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Expansion-bound
Cabinet okays four-year programs for USF-St. Petersburg

Christine DeLeo
Assistant Editor

Although Gov. Jeb Bush and the Cabinet unanimously approved USF-St. Petersburg's four-year expansion on Aug. 24, its early success does not guarantee the expansion.

State Education Commissioner Tom Gallagher proposed the "conceptual vote," and its approval means that the Bayboro campus could begin admitting freshman and sophomore students by fall 2000. The decision came after weeks of lobbying by USF President Betty Castor, Chancellor Adam Herbert and local politicians.

"This is a county of a million people without a four-year public institution," said Castor. "We would like to simply make it more convenient and give students throughout Pinellas County the opportunity to attend those first two years at a university."

Sen. James Sebesta said the St. Petersburg campus would not only serve the needs of Pinellas County high school students who are looking to attend a university near home, but could also open the doors to educational opportunities in Manatee County.

Dean Bill Heller accompanied more than 20 students and faculty to Tallahassee for the Cabinet meeting, and students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Bayboro students and faculty attended the Cabinet meeting in Tallahassee.

"We want to provide a courtesy to Pinellas County students," said Tim Lenahan, student government (SG) president. "It's a 40-minute drive from the St. Petersburg campus to Tampa across the Howard Frankland Bridge. It's hard to make a 6 p.m. class when you don't get out of work until 4 p.m. or 5 p.m."

St. Petersburg Junior College and Eckerd College expressed some concern with the expansion. USF Chancellor Peter Armacost said the expansion could draw enough students away from Eckerd to cut annual revenue as much as 10 percent, according to the St. Petersburg Times.

Comptroller Bob Milligan brought up these concerns in the cabinet meeting, and Castor outlined the agreement initiated with these schools — namely that the campus would not offer undergraduate programs in marine science or international business — two areas which draw students to Eckerd College.

Castor also pointed out that SPJC would still partner with USF in the states' 2-plus-2 program.

"We're not trying to take away from anyone, we're trying to better ourselves and the community as a whole," said Jennifer Lefler, SG treasurer.

The vote must be approved by the Board of Regents Sept. 17 and then by the Board of Education Sept. 28. Castor does not expect any problems.

Next step: Board of Regents must give stamp of approval

Krista Reiner
Editor

Gov. Jeb Bush and Cabinet members supported Education Commissioner Tom Gallagher's motion for a proposed rule change that will ultimately allow the Board of Regents the power to expand upper-level regional campuses within the Florida State University system.

Gallagher proposed the change in order to "obligate responsibility and oversight of the State Board of Education to the Regents," allowing the Regents to set up campuses the way they see fit.

The Cabinet amended the proposed rule change to include a 30-day appellate window — a vehicle for the public or concerned groups to voice opposition to a decision by the Board of Regents regarding regional campus development.

Under the current rule, the Board of Regents has the authority to approve new locations for regional university campuses, implement or eliminate degree programs, and close campuses.

But the Board of Regents does not have the authority to approve expansion of programs in the states' 2-plus-2 program.

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Feminists tackle new millennium issues

Therese Mattioli
Advisor

The air seemed electric, charged by the presence of more than 125 supporters who stood or sat shoulder-to-shoulder in the small Campus Activities Center conference room on Aug. 26 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment.

A predominately female crowd revealed in the memories of female suffragists who fought to secure women's voting rights nearly a century ago. But more than looking to the past for leadership, the group listened as a panel of four women speakers contemplated and discussed what the new millennium will bring for the feminist movement.

While the event was touted a celebration, it was not without moments of debate. Just days before, a news article in the St. Petersburg Times revealed that as part of the Bay Care joint operating agreement that created the community health alliance Bayfront-St. Anthony's HealthCare, Bayfront agreed to no longer offer elective abortions to its patients and removed birth control from hospital shelves.

