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University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
'2005' plan to enhance USF-St. Pete curriculum

By Thomas W. Beyles
The Crow's Nest Correspondent

The University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Dean and Chief Executive Officer Dr. H. William Heller is preparing a proposal for the USF administration that could dramatically enhance course offerings on this campus.

Under the proposal, as many as 20 new faculty positions would be created, some existing programs would be enhanced and other programs would be developed. The amount of funding necessary to do all this could vary widely, mainly due to the number of support personnel the new programs and new faculty would need, but $1 million is the current starting figure.

Heller said he hopes that with proper planning now, USF-St. Pete will become a dominant force in the education of Pinellas County residents by the year 2005. In fact, the working title for the curriculum proposal is "USF-St. Pete 2005."

"We want the plans for academic growth of the campus in 10 years to match the physical growth," Heller said, referring to the campus' ongoing expansion of facilities.

Heller isn't doing the planning alone. "I'm encouraging the Campus Faculty Council to bring the entire faculty together to focus upon this issue," he said. "The idea is to ask the faculty to project ahead and ask themselves what will be appropriate for this campus. They should examine our current strengths and talents and decide what we should look like in 2005."

The Campus Faculty Council comprises two representatives from each of USF-St. Petersburg's three colleges—business, arts and sciences, and education—and one representative each from the library and the marine science program.

The council is moving to open communication channels with the entire faculty. See '2005', Page 8

New USF ID Card to expand services to university community

By Kathyrn Savage
The Crow's Nest Correspondent

University of South Florida President Betty Castor introduced the new high-tech ID cards in a letter to students, faculty and staff as part of an "ongoing effort to expand services to the University Community."

The USF Card will replace the current USF ID and will cost students $5. The university is making a mass carding effort from Oct. 2-6 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in the Davis Hall Lounge at the St. Petersburg campus and from Nov. 2-4 and Nov. 7-10 at the Tampa campus Student Services Annex.

Students and staff must present their current ID at the time of carding.

University policies call for all students, faculty and staff to carry the card while on campus. Beginning with the first week of spring semester, the new ID will be required for access to university services that require validation of current enrollment or employment, such as library circulation or parking services.

The new card also can serve as a vending card, an ATM card if students or staff have an account at the USF Federal Credit Union and as an MCI long-distance calling card.

The vending option makes use of the thin magnetic strip on the back of the card. Value can be added to the vending stripe at a Card Value Center. Currently, there is a center in the Davis Lounge. The card can then be used at copy machines. Shortly, both Coca Cola and Canteen Services will install new vending machines on campus equipped with card readers, at no cost to USF, said Keith Simmons, associate vice president for administrative affairs. As with the copy machines, soft drinks also will be less expensive when purchased with a card instead of cash.

The USF Federal Credit Union offers a variety of financial services that are competitive with other local institutions. Specific information can be obtained from a member service representative.

The USF Card as an MCI calling card can be used nationwide. Individuals who choose to use this option will receive monthly billing statements from MCI. There are no required deposits or preset limits. Billing, payments and customer inquiries must be handled directly with MCI.

Both MCI and the USF Federal Credit Union are offering students incentives to get the ID card now rather than waiting until January. Representatives from MCI and the USF Credit Union will be available to answer questions during the mass re-carding efforts.

"MCI is offering a 25 percent discount on long-distance calls, up to a total of $5 See USF ID Card, Page 8
Don’t forget that property rights are part of the Fifth Amendment

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The Supreme Court agreed with Lucas, but only on limited grounds, saying that the government actions must deprive the property owner of all, not just part of its economic value, for a compensatory taking to occur. Only on the narrow grounds that all of the Lucas property value was lost was compensation ordered to be paid.

While property rights advocates would call the Lucas decision a victory, it remains a narrow one at best. The individual property owner as well as any citizen of the United States should be extremely concerned with the government’s ability to in essence declare one’s property useless, as in the Lucas case.

