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Feelings of outrage, the need for reason and an impending war brought several of the USFSP’s most qualified interpreters of Islamic culture to panel a “teach-in” on Thursday, Sept. 20.

USF professors Danish Mustafa, assistant professor of geography; Thomas Smith, assistant professor of government and international relations; Mary Mathews, assistant professor of environmental science and policy; Sharon Lash, a former United Nations worker stationed in Afghanistan; and Nahla Al-Arian, a Palestinian-American, mediated the conference in Davis Hall, Room 130.

The panel opened by summarizing their specialties and briefing the capacity crowd in regard to issues that have transpired since the Sept. 11 toppling of several World Trade Center buildings. Immediately following the introduction, students, faculty and other guests added commentary and asked questions of the panel.

Among the first topics: War.

Typical warfare, Environmental Science and Policy Professor Deby Cassill said, is similar to the grappling of two carnivores, for instance, like eagles, with “powerful talons and strong muscles.”

The present dilemma, she said, is much different. “It’s like a virus. The way to defeat a virus is with an antibody.” The metaphorical antibody, she described, will not come in the form of a massive ground assault or air attack, but small, decisive hits on specific targets.

The underlying idea is to have the largest possible effect on terrorists while avoiding injuries to non-terrorists. “A response is needed, that’s obvious,” said Smith.

Smith cited that the imminent response to which he referred needed not be hasty. “There are ethics and laws of war,” he said.

The term war can be dynamic, and its present application is certainly abstract. “This is not a toy-soldier war,” said Smith referring to the absence of conventional warfare in fighting terrorism. “Bombing is not the way to go,” he said.

“It’s a much more complex situation than we’re acknowledging,” added Smith. Smith said that to his knowledge, there are no U.S. military officers who speak the most common Afghan language, Pashto. Therefore, he said sarcastically, we can’t go into Afghanistan and ask, “Where is Osama bin Laden?”

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New Regional Campus Board for St. Petersburg

By Nadine Beard
Contributing Writer

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“We are the only university in the state with this distinction. We have some of the finest [people] from our community coming on board,” said Beard.

Each USF regional campus will retain accreditation status with USF while working toward attaining independent accreditation. Each will be financially autonomous and a separate organizational entity of USF, but must comply with USF policies and procedures. USF St. Petersburg has already made application for independent accreditation. USF Sarasota and USF Lakeland are expected to follow soon.

Photo by Aaron Quinn

Nahla Al-Arian, a Palestinian-American, joined the teach-in panel on Sept. 20 in Davis Hall, Room 130 to give insight into Palestinian culture and its relevance to the recent terrorist events.
my heritage seems to be all I am thinking about. If I wonder if people are staring at me because they think I am Arab or simply observing my new pair of shoes? This relentless paranoia is getting to me. As I listen to my Muslim friends, I am disappointed in my fellow Americans who throw food and yell profanities toward them on the streets.

I am also enraged at the Arabs who hijacked planes and decided to become torches of their own fate and the fate of many others who already died. Perhaps even the many more who may die as a result of the attacks.

I am torn between supporting the country that has given me opportunities unimaginable, and yet all the unanswered questions America must resolve. How can I support "casualties of war" and civilian life being buried under more rubble if parts of the Middle East are attacked? How can I support the years of invested military bases in my own homeland, the Middle East?

My religion, Islam, brings me to my answers. I look at how my elders in Parma, Ohio, have responded to the provocations. A car plowed into their mosque at 80 mph and damaged over $100,000 in property, the Islamic council decided not to press charges on the 29-year-old, self-proclaimed patriot.

Indifferent was a result of being found in the rubble: peace. The driver is to spend a day at the mosque instead of doing time in prison to learn about Islam. Islam is about peace and humbleness.

As respected Christians run devout themselves to worship and dress in covered attire, all Muslim women are required to do this for humility and purity. So please, next time you see or hear about Islam ask yourself, how much do I know about the religion and it’s followers? I still don’t have a definite answer as to why my hair is so curly.

--Excluding when I’m with my friends.

CAMPUS MEDICAL MAY COME

By Richard Mastromarino
Contributing Writer

The Health Service Committee for the University of South Florida St. Petersburg is trying to bring medical services to campus.

