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Honor system to emphasize values, not discipline

The honor system would rely on voluntary compliance, not strict enforcement.

By Kristie Martinez
Staff Writer

Imagine living in a society that didn't punish people for bad behavior. Is the picture one of security or anarchy?

George Sherman sees security.

Sherman, education coordinator of the Program for Ethics in Education and Community, believes USF St. Petersburg can become an institution that promotes not only academic growth, but also ethical development.

The roadmap leading to this ideal is a university honor system, which Sherman and Dr. Steve Ritch, associate vice president of student affairs, presented at a recent PEEC meeting.

A three-year-old project at USF St. Petersburg, the honor system will be a two-part agreement among all students, faculty and staff.
Opinions

Faculty needs union protection

USF recently suspended the union contract between the university and its faculty. The following editorial addresses that issue.

A business owner walked into his place of business and approached an employee wearing a dark blue shirt. "I don't like the color of that shirt," he said to the employee. "You're fired."

That story, told for many years by employees of a well-known St. Petersburg business, can't be corroborated. It may be apocryphal, but it could very well be true, because Florida law provides little protection for employees. Apart from outright discrimination because of gender, race, religion, handicap, national origin or age, employers may fire employees for virtually any reason. And that is one reason why USF faculty need the protection of the United Faculty of Florida.

Winning with class, losing without

Last week's Super Bowl provided an interesting example of winning gracefully and losing, well, not so gracefully.

In a post-game interview, almost the first quote out of Jon Gruden's mouth was a gracious statement on how former coach Tony Dungy provided a foundation for him to build on. The natural thing for Gruden to do would have been to crow about how he led the Bucs to the NFL championship in his first year as coach, but instead Gruden chose to praise his predecessor.

"Tony Dungy did a great job," Gruden said. "And I reaped the benefits of a lot of his hard work." Many players echoed Gruden's compliment to Dungy.

In contrast, Oakland Raiders' players were uncivil in defeat, insisting the reason for their loss was their own mistakes, rather than crediting the winning team with excellent play. Even though Tampa Bay's defense scored more touchdowns than Oakland's offense, the Raiders, with some exceptions, gave little credit to the Bucs.

Oakland fans followed the players' lead, setting cars on fire, throwing rocks and bottles and vandalizing a restaurant following the game.

And it wasn't just defeat that caused Oakland fans to behave negatively. After the Raiders won the American Football Conference championship game the week before the Super Bowl, crowds set fires, broke windows and threw rocks and bottles. Hardly a gracious way to celebrate victory.

Tampa Bay's Super Bowl celebration, while boisterous, was by and large peaceful. Even in previous years when the Bucs lost playoff games, fans never rioted or brawled.

One of the values sports should teach is how to win, and lose, with class.

From the student's standpoint, faculty aren't considered for tenure until their sixth year of service, and the process is not automatic. Furthermore, tenure affects only job security; it does not address the issues of money and benefits. And tenure does not even apply to every faculty member.

Fortunately, the university appears to have recognized its mistake, at least to a degree. At a January meeting, USF president Judy Genshaft apologized for not consulting the faculty before taking action on a set of rules delineating the role of faculty "misconduct." She promised to rectify the situation by implementing rules to match the former collective bargaining agreement. She did not, however, reinstate the UFF collective bargaining agreement or support its validity.

The student's standpoint, faculty security, pay and benefits are important because they lead to stability in employment. Who would want to attend a university where faculty come and go faster than characters in the Land of Oz?

USF and president Genshaft should continue to work in good faith with the UFF. Doing so is in the best interest of the university, its faculty, and its students.

Letter to the editor

Re: Huge raises for Genshaft, Leavitt can't be justified

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-E.T. Thomas

Lakeland/Tampa, FL

Opinions wanted

Do you have an opinion on a topic affecting USF St. Petersburg or the surrounding area? The Crow's Nest is seeking well-written, thoughtful letters to the editor. Letter writers should include their names, position (e.g., student), and phone numbers for verification. Letters may be edited for length or clarity, but otherwise are printed exactly as received. Not all letters may be published. Please email your letters to: crowsnesteditor@yahoo.com.
The top nine candidates, in alphabetical order, with comments from consultant Jan Greenwood.

