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'Vision' plan sees St. Pete autonomy

By AARON QUINN
Of the Crow's Nest

University of South Florida officials have revealed a "new vision" to make USF-St. Petersburg and other regional campuses more autonomous.

The plan was discussed in a report, "University of South Florida: One University, Geographically Dispersed: An Agenda for Autonomy," released to St. Petersburg campus faculty Oct. 2.

The report is the first concrete response by USF President Judy Genshaft to proposals by state Sens. Don Sullivan and John McKay to separate campuses in St. Petersburg and Sarasota into independent four-year universities. While offering more autonomy to all regional campuses, the report recommends that all the sites remain affiliated with the USF system.

Noting that USF is "at a crucial stage in the development of the university," the report states that "the USF administration recognizes the urgency of responding to the changing needs of its constituents throughout our region. We believe the best way to do this is to continue working with the regional campuses to foster a greater degree of autonomy, allowing them to initiate growth according to their specific needs, while maintaining their affiliation with a major research university."

The report noted that this kind of "federated" campus structure is used by university systems in Arizona, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Minnesota. These affiliations "have not been created in toto at once," according to the report, "but have evolved gradually toward greater levels of autonomy."

The report was issued amid pressure from Sullivan to increase the availability of four-year degrees to Pinellas County.

Sullivan attempted to pass a bill in the last legislative session that would have taken the St. Petersburg campus from USF and made it "Suncoast University," but it died on the last day of the session.

Specific changes are recommended for each campus:

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Marine monitors ride crest of research studies into Gulf current, climate status

By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow's Nest

In 2001, the research of the USF College of Marine Science could stretch from Bayboro Harbor to locations such as Havana and Cancun.

Marine Science professor Frank Muller-Karger is working with scientists from Cuba and Mexico to install monitors on buoys in the Port of Havana and Mexican ports including Progreso, Veracruz and possibly Cancun. These real-time monitors will continually measure and broadcast to satellites information on currents, winds, sea level and rainfall.

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"The largest shipping channel for ships coming in from the Caribbean to Florida passes within two miles of Cuba," Muller-Karger said. "We have hundreds of ships going by here every month, and we would like to know the direction of the current, how the wind is, what the wave height is. It's very useful for the shipping industry."

In September, an oceanographer and a meteorologist from Cuba spent 10 days in St. Petersburg working with Muller-Karger on the project.

"I invited them both to make sure they understand exactly what we're putting in there so there's no suspicion," Muller-Karger said. "That way, I hope, there will be no problem with the government there, because you wouldn't just be allowed to put some radio device in the water off Havana."

Muller-Karger said he also would like to expand the monitors out into the Caribbean Sea to provide real time meteorological and oceanographic data over a large scale.

Oceanographers from the United States, Mexico and Cuba are working on an in-depth examination of the Yucatan Current, the strong flow of water that passes through the Yucatan Strait, the area of the Caribbean between Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Cuba.

"There are fronts in the water there where one side is cold and one side is warm," Muller-Karger said. "These fronts are very

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Election reform starts with the will to vote

Opinion

"If we want reform, we have to reform our own outlook on the electoral process in America. We have to get involved, if there is to be much-needed changes y'all complain about each year."

Letters

Article good publicity for COT, but had inaccuracies

Thank you so much for featuring the Center for Ocean Technology in your current edition [Sept. 27-Oct. 10] of the Crow's Nest. We are always interested in good publicity about the work we are doing here. And we very much liked the liveliness of the article. There are, however, a few inaccuracies in the article.

We are the Center for Ocean Technology and we reside in the College of Marine Science. We are not the College of Ocean Technology.

The center director's last name is spelled Langebrake, not Langebrake.

In speaking with Larry Langebrake, he did not agree with the progression noted in downsizing silicon chips. While we applaud Mr. Quinn's efforts (and encourage his future efforts) to make science understandable to those not familiar with its concepts, this description was not literally correct in its portrayal of how silicon chips have become smaller.

Finally, Mr. Langebrake does not recall uttering the words, "It wouldn't be surprising to see large buildings popping up all over St. Petersburg in the future." He does agree with the comments attributed to him in the remainder of that paragraph.

