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Employee assaulted on campus

David Schindler
Nest Staff

A University of South Florida-St. Petersburg employee was attacked on campus last month, USF police reported.

Police said the suspect wrestled a female employee to the ground at the corner of Sixth Avenue South and Second Street at 8:10 a.m. Jan. 4. The suspect fled when a witness in a car honked the horn.

James Ira Jackson, 20, was arrested and faces a charge of attempted assault. The name of the victim was not released, as is the policy in sexual assault cases, Sgt. Margie Carr said.

Students urged to use police escorts.

The suspect is also accused of attacking an 81-year-old woman two blocks north of campus in the Carlton Towers parking lot in an unrelated incident.

As a result of the assault, Carr said, people are more aware while on campus. "They need to know what's going on around them," Carr said. "I think the climate is more tense," said Judy Buller, a USF graduate student. "You have to be more careful during the day."

Margaret Darrow, an administrative assistant at the Ethics Center on Fifth Avenue South, said she is a lot more cautious when she walks on campus.

Carr stressed that students, faculty members and staff should make use of emergency blue-light phones on campus when they see any signs of trouble, and they should feel free to seek police escorts when walking alone to their cars late at night.

"Whenever possible, don't walk alone," Carr said. "You can't wear blinders."

Student clubs could lose Dome concessions contract

Nest Staff

University of South Florida-St. Petersburg student organizations prepared for another profitable year staffing vendor booths at the ThunderDome, only to learn they had been locked out just as the Lightning were to take the ice.

Suncoast SportService terminated a long-standing agreement, Jan. 22, with USF clubs and organizations that provided concession volunteers at Dome events. USF-St. Petersburg campus student government had contracted with SportService since April, 1993.

"This is a business. We have to be certain that all our points of sale are covered. Calling off on opening day, with a sell-out crowd, just wasn't cool, especially since USF has had one of the busiest locations," said Rob

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USF football jaggernaut Lee Roy Selmon masterminds support for pigskin pandemonium. See page 3.
New Poynter Library promises volumes

David Schutte
Next Staff

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Dome contract tug-of-war continues

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Ault, SportService Concessions Manager at the ThunderDome. Ault said while he understands how much the student groups were counting on working at the Dome, he was not confident that USF would be able to fulfill its obligations.

The NHL Lockout put vendor activities on hold for most of last semester. Volunteer networks in most student organizations on campus found other opportunities for fund-raising and community service.

When the Lightning finally hit the ice last month, student organizations were caught off guard, as they had not even met for the first time for the Spring '95 term.

Dr. Tim Grimm, assistant director of student affairs, said he notified Bob Hough, general manager for Suncoast SportService, that the organizations could not provide service for the first two hockey games (Friday, Jan. 20 and Sunday, Jan. 22) until the clubs met to hammer out vendor arrangements. Grimm said that Hough agreed to replace the USF groups for the first two games, but would leave USF on the vendor roster for the remainder of the season.

"At no time did Mr. Hough indicate that the contract was on the line, if he had, we would have found some way to cover those days," Grimm said.

ThunderDome coordinators met shortly after that to recruit volunteers to staff the vending booths. Both the dean's office and Student Affairs staff volunteered to work, giving student clubs a chance to get organized for the semester.

The contract was established to provide student workers for at least one concession stand at various ThunderDome events including concerts, arena football, basketball and hockey.

Organizations participating in the vendor program have earned a 9 percent commission on net sales at each event worked. Since May 1993 commissions earned more than $24,000. The Alumni Association, Student Accounting Organization, Legalis Society and Student Government have used their shares of the proceeds to provide scholarships and other opportunities for their members.

SportService management that USF has been one of the most reliable groups under contract with his company. Christopher Carter, USF alumni and previous ThunderDome coordinator said that SportService management had contacted USF students many times to fill a second stand when another group called off at the last minute. Records indicate that USF students also have covered events at Expo Hall at the Tampa fairgrounds.

William Heller, dean of the St. Petersburg campus, said he spoke with Bill Boggs, ThunderDome Director for the City of St. Petersburg, to see what pressure, if any, he could apply to resolve this situation in favor of USF-St. Pete. At this time no agreement has been reached, but contract negotiations are under way.

Both Student Affairs and the Dean's Office staff have volunteered to work an event to raise money for special campus projects such as the Emergency Loan Fund.

TAMPA CONNECTION

Football fever contagious

Both sides of the Bay get psyched up for footBull

Laura Wilson
Tampa Reporter

Dreams sometimes do come true. After 20 years of consideration and four years of extensive planning and fund-raising, college football at the University of South Florida is soon to become a reality.

A football stampede is heading this way. The USF Bulls are scheduled to play their first NCAA football game in September 1997. Where the games will be played is still undecided.

Stadiums under consideration include Tampa Stadium and the Thunderdome.

"We're keeping our options open," said Athletic Director Paul Griffin.

