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SCUTTLEBUTT

Impertinent questions:
* Would you admit to being hopelessly jaded not to be impressed by the service with a smile that you get when you approach the folks-who work at the Admissions and Records counter? We have witnessed these good people remain as calm and efficient during the desperate waiting hours of drop-add as they are during falls in the battle of the bureaucracy. Could those message-board messages of bumper-sticker mentality truly be inspiring these folks toward total quality? Hey, if it works, go with it.

* Would you like to talk to some folks who don't know of flagrant social and legal status of the drunken drivers of today? Could it be possible that those message-board messages of bumper-sticker mentality truly be inspiring these folks toward total quality? Hey, if it works, go with it.

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Talking with the Dead: The fishy science of rock'n'roll

By Susan Gerhart

They're just a typical rock band, with constant clashes between the outrageous and the serious.

"We realize we have very little talent and ability, and we hope that comes through in our music," Roy Crabtree said.

Brent Winner, rolling his eyes, replied, "Don't say that."

Jack Gartner sighed and Mike Murphy laughed. Collectively, with Art Nelson and Jose Torres, they make up the Dead Ichthyologists, a local band with USF ties.

Crabtree, Winner, Gartner and Murphy talked about their band one Friday afternoon at Tavern on the Green, the site of their first paying job. Why would a bunch of scientists form a rock-and-roll band? Winner put on a serious face, "I got in the blind to express myself."

Crabtree leaned over and said in a stage whisper, "The rest of us try to prevent Brent from expressing himself."

The closest thing to a straight answer was from Murphy, "I had an empty garage."

They were a bunch of friends that started playing around with musical instruments. They were all research scientists at the university leased land to the Florida Institute of Oceanography.

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CHUNKING THE CAC

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It all began in the barracks...

By Ellyn Rapaport

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But at the beginning...

In 1965, the USF- St. Petersburg, then called the Bayoro Campus, opened its doors to a class of 275 freshmen. Classes were held in two government barracks on the U.S. Coast Guard base near downtown St. Petersburg. The facilities were sparse and cramped, a complaint that would last for many years.

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Into the eye of the storm

By Bob Whitby

Jack Parrish gets abused by Mother Nature for a living.

And according to Parrish, it's good work if you can get it.

Parrish is a "hurricane hunter" with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's Aircraft Operations Center at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. His official job title is flight director and field project manager. He was a recent guest at the Bayboroy Lyceum lecture series.

In 14 years at NOAA, Parrish has flown through the eye of 240 hurricanes, and buzzed through hundreds of tropical storms. When hurricanes aren't in season, his crew tracks thunderstorms in the southwest and tropical storms in the Pacific.

"We take our airplanes where almost no one takes airplanes," he said.

His office is a Navy P-3 turboprop plane adapted for weather work. The plane carries radar in the front and rear and is packed with sensitive equipment to measure temperature, pressure, the size of rain drops, wind speed and water temperature. The plane itself has more than 50 hurricanes to its credit and has been hit by lightning more times than Parrish can count.

Hurricanes are a rough, wet ride, he said.

"You're in a submarine," he said. "There are a lot of times when you can't even see the outboard engines it's that bad."

The ride starts off with the plane rolling gently along with the swirls in air pressure as it skims close to the surface of the water, he said. The beginning is comparable to a roller coaster ride. But as it approaches the eye, strong winds and extreme pressure changes jar the plane so strongly it becomes impossible to read the instruments. At that point, everyone is strapped into their seats. Automatic pilot controls are useless, so the pilot flies the plane by hand, without the benefit of altitude or air speed information. It's at these times Parrish is thankful for an experienced pilot.

"Anybody who believes in mandatory retirement at 65 doesn't work in my office," he said.

Once the plane pushes through a storm's eye wall, the ride is smooth and clear. But the eye is circular, so the only way out is back through the heavy winds and pelting rain.

"As bad as hurricanes are, Parrish reserves his professional respect for southwestern thunderstorms. Even hurricane-hardened aviators are wary of Oklahoma thunderstorms.