Again, thank you for your interest in our work. We hope to be able to talk with you again as this exciting work progresses.

Carol S. Steele, Ph.D.
Administrative Manager

Lieberman looked straight at his audience

I couldn't help but notice that when Dick Cheney responded to questions he very rarely looked into the camera lens. Senator Lieberman, on the other hand, made it a point to acknowledge the presence of the American viewer and intimate addresses by the camera lens with the presence of mind and penetration which assured me that he was keenly aware of my existence.

Daniel P. Quinn
St. Petersburg
USF-YWCA child center aids school, students

By MELANIE BARAT
Contributing Writer

Tiffany Bell wears two hats. She is a full-time USF student majoring in psychology. She is also a full-time mom. The Child Development Center, 429 Sixth Ave. S. (just one block from the St. Petersburg campus), has made this dual role a little easier for her and other USF students attending the St. Petersburg campus.

“They are very flexible about when I bring her in,” Bell said. “And knowing that she’s just right across the street gives me great security.

Her daughter, 3-year-old Logan, doesn’t understand the complexities of juggling school and work schedules with reliable affordable childcare. All she knows is that she loves to go to the center to play with her friends. “The first day I picked her up, she was glowing,” Bell said.

Lenise Hill, center director since February, views the relationship between the center and USF students as a very positive one. “The proximity is wonderful,” Hill said. “Students can come over during their lunch or class breaks and visit with their children.”

The center has an open door policy that allows parents to stop by at any time to see their children.

Full-time, part-time and occasional care options are available at a discounted rate to full-time USF students. Evening care is also available for students attending a night class at USF, according to Hill. The center also serves as a training site for USF students in the early childhood education program. “We’re expecting around four interns this fall,” Hill said.

As a parent, Bell finds this constant flow of newly trained teachers at the center an added bonus. “I love the fact that it’s associated with the USF internship program,” Bell said.

Dr. Steve Micklo, associate professor in early childhood education at USF, coordinates the placement of the interns. “The interns first get acclimated to the center and the children, and then take the theory from their classes and put it into practical application with young children.”

The partnership between the YWCA and USF is spelled out in a written, signed agreement that describes in detail the responsibilities of each of the institutions, according to Micklo.

The advantages to USF are the ability to offer discounted, quality day care to its students as well as an additional, local internship placement option. “And the YWCA can call upon the university for ideas and assistance while completing an education or acquiring job training. “Currently, the enrollment is 85% USF student usage,” Hill said.

Generous donations from USF as well as United Way have aided in making the center a first-class facility. One of the huge contributions came from the St. Petersburg campus student government, which gave more than $150,000. In addition, all of the furniture, equipment and educational toys for the classrooms were purchased by funds from United Way, according to Hill.

The center currently employs 16 full-time and part-time staff members, including a facilities coordinator. Breakfast and an afternoon snack are included in the tuition fee.

The center is open Monday through Friday, from 6:45 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Delays aside, council readies for move into new campus site

By JORDAN DYE
Contributing Writer

Bad weather and market demands in construction have delayed the opening of the Florida Center for Teachers building. Yet Susan Lockwood, director of the center, is less concerned with when the council moves into its new home than what happens once the council settles into its new location.

The Florida Center for Teachers, the new 20,000-square-foot-building located at the northwest corner of Sixth Avenue South and Second Street South, will house the Florida Humanities Council and its teachers program as well as the campus mass communications program.

The building was scheduled to be occupied in April. Plans now are for the mass communications program to move into the new building in November, followed by the humanities council in December, said Jim Grant, project manager for facilities planning and construction on the St. Petersburg campus.

The humanities council is moving from Ybor City. Since 1993, when the center began holding seminars, training locations have been held at multiple university sites, said Lockwood. She enthusiastically called the new location “home.”

Having the council focus on a university campus presents a great opportunity, said Fran Cary, executive director of the council. “There’s a natural liaison between what we do and universities.” For example, the liaison between the humanities council and the St. Petersburg campus could lend itself to work studies and internships for USF students. The presence of Florida’s sole humanities council will also add visibility to the St. Petersburg campus, she said.

The center draws university faculty as well as other cultural experts from all around the state to teach weeklong seminars for Florida teachers of pre-K through 12.

