By Monica Schwab
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The Honors Program at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg campus is "a taste of graduate school for undergraduates," says David R. Carr, program director.

"Our hope is to give people an appreciation for various perspectives on broad subjects," he says.

Anyone admitted to the program receives the Demetrios Karaymousis Endowed Memorial Scholarship, which is used toward 11 hours of tuition for honors classes.

Enrollment is limited to 15 students to guarantee individual attention.

The program involves students in seminar courses that have a strong orientation toward interdisciplinary perspectives on major works and major issues.

It also provides undergraduate students with opportunities to work closely with faculty members both in courses and in planning, researching and writing honors theses.

Honors seminars are limited to 15 people of junior status with a grade point average of 3.3 (overall) and 3.5 (major).

Grading is based on class participation and a term paper.

Students who lack the requisite GPA or sufficient credits but have superior academic promise may be admitted into the program at the discretion of the Honors Committee.

Carr says topics such as the media, the '60s, the family and political correctness are explored.

"Seminars are really interdisciplinary," Carr says. "Folks get exposed to a broadened perspective of the world."

For more information about the campus Honors Program or to apply for the program, call Carr at 893-9554 or drop by Room 266, Davis Hall.

By Thomas A. Bayles
The Crow's Nest Staff

More than 40 of the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg faculty met Nov. 10 in Davis Hall as part of a major phase in developing the academic future of the campus.

Professors from various departments made 18 short demonstrations, pitching the specific curriculum they felt should be enhanced or implemented.

While the suggested course offerings varied by discipline, two common needs were identified by many of the presenters: Ethical considerations should be paramount in the new course offerings, and USF-St. Pete needs a state-of-the-art computer center for all students.

"I thought most presentations were very good," USF-St. Pete Dean Bill Holter said.

"The Campus Faculty Council deserves thanks," he said, referring to a subcommittee that organized the meeting.

Presentations for creation or enhancement in other areas included aging studies, forensic science, urban studies, writing, and news and information studies.

Also, a juvenile justice focus in the criminology program was discussed.

Expanding existing programs is another focus of the plan titled "USF-St Pete 2005."

The psychology program wants growth, and the geography department requested at least one additional teacher.

The education department wants a pre-kindergarten education curriculum and a new master's program in education titled "Teaching for All Children."

The library requested additional money for the new resources and programs.
USF finance professor urges students to prepare for their financial futures

By Kathryn Savage
The Crow's Nest Staff

"Social Security as we know it will not be around much longer, and American companies are starting to place more and more responsibility for retirement planning on individuals," said Tony Welch, a local financial planner.

Just thinking about what things may be like in 20-30 more years with the number of people who, year after year, postpone starting their financial plans for the future is rather scary, he said. There are likely to be a lot of poor people in this country.

Retirement is probably the furthest thing from most college students' minds, but there are other reasons to implement a sound financial plan.

Without a substantial amount of money set aside, future opportunities are limited. Individuals often become stuck in a job out of necessity. The time to begin saving and investing is right now.

"Students often say that they can't seem to get started with their investment plan," said University of South Florida finance professor Dr. Arthur Schwartz. "But it doesn't take that much," he added. "You can begin with as little as $100 in a mutual fund."

There is, of course, an element of risk in this or any investment. Safer alternatives such as bank certificates of deposit don't even keep pace with inflation.

Welch offered other suggestions to take advantage of right now. Reducing that 18 percent interest rate on a credit card account can be as simple as a telephone call as long as bills have been paid on time.

Students should refuse to pay an annual fee. Credit card companies will often waive their annual fees if someone threatens to send the card back. If they don't, there are plenty of places that offer no-fee cards. AT&T and NationsBank are two examples.

Also, students should take the savings and purchase a share of stock in a company like General Motors, Coca Cola or AT&T. While the dividends are not exceptionally high, the stock in these companies tends to do reasonably well. It is unlikely that the original investment would be lost.

Students should send a letter to the company asking it to reinvest dividends so they will be able to accumulate additional shares without having to pay a broker's commission.

