2-2-1994

Crow's Nest : 1994 : 02 : 02

University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Follow this and additional works at: https://digital.usfsp.edu/crows_nest

Recommended Citation
https://digital.usfsp.edu/crows_nest/358
Career Expo slated

Special to The Crow's Nest

The Counseling & Career Center is presenting Career Expo '94 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, February 10 in the Campus Activities Center. As in years past, some employers will take resumes and conduct short interviews, while others will primarily be available for information sharing. Below are a list of employers:

S. African symposium scheduled

Special to The Crow's Nest

"South Africa: Country at the Crossroads," a symposium exploring the history, heritage and diverse cultures of the Republic of South Africa will be held at USF-St. Petersburg from Feb. 9-18. The symposium is produced and sponsored by the Campus Lecture Series, the department of geography, the Baybororo Geographic Society and the activities office.

Events for the Symposium include a slide presentation and lecture, "South Africa: Country in Change," by USF-St. Petersburg professor of geography Harry J. Schaleman, Jr., at noon Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Davis 130. Sharing his expertise and travels, Schaleman plans to introduce the audience to Africa's most developed and economically stable state.

The feature film, "Master Harold and the Boys," will be shown at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Davis 130. Set in 1950 South Africa, this drama examines personal fear and inherited racism through the relationship between a young white boy and two black men who work for his family. This film is based on a novel by Athol Fugard.

A lecture on the African National Congress is scheduled for noon Thursday, Feb. 10 in Davis 130. The guest speaker for the lecture has yet to be announced. The role of the African National Congress in the shaping of a new South Africa is slated to be the topic.

Students' test anxiety examined

By Michele Lawson

Racing heart, muscle tension, perspiration flushed skin, lack of concentration and feelings of apprehension are some symptoms that are detrimental to academic performance, self-confidence and problem-solving.

Experts call it test anxiety. When students experience test anxiety they become anxious and their behaviors are not focused, so their performance is weak.

Test anxiety is a negative motivation associated with poor test performance. Test anxiety has a harmful effect on academic achievement. Some students with chronic symptoms simply drop out of school altogether.

Many students who want to continue their education by attending law, medical or graduate school are required to take standardized tests for acceptance.

"Some students feel they are not in control during these examinations and simply black out," said Mimi Longworth, director of Blackstone Law Tutoring. "It is a defense mechanism to panic — like Freud said 'Fight or Flight' if you don't run from the testing room, your mind will."

Studies from Chad C. Osborne, professor at Worcester State College, said students taking the same test, scored significantly different depending on whether a time limit was mentioned in the test anxiety, page 3
Special to the Crow's Nest

The history of women's writing will be the topic of a lunch lecture hosted by the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus at noon, Feb. 7 at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers. The cost is $15.

Laura Runge, an assistant professor of English at USF-St. Petersburg, will give a talk titled "Who is Aphra Behn? (And Why You Should Care.)" Aphra Behn, the first professional female writer in England, helped pave the way for other women to break into the male-dominated field of literature during the late 1600s. The talk also will focus on other women writers prior to 1900.

FUTURE LIBRARY SITE

The preliminary work of digging up trees has begun at the future home of the campus library.

Be a Green Jacket!

Be a USF Ambassador!

Meet people, make contacts, pad your resume.

Accepting applications until Feb. 17.
Call 893-9190 for details.
ANXIETY

continued from page 1

the instructions. Clearly, students perceive time limits as an extreme cause of anxiety.

"Time limits are a pervasive counter-productive aspect that significantly lowers performance and with time restrictions, anxiety does stack up," said Longworth.

Urging a student to strive and succeed can be good, but if too much stress is placed on he or she, the anxiety level may become so high it is harmful.

A former student of Blackstone Law Tutoring had her whole community backing her up for her career as a lawyer. "They were willing to pay far her education so she could become the lawyer in her hometown," said Longworth. "The student was brilliant, had a 3.89 grade point average, yet simply panicked when taking the LSAT examination."