"The most hazardous work we do is out in Oklahoma," he said. "There are storms out there no aircraft can survive."

In 15 years of service, however, Parrish's plane has experienced little actual damage.

"It just goes to show you the plane can take more than the people can," he said.

Interview skills seminar set

The Counseling & Career Center and the Student Business Association will be hosting an "Interviewing Skills Development" seminar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5. The registration deadline is Oct. 27. To register call 893-9129.

The Galley Gobbler

Tapping the Tavern

What is there to say about the Tavern on the Green that hasn't already been said?

What could this humble scribe possibly add to the community dialog already open and ongoing about this establishment, this refuge for the weary, this home away from home, this Mother of All Bayboro Bars?

Damn little, but since there's a lot of space to fill in this week's issue, here goes anyway.

First, the Gobbler should inform you that he has no intention of keeping you in suspense. This is a generally positive review of the establishment in question. There. Now those of you who are interested, Matlock is on Channel 10.

For the rest of you, thanks for hanging in there. It promises to be a smooth ride, but keep your seat belts fastened just in case. The pilot will turn off the seatbelt sign momentarily.

But the Gobbler digresses. Never mind, the Tavern serves up a delightful variety of sandwiches, all cleverly named to fit. If you're paying attention you'll see the Shakespeare, the Dante, the Joyce. There is, however, an notable exception to this otherwise complete combination of literature and gustatory delights: the L. Manning Vines. In case you didn't know, he wrote that terribly moving book about some guys who starved to death in Alaska. No one, however, can recall the name of the book. For what exactly would go on an L. Manning Vines is anybody's guess. It would have to be a beautifully crafted sandwich because as anyone who has ever read L. Manning Vines knows, the book is beautifully written. It's just that the name is so elusive.

Whatever you order at the Tavern, make sure to wash it down with a pitcher of Bass Ale, just like L. Manning Vines would. Vines would drink Hemingway under the table, go shot-for-shot with Faulkner and still write a beautiful book.

And talk about atmosphere! Look anywhere on the walls of the vaunted Tavern and you'll likely be accosted by a well-rounded rump. If nothing else, the place is bohemian to the max.

All is not beer and bottoms, however. It has come to the Gobbler's attention that The Tavern uses popcorn popped in New Jersey at the furniture plant out on U.S. 9. It is bagged fresh, then shipped directly to Mexico where butler is applied at the Chrysler electronics assembly plant. (Hear that sucking sound? That's the sound of American buttering jobs going south of the border.) From Mexico, the well-traveled kernels are shipped to a distribution point somewhere near Sedona, Arizona, then directly to your table.

And now for the moment at least three of you have been waiting for: the Gobbler's rating. Considering the cheeky atmosphere, the fine food, the reasonable prices and the fact that they deliver, the Tavern rates a full four and a half feedbags. Only the popcorn stands between The Tavern and five-feedbag glory. One notable campus gourmand summed it up this way: "The beer prices are reasonable, if you've been anywhere else in this town."
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Florida Marine Research Institute, except Torres, who is an associate professor in the marine science department at USF. They all studied fish, which in scientific jargon made them ichthyologists.

Musical experience had no bearing on band membership. Murphy learned acoustic guitar in adult night classes. Crabtree had never really played before.

The band went through several personnel changes before settling on its present form. Nelson, on keyboards, is the newest member of the band and the only non-biologist. Winner joined in 1992 when the drummer's position opened. The others are original members: Crabtree on lead guitar, Murphy on rhythm guitar, Gartner on bass and Torres on rhythm guitar, Gartner on bass and Torres on rhythm guitar, Gartner on bass and Torres on rhythm guitar.

Although they play mostly cover songs, about 10 percent of their material is original. The quality of their original material is a matter of some debate.

“Mark was able to perform are all original stuff. We've been good audience response to our original stuff,” Gartner said.

Our original staff blows,” Crabtree exclaimed.

“If it blows, then why do we play it?” Winner asked.

Gartner summed it up. “Sometimes we have moments of excellence, and sometimes we have moments of severe crap.”