Due to the government’s expanding role in our lives, all citizens should be concerned with the government's ability, through regulation, to create a situation whereby private property owners are left with little or no value to their property.

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Stop-smoking workshop, cancer screening wellness programs are set for November

By Sandy Blood
The Crow's Nest Staff

November is a busy wellness month. Several events have been scheduled for our campus.

A "Stop Smoking Techniques" Lunch and Learn will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in Room 108, Davis Hall. Please feel free to bring lunch. Drinks will be provided. This mini-workshop is designed to provide the participant with some general information and tools to begin the quitting process. Don't worry, we won't ask you to throw your cigarettes away today. We will, however, assess the interest of a six-week smoking cessation program, so plan on attending the workshop if you are interested in further programming.

Also, the Moffitt Cancer Center will offer an on-campus skin cancer screening. The mobile unit will be on site conducting screenings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, at a cost of $20 per person. Check with your insurance provider to see if a portion of this fee is reimbursable. The screenings, takes 30 minutes, consists of a total body examination by a nurse practitioner, a skin cancer risk assessment and prevention counseling, and skin self-exam instructions.

Appointments must be scheduled in advance and a minimum number of participants is required by Moffitt, so please call early to schedule your appointment if you intend to participate. The number is 893-9105. Both events are open to the campus community. More information can be found in the Health and Wellness Information Council in Davis Lounge.

USF shirts calling cards for student visiting Europe

By Shaun Pope
The Crow's Nest Staff

When Polish-born Derek Chabrowski went to visit his homeland this summer, he did not go empty-handed.

As a University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Student Government business representative, Chabrowski thought it would be a good idea to expose his Eastern European counterparts to his university. USF sweatshirts and T-shirts became his calling cards. The shirts were provided by USF Student Government and Chabrowski himself.

"I visited a couple of universities and gave the shirts to some professors and students," Chabrowski said. "The response was great. The people of Eastern Europe are very friendly, especially toward Americans."

Chabrowski spent most of his 2-1/2 month visit of Eastern Europe backpacking and camping. His journey allowed him to visit universities such as the National Louis University in Cracow, Poland, and the University of Frankfurt in Germany.

Cracow intrigued Chabrowski. "It is a beautiful city with grand architecture and many historical sites. But it also has a modern 'night life' with many night club and disco," he said. "You can spend th day sightseeing and then go out at night."

Chabrowski said he was amazed at how easy and inexpensive it was to get around. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the breakup of the Soviet Union travelers are finding Eastern Europe an inexpensive travel destination.

He said that for about $1,000—and an open mind—Eastern Europe is everyone’s for the taking.

"There are trains in almost every city in Eastern Europe," he said. "You can travel from one end to the other for only $20—and that’s first class."

Chabrowski said he plans to return to Poland this winter to do some snow skiing.

"I met young people from New Zealand to Boston," Chabrowski said. "It's great. You meet a lot of people in the camping areas, hook up into groups and have a great time."
For the seventh year in a row, Bob Jolley and the Superstars committee organized and successfully pulled off the University of South Florida Marine Science benefit, the "Superstars" corporate challenge.

The event, held all day Saturday, Oct. 22, at North Shore Park, had roughly 550 participants and volunteers.

For a modest entry fee, companies sent their employees to test their athletic prowess and spend a day in the sun.

The challenge itself was no walk in the park (although the "walk in the park" was one of the more challenging events in the circuit).

Each team was given a scheduled outline of its participation in various athletic events between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jolley and his assistants worked very hard to run a tight, efficient program where not a moment was wasted but was certainly enjoyed.

Our USF team began the day promptly at 9 a.m. with a canoe race (and it was only an act of God that got us back to shore relatively dry). Then there was the boardwalk (literally, a team of six strapped themselves onto a long board and marched in sequence), modified softball, beach volleyball, a golf chip, a basketball shoot out, the Be-A-Buc blind football toss (which our esteemed Dean Heller so graciously participated in as the Testaverde-like QB) and the Walk in the Park obstacle course (which was just dizzying, thanks to a baseball-bat-to-the-forehead-spin) and all before lunch!