The sessions are directed toward those who are “already good teachers,” Lockwood said. Large portions of Floridians are from out of state, and that includes to teachers as well. “Teachers want content,” meaning knowledge about Florida and its cultural heritage, she said.

In the application process, teachers submit an essay about themselves. The center looks for teachers who convey a “passion for learning,” Lockwood said. Each seminar holds 25 teachers, sometimes only a third of those who apply, she said.

Topics covered by the workshops are varied. For instance, seminars offered this summer ranged from “The Challenge of Diversity: Finding a Common Path,” and “Florida Writers: Florida Places,” to “Plagues in Medicine and Myth” and “What Is This Thing Called Work,” according to the council Web site.

Lockwood told how the program impacts the way teachers teach, using an example of a kindergartner teacher. When the teacher previously taught the students in the sciences, she explained that trees shed leaves in the fall and that snow falls in winter, actually attributes of the seasons in the northern United States. After the seminar, the teacher adapted her lesson, teaching specific signs of the seasonal changes in Florida. Then, to give students an opportunity to experience the natural environment firsthand, she and her students, and at least one of each students’ parents, camped overnight in a state park.

The Florida Humanities Council, a non-profit organization, is funded by the federal National Endowment for the Humanities, as well as state and private monies. The council financially supports and frequently creates cultural activities such as exhibits and lectures in libraries and historical societies in rural communities all over the state.

The council focuses on making the humanities accessible by “telling people’s stories” to Floridians, said Cary. Doing so means linking scholars and experts in history, literature, art, music and folk life to small communities.

Lee National Denim Day
Harborside Productions would like to thank everyone for their support in fighting the battle against breast cancer. We would also like to send a special thank you to SANDBY BLOOD in the Career and Counseling Center for all of her help.

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Dr. Jay Sokolovsky
will speak on his recent anthropological work in Mexico
Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m. in COG 200-A
Pizza, soda and coffee will be provided. Sponsored by the Anthropology Club
1950s campaign against gays topic of Oct. 24 speaker, video

From 1956 to 1965, the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee — commonly known as the Johns Committee for namesake Sen. Charley Johns — conducted McCarthyite witch hunts throughout the Sunshine State. While40 activists, intellectuals and many others faced the committee’s wrath, the investigations of gay, lesbian, and bisexual Floridians mark an important and largely ignored chapter in the social history of Florida.

Jim Schnur will discuss the tactics, context and historical significance of the committee’s homophobic campaigns at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 in Davis Hall 130. His talk is titled “Opening Closed Doors: Peering into the Johns Committee’s Homophobic Closet.”

The event, which is free and open to the public, includes a showing of “Behind Closed Doors,” a video documentary that recounts the committee’s investigations at the University of Florida.

Schnur, a native Floridian, wrote his master’s thesis on the history of the Johns Committee while a graduate student at UF. He contributed a chapter on the committee in “Caryn’s On: The Lesbian and Gay South,” a 1997 anthology of Southern lesbian and gay history published by New York University Press.

Schnur currently serves as an academic advisor, College University Career Center coordinator, and adjunct instructor of history in Eckerd College’s Program for Experienced Learners.

The video was directed by Allyson Beutke, a recent graduate of UF’s mass communications, and includes interviews with scholars, political experts, and líder activists.

For more information, call Jerry Notaro at 553-3408.

What’s Goin’ On

Second Saturday Art Walk, Oct. 14, 5:30-9 p.m.
Monthly stroll of downtown St. Petersburg art galleries sponsored by the Downtown Arts Association. Featured artist this month is Julia C. DeArriba, a USF graduate student. Her paintings will be on exhibit at Heavenly Things, 216 First Ave. N.

Downtown by Dusk, Oct. 19, 5 p.m.
This oversized block party kicks off the annual Clearwater Jazz Holiday “King Sock” and “Queen Dive!” will be crowned at 5:30. The royal couple will then lead a Mariachi style parade to the Jazz Holiday festivities at Coachman Park.

Station Square Park, 600 Cleveland St., Clearwater. INFO: DIANE SMITH, 562-4022.

