By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow's Nest

She's not running for office, but USF President Judy Genshaft hit the campaign trail anyway, spending much of September shopping her plan for increased regional campus autonomy to the Board of Regents, legislators and civic leaders, among others.

One of her stops was an early morn­ning breakfast Sept. 13 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, where Genshaft, State Sen. Don Sullivan and campus Dean William Heller spoke to the trustees of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and local elected officials about the future of the Bayboro campus. "We have a situation in St. Petersburg where the campus has undergone development­al changes, but the university has not addressed those changes," Genshaft said. Genshaft's plan, which she expected to have before State University System Chancellor Adam Herbert by the middle of October, would make USF St. Petersburg into an "autonomous inde­pendent regional campus still affiliated with USF."

"It's interesting," St. Petersburg City Council Member Kathleen Ford said of Genshaft's proposal. "It sounds like there's a potential for resolution. And it's in the best interests of students and the community to retain the preeminent facet­ty we have through USF. I'm pleased that President Genshaft understands the impor­tance of USF St. Petersburg and is willing to change the structure of the campus to give it more autonomy."

Under the proposal, USF St. Petersburg would have separate accredit­ation, a separate budget, control faculty hiring and would keep the tuition money collected from its students. The campus' programs of business, See GENSHAFt Page 7

Execs upbeat on USF future

By MICHELLE PEARSON
Contributing Writer

This tree, on the north side of the main parking lot, was one of two on camp­us toppled by winds from Hurricane Gordon as the storm moved past the area on Sunday, Sept. 17. Workers later righted both trees and tied them back into place. Damage on campus was minimal.

Burned-out street lighting keeps students in dark, feeling uneasy

By CHRIS CURRY
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Following his trip to Arizona State West, University Dean William Heller hosted forums with faculty to discuss the plan for campus autonomy at USF St. Petersburg.

USF President Judy Genshaft and Heller have said that Arizona State West, a separately accredited institution that remains affiliated with the main Arizona State University campus in Tempe, is a model for the growth and expansion of USF St. Petersburg.

To achieve separate accreditation, Heller said USF St. Petersburg would have to be evaluated on the basis of facul­ty quality, academic programs, quality of students, admissions processes and the amount of control the school has over its faculty, budget and curriculum.

According to Heller, USF St. Petersburg would remain accredited through USF until the separate accredit­ation process was completed.

"We have a senator (Don Sullivan) who has pretty much said that if this cam­pus doesn't have a high degree of inde­pendence by the time the legislative ses­sion begins, he will make a move for sepa­ration," Heller said at one of the forums held Sept. 15. "And I think he will be suc­cessful."

Members of the audience of some 20 faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences said they would prefer the model of Arizona State West, an upper-division university with graduate and research programs, to Sullivan's proposed school, which would focus primar­ily on undergraduate teaching.

"The Sullivan proposal is a disaster in my opinion," said history professor Raymond Amendt. "We have to avoid it all costs...I hope that Sen. Sullivan knows that by following the Arizona State West
Opinion

Changing ties don't mean campus should be damaged

Humphry Dumpty sat on a wall, Humphry Dumpty had a great fall, All the king's horses, And all the king's men, Couldn't put Humphry together again.

Like Humphry, USF St. Petersburg has been sitting on its own wall, a wall of political inertia that restricted its ability to realize its full potential. Like Humphry, the campus has had a jolt this past spring when State Sen. Ivo Sullivan attempted to knock the St. Petersburg campus away from Tampa to create a separate, independent entity to be called Suncoast University.

Sullivan had good reason for upsetting this long-time inertia. Ranked as one of the top 50 campuses in the nation, Pinellas is one of only three that do not have its own four-year institution of higher learning. That fact became moot this semester when USF St. Petersburg began accepting underclassmen on an unlimited basis. Still, the St. Petersburg campus is forced to continue paying tribute to Queen Tampa as the majority of fees and tuition paid for classes on this campus are cut eastward over the bridge. We are rewarded with edicts about course offerings and program limitations.

The senator's bill would have made for a hard fall for this campus. Wrenched forcefully and suddenly away from the royal "we" that comes with the title "University of South Florida," the St. Petersburg campus would have been without accreditation. It would have been divested of its beneficial affiliation with a Research 1 university. Absent these associations, graduate programs might have vanished. Many faculty members have threatened to head for other kingdoms if Sen. Sullivan's push has its desired impact.

However, a softer landing for the St. Petersburg campus appears possible. President Judy Genshaft has promised more autonomy to St. Petersburg. With campus Dean William Heller at her side, Genshaft has begun studying how this campus can receive more freedom while staying within the commonwealth that offers advantages for all. She has promised to present a plan to Chancellor Adam Herbert by next month.

