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SG looks for officers to fill empty seats

Each candidate who ran for a University of South Florida St. Petersburg Student Government office in last week’s election was handed a sweeping victory. The winners said they credit their triumph to one reason: Nobody voted.

SG elections for the St. Pete campus were canceled one day before the ballot boxes were to be filled. Voting was scheduled for April 4 through 6 in Davis Hall. Officials who called off the election said they did it for a similar reason: Nobody ran for office.

“I think this is indicative of the apathy of the students here on campus,” said Leigh Harwell, the current SG secretary who assumes the office of treasurer for next semester. “All the clubs (on campus) suffer from the same thing.”

Harwell decided to slide into the seat of treasurer after the university deadline to submit candidate petitions had expired April 3. Since no students ran for office, all the incumbent Harwell had to do was collect 50 student signatures and she was in. The incumbent president did the same thing. Bob Schweickert Jr. will return as SG president uncontested.

“I was looking forward to campaigning,” Schweickert said, pointing to a wrinkled, crayon-scribbled poster his friend had made for him after the election was scrapped. “At least this makes it easy for people to win.”

The remaining offices of vice president and secretary are still “up for grabs,” said Kathy Savage, SG justice. Savage said the SG constitution prescribes that the vacant office seats be appointed from the pool of SG representatives. The president will call the names of prospective nominees at a select SG meeting in May.

The chosen are then confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of student government as a whole.

“I think it’s sad that students don’t care how $360,000 of their money is spent,” Savage said.

This isn’t the first time SG suffrage has been in jeopardy. It is a deja vu of sorts for Schweickert, who witnessed an identical situation during last year’s Spring election. An equally unorthodox choosing of officers in that election led to problems in SG leadership that “pissed people off,” Schweickert said.

Schweickert said officers that came out of that election put money toward self-serving interests.

“We’ve had to fix the whole budget this semester to put money into tangible, long term projects that serve the students,” Schweickert said.

Schweickert took the reigns of SG president Jan. 1 after the old president relinquished office. Schweickert ran

More than a mouthful

The 12th annual Bayboro Windship Regatta stayed afloat April 1, despite the threat of bad weather. Missy Lavalla, Frank Lavala, Jennifer Ehrhart, Paul Item and Jay Nault take advantage of some eats after the race. More Regatta photos, page 12.
Campus carries this old house

Andrew Harkey
Next Staff

Ray Arsenault noticed people coming out of their homes to see the traffic jam he had created. Bicyclists, too, stopped to rubberneck. Cars that emptied onto downtown's 5th Avenue S. from I-175 had find another way to get around.

Arsenault was happy, though. The University of South Florida history professor had been waiting years for this to happen. In front of him was a mammoth city landmark on trailer wheels, clogging the streets as it made its 3-block journey to a place of refuge:

This house needed a home. The historic, three-story John C. Williams house was loaded on a house-moving gantry in the early morning hours of March 29 and rolled from its original foundation to a freshly cleared lot on the northern acres of the USF-St. Pete campus.

The 104-year old house, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, was spared the wrath of a demolition ball due in part to Arsenault's efforts. He said he helped push the university to acquire the house and restore it with funds from a state historic preservation grant. Arsenault hopes that the house will soon become a hang-out for students and faculty, with a library, lounges and seminar rooms.

A.B. "Toby" Thomas Houselower, though, saw the house more as a wooden wide-load. Some workers crawled on the roof of the Queen Anne-style structure as it lumbered down the road, lifting street lights and bending signs. Others pushed away tree branches. Limbs popped, spitting leaves all over the house porch.

"A very surrealistic scene," Arsenault said. "It was a close fit. Another two feet wide and it wouldn't have made it."

By bringing the Williams house onto school property, Arsenault hopes the move is another step to having the university's effort of "humanizing the campus."

"It adds a little flavor among the staunch construction of the campus buildings," Arsenault said. "It is appropriate to have such an important piece of St. Petersburg history on campus. I'm glad it was saved."

The weathered house today sits across from the CAC building. What now looks more like a condemned wreck was once the mansion of St. Petersburg's most famous resident, John Williams.

Williams lived in St. Petersburg before the town had a name. He became the first mayor of the tiny fishing village on the Bay. He also helped bring the first rail line to the town's 250 residents.

Journalism student gets praises for writing

Tom Bayles
Next Staff

Judy Buller, a University of South Florida graduate student in journalism studies, was honored by The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Gainesville last month.