‘Yorkie Ladies in Florida’
Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
Harrist Beecher Stone, Sarah Orne Jewett and Laura Ingalls Wilder; three writers who spent time in Florida, are brought to life by Chautauqua performer Betty Jean Steinhousen.

Clearwater East Library, INFO: Sol Hirsch, 791-1216

‘Separation of Marti-Maceo from Cigar City’
Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
Exhibit and lecture focuses on the relationship between these two Cuban social clubs.

Marti-Maceo Social Hall, 1226 E. 7th Ave., Ybor City. INFO: Paul Jaime Dosal, 948-9331.

‘Notes from Cross Creek: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings’
Oct. 22, 2:30 p.m.
Florida’s Pulitzer Prize-winning author is portrayed by Chautauqua performer Betty Jean Steinhousen.

Clearwater East Library, INFO: Sol Hirsch, 791-1216

Henry B. Plant’
Oct. 23, 7 p.m.
The turn of the century railroad man responsible for much of the development modern Florida is portrayed by Kelly Reynolds, an actor and English professor.


‘Notes from Cross Creek: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings’
Oct. 25, 11 a.m.
Florida’s Pulitzer Prize-winning author is portrayed by Chautauqua performer Betty Jean Steinhousen.

Eckerd College CEC, INFO: Thomas Santee, 864-8085.

Circus McGurk’s
Oct. 28, 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Meet grass-roots community groups while surrounded by artists, musicians, jugglers and dancers.


CraftArt 2000
Oct. 28-29
See the works of 125 artists in clay, wood, metal, fiber, jewelry, paper 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.

Plant Park, University of Tampa. 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Cost: $3, children under 12 free. INFO: 821-7391.

25th Hour Bayboro Flashback
Oct. 29, 5 p.m.
Annual USF St. Petersburg campus fundraiser; this year with a "flower power," A’60s style bash” at Bayfront Center, then a tribute to the Beatles (who in 1964: "The Tribute”) in the Mahaffey Theater.


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‘The Rosewood Incident’
Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
The oral history of the Rosewood massacre and its aftermath is discussed by Dr. Annette Goins Shair, the daughter of a Rosewood survivor.

Heritage Village, Largo. INFO: Dr. Ellen Babo, 582-2127.

Art Arbor Festival
Nov. 11-12
Boyd Hill Nature Park, St. Petersburg
‘Frog Listening Network’
Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Oak Hill Environmental Studies Area, 2900 21st St., S. Petersburg. INFO: 893-7726.

CONTINUING
‘America Through the CBS Eye’
Oceanography class offers lessons far, wide

By CHRIS CURRY
Of the Crow's Nest

Besides the day off, there are few things sixth-graders enjoy more than the field trip. Whether they go to a museum, a play or the aquarium, at least they're not in school.

On a recent trip to USF-St. Petersburg, Bay Point School students Kara Goldberg and Brian Hall got the opportunity to take a couple of water bottles and douse a model cityscape with Kool Aid and a mix of cocoa powder and water. And they got to do it before a live television audience of students in 38 states.

Hall and Goldberg were members of an earth science class from the St. Petersburg school in the audience on Friday, Oct. 6, for this fall's first broadcast of Project Oceanography, an educational program produced by the College of Marine Science.

The demonstration in which they took part showed how industrial waste, pesticides and, yes, cow manure, pollute water supplies. It was part of the first in a three-part series on neighborhood water quality hosted by Paul Anderson, the education coordinator at the St. Petersburg Pier Aquarium.

Through spring, 20 episodes of Project Oceanography will be shot in the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library's second floor television studio. The half-hour program is broadcast live locally at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays on the Pinellas County School Board's Channel 14.

"On other field trips you're just there looking at things," Hall said. "Here you learn stuff and get to do things. And you get to be on television."

Goldberg was a virtual veteran to local television, having once read the public school lunch menu on Channel 8. "It was cool," Goldberg said about her Project Oceanography appearance. "It was really fun to spray everything."

"It was a pretty good experience for the kids," said Bay Point teacher John Frey. "I'm sure they were excited about the live TV. It's a media world and now they're part of it."

Project Oceanography began in the spring of 1996 with five Pinellas County middle schools. The first audience was from, where else, Bay Point.