USF will seek the Florida Board of Regents' approval shortly after a $5 million endowment fund has been raised. USF Associate Sports Information Director Lee Roy Selmon leads the fund-raising project and has raised more than $4.5 million in pledges and private donations, Griffin said. The athletic department believes that with a $5 million endowment to the BOR, acceptance for the football program looks promising.

A football coach will be selected after receiving BOR approval. Football players are expected to be recruited next year. "The coaches will have the responsibility of selecting the recruiting," Griffin said.

USF will play in Division I-AA, competing against Florida A&M, Central Florida, Georgia Southern and the University of Central Florida, among others.

The addition of football to USF promises more revenue to the school.

"Average revenues expected to generate from the football program are between $1.5 to 2 million per year," Griffin said.

The Tampa Bay Business Journal estimated a $2.6 million economic benefit to the Tampa area from USF football.

USF has already succeeded in raising a considerable amount of the strongest college athletic programs. Since 1991 USF has won either first or second place in men's and women's All-Sports Honors each year at the Metro Conference. Profits from the football program will aid in continuing the success of all campus sports, Griffin said. "We will have a more fully rounded athletic program because of the football team."

Most Tampa students are eager for the football program to begin.

"I like the idea of having a football team at USF," said Sean O'Berry, a junior. "It should do a lot to enhance the school spirit, and that is what we need."

But there is a concern among some St. Petersburg students that the addition of a football program will harm the school.

"Before we get to talking about football we need to make sure that our academic house is in order," said Tom Schnur, a senior student. "I do not want to see the university bring football at the expense of other programs. I am also concerned about an increase in our A & S tuition fees."

Schnur's concern is that USF football could ruin the university. He recalled the financial hardships the University of Tampa faced in the 1970s when its attempt to start a football program almost bankrupted the school.

Community support has helped make the program possible. "We have received a positive reception and we're very appreciative," Griffin said. "The public has been sincere and enthusiastic about the program."

Football tickets are available at $50 per ticket for a one-year pledge and $250 per ticket for a five-year pledge. USF students are admitted free with a student identification card. The proceeds from the ticket sales go toward raising the $10 million goal to finance the football program.
On a perfect planet people don’t die from blood transfusions or casual intimate encounters—nor on a perfect planet do they. But for now, HIV and the AIDS virus are trying very hard to remind us that we are far from a perfect planet after all.

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The Crow's Nest began in 1969 as a newsletter, The USF-SP Bay Campus Bulletin, I.M. "Neddy" Tschilder, coordinator for USF Campus Activities Center programs, helped create the publication and has been involved in the The Crow's Nest's development ever since.

The name The Crow's Nest was chosen in 1970 to reflect the campus' proximity to Bayboro Harbor—a time when crows' nests were a common sight from the classrooms. The paper's new production manager, has changed the publication's look for this semester. Please look forward to seeing a new Crow's Nest every two weeks for the rest of spring semester. Right now, we're still in the growing stages. The staff members have a commitment, however, to creating the best product that they can while also trying to build and maintain a staff of writers, editors, photographers and advertising representatives. Interested in helping? Call editor Therese Mattioli, 553-3113, or adviser Lee Peck, 895-5731.

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**From the Mouth of Madness**

**Whose campus is this, anyway?**

**Therese Mattioli Editor**

It was a night of magic wherein all the sacrifices and struggles, the missed football games and the long almost endless nights of work seemed far, far away. It was a night saved for hugs and tears and celebration Commencement. That one word means so many things for so many graduates.

For some, it is the end of an academic career and the beginning of a professional one. Backpacks are exchanged for briefcases and jeans replaced with suits. The battle of the books is finally over and the no-longer-students close a door behind them, straighten their shoulders and begin walking down a new avenue (not quite sure of what lies ahead but confident they will succeed).

For others, graduate school beckons and friends and families wait for what comes next. Those seeking higher education smile and know that Grad School means a few more years of over-priced textbooks, crummy apartments with paper-thin walls, lots of bad coffee, cheap beer and the sleep. Somehow it is worth every moment of it because someday (and everyone knows this) all the hard work will pay off.

That is what college is all about: compensations and dreams and stress and most importantly education. At least that is what college is supposed to be about. I received much more than a conventional education during my tenure at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg. For this, I am profoundly grateful. Whether I should be or not has yet to be decided.

During the USF-St. Petersburg's Commencement Exercises on Dec. 15, for example, I learned that even though students on a commencement committee selected (and had funds to pay for) a particular commencement speaker, Betty Castor could override the selection and provide (for our benefit, of course) a speaker of her own choosing.

Her selection, in this case, was Mayor David Fisher. Mayor Fisher is a very nice man who has done many wonderful things for our snug little harborside campus over the last few years. For his attention and contributions to USF-St. Petersburg, he should be recognized and appreciated. If Betty Castor really wanted to salute the city of St. Petersburg for all of its contributions to the development of this campus, she could have done so without pitying the poor student needs.

Just not at my college graduation, thank you.

If President Castor wants to toss a few laurels because her political agenda requires her to throw a bone that is fine. Mayor David Fisher and the city of St. Petersburg have done much in support of this growing campus. But, the fact that she chose USF-St. Petersburg Commencement Exercise to do this only demonstrates how things are done on this campus.