Yet Sen. Sullivan seems undeterred. "I've shown you mine. Now show me yours," he challenged recently. If he doesn't like what he sees from Genshaft, Sullivan will reintroduce his bill next year.

There should be no mistake: like Humphry, our relationship with Tampa is forever broken. Faculty, students and the community must take advantage of the moment to ensure that this campus receives the freedom it deserves while maintaining ties to the larger institution from which it gains so much. Sen. Sullivan should show some patience while Genshaft works out the details. The goal should be the same for everyone -- a healthy thriving university. Otherwise, we could end up like Humphry Dumpty.

Celebrate banned books - read

From The Collegian, University of Toledo (Ohio):

It is the year 2000, and we are still banning books. According to the American Library Association, more than 5,000 complaints were filed in the last 10 years dealing with content that parents found inappropriate for their children.

The list of books that have been banned is a roll call of both classic literature and the best sellers of today. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," by J.K. Rowling, was banned in Michigan school districts because its themes of witchcraft and wizardry are incompatible with the town's Christian values.

Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people." Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people." Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people." Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people." Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people." Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people." Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was removed in Maryland for portraying white people as "horrible, nasty, stupid people.

Imagine that, Huckleberry Finn calling his slave companion "Nigger" Jim. Has the country become so afraid of offending someone that we have forgotten our past?

Have we given up on the meaning of quality literature, the stories of human interaction, and what the spirit of cooperation is all about in our search to find that slightest possible inference of a sexual theme, occultism or fantasy?

To pull a book such as "Huckleberry Finn" out of our schools' libraries denies everyone a wonderfully descriptive look at the culture and people of the post-Civil War South. Reading any of these banned books will leave almost anyone with a similar appreciation.

Promise of information superhighway endangered by change into super billboard for commerce

By RICHARD MORGAN
The Technician (N. Carolina State U.)

The great myth of the Internet is that it is the information superhighway. It is not. Starting under the auspicious auspices of the U.S. Defense Department in the '60s, the network designed to aid post-Apocalyptic communication of some naked, Cold War-torn American dystopia of tomorrow found a much more sinister application in the appropriately yuppie '80s commerce.

Some ambitious 20-something investors in the Silicon Valley turned up the first primitive codes of hyperref markup language (HTML, for dummys). But while Gutenberg used his printing press to spread the Bible to the masses, the founding fathers of the digital revolution used their invention to type not any religious dialogue, epic poem or sociopolitical treatise. No. The first words of the infant technology were "dot" and "com.

Those two words single-handedly destroyed all of the utopian ideals about the sharing of ideas and the spreading of First Amendment-style embraces of freedom. Those two words turned the promise of the information superhighway into the pomp of the infernal superbillboard.

People use the Internet to download porn, pirate merchandise and trade stocks. The Web sites for Greenspace, the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the White House get considerably less "hits" than AOL.com, Amazon.com, altavista.com or even the lowest of "X-Files" chat rooms.

And it is not a World Wide Web; it is a West Wide Web. There are entire nations that cannot afford to give their government Thinkpads and iMacs -- let alone guaranteeing them in every classroom.

I have been to other countries and I have seen the Internet's presence there. In most cases, the Internet is not as much of a household appliance as much as it is bit of merchandise to be peddled at cybe cafes like so many Big Macs and Coke Cols.

Even in the cyber-saturated U.S., it is a vehicle for the deed's desires of white men (big surprise). Underpaid migrant workers and welfare dependent inner-city single-parent families are not auctioning off their Pokemon collections on eBay; they are not buying and selling NASDAQ IPOs on eTrade. They are not asking their Instar Messenger buddy list to burn a CD full of MP3s for them.

Even in communist countries where the Internet is billed as a sort of gateway drug toward entrance into the free world (a.k.a. free market economy), there are lies. In China, for example, when a Party loyalist uses a search engine to look up information about Chinese pro-democracy dissidents, they are sidelined away from the damaging sites that Westernters read and are re-routed instead to Beijing-designed pages proudly proclaiming the dissidents' confessions of treason a la Winston Smith of Orwell's 1984.