When students select stocks, it's a good idea for them to stick with something they're knowledgeable about. For example, noticing the number of cars in the parking lot of an Outback Steakhouse or the amount of shelf space a particular product has in comparison with similar products in the local grocery store are usually good indicators of the company's performance.

Another indication is following current trends in society. For example, the societal movement toward "doing-it-yourself," together with the fact that there are almost always cars in the parking lot makes Home Depot look like a winner.

As an investment portfolio grows, diversification is important in order to reduce the risk of a substantial loss. But diversification means more than owning stock in different companies. It is crucial that the companies be in industries that are not closely related. This way potential losses would not be as great because declines in one industry usually don't affect the entire portfolio.

It is also important to remember that stockbrokers work for commission. That is, the only time they make money is when they persuade an investor to buy or sell securities. Unless an investor has an account with a percentage annual fee, instead of commissions on each securities transaction, the growth of the overall portfolio may not be the broker's No. 1 concern.

If a broker recommends splitting the total investment between two "worldwide" mutual funds for diversification, both funds will generally have very similar stocks.

International markets, in general, are currently paying a higher return than the U.S. market, so the idea of a "worldwide" mutual fund is not the problem.

By splitting the total investment between the two funds, the broker is generating a higher commission since commission rates go down as the size of a single transaction increases.

A sound financial plan should include tax and estate planning. The primary goal of tax and estate planning is to give the government as little control over the estate as legally possible. Depending upon the size of an estate, this can be somewhat complicated. Consulting a professional financial planner could save a bundle.

To save estate taxes, there are some basics, such as having a will, and periodically reviewing it to be certain that the will is current.

Life insurance can be beneficial, especially with dependent children to provide for in the event of death. It is important, however, to place ownership of the policies in a trust.

Trusts also can be used to increase current income. If the size of the estate is substantial, Welch recommended bequeathing a certain amount of appreciated securities to a charitable organization through a living trust. Current tax law allows the donor to receive annual income from that trust for the remainder of his or her life.

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grams that will become that will become necessary when it moves into its new building.

Dean Heller was one of the presenters, and he made a pitch for occupational/physical therapy.

There also was discussion concerning "synergy," or overlap of the new programs that will be created.

It was implied that those applications with multidisciplinary implications would probably have a better chance of becoming part of USF-St. Pete's future curriculum.

USF-St. Pete 2005 is a facultywide quest to enhance curriculum over the next 10 years. It is hoped that continued planning by the faculty at meetings such as the Nov. 10 will formulate a plan that will move through the university system and provide funding for as many as 20 new faculty positions, including support staff.

"It gave everyone a perspective on what we are going to do Dec. 2," Heller said, referring to an off-campus meeting.

At that all-day conference, the faculty hopes to more specifically identify the programs that will end up in the final proposal.

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Interview

Viewing director Neil Jordan's long-awaited Interview With A Vampire is like being disillusioned by a much anticipated full-course meal. Half of the experience is exquisite while the rest is disappointingly tasteless and bland.

The cinematography of Philippe Rousselot elegantly plunges the viewer into a bottomless pit of horror. Brad Pitt delivers a remarkable performance as Louis, a man who teeters recklessly on the edge of darkness and then surrenders, falling uncontrollably into its depths.

The costumes displayed throughout the film are rich in splendor, and Stan Winston's ghoulish makeup effectively casts an eerie aura over the film's characters. Kirsten Dunst, unaffected by the more mature talent surrounding her, sinks her teeth into her role as the young blood-thirsty Claudia.

Other than that, Interview resembles a conversation with a bore who tries to gain attention with shocking displays and cheap tricks. So just what causes Interview to lose its bite?

Tom Cruise's depiction of Lestat—a creature of the dead with a comical nature—surely has the great Bela Lugosi spinning in his grave. He is more ridiculously funny than he is terrifying.

Scenes of sensationalized gore do not help either. Chewing the heads off live rats prior to drinking their blood, for example, only serves to undermine the excellent cinematography that was already setting a frightening tone.

