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A nickel for your thoughts

By Christine De Leo
Assistant Editor

With fall classes under way and assignments piling up, students heading to open computer labs better not forget their student ID cards if they plan to pay for printing.

Effective this semester, the university implemented a 5-cents-per-page printing fee in all open labs and the printers can only be accessed via a student ID card.

USF officials imposed the fee after Web use and Power Point assignments dramatically increased the volume of printing.

Initially, individual college deans were responsible for their own printing costs, a policy that led to paying printing costs for students from all campuses.

Jeff Reisberg, director of Campus Computing on the St. Petersburg campus said costs incurred last year alone were three times the annual amount budgeted. These costs included maintenance, supplies, software, paper and lab assistants’ wages. To pay the escalating costs, Campus Computing supplemented their budget with contractual off-campus consultation services.

Other strategies were also enacted to offset the rising costs. “The labs imposed limits on the number of copies printed, but this created confrontations between students and lab assistants trying to enforce the page limit policy,” said Reisberg.

In order to cut printing costs on all campuses, the university signed a contract with Xerox in May, allowing them to supply the university’s printing needs. Although the fee will not completely cover the impending costs, it does help.

“It is standard in many university systems and we are probably late in coming to this,” said Bill Heller, Dean of USF-St. Petersburg.

The new policy created some inconveniences, but the university is working on changing that. Students are not able to print in open labs without money on their student IDs and the new Xerox printers do not accept cash. Currently, there is no machine available in the lab to add money to an ID card. The machine set to be installed in the lab needed to be repaired due to vandalism.

Students have mixed reviews about the new system. “I think it is a good idea,” said graduate marketing student Peter Kreha. “I had inquired about paying for extra copies when there was a limit.”

But other students are more critical. “It’s very bothersome,” said elementary education major JoAnneta Clark. “If you don’t have enough money on your card, you can’t print. It should be covered in our tuition.”

Campus Computing hopes the new system will ease the financial burden enough to allow the center to purchase new software and equipment. “Our next goal is to save enough money to replace computer hardware for all 150 systems every four years,” said Reisberg.

The university will keep the old system in case of emergencies. “We want to minimize any inconvenience to students,”

Auto theft on campus first in two years

By Therese Mattioli
Staff Writer

While the presence of the University Police Department (UPD) is a noticeable force around the St. Petersburg campus, officers could not prevent a crime of opportunity from occurring Sept. 13.

According to a UPD memorandum, a 1995 green Plymouth Acclaim was stolen from parking lot 15, located north of the Pino Man building.

The owner of the car, student Tammy R. Blaney, first noticed her car missing on Sept. 13 after leaving her class earlier that afternoon.

Sgt. Alan Hebdon said the car was recovered by the St. Petersburg Police Department early Sept. 14.

“This is obviously a crime of opportunity,” said Hebdon. “Kids want to go ‘joy-riding’ and they are looking for bikes, golf carts, cars, whatever. They are looking for unlocked doors, keys in the ignition, cell phones left on the car seat. We have failed in a few attempts just by patrolling the campus.”

Hebdon stressed the importance of immediately notifying campus police of such an incident. “The safety of students and their property is paramount, first and foremost. Once something like this is reported, then we begin our investigation by checking out the scene, looking for any visible sign of forced entry.”

Displacing a car is not too uncommon either, said Hebdon. “We have had occasions where a student has come to us to report their car as stolen and then with a quick drive through the parking lot, it turns up.”

Officer Brian McHenry says students take precaution. “Keep your vehicle registration in your wallet or your purse, and don’t provide any ways or means to make a theft of your vehicle any easier,” said McHenry. “Basically, you just want to slow them down.”

Crime statistics show that this is the first vehicle theft on campus since 1996, but not necessarily the first attempt.

McHenry and UPD officer Bob Wade engaged in a brief foot chase between All Children’s Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House on Thurs., Sept. 2 after spotting two juveniles looking into car windows along the campus street parking area on First Street South.

