaving unsuspecting manatees in a dangerous situation. "We believe the cold front didn't allow the manatee to go to a warm-water site," Ross said.

Exposed to extreme cold, manatees become lethargic, lose their appetite and their skin often decays, Ross said. "It Bayboro," dubbed for the month and location it was found, had an excessive amount of algae growth on the skin surface, indicating a lack of movement, a flattened, empty stomach and necrosis, or rotting, of the flipper. These are symptoms associated with hypothermia, Ross said.

The manatee was spotted close to the sandbar that juts out from the beach behind Davis Hall. Bob Linde, director of recreation and watercraft, was the first to be alerted that the manatee appeared to be injured or sick. Linde determined the manatee was in need of help. "It looked thin and in an odd area," Linde said. "It should have been spotted; it wasn't normal behavior for a manatee."

Linde notified the Florida Department of Environmental Protection—which has a facility just south of the USF pool—to the manatee's plight.

That's when Ross and her colleagues suited up. Paddling out in little sailboats borrowed from the watercraft program, the scientists circled the 9-month to 2-year-old female with a net. Without a struggle, the team lifted the 7-foot mammal up into the boat and rushed her to shore.

During the entire process, a dolphin observed the rescue from about 30-feet away, Linde said. "I've never seen one go stationary in the water and just watch people."

From the beach, "J. Bayboro," as Ross calls her, was loaded into a truck and taken to the Lowry Park Zoo—one of three licensed manatee rehabilitation centers in the state—where she is recuperating from her bout with the cold front.

"It looked thin and in an odd area." —Bob Linde, director of recreation and watercraft
Help Wanted

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a good holiday and break from classes. We’ve done some shuffling here at the paper, and I want to take this opportunity to say hello as one of your new editors.

The new year brings the chance for a fresh start, new resolutions (did you make yours?), and yes, new classes. And beginning this week, it also brings you a weekly edition of The Crow’s Nest.

We have many ideas for the paper this semester, but we can’t do it alone! These are things that we’d like to see more of in the student government, campus organizations and events, and any other topics that are of interest to our students and campus. These are things that we’d like to see in the paper; now you need to tell us what you’d like to see. If you would like more exposure for your organization, drop a note. If there is a special student or professor you think deserves recognition, tell us.

Another continuing idea is an editorial page. This includes not only the editorial itself, but a cartoon, letters to the editor and guest editorials. In order for this idea to work, we’ll need actual letters. So sharpen your pencils (or power up the computer) and tell what’s on your mind. What’s good, what’s bad, and what should be done about it.

I hope that this semester sees The Crow’s Nest becoming the best it’s ever been. This goal can only be accomplished with the help and input of students. Please feel free to contact the Crow’s Nest staff at 553-3113; e-mail us at nest@bayflash.spt.unf.edu, or leave stories in the basket outside of the office door in the Campus Activities Center. I can be reached at the Crow’s Nest office or by e-mail at susie1@vax.ucf.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sara Jenkins

Campus Utopia

April 30, 1997

Dear Readers of The Crow’s Nest:

The Spring 1997 semester as an editor of The Crow’s Nest has been a great experience. Thank you for all of your letters, comments, ideas, criticisms and particularly your visits to our office during the semester. It’s reassuring knowing that you take your responsibility as a member of this university so seriously, and that you look to your campus newspaper to be a medium for that concern.

I know how difficult it is to have so many demands placed on your time, between work, family and school, not much is left for extra-curricular activities, and even less for leisure. And yet somehow, all of you have extended yourselves, demonstrating a sincere interest in your campus community. Student, staff and faculty presence and involvement in activities and events has never been higher. Membership in clubs and organizations has exploded. Student Government meetings are overflowing.

