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University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
Renovations expected to start on the Williams House

Joyce Rizzo, the vice president of USF-St. Petersburg student government, is a 45-year-old bundle of energy with an optimistic adage for every occasion and a knack for turning negatives into positives.

"I have to admit that there are times when I wonder why I am where I am today," Rizzo said. She spoke briefly of a rough childhood. Her father was abusive and her parents were alcoholics.

Adolescence was difficult, she said, especially when her family moved from the country to the city. She explained that in the country, her parents' alcoholism was easily hidden, but that was not the case in the city. "In an apartment complex, it's hard to hide the fact that the police are dragging your parents home," she said.

Rizzo specifically remembers a couple, the Cromwells, who were very supportive during her teenage years. They told her that she wasn't accountable for her parents' actions and that she could choose to live her life the way she wanted it to be.

She said there has been someone at almost every stage of her life who has kept her "from going totally bonkers." She hasn't been able to thank some of those people personally, but she said to compensate, she's tried to offer comparable help to other people.

Rizzo started taking courses at St. Petersburg Junior College in 1979 after a serious car accident. Married, with two young girls and a full-time job, she felt it difficult to coordinate her responsibilities and decided to withdraw.

Fifteen years later, Rizzo returned to SPJC. She did volunteer work for Phi Theta Kappa and was a note-taker and test-reader for disabled students. "It absolutely boggles my mind to think that I was working 50-60 hours a week and taking classes," Rizzo said. She only missed one day of classes when she had cancer surgery in 1995.

The Williams House was in poor condition prior to initial renovations required to make it presentable in early 1998 for "Jewels on the Bay," a showcase by the American Society of Interior Decorators (see Jan. 19, 1998 issue of the Nest).

Before the refurbishment, the ceilings sagged and the walls had holes. Many of the house's contents had been footed in 1994 when a newspaper story reported that the building's owner planned to give away its contents.

The paper, however, failed to clarify that she planned to give the items to charity and, as a result, irreplaceable items were lost, including an original photo of John C. Williams, the house's original owner.

Williams built the home for his wife, Sarah. She played a major role in bringing the Orange Belt Railway to St. Petersburg and, thus, influenced greatly the development of the city.

In 1875, Williams moved his family to St. Petersburg from Detroit in a covered wagon. He was seeking relief from asthma and found economic opportunity. At one point, he owned 1,700 acres of what is now Pinellas County.
Don't just get by; get involved on campus

Kaerrie Simons
Next Editor

You want to get the most out of your college years and make this campus feel more like your home? Then you need to get involved. And this campus is a great place to do it.

Sure we're smaller than the Tampa campus, but some people would say we've got a little more spunk and a lot less stuffiness. I'd be one of those people. I've got nothing against the Tampa campus; in fact, I love it. When I first moved here to attend classes on the St. Pete campus, I was dreading the size. I thought what a mistake. Instead...what a misconception! That friendly, homey atmosphere we tout isn't a myth.

Yeah, yeah, I sound like a cheerleader, but just look around. Where else can you eat lunch out by the harbor, study in the library while taking in the view, or how about find a parking space? Here, you've got a name, not just a social security number. And if you want to get involved, I'd say you've got a far better chance to have your say, hold a position in a club, or actually get a chance to use the amenities offered on campus.

The Campus Activities Center (CAC) is a good place to start. The CAC offers a variety of recreational, cultural and educational events. Several of these events will take place this session in the CAC gymnasium, which also doubles as an auditorium capable of seating 1,000 people. One thing you'll find in the CAC is the fitness center, which offers aerobics classes, Nautilus and aerobic equipment, racquetball, weights, fitness assessments and more. The fitness center staff has also worked especially hard this session to bring students a variety of specialty classes. You can find out about the latest offerings on a site front desk or refer to the article on page six of the first issue of The Crow's Nest for more information (if you have misplaced yours, please stop by our office in the CAC to get another copy.).

