The Crow's Nest

The Nursing Building

Tucked behind the Campus Activities Center and the police station, Building SPN was the former home of the Bayboro nursing program before funding was cut in 1991. The nursing program will return to campus this fall after an endorsement from a local hospital group, coupled with state funding, will enable USF-St. Petersburg to once again offer a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Excellence shindig set

Special to The Crow’s Nest

The University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus will host a fund-raising dinner to benefit scholarships at 6:30 p.m. April 28. The theme of the event is "Excellence in Education." Individual tickets are $20 and table sponsors are $500.

Judicial hearing scheduled

The Crow's Nest staff report

In response to grievances about proper election procedures filed following the most recent student government election, a formal hearing is scheduled for 9:15 p.m. Wednesday night in the conference room at the Campus Activities Center.

A memo from the student government judicial committee said that three students, Lori A. Beeman, who was "elect" vice president in the election, Mary S. Favale and Michael Fellows, who won untested representative seats, have filed grievances both concerning proper election procedures and other complaints.

The grievances, filed April 7, are said to be in regard to violation of the requirements. How is the phrase "partial fulfillment of the requirements" not an oxymoron? How can you partially fulfill something? Either you have fulfilled the requirements or you haven't. Is not a sense of completion inherent in the definition of fulfillment? Would not a better phrase be, "as fulfillment of part of the requirements?" Or "as fulfillment of a partial requirement," if the message to be conveyed is that there was more than one requirement?

Except for the obvious benefit of being able to walk to campus two or three days a week that a student is in class, what possible benefit could be gained from dorms on the USF-St. Petersburg campus? To be next to the hustle and bustle of the city's nightlife? To take advantage of the all-too-numerous-to-mention student activities at night and on weekends here at Bayboro?

Is there anybody out there?

Doesn't it strike anyone as a little strange that the only people filing grievances about the recent student government non-election are incoming members of student government who won seats in the non-election? Or does it remind you of games children play in imitating adults? Or is it simply more ado about nothing?

Isn't going to Seattle to cheer up after a coma one of the warning signs of an impending suicide?

Is there anyone out there on the St. Petersburg campus of USF who is willing and able to step forward and take the helm of The Crow's Nest, steer her on her second voyage and ask an impertinent question of two?

Why can't we go on as three?
RSC helps them get their feet back on the ground

By Jeff MacKenzie

Reggie Braswell, 42-year-old director of Clearwater's Food Pantry, said a positive outlook is his best armor against the sometimes overwhelming problems of his clients.

"The only way to work in the social service arena is to make it fun," he said, adding that the last thing his clients need is to be browbeaten. "I know guys who pick up used cigarette butts and haggle for cups of coffee, and I realize fate could put me in that position someday."

It helps keep things in perspective, Braswell said, to know it's possible for anyone to sink to the levels of desperation he sees daily.

"I tell them these are only the circumstances for today," he said. "Get over this and move on. Most people don't know this, but a negative situation is the best thing to ever happen to them. They learn to be flexible, how to avoid getting into trouble again, that they can come out (of a bad situation) in a better place."

The Food Pantry has been in operation since 1982, when a consortium of 75 synagogues and churches known as Religious Community Services (RCS) created it to provide emergency groceries for the needy. The organization is, in effect, a supplement to the food stamp system, enabling the critically needy to get food immediately until the processing for food stamp eligibility is completed.

Applicants, upon presenting a current proof of address and a social security card, are given free boxes of food filled with donations from restaurants, grocers, and Tampa Bay Harvest, Inc., a cooperative that buys food in bulk to make it more affordable.

Client visits to the Food Pantry are limited to 8 visits per year for single people, and 15 for families with children and for handicapped people. The number of allowed visits is down from 24 in the 1980s, when his client load doubled, Braswell said.

"If I make it too attractive, my client load will triple," he said, laughing.

Even with limits, over $500,000 worth of food is distributed a year in the low-slung, slightly shopworn building. The interior is chipped tile floors, scuffed walls, ragged ceiling tiles, furnished with donated desks and old plastic chairs — all reflecting the priorities of an agency strapped for funds. This observable wear and tear amounts to over 130,000 visits, according to Braswell.

In an adjoining space at the building on Prospect Street in downtown Clearwater, donated furniture is stored and distributed — usually through requests from participating members of RCS. Braswell also runs this division of RCS.

He keeps a hectic schedule, coordinating a pool of over 100 volunteers and five paid staff members, while at the same time preparing a budget, writing grants, and managing the receipt and distribution of donated food and furniture. He also prepares speeches he gives "two or three times a month" to garner support for the Food Pantry.