“We finally caught up to them by the Piano Man and I got out and began questioning them. ... As I began to pat one down for weapons, the other one ran. I went after the runner leaving Bob Wade with the other juvenile. During the chase I tripped,” said McHenry, who received stitches, a laceration to his knee and required two days of recovery before returning to work.
October 4, 1999

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By Rachael Lee Coleman
Staff Writer

Slouching into a big, comfy couch with George magazine in one hand and a café latte in the other seems to be all the rage among both Gen Xers and Baby Boomers who find comfort among Barnes & Noble’s haute furniture and trendy coffee bar. But the long-standing history of independent bookstores — those musty smelling outlets crammed with books and stocked with expertise — offers more than a few over-priced coffee beans.

Independent bookstores that fail to meet today’s trendy demands are losing big to chains like Borders and Barnes & Noble and Internet outlets such as Amazon.com. But bay area bookstores are fighting back.

“The book business, much like other American businesses, is changing,” said Joseph Cortese, owner of Bayboro Books, an independent located on the USF-St. Petersburg campus. “Thirty and 40 years ago there were independent hardware stores versus chains like Home Depot. Corporate chains assuming control over the business is the same.”

The nicest thing about the book business is the people you buy from or sell to. Without the printed word, there would not be a civilization, and there’s something special about people who are interested in the printed word. They are a species all their own — learned, kind, knowledgeable and human.

— Nathan S. Pine, NYC bookseller for 77 years.

Before the megastores

A blend of history and community enables Haslam’s and Bayboro Books — two of St. Petersburg’s most successful independents — to survive the chain wars. Haslam’s, the Southeast’s largest independent bookstore, located in midtown St. Petersburg, remains one of few surviving outlets. Started by John and Mary Haslam during the Depression, the bookstore filled a growing need in the community — used books and magazines at bargain prices coupled with expertise and personalized service. The small room-and-pop bookshop later expanded when their son, Charles Haslam, and his wife, Elizabeth, joined the team after World War II and now 300,000 books span more than 30,000 square feet.

At that time, however, bookstores attracted a small, intellectual elite and book buyers hand-sold books in their shops. Suzanne Haslam Hintz, owner of Haslam’s, remembers the days when a book’s success depended on the independents. If book sellers liked the book, they would buy a few copies and personally tell them to customers. “Now it’s much harder to get published,” said Haslam Hintz. “Authors have to appeal to the big chains, who only want to buy best-sellers.”

The detailed history of Haslam’s and its role in the community predetermined its continued success. Two prestigious awards are annually presented in the name of Charles Haslam, the founder who died in 1983 — the Charles Haslam Award, which is awarded by the American Booksellers Association, and the Charley Haslam Award, which is awarded by Ingram Book Group. The former president of the American Booksellers Association and his wife taught week-long buying and selling courses at book seller schools around the nation and cofounded the Southeast Booksellers Association.

Elizabeth Haslam, a nationally recognized expert in children’s books, operated book fairs at local schools for 25 years. Now 86, she continues to work with her daughter and son-in-law five days a week, and even took up scuba diving as a hobby.

Despite the family’s overwhelming success, they supported the establishment of St. Petersburg’s other well-known independent, Bayboro Books. To show their continued support for their competitor, the Haslams attended the grand opening reception when the founders sold the shop.

Struggling to survive

Despite a historical relationship with their community, struggling independents must now face several forces affecting their industry. Superstore chains, including online booksellers such as Amazon.com, are creating pressure on the market.

“By offering discounts they are able to buy the marketshare,” said Peter Hines, owner of Bayboro Books.

While upholding the shop’s tradition, Cortese navigles with the university’s diverse population and attends Professor Bob Hall’s 17th Century Poetry course on the St. Petersburg campus.

“It’s a small community and the students, I think, are mature — I like the students here,” he said.

“I love the idea that people here like books and actually know something about them.”

The bookstore’s location, and its subsequent textbook sales, enables the business to thrive. Among its customers are USF and St. Petersburg Junior College students, professors, the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library and even university departments, such as marine science, said Cortese.

“We have always had good relations with USF,” said Cortese.

“It seems we coexist.”

Bayboro Books owner Joe Cortese talks to customers.

1940s and I was here in the ‘50s,” she said.

“We remember these books when they were published. But the important question is, do you have expertise the community wants and needs?”