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Of the Crow's Nest

Downtown St. Petersburg road. Heller began in 1992 soon after Heller
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development at
USF's Louis de
la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute's
department of aging and mental health.
A contractual employee of USF can
be discharged without reason, but as
reported by the Crow's Nest last April,
Brennan was fired because the USF administration saw a conflict between
her candidacy and the university's interests.
Her immediate supervisor, FMHI Dean
David Shern, feared Brennan's candidacy
would cast a partisan light on FMHI and
USF.
A bind often develops between
employment ethic and citizenship when
public figures such as Brennan or Heller
are overtly involved in politics. "Because
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Daniel K. Nations, a USF professor of political
science.
Being openly tied to politics and
being an educator or university adminis-
trator can be risky, though. Former state
representative Mary Brennan was fired
from USF last March after filing for can-
didacy for another seat in the Florida
House.
Brennan served one term in the
Florida House and unsuccessfully ran for
a second term before seeking employment
with USF.
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Library set classes on resources

Instructional tutorials are scheduled at
Foyter Library that are designed to
introduce students to the library's
resources.
The courses, their dates and times
offered are:

- Introduction to the Virtual
Library, today at 11:30 a.m.
This course provides a basic intro-
duction to the Virtual Library, the online
catalog, basic research techniques and
print and copying procedures.

Web site giving away $1,000 scholarships

U-WIRE - Three $1,000 scholarships
are being awarded today online.
GradSchoolFair.com, a new service of
Educational Directories Unlimited,
Inc., is offering the prizes as part of an
online graduate school fair.

Simple precautions can prevent auto theft

By OFFICER JOHN SPICUGLIA
University Police

While our campus is virutally crime
free there are some simple precautions
we all need to take to prevent auto theft:

- Always close the windows and
lock your car. Take the keys. About
one third of all cars stolen have the keys
left inside.
- Never hide a key in or on your
vehicle. Carry a spare key in case you get
locked out.
- Keep your driver's license, vehi-
cle registration and proof of insurance on
you. Don't leave them in the vehicle.

Politics, friendship an easy mix for Heller

The relationship between Crist and
Heller began in 1992 soon after Heller
arrived from Charlotte, N.C., to assume
duty as the St. Petersburg campus' dean.
Heller saw Crist standing next to one
of his campaign signs along the side of a
downtown St. Petersburg road. Heller
found roadside campaigning to be unusu-
also, as it is not a typical campaign tactic in
Charlotte.
A brief roadside chat between Heller
and Crist covered local politics, a few per-
sonal issues, and ultimately led to a sus-
taining friendship.
"Charlie was an interesting person
and believes in many things that I
believe," Heller reminisced.

"I disagree

"We
didn't really push to
increase the number of teachers,
though. My relationship to him is not so
much political as it is that he's a good
friend," the dean added.

"We disagree about some things, too."

In the time it takes to get dressed in the morning, one more
person will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
Approximately 182,000 women and 1,400 men will be
diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 women
and 400 men will die from breast cancer.

Join USF St. Petersburg in the fight for breast cancer. By
making a small donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast
Cancer Foundation, you can wear jeans to work or class for
the day. Lee National Denim Day will take place on
Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

Donations will be collected Wednesday, October 4, in DAV
Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4-6 p.m.
Please make all checks payable to the Susan G. Komen Breast
Cancer Foundation.

Statistics taken from the Lee National Denim Day website:
http://www.denimday.com

Sponsored by Harborside Productions and the Career and Counseling Center.

Sept 27 - Oct. 10
Crow's Nest
Video, DVD section adds fun to library collection

By CHRIS CURRY
Crow's Nest

There is a place where copulent screen legend Marlon Brando and doughty, pear-shaped children's television star Barney the Dinosaur can actually fit within five feet of each other.

And this place is not locked away in the mind of some delusional physical trainer.

It's the second floor of the Nelson B. Poynter Memorial Library, where a collection of several thousand videos is spread over six shelves and ready to be checked out by faculty, students and staff.

The Poynter collection contains screens classics such as "Citizen Kane" and the Brando vehicle "A Streetcar Named Desire," children's tapes— including a whole series of "Barney" videos — and documentary films on subjects ranging from civil rights to the General Barrier Reef.

This fall, the library augmented its video collection with the acquisition of 100 digital video discs (DVD). Media librarian Terry Notaro said the new DVD collection, like the videotapes, is a mix of entertainment and academia. There is instructional material in areas such as marine science and math. There's also remastered versions of classic films such as Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "A Clockwork Orange."

"DVD is a far superior medium," Notaro said, with better sound and visual quality than video, plus behind-the-scenes documentary-style segments. "I'm sold on them."

There's still a lot of resistance though, librarians saying we shouldn't be buying them.

"What videos?" asked a resident accounting to the linguistic speaking of laser discs, the "new thing" that burned media librarians and video stores 10 years ago.