This campus is small and for the most part the faculty and staff are dedicated to getting it right. Whether that is true exactly, it's fine if you just keep it to yourself.

The USF-St. Petersburg campus has the potential to be a great university environment. But only if the students, faculty and administrators learn that different opinions and ideas don't mean different sides. If you take the time to look beyond the facade of a picturesque waterfront campus, you are almost immediately forced into a game of political manipulation that would make even the most seasoned public officials blanche. Why must it always turn
Third Street talk resorts to verbal blows

Andrew Harkey
Nest Staff

A string of University of South Florida students lines up along the curb before the dam break. Heads oscillate as they watch St. Petersburg’s downtown traffic whiz by.

Waiting. Watching.

A few daredevils dart in front of a rusted Cadillac. The others play it safe. They wait for the next bubble between bumpers to scurry across.

Students on the St. Petersburg campus who have classes in the Piano Man Building know the routine by now. These classrooms are only the first of several new campus additions slated for the west side of Third Street.

Yet the traffic flows on. They don’t see why they don’t take away all these roads and make it a real campus,” says psychology major Jeanette Johansson, as she catches her breath before entering the Piano Man.

The unassuming strip of asphalt that bisects the campus’ 47 acres not only pits the students against the drivers, but the school against its neighbors. And, ultimately, the city against the state.

The neighborhood and the street closed within 20 years.

This has many of the residents who live south of Bayboro Harbor seeing red. They say they don’t want anyone tampering with their Third Street.

“We know that the population of USF is not elementary school children who need assistance crossing the street,” said Lillian Sullivan, who lives in the Old Southeast neighborhood just south of campus. “USF is an urban campus. It appears extreme to reduce access to the entire south side of St. Petersburg to assist adults to cross the street.”

Sullivan’s neighborhood group has allied with other residents from the Driftwood and Tropical Shores neighborhoods south of the school to petition the city for help against the university, against a plan they say would “isolate them from the rest of the city.”

Their pleas are heard, but St. Petersburg City Council members say their hands are tied. If the state ignores the complaints of the neighborhoods, City Council can do nothing except appeal the decision in court, said Michael S. Davis, legal counsel for the city. Davis said this is because state laws that oversee Florida’s university development process usurp authority from the City Council, overturning the usual process set up by the city to issue street vacation permits.

“If (the University) says flat, ‘We’re going to close Third Street and we don’t care about your vacation process,’” then City Council would have to petition the university,” Davis said. The issue has all sides pointing fingers.

The closure of Third Street, as well as the closure of other avenues criss-crossing the downtown campus, has been a point of contention ever since the idea was proposed 16 years ago.

In the original pages of the voluminous St. Petersburg campus master plan, drawn up in 1977, planners projected an overflowing student population -- even double of what it is today. They prescribed closing all major downtown roads within campus boundaries. Back then, the young campus was a vision of oak-lined lawns where four-lane roads have existed. A unified campus, uninterrupted by intruding downtown traffic, became a rally clause for campus planners.

The state Board of Regents liked the idea. Campus architects liked the idea. Even the city’s administration hinted at approval.

No way, said nearby residents.

“I can understand their desire to improve and invigorate their campus, but the reality is that this is an urban campus, and that includes city streets,” said Ruth Varn, who lives on Bayou Boulevard South. “Safety is not really an issue here since the average age of the students is 32. The majority are attending evening classes, so the traffic volume is low. When you close or reduce in size a city street, the traffic does not just go away. It simply moves to another street, adding to the congestion.”

Enter the mediator. William Heller, dean of the St. Petersburg campus, found himself in the role of referee last fall when the state forced the university and its detractors to the negotiating table. The Legislature passed the Environmental Land Management Commission Act that told its 10 public state universities to make friendly with their hosts communities. Heller met with neighborhood representatives by day and spoke at resident meetings by night to pitch his plan. He said he would cut a deal with them. The university would not close Third Street. Instead, Third Street would be narrowed.

“It would not be a drastic narrowing,” Heller said, “but it is important that we accommodate as pedestrian-friendly campus.”

The neighborhoods reluctantly gave their nod of approval. The dean said he liked the compromise.

“We had a gentleman’s agreement,” Heller said. “They said it would be very acceptable to narrow the street into an attractive campus boulevard and we said we wouldn’t close it.”

City Traffic and Fire departments accepted the proposal, too. Julie Weston, city manager for advanced planning, said the new look would make the thoroughfare more compatible with the feel of the campus.

But Heller said the street would be accentuated because it will be the entry to the campus, said Wendy al, the former city urban forester.

The drive was a brick wall last year. Only 21 days before the final proposal was to be submitted to the Board of Regents, the Old South Neighborhood association met to protest “the drastic narrowing” of Third Street. Other neighborhood followed suit.

Residents against Heller’s proposal say narrowing the three-lane road would constrict access to downtown and I-175. More important, they contend, Third Street is a highcane evacuation route that would be choked by the campus if narrowed.

