Memories of times past linger in St. Petersburg

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The Crow's Nest
Nest Mail

Take pride in green and gold: support USF athletics

For those of you who were never picked for fifth-grade kickball, get over it. There comes a time in our lives when we need to get over ourselves and look at the big picture. I was embarrassed to be associated with some of the students that spoke at the athletic fee presentation on October 25. The comments and accusations thrown at our athletic director were more associated with an interrogation rather than a town meeting or even a debate. Instead of offering constructive criticism, the意见建议 students seemed to enjoy hearing themselves talk. I should not have expected anything less from so many future politicians.

The opportunity that we are being given to give back to a university that is and has given us so much is one that I will not pass up. Through my valued experience in the Marine Corps, I received knowledge and understanding that is not present among many of our youth or even middle-aged Americans. I promised myself to never forget those children whom I saw die on the beaches of Somalia or the parents slain by gang leaders after trying to steal loads of bread to feed their families. What I am trying to show here is just how great we have it. I keep those images with me so I will always try to be a giver and not a taker. If we give up four fast-food meals a month, we would be more than able to help establish the legacy that our grandchildren could enjoy and build on.

We are one university, not five different institutions. We already have wonderful academics, which we should build on with the community. If we give the little that we are being asked to, we will get so much back later. There are companies and individuals in our community that would love to be associated with USF and its new athletic programs. We must first establish ourselves as a unit through our own funds and, in turn, our community will rally behind our exciting new endeavor. It is true that we might not see the benefits in the time that we attend our wonderful school, but what about the students who come after us. I think we at least owe it to them to improve our university as others have done before us.

I will back down from my soap box now, leaving you with a few more things to think about. My father always taught me to give more than I take and to leave more than I was left. I want to be that person who looks back 10 years from now and feels pride in the academically successful university — newly crowned with a national championship — that I was and will continue to be a part of.

— Jimmy McDonnell is a St. Petersburg campus student and a junior majoring in political science.

Students, hit the Internet road running

Most students know that by using their USF identification card discounts are available to the Florida Aquarium, Busch Garden, AMC theaters and many other establishments, but most are not aware that an Internet provider also offers discounts to students.

Time Warner's Road Runner cable-modem Internet service, will give a $10 per month discount to students who have a valid USF identification card and subscribe to their cable television service, according to Michael Solomon, a customer service representative of Time Warner.

Now, more than ever, instructors and students will agree it is important for students to have home Internet access. Many instructors are encouraging students to search the Internet for information to do projects. "Especially here on this campus many students have either family or work responsibilities, with Internet access at they can do research at odd hours if they have to," said Deborah Henry, associate university librarian on the St. Petersburg campus. Students can order books through interlibrary loans, renew books and ask reference questions without leaving their home.

Road Runner is about 100 times faster than most Internet providers, such as America Online, CompuServe orProdigy. It is faster because it goes through cable lines, and it doesn't use your phone line. AOL is planning to make cable-modem service, Z-511, available to its customers sometime in the future, according to Lisa Fieso, a customer service representative from AOL. AOL, which uses your phone line, currently costs $21.95 per month, but if you choose the annual plan the cost is $239.40, a savings of $27 per month. Currently they are only offering monthly discounts to American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) members. For more information about AOL students can call 1-800-827-6364.

All a student has to do is present their student's name. If the student already has cable television service, but not in their name, it can easily be changed. The student and the account holder must go to the office and sign a paper to add the student's name to the account.

While some students are familiar with Road Runner, they weren't aware of the discount available. "I already have Road Runner. It is great, a lot faster and less frustrating, but I wasn't aware of the discount," said USF student Charleen Purdy.

Another student, Todd Darrell said, "I just got my computer hooked up to Road Runner, but Time Warner didn't bring up the discount. My friend told me about it.

The regular cost per month is $39.95, minus the discount it costs $29.95 per month. Installation is currently free, which includes installing an ethernet card in your computer.

Road Runner can be installed on any "Windows-based machine", according to Michael Solomon of Time Warner.

Nest Notes

In the process of seeking a new name for the Crow's Nest, we have narrowed the list, which appeared in the last issue.
Committee approves university-wide athletic fee increase

By Lori J. Helfand

USF-St. Petersburg students may pay more for athletic fees next semester but less than the athletic department originally requested. At a heated meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26 on the Tampa campus the athletic fee committee voted to raise the per-credit-hour fee and add a flat fee for all students.

