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Budget may lock doors on new teacher center

By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow's Nest

The paint has barely dried on its new home at USF-St. Petersburg, and the Florida Center for Teachers already finds itself fighting for its life. After the state invested $5 million in a new building for the program, Gov. Jeb Bush and some state senators in charge of the education budget now recommend that the center's $275,000 annual state budget be substantially cut or eliminated.

The center, part of the Florida Humanities Council, puts on three- to five-day seminars attended by some 500 K-12 teachers from around the state each year. The seminars operate like in-depth field trips for teachers, covering a range of topics in Florida society such as famous Florida writers, multiculturalism and Asian religions in the state.

The governor has recommended a $36 million budget for teacher training in 2001-02 that will be controlled by individual school districts.

"I can't fault him for that but there's a place for our program too," said Ann Schoenacher, program coordinator for the humanities council. "We try to help teachers on a broader level. We bring in experts from all over the state. The teachers get so excited about learning, they're thirsty to come back again."

In February, Executive Director Francine Cary went to Tallahassee and testified before the Senate education appropriations subcommittee on the benefits of the Center for Teachers. "I think the situation we're facing in Tallahassee is not good," Cary said. "I'm not optimistic that we're going to get this money, but we're not going to give up either.

By JAY WILKE
Of the Crow's Nest

A new University of South Florida honor system is in the works and may be ready for implementation in the spring of 2002.

"We hope to improve academic integrity," said Dr. Stephen Ritch, director of student affairs at USF-St. Petersburg. Ritch hopes to do this by establishing an honor system at USF.

The "Honor System Work Group," which includes faculty, student government representatives and students, is developing the code. Dr. Jay Black, a professor of mass communications, is collaborating with Ritch and contributing his expertise in media ethics.

The work group hopes to receive input from students, faculty and members of the university community. A value survey was mailed out to students around the first of March and distributed to the staff in February.

The work group is looking for responses from everyone in the university community. All of its meetings are open to students, teachers and community members. The work group wants to have everyone at the university involved in the formation of the honor code. Ritch hopes to give "literally everyone in the campus community" a chance to participate.

The push for the honor system intensified after a media ethics lecture on university honor codes was presented in the Campus Activity Center. The lecture featured presentations by the University of South Carolina, William and Mary and Miami cities.

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I confess I should've written sooner. I'm just as guilty as any student on the Bayboro Campus, writer or not.

I'm guilty of being uninformed about the many activities that occur on campus, including the success of this year's USF sailing team and the job that the coaches and young, talented sailors have done to reach the position they're at now.

Still, I ask myself, why is the team being "neglected"? Why do they not have similar coverage in the newspapers as the football, basketball or baseball teams? Is it because sailing is an aquatic sport, taking place out in the middle of Tampa Bay, off the coast of St. Petersburg, and is not played in stadiums owned by multi-millionaires, who make money by having some school athletic programs?

For those of you who have not been reading the Crow's Nest, first of all, shame on you. Yours truly recently did a story about the success of the sailing team. This year's team is practically on the welcome mat of this year's national's competition. It is a team that can bring USF a national championship and put USF athletics on the map.

They are a force to be reckoned with, right in our own backyard.

I still find myself asking that question: Why haven't they been given coverage in the papers such as the football team?

One reason I wrote the story about the sailing team was because of the lack of coverage. It was a problem that the Crow's Nest staff knew about at the beginning of the school year. When my editor assigned me the story, I was amazed at the success of the team and began to wonder if the lack of coverage was because the success is so "new."

I confess that I didn't know about the team's record until my editor mentioned it, and again I should have written sooner.

I've purposely continued to write stories about the sailing team and continue to watch just how far they can go. Like any other sports fan around the world, I enjoy watching a perennial winner in every game during every season. But it is a breath of fresh air when a team from practically out of nowhere succeeds as the sailing team has. People, I think, get tired of watching the same teams win over and over again, unless they are fans of those teams.

Regardless of the reason for the lack of coverage and support of this year's sailing team, they can be over come. Students and faculty can do something. The information is there. It just needs to be put to use so we make sure that teams are supported.