In the CAC, you can also participate in indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball and billiards or keep an eye on the school schedule and bulletin boards for concerts, special events and lectures. It's also the place to pick up discount tickets for area attractions such as Busch Gardens and the Florida Aquarium.

On the other end of the campus in Coquina Hall is the recreation and watercraft center. There you'll find recreation courses, activities, equipment, a swimming pool and several varieties of watercraft available for students with a valid student ID.

If joining a club or organization is of interest to you, you've got plenty of opportunity on this campus. There are interest-related organizations and clubs such as the Association of Black Students, Baptist Student Ministries, the Student Government, Community Women's Collective, Circle K International (which is Kiwanis-affiliated), College Students and Scholars, the Native American Cultural Society, the Sailing Club, SCUBA Club, Slippery Disc Ultimatum, and the Suncoast Flying Club. For major-related clubs and honor societies, you can join the Anthropology Club, Bayboro Geographic Society, the Bayboro Information and Technology Society, the Bayboro Organization of Nursing Students, Kappa Delta Pi, Lambda Alpha Epsilon (American Criminal Justice Association), Legalis Society, Marine Science Advisory Committee, Phi Theta Kappa, Society of Professional Journalists, Student Accounting and Business Organization, Student Education Association, or the Student Council for Exceptional Children.

Check the club bulletin boards in the Davis Lobby for club contact names and phone numbers, and upcoming meetings and events. If you have any trouble finding out about a club you're interested in, bring a letter of interest with your name and telephone number and drop it in the club's mailbox in the CAC.

Also on campus, you can put your talents to work for Student Government (SG). SG plays a significant role in representing the interests of students and in coordinating the activities of the entire student body on campus. And you don't have to be a member to have your say. SG meetings are regularly scheduled and the dates are posted in Davis Lobby. Come to the meetings to voice an opinion, offer a suggestion or simply hear about what's going on this session and why.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) also plays a vital role on campus. SAB, otherwise known on this campus as Harborside Productions, is responsible for planning lectures, concerts, social events, movies and other programs of interest to the student body and campus community. If you've got ideas, they've got an outlet for them.

And then there's probably the most exciting thing about this campus (shameless self-promotion coming): The Crow's Nest. But seriously, this is your student newspaper and it offers yet another opportunity for you to participate in the campus community. You can join the editorial or production staff or sell advertisements for the paper to area businesses and receive 15 percent commission on those sales. Or you can write features, news stories or commentary for the paper. Your views are always welcome and appreciated.

The fact is this campus is more than just a place to come to class and then go home to study. This is a place where active involvement is not only possible, it can mean the difference between just getting a degree and getting the most out of the time you spend here.

Florida Center for Teachers to be built

John Ellis
Next Contributor

USF construction on the Florida Center for Teachers is expected to begin in February 1999. The 30,000 square foot facility, to be built on the northwest corner of Sixth Avenue S. and Second Street S., just south of the Snell and Williams houses, will put USF-St. Petersburg in the forefront of continuing education for Florida's teachers.

The building will be the new home of the Florida Humanities council, now headquartered in Ybor City.

The council is helping to finance the project and will offer seminars and programs for teachers. The construction of the building, which will cost $3.5 million, is being paid for by the state with funds earmarked for the Florida Center for Teachers, a program administrated by the FHC.

The Florida Center for Teachers has been a program without a home for the last seven years. Administrative work was handled at the FHC's headquarters in Ybor City, while the program's seminars have been taught at nearby college campuses.

"This will give us the chance to be more efficient and accommodate more teachers," said Susan Lockwood, a spokesperson for the FHC. "Last year, 250 teachers attended the seminars. We hope to have space for 750 to 1,000 teachers per year."

The two-story building will consist of conference space on the first level and offices on the second. The FHC will occupy approximately two-thirds of the office space in the building.

The Florida Center for Teachers will share the conference space with the Ethics Center and other programs. Bugg said the school intends to complete construction of the Florida Center for Teachers as fast as possible.