USP Petersburg is autonomous, and a medical facility should help in the accreditation process.

According to 1998 Southern Association of Colleges for Health Education criteria, "An institution MUST provide access to an efficient program of health service and education consistent with its purpose and reflecting the needs of its constituents."

Part of the student body expressed its desire for having health services on campus. According to Sandy Blood, a campus health educator, the committee surveyed students over the summer.

According to its study, 62 percent of the respondents support having a campus medical facility, even if it calls for an increase in fees.

The committee is in search of an equitable way to draw more funding from the mix of part-time and full-time students. An initial proposal would change the current 60 cents per semester hour student fee to a flat fee of $39.50, according to Hawkins. But there are alternatives.

At a recent committee meeting, Blood presented a combination-fee option, suggested by Stephen Ritch, associate vice-president of student affairs. The combination-fee would be part flat and part credit-hour based, although there are no specific costs projected yet.

Another challenge is finding a place to house the facility on a space-cramped campus.

Cassie Hawkins, student government secretary and a member of the Health Service Committee, said that the university will probably bring either a high-tech portable facility or one if its currently owned buildings, but is not sure which building is the likely choice.

Committee members generally agree that the benefits will override the setbacks occurred in financing medical care on campus. "We need something more than 60 cents a credit hour and a part-time health educator handing out flyers and condoms," Blood said.

Sen. Sebesta paves the way for campus autonomy

USF St. Petersburg has never been in a stronger position than it is in right now. Thanks to a legislative bill filed by state Sen. Jim Sebesta and supported by other key legislators, the campus now is enjoying its first taste of fiscal autonomy in its 36-year history. More good things will soon come if we receive separate accreditation, another crucial part of HB 1162.

That piece of legislation will ensure that this campus better serves its students throughout Pinellas County and beyond by allowing us to make academic program decisions based on what our constituents need. We will be able to respond directly and much more quickly than in the past.

Knowing how important it was to the community and to USF to keep this campus part of the USF family, Sebesta forged a compromise to ensure that, but also to empower us in the process. His wise action on our behalf will enable us to reach our projected 8,000-plus student enrollment by 2010, something we would have found impossible to achieve without separate accreditation.

It cannot be said often enough that without the leadership shown by Sebesta, state Sen. Don Sullivan and state Rep. Frank Farkas, USF St. Petersburg would not be as viable as it now is. Education is a high priority for these three individuals and they take it, and us, seriously. In addition to the recent legislation, all have been friends of the campus in many ways.

Senator Sebesta, in particular, has been instrumental in funding a forensics academy at USF St. Petersburg, in partnership with the National Forensics Science Technology Center. This significant funding—$150,000—will allow us to offer a number of forensics courses as we build our criminal program. Sebesta also arranged for the USF Bulls baseball team to play several games at Florida Power Park, making it much easier for our students and the community to see USF play without driving to Tampa.

Sebesta has championed many issues for this campus and remains loyal to us. He has agreed to help us in the next legislative session as we vie for funds for property acquisition—an urgent need for the growth of USF St. Petersburg. He is a true friend to our campus, and the University of South Florida is fortunate to have him as our advocate.

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President and
Campus Executive Officer
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World Trade Center Attacks Too Close to Home for USF Student

By Kristie Martinez
Contributing Writer

The last thing Joe Flynn expected was to be awakened on a Tuesday morning, almost two weeks after watching New York City crumble into dust, to hear the buildings he once knew so well had crumbled to the ground.

Flynn, 21, used to be able to walk down his block or look out his window to see the New York City skyline.

The attack on America Sept. 11 not only shook the World Trade Center and the lives of numerous people; it took a piece of Flynn's heart.

Flynn's father used to work on the 82nd floor of World Trade Center I (North Tower) as a broker. Flynn grew up around his father's co-workers.

"My dad used to play for the Japanese baseball league," Flynn said. "A lot of the guys he worked with played on a team. I was always at the games, so I'd be the bat boy. They gave me my own little uniform.

"Flynn visited the World Trade Center regularly during and after high school, stopping by after his internship at the Federal Reserve.