The film unfolds amid a grim atmosphere. In a bleak room, a man with his back turned reveals his life story to a nervous audience. Call Scott at 894-0173 with your answer. First to call with the correct answer wins.

This Week's Question: What was the title of the American version of La Femme Nikita that was done last year and starred Bridget Fonda?

Last Issue's Winner: Virginia Champion

Last Issue's Answer: Macaulay Culkin

Professional masterful

The Professional is a riveting, in-your-face film that lashes out at the viewer with a raw passion that encompasses the entire emotional spectrum.

It was directed by Luc Besson's stylish French thriller La Femme Nikita that won Oscar's Best Foreign Film honors in 1990. Once again, he fashions his expertise at bringing the violent life of a killing specialist explosively to the screen.

Leon (Jean Reno) is an uneducated man who lives a solitary existence. His best friend is an ordinary plant he loves to nurture while he thrives on two quarts of milk a day. He is also the best at what he does. Leon is a hit man, or a cleaner as he puts it.

Love and vengeance enter his life in the form of street-wise Mathilda (Natalie Portman), a 12-year-old victim of a dysfunctional home life. After her family is brutally murdered over drugs, Leon reluctantly takes her in.

She comes, however, with a bizarre request. Mathilda wants to learn everything she can about being an assassin in order to seek out revenge over the killing of her brother, the only family member she really loved.

No, The Professional doesn't deteriorate into the unbelievable scenario of a child taking on the entire drug underworld. Besson, who also wrote the story, is simply a repulsive war between a protagonist and an antagonist who are both evil.

The film works because of his expert touch, the performances of Reno and Portman, the movie's intense cinematography and the acting of Gary Oldman, whose name is rapidly becoming synonymous with the phrase ultimate anti-genius.

Recently, the big screen has delivered up some excellent youthful portrayals. Elijah Wood in The War and Kristen Dunst in Interview With A Vampire stand out.

Portman's name can be assuredly added to this list. She is la petite Mathilda, an equally intense younger version of actress Anne Parilaud's La Femme Nikita.

Reno ventures deep into his role as a professional killer. There is no three-piece suit on his back, and he's never found behind the wheel of a fancy car. He is a lowly man surviving in the toughest of worlds.

Together, Portman and Reno form a bond on screen that levels the words, touching, enchanting and charming to mere understatements.

Oldman's presence is absolutely pro- ficial. His role as Stansfield, a pill-popp-ing, master of death who elevates himself into murderous frenzies by listening to classical music, is a virtuosic depiction of a psychotic personality.

The gripping close-ups, interesting angles and sweeping pans that emerge from the camera accelerate the film along at an attention-grabbing velocity.

The Professional is a masterful, expertly crafted work that results in one of this year's finest movie-going experiences.

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OPINION

Politicians keep blocking our views

By Paul Swider
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I drive a small car. Lately, I am increasingly frustrated when I find myself behind larger vehicles. I can't see.

This is no new difficulty as there have long been trucks and buses. But the new trend in American automotive is the van, the pick-'em-up truck and the Sport Utility Vehicle. All of which block my view.

So I thought, "I'll just have to get me one of them BIG vee-hicles." Then I thought that would be just like going to the ball game. You sit there in your seat as does everyone else. Then the overexuberant guy in front of you stands up. In order to see, you must then stand, forcing the person behind you to stand, and on and on. But no one needed to stand in the first place.

Which brings me to politics. Pandits have been falling all over themselves these past few weeks trying to find more hyperbolic ways to describe the alleged shift in national mood evidenced by the new Republican Congress. I don't think such a shift exists. Because there's always somebody standing in the way of the ball game.

Consider the scenario of campaigning. Candidates usually start out on the straight and narrow, generally a fairly easy road. When there is little substance for a candidate, when the race is slipping away, or when other circumstances warrant, candidates go negative.

Why? It works. Rhetoric and semantics do not do well in dispelling a negative image so if you are accused of something, you are in a poor position. ("Mr. Candidate, when did you stop beating your wife?") Better to return the accusation. As that spiral whirls, the ball game is obscured.