“This drastic narrowing of our major arteries to downtown, to isolate us from the rest of the city,” Sullivan said in a plea to City Council last fall.

Council members showed the support for the residents.

“This is an urban university. There are not out in the boondocks,” Commissioner David Davis said. “We can close everything in the sake of the school.

The university’s usual allies turned on Heller.

“The two Bayboro museums, our institution the Dali Museum, field over 60,000 visitors each year. We bring the visitors to that little strip of I-175 Avenue South between Third and Fourth streets,” said Eileen Smith, speaking for the Great Explorations Museum. “With our level of visitors, the loss of the parallel parallel spaces between the Foyster (Institute for Media Studies) and a little bit south of 11th Avenue really adds up to an ever-increasing parking problem.”

The Piano Man classrooms are only the first of several new campus additions slated for the west side of Third Street. Heller said the campus is “moving west.”

This drastic narrowing would isolate us from the rest of the city.
Traffic counts on the stretch proposed to be narrowed, conducted by the city in February 1993, indicate the traffic flow at 11th Avenue South to be 1,518 vehicles northbound and 1,880 southbound. These counts multiply to 4,672 vehicles northbound where the university traffic spills into downtown traffic at Sixth Avenue South.

By way of comparison, Third Street’s traffic flow on the two-lane stretch south of Thrill Hill (where Third Street bumps over Salt Creek), measured in February of this year, counted 1,712 northbound vehicles and 1,944 southbound — consistent with the counts at 11th Avenue South before the university and downtown traffic is routed onto Third Street.

These traffic counts indicate that the number of vehicles traveling from the southeast neighborhoods does not make any significant increases before it reaches the three-lane stretch by the university. Heller’s proposal calls for a deletion of one lane.

There’s nothing I’ve found that tells me that part of Third Street we want to narrow is a major thoroughfare,” Heller said. “We have about 1,750 seats filled just about every night of the week. That’s 1,750 individuals coming down to this campus. When you put that into traffic trips into the area, that’s about 300,000 different trips across the year. We need to control that area.”

Kelly Lineberger lives in Driftwood. She said she’s most concerned about traffic congestion that would result if Third Street is narrowed.

“I think that crossing signals can get the students safely across the street,” Lineberger said. “If you drive down this way, you know how bad the traffic is on Fourth Street. Now we’re talking about dumping Third Street’s traffic onto Fourth Street. That’s going to result in some real problems.”

Heller disagreed, saying, “It would look to us to come up Third Street from the Southeast would not be a direct route to I-275 from that area.

Councilwoman Connie Koebacks Heller on this point. She said a plan to convert the one-way Fourth Street to a two-way street has been in the works for a while.

Heller said the argument for Third Street as an evacuation route also is moot. Not only do all streets flow in the same direction during such an emergency, he said, but Third Street becomes impassable during a heavy rainstorm.

The day I went down to meet with the Old Southeast neighborhood, it was raining so hard I couldn’t get through on Third Street,” Heller said, “I had to go over to Fourth Street and even there the water was up to the bottom of my car.”

Heller said he is tired of opponents using the issue of student ages as an argument.

“Thirty-one-year-olds have accidents,” he said. “Thirty-one-year-olds get run over. Thirty-one-year-olds have cars and do not drive wisely. We need to make walking around on campus as safe as possible.”

Heller continued, saying, “There are universities who have closed major thoroughfares very effectively. You find very few universities in the country, urban or otherwise that have a major thoroughfare going through the heart of campus.”

A final public hearing on the fate of Third Street is scheduled for this semester.

City Council has made no indication to whom it will swing its favor when the time comes for decision, leaving the neighborhoods wondering what will happen. Demands made by the city may fall on deaf ears, however, as the decision it ultimately left to the state.

Heller said the official position of the university is that Third Street will remain open, to the request of the neighborhood associations, but it will be narrower. Heller also said USF will not violate or seek to waiver any city regulations despite its eminent domain.

“It is hard for the neighborhoods to visualize the changes the campus needs,” Heller said. “Residents won’t be upset when it is done. There is nothing to indicate Third Street is a major artery.

“I have the responsibility to preserve the tranquility of the campus and create a pedestrian-oriented environment. We have to make decisions with our students in mind. The narrowing will happen.”
In the mouth of badness
John Carpenter's new horror film lays an egg

FILM REVIEW

Sam Neill goes looney in John Carpenter's new psycho-horror flick.

Scott Hartzell Film Reviewer

Director John Carpenter has committed the ultimate transgression.
This offense is more horrible than any evil ever depicted in his films. All of the evidence needed just pours out and In the Mouth of Madness, his newest release. In it, he has resorted to the mindless tricks of cheap gore and gratuitous special effects that were, until now, the dubious trademark of his imitators.

Jurgen Prochnow (The Seventh Sign) offers a forgettable performance as Sutter Cane, an author of terror who is elevated beyond the real-life abilities of Stephen King.

The world anticipates and thrives upon his every word, even though his readers turn into paranoid, homicidal maniacs after digesting his material.