Both St. Petersburg bookshops are laden with literary knowledge. Some of Haslam’s clerks, who have been there for more than a decade, can remember when books were published, who authored them and exactly where on the shelves they are located.

Likewise, Cortese said it’s important for his employees to enjoy reading and possess literary knowledge. “I like books,” said David Branson, assistant manager of Bayboro Books, who earned his master’s degree in English literature from USF.

“Working here gives me the opportunity to discuss literature with people and make recommendations.”

Because many independents must specialize in a particular area of service to survive, local shops continue to have friendly relations with one another. “Most of us are trying to find a niche where we can do a good job,” said Cortese. “Two-thirds of our business comes from special orders — hard-to-find service-oriented stuff — and textbooks. It’s a labor-intensive specialty that the chains don’t want to do.”

But as long as there are no unfair business practices being conducted by the new chains, there’s room for all kinds of bookstores, said Ray Hinz, co-owner of Haslam’s. “Ours is a very idiosyncratic industry. No two bookstores are alike.”

With their strong reputation in the bay area, even the local superstores refer customers to Haslam’s if they don’t have a particular book. Likewise, Bayboro Books maintains good relations with other local shops, such as Agra of Reason, Bright Books and Lighthouse Books.

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Is stress pulling you apart?

By Sharon Millan

Health contributor

There's a test in City Politics class tomorrow. The phone is ringing. Some­one is calling to take you up on that offer to volunteer for the club. A holiday is coming up, and you haven't booked your flight yet.

So many sources of stress are pulling at college students, especially the first week of school, that no matter how organized they are, they still feel like screaming curse words at times. Like a pressure cooker, the steam builds up and has nowhere to go but out.

Stressful episodes are accompanied by a release of adrenaline, the result of the commonly known fight-or-flight response; reports the Atlanta Reproductive Health Center's Web site.

Sometimes stress manifests itself as fear and this release is the body's effort to stabilize itself. Sugar is released immediately to give energy for a quick escape. A nauseated feeling follows and sometimes diarrhea, which helps prevent the body from slowing down.

But what can be done to eliminate it when a person can't run away? Adrenaline responses may help them escape from dangerous situations, but they can be detrimental when the responses lead to shaking and inability to focus. This is especially a result of words at "rush" test.

The stress caused by boredom and dissatisfaction if they had to stay home and help them escape from dangerous conditions. Overwork, or too much stimulus, can lead to stress. The Web site reveals that by the time a reader finishes its series of articles, they will know the points of views.

According to fitness book author Nicole Renoard, to do a stress-relieving deep-breathing exercise, it is best to be standing, or at least sitting up straight, with pressure off the diaphragm. Breathe in through the nose, while counting to 10 or 15. Then, hold it for five seconds. Exhale with a blowing motion, for the stress can also be internal — such as that caused from too much worrying — or environmental, from living or work conditions. Overwork, or too much stimulus, can lead to stress. The Web site reveals that by the time a time finishes its series of articles, they will know the points of stress management tips.

Don't be a walking time bomb

Follow these stress management tips

• Become aware of your stressors and your emotional and physical reactions.
• Recognize what you can change.
• Reduce the intensity of your emotional reactions to stress. Do you expect to please everyone or overreact? Put the situation in perspective. Do not labor on the negative aspects or "what-ifs."
• Learn to moderate your physical reactions to stress.
• Build your physical reserves by exercising and eating nutritious, low-fat meals. Avoid stimulants like nicotine and caffeine and get enough sleep.
• Maintain your emotional reserves by developing friendships and mixing fun with work when possible. Most important, be a friend to yourself.
• Keep a semester calendar.
• Include study time and all personal and work obligations.
• Make a daily "to-do list" and prioritize. Divide large projects into small ones.
• Learn to control interruptions and distractions, and find an environment that suits your needs.
• Avoid cramming for exams by utilizing down time, i.e., read while waiting in line.
• Avoid perfectionism.
• Learn to say "No!"

Source: Atlanta Reproductive Health Center and Sandy Blood. USF-St. Petersburg health educator.


Time Management Quiz: What kind of time manager are you?