Despite hollow protest to the contrary, voters lap up negative campaigning because it provides simplifying drama that makes the world easier to grasp, even if all they're grasping is air. So each election cycle everyone wrings their hands over muddling. But candidates still go negative. And so do some pundis.

When Rush Limbaugh keens about the liberal conspiracies to warp our children's minds, when Newt Gingrich calls President Clinton an enemy of the "normal Americans," when Bill Safire perpetually reinstates the chimerical Whitewater, when Jesse Helms opens his mouth at all, they are all standing up in front of us, blocking our view. They are very effective at getting their message out, but their message has nothing to do with the ball game.

So when people rant about the resounding Republican victory and how it indicates the new conservatism in the U.S., they themselves are not seeing the ball game. Of the 39 percent of eligible Americans who voted, a majority voted Republican. Even if that majority were 99 percent, it would still only be the voice of not even 39 percent of the electorate. This is less than the 43 percent Clinton garnered in 1992, a mandate allegedly insufficient. (The 61-percent "non"-vote in 1994 makes the result as statistically mushy as the three-way vote of 1992.)

Besides, when that supposed Republican majority voted, its members were not voting on what was truly at stake because they didn't know what was truly at stake, haven't for years. There's always someone standing up in front of them. They most assuredly bought the pop, but that doesn't mean they wanted pop.

If you sell someone a bad used car, that makes you a good salesman. But the sale does not make the car good. And it doesn't make the buyer aware.

So a good portion of the people spoke and what they said was, "NO." The jury is still out on what the question was. Republicans succeeded in this election by inciting a riot. They were not swept up because they were holding the torches and leading the way. But when?

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, flush with vigor after the baby-and-bathwater election, summoned the outcome. "So, I think we have an agenda," he said. "I think the American people have rejected government tonight."

Ignoring the wicked irony of that statement, juxtapose it with the words of one of Gramm's political forebears, Sam Rayburn: "Any jackass can kick down a barn, but it takes a carpenter to build one."

I can see that. Even though I'm still sitting down.

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POLITICAL JOURNAL

In the lobby of Davis Hall four trees are dying because no one is watering them. Next to one tree there is a table with several copies of ECO on top. This is a report of "local, national, global, health and environmental news."

"It's very noble to want to save the environment, but let's start at home in our own lobby. I don't understand how 4000 students, faculty and administrators can ignore those little trees."

I've started giving each one a cup of water when I take a class on Thursday nights. I encourage other to join my crusade!

Virginia Gellerstedt

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Don't be afraid: These Rollerbladers are well behaved

There's a 1950s movie that opens with a group of young ne'er-do-wells tooling up and down some anonymous highway and stopping to terrorize innocent picnickers families with verbal taunts and the vaguest of sexual innuendoes. At the end of this intro, an announcer using a stern voice warns, "Some kids will do anything for kicks," followed by a dissonant brass fanfare of the sort to strike fear in the hearts of Ozzies and Harriets everywhere. The movie: Hot Rods to Hell, a cinematic classic.

It was with this now-tapioca vision in mind that we read a description of "ruffians and vagabonds" from a distraught writer named "Tulips" or "Polyps" or something like that. This individual was apparently walking across that idyllic pasture of a public place, the Jot is vaguely akin to the Dome lot - at their own risk. Being a well-behaved individual was apparently walking across that idyllic pasture of a public place, the Jot is vaguely akin to the Dome lot - at their own risk. Being a well-behaved individual was apparently walking across that idyllic pasture of a public place, the Jot is vaguely akin to the Dome lot - at their own risk. Being a well-behaved individual was apparently walking across that idyllic pasture of a public place, the Jot is vaguely akin to the Dome lot - at their own risk. Being a well-behaved individual was apparently walking across that idyllic pasture of a public place, the Jot is vaguely akin to the Dome lot - at their own risk. 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Vouchers good idea

For many of us the pursuit of a college degree is a personal achievement that we hope will enable us to advance our expected or current careers—both socially and economically.