When Cane disappears, insurance investigator John Trent (Sam Neill) gets involved. He is sent by publisher Jackson Harglow -- played lethargically by Charlton Heston -- to discover Cane's whereabouts.

Editor Linda Styles (Julie Carman) joins the cocky Trent, and the only surprising outcome of their relationship is that it doesn't result in a typical and predictable romance.

Thank goodness for that. Even the slightest tryst wouldn't have blended with all of those scummy monsters and paranoid schizophrenics.

Their search involves a trip to the fictitious village of Hobbs End, the supposed new hideout of Cane. The fact that this place isn't on any known map doesn't deter or surprise Trent. He believes this missing-author business is just a fancy publicity stunt and he doesn't even seem concerned about how to find the uncharted hamlet. While on their way there, Carpenter's silly hell breaks loose.

A list of the ridiculous elements in this film can easily continue.

Carpenter simply toys with his fantasy-is-reality theme by flashng images of slimy doors that beat like excited hearts and by depicting multi-armed creatures that wouldn't scare a 2-year-old. His use of flesh-eating ghouls -- pilfered from George A. Romero's horror classic, Night of the Living Dead -- is another error in judgment. The lack of originality here doesn't speak well for this renowned director of the macabre or his film.

Carpenter is at his best when his works ring with chilling music and drip with gripping suspense as they wrap themselves around interesting character studies. Halloween, Escape from New York, The Thing and Starman succeeded because they possessed these ingredients.

Nothing of this quality spews forth from In the Mouth of Madness.

RATING: out of five.

TOM - Boy Genius

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Taste of Cuba close to campus

Mary Hijar Next Staff

All too often as students we find ourselves grabbing our food from a vending machine. Our definition of a "hot" meal consists of popcorn "zapped" in the ever handy microwave at Davis Hall.

It may surprise some of you that there are hot meals to warn you on these cooler Florida days and you don't have to give up that prime parking space you slid into in the early morning hours. If you don't mind a short walk, downtown St. Petersburg can offer some variety to your academic diet. And the exercise won't hurt you either.

Tangelo's Grille on first Avenue North in Januss Landing offers a variety of grilled Cuban sandwiches that will fill you up without emptying your pocket.

Also offered are hot soup, chili and black beans and rice. If those don't warm you, grab a bottle of Matouk's Hot Pepper Sauce and apply generously; I guarantee you'll appreciate a cold beer (domestic or imported), or a glass of wine or sangria to bring the body temperature back to normal.

The sandwiches at Tangelo's run $3.75 with the exceptions of the "Grilled Chicken Breast" marinated in Mojo sauce, $4.50 and the "Chicken Cordon Bleu," $4.75. On my last visit I had the "Roast Pork on Grilled Cuban," $3.75 and rice, $2.00 and a glass of sangria, $2.50.

The black beans and rice serving was acceptable if a little on the lukewarm side. Some of us like our soups and beans hot enough to require a little cooling in the bowl, it ensures that the last bite won't be frigid. The sandwich was fresh and hot and cooked through and was enough to be a meal on its own. The sangria was not overly sweet and had a pleasant bouquet.

The service was reasonably fast and extraordinarily friendly. Everyone seems at ease here including the employees.

If you hit Tangelo's right at the lunch hour, you'll be dining with the business crowd and you will face a $2.50 minimum that is imposed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This I assume is imposed to keep out some of the more colorful local characters that I found on my late afternoon visit.

Colorful applies to Tangelo's atmosphere as well. Bits of island motif are interspersed with neon and grounded by fast-food style tables and chairs. Definitely Tangelo's has an unperturbing and unimposing style inviting you to come as you are and enjoy food and friends.

Oh, and if its culture you crave, the Florida International Museum is just across the street.
MUSIC REVIEW

Michael Fellows

MASSIVE ATTACK - PROTECTION

Its beat is noticeable. Its in the foreground with a bass so deep you can feel it deep within your soul. The sound is almost tribal, somewhat islander, but truly British in tradition and form. The group is Massive Attack but it is more a collective of people who bring the message of music to the world.

The three core members, 3, D, Mushroom and Daddy G, hail from the small coastal town of Bristol. Where blacks and whites live together and in small warehouses, at night, groups of musicians form, and make music that is a unique melting pot of sounds. It is here that Wild Bunches who went on to become Massive Attack were formed.

In 1991, Massive Attack's first album came out with rave reviews of their haunting daunting into the background with a bass so deep you can feel it deep within your soul. The sound is almost tribal, somewhat islander, but truly British in tradition and form. The group is Massive Attack but it is more a collective of people who bring the message of music to the world. The three core members, 3-D, Mushroom and Daddy G, hail from the small coastal town of Bristol. Where blacks and whites live together and in small warehouses, at night, groups of musicians form, and make music that is a unique melting pot of sounds. It is here that Wild Bunches who went on to become Massive Attack were formed.

