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By Jenna Stross
Staff Writer

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By Jeff Neely
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Nepotism in the Ivory Tower?

By Moshood Fayemiwo
Guest Editorial

The hiring of Dr. Mark Kooralnd as professor of education at the college of education, where his wife Vivian Fueyo is founding dean, has continued to generate legionario comments and analysis from both faculty and students alike. In certain quarters, the appointment was considered improper—even describing nepotism—while some saw no impropriety in the hiring. The latter group, as could be expected, has found company with Karen White, campus executive officer, who defended the appointment.

Nepotism, under USF rules and the state of Florida Code of Ethics occurs “when an employee has influence or decision-making authority over the employment of a relative.” While also said under rules and regulations, “spouses are prohibited from making recommendations or decisions affecting any area of employment.”

Nepotism is not new in the affairs of men. In Medieval Europe, various monarchies, from Russia’s Czar, England’s House of Windsor to France’s Bush sits in the same meetings with his Raoul, governing Communist Cuba. Fidel Castro and his brother, charges of nepotism can be very

By Donna L. Rhodes
Guest Editorial

I read an editorial by Walter Cronkite recently about the Patriot Act and its infringement upon personal rights. If Uncle Walter is worried, so am I.

The Patriot Act is a frightened government’s response to a horrific act perpetrated against us because we are a freethinking, open society. The Patriot Act nullifies the many freedoms we value by allowing the government to search people and businesses without judicial review. It also threatens our rights under the First Amendment.

The First Amendment protects the right to speak freely, the right to practice any religion we choose, the right to any who records it seeks to be engaged in criminal activity. All that is required under Section 215 is that the FBI specify to the secret court that the order is for authorized investigation to protect against international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities.

The PATRIOT Act also makes it easier for the government to obtain secret authorizations to install phone number tracing devices and computer taps. Reporters may run a risk of having their telephone or e-mail communications with sources intercepted by government agencies if those sources are deemed suspicious.

Isn’t it ironic we are waging a war on terrorism because there are countries that hate us because of our freedoms, yet we are on the verge of losing those freedoms ourselves? Are we waging a war on terrorism? Who is really winning and losing here?

Rhodes is a visual communications student in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at USF St. Petersburg.
Once a soldier, now a pacifist

While the nation strives to come to terms with the war in Iraq, one student has consistently voiced his opposition to use of military force.

By Jimmy Grinaker
Staff Writer

More than 2,500 people crammed onto the side of the road just outside the gates of MacDill Air Force Base, central command headquarters for the war in Iraq. Many carried signs with slogans saying, "Peace is Patriotic." They listened as community leaders gave speeches on a small platform in the front. A row of armed military guards stood behind it.

They all attended to show their opposition to the still pending war in Iraq at the Jan. 19 United Voices for Peace demonstration. This, the largest non-violent protest in the Tampa Bay area since the Vietnam war, had USF St. Petersburg student John Feeney as a key organizer.

Feeney, a political science major, has been at the forefront of the movement for peace and social justice in the area for several years.

Feeney, 39, was originally a strong supporter of military force and a junior ROTC cadet in high school. At 18-years-old he entered the U.S. Air Force for patriotic reasons. However, after a while his views began to change.

"It was a gradual thing. I spent most of my time on the rifle range. I shot at silhouettes. But eventually I had an epiphany, I was being trained to kill other people," he said.

Feeney, a devout Christian began to be influenced by a deepening understanding of his religious beliefs. "I thought about the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus says we are to love our enemies. It was during peace time and I was being trained to kill. I don't know why I didn't realize it before, but I did," he said.

Feeney applied for conscientious objector status, but at the time it was not being granted. The status allows a soldier not to fight in armed combat.

For a time, he was put in confinement and even threatened with physical violence because of his changed views. He finally received an administrative discharge in fall of 1983.

He went on to study theology at Boston University and Eastern Nazarene College. As a member of the clergy, Feeney worked in the area of urban ministry. Eventually, though, his desire to engage in activism clashed with the time constraints of his many duties as a minister.

It was around this time that he returned to St. Petersburg. His activist involvement is too numerous to list but includes being a legal observer with the National Lawyers Guild at the.