Yet the road that most of us traveled—kindergarten through high school—indicates that the public schools which provided us with our educational foundation has failed to do it adequately.

The U.S. educational system—particularly at the lower levels—has come under intense review and scrutiny as local school boards struggle to make ends meet. This is more the result of fattened bureaucracies than it is for a lack of ability to actually produce a good product. Due to this heightened attention toward our problematic educational system, alternatives have been presented that would create competition between schools, with a resulting improvement in quality education. The improvement could be achieved through the implementation of educational vouchers within the school system.

Initially presented by economist Milton Friedman, the educational voucher system was developed in order to provide for a more economically and qualitatively efficient school system.

Today, it is more a part of the politically correct or incorrect landscape, depending on a person’s party affiliation. This is most unfortunate because the educational voucher system is an extremely viable tool, which if utilized would only enhance the quality of the educational system. Exactly how will be explored later, but first a brief synopsis of how the voucher system works.

Each school district has a certain amount of money that it spends in order to provide for the necessary education needs of any particular student. These amounts vary, of course, from district to district, yet for all practical purposes should not vary that much.

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What this would in essence do is create an environment for schools to actually compete for students as is done at most universities in the country—whether state or privately run.

This is by no means a revolutionary concept in education. Sweden as well as the new Russian Republic have adopted voucher programs, both of which include private and parochial schools in the pool.

How would this create more competition between schools? A causal effect is created, whereby those schools that are operating inefficiently would either improve their operating methods or would cease to attract students. The problem today is that a virtual monopoly exists within our public school system, and there remains no need for schools to continue to attract students. They are essentially, by design, guaranteed students and there remains no incentive to continually improve the education provided. By creating a voucher system, the flow of public funds follows the student and thus eliminates a monopolistic situation.

A monopoly, by its very nature, whether public or private, will result in higher prices and lower output than in a competitive situation. Some of these conditions already exist within today’s U.S. educational system. As a result of this, there is a trend toward privatization.

One such example of this new breed of educational efficiency is the Edison Project developed by Christopher Whittle. The project would provide for curriculum that is steeped in technology and the arts. Students would be provided with computers for school and home use and employing teachers at higher salaries than are currently paid.

Although the project has come under intense scrutiny by such powerful lobbying forces as the teachers’ union, it has the potential to create the necessary nexus between efficiency and quality that is desperately needed within the public school system today. While academics will argue that the last thing needed is privatization within our public school system, these same academics might be reminded of exactly how “private” Bill Gates and Microsoft started and exactly what they have become.

BOB SCHWEIKERT JR.'S BUSINESS REPORT

NATIONAL, from Page 4 — being prepped by some social scientists won’t work. When blacks, whites and everyone else survive in a substructure of the economy, a sort of “we’re all in this together” mentality prevails—to a degree only. Drive-by shootings, self-hate and anarchy destroy any chance of genteel “community.” A bomb-shelter family is created for the sake of day-to-day survival. AFDC isn’t enough. To stay alive you need more.

An underground economy offers five options—beg, borrow, lie, cheat and steal. The degradation of constant compromise for survival eats the soul.

That is the key to “New World Order” promised by Newt-the-Brute Gingrich. The restless, overfed working class will stop making demands on government and fighting with each other if people are too busy surviving and cooperating with each other. They will become happy and fulfilled by the renewed spirit of community that will prevail.

At the same time there will be no need for wasted dollars on bloated bureaucracies that enable lazy sycophants to eat and live without working and contributing to the tax base. The wealthy, big business and a pared-down government can focus on the really important stuff: law and order, national security, infrastructure and enjoying the fruits of capitalism.

The world economy demands that American workers be paid in parity with their Third World counterparts who work for 50 cents an hour. We are going to have a very happy working class. There is going to be a great need for everyone to pitch in and create soup kitchens, bread lines, poorhouses and those orphanages Newt wants to build without federal money.

The Federal treasury is empty. The Reagan military buildup, the savings and loan debt—all of it, has reached critical mass.