Some students and administrators think the vote raised more questions than it answered. Christian Poepsel, vice president of student government for the St. Petersburg campus, expressed disappointment with student government president Tim Lenahan for failing to foster communication among students about the issue. "Student government [representatives] were not able to give feedback and were never asked their opinions on the issue," said Poepsel. Instead, he said, members were told to show up at the town meeting in the Davis lobby on Monday, Oct. 25, the eve of the crucial committee meeting.

According to Lenahan, "it was very difficult to give all student government members a chance to voice their opinions because the issue came up quickly and required immediate attention.

The athletic fee committee voted to increase regional fees from $66 cents to $2.00 per credit hour and implement a $5 flat fee for all regional students each semester. They also voted to raise Tampa campus fees from $6.50 to $7.50 per credit hour with a $10 flat fee.

Students attending classes in St. Petersburg and Tampa will be charged a flat fee corresponding to their home campus.

Voted down was a regional campus increase to $3.75 per-credit-hour with a $5 flat fee. "We needed the money to have a functioning athletic department," Barbara Sparks-McGlinchy, the senior associate athletic director said after the meeting. "Obviously, we're a little disappointed with the reduction of the one fee."

While St. Petersburg campus Director of Student Affairs Dr. Stephen Ritch saw the vote as what could be called a compromise, Ritch said he was "disappointed with the process.

The concerned parties, Ritch said, were not fairly represented in the 16-member athletic fee committee. Ritch and Poepsel also want to know how USF-St. Petersburg and the regional campuses will get their fair share of the fees collected.

The committee was composed of seven Tampa faculty members and one St. Petersburg faculty member. There were also four student representatives from the Tampa campus and one representative from each of the regional campuses—St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Sarasota and New College.

During the meeting, which lasted almost four hours, Ritch said the majority of the Tampa faculty voted in opposition to the regional students on most critical issues.

One issue is the appropriation of fees collected back to USF-St. Petersburg and other campuses. Some regional campus representatives asked that 50 percent of the money collected by each regional campus be returned to each campus for fitness centers, intramural athletics and programs such as the sailing team on the St. Petersburg campus.

The issue was voted down. Sparks-McGlinchy said it was because it would be difficult to run one unified athletic program with those constraints. Still, regional representatives pushed to know where the money would be allocated and Ritch believes the St. Petersburg campus will call for an equitable allocation of these funds.

USF Athletic Director Paul Griffin said he plans to allot the St. Petersburg campus sailing team, $100,000 next year even though no plans have been set up for campus allocations.

Poepsel saw the support offered by Griffin as a move to pacify dissenting campuses. "It was a deal in which we were losing from the beginning because of the way the committee was set up."

Dennis D’Ettore, a business major and student government representative, supports the fee increase. "I look at it from a standpoint of school spirit," said D’Ettore, adding that the as an added benefit "the recognition from the public will bring money into the school. The better the athletics, the better the experience [students] are going to have."

The October 26 committee decision was just one phase in the approval process. Now committee chairwoman Vice Provost Catherine Batsche, who Ritch said facilitated the meeting in a "conscientious" manner, will prepare a report for submission to Provost Thomas Tighe, USF’s acting president. The recommendation was due to the Board of Regents by Nov. 1.

Ritch said he would like to see proportional representation on all committees, more time spent on critical issues and more information provided to St. Petersburg campus students. These issues are fundamental for all of the committees he oversees on the St. Petersburg campus, said Ritch.
Beauty is in the eye of the egg recipient

By Rachael Lee Coleman

As cultural obsession with beauty continues to spin out of control, society seems to mimic a warped rendition of Gattaca. As genetic manipulation — cloning, egg harvesting, sperm donors, selective breeding, etc. — increases in popularity, we are putting the human race at risk. Now we are doing it online.

Like computer parts, airline tickets and cars, eggs and sperm are now auctioned online to the tune of $15,000 to $150,000 each. Ron Harris, the founder of www.ronsangels.com, boasts that infertile women or men desiring to have children can purchase the eggs and genetic composition of "beautiful and intelligent models" to ensure the perfection of their offspring. Browsers can view donors' photographs (professionally taken, of course) along with a complete physical description. Although the site aims to sell a complete package of intelligence and beauty, there is no way for buyers to know how smart the donors really are.