As the beer flowed, tongues loosened. Do they drink and play? Crabtree, Nelson and Torres all take advantage of bar privileges, but Winner and Gartner wait until after the show.

On April 16, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a new library. The old library will be used for student computer labs, classrooms and administrative offices. The name “The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library” will be transferred to the new library, which should be finished in 1994.

“Is there more to come for the campus?” Bridgessaid.

Turning old trash into learning, cash
By Carrie Lee

Every month close to a million people in this area pay their electric bill in a little glass envelope. Not long ago, every one of those envelopes ended up in the trash. Today they are being recycled.

At the Louise Grammen Regeneration Center, 2301 Third Ave. S., what once ended up in a landfill is now back on the shelves at Florida Power as paper towels and toilet tissue. Some of the work involved in the recycling process, such as separating the paper from the trash and preparing it for shipment, is done by people with disabilities ranging from mental retardation to physical handicaps. The program offers them a chance to hold a worthwhile job. It's also giving USF students like Kathy Robertson, a psychology major, a chance to learn what a textbook just can't teach.

“You can't have the whole picture unless you're involved one-on-one,” Robertson said. “This completes the cycle of learning. This is where the real learning is.”

Program director Dr. Frank Leeds said the recycling program does more than simply put people to work. It saves as many as 1,500 trees per year.

“The program is a great benefit to our environment,” he said. “Besides the trees, we are also able to save 616,000 gallons of water from the work our clients do alone.”

The tasks the clients perform are all simple — usually separating paper or packaging small items. These aren't created jobs to keep people busy. They are jobs that have to be done by someone.

The program has worked out so well for Florida Power and the clients, people are coming from across the country to see if it can work in other communities.

At the center, getting a paycheck is worth more than the numbers behind the dollar sign. Leeds said it's not unusual to see people clapping or dancing on tables when the checks come in.

“Payday is like Christmas around here,” he said. “Everybody likes to get a paycheck, but around here a paycheck is special. It's what real people get.”

The experience has been a little like Christmas for Robertson also.

“To one of the girls I work with, I'm her best friend. It's absolutely incredible,” she said. “The difference you make shows up right in front of your face. You know that when you spend time with these people, the quality of their day has been changed and it shows.”

Robertson recommends volunteering at the center as a way to round out their education.

“Without it, you only have half the picture,” she said.
Opinions

Welcoming a Brit to bloody Florida

Christopher Eckhardt

nine months I was involved in two riots and several skirmishes. My records as a public employee are public record and available to any taxpayer at 15 cents a page. My record that was mailed to me was 195 pages long. Is it accurate? The correct answer is "no." What do you expect from the government? It indicated I was involved with one skirmish while at the center. What was left out was that one riot left me bloody with broken glasses. Another report does not indicate that I was left incapable of working and on workman's compensation. I had more than one police officer (who by the way deserves higher wages) apologize to me after bringing in a client. He was sorry because the police only arrest them, and we had to live with them. So, do we lock up the bad guys and throw away the keys? Wake up cowboys and girls, we live in the land of Florida. This is the land of politicians who talk tough but wouldn't know a big stick if it hit them over the head. We live in the land of the rich Protestants, Jews, Baptists and Catholics who would rather hoard their money or build another swimming pool than make a better society. But they sure don't mind building more jails and prisons. We live in the land of those who oppose abortion, but for God sake don't ask them to adopt a baby of color or deformity. This is the world of hypocrites who support the right to life, except if you are an abortion doctor, then your right to life goes down the tubes. Values and education are the key. Boot-camp training for more juvenile offenders is a good beginning. I am an avid supporter of the U.S. Constitution and student rights. But please point out in our Constitution where it says students can come to school with machine guns.

Fortunately for Brenda, the worst crime committed against her has been her cat "FIPS" (Federal Intervention Prevention System) biting her gently in play, drawing no blood. Murder, rape, drugs and crimes against out of state visitors are all up. There has been a 60 percent rise in guns permits. Who thought the right to bear arms means you only get a right arm and a left arm? When did freedom of expression change to mean the freedom to carry machine guns? It is time for just action because the point is unmistakably clear; it is we who have become the prisoners of the psychopathic, ruthless criminals of our society. At least that's the way I see it.