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New logos receive mixed reviews

By Kristie A. Martinez
Senior Staff Writer

This summer, USF changed both its professional and athletic logos as part of an effort to emphasize the school's image as a university strong in national research and athletics.

Gone is the bright yellow, italicized USF with the oversized S. In the new professional logo, the university's three letters are the same size and are enclosed in a dark green box. "University of South Florida" and the campus location are written in plain text beside the boxed letters.

The old athletic logo, a yellow, Brahman bull, was replaced by a green bull fashioned from a letter U.

The professional logo was chosen through a process that involved USF marketing experts and focus groups comprised of USF faculty, staff and students. Marketing partners, vendors and professionals, as well as students and USF Bulls fans helped choose the new athletics logo.

A group of 89 students and staff from USF St. Petersburg recently were asked what they thought of the university's new look.

Of those surveyed, 51 preferred USF's old professional logo. "I think the old logo looks a little more prestigious than the new," junior Lauren Capes wrote on the survey. "The new one looks too plain. It really, I don't like the box around USF either."

But Heather Pownall, a senior majoring in mass communications, likes the new professional logo.

"Some people say (the old logo) is more creative, more artistic," she said. "I don't think it makes sense with that big S."

Pownall and 43 of the other students and staff members polled prefer the new athletic logo. Pownall said the old bull reminded her of the gargoyles that came to life in the Ghostbusters movie.

"It looks like a bad piece of clip art," she said.

Kim Parent, a junior education major, said the old athletic logo looked more like a goat than a bull.

"We don't like the goat," she said. "Put the goat away."

Freshman John Honey liked the new athletic logo so much he bought car magnets, car flags, a window sticker and a t-shirt bearing the new bull. He said the new bull looks tougher than the old one.

"It just looks more like a football team's logo," said Honey, 18. "It says, Back out of the way, USF is coming."

But psychology major Mike Kristensen said the new athletic logo "looks something like what a basketball team would have." He also thought the new U looks more like a T.

Michael Colucci, a history major, agreed that the new Bulls logo is "too NBA." He likes the old USF bull better than the new one.

"He's optimistic, he's looking up."

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Fountain Inn residents on their way out, but closing date in limbo

By Theresa Sterling
Staff Writer

USF Board of Trustees voted to purchase the Fountain Inn, an assisted-care living facility, in August. Many of the residents are gone but it may be some time before the university demolishes the building.

USF and the Fountain Inn cite two different timetables for the closing, and the Agency on Health Care Administration (AHCA), the licensing and regulating agency for health-care facilities in Florida, cannot verify an exact closing date for the transaction. "It looks like it will happen around Dec. 1, but I'm still waiting on some paperwork," said AHCA spokesman Pat Glenn.

A USF Board of Trustees document states: "The owner will be granted a period of up to 100 days to vacate the premises at which time USF will close and assume ownership of the property." The clock began ticking on Aug. 21, the date of the contract, meaning, its 85 residents would have to leave by the end of November.

Jan Swallow, director of the Fountain Inn, disputed the 100-day stipulation. "The deadline is 45 days after the closing date," she said. While most of the residents have already found homes at a larger facility, Swallow's version could place the mandatory final closing in mid-January. However, it all depends on the still undetermined closing date.

The purchase appears to be a win from most angles. USF St. Petersburg gets a bargain on prime downtown real estate. Appraised at $4.28 million, the agreed selling price is $2.25 million. The difference, over $2 million, is a gift to USF from the Fountain Inn's owner, Michael Ruby, who will enjoy a tax break come April 2004 or 2005, depending on which date the closing actually occurs.

The USF Board of Trustees negotiated its first real estate purchase — an accomplishment enabled by recent legislation that reduces bureaucracy and transfers more financial control to local university governing bodies rather than a central governing board in Tallahassee. And future USF students get a useful new building. Plans call for the Fountain Inn to be demolished immediately after the purchase to clear the way for a new student union and food court.

While the details of the purchase seem to have been hammered out, less clear are the specifics of the relocation for the facility's elderly residents. But it's not that residents haven't known about an imminent purchase for some time. USF has been interested in the property for at least 15 years, said Pam Bells, media and public relations coordinator for USF St. Petersburg.