"I used to go up to the World Trade Center after work every day," Flynn said. "I would catch up with my dad and hang around his office until he went home. I probably knew eight guys on that floor that I'd talk to every time I was there."

Even after Flynn's internship was over, he stopped frequently in the World Trade Center mall and would go upstairs to visit his friends on the 81st and 82nd floors.

Flynn said his father has been unable to contact any of his former co-workers since the attack.

"I just think about all the people that worked there, even the guy in the mail room," Flynn said. "A lot of faces that I've seen...they just kind of come back now. I think, what about the guy that used to run the elevators, you know? Is he all right?"

Over the past two years, Flynn has lived part-time in New York with his father and two brothers and part-time in Florida. He recently decided to attend school at USF St. Petersburg, close to his father's family.

"I wanted to get away and go somewhere where I could concentrate on school," he said. "If I was in New York City, I wouldn't be able to concentrate. (Florida) was kind of a window for me to try to get out on my own."

After signing up for two classes, Flynn's plan was set. He contemplated majoring in psychology and literature, remembering how his father often told him communication skills were essential.

Flynn recalls that fateful Tuesday morning just as clearly as his father's words.

"My uncle woke me up and he said, 'The World Trade Centers are gone!' And I was like, 'Yeah right, whatever.,'" Flynn said. "At that point, I still thought I was dreaming. I jumped out of bed and went to the TV and I [saw] the video of the plane hitting the building and...it seemed like nothing was real at that moment, like it was a movie."

The day was destined to make the pages of history books. The military was put on its highest alert. Flights across the country were grounded. MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa increased security while theme parks like Walt Disney World and Busch Gardens evacuated visitors.

USF Tampa closed followed by the St. Petersburg campus. Millions spent Tuesday glued to the TV waiting for the tragedy to unfold into something sensible or at least understandable. It didn't.

"There's a lot of things the news doesn't tell you," Flynn said. "I get calls from home that say they're using stadiums [and] ice rinks to lay out bodies. There's things where you go to look for somebody and you just have a leg there."

Officials in New York asked family members of victims to provide them with objects like used toothbrushes, which carry DNA, in order to identify their loved ones' remains.

Flynn plans to go back home and volunteer to help victims and their families. He has kept himself busy by working and concentrating on school, and said it helps him know other people from New York.

"When you live there, the city is such a big part of you," he said. "It's the people that you know and it's the people that you don't know that make the city what it is."

And like so many others shaken by the attack, Flynn knows he has to heal and move on.

Students at USF have been supportive of Flynn after learning his ties to New York.

"It helps a lot to know that thousands of miles from home, people here support me," he said.

Some information for this article was found in the St. Petersburg Times.

St. Petersburg College to Offer Full Four-Year Degrees

By Ana Batraw
Contributing Writer

Will we ever get out of the habit of calling it St. Petersburg Junior College? It is no longer a junior, but a college that offers several four-year programs.

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Many students in the nursing program will not be limited-access program like at USF. SPC is hoping to accept as many eligible students for entrance as apply. SPC is also planning to have a variety of course times to meet the needs of students.

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This uncertainty is rarely an issue for USF. Dr. David Carr, director of the College of Arts and Sciences, says, "Students interested in a university education will still come here. Students who complete their A.A. or A.S. degrees will certainly continue to transfer to USF if they are looking for the 'university' experience."

In the education department USF has a long-standing history. Education degrees have been offered in Tampa since 1962 and have been available at USF St. Petersburg since 1968. Furthermore, all coursework needed for a degree in education is available at USF St. Petersburg, eliminating the need for coursework to be worked in association.

At SPC, there will be late-afternoon and evening classes, and online courses. SPC is anticipating around 400 students by August 2002 to be part of the education program. Dr. Sally Naylor, dean of education at SPC, says, "Students have been supportive of SPC students in the four-year degrees."

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By Larry Halstead
Contributing Writer

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The 13-member group will hear a bid from the Triad Research Company, a Tampa-based conglomerate of designers, engineers and housing experts who hope to spearhead the study and ultimately the project. Michael Slater, head of the conglomerate was unavailable to comment.