Peg Leg St. Pete and Lafitte meet

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part, animated history of The Crow's Nest's animated mascot, Peg Leg St. Pete.

On a fateful day in 1815, fresh from helping the Americans whip up on the hapless British at the Battle of New Orleans, the French pirate Jean Lafitte began a long search for a new man to replace his lookout, who had taken a lump of grapeshot in the chest and fell to his death from the ship's crow's nest. "I want a man with fire in his eyes and a love of marine science in his heart," Lafitte is reputed to have said to a New Orleans employment agent. "And make sure he's a drinking man."

It was rumored that Lafitte had soured on battle, blood and plunder and longed to spend the rest of his sea-going days maneuvering his ship between the cruel bars of the whaler's harpoon and the gentle mammals which were the targets of those cold steel poles. For such deli­cate work, Lafitte needed a lookout with a bird's eye and a mind to match. Someone who appreciated the grace of all the creatures of the sea, someone who longed to preserve nature's majesty, someone with whom he could take long walks on the deck and watch the sunset.

Such a man was nowhere to be found in the young United States. Bernard LaPue, the Louisiana employment agent charged with finding a new lookout, feared for his life. It was certain that the still-bloodthirsty Lafitte would soon keelhaul LaPue than accept failure. After two weeks of searching, LaPue sailed from New Orleans under cover of night to avoid Lafitte's wrath. He returned to his hometown in Nice, France, and became a condiment maker of some repute. Upon finding LaPue gone, Lafitte flew into a rage and launched an attack on a riverboat steamer in dock for repairs. The crew of the riverboat put up a fierce fight, hurling lamps of coal and silverware at Lafitte's murderous crew. But the river­boat was vastly outnumbered and eventual­ly surrendered. After seizing the list­ing steamer, Lafitte noticed a one-legged man thumping about on deck carrying a large yellowfin tuna, a half-empty bottle of rye and whistling what would later be known as the tune to "Aye Capys." The man's name was Reggie Eck, a half-mad biologist from Ohio who had left his job and family to begin a new life of adventure on the sea. Eck called himself Peg Leg St. Pete.

Coming next issue: Lafitte and St. Pete hit the high seas.
Resolved: We need not fear the religious right.

That’s the question Dr. Jacob Neusner, USF professor of religious studies, debated on national television recently.

Neusner, who has written more than 500 books on religion and Jewish history, was a guest on the Oct. 3 edition of Firing Line. He sided with William F. Buckley, Pat Robertson and U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde in favor of the resolution.

On the opposing side were Ira Glasser of the American Civil Liberties Union, Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Harriet Woods of the National Women’s Political Caucus, and Cornel West of Princeton University.

Buckley opened the debate by chronicling the country’s problems, and placing the blame squarely on a dearth of national morality since the 1960s. Increases in crime, divorce, single-parent families and plunging SAT scores are all indicative of the fact that this country has lost its moral bearings, he said.

“The crime wave was a result of the libertine values that have since Woodstock,” Buckley said.

But people who believe that Christians are trying to establish a state church are sadly mistaken, he added.

“We are as much in danger of an established church in America as we are in an invasion by Haiti,” he said.

Glasser opened the remarks for the opposing viewpoint, saying that the ultimate goal of the religious right is to “control and dominate and undermine the Constitution.”

The religious right is trying to establish a theocracy, Glasser said, and is intolerant of anyone with opposing viewpoints.

When his turn came, Neusner said he believed that the numbers of people who would consider themselves part of the religious right are inflated.

Citing a recent study, he said about 5 percent of the population would fit the category. He also said that members of the religious right are not as intolerant as some people believe.

“I don’t see anything wrong with non-sectarian prayer if you believe in non-sectarian prayer,” he said. “The real problem is for many, many Christians, prayer not in the name of Jesus Christ is not prayer.”