USF's attempts to purchase the Fountain Inn were going on during all the years that Bill Heller was here, and before," she said. She believes residents were always notified in the past when a sale appeared imminent. "However, it is the (Fountain Inn's) owner's responsibility to place the residents. We have been acting as socially responsible as we possibly can without taking the lead because it's ultimately his responsi-

VICE PRESIDENT AND CEO Karen White said USF did not negotiate the purchase without considering the community of residents at the Fountain Inn. "During all discussions regarding the purchase, USF has expressed concern about the residents there. We are very much concerned with their transition to new facilities," White said.

While the placement of residents is ultimately the responsibility of the Fountain Inn management, USF has maintained that their welfare is important and that the university wished to prevent any adverse effects on the residents in event of the facility's acquisition, White said.

Fountain Inn management has assured residents and their families that every attempt will be made to find an acceptable accommodations elsewhere. They've consulted elder-care agencies for assistance.

Although the expansion means moving people, White said USF is "always looking for opportunities."
It's up to us to take advantage of every opportunity presented.

The Fountain Inn, at the corner of Third Street South and Sixth Avenue South, is a privately owned assisted-care living facility for the elderly. According to the Department of Elder Affairs, it is licensed for 110 beds.

Of those, 65 are private-pay residents and 45 are supplemented by the Optional State Supplementation program (OSS).

The program gives monthly payments to "eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals." The payments are disbursed through the Department of Children and Families, and 100 percent of OSS funds come from the state.

Gold

Gold spaces are commonly empty causing some frustrations for students.

Gold, from page 1

gally in gold spaces. He adds that violators will not get a warning but will always get a ticket when parked in undersized areas.

Wilson said he has received very few complaints of the change in parking. "The only problem was underestimating the amount of people who wanted the [gold] spaces."

Parking Services does not plan on capping the number of gold passes to sell. A new shipment of permits arrived Sept. 25.

Limbaugh is always good for a laugh

About 600 stations nationwide broadcast his show and he claims an audience of about 20 million. His take for his radio rating isn't bad: more than $30 million a year (almost as much as the typical USFSP professor). But the best part of being Rush Limbaugh must be the knowledge that he is lengthening people's lives. (Laughter, it is said, is the best medicine.) He's not out to elicit laughs, but he's almost as funny as Leno, and far funnier than Letterman.

Want an example?

Limbaugh's pronouncements, always delivered in confident, ringing tones (And why not? His "talent is on loan from God," he says) recently included this beauty.

"Newspapers get almost everything they publish from press releases. That's all they do is publish press releases."

"Excuse me a moment while I roll on the floor helplessly. I've worked at newspapers and I know what utter nonsense that is. Oh, sure, a newspaper may get an occasional story idea from a press release, but to actually publish one verbatim would be as rare as the cancellation of a mid-term exam. And that's what makes Limbaugh funny: his dead-serious delivery--and apparent belief in--statements that are as true as Bill Clinton's "I did not have sex with that woman" line. You can't help but laugh at an assertion that even Jethro Bodine would know is pure baloney.

Occasionally Limbaugh actually tries to be funny, and sometimes his humor works. He's famous for his "updates," including a condom update, accompanied by these lyrics from the 1960s pop group The Fifth Dimension: "Would you like to ride in my beautiful balloon?" (Get it?)

And then there's Limbaugh's fondness for name calling. Al Gore is "Algore." The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is the Atlanta Urinal-Constitution. MSNBC is PMSNBC. (Yes, I know calling people names is a flash to the Fifth Dimension: "Would you like to ride in my beautiful balloon?" (Get it?)

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And Limbaugh's well-known humility is always good for a giggle. "If you're missing my morning updates you've missing out on some of the greatest commentary of our times," he says with all modesty. And he claims to be working with half his brain tied behind his back. "Just to make it hard."

(Note: he really does tie behind his back, but I suspect it's the half that tells him to stop moving.)

So go ahead. Listen to Limbaugh. You're a college student. You have a job. You carry a ton of responsibilities and a load of tension. You deserve a laugh today.
Number includes students in programs such as College of Business Administration, which while housed at USF St. Petersburg, is not actually funded by the campus. For planning purposes, the physical presence criterion does not give the best representation of enrollment, Hobengarten said.