"Choosing eggs from beautiful women will profoundly increase the success of your children and your children's children, for centuries to come," Harris claims on his Web site. According to the site, 6.1 million infertile women across America are searching for egg donors. But, if all 6.1 million women subscribed to the philosophy that we should breed a super race, individuals would no longer be unique. Not only would everyone have "supermodel syndrome" — perfect hair, eyes, hips and thighs — but with emphasis solely on physical attributes, the intellectual capacity of the human race could drastically decline.

Harris deems this obsession with aesthetic beauty a reflection of society. But one has to wonder, are we really this superficial?

Genetic manipulation took off when scientists cloned a sheep and named her Dolly — a cute, catchy name that could ease its way into American culture without much thought. Had they chosen a name, oh, like No. 2, we may have examined the act a bit more critically.

"This is Darwin's 'Natural Selection' at its very best," reads Harris' site. "The highest bidder gets youth, beauty and social skills." If Darwin could see the twisted evolution of genetic testing he would be appalled. Natural Selection is just that — NATURAL.

Aside from the extremely controversial issue of genetic testing, we must face yet another problem — marketing those atrocities online. Web sites like eBay, an auctioning site recently caught in debate over multi-million dollar kidney sales, may be accessed by anyone. From the site, nearly anything can be sold to the highest bidder.

As genetic engineering becomes more readily available and scientific advancements move into the next century, we must create ethical boundaries. Where do we draw the line between improving our lives and altering our very existence?

What kind of message are we sending to our children when we manipulate genetics to produce the perfect offspring? "Sorry, we're not good enough, so we've decided to bypass the old-fashioned way and create you online." This practice illustrates the highest form of self-deprecation and will bring insecurity to the forefront of the human condition.

Eventually, like in Gattaca, society will be divided into ranks of perfection — those genetically designed to succeed and those left with natural imperfections, fighting to improve shortcomings and struggling to be accepted.
Bayboro eases into expansion

By Chris Curry

Not only is expansion bringing a long-desired four-year university to St. Petersburg, it also represents the culmination of 20 years of cooperation between the University of South Florida and the City of St. Petersburg.

With an initial enrollment increase of just 150 freshmen, expansion will be a gradual process. According to USF-St. Petersburg Dean William Heller, it will take six to 10 years before the goal of 3,500 full-time students is achieved.

"Within the last twenty years or so the city's been acquiring land out there and then we turn it over to the state, allowing for USF to expand," said Herb Polson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations for St. Petersburg. "We've probably put in $12 to $15 million for land acquisition costs looking to the future."

This summer, Pinellas and St. Petersburg Mayor David Fischer joined former USF President Betty Castor in lobbying the state Cabinet to approve the expansion plan.

"I talked about the investment of the city," said Polson. "I talked about this being one of the largest urban areas left in the state that did not have a four-year public institution. I talked about the amount of travel time from Pinellas to the main campus and the number of students who were actually making that trip last year."

Dean Heller feels the city will help shape the expanded undergraduate curriculum. He cites mass communications and environmental science as two areas that will benefit from resources such as the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the St. Petersburg Times, the United States Geological Survey and the Florida Institute for Oceanography.

"We're starting from strengths," said Heller.

According to Polson, city and school officials continue to pursue a plan to build a marine science research facility at the Port of St. Petersburg. The building was to be called Port Discovery, but that title is trademarked by a museum in Baltimore.

An elevated walkway will connect the three-story facility with the Knight Oceanographic Research Institute.

"The city will operate the first floor," said Polson. "USF will occupy and operate floors two and three."

There will be interactive activities for middle school children, including an aquarium touch tank. The televised educational program Project Oceanography, which USF beams to schools in 28 states, will be broadcast from the facility.

The relationship between the campus and the city is not limited to academic partnerships. USF brings money to St. Petersburg. Dean Heller estimates that for every dollar spent on the school's $66 million operating budget, $3 are pumped into the local economy.

"Students, faculty, the growth of this campus is dollars and cents to this community," said Heller.