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positively to the audience said Bay Care officials were interested in meeting with her organization to discuss this issue. Amid her spirited address, the voice of a lone dissenter was heard. From the back of the room, a slender brunette nervously handed out pro-life material that depicted graphic abortion images. As her voice rose to meet the level of Oestreich's, several women rushed to confront her and bellowing voices from the audience revealed mixed emotions. Some attendees suggested she be given the chance to speak, but her voice was quieted quickly and forcefully by a handful of women who physically removed her from the room. The point was clear — her opinion was not wanted.

Shortly thereafter, the sponsors showed an artistic and historically detailed documentary depicting the long and arduous task undertaken to move the women's suffrage movement forward.

The floor then opened up to the four panelists, each of whom spoke out about their experiences, visions and interpretations of the women's movement.

Crow's Next Editor and the Society for Professional Journalists' USF-St. Petersburg chapter president Krista Reiner, who proclaimed herself a "third-wave feminist," began the discussion.

"The first wave was the suffragists, and then the second wave — the wave of my mother's generation — fought for equal rights, the ERA," Reiner said. But her generation takes for granted the idea that they are not limited by gender issues, she said, and the future of the movement should be rooted in a "humanistic" approach to society.

In response, co-panelist Jeanne Malchon, former Pinellas County commissioner and 10-year state senator, said she feared that apathy and younger feminists' lack of interest in the political process might weaken the movement.

"In this next century, it is up to women to halt all of this violence by getting involved," Malchon, the first female president of the American Lung Association and current secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board, said.

Diane Mason, founder and publisher of HERs newspaper, author, co-founder of Women's Media Project and former St. Petersburg Times writer, spoke next.

Mason's views also touched on the need for a more humanistic approach to the women's movement. "Our consciousness is changing and with that we need to be more open, expansive, empathetic loving," Mason said.

"We need to get away from the old-style thinking where everything was black and white and we focused on 'blame' energy. We need to bring love and feminism together. We need to bring love to that same passion and focus on power of the activism of the past."

Mason also said she envisioned a future in which women will lead a new wave of conscious activism.

Malchon then offered a historical progression of women's roles in society during this century and wove her focus into the legislative arena of the coming century.

During the first quarter-century, women's roles remained primarily in the domestic arena and they were responsible for household, tending to family needs, child care.

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—Jeanne Malchon

According to Malchon, a Rutgers University study found that as the number of women in political office increased, so did the attention to social issues, such as education, health and child care.

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The final speaker was USF graduate student Patricia Lassiter, the former executive director of the Gainesville Women's Health Center and a former board member for NOW.

Lassiter, a self-proclaimed "angry black woman," in the last two decades watched the developing struggle for the women's movement to retain control over its own issues. "From 1980 to 1992 I watched feminists trying to hold on to abortion rights because Reagan took away everything else."

Lassiter said it's time to prevent others from determining the issues of debate for the feminist movement. Women need to make a strong recommitment to the grassroots politics, she said. "We are too often pushed down by those who are trying to dictate the debate when that very issue should belong to us."

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Bayboro Fiction Contest

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Spirited students show true colors to Cabinet

President Betty Castor visits with St. Petersburg campus student representative and student government treasurer Jenn Leitner at the Cabinet meeting in Tallahassee.

St. Petersburg student government president Tim Lenahan steps off of the bus at the capitol to rally with fellow student supporters.

Christine De Leo
Assistant editor

School spirit comes in all forms, whether it is wearing a USF T-shirt, joining university clubs and organizations or attending athletic events. However, for a small group of USF-St. Petersburg students, spirit involved riding a bus to Tallahassee to meet Gov. Jeb Bush and the Cabinet.

Students arrived at the Bayboro campus at 3:45 a.m., and sleepy student representatives anxiously anticipated the long drive ahead. It would be 14 hours before they returned with the decision that would make USF-St. Petersburg history.

The road was long, the trip exhausting and the bus freezing, but weary students endured the bus ride without complaining. Upon arrival to the state capitol, the atmosphere on the bus began to change, and those tired faces began to disappear. The students became excited at every opportunity to express their feelings about USF’s expansion.

