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University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
Faculty and staff must pay to use fitness center

PASSES: $200 PER YEAR OR $80 EACH SEMESTER

by staff writer	TAMMY BARTHLETT

Starting this semester, the faculty and staff of USF St. Petersburg will have to pay to use the campus fitness center.

The fee, which was brought up last spring by Student Government and approved by the Division of Student Affairs, was approved by the Campus Board. This comes on the heels of recent renovations of the center totaling more than $155,000. But Student Government President Tom Piccolo said there is no correlation between the two.

"Technically, the fee was not used to offset the cost of upgrades but rather alleviate the cost of running all the facilities around campus," Piccolo said.

Student Government had brought up the idea of requiring faculty and staff to pay a fee covering all the recreational facilities. However, Regional Chancellor Karen A. White decided to subsidize faculty and staff use of the pool, racquetball court and Campus Activities Center.

But the subsidy doesn't cover the fitness center. "If a faculty/staff person wants to use the fitness center, they will pay for the Campus Recreation Pass," said Director of Student Life Regina Hyatt Young.

The pass can be purchased annually for $200 or per semester for $80. There are also per-month and per-day fees of $20 and $5, respectively.

Charging fees to faculty and staff for the use of recreational services isn't new to USF. The Tampa, Sarasota, and Lakeland campuses all charge faculty and staff to use their recreational facilities. Other organizations around the campus pay for use of the services, including the Florida Water Research Center.

Marine Science helps colleagues affected by Katrina

BADLY DAMAGED RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON GULF COAST GETS HELP FROM STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Ernest Peebles had just gotten the word on Monday, Sept. 12, that relief materials were needed for the badly damaged Gulf Coast Research Laboratory at the University of Southern Mississippi in Ocean Springs, Miss. Two days later, over 180 faculty, staff and students from the College of Marine Science and nearby facilities were loading donated materials onto a moving van.

Peebles, a research associate at the College, received an e-mail from the GCRL on its needs and immediately began coordinating the effort by sending e-mails to faculty, staff and students.

"I'm not sure you could have done this without e-mail," Peebles said.

The project began at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Fla. Patrick Biber, associate professor of ornithology at the GCRL, had left Mississippi to stay a few days in Sarasota.

While there, Biber visited colleagues at Mote Marine and soon an effort was underway among the lab's staff, trustees and volunteers to collect relief materials. Biber and a Mote staff member rented a moving truck and began filling it with an assortment of necessary items, including medical supplies, hygiene products and mosquito repellent. The van, a quarter-full, arrived at the College of Marine Science around noon on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

By the time the truck left mid-afternoon, a couple dozen students and staff from the College and Fish and Wildlife Research Institute had filled the 22-foot truck to three-quarters capacity. From there, it moved on to Florida State University and Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Donated items included tools, extension cords and food. Some of the items were bought and donated by individuals, while other materials came from Marine Science labs. Eight computer monitors and a number of old, unlisted items were sent, including a microscope and a water quality instrument used for research purposes.

Much of the GCRL had been leveled or rendered unusable, including its cafeteria. According to the USM Web site, all but one of the campus' 15 buildings were flooded.

For Peebles, the damage to the GCRL hit close to home—he taught there from 1996 to 1999 during a summer program. "The building I used to teach in is gone," he said.

Peebles added that the impetus to help came from knowing that the USF's Marine Science facility could be the victim of a similar catastrophe.

"Here you're helping a fellow waterfront lab," Peebles said. "What happened there could happen here."

Pictures of the devastation to the GCRL can be found at www.usm.edu/gcrl/katrina/.

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LEcTURES THIS WEEK
On Thursday, Sept. 22, Randall Curren, professor of philosophy and educational leadership at the University of Rochester, will give a lecture on "Elite Sports v. Academic Integrity" in Davis Hall room 130. The lecture, which will address whether universities have abandoned their missions by devoting excess time and money to their athletics, starts at 4 p.m.

Also on Sept. 22, College of Education Professor Brett Jones will give a lecture titled "Confronting Stereotype Threat as a Means to Close the Achievement Gap Between African-American and White High School Students." The lecture, which is sponsored by the Psychology Club, will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Davis Hall room 320. For more information on both events, contact Donna Kazden at kazden@stpt.usf.edu or 553-4953.

HONORS PROGRAM NAMES NEW DIRECTOR
Thomas Smith was recently named the new director of the Honors Program at USF St. Petersburg. Smith takes over for Professor of Philosophy Studies Ray Arsenault, who is now associate director. Smith previously taught at Koc University in Istanbul.