Now it is 1995, a new album and a new outlook on life for Massive Attack. They were only hiding from fame and recognition. This album surpasses the first by leaps and bounds. There is a guest vocalist on most tracks who contributed to the songwriting. Tracey Thorn starts off with her wisp vocals against a throbbing slow back beat and impressive organs that grind and warp on the song Protection. On Eurochild, 3-D and guest rapper Tricky, sing speak over a techno soundtrack from outer space, hovering close to oblivion. Sly, features Nicolette, a wonderful soul singer, who sings in a quiet voice one minute, then is a dance hall diva the next. Two instrumentals wind the album down. Both Heatmaster and Weather Storm feature delicate piano melodies, sweeping strings and intricate chord arrangements which can change the mood of any room.

That is the point of Massive Attack, they are the ones in the corner dancing to a beat in their heads, unaware of the chaos which surrounds them. This album proves their true technical prowess and shows they are back with a vengeance ready to once again take the world by storm.

New curriculum proposals viewed as essential for the growth of campus

Tom Bayles

History professor Ray Arsenault said core history courses are needed. Mike Killenberg, a mass communications professor, thought a class in news and electronic information should be considered. Those two professors and nearly 50 other members of the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg faculty and staff gave those and other suggestions at a meeting held just prior to the Christmas break.

The planning session was the largest yet for a project nicknamed “USF-St. Pete 2005,” which is designed to plan this campus’ academic future.

“We got some good ideas about direction and even specific programs,” associate professor Bob Dardenne said. “No matter what comes of them, the day was a great opportunity for us to talk about things that get ignored in our day-to-day routines.”

The daylong seminar was Dec. 2 in meeting rooms at the Dolphin Beach Resort, St. Petersburg Beach. The faculty members were split into two groups and sent to different rooms to discuss the same two things: What direction or vision should USF-St. Petersburg hold in the next 10 years? What academic programs should be created or enhanced?

One of the few general consensuses reached was the need for a computer “guru,” a person highly knowledgeable in not just the administration of personnel but also in Macintosh and IBM-PC operations and hardware and software applications. This person would head training efforts for students and faculty and place orders for the equipment and programs to suit the campus’ needs.

Additionally, many faculty members wondered why so few of the campus’ nearby resources—numerous hospitals, marine facilities, museums, government agencies—haven’t been looked at in past efforts concerning curriculum enhancement. The resources’ proximity to the campus would lend well to internship and residency opportunities if the proper areas of study were offered, the faculty speculated.

A near-consensus was reached concerning the desire for an international business program although the St. Petersburg campus’ lack of foreign language classes—a must for international majors—disturbed some professors because students would have to drive to the Tampa campus for those courses.

Faculty members were allowed to give a vote to three of the curriculum changes or enhancements from the 19 suggested at meetings last fall. After the two breakout groups held discussions, the following academic areas emerged as front runners for further consideration: finance, urban studies, environmental studies, math/science, geography, library and aging studies.

In addition to those specific course recommendations, the faculty spent the afternoon suggesting vision statements for the campus. A vision statement is similar to a child’s birthday wish list, but it applies to values or talents, not things. Some of the visions identified include the following:

• campuswide ethics
• emphasis on quality writing in all disciplines
• better service to older, often working students
• promotion of the benefits of an urban campus

The Campus Faculty Council, the group spearheading “2005,” is holding meetings to write a document outlining the plan to submit to campus dean Bill Heller.

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New York's finest is known as jack of all trades

Sgt. Jim Kramer comes to USF PD after serving 17 years as one of the "New York Finest" at the New York City Police Department. His duties there included seven years participation in the Youth Services Division working in gang-related investigations. Additionally, he founded the precinct "105 Club," a social organization to enhance officers' family morale. Prior to this, Kramer served eight years in the Air Force Reserves, where he supervised the company motor pool.

His vehicular interest later expanded into work as an auto service technician as well as owning an auto repair business.

Kramer is married and has two children and grandchildren. His hobbies include boating, racing, and travel. This is the second in a series of short articles on the officers of the USF-St. Petersburg police department.

Counseling center helps students find jobs

Mary Hijar
Next Staff

What has enormous resources and a teeny tiny living space? No, it's not the genie from Aladdin's lamp. It's the Student Affairs Counseling and Career Center, housed in Davis Hall at USF's St. Petersburg Campus and headed by Dr. Diane McKinstry.

Students gather at the Counseling and Career Center for assistance of many kinds. Counseling is offered on social concerns, academic study skills and health and wellness. Amy Hopkins, coordinator of Career Development Services, works to ensure that the word about ongoing activities and upcoming events gets out to the campus population and to the community at large.

While some students use the resource library, others may scan the job listings. Companies ranging from Goodwill Industries to Home Shopping Network are among the 50-75 listings posted. There is also a book from Sarasota County listing weekly job openings.

"We're not really a job placement agency," Hopkins says. "We're here to teach networking and job search skills, but at the same time we recognize that many of our students have a need to work now."

To that end the center maintains a pre-degreed job vacancy listing.