Bill Gray  
CEO and dean  
Washington State University at Spokane  
"Great experience in regional campuses and large grant funding."

Terry Hickey  
Senior vice president and provost  
The University of Akron  
"Superbly qualified and a credible researcher."

Gary Krahenbuhl  
Senior vice president  
Arizona State University  
"Great fit for USF. Knowledge of regional campuses. Very strong contender and exactly what we are looking for."

Dorothy Leland  
Vice president  
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus  
"Favorite candidate."

Larry Lemanski  
Vice president for research and graduate studies  
Florida Atlantic University  
"Safe bet. Knows how to move a university forward."

The majority of the search committee members said they were happy with the quality of the candidates thus far. "It looks like we have something to be encouraged about," Mike VanButtel said.

Intermediate CEO and Vice President Ralph Wilcox has said publicly he isn't seeking the position.

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Dr. Mark Wilson
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Campus welcomes new board member

Dr. Gus A. Stavros has joined the campus board. "I am focusing my energy on helping USF St. Petersburg reach its potential in Pinellas County," Stavros said, "I asked the president of the USF board to appoint me to the USF St. Petersburg campus as it is only a few blocks away from where I live and I am anxious to help the campus grow."

"I want to help USF St. Petersburg become an integral part of downtown St. Petersburg, and I want downtown St. Petersburg to be part of the campus."

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Campus hires director of student development

By Jana Albury
Staff Writer

After two months of looking, search committee chairperson Barry McDowell finally found the ideal candidate for director of student development.

Dr. Katherine McKay, a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, surpassed 79 applicants and impressed a search committee made up of faculty, staff and students to earn the new title.

"She had the best combination of skills and experience," said McDowell, who also is the volunteer and disability services coordinator for student affairs. "She had enthusiasm and wonderful interpersonal warmth that shone in her interviews."

After an extensive interview process, the search committee used a rating system to pass their recommendations to Dr. Steve Ritch, who made the final selection decision. Ritch, associate vice president for student affairs, was looking for someone with a strong background in clinical psychology, along with administrative and leadership qualities.

McKay provides psychotherapy counseling in a private practice and serves as a sexual trauma counselor for the Department of Veteran Affairs at the St. Petersburg Bay Pines VA Medical Center. She also teaches developmental psychology at USF St. Petersburg.

"When the opportunity came up to work in student development I was drawn to it because I realized the counseling center has an important role in helping students to develop," McKay said.

In light of the university's growth, McKay said that as dorms are built and freshmen enrollment increases, her duty will be to connect students with the resources available on campus. She said she plans to help students recognize their strengths and approaches matters from a wellness perspective.

Ritch chose McKay for her vision of student development. He envisioned implementing a simple learning environment that centers outside student development with academics so that learning is not restricted to the classroom. Ritch believes funding for programs associated with the learning center, including workshops on time management and test taking skills, will "empower students to see the center as a resource for help." McKay said.

Ritch and McDowell agree that deciding on McKay as director of student development was an easy decision.

"She's very serious minded, but at the same time very personable," Ritch said. "She has a quick smile and seems very optimistic. We need somebody with energy and vibrance, and she's that way. She has a can-do spirit."

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sequences for misconduct won't be emphasized like they presently are in the USF student handbook.

Student and staff surveys helped develop this honor system's guiding principles of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and integrity. The positive beloved qualities from these principles will be determined at meetings that are open to student and staff input. Rule enforcement also will change.

"One of the primary tools for enforcement is social enforcement, not legal enforcement," Sherman said. "We want students to be telling people when they are violating the code. For example, students could peacefully confront a disrespectful peer. The basis that they have agreed to uphold the same honor system principles.