But Notaro said DVD is the real deal. The discs are small, durable and capable of snapping exactly to any point in a film as a compact disc can with songs.

The main library and the Tampa campus also has a small but growing collection of DVDs, with 50 on the shelf and another 20 to 30 on order.

There are no DVDs at Sarasota campus' Jane Bancroft Cook Library, which has about 1,400 videos compared more than 5,000 at Tampa and an estimated 6,000 in St. Petersburg.

"We've had so call for them (DVDs)," said Ed Ericsson, media services coordinator at the Cook library. Ericsson said there were still some laser discs in Sarasota's collection.

DVDs are not available at any branch of the Pinellas County public library system.

However, the CD-size devices are increasingly popular rental items at the big chain video stores such as Blockbuster Video, where a film rents for $4.27.

"DVD is definitely a growing format for us," said Blockbuster Video spokesman Blake Lugash. "It comprises about seven percent of our revenue. By the end of the year we expect it will be up to 10 percent. Through June, nearly 2 million of our customers had rented at least one DVD from Blockbuster."

"Where we differ from the Blockbusters is that we support the curriculum here at USF. We enrich instead of just entertain," Notaro said.

You won't find the hot new release or brain candy such as "Cannibal Run" or "Weird Science" on the shelves at the Poynter.

Instead, there are well-reviewed foreign and domestic films and documentary series such as "Eyes on the Prize" and Ken Burns' "Baseball."

The addition of DVD is another step in the ongoing transformation of the library's media center into a valuable educational resource.

"When I came here we had 70 videos in the collection," Notaro said. "You could only come in and watch. You couldn't check them out.

Notaro said USF St. Petersburg was the first campus to catalog and circulate its video collection and remains the only campus where videos are shelved with the general assemblage of printed matter.

"Film students use them a lot, so do women's studies and nursing," Notaro said of the video collection. "A lot of distance education courses are on series we own.

History professor Raymond Arsenault said that he has used at least 100 videos from the library in class at one time or another.

"Documentary films are very useful because of strong visual images," Arsenault said of the video collection. "We get a lot of regulars," Jackson said. "Some of those people never seem to check any books out.

Some students, however, remained unaware of the library's video collection.

"We're constantly rung up by major Heather Walters-Cole, Walters-Cole said she gets a new release from the video store about once every two weeks.

"I have also rented videos for a contemporary literature class -- 'Slaughterhouse Five,' " the student said. "If I knew I could have got them from free, I would have got them here, because I rented them and then I had to pay a late fee."

General library circulation guidelines limit undergraduate students to 20 items, graduate students to 50 items and faculty to 100. Movies are checked out for seven days and are renewable in person or through WebLink.

What's Going On?

Oct. 1, 9 a.m.
Gopher Tortoise Hike
Learn about the ecology and conservation of gopher tortoises during a two-hour interpretive hike through the park's uplands led by park ranger George Heinrich. INFO: 893-7326.

Oct. 1, 3 p.m.
Highlights of Bizet's Carmen
Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center, 324 Pine St. (inside City Hall), Cost: $10; center member or student, $6.

Members of the Florida Lyric Opera Association perform excerpts from the first modern opera. Linda Muller sings the title role; Kyle Pennington sings Jose.

Oct. 6, 6-10 p.m.
Gulfport Art Village Gallery Walk
Stroll scenic Beach Boulevard while checking out the arts galleries and restaurants in what may be Pinellas County's quirkiest community. Jon Swift will exhibit his ch nge three dimensional creations of fish and plants at Studio Seven Lamps and Antiques.

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
'The Great Florida Birding Trail'
Oak Hill Environmental Studies Area, 2900 31st St. S., St. Petersburg, Cost: Free.

Oct. 28, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Circuit McGurkis
Lakeworth Park, 20th Street and 28th Avenue South, Cost: Free.
Meet grass-roots community groups.

Volunteer services offers help on projects

Trying to find resources for your class project or fieldwork? Maybe you've got some time to volunteer.

The Volunteer Services office can match you up with more than 35 agencies.

Park sets classes on backyard conservation

Learning what your backyard has to offer is the focus of a five-week program offered by Boyd Hill Nature Park.

The program, "Backyard Conservation," is scheduled to begin Oct. 14 and will run for five consecutive Saturdays.

Green Party opens new downtown headquarters

The Green Party has opened a new campaign headquarters in Pinellas County.

The new office is at 908 First Ave. N. in St. Petersburg.

while surrounded by artists, musicians, juggler and dancers. INFO: 896-0310 or www.lizardball.org.

Oct. 28-29
CraftArt 2000
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday
Plant Park, University of Tampa. Cost: $2; children under 12 free.