Needless to say, getting into the three-legged-sack-race (for the finale of the day's events) was an understatement to exhaustion.

It is safe to say that by that time, most participants had something witty to say about getting into the sack with two other people in front of a large crowd.

Congratulations to the winners of this years "Superstars" corporate challenge: Wallace, Welch & Willingham. As for the rest of us, maybe next year we will have our moment of glory, in the sun, at North Shore Park.
OPINION

To what gods do we now pray? pay?

By Paul Swider
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The advertising book was obvious. Before there was Elvis, before he composed the music for The Phantom of the Opera, there was Jesus Christ Superstar. Let’s revive JCS by invoking the now-golden name of Andrew Lloyd Webber. A sure bet.

Plus, you’ve got a really good plot. They even advertised it as “The Greatest Story Ever Told,” which the Passion Play has been called before. But it rang differently in my ear this time. There was a certain familiarity, not conformance but definitely rhythmic overtones. “Greatest story ever told” bangs in through one ear, “greatest story ever... great story...” Oh yeah, it’s O.J. Oh, no, it’s O.J.

Wait. Is there a bond? A parallel? It seems ridiculous, but then...

Well, in both cases we have an individual born to difficult circumstances. (I’ll not stoop to jokes about wise men in California.) By many accounts, both were dark-skinned; they are often perceived otherwise. Both fathers left child rearing to mom. Both boys rose to popularity within the framework of their respective cultures.

Oh, but that’s absurd. Christ was preaching the saving of mankind; his was a religious message. O.J. was a football player and celebrity. But compared to the limited cultural atmosphere of 2,000 years ago, what would better parallel religion than sports, advertising, television? To what gods do we now pray? Or at least pay?

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Of course, after Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss — an action he believed at the time was in everyone’s best interest because Jesus had gotten out of hand — he later realized he had been used by other forces for their ends. At the latest hand-wringing seminar, a gaggle of journalists in California spoke openly about what might have been a substantive of some kind, also he’d not have been singled out, if in fact he was. How many criminals have we moderns later lionized? Webber and Rice’s JCS is, if nothing else, a revisionist historical drama (of already revisionist history) supposedly stripped bare of Western idealism and leaving all too human impression of the Son of God. Hell, he might have been a pick-pocket, pedophile or politician, for all we know.

It’s getting hard for me to continue supporting this argument, especially what with my tongue now fully buried in my cheek. But more than a few people have calculated that Western culture is perfectly capable of what Christians lament as the greatest miscarriage of justice ever. Who knows, maybe a couple millennia from now a pair of long-hairs will sit down and write OJCS. It could happen. So you better watch.

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Opinion

Be alert, be smart and read the Quick Guide

Oh, it is so gratifying to receive mail from interested readers. It gives us a warm feeling that has nothing to do with incostenance. This week, our inquiry comes headed with the genteel salutation “Dear.” We don’t often hear the word ‘dear’ unless it precedes a distant gambol as we walk through a wood. We do have health insurance, thankfully.

Our query this time is explosive. At least, Lisa Miller, an alleged student of business administration (she also harbors the oxymoronic notion of studying ethics), was availing herself of the many resource materials available on the University of South Florida-St. Pete campus when she stumbled upon the little-read but fact-packed USF Police Department Quick Guide. Ms. Miller was “intrigued” by several things but apparently found mention of bomb threats a little disquieting, as well she should. “Have there?” she asked tremulously. “been bomb threats?” (She also asked about the “free escort service,” so we need not concern ourselves that Lisa is sleepless over C4)

As you might imagine, the authorities at USF-St. Pete take the matter of bomb threats — and bombs — quite seriously. Yes, there have been threats at this campus. There have, however, been many more in Tampa, which is why the Quick Guide makes mention of this particular dangers.