Sherman described a case of a Chicago high school that created a rule prohibiting its students from swearing. But because the rule was rarely enforced and attempts to do so led to violent confrontations, the school opted for an honor system.

"Instead of making it into a rule made unenforceable," Sherman said. "(With the honor system), when they saw somebody swear, they went up to them and said, 'Hey, did you do that? Do that again?'" Sherman said swearing stopped within two weeks.

Sherman said education in ethics is needed because many students enter universities not knowing what ethical behavior is.

"They come to college and instead of being taught what (something is) wrong, they just get punished," Sherman said. "An honor system says, 'Here's what responsible behavior looks like in a college institution.'"

Not everyone is enamored with the idea of a campus-wide honor system. USF St. Petersburg student Richard Hodge thinks the honor system is unnecessary.

"Everyone agrees on the core values in place," Hodge said. "I would fail if only one person decided not to follow it."

"I think it's a great idea in theory, but unworkable in practice," Hodge said. "The main goal of college seems to be to make more money. It's education for profit's sake instead of for education's sake, and I don't think that kind of an environment will lend itself to any improvement."

Ritch, senior facilitator of the honor system, said the university's current system regarding behavior will be integrated into the honor system to preserve judicial rights. He said he thinks the honor system would be an alternative to punishment and aggressive responses to problems.

"There often isn't a middle ground in dealing with conflict," Ritch said. "Sherman believes the honor system would empower people to discuss violations instead of ignoring them or responding violently to them.

Hodge disagrees.

"I don't think people would have the temerity to approach another student," he said. "And because of the (existing) hierarchical system, a lot of professors with tenure are really unapproachable."

"There is a very strong perception of hierarchy," Ritch said. "But this is a university community. Academic freedom for all, not just for faculty. If we're going to have a true learning environment, people have to feel free to speak their minds.

Ritch presented a first draft of the honor system's commitment statement at a Jan. 22 meeting, and presented a rubric broadly describing some of the expected behaviors for students, faculty and university staff. It listed values like listening, being involved in the community and offering critique instead of criticism.

Yet to be determined is how the honor system will be integrated in USF St. Petersburg. One possibility is making the commitment statement part of the application process. Or the university may present the honor system in new-student orientations and discuss the core values in depth, Ritch said.

USF will continue to mold the honor system over the next two years, and Ritch hopes it will be in place by the time student housing is established at USF St. Petersburg.
Grand Prix may cause USF parking problems

USF wants to rent out parking spaces for the event, but still leave enough parking available for students.

By Nicole Johnson
Staff Writer

Students and faculty with Friday and Saturday classes rarely have trouble finding campus parking, but they might experience parking woes when the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg hosts its inaugural races Feb. 21-23.

USF is negotiating with the Grand Prix and Dover Motorsports to rent parking lots for the event, but nothing has been confirmed yet.

The Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will race through a 1.78-mile course along the downtown waterfront and is expected to draw an estimated crowd of 50,000, according to John Collins, executive director of campus advancement. Although similar races have been held in the past, this is the first time downtown St. Petersburg will host a CART race.

"It's about time there is a cool event downtown St. Petersburg," Collins said.

The campus' proximity to such an event is not without its concerns.

Collins said USF St. Petersburg wants to cooperate by making parking lots available for city use without denying parking to students. "We are not particularly taking advantage of this event this year because we are not really set up to do the corporate thing," Collins said. "We do not have thousands of dollars to entertain in a corporate chalet."

Therefore, Collins and other campus officials are trying to negotiate the parking situation to benefit everyone.

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However, Collins said the university is trying to avoid this checkpoint.

Sophomore Kyle Rennie is not concerned. "I am not stressing about the parking situation," he said. "Parking is not that bad this semester."

Collins said Grand Prix officials told him that they are not going to be making money off campus lots. The Grand Prix also is creating a check-in point, which will be used by race volunteers, for an undetermined fee.