1. I think daily planning guides are a waste of time. Y N
2. My academic goals are pretty clear to me. Y N
3. Leaving assignments until the last minute is a big problem for me. Y N
4. I organize my time very well. Y N
5. I wish I were more motivated. Y N
6. It's easy for me to cut short visits with people who drop by when I'm studying. Y N
7. Visitors should feel free to see me whenever they want. Y N
8. I know which activities in my life are important to focus on and which ones are not. Y N
9. I'm a perfectionist in everything I do. Y N
10. I have enough time to pursue leisure activities. Y N

Scoring:
Odd-numbered statements, 1 point for each Yes. Even-numbered statements, 1 point for each No. Total Number of points

If your score is:
1-2 You're probably on top of things but there's room for improvement.
3-4 You're treading water.
5-7 Managing your time well is a problem.
8-10 You're on the verge of chaos.
When no place is safe

By Therese Mattioli
Columnist

Once again a casual glance at the front page of the paper over that first cup of coffee brought images of tragedy and details of yet another "emotionally disturbed" gunman opening fire on innocents into my home before daybreak. Before the sun. Before that first sip of morning "go juice." Before the cobwebs of sleep were swept from my half-awake thoughts, a stranger turned my kitchen into a nightmare.

More often than not I leave my front door open at night. That unencumbered gateway invites a cool Florida evening breeze right into my living room. It is one of the reasons I so love it here.

Sometimes I fall asleep before I remember to secure the door and throw the lock. Sometimes. This worries my family. They do not enjoy the opportunity for some unsavory characters to waltz into my living room and catch me sleeping or reading or simply lurking in the dark beyond my safe apartment walls and remember to live my life a little, too.

The funny part about all this, well, not so funny as terribly, terribly sad and frightening, is not the fact that I at least consider these fears before I throw that door wide and take my chances with whatever is out there in the night. I understand the possibilities — after all, I am a single female living alone in a器材-sized city in the United States — and these are tumultuous, if not unknown times for certain.

Children, however, and parents should not have to wonder as they drop their children off at school... whether or not they will be safe.

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not have to embrace that same sensation of fear and contemplation before throwing their doors open each day.

Parents should not have to wonder as they drop their children off at school, or at a church group meeting, or at a party, whether or not they will be safe. Whether or not they will come home that evening overworked with homework, frustrated because they didn't make the team, or excited about a boy who flirted with them in math class.

They shouldn't have to worry, but they do, oh yes, they do. Of that I am certain. I have seen the look on a mother's face as she watched her child walk away towards a elementary school classroom and heard that same woman, under her breath, commit garments to memory.


She was wondering, then. She has become an expert at wondering — somewhat desperately at times — if home schooling wouldn't be safer. Not better. Safer. And this is St. Petersburg.

This shooting is not the third or fourth incident of the year, but the thirteenth, according to a CNN "Multiple Shootings for 1999" Web site linked to a Web story about the September 15 shooting in a Fort Worth, Texas church that left seven dead and eight injured.

So far this year, highly publicized multiple shootings across the nation — from Los Angeles, California to Conyers, Georgia — have left 55 people dead, at least 85 injured and countless millions wondering, wondering. Wondering.

Do I open that door again tomorrow, or is it time to stay inside?

No handshake required

By Brandy Stark
Nest contributor

I must admit, I was stunned that day in July when I heard the news the first time. I sat at home, lounging in front of the television. I made an agreement with myself to let my poor mind rest after an intense summer "C" session, and television, to me, is as good a method as any to soothe up the old brain cells. As I flipped past one of the news stations an image caught my eye. A news anchor sat at his desk and above his right shoulder hung a picture of Betty Castor. Above her picture read "Betty Castor Leaves USF." How could I have possibly seen so much detail in just a split second is beyond me, but nonetheless my finger froze as the news sunk in. I had to get the scoop.

Betty Castor, president of the USF, announced her resignation effective Oct. 1. She accepted a new position on national board dedicated to promoting high standards for teachers; something, she says, which is close to her heart.

Admittedly, I was quite surprised. I have one vague memory of Betty Castor's appointment before I began attending USF. She created quite a stir as the first woman president in USF's history. She did not have a background in pure academia, but rather in teaching and legislative politics. Many protested her appointment, however, Gov. Lawton Chiles remained confident in his choice and placed his faith in her.

