Scuttlebutt

Impertinent questions:

• What information could the Division of Parking Services possibly be hiding that they request, and expect anyone but a neophyte journalism student in a beginning reporting class to comply with, pre-publication review of material for an article about parking? Is the number of parking spaces on campus a state secret? Is the fact that spring training has started and campus lots will be teeming with fans on their way to the ballgame courtesy of free parking available in any university lot? Or is it just, perhaps, that the division is unaware of the Sunshine laws in the state of Florida or feels it has some special privilege to disregard them?

• And speaking of spring training, with the stadium in such proximity, shouldn't that lure be taken into account as a mitigating circumstance for students who miss deadlines, classes or exams during the spring semester? Isn't spring training (along with an open swimming pool) one of the perks of living in Florida?

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NEW BUILDING

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New building takes shape

By Christine Shla

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By Julie G. Richardson

If the words "Wonder Woman" evoke the image of a comic book hero, then consider Julie Gillespie, director of campus advancement at USF-St. Petersburg.

In one life, she is a wife and mother of three children. In another, she manages fund raising for the St. Petersburg campus, plans events on campus and oversees paperwork for money collected for the USF Foundation.

"You have to have a special kind of personality to be in this business," Gillespie said. "We have many priorities all at once. My responsibility is to see that they're managed and carried out." In essence, she's an administrator, politician, academician, accountant, appointment setter and media planner all rolled into one.

Although she appears to have it all under control, Gillespie shakes her head and sighs when asked how she handles having a family and a demanding career.

"What's most difficult is juggling my personal life. I probably work 80 hours. I'll take my kids to school and come in here at 8:30. I'll work through lunch or I'll go to a luncheon meeting," she said. "I leave here on most days about 5:45 to pick up my kids at 6. Three to four days every week, probably more than that, I have an evening event."

Gillespie credits her team of administrators for their support in completing day-to-day duties. Working alongside Gillespie are Deborah Kurelick of public information and Lisa Wharton, who handles special events. Gillespie calls her administrative assistant, Donna Knudsen, the real superwoman of the office, as she points to the mound of paperwork collecting on her desk.

The paperwork tends to pile up because Gillespie

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Students are encouraged to vote in the upcoming Student Government elections scheduled for March 29-31. Anyone interested in running for office call 893-9144 or stop by the Campus Activities Center for a petition.

Lifetime Cancer Screening, a mobile cancer prevention, education and early detection service of Moffitt Cancer Center, will visit USF-St. Petersburg from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 22. For $65, women 35 and older with no symptoms of breast cancer, can get a comprehensive breast cancer screening. The service includes a screening mammogram, a clinical breast examination by a nurse practitioner, and breast self-examination instruction. Advance registration is required. To register, call 979-6769 for an appointment.

Representatives from all colleges are needed to serve on the Graduation Celebration Committee. Commencement is May 4 at Mahaffey Theatre at the Bayfront Center. The celebration will follow in the CAC. An organizational meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the CAC.

Bayboro: Thanks for Asking
Although “Thanks for Asking” was the overwhelming favorite for the new campus slogan, this billboard will be displayed around Pinellas County as part of an image awareness campaign by USF-Bayboro.

Snail’s pace guides Snell House

By Kevin Horan

It’s the type of dilapidated house commonly seen on the periphery of many college campuses. Broken windows, rotting wood, cracked stucco, chipped paint, barren yard. In time, though, this building, known as the Snell House, will serve as the faculty, alumni and visitor center at USF-Bayboro. The university finds itself in the middle of a renovation project to make the building functional and presentsable.

Much of the renovation, however, has been at a snail’s pace. The renovation relies on the irregular tempo of donations, ranging from the gift of the structure to gratis work by a designer.

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Andy Stout, Bob White and Bill Bilodeau also had papers accepted at the conference. Stout and Bilodeau are enrolled in the journalism studies program at Bayboro, while White, former The Crow's Next editor, is a recent graduate.

Jay Black, holder of the Poynter Jamison Chair for Media Ethics, also delivered a paper on "Novel Insights into Journalistic Ethics."

"This helps put the USF-St. Petersburg journalism program on the national map," Black said. "I was very impressed with the quality of the students' work and the fact that Heather, a master's student, beat out doctoral students from major universities."

"It’s hoped that as donations come in various aspects of construction can be grouped together so they can be started and finished as a unit," Grant said. "Our first package includes securing the facility, from a weather, security and visual standpoint. That involves doors, windows, hardware (i.e., locks), exterior finishing, and so on.