Adorned in USF gear, anxious students exited the bus with yellow-and-green handwritten posters reading, “USF-St. Petersburg for ’99 year.” After climbing the capitol steps and patiently awaiting the proposal, student representatives Tim Lenahan, Jennifer Leitner, Erin Dunn and Tom Patterson, Dean William Heller and Lillian Lewis.

Answering criticism that decisions to open lower-division branch campuses would negatively affect enrollment in community colleges, thereby injuring the state’s 2-plus-2 program, Herbert encouraged the Cabinet to look at the broad picture.

A greater threat to enrollment, Herbert said, is found in community colleges partnering with private and out-of-state universities.

Many community colleges — institutions that do not receive state funding appropriation — are eager to provide full four-year degrees. With no regulatory arm to oversee these dealings, the community colleges are not held to any specific criteria, except those proposed by the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission.

Herbert called for the appellate procedure to be applied to that organization’s plans.
Regional students must fight to be heard

John Mudd

Some may believe that the commodity of student representation has grown over the past few decades. After all, after Vietnam, students were more than avidly listened to by their college administrations. In 1974, students were given the right to control student activity and service fees at Florida universities, but do we really have a true voice in the governance of our individual universities?

Perhaps, but on the issue of choosing their university's president, it is more likely students do not, at least not at USF-St. Petersburg. The next president will, without a doubt, make decisions for the St. Petersburg campus, which could prove to be of a positive or negative impact.

Over the years we have witnessed our campus grow in all areas, but there are still no representatives from the St. Petersburg campus on USF's presidential selection committee. All three student representatives are from the Tampa campus. With Castor behind it, the St. Petersburg campus witnessed the creation of learning communities, a varsity sailing team, more research programs, construction of two major buildings and more.

However, even with her proactive work for the St. Petersburg campus, Castor has been criticized by some of her student leaders. Some believe she should focus more on the St. Petersburg campus than Tampa.

With her vacating the presidency, students must voice their concerns and viewpoints on what sort of policies should be implemented by the next president to ensure the growth and improvement of the St. Petersburg campus.

A sun rises from the edge of the water at St. Petersburg with a diverse community of students that deserve to be represented equally.

Dr. Mike Mudd

Krista Reiner

Don’t flinch. This column is about feminism and the new definition many young women are creating. It’s new and it’s called “third wave” feminism.

I sat on a panel the other night with three other women in front of an audience of more than women (and about five men) and tried to convey what the term “third wave” meant. It seemed few had been paying attention to what young, feminist women were up to.

Attending the panel discussion “The New Millennium: Where Will Women’s Votes Take Us?” intrigued audience members, though many had never heard of this new line of thought moving through the culture. A line of thought born of the efforts made by the previous generation of feminists and the freedoms they fought to secure. A line of thought that recognizes today’s culture as diverse, multi-sided, inherently complex and worth every aggravation and bead of sweat it takes to see it evolve.

I was given three minutes to make my opening statement and provide a general definition of third wave feminism. I might as well have tried to outline quantum mechanical theory.

For the record, third wave feminism is the only ideology I identify with after much research into women’s studies, feminist theory and general social observation. I am not, however, a member of any political organization. The following is my personal understanding.

The first wave of feminism came with the suffragist movement — women who banded together and demanded equal say in government. It took a long time, but in 1919, 80 years ago, these women achieved their goal.

The second wave came with Gloria Steinem, the ERA and a first-time spotlight on issues facing women — preeminently sexual harassment, domestic violence, rape and reproductive freedom, among others.

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There are still great comedians working in Hollywood. We all have our favorites and we run to the local multiplex full of anticipation whenever their new films are released. Then we sit, waiting, hoping for the magic of their previous work to surface and whisk us away to belly laugh-land where everything is hysterical and the rest of the world melts away. It's why we all go to the movies in the first place, right?