Her paper, "O.J. Simpson: The Perfect Amoral News Story," was named best paper in the student division of a contest held by the organization. Three dozen papers were submitted to the annual contest.

Buller was a presenter at the conference and had no idea her paper won first place. "They had the greatest lunch—chicken salad and a pineapple boat. I almost choked on pineapple when they made the announcement," Buller said. "I had no idea. I thought they would tell me ahead of time."

"O.J. Simpson: The Perfect Amoral News Story" discussed the media's coverage of the trial from both an ethical standpoint and from one of traditional news values. The paper was submitted to AEJMC's national convention to be held in August in Washington, D.C., and will be published in a pamphlet next year.

Buller, from San Francisco, is studying at USF-St. Petersburg for two years under a Poynter Fellowship. This was her first attempt at submitting a paper to an academic conference.

Fellow journalism graduate students John Sugg and David Klement, as well as Jay Black, USF professor, also were asked by the AEJMC to present their papers at the conference. Student Michelle Murray's paper also was recognized, but she was not able to make the trip to Gainesville to present it.

The papers came from a contemporaneous issues class led by Black in Fall, 1994. During the semester, about a dozen graduate students looked at various ethical issues surrounding the media's coverage of the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial.

AEJMC is a 3,000-member group dedicated to improving the education of journalism and mass communication students.
Mass comm accreditation expected

Scott Hartzell
Nest Staff

The School of Mass Communications at the University of South Florida is gearing up for May 7. That date has been tentatively set aside for a flight while a negative in one way, is also a plus. Governance, and the research and creativity of the program’s instructors were problematic.

Funding involves the actual money available to the program. Governance regards how the program has been run, which would include dealings between the university and its regional campuses. Research and creativity involves the amount of outside research and creativity instructors are required to complete to comply with accreditation.

Dean H. William Heller of USF-St. Petersburg said he believes there is a bright side to the accreditation issue. "The accrediting report, while a negative in one way, is also a plus," he said. "It calls attention to your problems so that you can improve. I have seen some of the best educational programs evolve as a consequence of a negative report."

Heller said, "We are going to get accreditation."

Mass comm degrees likely

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The University Police at the St. Petersburg campus will release a copy of the department’s monthly activity report via e-mail to all current subscribers on BayFlash who are faculty, staff or students. This report includes information concerning various crimes or significant police incidents that have occurred throughout the previous month. The police encourage those with e-mail to use this reference to keep advised of criminal and suspicious activities on campus.

Students are encouraged to stay tuned to the Internet for other advancements by the department in its effort to provide a safe educational environment for the campus community.

Questions or comments can be directed to Sgt. DeVries at devries@bayflash.spt.usf.edu e-mail address.

The following is a summary of significant incidents reported to the University Police Department, St. Petersburg campus, during the month of March 1995:

St. Pete campus crime watch, first Wed. of each month.
893-9140

CASE No. 95-0278P, RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO
An automobile stolen in the city of St. Petersburg was recovered by the owner in parking lot No. 3. Officer Panella investigated with the assistance of another agency. Case is closed.

CASE No. 95-0290P, ATTEMPTED THEFT
The complainant, a USF employee, reported an individual looking through his personal belongings. Suspect left the area and was later charged with driving with a suspended license. Officers Hebdon and Panella and Sgts. Carr and DeVries investigated. Case pending.

CASE No. 95-0286P, TRESPASS
A white female was trespassed at the Piano Man parking lot. Officer Hester investigated. Case closed.

CASE No. 95-299P, ASSAULT
The complainant, a USF employee, reported an individual threatened him with bodily harm in reference to the initial complaint reference case 95-0290P. The suspect was trespasses from USF. Offcs. Hebdon and Panella and Sgts. Carr and DeVries investigated. Case pending.

CASE No. 95-316P, AUTO BURGLARY
The complainant reported March 17 between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., unknown person(s) removed from his vehicle one paycheck and one cooler. Ofc. Shaw investigated. Case inactive.

CASE No. 95-0339P, PETTIT THEFT
The complainant, a vendor at the Baseball Card Show, reported that on March 24 between 5:03 p.m. and 5:04 p.m., unknown person(s) took a box of autographed baseball cards from the complainant’s display stand. Ofc. Ewing investigated. Case inactive.

CASE No. 95-0340P, TRESPASS
A male was trespasses at the POR building. Ofc. Hebdon investigated. Case closed.

CASE No. 95-0355P, TRESPASS
A male was trespasses at the Piano Man lot. Ofc. Hebdon investigated. Case closed.