Although it is not a lost cause, help is available for this disorder. There is the Test Anxiety Center Clinic at USF to specifically overcome test anxiety.

Improvement of academic performance can be developed through the controlling of test anxiety with problem-solving skills and improvement of self-confidence.

A study from Kirk R. Blankstein, professor at University of Toronto, found that test anxiety was associated significantly with lack of self-confidence, inability to solve problems and lack of control. Students with high anxiety tend to avoid problems and never learn how to solve them.

EXPO

continued from page 1

current employers who have asked to attend. The Counseling & Career Center advises students to remember the slogan, "Dress to Impress!"


For more information call 893-9129.
Opinions

Put blame where it's due

Austin Fall

Dig deeper into the cause. Look around you and the reasons are obvious. Yep, that's it, the moral fabric that this country was built upon is sick, very anemic, and nearly dead.

Where was the family of the dope dealer? Where was the family of the gunmen? It is not the duty of schools to teach our kids right from wrong or to instill morals. It is not the chore of a brochure or a health and rehabilitative service to educate our children about sex, personal relationships and drugs. Where has the art of parenting gone?

Yet, all the blame cannot be bestowed upon parents. Special interest groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union have aided the downward trend. The decay is best seen in its court battles. The Constitution of this United States is the most important document in the world. The cases that the ACLU presses in its name are sacreligious. Yes, freedom of this and that are sacred to Americans; however, many of the so-called freedoms are contributing to the disintegration of our once great nation. What at one time may have been a moral perversian is now on the ACLU's docket.

Another simple example would be the radio and television personality Howard Stern. In the spirit of the Bill of Rights it is an invasion of our rights as Americans that he or anyone else be censored. For those not familiar with Mr. Stern, his forte is vulgar language and skits that at one time were considered in bad taste. The true outrage in this situation is that this man has an audience. People actually want to be entertained by the perversions he calls a show. Not a group of dogs, mind you.

Free press and expression extolled

Intelligentsia of USF-Bayboro, pause for a moment to consider what you hold in your hands. You clutch an anomaly, a fossil, the blessed spawn of Jefferson, Madison, Franklin et al. Unseen by advertising, untainted by editorial squirmishness, unresponsive to the mutterings of those who appear in its pages, The Crow's Nest embodies the ideals of those immortal 45 words: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or the free press; or the right of the people; peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

This organ of dissent, this tool of change, this extension of liberty is among the last vestiges of an unfettered press. Examine the giants of the publishing industry — The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today — and you'll find slavish obedience to the whims of a fickle public and greedy advertisers.

"We want newspapers that look like television," readers shout. "We want more stories about shopping, buying, consuming," advertisers roar. Today's newspaper publishers, whose job it is to safeguard the liberties bestowed upon us, are only too happy to oblige. But not The Crow's Nest.

No color photos are likely to disgrace the pages of The Crow's Nest. There will be no gushy effusing to advertisers, because there are no advertisers. Students support this organ. It is your voice, your opinions, your contribution to the free marketplace of ideas. You've been entrusted with the seed of philosophical freedom. You've been selected to protect a nearly extinct species. Pulitzer couldn't do it. Scripps couldn't do it. Hearst wouldn't do it. Now it's up to you.

But there are those close at hand who would have your newspaper adhere to the pavilionsman's standards of modern academia. These villainous "leaders" — and they know who they are — spend their waking hours devising intricate plots to extinguish this beacon of truth and freedom in a swift and final act of symbolic infanticide. Don't let them.

Guard this precious gem with your very life. Bar the doors when they come for the computers. Laugh in their faces when they suggest The Crow's Nest adopt a kinder, gentler editorial voice. Attack and counter attack. Thrust and parry. This is a battle America cannot afford to lose. Truth and freedom are withering under a constant barrage of conformity, conventionality and correctness. The hour has grown late, the sky dark and the wind cold. Armageddon is at hand. When the sun rises on the Day of the Judgment, which side will you be on?