"We realized how much schools wanted outreach and scientists in their classrooms," said executive producer Paula Cole. "We do it from campus but we can reach a lot of schools at one time."

Project Oceanography is now broadcast live to more than 300 sites in this country. It is carried on tape by schools in England, Brazil, Greece, Chile and India.

The show is funded by a grant from the National Ocean Partnership Program, a cooperative of federal agencies including the U.S. Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency involved in ocean research. Project Oceanography also benefits from the expertise of neighbors at places like the Pier Aquarium and the Florida Institute for Oceanography.

"We don't have to pay our science hosts," said program coordinator Tracy Christner. "Our neighboring marine science community, as well as our marine science department, provide our expert hosts. It gives the students access to a practicing scientist instead of just reading a book."

Even with outside help, the pressure of producing a live show each week requires a lot of preparation. There was a rehearsal on Tuesday morning and two more on Friday, one without the class and a final walk through with the students.

"I think it went really well," Christner said. "There are always little details that gel about the second or third show."

Christner said producing a live show was hectic "like you wouldn't believe." But she said it also has its benefits.

"It's good. It gets the student audience excited. It gives them a little adrenaline. We wouldn't want them sitting there half asleep, so it gives them a little boost."

Exhibit recalls a different Olympics

The recently concluded Olympics competition in Sydney, Australia, was marked by massive media exposure and advertising hype. An exhibit in the Poynter Library recalls an earlier Olympics that was used to extol politics and racism.

The exhibit contains newspaper accounts, books and other memorabilia of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. Most of the material for the exhibit was donated by Dr. Edward T. O'Brien Jr., a member of the St. Petersburg Junior College faculty and son of Edward T. O'Brien, who won a silver medal in the relay during that competition.

Items in the exhibit case, located next to the first-floor elevators, recall how the games were viewed by German Chancellor Adolf Hitler as a propaganda platform to dazzle foreign spectators and journalists.

The American Jewish and anti-Nazi groups held mass rallies in protest of Hitler's National Socialists' Party racist policies and persecution of the Jews. Jewish athletes refused to participate in the games and competed in the counter-Olympics, held at the World Labor Athletic Carnival on Randall's Island, N.Y., in August 1936.

USF ALUM CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF ST. PETERSBURG

Ronnie Beck, 1990 graduate from the then College of Natural Sciences, is now a candidate for Mayor of St. Petersburg. Beck is also the immediate past president of the Pinellas County Alumni Chapter for the University of South Florida having served as president from 1998-2000. During that time he has flown to Tallahassee to support USF Bayboro's conversion to four year status, served on the Campus Advisory Board, over seen an increase in the alumni chapter scholarship awards, represented the alumni at commencement, and more.

His strong leadership has brought greater positive public awareness of the chapter and of USF Bayboro. In addition to his USF leadership roles in the community Ronnie and his wife Connie also fund a USF Bayboro Campus Scholarship for a single working mother. Beck has also taught astronomy for the USF Division of Life Long Learning.

In 1997 he ran for city council, receiving 43 percent of the vote and a strong recommendation from the St. Petersburg Times. Since then he has been a neighborhood activist, crime watch coordinator, and currently serves on the city's Board of Adjustment hearing zoning cases along with illegal and abandoned dwelling units. He has also enrolled in law enforcement continuing education courses to better prepare himself to be the Mayor of St. Petersburg.

Beck has owned his own business for 21 years. His drafting business, providing shop drawings for steel fabricators, has customers from Florida to Maine to Colorado. He also sub-contracts work to others in Florida, Alabama, Ohio, and Maine.

Ronnie, along with his wife, has a history of other community involvement outside of USF. They were the 1985 Big Couple of the Year with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and they have worked with Meals on Wheels delivering food and companionship to shut-ins. Ronnie has also provided many space science presentations to elementary school children.

Ronnie Beck's combined community experience and the USF leadership gives him much to offer St. Petersburg.

Dear USF Friends,

Please join me in the Davis Hall lobby on Tuesday, October 17th from 4pm to 8pm. Bring your views and concerns to me and let me share my campaign and some volunteer opportunities with you. See you then!

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Between the two areas," Torres said.