CASE No. 95-0361P, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
The complainant, a USF student, reported that on March 30 between 5:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., an unknown person(s) damaged the wind visor on his motorcycle. Ofc. Hebdon investigated. Case inactive.

Anyone having additional information regarding these or other criminal activities on campus are encouraged to contact the University Police Department, 893-9140.
EDITORIAL

Many darts, few laurels

On Tuesday, April 4, Student Government was scheduled for elections. It was an election that was early predicted to be a dull one. In fact, many candidates-for SG president, SG treasurer, and the like—were reported to have not bothered to campaign. For whatever reason, however, none from any college petitioned to be nominated for the positions. What’s wrong with this picture?

Students don’t want to be bothered. To become a candidate for student government, well, that would require effort—the kind of effort that requires responsibility and to this new electronic, scientific, bible slapping, finger pointing society, responsibility is a dirty 14-letter word.

Without responsibility, we can blame someone else for a dysfunctional university system. Without responsibility, we can become victims and not be held accountable for our actions. Without responsibility we can just not care about what happens in our lives and the lives of the coming generations. Sounds like Utopia, huh?

Responsibility doesn’t just begin with Student Government, but that’s a start. It means getting involved with The Crow’s Nest, the Lecture Series, the Russian Lectures or any other extracurricular activity at USF-St. Petersburg. When enough students won’t participate in or acknowledge the political and educational activities without a grade looming at the end, this university becomes nothing more than a jack-in-the-box, fast-food, drive-through educational institution. If that’s what you’re here for then, you'll do fine in the big world outside, where extremists on both sides can dictate what you read, what you watch and what you say.

Yes, boys and girls, life is more than just waiting for a paycheck, waiting or subsidizing or waiting for someone else to lead you through college years or out of college lives. Non-action on the part of one student may seem to be no big deal. But if you apply it to the big picture, the non-action of an entire student body reflects loud-and-clear, just how little students care about their education here at USF. Not one damn bit apparently, and that's pathetic.

We as college students are here for a duration. Wouldn’t it be nice if we could have some input as to how to spend that duration? As utilitarian as it may sound, an education doesn’t benefit one student, it seeks to serve the greater good of the whole university system and eventually the community.

It is too late to petition for Student Government positions now, but it’s never too late to have a voice. Take the risk. Such a move might make for a better educational experience for you and the next generation of students.

KATHRYN SAVAGE

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Yet, it appears that amid all the hoopla and celebrations, we may be forgetting—or at least overlooking—that there is a tremendous price to be paid prior to the big day. Ask any vendor or employee at the ThunderDome, the city has a $2 million building that seems to be a million short of the mark. Major renovations must take place at One Stadium Drive; actually putting in the baseball diamond is only the beginning. Additional elevators, both freight and passenger elevators will have to be installed to handle the additional crowds anticipated, as well as purchasing more concession equipment to feed the masses.

Conservative estimates have placed pre-opening day costs close to $4 million, a lot of money by any body’s standards. Who, ultimately, will be stuck with this bill? One obvious guess would be the taxpayers of the city of St. Petersburg.

And what about the added traffic downtown and limited parking available? Has anyone thought about that? One possible solution here is extended bus service by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, but even that comes with a cost that will be borne by the taxpayers of Pinellas County.

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DAVID SHUTTE

Aren’t we forgetting about something?

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This show was right in fashion

Sandy Carlo
Nest Staff

"Mommy, is that the king?" my three-year-old daughter asks backstage just moments before the start of the recent fashion show produced by the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Association of Black Students.

"Yes," I said even though the African American commentator Kwabena Dinizulu, perhaps was not a king but simply wearing a kofi (turban-like crown) and draped in colorful, traditional garb.

For my daughter and me, this was a new and exciting experience. We were involved in the multicultural scene where six youngsters dressed in their Sunday best walked the runway to the Lion King tune of "The Circle of Life."

The entire "Fashion Show Extravaganza" on Feb. 26 was an undisputed success. After months of planning, Saturday rehearsals and last-minute details, the presentation was well received by more than 150 people from within the community.

The outfits were diverse-ranging from the swimwear in the beach scene to the elegant wedding clothes.

WORDS FROM THE WELLNESS CENTER

Reasons why we confess to stress

Sandy Blood
Special to The Nest

Stress manifests itself in a variety of physical ailments. These can include cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory, back, and skin problems.

But some signs of stress can be more obvious to the people we're with than to ourselves.