"As the ‘securing’ phase is completed we will replace what remains of the deteriorated wood around the house, along the structural sill," Grant said. "Once this wood is replaced, and the house is rough-framed, the entire house will be tented for termites."

Grant pointed out that some of the deteriorated wood had been damaged by termites, but added emphatically, "The termites, though, are not a real issue. The house is structurally sound."

The historic value of the Snell House also has slowed the renovation. The structure dates back to the turn of the century. According to local historian Ray Arsenault, Perry Snell was "St. Petersburg’s most important boom era (late 1920s) developer... More than any other person, Snell was responsible for St. Petersburg’s Mediterranean revival make over."

Both the Bay Plaza Company, donors of the house, and the university agreed to restore the house to its original condition in an effort to emphasize its historical significance.

Volunteers needed

The activities office is looking for several volunteers for the upcoming Easterfest scheduled for Saturday, April 2. Volunteer experience in games, face painting, crafts, crowd control, greeting and directing is offered with a preplanned schedule.

Volunteers for Easterfest are needed in a wide variety of areas. Morning volunteers are asked to arrive Harbor-side of Davis Hall between 8:30-9 a.m. The event starts at 10 a.m. and ends around 2:30 p.m. with cleanup to follow. Any combination of offered volunteer hours is available. Any interested, call Valerie Prosser at 893-9596 or stop by the Campus Activities Center.

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frequently must go out into the community to promote the university and its academic goals. She serves on several boards, including the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Pinellas County Urban League, the Downtown St. Petersburg Rotary Club, and the Tiger Bay Club.

"It is my responsibility to be out in the community," Gillespie said.

Gillespie coordinated the relocation and renovation of the historic Snell House, which will be used as an information center and a faculty/alumni house. Gillespie got Paragon Cable, Florida Power and GTE to waive their installation fees.

Gillespie could fill a work week with visits into the community, but she also must ensure all the funds donated to the school wind up in the right place. That place is the University Foundation.

The University Foundation, the university's "bank," holds money collected university-wide from private donors—companies and individuals throughout the bay area. Gillespie helps raise funds and issues receipts, so contributors can list the value of their donation as a tax deduction.

Gillespie started working at USF in 1980 on a graduate assistantship in the public administration program and was assigned to the government relations office, then directed by Betty Castor, who is now USF president. Gillespie worked one-on-one with Castor and helped on Castor's campaign when she was elected to the Florida senate in 1982.

"I envisioned a more traditional career in government," Gillespie said, thinking back to her college days as an undergraduate at Florida State University. She never imagined how mobile and hectic her career would become.

Arriving less than a year after Dean Lowell Davis' death in 1989, Gillespie had the challenge of promoting a university campus without a leader. It took three years to find a permanent replacement for Davis, and, in the meantime, she had difficulty mustering community support.

After Dean H. William "Bill" Heller took the reins in 1992, Gillespie noticed increased support from the community. Local businesses and governments witnessed a new dedication from USF to the community and, in turn, have donated more money and provided more services.

"It's like night and day," Gillespie said, referring to the community support before and after the Heller administration.

"(Heller) is the campus. He is an educator—he has a great background," Gillespie said. "People aren't just going to give to anyone. They're going to give it to a visionary. They're going to give to someone who knows what needs to be accomplished, knows how to get it accomplished."

Both Heller and Gillespie have a clear, singular goal—to involve the community in academic affairs. Gillespie says USF-St. Petersburg differs from other colleges, because it does not aim to attract students from all over the country. Instead it concentrates on catering to the needs of its Pinellas County resident population, which makes up over 80 percent of the student body.

With community support on the increase, Gillespie's biggest challenge is coaxing the Florida legislature to support the campus agenda for growth.

"The legislature does not go by priority—just who it's making deals with," Gillespie said of her struggles for state funding.

Gillespie takes challenges on fearlessly when it comes to breaking through Florida government brick walls. When the legislature decided to drop funding for a proposed nursing school at USF-St. Petersburg, Gillespie went out into the community and gathered $100,000 from three local hospitals to begin a professorship for the new school. In response to Gillespie's request for help, the local medical industry has pressured state politicians to come up with more money. Recently, the legislature set aside almost $170,000 for the nursing program, Gillespie said.

Although her ultimate career choice turned out to be more than she bargained for, Gillespie does not regret taking the safe bureaucratic route by working in city or state government offices.

"I'm pleased with how it turned out," she said with her characteristic enthusiasm.