See the Works of 125 artists in clay, wood, metal, fiber, jewelry, paper, glass and mixed media in this fourth annual event. Artists will give free demonstrations throughout the weekend. Sponsored by Florida Craftsmen, Inc., and the University of Tampa. INFO: 821-7391.

Oct. 29, 5 p.m.
25th Hour Baybor0 Flashback
Bayfront Center, Cost: $50 (reception and show)
Annual USF St. Petersburg campus fundraiser, this year with "a flower power!" A "60's style bash" at bayfront Center, then a tribute to the Beatles (who?) in "While the Tributes" in the Mahaffey Theater. INFO: Judy Sieder;usher; reservation.

Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
'Frog Listening Network'
Oak Hill Environmental Studies Area, 2900 31st St. S., St. Petersburg

Continuing Through Dec. 31
'America Through the CBS Eye'
Florida International Museum, 100 2nd St. N., St. Petersburg Cost: $7.95 (college students); $13.95 adults

Pick up some skills and build your resume while making contacts and helping others.
For information, call Barry McDowell, 553-1622, or go by BAY 110 most afternoons from 1-5 p.m.

Topics covered include understanding soil, water availability, native plants, butterfly gardens, bat houses and bird-friendly habitats.
Cost is $25. For more information, call Hermans Trappman, 893-7326.

Ralph Nader is the Green Party candidate for president.
Pinellas Green members meet every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 822-1978.

Crow's Nest

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Tiny chips open big pathways for hi-tech

By AARON QUINN
Of the Crow's Nest

To keep pace with the fast moving high-technology industry, USF St. Petersburg has brought in the MEMS. The acronym stands for "microelectromechanical systems," and it comes with a $1 million budget. Abstraction is what this technology is all about. A recent grant to the College of Ocean Technology has enabled researchers there to begin developing a local base for this fast growing - or is that shrinking? - technology.

What are these MEMS scientists making? Chips. Not potato chips, poker chips, or short golf shots; rather, silicon chips. There's but one theme for these chips: make them smaller, make them faster, make them cheaper, and finally, make them many.

MEMS chips are tiny. They are engraved with tiny pathways which range from as wide as one-half the width of a human hair to as narrow as 1/50th that size. These pathways can carry microscopic amounts of fluid, solids and gasses - even electrons. They also use light to manipulate light.

And that's not the half of it, said Larry Langbrake, director of the Center for Ocean Technology, MEMS for everyone who loves films and film-making.

Aspiring filmmakers can submit screenplays electronically, as individuals or teams, using directions posted on the "Greenlight" website www.projectgreenlight.com. The winner will be chosen and officially announced on the website www.projectgreen­light.com, through Oct. 22.

Script will be made into a movie, and in the next five to 10 years we hope to be in nanometers (billionths of a meter)." IBM began producing the predecessors of these chips in the 1970's for use as micro-processors. They still do, but the uses for these chips have expanded to airbag sensors, inkjet printer heads, computer disk drive heads, tools for rapid DNA analysis, environmental monitoring and medical testing, among dozens of other possibilities.

By 2004, MEMS will be a $40 billion industry, and Japan and Germany, however, are far ahead of the United States in cutting-edge MEMS production. USF and the state of Florida are looking at this project to make USF the MEMS center for all of Florida. Businesses that can benefit from this technology are virtually unlimited. Hospitals, scientists, car and computer manufacturers are some of the prime customers, according to Langbrake.

High technology brings with it a huge potential for growth. "It wouldn't be surprising to see large buildings popping up all over St. Petersburg in the future," said Langbrake. The USF MEMS research is likely to attract businesses that are closely related, which would mean economic growth and prosperity. With new businesses come new jobs and more money.

For USF, the benefits extend to students, too. Although COT staff members are not teachers, they noted, they are established members of high-technology and are the authorities in this field.

The College of Ocean Technology is expecting to have 15 to 20 more students working with the program at all times. Students are most likely to come from engineering, marine science and medical programs, working with professors to find college credit opportunities while students at USF MEMS expect this to be a world class program," said Langbrake.

Unknown screenwriter to get 'Greenlight' from Hollywood

NEW YORK (PRNewswire) - Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Miramax Films & TV, and HBO are about to give a total unknown the "Greenlight."

The group announced the start of the first "Greenlight" contest, during which any American citizen 18 years or older can submit their original screenplay electronically to www.projectgreenlight.com.

The winner will be chosen and officially announced on the website www.projectgreenlight.com, through Oct. 22.

The "Greenlight" community will have a major voice in determining which script will be made into a movie, and in various aspects of production, such as casting.