Here are some stress warning signs to watch for:

• Exaggerating normal behaviors
• Having sleep problems
• Withdrawing from friends, family & colleagues
• Working harder but getting less done

The flower girls were adorable.

The music was upbeat from both the taped selections and the keyboard player. A special bonus was hearing the soloist Faye Sneed lead the Black National Anthem while the audience stood and accompanied her. But the modeling was the best part.

After having attended most of the dozen or so rehearsals, I can say that the models who came out on show night were not the same ones that had practiced that first Saturday. On numerous occasions, coordinator Barbara Cockfield-Calhoun, associate Ben Williams, adviser Reverend Wilson, and I discussed the status of the models. Could they walk? Could they smile? Could they PROJECT ATTITUDE? Yes, we were relieved to see that when it was time to shine—that they did. What transformation!

As the applause rose so did the "working of the audience." These 18 or so young African-American models along with a few faculty members were obviously enjoying themselves.

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If you recognize any of these warning signs, it's time to make some changes. Learn to set priorities, get organized, slow down, and seek professional help if necessary. Check out the workshops schedule offered by the Counseling & Career Center. You might find just the right tool to help you eliminate some of your stress. For more information 893-9129.

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uncontested in that Fall race, too. Fall Election records show that there was only one competition between candidates for one of four officer positions: the race for vice-president Julie Robertson defeated Michelle Florio.

“Look at politics on a national level,” Schweickert said. “Twenty percent of the people vote, so these 20 percent are making the decisions for the other 80 percent of us. Unfortunately you don’t even have that here.”

The best turnout for SG elections on the St. Pete campus has been about 400 voters, which happened in 1993. This is not a good turnout for a campus of 3,200, Schweickert said.

“[Among] some of the things that concern me is that students are supposed to be a little bit older,” Schweickert said, referring to the median student age of 31. “So you think they would get more decisions, that they’d want to know more about what’s going on.”

The student government is structured to include eight representatives from the college of business, eight from the college of education, six from arts and sciences and three nursing. Each SG member receives a monetary stipend for his or her service. The president will make $1,000 for his upcoming term, and it is expected that these stipends will increase within the semester.

“I keep telling people that you get paid for doing this,” Schweickert said. “I can’t figure out why nobody wants this money.”

As of last week, five of the 25 SG representative seats were filled. Those names approved for the upcoming term include Michael Simmons, David Bortner, Victoria Holbrook, Linda Mells and Lisa Privitera.

Once the campus has full representation in student government, Schweickert said he will be happy.

“Then I can say, ‘I don’t know whether I agree or disagree with any decisions that they make, but there is a structure or body in place. They think independently of the administration, and they do what it is they want to do.'”

Women discuss changes in their lives

Cassie Guthrie
Nest Staff

“Mirrors are very important... more important than they should be,” said Dr. Lois LaCivita Nixon. “They show our inner-self. By looking in the mirror, we’re examining ourselves.”

The issue of self-worth comes upon women at many times during their lives, and the time of menopause is no exception, Nixon said. “Menopause was once considered taboo,” Nixon said. However, today the subject has opened many doors as to how women view themselves.

Nixon spoke March 29 at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg in honor of National Women’s History Month. The event, sponsored by the Campus Women’s Collective, was accompanied by art and literature and gave the all-female audience a deeper look at responses to midlife struggles—emotional and physical.

The slides presented by Nixon were well-known artworks that she said show how women feel during different states of their lives.

For instance, one slide was of the Mona Lisa—cold and emotionless. Nixon showed a picture of how she would be painted today, with a smile, different hair and wrinkles—modern woman happy with the way she looks and proud to show it.

“We can not keep ourselves within the social confines,” Nixon said. “We must break away from traditional thinking and traditional ways of doing things.”

Nixon described the way women used to feel about menopause. She showed two pictures of a statue to represent how women struggled with their feelings.

The first picture was of a statue today in a museum—white and polished and cared for. The second was a picture of the same statue in a garden—rusting with weeds growing tall around it. Nixon said that many women feel this is what will happen as they enter midlife, that no one will care about them or want to look at them anymore.

Hot flashes, cramps, bleeding, bloating, hormonal therapy, depression, wrinkles, gray hair and loss of desire are some of the effects women experience during the change of life.

“Some women have no symptoms at all,” said Nixon, but others struggle over the loss of their child-bearing years as they venture deeper into women.