Inconsiderate behavior and attitudes are non-existent. The campus has never looked more litter-free. And we here at The Crow’s Nest have flooded with story ideas and articles from the university community. Obviously, you have made this campus and its diverse membership a priority. You have opened your minds to new experiences and new people, befriended those you once ridiculed. Competition and mistrust have been replaced by cooperation and friendly acknowledgments of strangers. Unquestionably, you understand the impact of your involvement on this campus and the extended benefits that your participation here will have, not only for you, but for others. You should be very proud of yourselves, demonstrating a sincere involvement in activities and events has never been higher. Membership in clubs and organizations has exploded. Student Government meetings are overflowing.

And the Nest staff owes you special appreciation, because without your comments and insights we would not exist. Thanks again for your input. Thanks for reading, thanks for caring.

Have a great summer.

—Beau Lefter

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Word’s From the Wellness Center

Great strides in health and wellness

Sandy Blood

It’s that time of year again! That’s right, it’s time to actually implement those New Year’s resolutions — and you’re in luck! The USF Wellness Committee is sponsoring their annual Great Strides Health and Wellness Event. We are offering incentives and the opportunity to win fabulous prizes for committing to positive lifestyle changes.

Anyone can enter this event. It is open to all students, faculty and staff members. All you need to do is stop by the Counseling and Career Center or the Campus Fitness Center and fill out a participant contract card. Decide what your wellness goals are and then keep track of your own performance. You may be interested in working on or implementing a fitness program into your weekly routine or possibly changing your eating habits. Maybe you have decided that it is time to expand your social life or work on spiritual or intellectual aspects of your life — the decision is yours.

Once you have committed to clear goals, you can begin to monitor and log your own progress. At the end of April, an awards ceremony will be held and those who have demonstrated a true effort at working on their goals will be eligible to win those fabulous prizes that I mentioned. Last year, three overnight stays at beach resorts, an airplane ride over Pinel­ las County beaches and many gift certifi­ cates to local restaurants and retail shops were given away. This is truly a fun way to start your new year out right! For more information, please contact Sandy Blood at 893-5929 or Sheri Beauchene at 893-9580.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students to the USF St. Petersburg campus and introduce the services that are available through my office. I am available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for individual consultations regarding any wellness issue. I can assist with exercise programming, nutrition counseling and interpretation of general health issues. Please contact me if you would like to set up an appointment or stop by my office in DAV 115.

NEWS BRIEF

Everyone invited to MLK parade

With the recent unrest in St. Peters­ burg and the subsequent community discussions arising, the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day should spark a note in everyone. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was set aside to honor not just the man for whom it is named, but the ideals that he embraced. “I have a dream...” said King. He dreamed of all people—of all races—to turn out for the MLK parade and show their support for change. The words of a circulating flyer, “This year of all years, let’s all be there!”

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade happens on January 20 at 11:15 p.m. in downtown St. Peters­ burg. Call 347-2926 for more information.
Weight Watchers' ads have blitzed the airwaves as well, trying to get their own piece of the pie (no pun intended). According to a reliable source, Jenny Craig was open New Year's Day. Sad, sad.

Before you start to feel too sorry for the Nautilus equipment, don't forget, they saw this coming.

"Another common New Year's resolution is to stop smoking. The day after New Year's Day I bet you couldn't find a nicotine patch or a stick of nicotine gum in the country."

I don't think that a New Year's resolution to stop smoking is going to get the job done if you have been smoking for a long time and those silly little drawbacks like lung cancer and heart disease haven't turned you off already.

And as far as the less-drinking resolution, liquor companies are being allowed to advertise on television in some states, and you know we aren't far behind. That should pretty much wipe out that small sector of the resolution population.

Plus there is always light beer. There were some other people I talked to that did mention some other things. One guy said that he wanted to read more and better his mind, but that lasted right up until the time class started. I think he is now boycotting reading altogether. Another guy said he was resolving to get more sleep, so he took up sleeping in class. Not exactly the best policy if you ask most teachers.

I do admire those people who make resolutions. I must admit the thought never crossed my mind New Year's Eve. I hope that some people are able to keep them. I will just sit on my couch, drink my light beer, read my mindless magazines and try to do better next year.