When a similar situation occurred in my life, I had to take drastic action to change whatever behavior was causing my demise. I alone was responsible for the error of my ways. I have put forth a Herculean effort to do just that, but I did not do it alone. The limited help I got from a great family was supplemented by the government.

I could not have gotten the education I got at my late age without the benefits provided by the bureaucrats that I and everyone else rail against. I have acquired a paralegal degree and a job as a paralegal. I am close to a mass communications degree and plan to go on to law school.

I am one of those white, middle-aged males that got away with being an irresponsible, oversexed dinosaur for more than 40 years. I was born in 1946. Year One of the baby-boom generation. We have eaten up the whole pie, and the pie that belongs that generation-X. I am not sorry, I am human.

I have lived a life of extreme material wealth and pleasure, promiscuous sex, drugs, rock-n-roll, upward mobility and waste. It has been wonderful. I have a lifetime of memories and images that are irreplaceable, and totally fulfilling—and it’s not over yet. Imagine what really rich people feel like. I’m trying to find out.

The coming generation is not going to be able to conspicuously consume like rabbit rats. Not anymore. Not unless one is very rich. But what happens when all those of us who weren’t privileged get their lifetime cut off? Many of them will not only be without government aid, they also don’t have functioning families. That takes generations of hard work and dedication to accomplish. They don’t have time.

Will the “downward harmonizing” work? It never has before.

I would tell those people on the food stamp line to get real busy trying to build a net. If you are stupid enough to always find a reason why there is no time to study, work or get off the couch, you think you will be able to continue to be a pig—think again. I’ve heard you say a million times your favorite excuse, the one that goes: “But you don’t understand.” Yeah, I do. I understand that I have a better chance of growing young than you have of surviving. I also understand that a history professor (Newt Gingrich), who doesn’t remember Marie Antoinette, may be just as surprised when his “let them eat dirt” rhetoric come back to haunt him.

Have a great holiday season.

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FAMILY FEST EXPLORES ENDANGERED FLORIDA WILDLIFE

University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Family Fest activities Nov. 12 included a visit from Ray Willis, top left, of the pet store Animal House and at top right, a session of arts and crafts. In bottom left photo, Family Fest coordinator Valerie Prosser, left, and Margaret Swearingen, right, an employee at the Campus Activities Center, look over fest participants' artwork. At bottom right, Wayne Anderson of Florida Wildlife Rescue shows off the panther Pasha. (Photos by Tina Tomlinson)
**USF boats in parade**
The USF-St. Pete Recreation Office will have five boats in the seventh annual St. Petersburg lighted boat parade Dec. 10. Seating is available for 28 people. Those who wish to ride will be expected to attend a boat-decorating party Dec. 9. Decorations will be provided.

**For more information, call 893-9577.**

**Schools receive grants**
The Florida Humanities Council has awarded the University of South Florida and Eckerd College a $26,000 grant for the public lecture series "The Russians: Past and Present."

The series is one of USF's Monday Night Academic Frontiers Series. The series is a collaborative project with the Florida International Museum, which will house "The Treasures of the Czars" art exhibit from Jan. 11 to June 11, 1995. For more information, call 893-9144.

**Breakfast seminar set**
USF-St. Pete and the World Trade Center of Tampa Bay are co-sponsoring a breakfast seminar from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Dec. 6 in the Campus Activities Center.

The topic of the seminar will be ISO-9000, a generic name for an international quality standard that has been adopted in more than 80 countries, including the United States.

Ralph Gooner, field director for Florida International University Engineering Services, will speak.

**For more information, call 893-9144.**

**CAC plans holiday sale**
The annual holiday sale sponsored by the University of South Florida Campus Activities Center will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8 in Davis Hall lobby.

A wide assortment of holiday gifts and baked goods will be available for purchase.

For those interested in reserving booth space, contact Valerie Prosser at the above number before Dec. 1.

For more information, call 893-9596.

**FURNITURE FOR SALE**
King-size waterbed—complete. Includes set of sheets. $75. Also Stratford six-piece sectional in excellent condition. Will sacrifice for $300. Ping-pong table, $50. Call 525-8359.