Heller foresees half of the initial freshman class living in the area. With no plans to build dormitories any time soon, the campus will rely on the private sector for housing.

Located at the corner of Second Street and Sixth Avenue South, Carlton Arms offers close proximity to the campus. But, with rent ranging from $520 a month for a second-floor efficiency to $1,060 for a ninth-floor two bedroom, Carlton Arms may be beyond the means of most students. Other complexes bordering the campus include the Fountain Inn, an assisted living facility, and Bayboro Towers, an over-55 community.

Jan Swallow, administrator of both facilities, says there are no plans to change either to student housing.

This makes the University Park neighborhood, which stretches from Tampa Bay to 16th Street and from Central Avenue to Fifth Avenue South, a prime location for student housing.

"There is plenty of housing in the neighborhood and I think the neighborhood will be building more," said Heller. "I see the private sector building housing and making it attractive to students."

Stirling Stirling, president of the University Park Neighborhood Association, and a local landlord, notes that while neighborhood renovations are ongoing, more needs to be done.

"We have too many absentee landlords who sit on boarded up properties waiting for the big kill," said Stirling.

One question remains. Will campus expansion bring that big kill?

Stirling believes the need for student housing will make the neighborhood more attractive to developers. Still, she says it couldn't hurt if the city got involved by offering tax breaks and low interest rates to those who want to build or renovate in the area. District 6 Councilman Frank Peterman Jr. says it is too early to discuss such measures.

"Once the expansion gets underway," said Peterman, "we'll have some types of incentives to make student housing attractive and affordable."

The city has aided the neighborhood in the past. In 1997 and 1998, University Park applied for and received grants to plant trees and landscape along Fourth Avenue South from Third Street South to Tropicana Field. The arrival of freshmen and sophomores may provide the impetus for more council assistance.

Heller says the expansion will bring money to the landlords who build student housing and the businesses with target student dollars. He feels the renovated downtown will draw students to the St. Petersburg campus.

With musical venues such as Jannus Landing and the State Theatre, downtown is an attractive locale for incoming and current college students. Bay-Ball, a 65,000 sq. ft. shopping center that will house a 20-screen movie theatre, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2000.

"We think this campus could be a wonderful attraction statewide. What's happening downtown with Bay-Ball, you're going to have a virtual Hyde Park," said Heller, referring to Tampa's upscale shopping district.

"In my judgment," said Heller, "and it happened in St. Petersburg, it will cater to the university crowd. I see restaurants running student specials and shops offering discounts with a student I.D."

The monetary impact of the expansion hings on the premise that the campus will attract full-time students. These students will spend their free time, and their money, in the downtown area. Heller feels full-time students will be drawn to the campus by the combination of appealing course offerings and a thriving downtown.

"We're tied together," said Heller of the relationship between the campus and city. "There's no question about it."

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Reflections of the past: first freshman remember Bayboro

By Donna Winchester

The expansion of USF-St. Petersburg to a four-year institution is news that many people, but not for Tim Reilly, Herman Brames and Pam and Ray Joelson. They were part of the first freshman classes held here—33 years ago. Reilly, Brames and the Joelsons share a little-known story, one that evolved from a critical situation. It gives them a special perspective on USF’s present plans.

They remember the problem USF had in 1965 when the student population exploded. A 23 percent increase between February 1964 and February 1965 boosted enrollment from 6,500 to 8,000 students. Construction of on-campus housing couldn’t keep up with the demand. In late spring 1965, the university considered turning away 225 otherwise eligible students for the full term.

At the last minute, administrators glimpsed an alternative. They decided to bring a freshman class to St. Petersburg. About 500 continuing education students already attended classes on the campus. A barracks recently vacated by Merchant Marines still stood on the property. The Pinellas County Board of Public Education opened a culinary arts school on the site and agreed to provide food service.

Another advantage was Tim Reilly. He interviewed for a teaching position at USF in spring 1965 and was quickly assigned to the Bay campus as director of academics for the freshman class.

A few difficulties still needed to be ironed out. The first obstacle was the limited time available for creating dorm space. Renovation began on a two-story building for female students at the end of the peninsula, where the marine science building is today. The Merchant Marine barracks, a long, two-story structure with rows of bunk beds, open to the breeze at both ends, was cut into separate dorm rooms to house male students.