Please recycle this paper.
Horoscopes

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
Your stars are in alignment. You will hold an important dinner for several European dignitaries. Your excessive flattery, however, will strain diplomatic relations.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You will lose your job, your family will disown you, and the Mafia will send a hit-man to kill you. The good news is, you will shoot 253 times and survive.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
The call-in fee for Losers Anonymous is $1-900-BIG-7RKE, 95¢ per ring, $1.95 for the first minute, $2.95 for every minute after that.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
Since Mars is in retro this month, you will succumb to a vicious flu virus. Not to worry, though. The doctors at the USF Health Clinic will blast you to bits, and you will feel a little better.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You will apply to donate your body to science. Science will send you a nasty rejection letter.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
Galaxies move into an elliptical pattern, inspiring your roommates to tease you, saying "Aww, your just jealous 'cuz you're not getting any." Judging by the pork rinds and beer bottle caps in the CAC, you will present "Beer: The Crow's Nest" on January 7.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)
Your new career move into hospitality will backfire, as you and 40 other cafeteria workers will suffer acute food poisoning following a banquet honoring food-service workers.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Venus is in the morning skies. Now is a good time to patch up family relationships, since your mother still calls you the Eggnob Pigmunt from Hell.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
A Libra will humiliate you in public. Since your moon is rising, you should follow your instincts and stab the Libra.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
You will be stabbed by a Virgo.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
The federal government will soon declare you a complete waste of life and begin billing you for the air you breathe.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
United Nations sanctions will force you to allow a family of mealworms to colonize your nose.

-Drew Harkey
Nest Psychic to the Cosmos
(For entertainment purposes only)

Clubs & Organizations

Arts and Sciences Honor Society
If you are an Arts & Sciences major with 12 USF-completed credits and a 3.5 GPA, you qualify for membership in the Arts & Sciences Honor Society. Call 893-9157 or stop by CSQ 200.

Association of Black Students
For more information, visit the Project Thurst office in Davis 109, call 893-9108, or e-mail AAB@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu. Visit our web site: http://bayflash.stpt.usf.edu

Bayboro Information and Technology Society
BITS will sponsor a workshop on making web pages Saturday, January 26, 10 AM - 2 PM in SPA 102. A BITS meeting will immediately follow the workshop. Fee for workshop: $15 students, $25 non-students. Call dawn at 533-3126 to reserve a space.

Crow's Nest
Meetings are Tuesdays at 5 PM in The Crow's Nest office, Campus Activities Center. New writers, photographers, copy editors, designers, advertising reps, and others are always welcome.

Legalis Society
All majors welcome. Meetings are Thursdays at 5 PM in Davis 239. For more information, contact Neil Price at 508-5369 or send e-mail to nprice@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu

Omni Cultural Society
Our goal is to extinguish cultural misconceptions through positive social interaction. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 5 PM to 6 PM in Davis 239.

Phi Theta Kappa Alumni
PTK meets 5 PM Wednesdays in Davis Lobby. Call Jack at 367-6508 for more info.

Sail Club
Club meetings are every other Friday at 5:30 PM at the Bayboro Cafe and new members are always welcome. Improve your sailing skills or learn to sail for more info, contact Steve Lang at 893-9572.

Student Accounting & Business Organization
The first meeting will be Thursday, January 16 at noon in Davis 105. Speaker: Bill Lasasso, Vice President of Community Affairs for Catalina Marketing Corporation.

Survivors of Alien Abductions
Join us for our first meeting at the Tavern on Thursday, 9 PM. Visitors from the Planet PZ-564 will present "Beast: The Other White Meat." All spaced-out people welcome.

To publish clubs & organizations information, submit entries in writing to The Crow's Nest in the CAC.

Employment

Proctors Needed
The Student Affairs office has an urgent need to hire individuals who can proctor examinations. $475/hour. See Joneen in Davis 118 on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 3 and 5 PM.

Driver Wanted
Student needs a driver to get back and forth to campus for class once a week and possibly grocery shopping and work if available. Will pay for all gas used for transport. Please contact Tracy Gomville at either 556-1668 (6 AM - 5 PM) or 347-4932 (after 5:30 PM).