Unfortunately, the base support is changing, he said, reflecting the death of a younger generation "used to suffering, who endured tough times, and are willing to give something back." The following generation, which he reluctantly claims as his own, are "I want, I need, I must have," thinking only of themselves, said Braswell. As a result, the era of the single large donor is fading.

Today, operators of small non-profit organizations like the Food Pantry are having "look within themselves" funding, he said. He cites RCS' recent mammoth yard sale, which netted over $5,000 as an example of such efforts.

Originally from Durham, N. C., Braswell attended North Carolina Central University. After four years in the air force, he came to St. Petersburg, where he worked in the business offices of Morton Plant Hospital until he joined the RCS Emergency Housing Program in 1977. From there he joined the Food Pantry, becoming its director in 1986.

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No Parking

Here's hoping that with the new parking lots under construction on the outskirts of campus, piled up no parking signs will become part of Bayboro's past.

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Thursday festival set

Special to the Crow's Nest

"Get Down Town," a festival featuring live music the first Thursday of each month, will feature Belinda Womack & Kool Reflections from 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the McNulty Station.

McNulty Station is located on First Avenue South at Third Street South. Admission is free and beer and food will be for sale with the proceeds to benefit local non-profit organizations. Get Down Town is presented by Common Ground.

Upcoming Get Down Town events include Wendy and the Soul Stakers, June 2 and Stalled on the Tracks July 7.
Let's get down to physical

**Special to The Crow's Nest**

The Awards Ceremony for Great Strides '94 was held April 7 poolside. Participants, who each set their own personal goals of health and wellness, enjoyed a luncheon buffet compliments of the Wellness Committee with drinks furnished by Tavern on the Green. To celebrate the "strides" they made in their wellness programs, numerous prizes were awarded, compliments of the Wellness sponsors.

Winners were: Wayne Wilson, gift certificate for Bayside Bicycles, Inc.; Patrick Hogan, Thomas Dix and Joan Scigliuto, airplane ride compliments of Bob Siwik; Sady Sichiderer, weekend rollerblade rental from Bill Jackson, Inc.; Mary Favale, lunch for two at Apropos; Avia Bowen, sailing course at USF; and Margaret Sill and John Scheuren, gift certificate for Bayboro Books.

Also: Beth Weldon, free bowling from Seminole Lanes; Lynda Pasho, gift certificate from Tavern on the Green; Mary Wright, Erin Whitaker, Bob Siwik and Ed Collins, gift certificate from Bayboro Cafe; Cyndie Berends, free bike tuneup from ABC Bicycles; Jennifer Clarke, A Snell House Print.

Seven awarded raises

Seven professors at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg received Teaching Incentive Awards for 1993-94. The recipients include Ray Arsenault, professor of history; Jim Fellows, professor of business; Barbara Prye, assistant professor of education; Sonia Helton, professor of education; Gerry Lander, professor of business; Harry Schaleman, associate professor of geography; and Kim Stoddard, assistant professor of education.

The teaching incentive program awards $5,000 raises to teachers at the undergraduate level. The program recognizes substantial teaching effort during the past three academic years.
Editorial

Unlike the Titanic that sank on her maiden voyage, The Crow's Nest overcame abandonment, a mutiny and whining to avoid foundering. It weathered a few storms and is now pulling into the dock, still sea worthy.

The trip only had one casualty this year as Captain Bob Whitby was buried at sea along with such features as Fish Talk, the Galleon Gobbler and Campus Police Log. He should not have gone gently onto that graduation night.

To paraphrase that great bard, Archie Bunker, "Mister, The Crow's Nest could use a captain like Robert Whitby again."

Anyone who thinks they've got the sea legs to take his place in the elusive hunt for that great white whale known as Moby Truth should hurry and get that application for captainship in. The second trip is bound to be better than the first.

In our ever-present attempt to improve The Crow's Nest, we are taking a survey asking which features from the first semester and of which we wanted. This will allow us to determine what to keep and what to drop. The survey asks which features from the first semester and of which you wanted. It should be a minimum requirement to be better than the first.

As this semester comes to an end, and some of us graduate, it's a good time to think about the future. I want to start by acknowledging the past and present. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing articles and commentary in our campus paper. The Crow's Nest will always be dear to my heart, and I hope it lives forever. If we could get the business side to sell advertising, it just might.

As much as I criticize the government, I am aware every moment that in many countries I would have been threatened, beaten, or worse. We are blessed beyond belief.

It is easy to get discouraged working hard all the time, worrying about the future, and watching horrible news of atrocities all over the world. The recent suicide of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain is a depressing sign of the times. His generation is hurting and scared. They have grown up with AIDS, poverty, screwed up parents, screwed up government, screwed up everything. If there's a need for a grunge band in hell, he's the guy. Silly boy.

It doesn't have to be that way.