Bob Whitby, a graduate of the master's degree program in journalism studies and former editor of The Crow's Nest, is a free-lance country gentleman living off the fat of the land in southern New York. This essay is excerpted from his soon-to-be-published book. Give Me A Home Where the Groupero Roam.
**Editor:**

I feel compelled to write this letter of public complaint, not so much because the following incident was personally unpleasant, but because I believe this incident reflects an important problem in some departments here at USF — a critical lack of respect for the students.

The incident to which I refer took place Jan. 13, 1994, with the Baybou campus cashier’s office. The relevant background information is as follows: Wednesday, Jan. 12 was the last day to pay registration fees. Unfortunately, I got stuck with round two of the “super flus” Monday (1/10) so severely that I was in bed all day Tuesday (1/11) and Wednesday (1/12) with fever fits. Thursday (1/13) I still felt terrible, but I was coherent enough to remember that my fees were late. I made a special trip to campus, intending to deal with the problem, and then return home to die in peace.

I staggered (no exaggeration) up to the St. Pete cashier’s office window and explained that I realized I was one day late, I had been too ill to come and pay, and then asked what steps I needed to take to rectify the situation. The man at the window looked me square in the face and said, “Nothing. There is nothing you can do.”

I stared at him in NyQuil-numbed shock for several minutes, while random crisis thoughts like “My professor will kill me if he finds out I’m not registered for that class he told me to take,” and “If I’m not registered, my undergraduate loan holder will think I quit school and start hounding me for money,” ran through my mind.

Then, as if doing me a special favor, this man offered to allow me to register if I paid the $50 late fee. This was more than fine with me — I had specifically stopped at my bank on the way to campus to deposit two checks, so I would have enough money in my account to cover both tuition and the late fee. With relief, I pulled out my checkbook to write that check.

I was told “No, I’m sorry, I can’t accept a personal check for a late payment. I’ll have to have a cashier’s check or cash.” This drained what little energy I had right out of me. I found it rather ridiculous because (1) I don’t know ANY graduate students who carry $1,000 in cash around just in case, and (2) if my check was good enough the day before, what changed? Is it logical to assume that because I was one day late I planned to register for a semester of classes, and then bounce the check and run for Rio? (A post-experience note: This CASH ONLY policy is not recorded in either the Marine Science Graduate Handbook or the USF 1994-5 Graduate Handbook.)

Faced with this “policy” I’d never heard of, I had to drive all the way back to my bank and explain to the tellers that I needed more cash than my account contained. (The two checks I deposited in the morning had not been logged into my account yet.)

I returned to the cashier’s window, cash in hand. My buddy was not ready to accept the computer and give me the money. What marvelously trusting souls.

I returned to the cashier’s window, cash in hand. My buddy was not ready to accept the money, and foisted me off onto Mr. Tim Lane, who (to his credit) was extremely polite, helpful, and processed the papers as quickly as possible so I could go home.

THE BOTTOM LINE: I was pale, unsteady on my feet, sniffling, coughing, and otherwise exhibiting proof of my illness. However, even if I had not been so blatantly sick (implying I was late because I forgot, was out of town, whatever), I still think I deserved civil, courteous service instead of a hard time/run around. The people at Taco Bell are more polite when I buy a 59-cent burrito than this man was when I handed over $1,000. I looked him up afterwards and found out that he is only a temporary worker till the end of the month. I don’t consider this an excuse. Perhaps the university would consider getting their temporary help from Taco Bell (or at least allow them to go to training sessions there). Maybe USF thinks they have done enough by putting bars on the cashier’s window... I don’t think so. It shouldn’t be too much to ask for a little respect.