At the October meeting, the cost of the study will be finalized. The study group is hoping to cap the study cost between $150,000 and $175,000.

The study will identify student needs, financial feasibility and potential sites for housing some of the campus' new influx of freshmen and sophomores. While any decision is still months away, it is more likely that campus housing will happen within the next three to five years, said Barry McDowell, acting director of student services.

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By Aaron Thomas
Contributing Writer

TRANSLAS PARK - Somewhere on a private island beach lies a three-story tall monster weighing over 30,000 pounds very much into heavy metal.

No, it's not King Kong, it's not Godzilla and it's not the scary monster underneath the bed. The name is Transaurus, a metal marvel and engineering spectacle of the 21st century. Transaurus is a jet-powered, fire-breathing, metal-eating, transforming dinosaur of destruction. It performs at monster truck shows across the country and the world, eating, ripping, chewing, burning and destroying anything in its way. It can rip into a car like kernels on a cob of corn.

And we thought dinosaurs were extinct.

"It's the most amazing you'll ever see in your life," said Tim Williams, one of two technicians and event coordinator of the Jurassic Age Entertainment Corporation, home of Transaurus. "People wait 12 hours for an eighteen minute show. The kids love the big monster.

Transaurus could be called an engineer's dream turned into reality.

The 10-year-old dinosaur, valued at $500,000, is built on a 1942 M4 personnel carrier military tank and weighs 35,000 pounds, or about the weight of 14 1/2 Winston Cup race cars.

It's powered by a 600-horsepower 454 Chevrolet engine with a M4-10 jet turbine engine controlling the electrical systems inside the cabin. The engines run on jet octane fuel.

It is equipped with two hydraulic arms that can lift 6,000 pounds, roughly three full-sized cars. The hydraulic head, neck and jaws, combined with systems inside the cabin. The engines run on jet octane fuel.

And what is the dinosaur's diet? It's powered by a 600-horsepower 454 Chevrolet engine with a M4-10 jet turbine engine controlling the electrical systems inside the cabin. The engines run on jet octane fuel.

Transaurus has made a name for itself in television and movie appearances. It appeared in a cameo role with Hulk Hogan in "Thunder In Paradise" and has been recorded on shows such as "Real TV" and has made commercials for car dealerships.

Transaurus, when not in "hibernation" and monster truck shows, helps out in the D.A.R.E. program. When it is not destroying cars and entertaining audiences at shows, Transaurus cleans up American neighborhoods by destroying old buildings rumoured to be involved in crime, gang activities and city crack houses.

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Metal Dinosaur of Destruction
Transaurus Performs at Monster Truck Shows

Inside the cabin are two control panels, which resemble a giant video game. The left side, said Transaurus technician Rick Dorritie, controls the eyes and the fire breather while the right side controls the hydraulic arms and doors that awaken the monster at every show.

The robotic and hydraulic engineering spectacle was created in 1991 through Tim Williams and Sony Pictures in Culver City. Williams, who used to work for the Los Angeles Dodgers, was known for making inflatable balloons and inflatable cars. A friend came to him to purchase a trailer to be used to transport the dinosaur from Oregon to its current home in Pinellas Park.

Since Transaurus roamed to Florida's west coast, it has performed at stadium monster truck shows, air shows, Winston Cup race tracks, and state and county fairs. It made an outdoor appearance in Auburndale, near Winter Haven and continues to make an impact in motorsports with memorable, electrifying shows.

"We do a lot of contract work," said Tim Williams. "At an event a few months ago, it was so popular, there was standing room only."

Dorritie added some shows are sold out two days in advance because of its popularity.

Dorritie and Williams agree a show they remember most took place at an outdoor event in Lima, Ohio. Before each show, the technicians and crew go through safety checkpoints, checking for hazardous materials such as gas, oil and antifreeze. The gas tank is removed from each car before Transaurus starts her "feeding frenzy."

The wrecker guy dropped off the cars and we both checked to see if the tanks were removed," Dorritie said. "We looked over a Toyota and didn't see the tank, but forgot that particular [model] had the tank behind the rear seat.