**Opinion Pieces**

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to write guest columns, letters to the editors and opinion pieces for the Crow’s Nest in the effort to engage in a meaningful discourse around campus.

All submissions must include the name and signature of the author as well as a phone number for verification purposes.

**THE CROW’S NEST**

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**Readers give new cafe high marks**

Ten people responded to last week’s survey about the new Bayboro Cafe. Probably more people eat there, but apathy abounds.

All respondents had eaten at the Cafe several times. Most eat there regularly, two to three time per week, for lunch. Both food and service rated high, 8.4 and 9.0 respectively. Only three people thought the prices were high; the rest thought they were just right.

Forty percent of respondents eat the vegetarian offerings. One said the cafe is “considerate of vegetarians. Many places offer limited non-meat entrees.”

What items would they like to see on the menu? Either more fat or less, depending on the answer. Pizza, enchiladas, fried clams and lasagna, vs. low calorie frozen desserts, light meals and more vegetarian entrees.

Most people liked the new decor. They used words like “cheery,” “inviting” and “attractive.” Only one person thought redecorating was a waste of money.

Watch out Tavern, eight people said they would still eat at the Cafe if there were more choices on campus. One person asked, “Why do you need more choices?”

Okay Bayboro, you’ve got one more chance. Don’t forget to participate in this week’s survey on Student Government. And here’s a bonus question that isn’t on the survey: On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest mark, how would you rate their service?
AIDS Day on tap

The sixth annual observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated Dec. 1, 1993. Approximately 180 countries around the world have designated this day to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic.

On the national level, the American Association for World Health, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, its western regional affiliate the Pan American Health Organization, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is coordinating activities across the country for World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day will link communities throughout the United States in a unified observance of dimming lights and sounding bells. In Washington, D.C., the White House will dim their lights as a visual demonstration of the commitment to fight against AIDS and in tribute to those living with and those who have died from AIDS.

In conjunction with World AIDS Day, the United States Postal Service will be issuing an "AIDS Awareness" postage stamp which will provide a significant visual symbol for World AIDS Day 1993, and serve to generate and heighten AIDS awareness.

This worldwide effort to meet the challenge of AIDS will be strengthened by stressing how critical it is for individuals and communities to pledge themselves fully to the fight against AIDS. In addition, World AIDS Day will continue to promote support and care for all HIV infected persons and people with AIDS, their families and friends, and help combat discrimination and isolation.

All communities are being affected by the continuing spread of the AIDS pandemic. As of mid-1993, the World Health Organization estimated that 14 million people worldwide had been infected with HIV and that over 2.5 million of them had developed AIDS. In the United States, through June 1993, 315,390 people had been diagnosed with AIDS. By June 30, 194,747 had died.

THURSDAY, October 21

* The second half of the "Interviewing Skills" workshop will be held from 4-6 p.m. by the Counseling & Career Center. To attend the second part, one must have attended the first. For information call 893-9129.

FRIDAY, October 22

* A "College and Career" planning workshop will be held for those students who are unsure about their majors from 3-5 p.m. by the Counseling & Career Center. For more information contact 893-9129.

SATURDAY, October 23

* The Sri Chinmoy Centre and Marathon Team of Tampa Bay is offering a free one-session workshop covering the essentials of meditation, quieting the mind, practical techniques of concentration and meditation for self-improvement and inner peace. The speaker is Sujantra McKeever from San Diego, author of several books on meditation and success motivation and a marathon runner. The session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Campus Activities Center. For more information or to register, call 726-2707.

* The sixth annual Superstars Game is set for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at North Shore Park. The game benefits USF's Marine Science Enrichment Fund. For more information call student government at 893-9144, or Bob Jolley at 893-9633.

Seal of approval

The USF seal is displayed on the side of The Poynter Library. Stories of the campus' future and history are included in this issue.

The Campus Log will contain upcoming events on and around campus for students to attend.

To have your event included in the next issue of The Crow's Nest, type or write the information and drop it off at the Campus Activities Center.