As she was preparing for a hysterecomy, African-American poet Lucille Clifton wrote a poem about her uterus. Nixon used the poem in her slide show. Clifton didn’t want to give up this part of her body and was saying goodbye as if it were her best friend. She called her uterus an “estrogen kitchen” and spoke without any verbal restraint.

She used words and a language that once was considered inappropriate by society.

Nixon encourages this language and will continue to educate and inspire women to feel free about what was once considered taboo.

A former Peace Corps’ Health Educator in Africa, Nixon is now an associate professor in the department of internal medicine, division of medical ethics and humanities, at the University of South Florida’s College of Medicine. She teaches a required class in ethics and humanities for first-year medical students and an elective course for fourth-year students.

On marriage, Nixon said, “Pay attention to your family.” Spending time together will ensure that a marriage is a success. And for men, they go through midlife crises, too. They will know when they say...

“Oh, no, I’m becoming my father.”

Coffeehouse jam session

At left, Cindy Hillman and Lyn DiVenuti sing their rendition of the Flinstones and other mellow tunes. At right, Larry Lynch strums some Zappa. The event was sponsored by the Activities and Recreation Department and the USF Dining Center on March 29. Another “Hump Night” is scheduled for 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. For more information, call 863-6956.
Devil Rays talk sparks reaction in Central Ave. business

Jim Holliman  
Next Staff

"Hip Hip HooRays!" and "Just Another Great Day in St. Pete" say the banners lining the streets adjacent to the ThunderDome.

And what a great day it was for the city of St. Petersburg when Major League baseball announced on March 9 that the city would finally be getting a professional baseball team. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Major League Baseball's newest expansion franchise, scheduled to begin play in the Thunderdome in 1998.

This day is what the St. Petersburg City Council hoped for when it voted 6-3 in 1986 in favor of building what was then called the Florida Suncoast Dome. Council members saw baseball as a means of bringing more people to the downtown area and helping the local economy.

Small business owners downtown are hoping they were right. As talks became more serious leading to the announcement, several businesses sprouted along the once-bare stretch of road across from the Thunderdome.

"We're real excited about baseball," said Robbie Burns, co-owner of the Thunder Alley Cafe and Sports Bar at 1113 Central Ave., just a few blocks from the dome. Burns owns the bar with his brother Mark and several investors.

The Burns' opened Thunder Alley, in November 1994, hoping to draw on the revitalization of downtown St. Petersburg, of which baseball will play a major role.

"It should do what the Magic has done for Orlando and the Red Sox have done for Boston," Mark Burns said.

Thunder Alley has already started to see the effects of the announcement. Burns said the business has received a lot of exposure and acknowledgment since the announcement was made. The bar has been the subject of several news stories, and business is already starting to pick up.

Burns said, however, that there is still a long way to go. Between now and the spring of 1998 is a long road to travel," he said.

Until then, Burns said, the business will continue to expand.

When the first pitch is thrown out in April 1998, the Thunderdome will be sold out. While the fans cheer for the Devil Rays, Mark and Robbie Burns, as well as other business owners, will be doing a little cheering of their own. But their cheering will be competing with the sound of the cash register.

Mark Burns said that, if he had to pick a number, the Devil Rays would probably mean a 300 to 400 percent increase in business revenues, but with season ticket sales reaching nearly 25,000 at last count, it is quite possible that this figure could be too low.

Sign to be put up at campus corner

Kathy Dougherty  
Next Staff

In following the commitment to improve visibility to the University of South Florida’s St. Petersburg campus, a new sign will be put up at the exit from I-275 on the corner of Fourth Street South and Fifth Avenue South in St. Petersburg.

Lockheed Martin Corporation, formerly Martin Marietta, will make a major gift for the funding of the sign, said Julie Gillespie, director of campus advancement at USF-St. Petersburg. In addition to its major gift, the corporation will help to raise additional money from other sponsors as well.

The sponsorship is due in part to campus advisory member Chuck Hall, a former president with Martin Marietta. The structural costs are expected to exceed $100,000.00.

The new sign will feature a running water fountain. Irrigation will consist of reclaimed water, thus continuing the conservation efforts of the campus, Gillespie said.

In keeping with environmental concerns, the Department of Transportation will work with Southwest Florida Water Management District, which will develop and finance the surrounding landscape.

It is hoped that construction on the sign will begin in the fall to coincide with the university’s 30th anniversary.

The sign, which is expected to be complete by the end of the year, replaces the older sign that is now there.

Deborah Kurelik, Kathy Arsenault and Harry Schalenman check out an architectural model of the proposed entrance sign.