Gary Springer. The secretary general for USF Port of Tampa said the accord had six separate working groups focusing on areas such as biology and health and drug screening required for the lobster supply and coral reef monitoring for the entire Gulf of Mexico and come in and go out of productive. There are lots of fish, lots of plankton. These fronts wrap around the entire Gulf of Mexico and come in and wash the coast of Florida. There are a lot of implications for that."

Muller-Karger said more information on the Yucatan Current could show if the Caribbean was a good source of replenishment for the lobster supply and coral reef in the Florida Keys. He said it could also help explain the movement of red tide.

This project is the latest in a 10-year long working relationship with Cuba. Last year, a Cuban ship brought a party of U.S. scientists to the area of the Yucatan Strait being studied. After the trip, the Cuban ship remained in the Port of St. Petersburg for a week.

"That was probably the highlight of the whole thing because in 40 years we haven't had a Cuban ship visit U.S. water," Muller-Karger said.

The more recent partnership between USF and Mexico came about through the USF Port of Tampa accord, an economic cooperation between the five U.S. states and the six states of Mexico that border the Gulf of Mexico.

Martin Torres, a consulate for the Mexican government working in Orlando, said the accord had six separate working groups focusing on areas such as trade, tourism, infrastructure and the environment. After the Gulf States Accord began in 1995, Torres said it remained almost inactive for a few years. Now, he said, it is producing results, especially in Florida. The Tampa Bay area is particularly active through the USF international business program at the Port of Tampa and the Pinellas County Department of Economic Development Mexican Initiative.

"The bottom line is to create the possibility of strong economic interest between the two areas," Torres said.

One constant in the economic partnership between Mexico and this area is Gary Springer. The secretary general for the Gulf States Accord, Springer also teaches business at the USF Port of Tampa faculty and works as an independent contractor with Pinellas County on the Mexican Initiative.

Springer said his focus was to expand existing joint ventures with Mexico and to create new ones.

"We're working with USF to create interest and expand the program," Springer said. "We're going to help them (USF) make more contacts around the Gulf states and Mexico."

"USF has taken the lead in the Gulf States Accord," Torres said. "They went from a passive part to a very active one."

Through the accord, USF and Mexico are working to expand academic exchange programs in areas such as biology and ecology.

Feds laud USF construction training plan

By MELANIE BARAT
Contributing Writer

The USF St. Petersburg campus recently received the "Best Practices 2000" award from the Department of Commerce for its involvement in initiating a construction training program to address the shortage of workers in the construction industry, according Bob Brown, director of special projects.

The award was presented to acting Vice President William Heller by Karen Jackson-Sims, a representative of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The program was funded by a $296,000 grant from the city of St. Petersburg and HUD.

USF created the program through a partnership with the city of St. Petersburg, the Housing Authority and PTEC-St. Petersburg, where the classes will be held.

The Chamber of Commerce has also been very supportive of the program, according to Brown. "They have been helpful in attempting to contact other members of the community who may be interested in the program," Brown said.

We are very excited about this opportunity and through our Business Assistance Program, are excited assisting both USF and the city in this very worthwhile project," Michael Littman, the chamber's vice president of business assistance and government relations, said in a written statement.

The objective of the program is to train people for careers in the construction industry through classroom instruction as well as on-the-job training. After completing the program, students will be able to accept employment within the construction industry, while continuing to train and learn new skills.

The program is not only beneficial to help under-skilled workers gain employment, but is also "beneficial to the community as it provides a positive financial impact," Brown said.

To qualify for the program, individuals must be 18 and a resident of St. Petersburg. Students must also pass a health and drug screening required for the construction industry.

For more information about this program, contact Bob Brown at the Office of Special Services, 553-3189 or 553-0471 (pager).
Nader on corporations, Kosovo, Greens

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Reporters from The Columbus Daily Spectator sat down for an exclusive interview with Green Party Presidential candidate Ralph Nader Oct. 6 shortly after speaking at Columbia University.

Spectator: Were you an activist when you were in college? What were some of the issues that mobilized you back then? Did you recruit college students?

Ralph Nader: Remember, it was the 1950s, where the main demonstration of student revolts on the Princeton University campus was to refuse to wear white buck shoes and khaki pants. There was very little going on. It was the Korean War time; the guys were afraid they were going to get drafted even before they graduated from high school.