Capt. Bob Siwik of the USFPD said there was a time when there were as many as three or four bomb threats a week in Tampa. This peak activity was more than 10 years ago but has a history dating back 25 years or more (the hippie days, remember? Course not). Siwik, who spent much of his 20-year career on the Tampa campus, said the late ‘70s and early ‘80s spates of bomb threats may have had at least an ideological connection to general worldwide terrorism. That’s not to say militant terrorists were threatening to blow up Fowler Avenue, but an idle threat is that much more credible when there are bombs blowing up elsewhere in Christendom.

Lt. Jane Krause, also of USFPD and one who investigated some of those threats, downplays the international politics. She and Siwik said there were instances when students would call in threats simply to postpone a test. And, tension being what it was, the threats were taken seriously. But, Krause said, the police got tired of responding to those boys crying wolf and got wise. Using highly specialized investigative techniques so incisive and classified that if they told us what they were they’d have to kill us, the USFPD began to catch the culprits. This rapidly cured threat activity.

THE GNOSTIC

“People now realize that if they call in a threat, they can be arrested,” Krause said. “We don’t treat it like a joke. There are a lot of ramifications.”

Not only are bomb threats annoying, they are expensive. Imagine everyone in a building stopping work for as long as it takes to search the building. Then picture that happening more than once a week for a period of weeks. The bill runs up.

Further, evacuation is no simple matter. It is troublesome, annoying and potentially dangerous. Not everybody will take the matter lightly, inspecting a very real panic and personal injury element into the equation. So it is little advised as a means of avoiding examinations. Better for all concerned that ill-prepared students set themselves on fire than call in a bomb threat. That’s how we feel, at least.

All of which speaks mainly to Tampa’s experience with bombs and their attendant fears. But what of Bayboro? Siwik says that in the last eight years, there have been but two or three such incidents on this campus. And none involved real bombs, just threats. But no one is falling asleep at the switch.

Just four years ago, according to campus activities program coordinator (a.k.a. minister of couldn’t) Sudsy Tschiderer, an otherwise festive event turned foul when someone insinuated his personal politics into academia by menace. Two hundred ten folks gathered at noon Nov. 14 in cozy 130 Davis Hall to hear geographer Professor Harry Schaleman discuss “Soviet Society in Change.”

In addition to attending Schaleman’s benign, non-ideological presentation, several members of a previous travel group the professor had taken to the USSR were in the audience to help wish the good doctor a happy birthday, belated by a few days. Lying in wait was a great big cake. And then the phone rang.

The caller didn’t give much information and rambled a bit, but suggested no one should be talking about those damned commies on this good ol’ US of A campus. He did mention there was a bomb set to disrupt the affair.

Tschiderer walked in to interrupt Schaleman, who had already begun his talk. When she quietly told him they would have to clear the room, he didn’t believe her. She took the microphone and made the announcement to the rest of the audience. Everybody believed it.

It being lunchtime there were precious few administrators available to head the operation. There was only one of USF’s finest on duty. The evacuation was relatively orderly but was perhaps not as smooth as would have been nice, particularly concerning the rest of Davis Hall. But the building was cleared and Schaleman’s affair was transferred to the Campus Activities Center and resumed.

They even moved the projector Schaleman was using and smacked the cake in unbeknownst to him. And that became a point of concern: the only items besides people that were in both buildings were the projector and the cake. Could it be?

The only exploding the confections did that day was to the caloric intakes of the guests. The projector was equally mute. No bomb was ever found. But the situation stuck in Tschiderer’s head like it was yesterday, as it likely did for everyone. Explosions are nary visions.

Interestingly, as Schaleman’s birthday approaches this year, Tschiderer said she was contemplating having him give another lecture. Then memory recalled history and she thought better of it. You never know.