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The researchers were able to discuss their needs and their ideals for the building. The result is a four-story building with sand-colored walls and teal windows.

The first floor will be used for storage, conducting stage exercises, and preparing for experimental cruises. The upper three floors will be the "working floors." These floors are designed for faculty offices, laboratories and computer equipment.

Marine science will occupy half the building, while the other half houses the Department of Environmental Protection. The two halves are joined at the third floor by a glass walkway.

The $20 million building is funded by the state of Florida. The $11 million DEP portion is funded by the Department of General Services. The $8 million USF portion is funded by the Board of Regents. The final million is for furniture and equipment and also will be paid for by the state.

"They should be done in mid-March," Jolley said. "We still have the punch-out stage to do. That's where we go through and identify any problems—but we should be in the first week of May."

May can seem a little far off, but after seven years of waiting, the end is in sight.

International business conference and lunch slated for month's end

Special To The Crow's Nest

Arie Beenhakker, finance professor and director of the Center for International Business at USF, will talk about developing enterprise funds in Eastern Europe and South Africa at noon March 30 at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers.

The talk is part of USF's "Food for Thought" lunch lecture program, and costs $20 including lunch. Call 893-9160 by March 25 for reservations.

Beenhakker specializes in international finance, fiscal policies and foreign trade and has consulted with government agencies, private firms and foundations around the world. He also designs and conducts workshops for public and private management.

He has written six books, including The Debt Crisis: India's Growing Debt and the World Economy; The Foreign Trade Zones Manual: When and How to Use a Zone; and The Export Manual: The Comprehensive "Ready, Aim and Fire" Approach.

Beenhakker oversees activities at USF's Center for International Business, a resource center for enhancing international business in Florida that focuses on matters of world trade, foreign investments and international tourism.

The lunch is part of a half-day conference on international business sponsored by USF. The conference, "How to Fund Investments and Exports to Eastern Europe and Russia," is designed to inform Tampa Bay area companies and individuals on how to tap into funds for investment projects in those countries. The conference runs from noon to 5 p.m and costs $45.

Call 893-9160 to register.
Washington just does not get it

There has been a lot of talk in the media lately about a breakdown in society. CNNIC carried a discussion this week between two Supreme Court justices and two senators regarding the need to increase the budget for the Supreme Court due to their ever-increasing case loads. The justices and the senators agreed that the federal system worked better than the state systems in the prosecution of criminals. They also agreed that federalizing criminal activity on a broad scale would turn federal courts into police courts and destroy their ability to do what they already do so well.

The senators assured the justices that they would be willing to give them all the money they needed to do the job. The justices warned against quick fixes. All agreed that our government worked well and the problems are due to a breakdown in society. That brings me to the current White House crisis over Whitewater. Since Watergate, the media, to its credit, has informed the world that every administration since George Washington has been awash in scandal. Even a so-called hero like Jack Kennedy turned the White House into a bordello and owned his election and family fortune to the corrupt manipulations of his father Joe. The diaries of President James Polk are filled with his utter disgust for the endless procession of party members bountying him with requests for federal handouts for themselves, friends and colleagues. His greatest disgust was for the wives of prominent party members who, not so subtly, offered themselves or their daughters bodies in trade for jobs for their luckless husbands. It has only gotten worse.

Since Thomas Jefferson our leaders never have, and still don't, get it. “Common” people may be powerless and broke, but they are not stupid. They learn from history and current leaders that we are not now, nor have we ever been, a democracy where all citizens are treated equally. And most importantly, the American dream is a four-letter word - CASH. And no one ever cares how you get it. I keep beating this same drum and probably will continue until I die, but we will never see a glimmer of hope until the phony, disingenuous criminals who infest government on every level, are terrorized into leaving or reforming.

I see a future for America that will be nothing short of a nightmare. We are already seeing more divisiveness and bloodshed than any century in the last ten thousand years. The next century promises to be a high-tech hell of terrorism, anarchy, disease, and nuclear threat. Instead of technology freeing mankind from the drudgery of the physical world, it is being used to control, enslave, and exploit the ignorant and the poor.

As our jobs go to countries that allow 19th century working conditions we are all supposed to quietly behave ourselves while we watch our loved ones suffer from neglect and need. I've got some news for the pious and the sheltered rich. They can build all the walls they want. They can hire security forces until they each have a private army. But know one thing is for sure, nature demands balance and will not be denied. The so-called breakdown in society is nothing more than the human need to survive.