We as USF students and faculty were honored to be granted a football program, and we show strong support in the success of this year's basketball team as they are close to an NCAA tournament berth this year.

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On losing independence, gaining supportive husband

By RACHEL ALEXANDER
Contributing Writer

"Hey, Mike, Rachel got you out doing the grocery shop again?" the cashier at the Publix register asked. Mike didn't even know who she was, but I'd been there three times shopping for six children over 12 years.

Talk about supportive husbands; all that I have to do is go to college and study. Not just study -- you know you still have all those other outside interferences like work, kids, household duties, kidnappings? That's for another time.

This article is in honor of all the very unusual supportive husbands out there. I have one. His name is Mike. He makes sure that the Mazda I call "Zip" has its oil changed every 3,1...I mean 5,000 miles so I can get to college. I believe I mentioned college for me is an hour and a half away. He says I'm an investment, I'm working toward a law degree. Little does he realize that I'm probably going to be the poorest attorney in Charlotte County. That county is in desperate need of a resource center with a non-profit law firm for people like me who are struggling to get ahead against all odds. He keeps right on backing me up.

Mike works extremely hard, paying all the bills -- my bills left over from when I could still see myself on the side of the road with a sleeping bag rolled up on my back. After a long hot day at work, he gets on his Honda Magna for a cool ride to the Post Office to pick up the checks to pay those bills. When he gets back, he cooks dinner. He learned how to cook in the restaurant's while I was going to get the takeout. Then he would cook it. The only thing I haven't been relieved of is cleaning the toilets. He's even earned your kids. He takes some of us to concerts. We have five children together, but the teenagers are busy working

Press should report truth behind facts of drug war

An ancient Latin legal axiom: "casa causa est causa casati" which translates: "The cause of the cause is the cause of the effect". Applying that adage.

The fact that the United States is reported to be the largest consumer of illegal cocaine in the world and the fact that Colombia is the largest producer and supplier of said cocaine is a critical component of the equation which seeks causes and remedies to the gross violations of human rights upon thousands of innocent people who are all members of the human family. It is a fact that is conspicuously absent from all the media reports which I have read on the recent chastisement of Colombia on human rights violations. Also absent from the equation in the context of upholding Colombia's leadership and membership, is the fact that the majority of illegal cocaine which enters the United States enters via the state of Florida.

In closing, I heard it said that it is not enough for journalists to report the facts truthfully but journalists have an obligation to report the truth "behind the facts".

Letter

Second in a series on juggling school and family.

By Aaron Quinn

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### Campus Calendar

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### Herbert backs move to trim use of SAT

**By RYAN MEEHAN**

**The Oracle**

**TAMPA (U-WIRE) — Chancellor Adahm Herbert has endorsed University of California president Richard Atkinson’s suggestion that overemphasis on SAT and ACT scores is compromising the American education system.**

"I strongly endorse President Atkinson’s suggestion that all campuses move away from admission processes that use narrowly defined quantitative formulas and instead adopt procedures that look at applicants in a comprehensive, holistic way," Herbert said in a statement issued by the Board of Regents.

Atkinson said the SAT is culturally biased and unfair to disadvantaged students. He said a comprehensive examination of English and math skills that has been used for nearly 50 years, was taken by 2.4 million high school students during the 1999-99 school year, according to the Educational Testing Service.

Herbert said that the Florida state university system changed the system last year in an effort to de-emphasize the weight the test carries. Students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their class or have at least a 3.0 GPA are guaranteed admission into one of Florida’s 10 state universities as part of the Talented 20 program.

This, however, does not mean a student will be admitted to any university in which they apply. Though the SAT is not a requirement in the state, it is still used by many universities as a means of determining a projected success rate among the thousands of applicants.

"We apply each year and as a factor when admitting students with similar GPAs," Herbert said.

"Director for Undergraduate Admissions Cecilia Leslie said USF takes SAT scores into consideration by using a sliding scale. In this system, a student who has a high GPA has a lower SAT requirement, whereas a student with a lower GPA needs to achieve a higher score on the test. Leslie said USF uses a 2.5 GPA cutoff.