So what we did was, we started being concerned about DDT spraying that we thought was a problem, some dead birds on the lawn, and there was no interest among the biology and chemistry professors in that. There was some support for University workers who weren't paid very much, but by and large there wasn't much going on at all. It was really a stultifying time to go to school.

Spectator: A big issue on campus this past week has been the conflict in the Middle East. How would you rate the state of the conflict as President?

Nader: I'm often asked that: 'What would you have done at the end point in Kosovo, the end point at this hotspot, East Timor, etc.?... The answer is that I wouldn't have let it go that far. The idea of using lethal force against people who are throwing rocks—youngsters—is abhorrent; I don't think anybody can justify that kind of bloodshed when one party has such huge military superiority over the other.

Now, can we influence that? I think we could. We have very close relations with the state of Israel. To help the people die like that, some of them kids. In our country, when we have riots and people get shot dead in the streets in the 60s, people say 'what's going on here? Lethal force, the overuse of force?'

But the process is going in the right direction; the Israelis have recognized the right of return up to 100,000 refugees, which is a good start. Other countries in the world are getting together some sort of foreign aid package, and the question is, how much of the land in the West Bank and Gaza is going to be a Palestinian state and are they going to be just autonomous, will they have an independent political system?

The question is, 'will they have a democratic Palestinian state?' That's another problem. One small advance creates a problem. Anywhere around the world we are very reluctant to support the downtrodden, the exploited. So we don't have the UN international peacekeeping force that we should have, clearly, so we don't have to go around the world being a policeman. Europe should have dealt with Yugoslavia and its neighbors; instead, Germany supported the Croatian breakaway, that's what started it.

So the situation everywhere is one where corporations are deeply involved. The Persian war was a battle over oil that could have been easily prevented, just the way it was prevented in 1961. You know how it happened in 1961? The dictator of Iraq starts the tanks rolling into Kuwait, saying Kuwait is Iraq, and the (Kuwaitis) call up the UN and say, 'send three little battalions of paratroopers' and they land, and the tanks go back to Baghdad.

We had three weeks watching in 1990. Did we do it? It's very interesting. Our diplomats gave Saddam Hussein a go signal — we don't get involved in these internal disputes — and he took advantage of it. We could've easily sent a couple battalions and said, 'look, you're going to be faced with a resistance, and we'll be down there and stop it.'

Spectator: Suppose on Nov. 7 the Green Party captures a large share of the vote and becomes a force in national politics. Where do you go from there?

Nader: Well, we just keep building. We've got more candidates coming in. We connect more with the citizens groups. The Green Party in Connecticut, for example, turns itself into a citizen advocacy (group). It deals with (the) Millstone nuclear plant, it fights electricity deregulation, it led the way with me to defeat the Patriots boondoggle where the Republican governor and Democratic legislature two years ago got a half a billion dollars together and said, 'we'll build you a stadium, a practice field, we'll build your skyboxes.' And the Patriots were going to come to Hartford from Boston.

And in the meantime, the governor turns down $200 million in funds for repairing Hartford's public schools. So in four months the Green Party developed a whole coalition and the whole agreement fell apart and the Patriots went back to Boston to build a stadium with private funding. That's a very important theme, that a political party goes into the civic arena between elections to become just a money machine.

Spectator: Three blocks east from where we are at right now you reach the border of Harlem, and while it's gotten a lot better than it was, the dichotomy between here and there is still pretty stark. What would you do to improve the situation in areas such as Harlem?

Nader: It's like a ratchet; you just don't do one thing. You have to have affordable housing, community policing, or a police force that lives in the communities that isn't going to use excessive force. It's a way to keep up the pressure. And if you do that, then you have adequate community health care clinics, you put investment back in the poor areas by prohibiting bank and insurance redlining. Once the banks and insurance companies pull out of an area, it's doomed; it's on its way down.

You improve the public transit so low-income people can get to their jobs around anywhere in the suburbs. You develop community development credit unions as I mentioned. You facilitate trade union membership. It all comes together. But you can't just do one little thing, and you can't say, 'well, we're going to give a business a corner here,' and then the place blows up with drive-by shootings. You've got to do it all as a coordinated effort.