Betty Castor's time at USF, in my opinion, has been one of the most progressive times in the university's history. Under her supervision USF achieved many goals.

I remember her attendance at my first audition and others I have attended. I really admire a woman who can look so calm and collected in front of an audience of thousands, repeating a similar ceremony twice a day for several days and on all USF campuses. I also admired the strength of her hand and wrist as she shook the hand of every graduate who walks across the stage. Yet she never seems tired and she always has something to say to the graduates as they meet. She smiled at everyone as they passed. These small ceremonial touches show what true class she has and I am sorry that she will not be able to preside at my next graduation from USF in May.

She was there to begin USF-St. Petersburg campus' expansion into a four-year university. Many local Pinellas residents anxiously awaited completion of this expansion. It will save many students the mileage, headaches, and time consumed by the 45-minute to an hour-and-a-half drive it takes to get from Pinellas County to the Tampa campus. Also, it will expand the cultural and educational resources of St. Petersburg and will be a strong factor in the revitalization of the downtown area.

Overall, I believe that Betty Castor deserves only the best kudos USF has to offer. I know she will be missed by many. She has left a great legacy to whomver succeeds her. I know she will make us proud in her new role, which will impact education nationally.

We will miss you, Betty, and I hope you return to visit USF and see the fruits of the seeds you planted. At least at this time you can relax: no handshake will be required!
Outside Providence

Written by Peter and Bobby Farley and Michael Corrente
Directed by Michael Corrente
Starring Shawn Hatsoy, George Wendt and Alec Baldwin

By Jacob Hensberry

Neat contributor

We all grew up in some town or city whether big or small. There were trials and tribulations, heartbreaks and happy endings. We all know the coming of age story because we all went through it.

Dozens of films have handled this subject before, some to great success and others to miserable failure. The point of these movies, at least in recent years, is not so much about the story but the characters and what they go through from beginning to end. Outside Providence more or less sticks to this formula.

However, while leaning more toward the great success side of the spectrum, it never quite reaches its full potential.

Newcomer Shawn Hatsoy plays Doug, a young delinquent living in blue-collar Pawtucket, R.I. in the mid-1970s. He and his other delinquent friends hang out at the water tower, smoke pot, dream at the water tower, smoke pot, dream about girls and, we'll, smoke pot. One of the film's most hilarious characters is "Drugs," who is aptly nicknamed and serves as the king of the pot-heads.

Driving home from a party, Doug and his friends decide to fill their moving vehicle with as much weed smoke as possible causing them to smash into a parked cop car. Doug is bailed out of jail by his working class father, Alec Baldwin, who gets Doug off the hook by sending him to Cornwell Academy, a prep school in nearby Conn., with stipulations that if he doesn't graduate, he'll go to jail.

Some of the typical "poor boy in rich boy's world" antics ensue. One comical scene involves the school's headmaster blandly reading aloud a letter to Doug from his pal Drugs, detailing an evening of partying.

The clash of the classes, however, is not the point here. In fact, everybody is so busy finding ways to sneak around to smoke weed that background is hardly ever an issue.

There's more to the film, romance and betrayal, of course, but you know that part. The real star of the film is Alec Baldwin. Playing Doug's father as if he knows this character like an old childhood friend, Baldwin gives his finest performance since Glen Garry Glen Ross. There's a rough edge to this guy. He treats his kids the only way he knows how — tough.

Although he struggles to communicate his love for Doug, he never quite gets it right. It's a complex and heartfelt performance and without it, the film would be half of what it is.

Not to be overlooked is the wonderfully understated performance of George Wendt (Norm!). As one of Baldwin's beer-swilling poker buddies, Wendt has us all but convinced he's just another neighborhood yokel whiling away his years until he reveals a small personal detail that we wouldn't have seen coming if we had binoculars.

Don't expect the same type of humor as There's Something About Mary from Outside Providence. The Farley brothers authored both films, but this attempt at more character-driven comedy works quite well. Although not strong on originality, the down-to-earth humor and performances make Outside Providence worth seeing.