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These spaces simply will not be up for rent to the Grand Prix, Collins said. The library parking lot, designated for students with Saturday classes, and the marine science parking lot, where federal and state employees park, are the only two of 15 campus lots that cannot be rented. Collins said the row of visitor spaces in front of Davis Hall also are not being released to the Grand Prix, and will be held for emergency purposes.

Ideally, USF plans to rent the parking lots closest to the water to alleviate crowding on campus. "Our main concern is to protect anyone who has a decal and has paid for parking," Collins said. "These people will have a right to park if they have class."

Under current negotiations, students and faculty who travel from I-275 will be urged to turn off at a checkpoint designated by the city somewhere near Second Street South and Fourth Avenue. Students and faculty will be asked to show USF identification and proof that they have class before being directed to campus parking, according to Collins. Therefore, students without campus decals will not be permitted in reserved lots and likely will have to pay for Grand Prix parking at a rate to be determined by the city.

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Professor prepares for 3,150 mile footrace

By Vanessa Espinar
Staff Writer

USF St. Petersburg associate professor Dr. Barbara Frye is training for the event of a lifetime.

In April, Frye will leave for Europe, where she will be the only American woman out of 40 participants to run in the Trans-Europe Footrace. Lasting from April 19 to June 21, the race is 3,150 miles long and spans seven countries, beginning in Lisbon, Portugal and ending in Moscow, Russia.

Frye has been running since she was a freshman in high school. "It is just something I love to do," she said. "I would want to make a living running if I could, but I also love teaching, research, and working with other teachers," Frye said.

Her position as associate professor of literacy education at USF St. Petersburg has afforded her the opportunity to do so for the last 13 years.

But for a few months, Frye is setting her teaching career aside to make a difference in people's lives off campus. Last summer, Frye joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program. "I wanted my running to be more than just about me," Frye said. "I've lost a lot of friends to leukemia."

The Team in Training Program trains long distance runners and in turn, the runners raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Society uses up to 25 percent of the money raised to help runners pay for travel expenses and helps them find sponsors, airline tickets and accommodations.

Anna Maria Gentile, executive director of the Suncoast Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, said the local Team in Training Program will raise about $480,000 this year. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, founded in 1949, funds research to find cures for blood-related cancers including leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma.

Frye is running in the name of two boys who are fighting cancer. "I feel a greater responsibility now," Frye said. "I have made a big commitment. There is a greater pressure on me when I run."

Gentile agreed that being able to put a patient's name and face to the efforts makes it seem even more worthwhile. "Jordan and Elijah are patient heroes," Gentile said. "They represent all the patients that have blood-related cancers."

As part of her fundraising efforts, Frye and her friends recently held a wine tasting and silent auction held at Cove Cay Country Club in Clearwater that raised $7,000 of the $25,000 she plans to raise by the end of the Footrace in June.

Since completing her first marathon in 1978, Frye is no stranger to long distance running. Her experiences running 26.2-mile races inspired her to train for 100-mile races.

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Mara Verheyden-Hilliard of the Partnership for Civil Justice. Several other organizations also participated in the event, including the Free Palestine Alliance, International Action Center, Muslim Student Association and Mexico Solidarity Network.

"The event had very little mainstream publicity, so I think it speaks volumes that all those people made the commitment to get to D.C.," said organizer Chris Ernesto, who helped arrange transportation for people in the Tampa Bay area. "Florida was fairly well reppedent by about 500 people attending. I think that as more people see that it's acceptable to speak-up, many Floridians will join the anti-war cause."

Protesters first gathered on the National Mall between the U.S. Capital building and Washington Monument to listen to speakers, then marched to the Washington Navy Yard. Along the way, the marchers encountered an opposing group of demonstrators that were supportive of the president's agenda. Despite an occasional impolite exchange of words between the two groups, it was a peaceful demonstration.