**HELP WANTED**
Public relations representative. Legal firm needs person with a public relations, communications or marketing background. Position requires good clerical and communications skills. Proficiency in WordPerfect is required. For more information, call the USF-St. Pete Career and Counseling Center, 893-9129, or stop by Room 112, Davis Hall.

**HELP WANTED**
General accountant. Legal firm needs account with knowledge of accounts payable and accounts receivable. Must have excellent communications skills and be proficient in WordPerfect. For more information, call the USF-St. Pete Career and Counseling Center, 893-9129, or stop by Room 112, Davis Hall.

**HELP WANTED**
Staff accountant for Ingalls, Skalski and Associates. Must be an accounting major for this entry-level part-time position. Must be PC literate. Tax and/or writing experience is helpful. Position requires you work a minimum of 24 hours a week, which can be scheduled around classes. This is a temporary position with possibility of becoming permanent for the right person. Salary negotiable. For more information, call the USF-St. Pete Career and Counseling Center, 893-9129, or stop by Room 112, Davis Hall.

**WANT TO RUN A CLASSIFIED AD?**
Call Terri Mattioli or Cheryl Pulnik at 893-9118.

**HELP WANTED**
Accountant with knowledge of accounts payable and accounts receivable. Must be proficient in WordPerfect. For more information, call 822-2492.

**SG offers scholarships**
USF-St. Pete will award two $1,500 scholarships to eligible students for the spring 1995 semester.

The Scholaristic Achievement Scholarship will be awarded based upon the student's outstanding academic accomplishments; whereas, the Financial Assistance Scholarship will be given on the basis of the applicant's financial need. Students may apply for only one of these scholarships.

Both graduate and undergraduate students are eligible. Deadline for submitting applications is Dec. 15. Recipients will be announced on or before Jan. 1.

For more information, call 893-9144.

**Public Safety office head brings 20 years of experience to USF**
Special to The Crow's Nest

The University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Public Safety Office is headed by Bob Siwik.

Siwik has spent more than 20 years in law enforcement. He has worked with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Military Police in Vietnam and the USF-Tampa campus.

Siwik is a USF alumnus and is involved in several campus committees. He frequently enjoys jogging around the downtown St. Pete area during the noon hour. His hobbies include reading, flying and fishing with his wife, Barbara, who also is a USF graduate.

If students see Bob making rounds on the campus, they are invited to stop and say hello. He would probably love to discuss weighty criminal justice issues, crime prevention through environmental design, parking tickets—or possibly the O.J. Simpson case. You guess the order.

**Events set for World AIDS Day**
By Sandy Blood
The Crow's Nest Staff

How can you tell if people are HIV-positive?
You certainly can't tell by looking at them.

You can't rule out the fact that because they are not gay, they must not be HIV-positive.

AIDS is not a gay disease. In fact, the most rapidly expanding groups of HIV-positive individuals are teen-agers and females.

It has become shockingly apparent that everyone needs to learn the facts.

From 4-5 p.m. Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, Joe Smith of the American Red Cross will present the program "What's happening in the World of AIDS?" in Room 215 of Davis Hall. The program includes an informative lecture/slides presentation on prevention and treatment and demonstration of how to properly use a condom.

Other local events planned for World AIDS Day include a ceremony behind the St. Petersburg Pier (from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1, ending in a candle vigil. Hands Across Pinellas Trail will begin at 6 a.m. Dec. 3.

For more information on the above activities or for information on volunteering to assist in these events, contact the Community Alliance of Pinellas for AIDS, CAPA, at 321-1211.
Political science professor concentrates on social concerns

By David Schindler
The Crow's Nest Correspondent

It isn't hard to regard Ambe J. Njoh, assistant professor of government and international affairs, as a Renaissance man of sorts in the political science realm.

Besides being schooled in both national and international issues, Njoh relishes discourse on broad social concerns.

Njoh will soon complete his first semester at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg campus. He assesses the environment here as "academically scholarly."

"The dean and others on campus are overwhelmingly competent," he says. "They've done a wonderful job making quality students."