Albert Brooks is undoubtedly one of the great ones. Perhaps he is one of the most insightful and sophisticated comedians we have left. The groundbreaking Real Life, Lost In America, Defending Your Life, and more recently the Academy Award-nominated Mother, are all destined to become classics in the genre. Brooks has that rare ability to kill us with laughter, get us thinking, and move us to tears all in the same film. I'm a fan and I think the man has and will continue to make great films. This is why we must forgive him for making this rotten, indulgent, stinker of a movie, The Muse.

Robbed of their civil rights, or robbed of their choice. In pursuit of the perfect eatery, financially deprived students must take the following into consideration — location and whether or not snack machines would be sufficient. Who could ask for more than a campus café with prices almost equivalent to vending machine snacks and drinks? Bayboro Café, conveniently located next to the USF bookstore in Coquina Hall, entices hungry students with inexpensive meals. Recently taken over by Creative Catering, the café introduces a few appealing choices to the menu, but does little to break the stigma surrounding cafeteria food.

Regular customers tend to be the best judges of food quality. Two men eating the baked lemon and herb grouper with rice and vegetables were delighted with the flavorful lemon-herb marinade, but displeased with the dry, overcooked fish. The café, which provided students with deli sandwiches, macaroni salad and brownies during orientation, pleasantly surprised many students with the vegetarian choices, but disappointed them with mediocre sandwiches. "All Wrapped Up," a twist of the common sandwich includes a choice of deli meats and veggies stuffed into a spinach and herb tortilla. The flavor of the tortilla blended well with the turkey and ranch dressing. Its only drawback was that it kept falling apart. The creamy potato and vegetable chowder consisted of large chunks of carrots and potatoes, but lacked flavor. A sprig of rosemary or dash of chives would have complemented the soup quite nicely, but even salt and pepper would do.

Creative Catering offers a wide variety of choices, including an all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar, 1/2 pound hamburgers grilled chicken sandwiches, hot sandwiches, calzones, hot wings, chicken tenders and even a make-your-own hot dog. If you are on campus for breakfast, the Bayboro Café also offers plenty of options, such as a bottomless cup of coffee for 95 cents or a stack of hotcakes for 89 cents. The best part is that nothing on the menu exceeds $5.

For those with little time to spare but a large appetite, the Bayboro Café is a place to refuel.

Learning about the new generation is a choice. Third wavers are out there if you’re interested in connecting with the next generation. Ask young people who they are and why they believe what they do. Be ready to listen. Most will not hesitate to tell you, and you may be surprised to learn how much they know.

I was told in the days after the panel that many of the audience members were talking about the third wave, but I don’t think I had enough time to remotely scratch the surface of the waters. Many women walked away befuddled, some angry, others disappointed at the sad state of feminism in the hands of someone like me, the future generation.

Please, don’t despair.

Get to know us and you’ll find we see inequality in any form, as injurious to society as you do. We’ll be working on it for a long time to come, and we still have a lot to learn.

Invite us to share in discussion as often as possible. We need interested, experienced people to help us when we make the inevitable mistakes that come with trying something new. Second wavers should not forget that their ideas were new once, too.
Fran Boyle  
Next Contributor

Last spring, a special partnership formed at USF-St. Petersburg. A court reporter and a hearing-impaired student entered into an academic partnership that would offer both a complete college experience of understanding, friendship and communication.

Sharon Milian, a 44-year-old mother of two, can't hear most sounds but knows what's being spoken — especially now. A victim of her genes, her hearing ability has steadily declined. A registered nurse for two decades, she reached a point two years ago where she couldn't hear her patients' air intake through their stethoscope lines.

She needed to change careers.

Determined not to waste 20 years of medical experience, Milian entered the journalism program at USF. Her goal: health-magazine reporting.

Gearing her storylines toward the medical field, she also obtained certification as a gerontology nurse to increase her credibility.

A frequent Crow's Nest contributor, the newsletter editor for the Society of Professional Journalists USF-St. Petersburg chapter, and the American Medical Writers' Association, Milian writes to be published as much as possible.