The struggle to live a good life is worth the effort. What is needed is the ability to take any set of facts and issues, research the appropriate laws, rules, regulation or ordinances, and prepare a proper legal memorandum, should be a minimum requirement for high school graduation. If we had two or three generations with that kind of education, we would have the country Jefferson dreamed of. A country full of citizens who are educated, involved, and able to govern themselves. There is no other answer.

As you go into the world to teach, run a business, join the corporate world, or any other venture, it is imperative that you learn the law and pass along the message. Especially the educators. There is a lot of talk about changing the educational system. Here is a concrete idea that has nothing but merit. The most important outside influences on our lives have to do with government and law. The legislature creates law, the administrative branch enforces the law, and the judiciary rules on the constitutionality of those laws. The key word is LAW.

Laws are the rules that control us, and that we have at our disposal to control others. Whether we control the law, or the law controls us, depends on our ability to understand it. A working knowledge of the legal system is essential. Learn it - use it - pass it on.

By the way, have a good life and remember - no matter how bad things may look, there's always sex, drugs, and rock-n-roll. Works for me!

Opinions

Law called most important aspect

Guest Column

Peter Angelo

work the system.

Education students reading this should understand something very clearly. A working knowledge of the legal system, and government, is essential for success. From first grade through college, students must learn the law well enough to at least handle their own legal affairs. As citizens we are all charged with that knowledge. Remember, ignorance is no excuse. Without it we are at the mercy of others who will rarely have our best interests at heart.

Trying to exist in today's high-tech, litigious society without that knowledge is impossible. Could you play Monopoly without knowing the rules? No way! How do you think you can function without knowing the rules of life? That's the law. Besides, with declining job opportunities, a lawsuit may be the best retirement plan around. It's better than winning the lottery. Damage awards are tax free. Being able to take any set of facts and issues, research the appropriate laws, rules, regulation or ordinances, and prepare a proper legal memorandum, should be a minimum requirement.
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Which features would you like to see The Crow's Nest include next year? Let us know which ones to include and which to throw overboard.

Circle your choices, tear out and send to the Campus Activities Center.
Lined up at the Club House
A pair of the university's golf carts wait in line outside the Campus Activities Center to be recharged between rounds recently. Fore.

CONGRATULATIONS 1994 SPRING GRADUATES
(commencement ceremony May 4)

—FROM THE CROW'S NEST STAFF
Imperial Order of Bovine Sojourners
This new club has been formed as a travel and history club and they plan to take monthly trips around Florida and the world. For membership information, call the Recreation Office at 893-9597.

Legalis Society
The Legalis Society elected its executive officers during its April 13 meeting. For the 1994 summer and fall semesters, Thomas Temeyer will be president; Austin Fall will serve as vice president; Jasmine Allison will be treasurer; Lyndette Aguirre was elected secretary; and Ken Mark will be parliamentarian. They take office May 1.

The next meeting of the Legalis Society will be Wednesday, May 18. Anyone interested in attending the meeting or joining Legalis should call Tom Temeyer at 896-9418.

Young Republican
The Greater Pinellas Young Republican Club will hold a general meeting at 6 p.m. April 28. For more information call Pete Palmaire at 584-2302.

Other upcoming events include brainstorm sessions May 12, June 9 and July 14; general meetings May 26, June 23 and July 28; a barbecue June 6; a drive-in night June 18; and a trip to Sunshine Speedway July 22.

Football fundraising moving forward

By Kevin Horan
TAMPA — Fundraising efforts to implement a football program at the USF are “continuing along positively,” according to Lee Roy Selmon, USF Associate Athletic Director.

“We are actively pursuing the support necessary for development and growth of a program,” said Selmon. “Our efforts toward that are continuing along positively. There is still a lot of interest and enthusiasm.”

The university, hoping to raise $5 million in pledges, has raised $3.6 million since fundraising began this past summer. USF President Betty Castor supports “the addition of intercollegiate football,” stipulating that the university will raise the $5 million endowment before seeking Board of Regents approval. Selmon indicated that the university has set a self-imposed “deadline” of raising the money by this spring, though they will continue if they fall short.

Selmon projects that if all goes well USF could field a football team by the fall of 1997. Initially, USF would kick off at the NCAA Division I-AA level, one step below “major” college football of Division I-A. If future support warrants, the university will seek further pledges up to at least $10 million to fund a Division I-A program.

Currently, Florida State University, The University of Florida, and The University of Miami field Division I-A programs within the state. The majority of pledges have come from private donations from alumni or members of the immediate community. Selmon indicated that interest from the pledges would be used to fund athletic scholarships for the football program. In addition, students have approved a 50 cent per credit hour tuition increase to cover the cost of football operations, which includes equipment, coaches’ salaries and the game balls.