Work on a new parking lot will be the first step. Bugg said that a parking lot will be constructed west of the construction site because the center will be built on a site now used for parking.

"The parking lot is a priority because of our parking shortage [on campus]," Bugg said. Construction of the parking lot is expected to begin late this month or early December.
Commentary

Return to a meaningful vote

An open letter to all concerned Americans: your vote counts.

L. D. Powell
Nest Contributor

Our president asked for forgiveness. Americans are a forgiving people, so he just may be forgiven. One must realize, however, that forgiving does not mean continuing in the lives of our elected officials and actions.

In this country, we have prosecuted and discharged from our Armed Forces personnel for reasons of sexual behavior and activities, such as infidelity. Each of those discharged was also considered to be vulnerable and therefore of a high risk to our national security. There never was any consideration for their popularity, their job skills, their capabilities, or the level of performance of their duties.

To allow this president to remain in office and continue as Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces would be to apply a completely separate and less stringent set of standards to an elected official than to the rest of this country's citizens. Consider also who is more in a position to hurt and, in many cases, it hurts really bad.

The recent happenings have created within me a sudden and almost panicky awareness that through our complacency, we, the voting citizens of this country, are allowing our government of democracy to become one of bureaucracy. We have gradually been turning over the "power of the people" to our government. We now fight our tax-supported government for the citizens of this country. Our government will cease and those newly elected to office will represent.

This week's election may well be the most important election yet for the American people. Your vote is meaningful.

L. D. Powell lives in Shingle Springs, Calif. This open letter was sent to several universities and newspapers around the country. Powell wrote, "It seems we older citizens have dropped the ball somewhere along the way. The energy of you young people is definitely needed to trigger voter turnout...and time is so short. Please help."

Speaking of...the effects of marital infidelity

Daniel P. Quinn
Nest Contributor

Pain and suffering are the result of the dynamics of marital infidelity. Children, spouses and others suffer. Just as a person can be injured in his or her body, the psyche can be the recipient of trauma. This trauma hurts and, in many cases, it hurts really bad and for a long time. I have personally seen people so devastated that they simply cannot, by themselves, repair the damage done to their psyches. I have been one of those who have had their heart broken. For me, I had to go through a lot of expense and time-consuming therapy, but I have made a lot of progress.

There are others, however, who have gotten worse. In many of these cases, they can no longer function in society. Their defenses have been smashed so badly that the pain is chronic and permanent.

Marital infidelity is devastating. And in the case of the president, it is devastating for many. This situation needs to be addressed.

I contend that the president's behavior is an "occupational hazard" which the U.S. Department of Labor and their Division of Occupational Safety should address in the way of funding a strategy to bring to light such antiquated, provincial and Victorian attitudes in the workplace. Attitudes which ignore the volatile chemistry of man and woman together in the workplace day-in and day-out without any modern and mature strategy of avoiding these expensive and painful, for lack of a better term, job-related injuries.

Continuing to avoid the realities of this anomaly because of our generation's propensity to view it from a voyeuristic posture is unforgivable. The moral negligence on everyone's part, everyone who should know better and those who claim to bring "more to the table" because they call them-
"Reel" life images of violence and real life

Daniel P. Quinn  
Nest Contributor

There were many who recently seemed "real concerned" with the quality of the food the street vendors were selling. Certainly, the producers the theatre people intend to market warrant like discussion. President Clinton admonished the media in his January 1995 "State of The Union" address (see "Vital Speeches," February 1995 at your nearest library). I have yet to see or hear of any elected official, law enforcement officer, chief-of-police, judge or state's attorney in the Tampa Bay area call our local media, television stations, cinema owners, etc. to the task of exercising restraint and circumspection with regard to the products that fly counter to the health and safety of the citizens of our community. Namely (quoting President Clinton from the aforementioned speech): "the mindless, incessant, repetitive violence and irresponsible conduct which pervades our media all of the time." However, many of the above media have been quite vocal about the president's conduct.