During the show, he said, the flames of the fire breathing nostrils ignited the gas tank and the car exploded. The crew backed away from the fire as the flames chased them in the stadium. The crowd in attendance cheered on, thinking the explosion was part of the show.

Dorritie also said, what made the show worse was the fire truck couldn't start right away.

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For more information on Transaurus visit www.transaurus.com or drop off an email message at dinosau1@netzero.net.
By Cindy Steinmann
Contributing Writer

The University of South Florida St.
Petersburg campus is expected to by 2010 to
grow to about 10,000 students, said Dr. H.
William Heller, 66, vice president and
executive officer Tuesday.

Since arriving in 1992, Heller has been a
driving force of many transforma-
tional changes involving faculty, students,
adademic programs, campus facilities,
governing boards and accreditation.

When he arrived, the 14-acre campus
was made up of 2,800 mostly older stu-
dents enrolled in partial programs. Today
about 4,000 students, many younger and
full-time, attend classes at the campus,
which has grown to approximately 46
acres. The campus was mostly a night
school, but "now we are becoming a day
program as well," Heller said.

"My agenda," Heller said, "is to keep
doing what I have been doing -- work for
accreditation, grow the campus and keep
the good things that we have going for
us." The campus has applied for accredi-
tation with the Southern Association of
Colleges and Schools. A SACs commit-
tee will visit in the spring or fall 2002.

"I have never been any place I have
felt as good about going to work every
morning and being a part of something as
I am right here," Heller said.

Globalization Questions
International Ethics

By Linda Young
Contributing Writer

Dr. Lisa Newton, professor of philos-
ophy at Fairfield University in
Connecticut, spoke at USF St.
Petersburg on September 13, about business ethics as
the first of seven "ethics in residence"

Professor Newton's topic was the Ten
Commandments of Global Business,
which she modified to include information
pertinent to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in
New York and Washington D.C.

"We create havoc wherever we go,
on internationally, it is neither good
nor bad," Newton said.

This results from the fact that along
with conducting global business American
companies carry with them a twin agenda
of human rights and democracy, spoken or
unspoken, she said.

"We cause resentment, fear, even
hatred because of the threat we represent
to their [way of] life, sometimes bad, the
impending death of local culture, but
sometimes good," she said.

Being a superpower, perhaps the only
in the world, makes our actions more
closely scrutinized.

"When we go global and extend our
influence, especially moral, which is usu-
ally excellent, we stick our head up and
become the target just because we are so
big."

"We [in America] pass laws to pre-
vent dumping in streams. We passed fed-
eral law, the clean water act, can't dump,
that is the system we grew up with. We go
overseas and government isn't the big
player. Globalization changes the rules,"
Newton explained.

"We have relationships with people
who are not allies. We quarrel [with
Scandinavia] about Kyoto, fishing, etc.,
but at bottom, we are alike. Helsinki is
exactly like home; first class education,
first rate health care. You don't put your
sneaker factory there, you put it where you
can pay lower wages," Newton said.

In contrast to Scandinavia with a gov-
ernment similar to our own are developing
countries with governments that are weak
and corrupt.

"We are a threat to Arab countries,
to their [control of] women, and slavery is
legal. A human rights agenda attacks all
that is dear to them not because we are
doing something wrong but doing some-
thing right," Newton said.

The role of women, Newton said, is
one of the prominent issues in globaliza-

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"Study Abroad Could Drop"
(U.Wire)
By Sam Lockhart
The Miami Hurricane (U. Miami)

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - Students and administrators connected to the University of Miami's Office of International Education and Exchange Programs (IEEP), the Study Abroad office, are still exhibiting emotions and concerns regarding personal safety and future plans.

"Some students have expressed fears about being abroad, which is only natural. The ones who were most concerned about the implications of the terrorist attacks are studying in cities before I lived in London and Paris," said Elyse Resnick, study abroad coordinator.

The IEEP office encouraged its students abroad to register themselves with U.S. embassies in their host countries, and share feedback on anti-American sentiments they may have experienced.

"I really didn't even hear from my students in smaller cities and towns, where perhaps there is a greater sense of security," she said.