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But, dear readers, we do need your help. We need your ideas, suggestions and input.

Over the next few months we encourage you to submit your ideas for a new name. A yet-to-be-determined prize will be awarded to the solicitor of the chosen entry. (We will post updates about the contest as they occur.)

Simply write your suggestion and include your name, phone number and e-mail address so we can contact you.

E-mail your suggestions to: <honest99@hotmail.com> or stop by our office in the CAC. Our new name will be announced in the final issue Nov. 30.
Marine science students awarded research fellowships

Fifteen USF-St. Petersburg marine science students were honored with endowed fellowships and scholarships on Aug. 27 for their significant contribution to the marine science program. Recipients are chosen by marine science faculty members and the fellowship funds allow students to purchase equipment and materials necessary to further their research and graduate studies.

Marine science fellowship titles and student fellowship recipients (left to right): Anne and Werner Von Rosenberg Fellowship — Kathryn Privett; Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club Fellowship — Michael Callahan; John B. Lake Fellowship — Theresa Stilko; St. Petersburg Progress Fellowship in Coastal Science — Margaret Palmieri; Paul L. Getting Endowed Memorial Fellowship — Ruoying He; Jyotika Virmani; Physical Oceanography Gulf Oceanographic Trust — Robert Masserini; Murthy Fellowship — Aundra Annis; and the Robert M. Garrels Endowed Fellowship — Dana Wetzell. Not shown: Parrot Head Scholarship — Heidi Crevelson; William and Elise Knight Oceanographic Fellowship — Tracey Sutton, Melanie Dothrow-McField, Dr. Carlos Del Castillo, Elizabeth Meerman; and Sackett Prize for Innovative Research — Dr. Chunzai Wang.

Photo courtesy of marine science; Research by Christine De Leo

Bayboro Fiction Contest

Sterling Watson, Director of Creative Writing at Eckerd College and author of four highly regarded novels, will judge the 1999 Bayboro Fiction Contest.

First Prize $250
Second Prize $100
Third Prize $100

Only previously unpublished short stories of 2,000 or fewer words will be accepted. Entries should be typed and double spaced. The title should appear on each page, but not the author's name. Entries are judged anonymously.
Deadline: October 15, 1999
Send manuscripts to:
Bayboro Fiction Contest, c/o Nieta Ellason,
636 15th Ave. N.E.
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
(727) 825-4977

Classifieds

Book Sales Stack Up

Despite industry changes and a decrease in "foot traffic," book sales continue to increase. According to Book Industry Trends 1999, last year's trade paperback sales increased 10.5 percent, hardcover sales increased 3.3 percent and mass-market sales increased by 5.6 percent, surpassing the Book Industry Trends prediction of 3.2 percent. Online book sales, which held the largest increase, jumped from $150 million in 1997 to $650 million in 1999 — a whopping 300 percent increase. Of those sales, Amazon.com accounted for $610 million.

Prepared for the Book Industry Study Group by the Statistical Service Center, the study is a part of a series of studies published by the nonprofit organization.

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September 22
What to do when the police mess with you: a program to learn your rights — The event, sponsored by the National People’s Democratic Uhuru Movement, will feature a presentation by Attys. Darryl Rouson and Henry Nobles at 6:30 p.m. at the Uhuru House, 1245 18th Ave. S. For more information, call (727) 821-6620.

September 24
Uptown Friday Nights - endless block party — The event will feature live music by the Hazies, food, beer, vendors and free parking. Proceeds will benefit the Brookwood Young Women’s Residence. The event will be held on Central Avenue, between 11th and 13th streets, 5 to 9 p.m.

September 24-26
Home & Garden Show — Browse for home accents and taste creations from area chefs at Tropicana Field. Tickets are $3 on Fri. (half-price); $6 Sat. and Sun. Look for $2-off coupons at Home Depot and in the St. Petersburg Times. For more information, call 825-3137.

September 25
In the Name of Love Festival — The multicultural celebration will be held at Vinoy Park, 7th Ave. NE, St. Petersburg. For more information call (727) 527-0800.