"Research shows that a student with a high GPA of at least 2.5 is more likely to graduate," Leslie said.

But students who have a low GPA and do the corresponding SAT score are not immediately discarded. Leslie said changes to the freshman application were made last year, adding more personal questions so admissions officers could perform profile assessments.

"We read the application and an essay if one is provided," Leslie said. "Then we look at the aspects of the student’s profile. Were they economically disadvantaged? Did they have to work throughout high school to help support their family?"

Leslie said other considerations included whether English was the student’s primary language and whether access was available to AP and Honors courses.

With backing from Commissioner of Education Charlie Crist, the proposition, if passed through, would eventually eliminate the SAT. This proposal, which according to BOR Public Information Director Keitel Herndon, will be taken up by many other states in the near future, is met with mixed reactions.

The College Board, the non-profit organization that writes the test, said the SAT is used as a national yardstick, meaning it is the same for everybody. A GPA, however, varies based on which courses a student takes in high school and different universities attribute to those courses.

But Gustin Caperton, president for the College Board, said Atkinson is right that the SAT is not fair and wants to collaborate with educators to curb this dilemma.

"While I strongly disagree with (Atkinson’s) position, I share his belief that urgent steps must be taken to expand equity and access to more minority and low-income students based upon a comprehensive and holistic definition of merit," Caperton said in a written statement.

But critics such as Herbert and Atkinson say success on the SAT is often related to the amount of money a student is willing to spend on preparation classes, pre-tests and books and has less to do with actual ability. Junior psychology major Melanie Pierson said the topic of standardized tests, and its ability to predict collegiate success, has sparked conversation in her psychology class. Though she does not support the complete elimination of the test, she said not all students have the same chance to prepare.

"It's that small percentage of students who don't have the opportunity or can't afford the classes who need to be considered," Pierson said. "To predict your achievement in college based on one test is wrong."

Leslie said though the SAT has been de-emphasized during the past few years, students should not take the exam lightly and said taking the SAT away completely would limit the amount of knowledge admissions officers had about a student.

"I do not support the elimination of (an SAT) test score," Leslie said. "This test is important because it is used for scholarships and determining placement in courses."

Atkinson’s new proposal for admission in California's state university system would require admissions officers to take a closer look at a student’s high school achievements, with a greater emphasis on GPA.

Goldschmidt said though Herbert is an outstanding chancellor, he expects the new administration to proceed with the proposal, which is backed by Crist.
'Great achievements...

Photos from the inauguration of USF President Judy Genshaft and excerpts from her inaugural address.

Chancellor Adam Herbert and President Genshaft share a laugh after Board of Regents Chairman Thomas Petway, at podium, mistakenly introduces Genshaft as 'President of the University of North Florida.'

'...we are part of the grand and noble succession of scholars that stretches back to ancient times. There is a fundamental purpose that draws us here today. It is the same cause that drew our academic ancestors to the University of Bologna in the 11th Century...and the University of Paris and Oxford University in the 12th Century: The disciplined search for truth through knowledge.'

'...the true aim of the university is the engagement of the faculty and students in the process of discovery and learning. And we know that how well we succeed depends on the intellectual integrity and the commitment of all who participate in the process. But we also know there is a great, transforming byproduct of this process – the economic and social uplift that occurs with the application of the knowledge discovered by students and faculty.'

'USF is a university with great achievements and great expectations. Or, What ought to be, can be, with the will to make it so.'

Wearing the medallion of her office, the newly sworn-in president presents herself to the audience at the Sun Dome. Education Commissioner Charlie Crist is visible behind her.

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President Genshaft poses with dozens of students at a reception in her honor.

"By virtue of our location, we have the opportunity and the obligation to be a relevant university, an engaged university, an involved university."

"A research university is about the passion to invent, to try new approaches."

President Genshaft is barely visible in the throngs of people who greeted her at the reception.

Congratulatory messages were visible everywhere.

"We are intent on making USF competitive with the very best public universities in America, because we know the power of such a university to enrich lives and transform Florida and the Tampa Bay region."

...great expectations.