The "western model of development" and the ideas which fuel it did not descend from heaven in a "Glad Bag." It is not the only way, nor the best way.

Solving more problems than one creates is the only real definition of "progress." The only way that we as a people are ever going to achieve that definition of progress is when we come to terms with the fact that the final object, end and purpose of society is to create a people who are "morally enlightened." The origins and history of the evolution of the idea of human rights and civil liberties gives direct and clear evidence of this for anyone who wishes to glean out the truth. In closing, this is our mission and duty for both leadership and membership. This is what the prevailing ethos should declare. Saint Exupery, the French author of the classic fairy tale, "The Little Prince," has been quoted as saying: "Happiness doesn't come from freedom to do as we please, but from doing our duty.

Daniel Quinn is a member of the Society for the Advancement of Pepper Library.

Where should you sit at Bulls' home games?

Roger Clark  
Nest Contributor

Go Bulls! Our Bulls are in only their second season and are already ranked in the top 20, making them a great new source of school pride. What a fabulous opportunity for the students at USF to have their own football team to support and cheer on.

But there's a problem. The administration has made many decisions regarding the games, and one of them is where you will sit.

Where do you think you should sit when you go to support your team? On the sidelines--say, behind the team bench so we can have a great view and be able to cheer our fellow students on as they compete? Well, that's not where the administration thinks you should sit. They have decided that you should be restricted to, that's right, the worst seats in the house! You will sit in the END ZONE when you go to support your school team.

Recently a couple of fans at the game were overheard talking. One said to the other, "Where do the USF students sit?" Pointing, his friend responded, "Over there; in the end zone." "What?" questioned the first fan. "Doesn't USF want its student body to have their seats in the stands?" "What do you think?" exclaimed his friend.

This is amateur athletics. It should be part of our college experience to feel the great pride of backing our own team and cheering them on through whatever the season may bring. We should be right there with them.

Who should sit right behind our team? Fans who have never attended our school? Alumni who no longer attend USF? Or students who are USF?

I say the student body should be respectfully given the best seats in the house. We should go to the game, sit with our fellow students with pride and cheer our team through victory or defeat. Besides, we're not simply fellow students; we pay through our student activity fees to fund these events. These games are not offered free to the student. We pay.

Putting the students in the end zone sends a message. It sends a message to you, me and the community. It says: USF would rather sell the good seats to a new customer than to offer these seats to its original customer. School spirit is secondary.

I say this is absolutely wrong and I would like to know if you agree. If you have any comments, drop me a line at rclark@bayflash.stp.usf.edu and sign my petition demanding that USF give us the proper respect. The best seats in the house!

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**Fencing: a physical and mental challenge**

Akira Hibino  
Next Contributor

Two fighters face each other. They wear white vests, masks and gloves. The clanging of metal to metal echoes in a room at USF-St. Petersburg's Campus Activities Center. The noise comes from swords in each one's hands. They don't try to hurt each other. They are simply enjoying a good fencing match.

The USF Fencing Club practices every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the center, and a club member, Bruce Darling, said it's great aerobic exercise. "Your reflexes get tremendously fast," said Darling, who has been teaching the sport for three years at the center.

"You can get good muscle development," and fencing builds muscle endurance as well, he said.

Darling, who has been studying fencing for 23 years, said fencing develops a strategic way of thinking and has a tendency to be played more strategically.

The player initially deceives his or her opponent and then stab at the opponent. "It's a real mental game," he said, referring to it as a "physical chess match."

Linda VanCleave, a housewife, said fencing is a "wonderful stress reliever."

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In August 1996, Rizzo entered USF-St. Petersburg's TAC (Teacher for All Children) program, an accelerated master's program that specializes in teaching children with physical, mental and emotional disabilities and exceptionalities.

During her first couple of weeks on campus, she attended the Campus Showcase, a forum for USF-St. Petersburg activities and organizations. Right away she got involved in student government, the Student Council for Exceptional Children and the Student Activities Board.

She ran from meeting to meeting while taking 16 credit hours of course work.