The winner will be chosen and officially announced on the "Greenlight" site March 1, 2001. The public will also be able to watch production in progress on the "Greenlight" site, as well as follow the outcome of the director's daily decisions on HBO's documentary-style series.

For more details and official rules about the "Greenlight" contest, go to www.projectgreenlight.com.

Davis Hall memorializes dean who began break from Tampa

By DARRYL MYLES
Contributing Writer

With a picturesque view of Bayboro Harbor as a backdrop, Lowell H. Davis Memorial Hall, an office and classroom building, recognizes an important figure in the history of USF St. Petersburg.

Davis, according to media librarian Jerry Notaro, was a sophisticated man who brought a refreshing, comical image to the campus. "Lowell was the first dean ever to go into the community (St. Petersburg) and establish a working relationship with businesses," Notaro said.

Davis arrived as dean in 1984 from Syracuse University in New York, where he had been a vice chancellor for academic affairs. He died three years later from a blood vessel rupturing in his brain. He was 58.

Davis' tenure was tried but not power­ful. He was a pillar in the St. Petersburg community. As energetic and capable, he served as president of the Pinellas County Urban League. In addi­tion, he held a chair on the board of govern­ors for the Board of Commerce as well as the research board for All Children's Hospital.

A native of Port Antonio, Jamaica, Davis arrived in the United States in 1954 to enroll at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he received both a bachelor's and master's of science degrees. He earned a Ph.D. in biology from Case Western Reserve University.

In 1942, Dr. Davis became an American citizen, a plan on the northern exterior of the building displays Davis' motto: "I want to feel that I have made my mark, put my signature to something that is real quality."
Police chiefs serve, protects and teaches

By TAMARA A. PATZER
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Armed only with a vision and a bachel­
ers degree in behavioral science from
Rollins College, Goliath J. Davis III knew he wanted to make a career of serving peo-
ple.

It was 1973 and Davis had no idea how
he would make a difference. But cer-
tainly serving the community as a police
officer was far from his idea of a positive
endeavor. And he could have no idea that
day one he would be teaching young peo-
ple both black and white, passing on his
passion for police work.

As a youth, Davis was harassed by
white police officers in his neighborhood
of Methodist Town. There were some kind
white officers; true, Davis said, but it was
the ones who "used to chase us and curse
at us" who left a bad taste in his mouth when
the word police officer was mentioned.

In the 1960s and early 70s, few
blacks served as local police officers. But

one, Frank Crawford, heard Davis' declara-
tion about making a difference and chal-

lenged the idealistic young man to

become a police officer.

Davis met the challenge and in 1973 be-
came one of only 12 black police offi-
cers in the state of Florida.

The only year before, women had been
admitted into the department.

Almost immediately, Davis worked to
recruit blacks to the department, work-
ning with recruiting officer Hank
Ashwood. By late 1974, St. Petersburg had
29 minority officers.

"The increase was small," said Davis,
"but it was more than double the number we
had before."

Once Davis realized he could make a
difference with a career in law enforce-
ment, he enrolled at the University of
South Florida, earning a masters degree.

In 1977, Davis was at the University of
Florida, earning a masters degree in criminology.

He has applied his education to
inspire change in police operations and to
real life as a public servant. For example,
last year the chief implemented the "squad
system."

This is based on the chief's
hypothesis that when police officers work
in a team or squad with the same people
on a regular basis, they form closer rela-
tionships. As a result, said, squad mem-
bers have less job-related stress.

"Positive camaraderie and the sharing
of stories help the team members learn
from each other's experiences and help
them ventilate to help deal with job stress," the
chief said.

"I have found that the more cohesive the
team, the better the group is
able to cope."

In 1996, a white St. Petersburg police
officer fatally shot a black suspect. The
resulting civil disturbances left the city in
a state of turmoil. The next summer, Davis
was appointed chief of police. 

"My goal was to put the department and com-

munity back together and to create some
stability," Davis said.

Since Davis became chief, crime is
down. As of March 2000, according to the
Uniform Crime Reporting crime index,
crime in St. Petersburg decreased 4.1 per-
cent from 1999, with violent crime
decrease at 1.5 percent. Property crime
has declined by 4.7 percent. Total crime in
the Challenge 2001 area dropped 8.8 per-
cent from January and February of last
year.

Davis is a proponent of the mayor's
Challenge 2001 program and is striving to
reach the target goal of reducing crime by
5 percent annually in the Challenge 2001
area and to improve relations between the
police and the citizens.

Davis said that use of force is down,
and the police department has been
receiving accolades from the community.