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Photos by M.E. Baker
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take your ladies for a Sunday drive to Grumpy's Hole. It's a unique fun atmos­phere that sits right over Lemon Bay."

The other night there we met a couple in their mid-60's just having a great time dancing.

Apparently they had learned how to get through adversity and still smile about it.

Sunday he insists we go to church. I guess he figures I need it. It's tough to take all the time. I've never had a giver before. I have always had to be working full-time, doing college work and raising a family. And now it seems there's a whole new world to learn and explore.

I confess I didn't know.
Sailors coach' taking team into good seas

By AARON THOMAS
Contributing Writer

Stephanie Doyle, her short hair colored as if by the sun, classifies herself as a 'water-baby.' The USF sailing team head coach has been around boats and aquatic sports since she started sailing at age 8.

Doyle may help lead the Bulls sailing team to its first national championship in varsity sailing this season.

'It has always been a dream of mine to become a professional sailing coach,' Doyle said. 'I would love to bring that first ever national title for USF.'

Doyle began her coaching career at age 15, working with junior sailors. While still a freshman at St. Petersburg High School, she was recruited by the University of Notre Dame, where her father excelled as a sailor for four years and was named a sailor of the year in the 1970s. Her mother sailed for the Salty Sisters, an all-women sailing group at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

'I liked Notre Dame because of the family atmosphere up there,' Doyle said.

As the school, she established herself as a force in the sailing world. She was ranked first among women's sailors in the NAACP, and became captain and president of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association.

Despite the success of her collegiate sailing career, Doyle did not fair well at the national competitions because she lacked coaching. Notre Dame's sailing team didn't have any coaches, unlike some of the other 29 teams of the Midwest.

'At Notre Dame, sailing is a club sport, unlike USF where it is a varsity sport,' Doyle said.

After seven years of classes and sailing experience, Doyle graduated in 1999 with a degree in English. She took an advertising job in Chicago but had difficulty adapting to the Windy City.

'I learned that I'm not a business person,' Doyle said. 'I really did not like it up there. I wanted to go back home to Florida and be around the water and sailing again.'

Doyle took the job as sailing team head coach at USF in August. She replaced Stan Hyatt, who was the interim coach for the 1999-2000 season. Hyatt, who is also the USF recreation and waterfront director, is one of three assistant coaches on Doyle's coaching staff this season.

Since becoming head coach, Doyle has returned to school. She is working on a master's degree in secondary English. She said she would like to publish a book, something along the lines of 'How to Coach Youth Sailing.'

Coaching has been a positive experience overall, Doyle said. She took on the job autonomously but said it was hard because she wanted to change quickly to build a dominant team.

The transition in the fall was difficult, Doyle said, perhaps because of the program and practices being structured. Consequently, she felt that there was a little bit of a rebellion. 'I wish we would have sort of eased into the structure,' she said. 'It would have also been nice to have more time to recruit more sailors. A lot of our sailors are walk-ons this year.'

Regardless, the sailing team continues to compete well in a competitive district. The team finished in the middle of the pack in a recent regatta in Charleston, S.C. Doyle thought the team fared well against one of the toughest in the country.

'I consider myself a sailor's coach,' Doyle said. 'There is a fine line between being a sailor's coach and a sailor's friend. I'm more of a mentor and can sympathize with them academically because I'm also going through the same phase as well. I'm not a coach that says 'We are going to this regatta and this regatta.' I let our sailors determine which regattas they want to go to.'

One of Doyle's most memorable coaching moments is a regatta against the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Three USF sailors finished in the top seven in that regatta against Navy sailors. Doyle is on the cusp of another exciting moment, as USF has been asked to host the fall 2001 national championships. 'I like to make a positive impact,' Doyle said. 'I love working with the students, and it's better in sport because you love it so much.'

Nursing group to host campaigns for donations of diapers, glasses

A campus nursing organization is hosting a campaign later this month to collect diapers for a local domestic violence shelter.

The Bayboro Organization of Nursing Students (BONES) will collect disposable diapers from March 19 through 25. All diapers will be given to CASA.

Nina Poppo, president of BONES, said that often when women and children are forced out of their homes by abusive or violent relationships, "they leave with what is on their backs, and they're always in need of diapers."