She quit a full-time job and became a full-time student, maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average. Rizzo said she's happy with her decision to become a full-time student because it gave her the opportunity to be more involved in campus activities.

Rizzo said that she is "not politically oriented," but wants to learn more about the political system because of its impact on funding. Funding issues concern her for education as a whole, she said, but they won't affect her personally. "If they cut funds, I'll supplement it with my own money. I'll find a way. I'll go out and get donations from businesses. I'm very proactive," Rizzo said.

Rizzo joined student government her first semester because she wanted to go to a leadership retreat, she said. To attend, she had to be a member of a campus organization and the first organization she spoke with was student government.

Rizzo said that student government forced her to take a structured approach to problem solving. Through the leadership retreat, the mayor's debate team and many other activities, she said, she had an opportunity to meet people and experience things she never would have otherwise.

Rizzo was appointed executive vice president of student government Sept. 18 following the resignation of Catherine Feve due to personal obligations.

Rizzo said she took on the vice presidency because the need was there and she knew that she would be a stabilizing influence.

She admits she was persuaded by fellow students to take the position. "I have built up faith from people who I know I will get the job done," she said. Although the responsibility made her feel insecure, she said she lives by the adage, "Walk through the fear. The fear will disappear."

Rizzo said that she is not "into titles," but she believes titles give individuals more power to get things done. "When I'm introduced as vice president, it commands respect," Rizzo said, "and there is power there that I don't have as a representative. And I need to use that to get some of these things done and need to get done. So finally I caved in and I'm glad I did."

Rizzo said she would like to reinforce teamwork within student government. She said she was "hurt" when a new representative said a recent USF-St. Petersburg student government meeting resembled a "cat-fight." She is concerned about losing new members, as well as not accomplishing goals because "there are too many leaders and not enough followers," she said.

Rizzo believes the current employment system is disruptive. "That's the biggest challenge we have right now," she said. "Some of the people can't see past their own personal agendas. We're going into a global world. It's not just USF. My focus is to bring back the team camaraderie that I have seen in other student governments and organizations."

Rizzo wants to build liaisons between the St. Petersburg campus and the Tampa campus and said she sees a lot of inequities between the two campuses. Rizzo also said she wants to see more activities and opportunities for this campus, adding that the St. Petersburg campus could jeopardize future opportunities if it fails to take advantage of current opportunities offered to the campus.

And she would like to see the USF-St. Petersburg student government follow USF-Tampa's lead and become more involved in community service projects.

Rizzo advises students to get involved in student government because she said, every decision made affecting this campus is channeled through student government.

She is a strong believer in the philosophy, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

In May 1999, Rizzo will graduate and start a new phase of her life-as a teacher. She intends to keep up with the alumni here, she said, but she wants to refocus on her family. She said her husband of 28 years has been accepting and supportive. "The only reason I can be so involved here is because I know he's there for me," Rizzo said. "A strong base at home is very important."
Sail Team: A point of pride for USF

Kaerrie Simons
Nest Editor

Remember those 40 USF Points of Pride our school printed in recent years? Why not add to that the Sail Team at USF-St. Petersburg? What an amazing team and what an amazing year they’ve had.

If you have been wondering what those sailboats are doing almost every afternoon at Haney Landing, here’s an update on our Sail Team, which features 25 members, five of which are freshmen.

There are 23 schools with teams in SAISA, which is our district, and about 200 nationally. Here’s how we rated in ’98:

- Team, we placed 7th of 9 schools. That’s not so bad.
- Men’s only dinghys; and women’s only spinnakers); single-handed (small, fast boats); lots of capiziling usually associated with these types of competitions); women’s only dinghys; and women’s only single-handed.
- Points regattas are qualifying races that lead to district and national championships. With a relatively inexperienced team, we went into Points #1 this year and placed 7th of 9 schools. That’s not so great, but it was just the beginning for our team. Their record would soon improve.
- At Points #2, USF’s dinghy team placed second and was ahead except for one race in which a member’s hiking strap broke, causing him to fall out of the boat.