Don't keep your head in the sand

So, what do you think? Is Bill Clinton guilty of any wrongdoing in the Whitewater matter? Or is it really that the Republicans are desperate to defate a President buoyed by a strong economy? (as quoted in a recent Sunday edition of the New York Times.) No matter. Whether the President is found to be guilty or innocent, one thing is sure. The American people's attention is being diverted. What goes on in the Whitewater inquiry is important. Our press must be kept abreast of it — but it should not fill the newspaper columns and TV time that it does. Other, more pertinent situations are going on and we, the public, should not let these things happen behind our backs. But they will continue to go on unseen unless we search for them.

Do you consider yourself well informed? Most likely you are not. The mainstream press (the major networks, newspapers, magazines and radio stations) write their stories with the great American mass in mind. They know that more than 80 percent of you come home from work or school each day, sit down and either flip on the tube or skim over the daily newspaper. Less than 20 percent of the public is truly concerned with what is really going on in the world and searches for the real news. Do you really know what is going on in the world beyond the Whitewater incident, the Kerrigan-Harding episode, or what teams won this week?

Maybe you think, "Why should I find out more than what my easy access news service is telling me? What can I do if things are happening in my city hall (my state capital, the White House) that I do not agree with?" If nothing could be done it would become very depressing and frustrating to hear the truth every day. But things can be done. We live in a democratic society. We elect our government. An unhappy voter will be seriously listened to, especial­ly if that voter does not let the issue die away — whether that issue is local, regional, or national.

Maybe the reason you don't search for more of the truth in news is because you don't believe you have the time. It's as easy as flipping a switch. Instead of flipping on a radio station in the morning that repeats the news written in the St. Petersburg Times or Tampa Tribune, turn your dial to 88.5 (WMNF), the public radio station. They go beyond what we are fed. This station considers itself more liberal, which might bother the conservatives who would listen, but getting more in depth news isn't being liberal or conservative, it is being smarter.

Hopefully, you can excuse for not being better informed doesn't have anything to do with being ignorant. (The mainstream news agencies believe it doesn't.) Maybe you're afraid that if you find out too much you'll feel guilty for not trying to change the way things are. But realize — not everyone can do everything. You might listen to 88.5 for a few days, and something may come up in the news that will motivate you to action. Or you may tell someone about the truth that you have read or heard and they will become interested in learning more and doing something about it.

Don't keep your head in the sand. Don't fall into the ignorant category. Find out as much as possible (as much as is available) about what goes on in our country (and even how we affect the rest of the world). More goes on in Washington than the investigation into the Whitewater matter. Don't let the press sidetrack you into thinking differently.
Dear Students,

Elections for Student Government will be held March 29-31. I am encouraging you to get involved in SG. The success of SG is directly related with the efforts put forth by its representatives and officers. There will be positions available for approximately 22 representatives as well as the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Being involved is SG enables you to participate in events that affect the college as well as a chance to work with others and hone your leadership capabilities. Please keep in mind that uncontested elections do not give you, the student, a choice in who will represent you in Student Government. So please get involved!

For more information, call SG at 893-9144 or stop by the Student Government Office in the CAC Building.

Erik Bigalke
Student Government President

Get out and vote in the SG elections

Editor:

It is student government election time again. Serving the students of this campus for the past two years as a student government representative, student government treasurer, and student government justice has been a privilege.

Each credit hour you pay for includes a $7.75 fee that goes to an Activity and Service fee that goes to improve student life on our campus. These fees add up to approximately $350,000, and how they are spent is determined by student government.

The last three days of this month is the time to go to Davis lobby along with your student ID or driver’s license and vote for who you want to run student government and represent you. This semester 16 students ran student government. Besides the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, there are 8 members from the College of Business, 8 members from the College of Arts and Sciences, and 6 members from the College of Education (membership is based on enrollment in each college).

If you wish to run to be an officer on student government, you only need to get an application from the CAC Student Government office and get 50 student signatures and return it on time. If you wish to be a candidate for a representative position, you only need 15 student signatures. All student government officers and representatives receive stipends. All students are invited to participate in student government. While currently there are no students on student government that are undecided in their majors, these student too are eligible and invited to participate in student government.

We here on this campus are indeed fortunate to participate in higher education with so many dedicated professors and administrators. Speaking personally, I have truly enjoyed my time with Dr. Debra King, Dr. Regis Factor, and Dean Heller. The latest statistics show that only 50 percent of all Florida high school students go on to pursue a college/university degree. Of the students that go on to get a B.A./B.S. degree, only 50 percent succeed. We are a minority, but a minority that we need more of in this society.