Help Wanted
The following positions are available on a part time basis: Housecleaning, Drivers, Babysitters, Call Resp-A-Hand, Inc. 347-3424.

Driver Needed
5 days/week for middle school student, Rio Vista/Rivera area of St. Pete to Central Ave. & 49th St. Decline compensation. Please call Linda, 677-1395, if you are reliable and live in this area.

Advertising Account Rep
Earn a 15% stipend while interacting with local business owners. Call Crow's Nest Ad Manager Rob Hyppio at 533-3113.

For Sale

1991 Mustang LX Convertible
5.0 L, 4/MPV cassette, 6 disc CD changer, new tires, new brakes, 16" OE aluminum wheels, excellent condition, very clean, very red. $9000 OBO. Call 522-6004.

IBM Compatible Computer

Announcements

Roommate Wanted
Non-smoker for large house two minutes from campus (worth of downtown). $150/month plus 1/2 utilities. Please call Scott at 827-1361

Crow's Nest Classifieds

Place an Ad
Submit your ad in writing to The Crow's Nest office at least one week before press date. All classified ads are payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to the University of South Florida. Personal checks should include a Driver's License number written on the check.

Rates
Single issue rate is $2.50 for 30 words or less; additional words are 10c each. Refunds will not be issued after ad and payment are received. Classified ads are free for USF students, staff, and faculty.

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The Crow's Nest reserves the right to correct, classify, edit, reject or cancel any advertisement.
Film reflects community conflict

**Stephanie Shreve**
**Nest Staff**

Finding parallels between the City of St. Petersburg as “Community in Conflict” and Spike Lee’s film *Do the Right Thing* was the aim of last Wednesday night’s *Ethics in Film* presentation at the Marine Science Auditorium. On hand to facilitate the discussion were Dr. Peter French of the Ethics Center; Mayor David Fischer; Elijah Gossier, a reporter for the *St. Petersburg Times*; Shirley Davis, wife of the gentleman for whom Davis Hall was named; and Lou Brown, a member of the Community Action Committee.

The film takes place on a single, steaming hot day, on one block in an African American neighborhood in New York City. But the neighborhood is not singularly African American: Hispanics live there too. Businesses and real estate are owned by Italians, Koreans and Caucasians. White cops cruise the streets. The most obvious themes of the film, both literally and symbolically, are hunger and expectation. Spike Lee plays the lead role of Mosely, a young, diplomatic sort, who delivers pizza for "parlor owner Sal. Early in the film, Bug-eyes, a disc jockey, comes in for "a slice." He gets into an debate with Sal over the Sinatra, Como and Stalbene pictures hanging on the wall, insisting Sal should hang pictures of "brothers." When Sal refuses, Bug-eyes attempts to organize a boycott, but doesn’t succeed. People like Sal’s slice; Sal appreciates the living he has made in the neighborhood for the last 25 years.

Bug-eyes does, however, find one ally; Radio Raheim. Raheim carries his boom box into Sal’s defining the "no music" rule. In the end, Sal bashes the box with a baseball bat, a riot breaks out and Radio Raheim is choked to death by the police. "He died for playing a radio," a man in the crowd says.

Throughout the film, a number of issues are explored which are not exclusive to African Americans: basic sibling rivalry; abuse and neglect between parents and children; men exploiting women; employer, employee issues; generational conflicts; and love vs. hate.

The discussion that ensued in the Marine Science Auditorium after the viewing covered little about any of these specific issues.

"In the film, these people were unmotivated," Davis said. "How did they get unmotivated?" Her question was answered, but only indirectly. The audience considered economic disenfranchisement, lack of public transportation and "tracking" in schools.

"So many things are racist, we’ve just come to accept them," Brown said. "You can’t circle wagons to defend yourself against nuclear weapons." Hunger for opportunity, unmet expectations and the resulting hopelessness and depression were never directly cited. The audience seemed to be more curious about why black attendance was so low.