Neither building was luxurious like the dormitory under construction in Tampa—a 13-story tower complete with air conditioning and a swimming pool. But they stood ready for the freshmen in September 1965. Creating a curriculum for the freshman class was another job, eventually becoming Reilly’s responsibility. Armed with a master’s degree from Marquette University and a background in journalism, education and philosophy, he was well suited to design a course of study for new college students. He recalls that the students pursued a “very progressive” set of classes. Several professors commuted from Tampa to teach English, history and mathematics. Reilly taught history and a class called “The American Idea.”

In September 1965, a “minor morale problem”—much more difficult to deal with—had to be overcome. Reilly remembers.

“For some of the students who were looking on the thrill of being on a university campus, it was a disappointment to be assigned to the old barracks, and then unknown, St. Petersburg campus,” Reilly said. It was not until they compared their situation with friends who attended classes on larger campuses—“very small and confined frogs in large campus ponds”—that they felt grateful to be on the Bay campus.

The students became so comfortable with each other that when the school year was over and they were free to go to Tampa, they petitioned to stay in St. Petersburg. The university turned down their request because a second group of freshmen was due to take their place.

Herman Brames arrived in St. Petersburg with the second wave. He came to USF from Indiana State University with a background in school administration and guidance counseling. Brames was head counselor of a 500-bed residence hall for men on the Tampa campus when he transferred to St. Petersburg University with a background in school administration and guidance counseling. Reilly, Brames remembers a camaraderie among the students—a sense that the Bay Campus “was a small private college.”

Reilly and Brames both believe the intimate setting taught the students leadership skills, which they took with them when they transferred to the main campus.

“They became a force to be considered when they went to Tampa,” Reilly said. “The students had an influence they wouldn’t have had otherwise. When they ran three of their members for student council, they swept the election.”

Pam and Ray Joelson were two of the students expecting to attend school in Tampa. They are one of three couples who dated during their freshman year and later married.

“It worked out just wonderfully,” Joelson said. “We became a very tight-knit community. We all just kept running into each other.”

The limited selection of classes was a drawback, he said, but the close relationships with his professors and fellow students made up for the lack.

“The food, however, was not a problem. Most people complain about college food,” Joelson said, “but we had professional chefs cooking for us.”

Reilly and Brames had an additional pleasure. The culinary arts staff taught food service as well as food preparation. Bay campus teachers and administrators were served their meals in a small private dining room by a waitstaff in training.

In December 1966, construction ended on the new residence halls in Tampa. Members of the second freshman class, Brames said, wanted to stay in St. Petersburg like the class that preceded them, but they went to Tampa to complete their course work. The converted dorms became the home of Peace Corps volunteers, and the Bay campus reverted to a school for juniors and seniors.

Tim Reilly went to the Tampa campus when the second freshman class left. He directed USF’s criminal justice program. He now teaches at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, and still corresponds with several members of the 1965 and 1966 freshman classes.

Herman Brames remained at USF-St. Petersburg and is director of administration and finance. He celebrated 35 years with the university in September.

Pam and Ray Joelson graduated from USF and both completed master’s degrees. Pam is a retired schoolteacher and Ray is retired from IBM. They live in Atlanta. Their collective memories span 33 years and bring a little-known story back to life. While discussion of a proposed campus expansion continues, the teacher, the administrator and the former students chuckle at the irony of an almost-forgotten past catching up with a 21st century freshman class at USF-St. Petersburg.
Evolution of a learning community

Photo courtesy of USF
Right: Tim Reilly, formerly the director of academics for the original freshman class on the St. Petersburg campus, now teaches at Stetson University College of Law.

Photo courtesy of USF
Above: Herm Brames, USF-St. Petersburg's director of housing for the first freshman class, in 1969.
Right: Brames celebrates his 58th birthday and more than 30 years on the St. Petersburg campus.

Photo courtesy of the Joelson family.
Left: Early photos of former USF-St. Petersburg students Ray and Pam Joelson before they met.
Above: The Joelson's spend their family vacation in Scotland.
Left to Right: Ryan, 23, Pam, Ray and Dean, 25

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Selling the beaches, Tierra Verde, Pinellas County
By Therese Mattioli

From the widow's walk of the Williams House, a four-story view lends a perspective of the campus that cannot be experienced elsewhere. Activities on campus seem endless, and where the campus ends, its relationship with the city begins.