The deadline for the Nov. 3 issue is Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

Items will be included as space allows with the timeliness of the event being the determining factor.

For more information call John at the CAC at 893-9596, or drop off your information at the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Second Street in St. Petersburg.
Student Accounting Organization

The Student Accounting Organization will meet from 12-1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Campus Activities Center to hear Bob Campbell and Pete Marwick. The SAO will also meet from 12-1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the CAC. Lynn Rocol, head of the tax department at Tech Data is scheduled to be the speaker.

The annual banquet of the SAO will be held at the Wine Cellar restaurant Nov. 19. The event is free to SAO members.

Paint St. Pete Proud

The USF-St. Petersburg Student Government, the Student Business Association, the Student Accounting Organization and the Circle K Club will be holding the fourth annual Paint St. Pete Proud from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6.

The organizations urge all students to give something back to the community by helping to paint the homes of the underprivileged.

For more information contact Erik Bigalke at 894-1438, or Bill Becker at 527-0375.

Student Government

The St. Petersburg Free Clinic has barrels set up in the Davis lobby and the Campus Activities Center, for a food drive in cooperation with Student Government. The clinic appreciates the donation of any of the following: canned goods, baby food, personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items.

For any questions call Student Government President Bob Miller at 893-9144 or 893-9596.

Student Council for Exceptional Children

The Student Council for Exceptional Children holds meetings the last Tuesday of each month (Oct. 26 and Nov. 30) at 4:45 p.m. in Coquina 224.

The guest speakers are slated to include Cyndie Collins, Education Advisor; Dr. Howard Hinesley, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools; Elaine Cutler, President of Florida State CEC & Principle of Seminole Elementary; and Elaine Quinlan, spokesman from Guardian Ad Litem.

Some of the scheduled fall activities include the Children’s Festival and the State CEC Conference in Miami in October. The SCEE plans a busy fall semester and hopes that all students will be able to join their organization.

SCUBA Club

After several years of inactivity, the SCUBA Club is back. Anyone interested in diving, learning to dive or just the ocean in general can join this new club. The SCUBA Club plans to be a great opportunity for students to meet one another on campus, experience new things and have a great time doing it. If any aspect of this sounds appealing, come and join in the fun. For information, call 893-9597.

Information Systems Association

Add value to your degree. Non-MIS majors welcome.

Offering:

• Refreshments at meetings
• Guest speakers - topics on all aspects of business
• Tours of local business information services

Student Business Association

The Student Business Association is pleased to welcome John Hancock representative Matt Pilz at their next meeting Oct. 26. Learn what it takes to be a successful seller. Meetings are at 4:30 p.m. every other Tuesday at the Campus Activities Center. For more information on the upcoming Interviewing Skills Development Seminar or Paint St. Pete Proud call Erik at 894-1438.

Campus bookstore has more than good reading

By R. Maureen Dwyer

Wander into the USF-Bayboro bookstore and poke around. You may be surprised.

Nosing about gives an idea of what courses are being offered at USF, as reflected in the variety of titles of the textbooks. In addition to the tomes of knowledge, the lighter side of life tucked away in corners. The paperback corner is a cosmopolitan. In another corner is an assortment of books on a variety of subjects including Florida history, flowers, shells, aquariums and even mutts.

Confused by computers? Check out the books on computer knowledge. Out of shape? Pick up the books offered on fitness, good health, good eating.

But there is more than good reading.

The bookstore has greeting cards and paraphernalia to make any student feel a part of the Bayboro campus.

Hungry? Stop inside for a snack of candies or cookies. Getting wet? The bookstore has umbrellas. After browsing, stop for a chat with the proprietor, Gary Stetson.

"This store reflects the excellence of my personnel who make it all happen" Stetson said.

Erudite residents of St. Petersburg will probably recognize the Stetson name, and for good reason. He is related to the founder of Stetson University Law School.

When asked about how students like his bookstore, Stetson responded, "Well, they do complain often about the prices of textbooks, but then I explain that the authors spent many years obtaining the knowledge to prepare these books."