"We do a whole lot of things above and
beyond law enforcement."

Volunteer service has helped improve
the police image and presence in the
community. About 125 police officers have
volunteered in the Challenge 2001 educa-
tion project through the St. Pete Reads
program. More than 70 police officers read
to children at preschool locations
through the "COPS" (Caring Officers Present
Story time) program. Some 200 police volunteers participated in the Paint
St. Pete Proud and Operation Paintbrush
programs.

The chief said that today the number
of minority police officers reflects the
community as a whole. He estimated that
approximately 20 percent of St. Petersburg
police are minorities - includ-
ing Hispanics and blacks.

"We are more diverse now than we
ever were," Davis said.

Poll: Young care about issues, but
less than half plan to vote

MENLO PARK, CA (U-WIRE) - Despite holding strong opinions on many of the issues in the upcoming presidential election, less than half of eligible voters under 25 are planning to cast a ballot this November, according to the results of a survey of 18-24 year-olds released MTV's "Choose or Lose" and the Kaiser Family

Foundation.

At least three out of four 18-24 year-
olds say they support tougher gun control,
giving patients the right to sue their health
plans, funding comprehensive sex educa-
tion in public schools, expanding health
coverage for the uninsured, and expand-
ning hate crimes protections for gays.

But only half (50 percent) of those
surveyed say they are registered to vote
and less than half (66 percent) say they are
"absolutely" certain they will vote.

In contrast, approximately 80 percent of
citizens say they are registered and 64
percent say they are certain to vote in the
November general election.

More than 800 young people ages 18-
24 were interviewed for the survey, titled
Youth, Voting and the 2000 Election.

The survey documents some of the
reasons young people may be avoiding
greater voter participation. Seven out of
ten say politicians are out of touch with
the concerns of people their age and the
same percentage believe the results of the
election will have no more than a small
impact on them personally.

Those who are not certain they will
vote cited three top reasons: a lack of
information on the candidates, cited by 60
percent; the belief that they can make
more of a difference getting involved in
their community than voting (58 percent);
and the sense that "politics is just about
money and lying and I don't want to
involve myself in it" (39 percent).

Other possible reasons for lower par-
ticipation among this age group include

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Genshaft promotes USF plan

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arts and sciences and education would be full colleges within the university, each with its own dean. The head of the campus would assume the title of president or provost and report directly to the president of the university.

By remaining affiliated with USF, Genshaft said the St. Petersburg campus would benefit from the university's purchasing power, its status as a research university and its technological support services.

Local business people and elected officials interviewed about Genshaft's proposal were generally optimistic, a marked contrast from the response last spring when Sullivan, in his own words, "scared the hell out of everybody" by introducing a bill to turn USF St. Petersburg into Suncoast University, a new institution that would concentrate on undergraduate degrees.

Sullivan said his bold move was based on the fact that out of the 50 largest counties in the United States, Pinellas was one of three without an independent four-year public institution. Sullivan's bill failed, but many, including Heller, credit demands for academic programs. We'll lose a lot of top faculty," Sullivan said. "We're sort of flying by the seat of our pants here," Bob Kersteen said that autonomy for the university and the state legislature to meet these demands.

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Streetlight outages spotlight students' fears about safety

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Faculty air concerns with USF changes

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Political science professor Darryl Paulson also voiced misgivings over the lingering specter of the Sullivan plan.

"We're sort of flying by the seat of our pants here," Paulson said. "Sullivan said he wants greater autonomy or he'll reintroduce a bill. But we don't know exactly what he means by greater autonomy."

According to Sullivan, USF's main demands for USF St. Petersburg were separate accreditation and a separate budget. Heller said Genshaft seemed very willing to meet these demands.

"In her first year here, she doesn't want to lose this campus and Sarasota," Heller said.

Heller added that under the Arizona State West model course credit would be interchangeable across campuses, and USF St. Petersburg "will be planning its own destiny" by determining its own academic programs.

"It's very optimistic that the first step in the move for separate accreditation would be the preparation of a strategic plan, complete with academic program plans, by Dec. 1."