Collection bins will be placed at a display about CASA in the Harborside area. The group is asking for donations of disposable diapers only, but they can be any size.

Anyone making a donation will be entered into a contest to win a gift certificate for dinner for two at Outhack Restaurant or two movie tickets to Muvico at Baywalk.

The group also will be collecting old glasses the week of April 9 in support of the VisionWorks Gift of Sight program. The old frames are used to provide eyeglasses in third world countries.

What's Goin' On?

St. Petersburg International Folk Fair
March 9 - 11
Annual festival featuring authentic stage villages, costumed villagers, entertainment, crafts and food from 50 countries. Times Bayfront Arena, 400 1st St. S. INFO: 892-5767.

Florida Antiquarian Book Fair
March 9 - 11
International dealers exhibiting American, English, art and thousands of volumes of rare and antique books. INFO: 892-5202.

Contemporary Craft from Costa Rica
March 9 - April 20
This cultural exchange exhibition will feature Grace Herrera, a retired professor from the University of Costa Rica, and others who work in papermaking, woodblock printing, and metalsmithing. At the Florida Craftsmen Gallery, 501 Central Ave., St. Petersburg.

Opening reception March 9 from 6:30 p.m. INFO: 821-7391

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Library increases e-database collection

Several databases have recently been added to the Electronic Collections of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

- CABI online abstract journals. These include plant protection, forestry engineering, animal husbandry, animal and plant breeding, genetics, veterinary medicine, nutrition, rural development, economics, and leisure and tourism. All CABI online abstract journals are derived from the combined CABI health and CABI abstracts database.

- NLM Gateway. This allows users to search in multiple retrieval systems at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM). The current Gateway searches MEDLINE/PubMed, OLDMEDLINE, LOCATORPlus, AIDS Meetings, HSR meetings, HSRR, MEDLINEplus and DIRLINE. The target audience may include physicians and other health care providers, researchers, librarians, students, and increasingly, patients, their families, and the public.

- Peterson's.com. This website gives individuals the ability to search Peterson's databases, as well as to request more information, apply to a school or program, and interact in other ways with faculty and administrators at educational institutions. Every private school, camp, college, university, and employer has its own site in Peterson's.com, which permits each to develop a full array of information and communication tools.

- Informe. Indexing, full-text, and images to 100 of the most popular Spanish language magazines and newspapers are available. Informe also includes bilingual citations to help non-Spanish users. Includes mainstream magazines, newspapers, and pamphlets like Newsweek (Spanish Edition), and El Nuevo Herald (Miami).

- MarketResearch.com Academic (formerly called Kalorama). This database focuses on full-text market research reports with graphs, charts, and tables. Kalorama Academic currently contains approximately 500 full-length market research reports, with more added every quarter. All reports are embargoed for 12 months before adding them to the site. Also included is Market Looks, which is a current snapshot of an industry including market overview, market definition, market share, market forecast, distribution, demographics, and much more.

- History Resource Center: U.S. This is a vast collection of primary sources, magazine and newspaper articles, and reference works covering U.S. history. Includes 100,000 pages from 500 primary documents, more than 25,000 reference documents, full text articles from more than 60 history-related journals and newspapers, over 2,000 photographs and illustrations, and 30 historical maps courtesy of Yale University. The full text content includes significant microfilm collections such as: Sabin (Joseph Sabin's Dictionary of Books Relating to America), Travels in the Old South, Travels in the New South, History of Women, and the African-American Experience.

- FISeline. FIS, the publisher of Moody's Manuals, has been compiling financial information since 1900. FIS databases contain information on over 10,000 U.S. public companies and 16,000+ non-U.S. public companies. Country profiles are also included. Financial information is searchable, customizable and may be downloaded to spreadsheets. Includes access to the following products: Company Data Direct/U.S., Company Data Direct/International, Company Archives, FISAnnuals/U.S., FISAnnuals/International, FactSheets, Insider Holdings and Institutional Holdings. These databases, as well as other electronic resources, are accessible on-site and off-site through the Virtual Library.

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