I urge you to get out on election days and vote (only once, please). I know many of you do not know the candidates or the issues. I know that you have children at home that need you. I know that you work full time. I know that you have a full social life away from this campus. I know that your wife/husband/girlfriend/boyfriend think you need to spend more time with them and less time here. But your campus needs you too. Think of the A&S fee as a tax. It is your money. It can be used for many wonderful ideas as it currently is being used for, but there is room for improvement. If you are too busy to actively participate at least participate by voting.

I have been lucky enough to have had the time to be involved with student government and this campus during the past two years. I know the issues and the personalities involved. If I were not graduating in May, I would be running for office again.

But I graduate knowing that there is a ticket of the best, the brightest, the most ethical students running for office that I have ever seen on this campus. They represent all three colleges, and are each independent thinkers. They have the energy that this campus deserves. So I hope you take the time to support the betterment of this campus by voting for the ticket with diversity, integrity, and experience under the leadership of Austin Fall, for Student Government President.

Christopher Eckhardt

Police thankful for survey response

All Faculty, Staff and Students

I would like to take a few minutes to thank each and every one of you who assisted our Department by taking the time to complete a Police Service Survey. By comparing the information received against the current service levels provided, we will be able to determine what current service levels need to be improved. In the future, I will be setting up crime prevention programs in various locations on campus on topics that were indicated in the survey were of interest to the university community.

We thank each of you for your constructive criticisms with regards to our "greatest weaknesses" and we will try diligently to make changes. There are some criticisms we do not have control over. However, we will continue to request additional manpower and equipment. We appreciated the comments regarding our "greatest strengths." With regards to our request for suggestions on how we could improve police services, we did receive some very helpful recommendations. We look forward to implementing some of them soon.

Over all the response from the university community was excellent. The students and staff were very cooperative.

The survey indicated that the university community as a whole does know the university police officers and that the majority of the community feel that the officers accessibility is high. The university community rated the "Overall Police Services" as "Better" or the "Same" as other agencies.

Again, thank you for participating in our most recent survey.

Margie Carr
Crime Prevention Sergeant
USF offers self-esteem workshops

By Michelle Lawson

Females self-esteem drops dramatically with age and by the time they reach high school girls may suffer from poor self-image, low expectations and lack of confidence.

"Women suffering from low self-esteem starts to happen in the school and statistics show it is the way we educate them," said Judy Curtz, counselor at the USF Counseling Center for Human Development.

As women lose self-esteem as they get older, but the loss is much more dramatic for girls than for boys, recent research reports.

"As women get older they have this stereotype put before them that all women possess beauty and are wonderful," Curtz said. "Somehow that takes shape andonder what actually they are about and their level of intelligence."

Many girls say they are not smart enough or good enough for certain careers, but rarely do boys say such things. The NEA reported that when students struggle in science, the boys blame the material, the girls blame themselves.

"Women lacking self-esteem don't speak up in board meetings, or classrooms because they think whatever they have to say is not important," Curtz said. "They don't speak up because they don't think anyone would think it is a good idea, and many times that is the feedback they get. For example, 'Well, you just a woman, what does she know?' is often mumbled among men."

"There are a lot of self-blame in women and they feel they just can't do as well, and the culture gives women these messages. Society values the young, beautiful women, so as women get older they perceive themselves as insignificant," Curtz said.

"Although it is changing, I think the 1990s are taking a better look at it and realizing that women are human beings and they can be tired, and it doesn't mean they are weak," Curtz said.

She said many women look at their mothers as being perfect, that if they can't keep up, they feel inadequate.

USF offers workshops for women with low self-esteem. The first step is to find the source of the low self-esteem. Many times, it comes from over-protective parents, who did not allow children to make decisions. The second step is to establish self-awareness.

"No one is perfect, you must accept yourself and things you don't like about yourself and still accept that and loving that as part of you," Curtz said.

New library parking situation resolved

By Peter Angelo

Parking plans have been finalized for students and staff during the construction of the new library projet later this semester.

"There has been an ongoing debate over whether to prepare temporary parking prior to the start of construction or wait until the whole project begins," said media librarian Jerry Notaro. "If the lots are prepared first the project will be somewhat delayed. If we do the whole thing at once there will be a parking problem for students and staff."

Jim Grant, architect and project jonacttctor for the new library project, said, "The situation has been resolved. Parking space will be prepared in advance of the actual groundbreaking. Before any parking spaces in the lot adjacent to the existing library are lost to the construction of the new building, we will be constructing the new outlying parking lots which will more than make up for the loss of the spaces."