UM students currently overseas do not necessarily consider themselves at any risk.

"Right after it occurred everyone kept looking at me and all the other Americans here with such a look of pity," said Patrick Landi, a UM finance and marketing major from Massachusetts. He is presently at the Amsterdam School of Business in the Netherlands.

"Everyone kept coming up to us and asking us to explain what happened like we were there when it occurred. It was annoying to have to continually explain everything over and over again," Landi said.

"But overall, I feel safe here in Amsterdam. I was in Paris last weekend and some guy came up to a Canadian thinking he was American and started charting a plane, he created. That's the only problem I have heard of so far," Landi said.

Some UM students have witnessed foreign demonstrations and protests against American involvement in international affairs and initiation of a possible war on terrorism.

"One September 22, 2001 some of my flatmates and I were sightseeing and were surprised to see a protest taking place," said Regina Bernadini, a UM international studies and Criminology major at Queen Mary in London, England.

Their purpose was to express their dislike for President Bush's as well as Prime Minister Blair's standpost on this issue.

"I can say that I was honestly surprised not only because I believed that people would back the United States in their fight against such terrorist acts, but also by the number of people who opposed any form of retaliation," Bernadini said.

"They believe in turning the other cheek, and trying to seek a non-violent way of co-existing. But how can we do that after so many innocent civilians died a tragic and unfair death," Bernadini asked.

"In my opinion the protest was peaceful," said Nehaam Kerins, a public relations and international studies major also at Queen Mary. "But the fact that everyone was dressed in black, eagerly handing out their socialist flyers, was kind of unnerving."

"I've never really seen a formal protest and it didn't scare me, [although] it made me uncomfortable," Kerins said.

"People just wanted to show their love ones near to them, which might have caused some parents to initially panic. We have not, however, had students drop out of any of our overseas programs," she said.

Foreign students from partner institutions currently here at UM have expressed no desires to leave as a result of the terrorism in New York and Washington.

"Our partner institutions are concerned, but none have suggested that their students in Miami return home," Resnick said.

"I don't feel like I'm at risk, right now, even. I have to admit there have been moments of fear overwhelming reason," said Filippo Segatori, a mechanical engineering major here at UM from the University of L'Aquila in Italy.

"My parents and my friends give me calls and send emails continuously. They are more upset than me and than anyone else here. I feel like I'm safe right here," he said.

"I guess things could turn worse in Italy. Europe is more than here since the United States are farther from the places directly interested by their retaliation and from Muslim countries," Segatori said.

"Before coming to UM, I lived in New York City for 6 months, doing an internship. So it felt really close to home," said J.J. Krenn, an International Finance and Accounting Studies student here for one semester from the Amsterdam School of Business.

"I tried to call my friends in N.Y.C. but the networks were overloaded. As the towers collapsed I just could not believe my eyes," Krenn said.

"As shocking the footage on TV was, of people in the Middle East cheering after the attacks, I think the cheers and pride over there is the same," Krenn said. "I mean, what happened is horrible and of course the responsible people have to be punished hard, but this is a global matter, much more American."

Resnick speculates that the rate of student exchange may strikingly change.

"Maybe we will have fewer students interested in coming to America as international exchange students in the Spring. Maybe their parents are persuading them to go to 'safer' countries," Resnick said.

"That would be ironic - it's usually us trying to keep our UM students away from potentially dangerous places," she said.

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down to money and how much the university can afford to spend on the project, McDowell said.

The study group members include Nancy Coscia, director of student life; Winston Bridges, associate vice president, academic affairs; Diane Babrow, assistant director of residence services; Herm Branes, associate vice president, finance and administration; Tom Kane, director of residence services; Tampa; Steve Gift, director of facilities planning; Jim Grant, project manager, facilities planning and programming; Barbara Donely, division head, planning and programming, facilities; Warren DeBord, associate professor of marketing and Kathy Arsenault, director of the library.

Only one of the study group members, Marty Normile, the former executive vice president of the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership, is not affiliated with the university.

"We believe that the opening up of USF to first and second year undergraduate students, plus the university restructuring that gives the St. Pete campus autonomy, plus the energy and vision of a new USF president, plus elevating marine sciences to the status of a college - positions the campus to be a principal driving force for the next wave of downtown growth," Normile said.