MOVIE NIGHT AT CAC
On Friday, Sept. 23, the Harborside Activities Board is hosting Movie Night, where they will be showing "Sin City." The event, which will be at the Campus Activities Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., is free for students with a USF ID and will feature pop corn and movie candy. The admission cost is $5 for non-students 7-years-old and up. For more information, contact Jennifer Quinn at 553-4181.

FALL GRAD APPS DUE
Graduation applications for fall 2005 must be turned in to Academic Advising in Davis Hall room 130 no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. For more information, contact Academic Advising at 553-4511.

ANNUAL FOOD WEEK
The Harborside Activities Board will be kicking off their annual food week Monday, Sept. 26 with free sun-dae s for Sunday Monday. Tuesday, we will feature free tacos for Taco Tuesday. Wednesday, we will have free Everlasting Gobstoppers for Wonka Wednesday. Each event lasts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please contact Jennifer Quinn at 553-4511.

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Where did the "M" in MTV go?

Since Music Television — more commonly known as MTV — first started in 1981 with "Video Killed the Radio Star," the MTV music awards were created, and Total Request Live came into teenagers' homes all over the country — try and reality television has emerged. And slowly but surely, the "M" in MTV has been replaced with everything but the music.

What happened to the music? What happened to hours and hours of being able to watch the silly videos and the wild fashions? The network now fills its programming with shows like "Date My Mom" and "I Want a Famous Face." When they realized videos weren't being played enough, MTV2 was created to give artists more air time. But even MTV2 has moved toward reality shows like "Wildboyz.

The 2005 Video Music Awards' ratings slipped from 12 million people in 2002 to just eight million this year. Either that means people were bored or they hadn't seen enough videos on the channel to want to tune in.

The show was full of self-promotion by not only the order, Diddy, but by all the people who gave out awards. The focus shifted away from the videos and music and on to what people were wearing and the cars they drove up in. There were so few performers, they actually had MC Hammer make his comeback, along with an orchestra-led tribute to the late Notorious B.I.G.

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Student displaced by Katrina finds home at USF St. Pete

by assistant editor

GENESSA POTH

When Tulane University student Chris Suhar got word that Hurricane Katrina was headed for New Orleans, he and his roommate Brad Lanning devised a plan to take shelter from the storm with one of his mother's old college friends at her house in Tennessee.

But after Suhar saw that the hurricane was predicted to pass through that state as well, he and Lanning, who both graduated from St. Petersburg High School, decided to head home to Florida to stay with Suhar's family.

After a 12-hour drive, the two arrived in St. Petersburg on Aug. 28. In the days that followed, Suhar learned that much of New Orleans was underwater.

"It does make you sad, because it is a very beautiful city," Suhar said. "I really feel bad for the people who've lost their homes because those are people who really can't afford to build themselves a new house."

Suhar, a history major, is now attending USF as a non-degree seeking student.

"Once Tulane said we're not having classes, USF was very accommodating," Suhar said. "USF didn't charge any late fees. I've been in the admissions office five million times with late add papers in my hands."

Because his father was in the Air Force, Suhar is used to relocating on a moment's notice. Born in Sumter, S.C., Suhar also lived in England, California, Colorado, Germany, Ohio and Florida by the time he was 15-years-old. So when he realized that he would have to attend the fall semester at USF St. Petersburg, the move was not as stressful as it could have been.

"As far as my actually having to leave, my system says 'it's about time' because we were moving every two years," Suhar said. "So, I'm used to pulling up every thing and moving out somewhere else. And this is actually a luxury because I have old friends here from high school. I have my old house."

After graduating from the International Baccalaureate program at St. Petersburg High School in 2002, Suhar decided to attend Tulane because of its academic reputation and location.

The ability to do get a good education and still have fun was a big draw. "They literally sent us a list of a thousand and one things to do in New Orleans," Suhar said.

Suhar joined the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps during his freshman year at the university. "It just gave me something to do and a place where I thought I really fit in," Suhar said.

"We ushered our homecoming games; we usher at baseball events. For fun we'll do things like paintball. You go to classes together or you go out into towns together and you have that group that you can rely on to watch your back for you."

Suhar will receive his degree from Tulane this spring, which is when the school is expected to re-open its doors according to a Sept. 14 message on Tulane's Web site by President Scott Cowen. When he graduates, he will be commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant and then serve a mandatory four-year term in active duty.

"Then you can switch to the reserves, the international government, whatever you want to do," Suhar said. "I'm hoping to try to make that a career move, because I like the idea of being retired by the time I'm 40."

While Suhar looks forward to the future, he can't help but think about the problems of present day. Like many others, Suhar wonders why it took so long for relief efforts to begin.