"Giving Kappa and Golden Key national honor society chapters a chance to participate," she said.

By reading lips and taking a few notes, she said, "she and another reporter used Realtime to help a born-deaf Tampa student take a test."

Excited and pleased at the opportunity, Cano said he jumped on the bandwagon and joined Crowder's office as a freelance Realtime reporter.

"Another (career) avenue on top of helping someone else," he said.

Realtime freelance reporter Mike Cano transcribes lecture onto a laptop for Sharon Milian.

Unlike Milian, Mike Cano hears sounds without his mind registering the spoken words. For more than 10 years he has been a state and federal courts' reporter. Although he produces transcripts of what is being said during trials, the machines are the real assemblers of the words and text. His mind and ears are trained strictly to gather speakers' phonetic syllables.

Directly out of high school, Cano attended Hillsborough Community College, but "going and getting a four-year degree was not (his) gig." He wanted to be his own boss.

Wringing his brain as he traveled to his part-time accounting job, he heard an advertisement on the radio about training to be a court reporter. Since his English skills outweighed those of his math, he felt that this might be his calling.

At the first class meeting, the instructor informed the class of 20 that the failure rate was 95 percent and the limited number of students that made the cut would face two and a half years of training. Cano, who felt he had wasted enough time pursuing other career paths, gave it a shot.

"I've been in school a couple of years and this is the first year I've enjoyed it. I know everything that's going on." —Sharon Milian

Two and a half years later — trained and ready to go — Cano purchased a $150 manual stenography machine and entered the world of court reporter. His new position required that he not only attend court proceedings but record everything being said, producing the official record.

Using an antiquated manual machine that produced a tape "read out," Cano then transcribed the tape into reports. He once again found his time being wasted. At the expense of a dreams' demise, he put his budgeted five years of car payments toward a $15,000 equipment package purchase.

His new stenography machine, which is hooked up to a laptop computer running special software, cut his workload in half.
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She was lost until one of USF-St. Petersburg’s professors, Dr. Mike Killenberg, steered her to another direction. He told her about another student who had been struggling in the classroom and that by using Realtime she had resurrected her GPA.

Aided with knowledge that might provide a solution for her, Milian met with Dr. Timothy Langston at Tampa’s student disability’s office. The friendship gradually grew from a classroom help-mate and friend, but to use his professional services, he sometimes blends in too well.

Before the month was over, Cano became her partner, help-mate and friend, but to use his professional services, Milian needed to seek permission from the student disabilities office. Although he hadn’t yet heard about the program, he promised to find out more. Sometimes he would ask him to accompany her on an interview, sometimes to attend a special meeting. Sometimes he'd look at you as if you were insane.

He told her about another student who had been struggling in the classroom and that by using Realtime she had resurrected her GPA. Together they participate in four of her equally divided Tampa and St. Petersburg classes. He arrives early and sets up his equipment as unobtrusively as possible by hiding the machine under an available table or desk. Although it was slightly embarrassing for him, the time delay makes her response a little slow. But he'll come, “I take it like a big brother kind of thing,” he explained. “I take it to heart.”

Trying to be indistinguishable from the other students, he sometimes blends in too well. Once in class, guest speaker Chip Scanlan of the Poynter Institute, waited for him to take his turn during student introductions. As always, his mind was focused on taking down the phonetic sounds, and until silence overtook the room, he didn’t realize that the question was directed at him. It’s not perfect, she agrees, and sometimes he can’t get it all down.

Although it was slightly embarrassing for him, the event provided some chuckles that Milian shared in as she watched the doubled-sized black print on the laptop’s video screen. Sometimes the conversations get going, the time delay makes her response a little slow. But it's exciting for her that she's able to participate, and for her, the first time she even knows the names of her classmates.

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All men are tempted. There is no man that lives that can't be broken down, provided it is the right temptation, put in the right spot."

—Henry Ward Beecher

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