Spectator: You know, it's like a ratchettent critique of academics being influenced by corporations, and I was wondering if in your own campaign you've been getting any support or advice from different academics. I know that (Columbia Professor) Manning Marable was speaking at a teach-in.

Nader: We have quite a few. Cornel West. We have connections with the various disciplines who are supporting us. Not in any organized fashion. There may be law professors for the Nader-LaDuke ticket who are coming out within a week or so, but there's a lot of support on campus anyway. In the suburbs.

We have the California Faculty Association, which is a group of teachers that's never endorsed anyone before, thinking of endorsing this ticket.

Spectator: What do you think the appeal is?

Nader: Well because no one is talking at the presidential candidate level about corporatization and the use of the distance learning racket to really appropriate the work product of professors and then license it to private corporations ... and the general commercialization of the curriculum. I mean, you know Bush and Gore are all 'computers' and 'technology,' what we call 'technowit' attitudes. They don't ask 'what's it for?' (or) 'what're the uses?' It's just, 'get in there.'

It's a very shallow view of things. You look at the 10 values of the Green Party — nonviolence is one, social justice and all — well, you've got to flesh those all out in reality. I think this is an opportunity that doesn't come around very often, and if we can make the most of it — you asked about the impact after November — the Democrats will behave differently because they'll know they're going to lose millions of votes, and that'll be the margin of defeat with the Republicans.
### Campus Calendar

Upcoming activities on the St. Petersburg campus:

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### Cell phone donation can help survivors of spousal abuse

By LORI GRAYSON  
Contributing Writer

Your old cellular phone can give survivors of domestic violence a link to safety in their daily lives. A campus organization, Phi Theta Kappa, is collecting cellular phones to donate to the Center Against Spousal Abuse (CASA).

The phones can be used for 911 emergency calls, said Nina Smith, volunteer coordinator of the center. Through the program, CASA loans its clients a cellular phone for up to 30 days.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

By MELANIE BARAT  
Contributing Writer

It is large, bright and defiantly hard to ignore. It’s the new painting located at the top of the stairs in Davis lobby. The piece, "Survivors on the Monogram," was created by Theo Wujcik, a local artist and USF art professor.

A well-known painting by Robert Rauschenberg, "The Monogram," is the source of Wujcik’s inspiration. Wujcik often reworks the ideas other artists, such as Van Gogh, Picasso, Warhol and Mapplethorpe, adding his own style.

The figures in the painting represent struggling artists helping each other, according to Wujcik. The arm of one of the figures points the way to a row of Studio windows that lead off the canvas, indicating the endless possibilities and opportunities in the world of art, the artist said.

The chain-link motif is created by attaching rolled-up strips of paper towel to the canvas and painting over them. This style has become somewhat of a trademark for Wujcik, and he came up with the idea purely by accident.

"I was interested in an image of a tornado destroying the universe," Wujcik said. "I came across a construction site and I saw a chain-link fence all mangled in the shape of a tornado."

That idea led to his first "chain link" painting, "Tampa Tornado," which can be viewed, along with many other Wujcik works, at the 30-year retrospective exhibition at the Gulf Coast Museum of Art in Largo through Nov. 5.

### Study offered in global change research

Fellowships and internships for research in global change for undergraduates and graduates are available through the U.S. Department of Energy.

The agency sponsors the Global Change Education Program, which consists of three components: the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), the Graduate Research Environmental Fellowships (GREF), and the Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science (SOARS) program.

Participants are given travel and housing support, as well as a weekly stipend during the 10-week program.

Fellowships include transportation and housing for GREF activities, tuition at the college or university attended, and a support stipend for the year.

Applicants should have completed their first year in graduate school, unless they have participated previously in SOARS or SURE undergraduate fellowship programs.

Deadline for applications is February 1, 2001. For complete information and applications, visit the program's home page at http://www.amos.anl.gov/GCREP/.

Applicants also can contact Mary Kinney, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Science and Engineering Education, P.O. Box 117, MS 36, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 37831-0117; telephone (865) 576-9655; e-mail (kineym@orau.gov).