According to Grant, one of the temporary lots is an expansion of the existing lot directly west of the Campus Activities Center. That lot will be extended all the way west from Second Street South to Third Street South. The other lot will be just north of the Piano Man building. That parking lot just north of the Piano Man will provide about 105 spaces, while approximately 100 spaces will be added to the west of the CAC.

"Those two outlying lots will be completed before the construction starts on the library site so we'll never be without parking," Grant said.

After the new library is completed there will be an increase of about 60 spaces overall, Grant said.

Grant also said the groundbreaking for the outlying lots will begin in mid-April.

It will take about two to three months to finish the new lots. During the summer semester the parking lot west of the library will shut down and construction will begin. The new library is expected to be finished during Christmas break 1995.

"Once that is completed, we will begin renovation of the existing library which will be converted into a new Administration and Student Services Building," Grant said.

Legals host international business meeting

Special to The Crow's Nest

The Legals Society will host the University of South Florida's International Business Conference to be held March 30 at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers.

This conference will include speakers from the Polish American Enterprise Fund, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund.

Highlighting this conference will be Francis J. Skrobiszewski, vice president of the Enterprise Investors and Emily Landis Walker, international consultant and former U.S. alternate executive director to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

State level representation in the private sector will include: James T. Lang, president and CEO, World Trade Center Tampa Bay and Jeff Knott, president, Jim Walter International Sales Corporation. Sergei B. Novikov, visiting economics professor at Eckerd College from Moscow State University, will speak on "Economic Aspects of Activities in Russia: International Business in Russia." The student registration fee of $25 includes lunch, the conference from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., and an opportunity for networking.

For more information contact Julie Gillespie at 893-9160, or any officer of the Legals Society to obtain a registration form/agenda.
African-American art show seeks entries

A statewide call has been sent out to African-American artists to submit 10 slides of their work, along with a resume, for judging by three renowned art curators. Those artists chosen will participate in the Second Annual Art Exhibition taking place at Salt Creek Artworks from May 20 to May 30 in St. Petersburg, as part of the month long celebration: ARTWORKS. A public reception is planned for May 20. There will be a Best of Show award of $1,000, a second place award of $500 and an honorable mention award of $250. The judges are Dierdre Bibby, director of the Tampa Museum of African-American Art, Diane Lesko, assistant director/curator of the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, and Christoph Geronzis, curator of exhibitions at the Polk Museum of Art. All entries must be received by Jim Durning, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 Second Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33731, no later than 5 p.m. April 20. For return of slides enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Sailing team places at regattas

The USF Sailing Team recently traveled to two intercollegiate regattas. Eckerd College hosted the Feb. 19 regatta on the Intracoastal Waterway just south of Boca Ceiga Bay. The team finished fourth overall with excellent individual performances. The USF ‘A’ fleet skipper was Scott Norman with Rick Jarchow crewing. Norman finished second overall in his fleet, just eight points behind Eckerd College. His individual scores from seven races were 2-1-2-4-1-2-2.

The USF ‘B’ skipper was Karl Langefeld with Ashley Sarrett crewing. The USF ‘B’ team finished fourth overall with some excellent individual races by both skippers and their respective crews.

“The winds were very consistent and our boat speed was the best I had experienced this year,” said Norman, USF Team Captain. “Things just clicked together nicely and we seemed to hit every shift at the right time. Beatimg Eckerd on their home waters is quite a difficult task.”

The final overall results were:

The USF team traveled to Orlando March 5 to sail in South Points Regatta #2 hosted by Rollins College. The team finished fourth. The USF ‘A’ skipper was Ken Hardy with Sarrett crewing. Their individual scores for six races were 3-4-2-2-4-1.

“The wind was very shifty, which made it difficult sailing,” Hardy said.

The USF ‘B’ skipper was Norman with Jarchow crewing. Their individual scores were 1-2-3-2-2-1. Norman finished second in the ‘B’ division just one point from the leader (Rollins).

“If it wasn’t for race number 2 (disqualification), we would have won our division and the team probably would have taken second place overall,” Norman said. “So as you can see, in sailboat racing, every race is critical. Consistency is what wins regattas.”

The final overall results were:

The USF Sailing Team will be hosting the final South Points Regatta at Davis Island Yacht Club. From there, the top four teams from the South SAISA division will travel to Gainesville to sail against the top four SAISA North teams in the SAISA Dinghy Championships. The overall top two SAISA teams will advance to the Intercollegiate National Championships where they will compete against the top schools in the nation.

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