Chris Kellogg
Graduate student
Marine Science Department

---

**Guest Column**

**Peter Angelo**

The irresponsible and often criminal behavior of our leaders dwarfs any problem or statistic: the new president or her peers can conjoin up. The long-term effect of the wholesale selling of our futures to special interest groups is the real cause of our problems. Each speaker’s call for accountability among teachers and parents is nothing more than a cop out. Underpaid and unappreciated teachers are struggling to function with no real support from Tallahassee. Most parents, single or otherwise, want nothing more than to see their children excel in school and go on to live decent, productive lives. They would love to be “involved” more if they didn’t have to kill themselves trying to survive in an economy that does not provide a living wage.

It is easy for the high and the mighty to stand before an audience and call for accountability. It is obviously impossible for the same people to see how that same demand is necessary for them most of all. President Castor has been a political insider for 20 years. She knows better than anyone how a corrupt political process can cause more long-term damage than any other form of crime you can name. Drug dealers, angry juveniles, and desperate, hopeless parents are not the cause of our problems. They are the victims of a political process that has legalized bribery and become a golden goose for its participants.

President Castor, Representative Brennan, and Superintendent Hinesley each repeated the same tired old statistics and made the same tired old calls for accountability. There were even suggestions that parental responsibility be somehow mandated by law. Why can’t they also call for the same among their peers? Why do they think that the

**Opinion Pieces**

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to write guest columns, letters to the editors and opinion pieces for the Crow’s Nest in the effort to engage in a meaningful discourse around campus.

All submissions must include the name and signature of the author as well as a phone number for verification purposes. Please also include any affiliation to the university.

Submit opinion pieces to the Crow’s Nest mailbox at the Campus Activities Center.
SYMP
continued from page 1

topic.
The documentary film, "Mandela: The Man and His Country," will be shown at 2 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 in Davis 130. This video chronicles the life of Nelson Mandela against the backdrop of the South African political milieu. Originally released by ABC News, this program includes interviews and covers his release from prison at the age of 72 years after the system of apartheid.

A panel discussion, "A South African Mosaic," will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 in Davis 130. A variety of South Africans will discuss the customs, habits, and lifestyles found in the cultural mosaic of their country. A question and answer session will follow the general discussion.

The feature film, "A Place of Weeping," will be shown at noon Friday, Feb. 11 in Davis 130. Darryl Roodt's powerful human drama portrays one woman's personal fight for freedom: her bravery, emotional traumas, and struggle against both the deep-rooted resentment of her people and the oppression of apartheid. This was the first film criticizing apartheid ever shown on the South African film circuit.

"A Place of Weeping" will be followed by the documentary, "The Two Rivers," at 2 p.m. in Davis Hall. Rashaka Rashihanga, a writer and poet from South Africa, offers a tour of her homeland, the "independent state" of Venda. He discusses his people's history and customs and their struggle to survive.

South African Embassy secretary, Chris Opperman, who will deliver a lecture, "South Africa: Reinventing a Nation," at noon Monday, Feb. 14 in Davis 130. Opperman's speech will be followed by the documentary, "The Cry of Reason: Bevers Naude, an Afrikaner Speaks Out," at 2 p.m. in Davis 130. This program records the singular spiritual and political journey of the Reverend C. F. Bevers Naude.

Sipho E. Mzimela, a representative of the Inkatha Freedom Party, will lecture on "The Zulus" at noon Tuesday, Feb. 15 in Davis 130. A rights activist, Mzimela will evaluate the social, governmental, military, and economic institutions of the Zulu nation since the days of King Shaka. This lecture is co-sponsored by Legalis Society.

Mzimela's lecture will be followed by the documentary, "The Black Sash-The Early Years," at 2 p.m. in Davis 130. The film follows the history of six courageous women who joined together in 1955. Their efforts served as the foundation for the Black Sash, a women's women's rights organization. The film will be shown again at 5 p.m. in Davis 130.