USF has made no decisions regarding practice facilities or a game site, but is investigating the possibilities of modifying the campus soccer facility, using existing facilities at the University of Tampa or Tampa Stadium and even traveling to St. Petersburg to use the ThunderDome. Selmon said he ultimately envisions a football facility located on campus, but that no decisions are expected until such time as the football program is funded and approved.

“The board support to get this program off the ground,” Selmon said. “It’s not necessarily just alumni or community or students. People see that it (has) value. It gives us the opportunity to introduce scholarships, to generate enthusiasm within the community. And we want to maintain this enthusiasm throughout the community and, especially, with the students. We want their involvement.”
Campus offers fitness opportunities

By Stephanie Shreve

Guess what all students, faculty and staff can get at USF-St. Petersburg? Fit. In July, several new ways to do it will be available when Phase III construction of the Campus Activities Center is complete.

The workout room will be relocated to the 3,700 square foot addition, which will also include a racquetball court. The room currently used for Nautilus training will become a multipurpose facility where a regular schedule of not-for-credit mini-courses will be held.

Low impact aerobics, line dancing, martial arts and fencing are some of the new courses being planned, said Sheri Beaudreau, assistant campus director for student life. "We will probably take reservations for racquetball, but that’s not final," said Tim Grimm, director of the Activities and Recreation Department.

Prime time may need to be scheduled and limited in order to give everyone a chance to use the court. Other than that, court time will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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The state-of-the-art Nautilus center will be adding life-cycle and life-step machines, plus a torso-arm machine.

Both Grimm and Beaudreau find it frustrating not to be able to add all the equipment that has been suggested, but budget allocations limit what can be done. Originally the Phase III plans included a boathouse at Haney’s Landing, which is the area on the waterfront, behind Coquina Hall. After bids were adjusted for inflation, Grimm said, there wasn’t enough money to do that part of the project. "Right now we’re using two sheds" for the water-craft program, Grimm said. The boats docked at Haney’s Landing belong to the university and are used for sailing classes and recreation.

Weekend demand is high, so reservations are required, however, no reservations are needed during the week.

Over the summer, lifeguard training, CPR, first aid, pool aerobics and swimming lessons will be offered at the pool. In addition to the beginner and adult courses, this summer they will have swimming lessons for infants and toddlers.

"Our goal is to serve students’ needs," she said. Students can bring a guest, or immediate family member, to the fitness center for $40 a semester. It is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call the fitness center at 893-9589.

Campus Log

THURSDAY, April 28
• The "Excellence in Education Award Gala, hosted by USF president Betty Castor and USF-St. Petersburg campus dean H. William "Bill" Heller will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers. The event includes dinner and showcases student scholarship winners and other outstanding students. Tickets are $20 and table sponsorships $500. Call 893-9160 for reservations.

SUNDAY, May 1
• The Second Annual Floral Gala will be held at the Tulips and the Pansies will be played at 6 a.m. at Bartlett Park, 22nd Avenue South and Fourth Street South. Spectators are welcome to attend both the contest and the post-game party.

MONDAY, May 2
• An Orientation to On-Campus recruiting will be held from 12-12:30 p.m. at the Counseling & Career Center. Placement materials will be distributed only after a student has attended this workshop.

TUESDAY, May 3
• An Orientation to On-Campus recruiting will be held from 12-12:30 p.m. at the Counseling & Career Center. Placement materials will be distributed only after a student has attended this workshop, which explains the recruiting process.

WEDNESDAY, May 4
• Commencement will be held at 8 p.m. in the Mahaffey Theater at the Bayfront Center. More than 300 students are scheduled to graduate. Outgoing Board of Regents member Cecil B. Keene will receive the resident’s distinguished citizen award. Awards will also be given to five outstanding seniors, one of whom will be named, "Outstanding Graduate." Poynter Jamison chair for media ethics and press policy holder Jay Black will be the speaker.

FRIDAY, May 6
• Registration for summer classes for new and continuing students will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30-5:45 p.m. in Davis Hall 126.

THURSDAY, May 12
• The slide lecture, "Surrealism: The Realm of the Marvelous," will be delivered by Cris Hassold, a professor of Art History at New College, in the Raymond James Community Room at the Salvador Dali Museum. The event is from 7-8:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

SATURDAY, May 14
• Sally Watson, a Dali Museum docent, will tell stories about the life of Salvador Dali as a young man. The event, from 10-11 a.m. in the museum store, is free and open to the public.

• The Dali Museum will also give free Tarot card readings, with cards designed by Dali, at the museum store from 2-4 p.m. for anyone who has paid admission to the museum that day.

TUESDAY, May 26
• Joan Lea will give an impersonation of Salvador Dali’s wife, Gala, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Raymond James Community room. The event is free and open to the public.