The rise in enrollment over the last five years since the university began accepting freshman in 1998 has caused administration to evaluate its needs in planning for the future.

Vice president and CEO Karen White said the planned growth of the student population over the next 10 years is an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 students. In light of this, White and other administrators are looking closely to see how the university needs to respond in preparation to this expected influx.

"What will the students in 2015 want, need and enjoy?" White asked. The administration is organizing student focus groups to collect input about what kind of things could be done to improve the experience at the campus.

Dean of Student Services Charles Brown said, "The voice of the students is the voice of the campus." The university has plans to increase the number of activities available to students, including the possible formation of new recreation centers, Greek life and more activities at noon-time to give students a break between classes, he said.

"We want to attract new students by having quality academic programs as well as quality campus life," Brown said.

Karen Wilson, vice president of student government and a student in the College of Business, sees the rise in enrollment already having an effect on the dynamics of the student body.

"There has been a tremendous turnout for student organizations," Wilson said. The growing student population is also providing a much larger lobbying base of students who want to speak out on community issues, such as plans to develop part of Albert Whitted Airport for parks, housing or university use.

Looking ahead, Wilson said that the rise in enrollment would cause more student representative positions to be created. "There seems to be a great energy on campus, which is exciting," Wilson said.

Michael Killenberg, director of the journalism and media studies program, has been with the university long before the arrival of first-time-in-college students. Killenberg has witnessed the stark contrast between the atmosphere of the university then and now.

"Until a few years ago," Killenberg said, "USF St. Petersburg was dead in the mornings. The action was at night, when hundreds of so-called 'non-traditional' students would leave their jobs and trek to the campus for classes that generally began at 6 p.m. and lasted until 9."

Killenberg has seen the gradual change from older, part-time students, to the now dominating constituency of younger, full-time students. With this change, Killenberg said there is a growing change in the needs of the students, including class scheduling, classroom and parking space, student facilities and support services.

"Now we have a younger, full-time and clearly pervasive student body," Killenberg said. "Their needs and expectations are going to be different from the students who historically enrolled at USF St. Petersburg."

In preparing to meet the academic challenges of the growing student population, this summer the university opened 51 new faculty and 11 new administrators. In an unprecedented proportion, 83 percent of this year's first-time-in-college students are enrolled full-time.

Administrators said they understand the projected growth will result in both an increased physical and reputational presence in community.

There are plans being discussed for the construction of student residence halls, a student union and an academic building for the science and technology programs, White said. "Where we build, what we build and how we pay for it are all big questions," she said.

Determining how to pay for the construction of these new facilities will require a detailed look into the funds available from state resources, student resources, and private donations.

Enrollment increases, however, do factor in to the state funding the construction of student residence halls, Killenberg said.

"There seems to be a great energy on campus, which is exciting," Wilson said. "Hopefully we caught the same guy," said Officer John Spicuglia.

Recently, an attempted bicycle theft at the Tavern at Bayboro alerted police to be more cautious. That suspect, described as tall and skinny, did not match Cuff's description. USF police worked together with the St. Petersburg Police Department chasing down the suspect. He got away but ditched the bicycle.

"We suspect there is another guy out there," said White. "We're going to keep watching," said White.

USF police hold crime-prevention programs every semester. To reduce the chances of being a bicycle theft victim, Spicuglia recommends always locking your bicycle properly with a steel "U" shaped lock. These locks range from $20 to $30 and can be found at almost every hardware store. Cables and cheap locks are vulnerable to an experienced thief.

“We've made some real good arrests based on good basic police procedure, and we're kind of proud of it," Spicuglia said.

**USF Police prepare to take Cuff to his formal booking.**

**Thief from page 1.**

Circling a bicycle near Davis Hall and Bayboro Hall.

“We alert all the officers and kept alert,” Spicuglia said. “Sure enough, he came back a third time, picked up the bike and started to go.”

Police chased after Cuff and demanded him to stop. He ran from authorities and resisted arrest. But a USF police bicycle squad officer caught and arrested Cuff. After his arrest, Cuff went along without problems.