To begin with, the free escort service is not what Ms. Miller would hope. It is merely a means to assure that those not wanting to walk alone across parking lots and such do not have to risk life and limb for an education. It is safety AND NOTHING ELSE.

We were amused at some of the Quick Guide’s entries. The Suspicious Persons list is guaranteed job security for any university cop. This is a college campus so everyone, students and faculty, acts suspiciously. Why do you think they called Socrates? Likewise, the tips for security at home are a bit of a blanket. “If you let someone in and have second thoughts, be assertive. Tell him to leave.” If women actually did this, the Gnostic would have no social life. Come to think of it...

There is much good advice, though, contained in the 14-page pamphlet Siwik wishes received a better read. Particularly on the issue of sexual and other assaults, the Quick Guide has some reassuring and also some stern but effective admonitions. Perhaps the most powerful is this concise encouragement to not punish oneself after a sexual assault: “Remember that there is no more reason for you to feel guilty, shame, or embarrassment than if you have been the victim of a mugging or other crime.” This may sound overly simplistic, but it is true. There are other gripping details that are as important as they are vivid. And frightening.

It is easy to let yourself be hauled into a false sense of security on this campus. It is small enough to see it all, personal enough for its members to feel almost like family. But it is still in a city and very near areas of that city the police recognize as dangerous. There have been few incidents on campus, but some that have occurred recently have sent a chill not only through the victims, who were relatively unharmed, but through Siwik and his seconds who know there is potential for grievous misdeeds that could itself explode as soon as the would-be perpetrators sense opportunity.

So enjoy these halcyon college days, be alert, be smart and hey, be careful out there. Oh, and don’t call in a bomb threat because THE POLICE ARE IN YOUR PHONE.

The world around us is full of complexities, scenarios and curiosity that we generally don’t have time to look into. The Gnostic, however, are an eccentric lunacy who写作与with as much audacity as time. So if anything nags at you and keep you awake at night, contact the Gnostic and let us have at. Try to confirm you questions to campus-related puzzlers or at least communality-linked stumpers. We are here to serve.
HARTZELL’S FRONT-ROW SEAT

Pulp Fiction: Violence with a message

**FILM RATINGS:** Five Anchors

Director/screenwriter Quentin Tarantino can seize time, possess it like a deity, and manipulate it to weave an amazing film. Reservoir Dogs (1993) proved that. His newest release, Pulp Fiction, races on a bloody course through the future, present and past — in that order — like a sleek time machine. Brutality, biting dialogue, black humor and dark realism have become Tarantino’s trademark. Pulp Fiction is no exception. It also is an improved expansion into the mind and talent of this amazing filmmaker.

Tarantino does not exploit violence. The cheap creators of mindless human destruction deserve that ominous sign, anything truly righteous. That they fire, drug abuse and anguished screams. The talent can drink in and savor to pull them out of destruction deserve that ominous sign. Something more than just blood flowing within it.

Elements of the criminal underworld and their senseless unconcern for life is once again Tarantino’s main focus. But a moral theme rises above the blazing gunfire, drug abuse and anguish screaming. Many of these sorry people thirst for a sign, anything truly righteous that they can drink in and save to pull them out of their evil depths.

In Pulp Fiction, those that experience and are altered by such good fortune are saved. Those that don’t change are doomed. A huge cast of stars perform in this film that creates around eight closely-knit people whose lives offer a story that’s definitely not for the squeamish.

John Travolta is magnificent as hitman Vincent Vega. Not since his gripping performance in Brian De Palma’s Blow Out (1981) has he demonstrated such raw earthiness and quality acting. Expect to see a resurrection of his career after this earthiness and quality acting. Expect to see his return. His return. His return. His return. His return. His return. His return.

Vega’s partner in crime is Jules Winnfield, a philosophical fast-talking killer played terifically by Samuel L. Jackson. The pert dialogue and relationship between him and Vega put every other buddy movie to shame. Uma Thurman is Mia Wallace, the sexy spoiled wife of a vicious mob boss. She wants it all, including drugs and adventure. Thurman plays the role like a hungry cat stalking its prey.