The Snell House is dwarfed by this shell of a house that has stood empty at the entrance of USF-St. Petersburg for four years. Exterior renovations on this historic house are nearly complete. For its age - more than a hundred years old - the external face-lift has done justice to this architectural masterpiece. But the spirit of the house that haunts its halls garmented in blue satin blue peek through. This day the bay is smooth like velvet. At one point, many years ago, people used the walk as a lookout to see when the cotton barges were coming down Tampa Bay.

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Learnin’ da wrap
By Tim Lenahan

Food is one of those areas that will never be free from silly trends. The most recent edible trend gaining popularity is the phenomenon referred to as the wrap. Where this idea came from can only speculate, but in its simplest form it consists of sandwich ingredients neatly wrapped in a tortilla. What? Don’t sound hip enough? What if you could use a sundried tomato basil tortilla, herb-roasted rotisserie chicken, low-fat rosemary mayonnaise, mixed field greens, etc., and everyone was doing it? No?

It seems as if everyone is eating these things. The problem is that the same health-conscious trendy slaves to food fashion who are scampering to scrape up a wrap look quite silly when it all falls apart whilst they eat it. Sound petty?

Well imagine this. From across the room you quietly admire an insatiably hot babe resembling one of those flawless beauties from that “Get Milk?” ad. Oozing innate sexuality from every inch of her photo-touched skin, she struggles to achieve a befitting mustache. Then something goes wrong. At the last moment that sexy mustache becomes drool on her chin. Ruins the effect, huh?

As a member of the hip masses, take a moment to educate yourself on the proper way to consume this new status symbol sandwich. Consider this a Public Service Announcement. Protect yourself from embarrassing wrap foul-ups.

Removing the wrap from its foil or paper is the biggest mistake that newcomers make. This almost always leads to certain disaster. Leave it in the wrapper.

As men evolved to stand straight and tall so has man’s favorite food, the sandwich. The wrap should be stood straight up like a monument to the very institution of lunch. Once your wrap is comfortable in its newly evolved vertical position, it is safe to open the foil or paper at the very top and expose the first bites of the sandwich society’s proudest member. Don’t peel back too much because unlike nude beaches or Eyes Wide Shut, overexposure is not desired. Now, it’s over, it’s easy — bite. As you consume the wrap, delicately continue to peel back the wrapper to match your progress.

Before you know it, you will have finished your lunch (properly) and impressed all of your fellow diners with your newly acquired wrap etiquette. If you get full and don’t get all the way to the bottom, your wrap can be easily rewrapped for later in its original trendy garb. Avoid waste, look like a pro, and eat well all in the same bite! Ben wrappitate!
HOP IN THE CAR TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

By Therese Mattioli

For most people the time between Halloween and the day after the New Year festivities is a time for football viewing, reintroduction to those winter garments such as shoes and shirts with sleeves, and gearing up for the holidays. For most people.

Granted, in Florida the changing of the seasons is only marked by a slightly cooler air temperature, daylight savings time and those nifty marketing designs resembling pumpkins, turkeys or Santa that begin cropping up at the supermarket and the local drug stores.

The holidays, however, are celebrated no matter what the weather. By most people. Some families are not so lucky. For them, the holidays are just another reminder of what they don't have or can't.

For most people the time for football viewing, reintro-
duction to those winter garments such as shoes and shirts with sleeves, and gearing up for the hol-
days is another.

The Juvenile Services Program (JSP) is a local non-profi t agency that recognizes this situation and has, over the years, developed a program to handle the holiday stresses for those under-privileged families who don't see Santa stop-
ing by the house on Christmas Eve —

it's called Adopt-A-Family. This program invites members of the community to cele-
brate the spirit of the holidays by sharing their good fortune with families in need. Unlike many organizations, said JSP Deputy Director Isabella Cox, 100 per-
cent of proceeds raised go directly to those in need.

On Nov. 13, that invitation is being extended to the St. Petersburg campus. The Tavern at Bayboro is hosting a scav-
enger hunt that will send participants on a 90-minute mission around downtown St. Petersburg gathering items and seeking answers to a "to-do" list provided in a sealed envelope.