“We take bike theft very seriously because we are here to keep students from getting ripped off,” Spicuglia said.

At least two other bicycles were stolen this semester in a five-to six-week period. In an average year, three bicycles are stolen on campus.

"I can't believe it," said Sukey Tschiderer, special events coordinator at USF St. Petersburg. "To think bikes were being stolen in broad daylight. The campus never had so many bicycles stolen in such a short time, she said.

**Bike theft prevention tips**

USF St. Petersburg Public Safety Department has a free Bicycle Anti-theft Program (BAT) available to all students, faculty and staff. Registration of your bicycle is free, available at Parking Services located in Building One at Fifth Ave. and First St. South.

By registering your bicycle, the police department will have vital information on file in the event of a theft. A decal will be provided to you with a unique registration number. By placing the decal on your bicycle, campus police will be able to locate you and prove ownership.

Also, by having this unique owner-applied number campus police will be able to enter your bicycle into the NOC/FVIC computer system. If your bicycle is located by another police agency they will contact campus police to arrange for the return of your bicycle.

Provide as much descriptive information as you can when contacting parking services to register your bicycle.

When leaving your bicycle on campus:

- Always use a high quality bicycle lock.
- Park your bicycle at a campus provided bicycle rack.
- Never leave your bicycle unattended overnight.
- Never leave other valuables, such as helmets, unsecured on the bicycle.

-Courtesy of Officer John Spicuglia, USF Campus Police
Congratulations

Professor Thomas Smith is awarded $5,000 for two USFSP Excellence Awards for campus-wide teaching and for the College of Arts and Sciences at the 2003 faculty convocation.

From left to right: VP of Academic Affairs Gary Olson, President Judy Genshaft, Smith and CEO Karen White

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Washington IMF and World Bank demonstrations to protect rights of protesters in case of arrest. Also, he heading a living wage campaign for St. Petersburg, and performed a continuous stream of peace work.

Today, Feeney is a leading organizer for Tampa Bay Christians United for Peace and Justice, a coalition of peace groups from different denominations. It includes leading activists in the community and hopes to provide a Christian voice for progressive political issues.

When asked if he feels any different in retrospect about his actions against the Iraqi war, Feeney said, "I don't feel any different. If anything I feel vindicated because they found no weapons of mass destruction."

"It turned into what I expected. They (U.S. government) want us to think they have things under control but they're not. The present state of affairs in Iraq is anarchy."

Feeney said he has disapproval for those who speak out against war protesters.

"I think it's always appropriate to be against war. In a democracy, dissent is in fact a form of patriotism. Human priorities need to come before nationalistic priorities," he said.

"Long ago, I came to the conclusion that the marriage of right-wing politics with the Christian religion is an artificial Americanization of our faith that has no basis in biblio-historical reality. And that genuine New Testament Christianity calls us to be proactive on behalf of the poor and the oppressed and that it calls us to be non-violent but outspoken witnesses for peace and justice in our world."

Logo

Colucci said of the old yellow bull. "Here, [the new bull] is looking down. He's dejected."

One version of the new sports logo features the profile of a menacing, forest-green bull with gold horns.

Senior Frankie Howley, 24, said the new image is too harsh.

"It's very tough and mean," she said. "For the longest time, [the old bull] is what we had," she said. "When I think of USF, that's what comes to mind."

Howley added that the new bull isn't as colorful as the old one.

But Shelby Graham, who works at the USF St. Petersburg campus bookstore, said the old bull is more difficult to print on merchandise. Graham, who used to be an art major, said the new green bull is simpler to print than the yellow, red-eyed bull.

Demand for merchandise bearing the new school logos has been high, Graham said. Items with the new logos include T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, hats and cup holders are selling well. Only two silver wristwatches with the old USF professional logo remain, and the price of both watches has been reduced.

"People want the new logo over the old," Graham said.

According to a July St. Petersburg Times article, less than $100,000 worth of merchandise with the old bull logo has been selling each year. But reports from The Oracle indicated that sales for items with the new logos have been high at the USF Tampa bookstore, as well as at malls in Tampa and St. Petersburg.