Wednesdays
Swing Nights — Jump ‘n’ Jive at the Gulfport Casino every Wed. from 8 p.m. to midnight. The dance floor is huge and drinks are available. The environment is smoke-free. Group lessons begin at 7 p.m. and admission is $5.

September 22
Caricaturist in Davis Hall — Laugh at yourself with a free wacky portrait. Sponsored by Harborside Productions. DAV Student Lounge, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 - 6 p.m.

September 23
Under Fire: Affirmative Action in Florida Key representatives of Ward Comerly’s American Civil Rights Institute, the Florida Civil Rights Initiative, FREE (Floridians Representing Equity and Equality), the Florida Association of General Contractors and the National Organization for Women will face off in a conversation examining both sides of Affirmative Action. The event, sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Campus Women’s Collective, will be held in the CAC at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (727) 823-2472 or (727) 553-1129.

October 1-3
Feminist Ethics Revisited — an international conference — The Campus Women’s Collective will offer scholarships to attend. For more information, call (727) 894-8224.

October 4
Free educational forum — A diverse panel of community leaders examines the Promise Keepers’ hidden agenda and subsequent impact on society. The forum will be held in DAV 130 at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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USF sweeps AEJMC awards

By Therese Mattillo
Staff Writer

When Dr. Jay Black suggested to students in his spring ethics classes that they submit papers to the AEJMC journalism ethics competition, he never expected USF to sweep the graduate division and take a first-place award in the undergraduate division.

Nor did he expect the efforts of two of his students to expand into a transcontinental collaborative project that focused on local coverage of a hostage situation and murder spree that took the lives of a child and three law enforcement officers in Tampa nearly two years ago.

On May 19, 1998, Hank Earl Carr did more than become a household name in the Tampa Bay area. A six-minute live on-air interview he shared with a WFLA-AM radio newscaster during the hostage standoff would set off a chain of events that would affect the future of journalism in the state.

Dissent and debate raged between the irate cry of "media misconduct" from area law enforcement to a proposed bill sponsored by Sen. Ginny Brown-Waite, R-Brooksville, making it a third-degree felony to broadcast unauthorized coverage of a violent event. The bill passed in the Florida Senate in March 1999 — by a margin of 35 to 3 — but died in the House Committee stage one month later.

Students Mike Hennessey and Katie Phillips each pursued the Carr incident in their research. Together Hennessey and Phillips weighed the actions of local media, politicians and the community against the Society of Professional Journalists code of ethics, the philosophical works of W.D. Ross, Lawrence Kohlberg, Carol Gilligan, and, finally, John Merrifield's views on "press responsibility and press freedom."

All of this was accomplished via e-mail and facsimile communication that spanned from Florida, where Hennessey was working at the very same station that had initiated contact with Carr during the four-hour hostage standoff, to Scotland, where Phillips spent a portion of the summer. The finalized version of the paper came across the fax not far from the very room where a WFLA staff member spoke live with Carr. Hennessey said working with Phillips allowed the intersecting of two different perspectives, his being strongly from the professional aspect and "Katie's being the more academic."

"We came to very different conclusions. I felt the actions of the media were controversial, but not necessarily unethical," said Hennessey.

Phillips focused more on how the legislature tried to prevent journalists from covering breaking news. "If journalists don't police their own actions, then the legislature will attempt to take over," said Phillips. "If you journalists can't find a way to justify what you are doing, the politicians will." Keith Goree, a St. Petersburg Junior College professor who is continuing studies in part-time pursuit of a Ph.D. dream, said he was surprised and honored that Dr. Black suggested he submit his paper, titled "Teaching Moral Development in Journalism Education."

"I really was taking the course more for enrichment. It was not really toward a degree," said Goree, who has been teaching ethics at SFUC for 12 years. "People in the class were really nervous about putting together a paper, so Dr. Black suggested we focus on the teaching of moral development, and explore the different theories of how people develop a sense of right and wrong."

Goree said Dr. Black submitted his 16-page paper — after a few final editing touch-ups — then he "forgot about it, more or less, until I received a letter in the mail telling me I had won."

"I found in my research that there was a real difference between how new journalists and college professors can't find a way to justify what you are doing, the politicians will."