Honors nominees sought

The Honors and Awards selection committee is seeking nominations of students for the Outstanding Senior Awards to be presented at the 1993 Graduation Celebration.

Criteria for nomination include graduation in August 1993 or December 1993; good academic standing and significant individual participation in campus organizations, university activities and/or community work.

The selection committee will verify the eligibility of nominated students and make final selections. During this part of the committee's work, faculty, staff and student representatives will be included as current members.

Recipient's will be designated for the following honors:

• Outstanding seniors for USF
• Outstanding seniors for USF at St. Petersburg

* Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges
* Outstanding graduate, St. Petersburg Campus (selection to be made by the St. Petersburg Chapter of the USF Alumni Association).

Completed nomination forms and accompanying recommendations must be submitted no later than Oct. 29 at noon to the Office of Financial Aid Office, Davis 114. The committee needs to adhere to this deadline in order to have sufficient time to give adequate attention to all nominations.

Also, for the convenience of those persons nominating, a computer printout of the students by college, major and classification is available in their respective areas. Please check with the coordinator of each college.

Students are encouraged to participate.

Deadline for the Nov. 3 issue of The Crow's Nest is 5 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 27
Return to school seen as a second chance

By Karen Johnson

Remember your first day at school? The first day at kindergarten, you were probably apprehensive, maybe even scared. You were excited, maybe even able to say why.

Returning to college in your 30s is like that first day of kindergarten, but now it's your second chance at life.

"I have never been happier," said Julie Ransberger, an English major on USF-Bayboro campus. Ransberger followed a traditional track: high school, marriage, technical school and into the job market. But something was missing.

"What I didn't have was a sense of who I was or what I wanted," she said.

Her husband encouraged her to return to college. Along with her education she now has a focus teaching composition or literature at a community college.

Ransberger said that self-esteem and confidence are side benefits of going back to school.

"I didn't want to stay in one place forever," she said.

According to the College Board, a college research organization, 43 percent of the students who come back to school do so to fulfill personal goals. Statistics from the Department of Education show that Ransberger joined a growing number of students who return to campus life after age 25. The average age of students at USF-Bayboro is 31.

One in every 25 Americans over the age of 25 is enrolled in college; 60 percent of them in a degree-seeking program. More than 40 percent of students are now over age 25; 60 percent of those are women.

Gail Miller, an English major, first took the road of wife and mother. But Miller made a promise to herself that when her youngest child went off to college, she would do the same.

"My husband and I drove our son up to school in Georgia," she said. When she returned from the trip she registered for her classes.

Adult students bring life- and work-experience along with them. Elvera Holroyd, a mass communications student, took another path altogether.

"I went back to fill in the holes where life experience didn't," Holroyd said.

Although personal fulfillment is one of the reasons adults return to school, 57 percent return to advance their careers or simply to start over in another field. Students often ease back into school part-time, but a full 25 percent of these students are now full-time and working on a bachelor's degree, or are even consider going on to graduate school.

Matt Cunningham went to college right out of high school, but decided to leave school to devote time to a career.

"After 15 years, I reached what I could reach," Cunningham said.

This career plateau brought Cunningham back to college part-time, then full-time in the mass communications department.

"I didn't expect to see any older students here when I came back; it's very refreshing," Cunningham said.

College administrators are relieved to see so many adults back to school. Lower high school enrollment meant that colleges had to find other ways to fill seats. Colleges began offering more evening classes and providing new types of career counseling services.

USF St. Petersburg's Counseling & Career Center, in Davis 115, is such a service. With information about careers, workshops and sessions to help students prepare for interviews, it is designed to provide the kind of guidance older students may need.

Whatever reasons students have for returning to school, the consensus seems to be that it's one of the most positive experiences of their lives.

#1) Do you know the names of your student government representatives?

#2) Do you know how your student activity fees are spent?

#3) If you are familiar with the workings of students government, how would you rate the job they are doing?

#4) How do you think your student activity fees should be spent?

#5) How much of your money should campus clubs and organizations get?

#6) What kinds of stories about student government would you like to see in The Crow's Nest?