The search for meaning is... oh, never mind

Scott Hartzell  
Next Staff

Strange urges to seek out truth overcome us all at one time or another. It’s one of life’s chores. When those cravings strike, it’s always wise to join a crowd that seeks to discover elusive concepts at a place where truth-seeking happens a lot.

Anyway, The Big Apple Bistro on Central Avenue is one place where truth-seeking happens a lot. The bar opens its doors to everyone—who has $2. Businessmen in suits, jocks in sweatshirts and bikers in anything they choose rub elbows in a desperate search for verity.

On the average weekend, Rocky Ruckman and the Beat Heathens blast out a blend of ‘70s, ‘80s and rock ‘n roll music, making any probe for the truth so much easier. And this guy must be good because he sells his own CDs there. Either that or he’s an egomaniac. Another drink might answer that question.

Speaking of questions, perhaps that additional spirit will render up the ultimate reality: Has the Treasure of the Czars boosted the Bistro’s business? But, alas, a return visit will be necessary.

The brain surgeon turned bartender sporting those fine Daisy Duke’s started talking about elephants, clowns and tightrope walkers when posed with that question, so the truth will have to wait.

It will be worth the extra trip though. Anyone who equates the Treasures of the Czars with the Circus of Stars is pretty novel. Lions and tigers and bears, oh my. It’s time to go.
Humor drives friends flick

Scott Hartzell Film Reviewer

A new trend is on the rise. Minnie Driver, the star of the new romantic comedy Circle of Friends, has joined Toni Collette of Muriel’s Wedding in an effort to do for wallflowers what Tom Hanks did for the mentally challenged in Forrest Gump. Boy, are these three examples of how things have changed.

Not long ago, National Lampoon’s Animal House outrageously let audiences know that fat, drunk, and stupid was no way to go through life. Now only drunkenness remains taboo as “dumbing down” is cool and “unbecoming” could soon be very sexy.

Director Pat O’Conner’s film—based on Maeve Binchy’s best-selling novel—retreats some 20 years ago and paints a humorous picture honoring this change of taste. At the same time, it dramatically speaks of the sexual guilt of a trio of Catholic girls growing up in Ireland.

Bernadette (Driver), or Benny as her friends call her, is a university-bound girl who feels she is living a life of despair and entrapment. All she seems to have are Eve (Geraldine O’Rane) and Nan (Saffron Burrows), two childhood friends who are the meat and potatoes of her life’s Irish stew.

Benny’s considered by the rest of her peers to be an “undesirable article,” the type of girl that seems to disappear into the wall at dances and parties. Meanwhile, her parents seem to have the rest of her life figured out. After attending the university, she will marry the man her father is training to take over the family business. However, Benny can’t stand the touch of this leach—or "lizard" as she calls him.

More importantly, she may be experiencing love for the first time with a dashing jock named Jack, played effectively by Chris O’Donnell. But, as is so common in life, problems ensue when Cupid’s arrow strikes. This special shaft of love causes Benny’s Circle of Friends to experience a triangle of deceit. Driver is absolutely charming as a girl whose hunger for love forces her into a desperate struggle between her morality and her physical desire. Whether it be the work of cinematographer Jim Clay or her uncanny ability to grow on the audience, Driver succeeds in becoming the epitome of true beauty and desire as the film progresses. Her supporting cast is also convincing. O’Rane is perfect as Eve, a charmer who uses the younger boys as "practice" in preparation for her romantic assault on older men. Burrows gives a steady performance as Nan, Benny’s Rock of Gibraltar and tag team partner in their wrestling match between Catholic morals and their exploding hormones. Finally, Colin Firth becomes the consummate worm with his portrayal of Sean, Benny’s detestable "lizard.”

With Circle of Friends, O’Conner has delivered a film about love, sexual impropriety and deviousness with just enough humor and drama to reveal that outward appearances do not necessarily reflect the inner person.

MOBILE REVIEW

MORRISSEY • WORLD OF MORRISSEY

Pop demagogue, leader of the still ever so popular ambiguous movement, living legend, Morrissey, the former front man for the British band “The Smiths” has been sold for about eight years now. His new album, World of Morrissey is a compilation of songs that brings together all of his best material with some shiny new songs. The album shows the true progression of Morrissey from a depressed child to a man who just needs to be loved, by whom, he never pays. The new songs are worth the purchase, but new converts will enjoy this album immensely.