Coming to the St. Petersburg campus from the Florida Department of Transportation, where he was a transit planning manager, and Florida State University, where he was an adjunct professor while at the department of transportation, Njoh first arrived in the United States from the West African nation of Cameroon in 1981.

Comparing the United States with Cameroon, he says, "The freedom of expression is more here. Democracy has not been pushed to the limit (in Cameroon). It's pseudo-democracy with only three years of multiparty rule.

Njoh pursued a bachelor's degree in environmental design at the University of Oklahoma, staying on to earn one master's degree in regional and city planning and another in international affairs. He earned his doctorate from the University of London, where his thesis was on housing policy in Cameroon.

He says he has recently done scholarly research and writing on improving the lot of the poor in low-income housing, especially through public sector cost-saving strategies.

Njoh says he feels that "interdependency" through government social programs is more practical because it is a process by which one can "teach the baker how to bake his own bread."

He says there is no "magic bullet" to attack low-income housing problems. "The best you can do is offer suggestions. Social engineering is not really social engineering as such," he says.

Njoh's work has been published in such journals as Social Indicators Research, Transportation Research Record and Habitat International.

Njoh sees issues of social equality relating to improving low-income housing and to improving society in general. He says the United States is "in the process of evolving to a country treating people on who they are instead of the color of their skin."

In this process, he says, "Freedom of speech cannot be totally free," explaining that racial hate speech must be unprotected by the First Amendment.

He says the communitarian movement has articulated this view and that he "would agree very quickly with these people."

The issues have bearing on housing considerations in Njoh's view because if the evolution toward social equality is circumvented, such programs as Head Start—which benefits low-income tenants—could be cut and "somebody may find a reason to keep a black person from a job."

On the topic of hate speech, Njoh says that "suppose I say everyone with long hair is a stupid person. "I would be committing slander. We should be accountable for what we say."

He says that this accountability should increase if a person or organization is highly visible to the media.

"We do have differentiated access to the media," he says.

Njoh says he would like to see an urban studies program on the USF-St. Pete campus.

"It is only orderly" that such a program have "something to do with urban planning" because of the campus' Tampa Bay location.

Married with two children, Njoh says his favorite hobby is travel but describes the campus as "a place one doesn't feel like leaving."

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Incident Reports

Following is a summary of significant incidents reported to the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg police department during the month of November.

SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE:
Two juveniles were reported north of the Campus Activities Center by Physical Plant Operations employee. Police officers made contact with the juveniles, and it was determined that they were runaways from Rogers, Ark. Both had outstanding warrants from Arkansas. The juveniles were transported to the Juvenile Detention Center for return to Arkansas.

POLICE BRIEFS

Case status: Closed.

INCIDENT:
A verbal altercation took place between a female student and two men, outside vendors, who were trimming trees on campus. The student accused the men of dropping branches on her car and scratching the paint. Police officers responded.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
A student reported that an unknown person broke the window of her car while it was parked in Lot No. 1. A police officer recovered a small-caliber bullet in the interior of the vehicle. No injuries or witnesses. Case status: Pending.

Anyone interested in writing for The Crow's Nest should call Terri Mattioli at 893-9118 or 893-9596 for more information.
At left, Patricia Seifert, a psychology major, studies recently near the Bayboro Cafe. Below, Joe Temple and Dave Scott, elementary education majors, study while sitting on the seawall facing Bayboro Harbor.

(Photos by Tina Tomlinson)

This is the last issue of The Crow’s Nest for the fall semester. Look for us again in January when we resume publication.

Thanks to all our advertisers and readers. Happy Holidays and congratulations graduates.
Help Wanted

The Crow's Nest,

USF-St. Petersburg's campus newspaper is searching for volunteers who would like to gain experience in print journalism production. We need reporters, photographers, cartoonists, page designers, typists and advertising sales representatives and designers. If you are interested in joining our staff, please contact Editor Terri Mattioli at 381-6302(H) or 893-9118(W) or Adviser Lee Peck at 895-5731(H) or 893-9110(W).