"I think one of the main issues is that it took them so long to call in the reserves and National Guard, because the National Guard cannot act until the mayor calls them in," Suhar said. "Once they were called in, they started bringing things back under some semblance of control."

For the time being, Suhar believes that it's important for people to stop pointing fingers.

"I think the biggest problem is that we've started to play the blame game," Suhar said. "They need to focus on simply fixing the problem. Once it's fixed, once the people have houses, once the utilities are restored — then we can worry about what caused it to occur."

Campus housing initiative takes shape

CHRISTINA CASTELLANA

As large cranes begin moving the walls of student housing into place, the construction of Residence Hall One is starting to take a shape beyond the massive piles of dirt excavators have become accustomed to since late spring.

Currently on schedule to open its doors fall 2006, the postmodern seven-story edifice will contain 95 apartments with 354 beds on the corner of Second Street and Fifth Avenue South. It will be the first student living facility in the campus' 40-year history.

The smoke-free apartments will come in three variations: four-person apartments with two bedrooms (two persons to a room), four-person apartments with private bedrooms and two-person single bedrooms (one person to a room). Each dwelling will be completely furnished and equipped with all utilities, including high-speed internet and cable TV.

A section of the housing application is designed to aid students in finding a compatible roommate. Students can check boxes indicating whether they keep a neat room, are a night person, smoke or do not smoke. If a student already has someone in mind, there is a space for the name to be listed. Although the residence hall is a coed facility, each apartment will be comprised of students of the same sex.

Each floor of Residence Hall One will have its own laundry room, lounge and resident assistant. RAs will have their own single bedroom apartment and will be responsible for aiding and advising the students on their particular floor. Whoever becomes the coordinator of housing will choose the RAs based on criteria yet to be established.

Thus far, about 20 students have applied to live in the apartments.

Cedric Howard, director of Student Affairs, said he expects the residence hall to be full by its completion date.

Committees close to picking furniture for new student dorms

We're preparing to get the furniture into the halls so that students can start moving in around mid-August. "The project is right down to the wire. We have some furniture in the hall," Student Affairs said.

Student housing will not be available until fall 2006, but the furniture for the new residential hall could be selected within the next month.

Furniture from eight different manufacturers was displayed in the Campus Activities Complex during the summer. Jim Grant, director of Facilities, Planning and Construction, said that the project required early display in order to narrow down the selection.

"It was to help the process in motion and to come up with a short list of manufacturers," Grant said.

Students were asked to evaluate the potential furniture based on cost, quality and durability. Faculty, staff, students and alumni conducted the surveys. A total of 28 responses were received, naming the top three contenders as Appalachian U.S., New England Woodcraft and South Eastern Contract.

Facilities, Planning and Construction has sent letters to these manufacturers asking for cost proposal and representative samples. A selection committee comprised of representatives from Student Affairs, Finance & Administration, and Facilities, Planning and Construction will make the final decision.
To the casual observer, it may seem that Assistant Professor of Social and Psychological Foundations Deanna Michael has a thing for Jimmy Carter. Three black and white portraits of President Carter hang above her desk in her office and she shows them off with pride. Michael even got to meet Carter once at a Sunday school class that he teaches in Plains, Ga.

If Michael seems to have a fixation on Carter, it may explain why her first book, due out in fall 2006, centers on his educational reforms. Michael's book follows educational policy from the 1950s to the 1980s through the person of Jimmy Carter. In the process, it gives insight into some of the obstacles schools face today, Michael said.

"What I would love for this book to do is inform policy makers that throwing away old systems without looking at their value isn't the way to go," said Michael. "You don't throw out the baby with the bathwater."

A work five years in the making, the title of her book is "Equal Opportunity, Efficiency, and Excellence: Jimmy Carter as an Educational Policy Maker." However, Michael expects the current title to change before publication. While this is her first self-authored book, or monograph as she calls it, she has contributed to scholarly journals and other books.

Michael has been studying and writing about Carter and his educational policies for over 10 years. Her book focuses on equal opportunities and efficiency in education, particularly in rural Georgia.

While she disagrees with some of the former president's choices as governor of Georgia during the era of segregation, Michael feels Carter initiated some valuable policies, such as "No Child Left Behind" and IDEA, the Individual with Disabilities Educational Act.

Recently, Michael traveled to Sydney, Australia to give a lecture on Carter at the International Standing Conference for the History of Education. Her paper outlined some of her ideas for another book, which will question the denial of kindergarten facilities in Florida and Georgia in the 1970s and 80s, she said.