"It's important to be peaceful," said Ernesto. "We're marching to promote peace and respect. I respect (the president's supporters) right to demonstrate as well."

"I'm glad that this rally is taking place so close to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day," said USF student Drie Blasi, a senior in Tampa. "(King) was able to accomplish so much through non-violence and civil disobedience, and I think his words are completely relevant today. He is what we should all strive to be." However, some demonstrators would like to have seen options for more actions.

"I would have liked more pro-active discussion, like what we should do next, what websites to check out, or products to boycott," Ernesto said. "But, my sense is that the Bush administration knows that we will not stand still in their rush to war."

Similar demonstrations were held throughout the country; 200,000 people marched in San Francisco, and some demonstrated at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.
Writers’ conference to draw top talent

By Kathleen Coates
Staff Writer

No one can say the Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference is settling for mediocrity. The 31st annual event will feature nationally and world-renowned talent, including controversial writer Salman Rushdie. The conference features more than 50 workshops for attendees and provides opportunities for USF faculty, students and the public to hear distinguished speakers such as Rushdie and award-winning poet Li-Young Lee. The conference will be held at USF St. Petersburg Feb. 6-8.

Named by Writer’s Digest magazine as one of the “Top 10 Workshops/Conferences for Writers in the U.S.,” the Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference draws more than 400 participants from across the country, including both novice and professional writers.

“We cover all genres, from journalism to memoir to fiction,” said Dr. Betty Moss, conference co-director and professor of English at USF.

The conference is a non-profit event and its low registration fee makes it a good value, Moss said. Workshops focus on the how-tos of writing and include such topics as “Writing about War and Society,” “When to Quit Your Day Job,” and “All About Agents.”

According to Moss, students who volunteer to help with conference events may get a chance to attend one of these shirt-sleeve sessions with some of the 22 workshop faculty, including Rushdie and noted poets Carolyn Forché and Lee.


Rushdie lived in hiding for several years until the Iranian government lifted the fatwa in 1998. Rushdie’s other works include short stories, essays, opinion pieces, and the Booker-Award winning novel “Midnight’s Children.”

“We’re very excited about his coming,” Moss said. “He is an international voice for the freedom of expression.”

USF students and faculty are invited to attend Rushdie’s keynote presentation Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. in the Campus Activities Center auditorium.

The general public is invited to attend “Evening With Salman Rushdie” on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel on East Fowler Avenue in Tampa. The event is co-sponsored by the Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference and the Dean’s Office of the USF College of Arts and Sciences.

The USF St. Petersburg student government and the Florida Humanities Council sponsor a second opportunity for the public to hear from successful writers. A panel discussion titled “Writing from the Margins: Understanding ‘Other’ Cultures,” is planned for Feb. 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Campus Activities Center.

The four-author panel discussion features Lee, an accomplished poet whose honors include a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a Lamaze Literary Award, along with Nicholas Delbanco, a Guggenheim Fellowship recipient and author of 20 books.

In addition to providing notable speakers, the conference is an opportunity for aspiring writers to network with other writers, both struggling and successful. The exchange of experience and information “helps to support their writing endeavors,” Moss said. According to conference staff, many writers in the Tampa and St. Petersburg area seek out such events.

Raya Hinst, co-owner of Haslam’s Book Store in St. Petersburg, agrees.

“The conference gives people in the local community an opportunity to participate in a gathering of successful authors and agents,” he said. According to Hinst, the conference has become a tradition, and some writers have been participating for 15 or 20 years.

USF charter faculty member Edgar Hirshberg, along with Marjorie Schuck and Dorsa Enholm, founded the Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference in 1972. Hirshberg, who died last year, began teaching English at USF in 1960. After officially retiring in 1990, Hirshberg continued working as an editor and teacher, and served as the executive director of the Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference. This year’s conference will be dedicated to his memory.