The first single, “Boxers,” tells the tale of a boxer who is ready to throw in his gloves. The fighter’s wife has left him and Morrissey watches in the shadows with teary eyes, wishing he could save the poor soul.

On “Have-A-Go Merchant” a homeless and drunken mother must choose between her child’s welfare and the bottle.

The most outstanding track is “Whatever Happens, I Love You.” A declaration of Morrissey’s love to someone. Other songs on this album include songs that have never been released on album, including Morrissey’s lovely interpretation of Mancini’s “Moon River.” Another bonus to this de luxe release is three live tracks from 1993’s live album “Beethoven Was Deaf,” which was not released in the U.S.

As in all of Morrissey’s songs he plays the part he plays so well, the loner and bag who sits in the dark eager to be held. The disillusioned poet who will never put down his poison pen, and the mysterious man who none of us really know the truth about and probably never will.
Code Blue: dining E.R. style

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anything else one might need for the numerous menu selections. My daughter had difficulty finishing the liberal serving and had no complaint about the quality.

The ham sandwich was served on a sesame seed hamburger bun. The ham was not of the deli variety sliced from pressed loaves of some pink substance resembling meat, but was instead thinly sliced from a real side of ham. The edges were a little dry as sometimes occurs during the baking process, but the meat was sweet, not over-salted and on the “melt-in-your-mouth” side. The cole slaw was as close to homemade as I have had when eating out and lacked only the colorful addition of carrot slivers. The kosher pickle was a bit briny, but not inedible.

My husband’s selection took the blue ribbon for the evening. The carrots and broccoli which floated in the sea of noodles, chicken and cream sauce were fresh and were sliced to perfect size. The vegetables were still on the crisp side; the noodles were cooked to perfection. His serving, too, was generous.

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Graduation speaker Hinesley

Laura Wilson
Staff Writer

The University of South Florida-St. Petersburg expects to lose a few hundred students next month.

The vast majority of students in the senior class will participate in the spring commencement graduation ceremonies and will move to their college home where they have spent the past four to 10 years of their lives.

Superintendent Dr. J. Howard Hinesley of the Pinellas County School District has been selected as this year's speaker. Hinesley presides over the Superintendent Association, and he was selected as Superintendent of the Year for Florida in 1994.

"He's wonderful," said Julie Gillespie, director of advancement for the St. Petersburg campus. "The superintendent of schools was a good choice to speak to the seniors. He has been a great superintendent for Pinellas County."

Hinesley was invited to speak at last year's graduation but was unable to attend.

"I was honored to receive an invitation and am looking forward to it," Hinesley said. "Addressing the 1995 graduation is a privilege. We're fortunate to have USF."

Hinesley and Dean H. William Heller are involved with the creation of a high school in Palm Harbor that will be affiliated with USF. The school will be called Palm Harbor University High School, and is expected to open in 1996. Classes will be available for USF students, and internship programs specializing in the field of education will be created.

Distant learning classes will be offered along with on-line classes that will link computers into the classroom. Two-way audio and visual monitors will be available where students can see and hear people in different rooms. University students in Palm Harbor have an hour commute to the Tampa campus and the St. Petersburg campus.

There is a great connection between the students and Hinesley. One of the largest college campuses is education. Many of our students are going on to study at Pinellas County schools. Also, many of our students have come from Pinellas County schools," Hinesley said. USF President Betty Castor worked closely with Hinesley when she served as the Commissioner of Education. Hinesley recently renewed his contract after dissenting with the school board.

"I think that says a lot for his capabilities," Gillespie said.

President Castor will be the official university host. She has worked closely with Dean Heller in planning the ceremonies. This will be her second year attending the USF commencement.

"We are fortunate to have Betty Castor," Hinesley said. Her leadership has helped the university to move forward. A Teacher of the Year award will be presented at the ceremony. Approval is being sought for an honor degree award for Doctorate of Humane letters. This individual will be recognized for his or her service to the university.

"Graduates often make the mistake of thinking their education ends when they graduate. This is just a completion of the first formal activity. Education continues throughout their careers. Time will pass by, and you will be able to continuously work to learn. This is not the end," Hinesley said.

Student affairs sponsors the graduation. The ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. May 9 in the Mahaffey Theater at the Bayfront Center. Student government will sponsor a reception party after the commencement at the Campus Activity Center. The theme is still being decided. Festivities are expected to last from one to two hours, student government officials said.