Through a computer tie-in with the Tampa Career Resource Center students on the St. Petersburg campus can now access an additional 2,000 job listings for area companies. Many of these are designated by academic major allowing students to identify positions that are related to their chosen career path. For a $15 fee students obtain a resume disk that places their names on file for consideration for job vacancies. Students who are matched to a position can then participate in on-campus recruiting services through the Tampa Career Resource Center.

"They can use the computers here on St. Petersburg campus to identify interesting and interested companies, but currently all on-campus interviews are conducted on the Tampa campus," says Hopkins. "Frankly, they have the space and personnel for interviewing rooms that we just don't have yet."

But the real work of the Center focuses on teaching students skills that will assist in present and future job searches.

"The goal is to teach students to prepare their own resume and then to strengthen their interview skills. Those skills along with a networking strategy will serve the student for a lifetime," Hopkins says.

Counseling at the center includes assisting students in identifying a major suited to their personality and life goals and shaping career possibilities within their major. Typically, a junior will begin the counseling process with self-assessment. Once he or she has established a major, counseling focuses on career paths within the major. Hopkins emphasizes specialization within their major to her clients.

"I recommend volunteering in areas of specialization to gain valuable experiential learning," Hopkins says.

Later, through an Interviewing Skills Development Seminar, students get direct access to employers for interviewing information and feedback.

This particular seminar has received good reviews from participants on both sides. Ultimately, at the end of the training session, students should have all the resources needed for a lifetime of career development. But the center doesn't stop there.

"Graduates continue to use our resources without additional charge for up to six months," Hopkins says. "After that there is a $50 re-registration fee and the $15 disk fee for alumni who wish to participate in the Tampa on-campus recruiting resume disk system."

The Counseling and Career Center has experienced substantial growth in the last year. More students are utilizing the services than ever before as they become aware of its availability. Job listings have increased, reflecting the improving economy of the Tampa Bay area and the community's growing awareness of this resource.

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Personal Counseling Services - individual or group counseling to assist students with problems of anorexia, self-esteem, anxiety or depression, personal crisis, and substance abuse or dependency. All counseling is confidential.

Learning Skills Counseling - individual counseling or workshops are available on time management, study skills, testing skills, and test anxiety reduction.

Health and Wellness Services - individual consultation and information about lifestyle issues from nutrition, fitness and exercise to sexually transmitted diseases, prevention of sexual assault and HIV/AIDS.

Victim Assistance Program - available to students and employees of USF, this program offers information, support and guidance for short-term survival intervention, assistance during the campus judicial process and referral to community victim assistance programs.

Resource Library - located in Davis 112 this library is staffed by trained peer counseling assistants and offers current information about careers, job markets, graduate schools, job listings and on-campus interviews.

Career Counseling - workshops and individual counseling on career choice, career change and choice of major.

Vocational Assessment - counselors interpret inventory results designed to measure interests, aptitudes and personal traits.

Skill Plus - computer-based guidance and career information program designed to help students explore relationships between occupations and personal values.

Career Expo - held each spring semester to bring employers to campus to discuss opportunities with students.

Experiential Learning - counselors assist students in planing an experience through part-time and summer jobs, internships, work study and volunteer work.

Pre- Degree Job Listings - up-to-date listing of jobs that do not require college degrees.

Career Placement Services - assistance with resume writing, interviewing skills and strategies for a job search. 

Recruiting Services - on-campus interviewing and resume referral service.
SG wants you

Kathryn Savage
Nest Staff

Yes! There is a student government on the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg campus, though many people don't know it.

During the last year there have been a number of uncontested seats for representatives and officers. Administrators and student leaders are concerned.

"The most effective student government administrations have been those with an equal representation of the colleges," said Dr. Stephen Ritch, director of Student Affairs.

SG serves as a liaison between students and USF faculty and administrative staff. Members strive to improve interaction between all regional campuses as well as with the Tampa campus to enhance the effectiveness of its representation of students.

One of the key responsibilities that SG has, in accordance with Florida statutes, is formulating the Activity and Service fee budget for the St. Petersburg campus. This budget totals more than $350,000. Included in the A&S budget is funding for a variety of student activities and programs. In short, SG determines how a sizable chunk of student money is spent each year.

SG is planning to have a television installed in the Davis lounge. Students who have a break between classes will be able to relax and catch up on their favorite TV shows.

Also in the planning stages is the Baby Bull Run, giving participants the option of a 5K or 10K run, or a 1-mile walk.

The SG office (893-9144) is in the Campus Activities Center.

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into a game of my-agenda-is-more-important-than-your-agenda? (This question transcends our small campus community and very well should be addressed to each one of us. That, however, is another editorial.)

In a way, seeing all this has been a blessing in disguise because I have learned a lot about the ruthlessness of people who are backed into a corner. I have learned that even if you choose your battles carefully, you do not always win because you are right. More often than

not you will lose your fight to someone that dislikes you not for your principles or ideas but because their own inadequacies force them to knock down anyone standing before them.