"On-campus and off-campus housing will contribute to the growth and appeal of the campus. With the campus operating as a traditional campus, perhaps growing to 8000 students over the next several years, the interaction with the community will also expand - classes, lectures, cultural events, entertainment, etc. Students will bring more life to the area," he added.
New members of regional campus boards.

The members of the St. Petersburg regional campus board:
Chairman Ann W. Kitchens, 73, former executive vice president, Safe 
Real Estate Services Group. Ms. Kitchens serves on the board of trustees of the University of South Florida. She served on the 1994 and 2000 USF Presidential Selection Committees as well as the College of Business Advisory Board, the University's Council of 10 and the Tampa Bay Campus Advisory Board. Ms. Kitchens has helped form partnerships for USF between municipalities, community colleges and civic organizations. Additionally, she serves as a mentor for Pinellas County Schools.

Duncan received her bachelor's degree from USF in 1987. Ms. Duncan is a resi­dent of Tarpon Springs.

Ricardo Davis, 54, chief administrative officer, DANKA Business Systems. He is a graduate of Florida International University with a bachelor's degree in Communications, and completed the graduate program in Systems Management at Florida Institute of Technology. Mr. Davis serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Pinellas County, the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Economic Development Council, Pinellas County Workforce Board, and the Commerce Clearing House, Human Resources Advisory Board. Mr. Davis resides in St. Petersburg.

Jeff Hueink, 45, chief operating officer, Broadband Wireless Technology. He is a graduate of University of Florida with a bachelor's and master's degree, USF with an education special­ist degree and Nova University with a doctorate in education. Dr. Welch has served on the USF St. Petersburg Advisory Board, Pinellas Aniclet Basin Board and Southwest Water Management Board. Dr. Welch was a member of the St. Petersburg City Council that approved the donation of land for USF St. Petersburg.

Dr. Welch has been in education for 31 years and is an instructor at St. Petersburg College. Dr. Welch currently resides in St. Petersburg.

Dennis Zank, 47, executive vice president of operations and administration, Raymond James & Associates, Inc. He is a graduate of USF with a bachelor's degree in accounting and earned his master's in business administration at the University of Tampa. Mr. Zank currently serves on the board of directors of the Options Clearing Corporation. He is director and treasurer for the Planning Corporation of America and Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Mr. Zank resides in Clearwater.

USF Sarasota/Manatee regional campus board members:
Chairman Robert L. Soran, CEO, Uniroyal Technology Corp., and member of the board of trustees of the University of South Florida.

Charles R. Bauman. CPA and shareholder with Kerkering, Barberio & Co.

Lynn Edwards. Assistant superintendent of academics for the School Board of Manatee County.

Jan Smith. President of Jan Smith and Co. and managing general partner of Rammers Rest Ltd. Resort.

Glifford Walters. Attorney, Blalock, Landers, Walters and Vogler, P.A.

USF Lakeland regional campus board members:
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Seretha S. Tinsley. CFO, Timsley LLC: dba/TGIF and Vice President and Owner of PerGeo, Inc. dba/KFC.

Kitty G. Underhill, Director of treasury operation & taxes for Publix Super Markets, Inc.

Genshaft voiced concerns of other deterrent effects. For instance, if the legislature discontinues the tradition of matching private contributions acquired by the university with state funds.

A special session of the Florida Legislature, expected soon, should shed light on what changes to expect in our state budget and how USF will be affected.

Board of trustees' representatives from each of the 11 state universities met in Orlando recently and plan to form a coalition, which would enable them to speak with one voice in Tallahassee. The universities want substantial local control, such as is currently held by the state's community colleges, Genshaft said. "It is very important to complete the transition begun by the legislature last year." This is a precedent-setting year," said Genshaft. "Our mantra is fairness. We must be fair to the regional campuses and to Tampa. We are all still one university, which is important."

Likening the relationship between USF Tampa and the new regional campus boards to that of a "symphony," Genshaft said, "We all need to play on the same page."