Keep up with what's happening at USF St. Pete. Read the Crow's Nest

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Crow's Nest
Campus Calendar

Upcoming activities on the St. Petersburg campus:

Today
- Student Government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133
- Mike DeRosa - motivational speaker, 7:00 p.m., CAC

Thursday
- REGISTRATION & DIRECTORY FORMS DUE
- Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC
- College Success workshop, 5 - 6 p.m., CCC

Friday
- Time Management workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC
- Feel Better Fast workshop, 2 - 4 p.m., CCC
- Sail Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayborro Cafe

Saturday
- Student Leadership conference, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., CAC
- FOOTBALL USF v. Troy State, 7 p.m., Raymond James Stadium, Tampa

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- AWARENESS WEEK, CAC lobby

Monday
- Faculty meeting with Pres. Genshaft, noon - 1 p.m., CAC 130
- Student Affairs division meeting, 1 p.m., CAC 133

Tuesday
- Meet representatives of the Natural Law/Reform Party, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., CAC lobby
- Assertiveness workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC
- Student Academic Services committee meeting, 2:30 p.m., CAC 138
- CCC Meeting, 4 p.m., CAC 133

Wednesday
- LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY: Help support breast cancer research.
- Meet representatives of the Natural Law Reform Party, CAC lobby, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Student Government executive meeting, 6:30 p.m., SG office
- Ready for Mid-Terms workshop, 5 - 6 p.m., CCC

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- Power Reading workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC
- Choosing a Major and Career workshop, 2 - 4 p.m., CCC
- Sail Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayborro Cafe

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- 2000 AMERICAN HEART WALK, Carellon
- Pet First Aid, 9 a.m. - noon, CAC 133

10
- Coffee with the Dean, 9 - 10 a.m., CAC 138
- Ready for Mid-Terms workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC

11
- GAME DAY, Harborside
- Student Government meeting, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133

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- BLOOD DRIVE
- Job Search Strategies workshop, 2 - 3 p.m., CCC
- Time Management workshop, 5 - 6 p.m., CCC

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- Choosing a Major and Career workshop, 2 - 4 p.m., CCC
- Sail Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bayborro Cafe

16 - 20
- COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

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- DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MID-TERM GRADES

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- Violence Against Women panel, Harborside
- College Success workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC

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- Clothesline Project, Harborside
- Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills workshop, noon - 1 p.m., CCC
- Student Government executive meeting, 4:30 p.m., SG office
- CHADD meeting, 7 p.m., CAC 130

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- Caricaturist, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., CAC lobby
- Juvenile Welfare Board community mobilization Forum, 6 - 8 p.m., CAC

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- CITF committee meeting, 10 a.m., CAC 133
- Town & Gown luncheon, 11:30 a.m., CAC 130
- Feel Better Fast workshop, 2 - 4 p.m., CCC
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- Movie Night, 6 p.m., Harborside

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New grading plan rates 'incomplete' by students

By AARON QUINN
Of the Crow's Nest

St. Petersburg and Tampa student government presidents are split in their opinion of plus/minus grading.

Since the first syllabi were distributed this fall, many students have become disturbed over inconsistencies in course grading policies, said St. Petersburg student government President Clayton Tieman.

Tieman said the problems are several. First, professors are making their own grading scales. The fault, however, is not theirs, he said. Professors don't have a predetermined grading scale, and must create their own by the first class meeting and adhere to it throughout the semester.

For some teachers, an "A" is earned with the percent of the available points; others deem 95 percent an "A+".

"We need uniformity in grading for students to agree with this policy," said Tyth Small, student government president for the Tampa campus.

The other issue lies in annual USF catalogues. Each catalogue lists standards with which each student must agree when he or she becomes a student.

For students who registered before fall 2000, their catalogue did not include a plus/minus grading scale. "About 10 people have approached me so far asking why they are subject to plus/minus grading when their catalogue doesn't include it," said Tieman.

USF administrators regularly make policy changes that differ from the USF catalogues, but most changes go unnoticed. "The university reserves the right to make any changes," said Winston Bridges, associate dean of the St. Petersburg campus.

Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies Curtis Wikner affirmed Bridges' position on policy change. "The USF catalogue is a binding contract between students and the university for graduation requirements," he said.

Graduation requirements, however, are the only policies that the university is required to uphold, said Wikner.

University Press to discuss book publishing

Attention all aspiring authors: representatives from University Press of Florida will be on campus Thursday to discuss book publishing.

The representatives will present an overview of University Press' scholarly and regional publications and answer questions. They also will meet with individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting will be in BAY 204 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Anyone unable to attend should contact Susan Fernandez, 553-3173, to arrange an appointment.

'Denim Day' to fund breast cancer research

Jeans and breast cancer — words that are not generally connected to each other. Next week, however, they will be.

As part of "Lee National Denim Day," students, faculty and staff making a donation to fund breast cancer research will be allowed to wear jeans on campus on Oct. 4. Volunteers will begin Monday to accept donations on campus.

All proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

National Denim Day is sponsored by the Lee Jean Co.