These students travel in class

David Schulte
Nest staff

Whether your passion is Spanish Flamenco, Greek mythology, African culture or Shakespeare, you can live it on one of the many study abroad programs offered through the University of South Florida. USF offers two types of programs. The Residential Study Abroad Programs range from two weeks to a full semester. Study Tours range from 10 days to 1/2 weeks.

Participating in the Residential Study Abroad Programs are based in a central location. This allows for local interaction while students get accustomed to a new environment. Depending on the program, participants may live in a residence hall, private home ("homestay"), guest house or apartment.

Weekends are usually spent exploring. You can skirt along the fringes or head into the great wide open and literally lose yourself in alien surroundings.

Study Tours take participants off the beaten path and explore lesser-known regions of the world. Classroom lectures give an idea of what to expect and allow you to meet some of your fellow travelers before you begin the tour.

Study Tours include East China, Ghana, South Africa, southwest France, and lesser-known parts of the United Kingdom. Chosen for their natural beauty, historic significance, culture and heritage, these sites provide opportunities to learn in an active program.

Dr. Harry Schalaman, professor of geography, directs the South Africa tour. "The tour allows us to see different people, cultures and lifestyles many times different from our own," Schalaman says. "Then we are able to see our own country through a different set of glasses in both the positive and negative lights."

Melissa Newkirk, a teacher at Gaither High School in Tampa, studied in San Jose, Costa Rica, which was an undergraduate at Florida State.

"Learning [a] different culture can be one of the most exciting things," she says.

It was the little things that taught Newkirk not to take for granted the luxuries that she was here, such as paved roads and food variety.

"In the states we can pretty much get anything we want. Sometimes it's a different story down there," says Newkirk, referring to the staple diet of fresh fruit, rice and beans.

The friendships are another advantage of the programs. Says Newkirk: "My fondest memories are of spending time with my [host] family and talking with them, as well as hanging out at the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Montezuma with all my friends in the group."

The International Student Exchange Program at USF offers exchange programs with universities in England, Scotland, France, Israel, Japan, Korea, Australia, Canada, Russia and Sweden. A student who studies abroad at a foreign institution literally "exchanges places" with a foreign student who comes to study at USF.

Tuition, room and board rates for exchange programs are about the same as USF. Courses are taught in English, and credits are transferred to USF.

Some programs include air transportation and meals. All programs are directed by USF faculty members who have particular expertise in and knowledge of the countries and areas of study. Participation may be for academic credit or simply for personal growth and learning.

Schalaman says that these programs help the student leader to appreciate the differences in people and cultures.

"But [he or she] also sees the common denominator—that we are all part of the same race—the human race."
CAMPUS CALENDAR

Compiled by CASSIE GUTHRIE

Monday, April 10
Academic Frontiers: "Reflections on the Russian Revolution."
Speaker: Richard Pipes, professor of history at Harvard University.
7:30 p.m. at Eckerd College.

Wednesday, April 12
Bayboro Lyceum Series: "Catherine the Great."
Presenter: Nan Colton, actor and author. Noon in Davis Hall, Room 130.

Hump Night: "It's Almost Over" celebration featuring music by Rebound. 8 p.m.

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CPR Workshops

Seminar for CPR and First Aid certification are available in April. The seminars are scheduled for:

CPR (only)
Tuesday, April 18
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the CAC core room.
Cost is $15. Register by April 4.

First Aide (only)
Tuesday, April 25
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the CAC conference room.
Cost is $23. Register by April 10.

CPR and First Aid
Saturday, April 29
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CAC conference room.
Cost is $38. Register by April 15.
To register, call Lisa Peck at 527-2990.

Summer Registration
Continuing degree and non-degree seeking students may register for summer session by appointment in person or by phone during early registration. Registration forms will not be mailed for continuing students. Registration appointment times are available April 10 through April 14 from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
If the first letter of your last name starts with the letter A through G, call (813) 276-0066; H through O, call (813) 223-6611; and P through Z, call (813) 972-8120.
You may register on or after your appointment time only.

Spring Fling
Sign up a team and compete for the campus championship on Thursday, April 20. Games include a challenging sack race, three-legged race, tug of war and more. Minimum of six members per team. Music by the band Axis; food and other fun activities also will be included. Call the Activities Office at 893-9596 to sign up teams and for times of events.

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Regatta sails smoothly

Ahoy, mates! At right, participants in the 12th annual Bayboro Windship Regatta prepare to sail. Below, faculty, staff and students enjoy food during a post-regatta celebration. The Regatta was held the morning of April 1 and festivities continued throughout the afternoon.

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