Stanford G. Mukasa, assistant professor of journalism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, will lecture on "The Role of Music and Dance in the Liberation Struggle in South Africa," at noon Wednesday, Feb. 16 in Davis 130. Using provocative lecture and poignant video images, Mukasa will examine the growth and development of protest music and dance in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

The documentary, "Lions of the African Night," will be shown at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in Davis 130. Filmed in Kruger National Park, this National Geographic Society release captures intimate glimpses of lion behavior: care of the young, the struggle for food, and their relations with other African bushveld animals. The film will be followed by a "Wine Tasting" at 6:30 p.m. in Davis 130 hosted by the South African Tourism Board and South African Airways. A sampling of South African wines and music will be available.

At 7 p.m., the slide presentation and lecture, "South Africa: A World in One Country," will be delivered by Julian Harrison, area manager for the South African Tourism Board in the southeastern United States. Harrison will describe the diversity found in South African attractions.

Chicago Sun-Times associate editor Ben Johnson will present a slide show and lecture on "Angbomi Nimbinim: Won't Be long, not long," at noon Thursday, Feb. 17 in Davis 130. Formerly an editor at the St. Petersburg Times, Johnson plans to use the Zulu phrase as a springboard to discuss how South Africans arrived at the historic crossroads, the importance of the forthcoming elections, and the prospects for peace in the months and years ahead.

The Symposium Dinner featuring South African food and music will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 in the Campus Activities Center. Reservations are required due to seating limitations. Contact the CAC office for tickets: free for USF tuition-paying students (limit two per person, non-transferable). Others are $8.

For any questions concerning the symposium contact symposium chairman Jim Schnur at 893-9596.

DEADLINE
for the Feb. 16 issue of
The Crow's Nest
is Wednesday Feb. 9
at 5 p.m.
at the CAC.

Slithering snakes scheduled

Family Fest presents Snakes Alive!, sponsored by the Campus Activities Center. Dennis and Carole Moore use comedy and magic to present an exciting, entertaining and educational snake show at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at the CAC.

Featured scaly friends include a rattlesnake, cobra, giant pythons and more. Information about poisonous and non-poisonous snakes will be available. Cameras are welcome for "hands-on" photos.

Past participants include Busch Gardens, Lowry Park Zoo and the Museum of Science and Industry.

The Moorzes are founders of Cold Bloods Reptile Club, a community service project for education and fun.

The event is free to members of the university campus community, their families and guests. For more information call the CAC at 893-9596.
Information Systems Association
ISA will meet Mondays at 5 p.m. in Davis 108. The software seminars this semester will be:
Advanced Lotus, Feb. 5-6, and Word Perfect, Feb. 19. To sign up for any seminar or updated seminar schedule, please see the board in the computer lab.

Legalis Society
Dr. David Carr will speak at the LEGALIS Society Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Davis 259. The topic will be “The Good Old Law: Finally a Use for History,” Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The next meeting will be Feb. 16.

Student Business Association
The Student Business Association invites you to attend its next meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Student Government Office. The guest speaker will be Dr. Diane McKinstry. Meetings are every other Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Erik at 894-1438.

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.

Sailing Club
The USF-Bayboro Sailing Club has announced its spring semester schedule. Meetings will be Feb. 4, Feb. 18, March 4, March 25, April 8 and April 22. All general meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Bayboro Cafe. Food and refreshments will be served. The Sailing Club also has planned an event: a sail-out to Shell Island in February, a work day on Haney Landing in February, a 1 p.m. interclub work day on Haney Landing in preparation for the Windship Regatta followed by a meeting and pool barbeque for all clubs, an advanced sailing clinic March 25, the 1994 Bayboro Windship Regatta April 2 and a year-end banquet. All questions about the sailing club can be directed to Scott or Suzanne at 893-9597.

Student Government
Student government will be holding its third meeting at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Room 133 at the Campus Activities Center. The meeting is open to the campus community. For more student government information, please refer to the SG’s display case in the student lounge.