"Why aren’t there any people of color sitting in this audience?" Davis responded. "We have to start talking to people who have these problems ... folks have gotten tired of discussing it. They want action ... creativity starts when you can’t get in to a meeting like this unless you’re with a person of color ... the invitation has to come in a different way. To read about it in a newspaper, they will not come. But if you call up a friend and say come with me, I will come.

"We’ve had a lot of police company dialog," Gossier said. "We have to reach a level where we are comfortable having discussions ... where we express our true feelings. It’s up to the oppressor to release the oppressed. We all have responsibilities ... that take different forms depending on what our role in society is.

One woman made the simple observation that “most black people have seen this film.”

"So," Gossier said, "I guess we’ve reached the audience we wanted to reach!"

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**Winning Writers**

Congratulations to creative writing major Mark Taylor Michaels, this year’s winner of the Eleventh Annual Bayboro Fiction Contest for his story *One Man’s Truth*. Second place was Michael Albright, an English major, for *The Weight of Darkness*.

The contest is open to any registered University of South Florida student. Stories of 2500 words or less are accepted from mid-August through mid-October each year. For more information contact Joyce Van Horn at 867-3516.

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**Get sea-worthy**

The Recreation and Watercraft Department will hold Basic Coastal Navigation classes on Tuesdays from January 14 through March 11 from 12:30 to 1:30. Sailing classes will be held on Fridays from January 17 to February 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. Submissions are being accepted until January 15 for the Windship Regatta T-shirt Competition. The winner will receive two tee-shirts, two tickets to the post-Regatta party and a basic sailing course. For more information stop by COQ 107 or call 893-9597.

**Join the parade**

There will be a parade in downtown St. Petersburg on January 20 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. For more information on how to get involved contact Marian Loeth at 837-1926.

**USF is free for Seniors**

Anyone 60 or older who has been a Florida resident for at least one year can register for classes at USF on a space-available basis. Instructor approval is required. Participants in the state’s tuition-waiver program attend regular classes but do not take exams or receive college credit.

Spring class registration for seniors in January 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Davis Hall, 126. For more information call the admissions office at 893-9142.

To publish listings or briefs, please submit in writing to The Crow’s Nest, Attn: Stephanie Shreve, Campus Activities Center.

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**Ethics Center**: 633-3112, First St. S. between Fifth and Sixth Aves., St. Petersburg; Free and open to the public.

**January 15, Noon**: “The Basic Liberties,” James Nickel, Nickel will discuss freedom of religion, freedom of movement and the free choice of occupation, and question how much liberty is affected by regulation. Nickel is the former chair of the University of Colorado’s philosophy department.

**Davis Hall, Rm. 130**: 140 Seventh Ave. S., St. Petersburg; Free and open to the public.

**January 13, Noon**: “The Words of War; The Pentagon Papers and Freedom of the Press,” Steven Whitfield, Whitfield, a professor of American Studies at Brandeis University, will discuss the landmark case and its implications. The event is part of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Honors Colloquium.

**Campus Activities Center**: 803-8699, Northeast corner of Second Street and Sixth Avenue S., St. Petersburg; Free and open to the public.

**January 18, 10 a.m.:** “A Three-Ring Circus,” The festival features Slippy the Clown, Magician Stewy Dee, Doug Scull’s Venomous Animal Show with rattlesnakes, cobras, scorpions and toads.

**January 21, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.:** Movie Madness: “The Usual Suspects” begins with a police roundup of suspects to an aborted hijacking of a FUN-running truck, an excruciatingly slow unravels into an imaginative story that comes full-circle, Rated R. Free popcorn and 25c drinks available.

**February 4-6, 25th Annual Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference, USF St. Petersburg.** Courses are sponsored by the Division of Lighting Learning. To register by phone call 874-2400. Fee for students and teachers is $310 prior to January 30.

**February 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** Blood Drive, First St. S. (behind the USF Bookstore). Mark your calendars and spread the word. Over 165,000 units of blood are needed annually from volunteer donors.