Upon completion of the hunt, free beer, soda and snacks will be provided by the Tavern to participants. Prizes also will be awarded to the top finishers. Cost of participation is $20 per person or $100 per carload.

If your club or organization is looking for something special to do this holiday season, stop by the Tavern between now and Nov. 13 and pick up an application, or contact Michael Drabin at (727) 522-3667 for more information.

Williams House and the entire property was set up for taking in long and short term residents. It was tradition continued by Slansky's family. In fact, in her mother who is thought to roam the Williams House dressed for a night of dancing at the Coliseum. Slansky said her mother hosted at least five parties a year during her tenure as the hotel matron, entertaining more than 100 hotel guests for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays alone.

"There were so many nice people, but there are nice people all over the world once you get to know them," Slansky said. "Her guests loved those parties and loved staying at the house. Some came back for a long as 20 years to stay with us."

Today, the interior of the house holds only a shadow of the glamour it once must have exhibited. Peeling paint, cracked window panes, half stripped floors, dust. In the corner of one window spider webs exist freely. One gauzy web appears to breathe ever so gently, stirred by an invis-
ible and unfelt air in a room, where for more than half a century hotel guests enjoyed after-dinner conversation or a relaxing afternoon of reading. Perhaps those scenes will come again, and one day the rooms will be open once more to people instead of memories.
'round town

November 1-15
American Diabetes Association is sponsoring free eye, foot and blood pressure screenings for diabetics. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 741-3730.

November 6
America’s Walk for Diabetes — Participants can walk from one of two locations — Plant Park at the University of Tampa, located in downtown Tampa, or City Recreation complex in New Port Richey. The annual fundraising event is designed to raise funds for research and educational programs. For more information call the American Diabetes Association at (800) 741-3730 or (813) 885-5007.

Beginning November 12
John F. Kennedy: The Exhibition — Florida International Museum presents a story of heroism, romance, tragedy and legacy. The exhibit is stocked with old family photos, mementos, passports and personal possessions of the famous family. Tickets are $7.95 for college students, $13.95 for adults, $5.95 for children 6-18 and children under 6 are free. The Florida International Museum is located at 100 Second St. N., St. Petersburg. For information, call (877)-JFK-SHOW.

Weekends
Uptown Friday Nights — Participate in a Dome District Block Party located on Central Avenue between 11th St. and 13th St. Enjoy monthly free concerts from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For information call (727) 822-4562.

on campus

November 1-6
USF Homecoming — Participate in USF-St. Petersburg’s Super Bull Bash. Activities include sign decorating, cheer phone decorating and a barbecue pool party. Arrive at the big game in style and ride the bus. For more information call (727) 553-1147.

November 3
Stress Management Workshop — Explore strategies for resisting stress. Topics will include how and when to set limits, relaxation techniques, developing social support, and making healthful life choices. The workshop will be held at 3 p.m. For reservations visit DAV 112 or call (727) 553-1129.

November 4
How do I Protect Myself and My Computer? — Join the USF Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and prepare for the future. A local crime prevention update will immediately follow the seminar. For information call (727) 553-1140.

November 13
Adopt-A-Family Scavenger Hunt — Tavern at Bayboro and Juvenile Services Program host a 90-minute scavenger hunt through downtown St. Petersburg to raise money for families in need for the holidays. For more information, contact Mike Drabin at 522-3667.

November 17
Sheroes and Heroes, The Importance of Feminist Books for Women and Children — The Campus Women’s Collective will host a panel discussion in the CAC at 7 p.m. All students are welcome and admission is free.

clubs & orgs

Ongoing
Management Information Systems Society, a student organization dedicated to advancing ideas and methods of information systems management in today’s business environment, and bridging the gap between the educational environment and the business world. Students with all majors welcome to attend. Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in DAV 102. For membership info. and schedule visit www.coba.usf.edu/student/mis-spt

Student government meets every other Tues. in CAC 133 at 4:15 p.m. Next meetings will be held Nov. 3 and Nov. 17. Representative positions are still available for all colleges. All students are welcome to attend. For information, call (727) 553-1144.

Council of Clubs (COC) meets the first Tuesday of each month in CAC 133 at 4 p.m. All clubs and organizations must send at least one member. For information, call (727) 553-1144.
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