Diane Marcou, a published writer, ghostwriter and a member of the St. Petersburg Writer’s Club, has attended the Florida Suncoast Writer’s Conference since 1980. She says that “nuts and bolts” workshops, engaging speakers and the company of other writers creates a renewed interest and energy that motivates her and many others to return to the Florida Suncoast Writers’ Conference year after year.

Patricia Schroeder

Most people assume that men and women are equal under the law. However, that is not technically the case because the U.S. has never passed an equal rights amendment. More than 200 people recently attended a rally at USF St. Petersburg to assert their position on the Equal Rights Amendment. Led by former congresswoman Patricia Schroeder, the event got the ball rolling on efforts to ratify the amendment in the Florida Legislature.

The theme of the assembly was “Picking up where we left off. Only three states to go.”

The presentation began with a brief video on the history of the ERA, followed by a preface to the long road ahead. Both men and women cheered as Schroeder began her speech.

“They are putting pregnant pigs in the constitution and women can’t get it,” Schroeder said.

Mary Brenda, a St. Petersburg resident, said, “It’s unbelievable when you think it was 1920 before women got the vote. I can’t believe it has taken this long to try to pass this. It is wicked.”

Women weren’t the only ones in the audience to take a stand.

“Sometimes it takes a woman to see something a man can’t see,” said Tampa resident Bill Floyd. “All of the women here are leaders in the community.”

Schroeder focused on issues with the nation’s foreign policy, political stance and social security policies. Many members of the audience shared their opinions. Schroeder was even encouraged by one to run for governor of Florida.

The notion of passing the ERA was shared by many, but not all. Pennsylvania resident Rob Pirnky said, “Why stir up a battle? Things are fine the way they have been for years.”

Alice Paul wrote the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923, after founding the National Women’s Party.

“We shall never be safe until the principle of equal rights is written into the government framework,” Paul said. Her goal was to guarantee “equal justice under the law” to all citizens.

Section One of the ERA states: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any other state on the account of sex.”

In 1972, the ERA needed ratification by 38 states to be added to the U.S. Constitution. At the deadline, only 35 states had ratified the bill. Supporters are confident that new momentum will pass the next time around.

Some legal scholars question whether the passage by 35 states remains valid since it was 20 years ago.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Schroeder served in the House of Representatives for 44 years. She has been active in military issues and was an early advocate of legalizing abortion. Her focus these days remains fighting for women all over the country. Her motto now: “Only three states to go!”

Former congresswoman rallies for equal rights at USF St. Petersburg event

By Jaimee Weiss
Staff Writer

Campus Activities Center and pool

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Common

Electric Circus

In an age of music where the word genre is growing increasingly harder to use, critically acclaimed rapper Common blurs the boundaries of musical expression at a whole new level.

His fifth and latest effort, "Electric Circus," is diverse, to say the least.

Common takes hip-hop and rap and combines them with elements of soul, funk, rock, swing and R&B to create a fresh air in the world of rap/hip-hop.

The album features appearances from Mary J. Blige, Erykah Badu and Pharrell Williams (The Neptunes/N.E.R.D.), all the way to Sonny of rockers P.O.D.

The assortment of styles and artists, as well as Common's intelligent lyrics, make "Electric Circus" a huge success.

Check out the high points: "Come Close," "I got the Right Ta" and I am Music.

The Roots

Phrenology

The Roots have been called hip-hop pioneers before, but with the release of their latest album, "Phrenology," it's safe to say they are a force to be reckoned with. The band...that's right, I said band (they don't just stand on stage with a microphone, they can actually play real instruments), have outdone themselves in terms of diversity and creativity.

A few times the album seems to be going nowhere, but the group comes through to bring an eclectic mixture of soul, R&B, rock, rap and, of course, roots.

Guest artists include Nelly Furtado, Cody Chestnutt and Jill Scott.

Some of the highlights are "Sacrifice" and "The Seed," as well as "Complexity," which rings to the sound of the Fugees.

"Phrenology" is a creative work of art that is a must for any true hip-hop fan.

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