Student Education Association
Are you a junior or senior in the College of Education??? If so, did you know that you are automatically a member of the Student Education Association or SEA? We are a warm and friendly group of soon-to-be professionals, sharing and gaining knowledge at our meetings. There is no membership fee to belong, and in fact, we provide light refreshments at our meetings. We are sure we have something to offer you, and better yet we are sure you have something to offer us! If you can spare some of your time to come join us, we would love to have you at our next meeting. Our guest speaker will inform us about successful interviewing. We all could use some insight as to what to expect, so come and listen, and learn. Our next meeting is scheduled for noon-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Davis 219. See you there!

Student Council

Student Council for Exceptional Children
The new SCEC officers for 1994 are Christopher Carter, president; Anne Pekrul, vice president; Lisa Peck, secretary; Julie Ilig, treasurer; Cathy Dickson, public relations; and Amy Trout, historian.

The officers are working on many new and exciting ideas for this organization. During Christmas vacation the new officers donated time and money to help a needy family have a very merry Christmas. Furthermore, 12 members from SCEC will be representing USF-Bayboro at the National CEC Conventions in Denver, Colorado, from April 6-10. Public Relations officer Cathy Dickson will be presenting research information with SCEC advisor Dr. Kim Stoddard. The organization is involved with many fund-raisers in order to finance the cost of the trip. SCEC also continues to donate money to the scholarship fund and volunteer a great deal of time to different organizations such as Special Olympics.

SCEC will be having their second meeting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. All education majors are invited. A panel of teachers from Carwise Middle School will be discussing their schools inclusion model. The room number is not confirmed at this time. Posters around the campus and sidewalk art will display the time and location of the meeting. Furthermore, interested individuals can follow the footprints leading from Davis Lobby to the meeting room.

SCEC is having a Rummage Sale on the Bayboro campus from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 5. Anyone interested in donating items for the Rummage Sale can call Cathy Dickson at 345-4718. The profit from the sale will help finance the cost of the Denver trip.

SCEC will have a car wash from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Feb. 19, at the McDonald’s in Rutland Plaza at 9th Street and 62nd Avenue. Come and get your car washed. Cost is a donation.

Submit your Club News to
The Crow’s Nest
mailbox at the
Campus
Activities Center

Past and Present Legalis Leaders
A recent LEGALIS Society gathering was attended by some new and veteran leaders. From left are Debra Smith, current president; Christopher Eckhardt, former parliamentarian; James Ragan, past president; Dr. Regis Factor, advisor; Susan Hochberg, current treasurer; Nicholas Bokone, former vice president; and Austin Fall, current vice president.
ANEGEO continued from page 5

same business-as-usual will change anything for the bet­
er? And finally, do they really believe that their positions and titles fool anyone?

There will be no improvement in the quality of education, the quality of life, or anything else until the real problem is addressed and cured. That problem is government corruption and the criminally irresponsible handling of the unbelievable amount of money that is already extorted from citizens who cannot afford it and get nothing for it. If her speech is any indic­ation I do not believe that our new president will accomplish anything in her new position with the possible exception of enhancing her own political agenda. It would probably be political suicide for her to do the right thing.

Unfortunately for us, my cynical view is the only one that ever seems to come true. What a shame.

FALL continued from page 4

you, but those called main­stream. Hence filth and decadence are spewed to eager recipients.

On a heavier note are songs promoting violence, irresponsible sex and the killing of police. Yes, they should be protected, but where are the souls of those that would aid in the promo­tion and distribution of such swift? What kind of mind­set has been entrenched that doesn’t see this as simply wrong?

On a sadder note is the missing essence of the authentic NAACP. What kind of credible organiza­tion gives awards to, and makes a role model out of, a criminal that gained notori­ety for fleing from police, or a cap "artist" that shot another human being? Where is its support of such groups as Project 21? Who has even heard of Project 21? Not enough of you, I’d say.

History often repeats itself. Many great civiliza­tions have perished when morality became extinct. We have been around for only a little more than 200 years. Without responsibility we may not last much longer. Maybe the Cleaver fami­ly really wasn’t that bad.