To welcome the new USF St. Petersburg, USF Sarasota and USF Lakeland regional campus board members, the board of trustees of USF held a reception in their honor after the regular board meeting adjourned.

United States and do not condone violence against Americans. Understanding the relationship, or lack thereof, between terrorism and Muslims requires, at least, a basic understanding of Islam.

Understanding Islam, however, will not offer an explanation for the attacks. "Until we address the situation that creates these people, we won't be safe," said Rebecca Johns, a geography profes­ sor.

Then the panel started to sift through instances of cause and effect. It was then that the audience became divided.

"We need to start fighting fire with water," said one student. "We're busy fighting fire with fire," he added.

The mood shifted to where in some of the audience blamed United States foreign policy for creating the motivation for the attacks. Several similar assertions crossed the conversation, including the notion that the United States only offers aid to third-world countries if their governments oper­ ate in ways that the United States supports. Essentially, some believe that the United States brings suffering upon itself.

Not everyone agreed.

"We're doing a lot of blaming the vic­tim," said Darryl Paulson, a professor of government and international affairs. "We didn't do a damn thing to deserve this," he said angrily.

Paulson received a burst of applause from several members of the audience.

Al-Arian, a guest of the professorial panel, shifted the tone of the teach-in from finger­pointing to solution finding.

First, she explained that her mother, living in Palestine, was distraught with the notion that many Americans think all Palestinians are celebrating the tragedy.

She said that Palestinians in general deplore the attacks and have a tainted notion of the United States because it's associated with the violence in their region and its support of Israel, a long-time enemy.

"We should focus on establishing hospitals instead of military bases, and arming people with education instead of weapons," said Al-Arian.

"The message of love is much stronger than the message of hate," she said. "They [Palestinians] want to feel love."
Tropical Storm Gabrielle Threatens Bayboro Harbor Marina's Sailboats

By Nadine Beard
Contributing Writer

Threats of damage from Tropical Storm Gabrielle, sent USF's sail team scrambling to batten down Bayboro Harbor marina on Thursday, Sept. 13.

The National Weather Service upgraded Gabrielle from a tropical depression on Thursday, forecasting up to 10 inches of rain for the Bay area. Winds that measured 45 mph by Thursday afternoon spun the staff at the waterfront center into action.

"Without the girls' sail team's big effort, we would have been able to pull the 'rigs', but would not have been able to flip the boats," said Stan Hyatt, USF's sailing coach. Thursday afternoons normally constitute practice hours for the sail team, placing them in a position to assist in securing the boats.

The waterfront staff currently consists of only two persons, Hyatt, and the waterfront program coordinator, Michael Kirschner.

Although there is no written contingency plan constituting what efforts must be made to secure the marina during a potential emergency, Hyatt said he and Kirschner have a pretty clear picture of what needs to be done.

They must properly secure and double any weak lines on larger boats sitting in the slips, pull the 'rigs' — the masts, lines and gear — and flip the dinghies, Hyatt said.

Advance preparation assured none of the USF St. Petersburg's physical plant said the university begins making plans in mid-April for the hurricane season, which runs from June through November.

The USF St. Petersburg deans, members of the Physical Plant and all USF St. Petersburg department heads meet with the Campus Emergency Operations. The CEO, headed by the St. Petersburg Police Department, handles everything from storms to civil defense issues, and ensures that sand bags, tape for windows and emergency plans are in place.

Minor damage sustained from Gabrielle's forceful winds created a need to replace some of the shrubs around campus. The storm also led to the discovery of the rotting interior of a large cedar tree in front of the historic Snell House. Plans for removal of the tree and replacement with a pair of oak trees should prevent potential damage from future storms, Bugg said.

USF and other schools closed Friday, as did the Sunshine Skyway and Gandy bridges. Many residents of St. Petersburg found themselves without electrical power up to 24 hours after Gabrielle, the first storm of the season with any significant potential for damage to the Bay area, passed through.

In August, the Tampa Bay Area averted danger when Tropical Storm Chantal turned toward the Yucatan Peninsula. "We have been very fortunate this year," said Hyatt. "During the last hurricane season the waterfront staff had to secure the boats two weeks in a row.

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