I received excellent academic training at USF-St. Petersburg and I spent more than my share of nights outside the Tavern standing on my soapbox barking at the moon because the education here has given me the skill to think for myself, to argue and to debate whatever issues that struck me as worthwhile. That too is part of an education in a university environment.

But some of the lessons I learned here I wish I had not. They left me suspicious as to the intent of strangers and at times a little afraid of people I thought I could trust but found out, suddenly I could not. And sometimes I find myself wondering if, in my pursuit for higher education, I learned more than I bargained for.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Compiled by CASSIE GUTHRIE

Tuesday, Feb. 14
Valentine's Day!
Workshop: Career Decision Making. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For registration and location, call 893-9129.

Workshop: Orientation to on-campus recruiting. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. For registration and location, call 893-9129.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Workshop: Creative Visualization.
Noon. For registration and location, call 893-9129.

Workshop: Campus Recruiting. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., behind the USF bookstore.

Friday, Feb. 17
Workshop: Orientation to on-campus recruiting. Noon. For registration and location, call 893-9129.

Workshop: Self Esteem. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For registration and location, call 893-9129.

Event: Family Fest: Amazing Animals. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
Heart Attack Risk Study: Blood screening. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., CAC-133. Appointments must be made. Call 825-1111.

Workshop: Self Esteem. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For registration and location, call 893-9129.

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The Nest is accepting staff applications. 553-3113.
WEIGHTING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN

Fitness Center staff stands ready to help students with New Year's resolutions

Fitness Center Staff
Special to the Nest

The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy offers this brief note about “fitness”: A concept requiring great amounts of effort to improve and which is wholly worthless except that it allows one much greater success in fleeing awesome beasts and improved stamina for other biological exigencies.

The holidays are quiet and the remnants of the last Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster have just about lifted from your mind, leaving you with warm memories -- and the extra insulation that accompanies a fort-night of feasting. Well, that’s what New Year’s resolutions are for.

But first there’s the new school year and making sure you’re in the right classes and making new friends and the Tavern and that first surge of homework and the Tavern and the impending doom of possible Spring Graduation and the Tavern and the next thing you know there’s not time for resolutions.

Don’t panic. Relax, breathe deep and walk north — to the Campus Fitness Center.

Yes, there is a fitness center on the St. Pete campus, and so it is neither an open space with one jump rope nor a steroid-laden sweat box. It’s called the Campus Fitness Center. Housed in the Campus Activities Center and featuring an array of weight and cardiovascular equipment is a clean, healthy environment brimming with positive family values.

All you need is a towel, as any well-prepared intergalactic traveler already knows. Fitness staff members do ask that you let them guide you through proper care and handling of the Nautilus and Life Fitness machines, but then you’re on your own to tone, trim, and shape your way to a firmer, more flexible university experience.

Of course, that kind of individual responsibility may be a bit overwhelming for some, particularly those who have already forgotten their New Year’s resolutions. The Fitness Center staff, in partnership with the campus Wellness Committee, can help there, too.

“If you set a goal and then tell somebody about it, it helps you follow through,” said Diane McKinstry, the director of the Counseling and Career Center on campus and part of the Wellness Committee. “We can’t make somebody follow through, but we can help.”

Without creating a welfare-dependent campus population, the committee’s Great Strides program can offer students, faculty and staff the extra prodding and guilt they need to improve admittedly ragged lifestyles -- and there are serious incentives.

Great Strides allows interested folks to sign a contract -- with yourself and America -- to achieve specific goals they set in any or all of nine dimensions of wellness: physical, financial, sexual, spiritual, environmental, occupational, social, emotional or intellectual. Goals can be anything from using the Fitness Center (physical) to recycling (environmental) to having a really killer party (social). Even hitchhiking around the universe would qualify, probably in several categories. You make it up.

Then, as the semester progresses, you update a log at the Fitness Center as you fulfill these various goals. The committee will coax and urge you to keep after it, send you pertinent informational mailings and then reward consistent participation.

This last is worth considering as rewards -- given randomly, not by competition -- can be fine things: sightseeing airplane rides, free weekends at beach resorts, professional massages, restaurant gift certificates and lots of other prizes for kids of all ages. There might even be towels. All you need to do is keep the promises you make. However small they may be.

“We want people to know they don’t have to work up a sweat to improve wellness,” said Sheri Beaudreau, the director of the Fitness Center and member of the Wellness Committee.

Indeed, wellness can include physical improvements, but McKinstry said it also extends to many other areas of life. Stress that disrupts wellness derives from competition among and imbalance between the several roles our lives demand. Examining such discrepancies and actively pursuing their correction can help eliminate stress, thereby improving the generally holistic wellness. Great Strides is a way to walk through the first phases.

“After four months,” Beaudreau said, “our hope is that participants will continue on their own.” How better to nudge yourself toward living up to those New Year’s resolution than by bribing yourself to do so?

So now that you’ve settled into the semester and excuses are wearing thin (unlike your waistline), tear yourself away from Court TV and CNN and head over to the Fitness Center for some truly life-enriching activities.

Oh, but bring a towel. What hoopy frood would be without?