As Georgia's governor, Carter pushed through a reform package and was very public on his stance against busing children to far away schools, which is still a hot topic today. Michael's study on Carter and his educational reforms is more than just a look at history - it allows current educational systems to learn from the past.
Sailing team takes first at Rollins, fourth at Dartmouth

TEAM'S SEASON SUCCESSES GROW

by TAMMY BARTLETT

The USF St. Petersburg sailing team took first on a slow wind day at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 10. Sophomore Phil Tanner and senior Abby Ethington took second in the A division, while freshman Kim Witkowski and sophomore Kristen Murray finished second in the B division and did no worse than third out of eight teams in any of the six races.

Although the junior varsity teams weren't officially recorded at the race, coach Allison Jolly said freshman Kristin Britt and junior Nicki Beckett did well at the race and had an impressive start. Freshmen Nicole Buechler and Alyson Dugay improved throughout the day, eventually finishing in the top three in four of the six races.

On the same day, the USF sailing team took first on a slow wind day at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., Sept. 17. Look for the team's final position in each race. For example: 1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, and so on.

FINAL RESULTS FROM ROLLLINS COLLEGE

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17. Dartmouth 78 67 145
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USF FOOTBALL

Bulls overpower in-state rival

USF WINS ITS SECOND GAME IN A ROW

by TAMMY BARTLETT

The USF Bulls won their second game in a row Saturday, beating the visiting University of Central Florida Knights 34-14.

Over 45,139 fans packed Raymond James Stadium to witness the first meeting between the teams. It was the largest crowd ever in attendance for a Bulls home game.

Senior running back Andre Hall had another big game, scoring two touchdowns and gaining a total of 189 yards. He also moved to second in all-time rushing for USF.

Hall had some problems early in the game with a hand injury, so the Bulls relied on freshman RB Ricky Poncy, who rushed for 75 yards on 19 carries.

Junior quarterback Pat Julmiste completed 10 of 16 passes, racking up 93 yards. He ran for 73 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

"WHAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT WE DIDN'T ALLOW THEM TO RUN THE BALL," said Bulls coach Jim Leavitt.

The defense gave a solid performance, holding the Knights to only 45 yards rushing. Junior linebacker Stephen Nicholas recorded five tackles, while senior defensive end Terrance Royal had two sacks.

"What was really important is that we didn't allow them to run the ball," said Bulls coach Jim Leavitt.

The Bulls welcome Louisville Sept. 24 for their Big East home debut at 7 p.m. They will have their hands full. The Cardinals, known for their potent offense, defeated Oregon State 63-27.
Just Like Heaven: Fun, Fantasy and Ethical Dilemmas

MODERN DAY FAIRYTALE TOUCHES ON TOPICS FAMILIAR TO PINELLAS COUNTY

by senior staff writer WENDY OWEN

So-called "chick flicks" of recent years have been, well, a little lacking. Sorry, but movies like "Monster-In-Law" and "A Lot Like Love" usually make me cringe. Tarantino is a little more my speed.

For this reason, "Just Like Heaven" really caught me by surprise. After reading some rather cringe. Tarantino is a little more my speed .

"THE PLOT SEEMED LIKE TYPICAL HOLLYWOOD SYRUPY LOVE GUCK... THEY ANNOY EACH OTHER UNTIL IT TURNS INTO LOVE. AWWW."

However, as the film started, my senses went on full alert. Was that background music from one of my most favorite bands, "The Cure"? And isn't that the guy from "Napoleon Dynamite?" Wait a minute, this film is set in San Francisco! Already, this seemingly fluffy film was getting bonus points for style.

Slowly but surely, I eased into this movie and gave it a chance. I found that not only was it funny, but at the risk of sounding cliché, it made me feel pretty good. Okay, so the plot does seem a little obvious; think "Ghost" in reverse, with a twist and more humor. Sometimes the situations are totally unrealistic, but you have to tell yourself it's just a movie.

With that in mind, you also have to ignore any resemblance of this movie to the recent Terri Schiavo case. They want to pull the plug on Witherspoon's character while she still may have a chance to live. Ironic? Yes. Badly timed? Also yes. Tacky? Some critics think so, but I'll leave that to your interpretation.

The shallow or overused elements in this film are over-shadowed by the sheer comedy of it. If "Just Like Heaven" did one thing for me, it taught me that the movies can be fun again and that "Once upon a time" still exists, at least on film. Does this movie try to preach a social message? Maybe. Is it going to win an Oscar for anything? Certainly not. But it's not trying to.

For me, "Just Like Heaven" was a guilty pleasure. It didn't make me a better person for having seen it and it didn't teach me any important life lessons. But it did entertain me for an hour and a half. And at the end of the day, that's what movies are really about.

My Rating: 4 BULLS

NEWS FROM STUDENT LIFE

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