The talented Tim Roth (Reservoir Dogs) opens the film, dramatically setting the morose tone that follows the story to its bitter end. He sports a flawless English accent as Pumpkin, a low petty thief, while Actress Amanda Plummer joins him as his psychotic, devoted lover Honey Bunny.

Veteran actors Harvey Keitel and Christopher Walken bring with them their usual flair as The Wolf and Captain Koons respectively. Bruce Willis rounds out the cast as opportunistic boxer Butch Coolidge. Regrettably, the scenes involving his unwilling encounters with two homosexual madness are the movie’s only weak link.

Pulp Fiction is a must see, if you can rise above the violence by understanding its purpose. It was the Cannes Film Festival’s Best-Picture winner this year and is surely going to receive attention at the Oscars.

**HARTZELL’S SCREEN TRIVIA**

Would you receive two free passes to the AMC movie of their choice? Call Scott at 893-0473 with your answer. The first person to correctly answer will receive a pair of passes.

**THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:**

Donald Sutherland starred in a 1978 film that was a remake of a 50’s sci-fi movie. What was it?

**Last issue’s winner:**

James Thomas

**Last issue’s answer:**

Willem Defoe

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**CALENDAR**

**Monday, Oct. 31**

Workshop: “Study Skills for College Success.” Focuses on proven techniques for making the most of classroom and study time.

**Workshop:** 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information and registration, call 893-9129.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Workshop: “Introduction to Career Planning.” Begin looking at college majors and/or career options. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information and registration, call 893-9129.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2**


Workshop: “Creative Visualization.” Learn to use fantasies/meditations to feel better. Noon. For information and registration, call 893-9129.

**Thursday, Nov. 3**

Workshop: “Orientation to On-Campus Recruiting.” An explanation of the procedures for participating in on-campus employment interviewing. Noon to 1 p.m. For information and registration, call 893-9129.

**Friday, Nov. 4**

Forum with Dean H. William Heller. Bring questions or concerns for discussion with the dean. Noon to 1 p.m., Davis Hall, Room 138.

**Saturday, Nov. 5**

**November Family Fest** theme to be announced. 10 a.m., Campus Activities Center. For more information, call 893-9596.

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**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

USF grad to lecture

Brad Weigle, marine mammal biologist at the Florida Marine Research Institute, will present the lecture “Florida’s Endangered Marine Mammals: Manatees and Right Whales” at noon Nov. 2 in Room 130 of Davis Hall.

Weigle’s talk will focus on research and management activities being conducted to protect manatees and whales from extinction. He serves as the project leader for the west coast manatee telemetry project and the marine mammal geographic information system. He also works with other biologists to implement additional research on the North Atlantic Right Whales that inhabit northeast Florida waters during winter months.

Sanctuary awards fellowship

Leanne J. Miller, a student in the University of South Florida Marine Science Department, has been awarded the first marine Sanctuary Fellowship in the amount of $10,000 from the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Miller will investigate computer analysis of video imagery as a method of monitoring all algae and species living on coral reefs in the Florida Keys. The test, through freeze-frame, will provide a percentage of species living on the coral reef.

Miller will use the fellowship award for tuition, field work and research expenses.

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**Proposition 8: Florida’s at risk**

On Nov. 8, 1994, Florida voters will make decisions that will affect the future of the entire state.

On the ballot will be Proposition 8, a proposed Florida constitutional amendment to allow limited casino gambling, which would be regulated and taxed.

The media blitz has already begun. Millions of dollars are being spent for television time to sway votes, without stating simple facts and let voters make their own informed decisions.

In an effort to educate the campus community about this important issue, the Campus Lecture Series recently sponsored the campaign managers from the political action committees on each side of the issue.

The debate was Oct. 5 in the Campus Activities Center with Martha Harbin speaking for Limited Casinos, John Sowinski representing No Casinos in Florida and Dr. Darcy Faulkner moderating.

“Casino gambling already exists in Florida on the American Indian Reservations and on the cruise ships,” Harbin said.

As a result, Florida doesn’t receive any revenue from either of these two sources, Harbin said. She attempted to show that Florida could reap several benefits from limited casinos by quoting some seemingly impressive statistics from a study completed by the Wharton School of Business/ Ecomometrics Center.

According to the study, limited casino gambling would likely result in 1.5 million additional tourists annually, thereby increasing revenues for hotels, restaurants and other area businesses. An estimated 10,000 new jobs are expected to be created in the Tampa Bay area alone. By 1997, there should be incremental local tax revenues amounting to $18 million.

But the incremental costs due to the necessary increases in public services such as police protection and road maintenance are never mentioned.

Sowinski argues, “Gambling is defined as giving something of value for an uncertain outcome.”

Very little is certain about the results of casino gambling in Florida, except that the associations representing a large part of Florida’s No. 1 industry, tourism, are all against bringing casinos to Florida, fearing they would lose revenue.

In fact, the only places where casinos have been successful are those places such as Las Vegas, where no thriving industry existed.

One of the arguments for banning casino gambling is the claim that revenues from casino operators hoping the amendment will pass has been, “Let us in so Florida can gain all this extra tax revenue.” From a business perspective, the entire argument is not logical. The goal of business is to minimize taxes paid. Therefore, it is very likely that actual taxes paid will fall short of the projections contained in the Wharton study.

Also in contrast with the Wharton study, a study that was commissioned by supporters of Limited Casinos, is independent studies that suggest that for every $1 in incremental revenues, there will likely be incremental costs of at least $1.50.

Proposition 8 is a proposed Florida Constitutional Amendment. What does that mean for the Tampa Bay area? If Proposition 8 passes, the Tampa Bay area will see six casinos spring up, despite the fact that both Pinellas and Hillsborough county governments have passed resolutions against casino gambling.

Passing Proposition 8 is certainly a gamble, and the stakes are high. At risk is Florida’s entire future. Ultimately, the decision is yours on Nov. 8. No matter what your decision, be sure to vote.
We are trying to make the planning process as inclusive as possible instead of three or four people deciding the academic future of this campus," Nancy McIntosh said. McIntosh is a member of the council's planning subcommittee.

"We are trying to get as many faculty involved as possible.

Heller and the council's planning subcommittee have come up with a preliminary list of programs that may be added to USF-St. Pete's curriculum offering. The list includes ethics, urban studies, aging studies, international business, environmental studies, writing and occupational and physical therapy, among others.

The group also hopes to see some expansion in the criminal justice, psychology, early childhood and geography programs.

Everyone involved in the planning process immediately points out that the list, included in an Oct. 7 faculty memo, is simply a starting point.

"We encourage people in the traditional majors to request the resources that could best be a benefit other departments," McIntosh said.

In other words, the council members hope to see changes that can produce "synergy," or be a benefit to several programs across departmental boundaries.

For example," the Oct. 7 memo says, "a new program (like one) international studies may require the addition of faculty in literature, geography, history and business. Those faculty members would then also expand a department's capacity to offer traditional majors."

The faculty will meet in two phases to gather a consensus about the programs to initiate or expand. At the Nov. 10 faculty meeting, brief presentations about suggestions for academic development will be made by interested faculty. Dec. 2, the entire faculty will meet for a full-day, off-campus retreat to try to reach a concordance on the matter.

Heller is eliciting input from the student body during informal interviews with heads of various student organizations and student government, he said.

Providing the faculty arrive at a consensus during the December meeting, Heller will put the decisions into the proposal USF-St. Pete's administration will consider when making future program development and funding allocations.

Reviewed positively at that level, USF-St. Pete's request would be incorporated into USF's 1996 budget proposal to the State University System.