It was one of those “these things happen; we’ll get them next time” kinds of situations. And we did. At Points #3, with freshmen sailors Jeff Serrie and Emily Yetzer, USF won and qualified for the district championships. Way to go!

At the Charleston Open (openings are usually the best teams in a district competing in an invited race–like a bowl game in football), the best teams in the SAISA met for the first time this fall. Some of the most powerful sailing teams were there, including Charleston, University of Florida, Eckerd, and University of Tennessee. Although Charleston is ranked 5th nationally, USF beat two of three Charleston teams, had the “low point” boat (MVP), and barely lost to the top Charleston boat in a controversial regatta. To put that kind of accomplishment in perspective, consider that USF was competing with a relatively inexperienced team and we were beating a team ranked 5th in the nation.

Also, USF’s new women’s team went to two regattas in 1997-98; finishing last in both. But at the fall women’s district single-handed, we placed 2nd of 11 and almost beat Charleston thanks to the hard work of education major and team member Aubry Eich. The winner goes to nationals. We were short cut.

The USF’s women’s dinghy team tied for 2nd in the district and lost a tie-breaker with Eckerd. Charleston won.

Two winners of this competition go on to the Atlantic Coast Championships. Again, we were that close and look at the high-ranking teams we were competing against. Quite impressive.

At the Stern Sloop Intersectional (intersectionals are major contests featuring the best teams in the country), USF was 4th in a close race. USF beat Ohio State, Eckerd and Maryland. We won the last two races. Again, three of the five sailors who were competing were new to USF. Charleston and UF were barely able to stay ahead at the end of the competition.

But one of the most impressive things we can say about our team this year: USF has been invited to the Goodwill Games. We are one of 15 teams that will compete against Japan in Long Beach, California. Good luck to Terry Taylor and James Rabbit who will represent us.

Future regattas for the USF team include: the sloop championships to qualify for nationals, the single-handed championships to qualify for nationals; the Schell Trophy hosted by MIT; the Baldwin-Wood hosted by Tulane; the Atlantic coast freshmen championships hosted by NY Maritime; and the Mendelblatt Intersectional hosted by USF.

Hopefully, the team will obtain a national rating and get to the nationals in all six events this year. But it helps if they have support. So if you’re interested in seeing why this team is a point of pride for USF, come to the competitions and show your team spirit.

Laughter on campus

Akira Hihino
Nest Contributor

Laughter escaped Davis 130 in late September. That’s because Kaii Rogers is there to entertain and didn’t disappoint. Rogers, a comedian, has appeared on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and HBO’s “Def Comedy Jam.” He was on campus Sept. 29, though, to perform for USF students thanks to the efforts of HarborSide Productions.

“We are trying to bring in more well-known and better quality entertainment,” said Nancy DeBord, coordinator of student activities. “Kaii Rogers is someone who is very well known in the college circuit.”

Rogers said, “I always do my best on stage to give the people who are present a good show...so they have a good time. If I do that, I’m satisfied. I’ve done my job.”

DeBord said she chose Rogers for the event because of “his quality in terms of material.” She said, “He is more fun than he is controversial.” He is a professional who can do the performance with a small or large crowd, she said.

Rogers played two shows during the day, with 17 people attending the early show and 15 attending at night. “He did well,” DeBord said. “It’s very difficult to perform with a small crowd, but he did a good job. Everyone who came out said he was funny.”

Abe Agar, a senior student majoring in finance, enjoyed the show. Rogers is “a very funny and nice guy,” he said.

During his show, Rogers often talked to the audience, asking about their college lives, such as their majors. When he has a chance, he asks the audience about; I know how to do it [performance] here,” said Rogers, a graduate of Arizona State University, where he obtained a degree in computer electronics.

He worked 40 hours a week while attending college. “College was a challenge,” Rogers said. “Especially electronics math—that was the big challenge. I was only at school to learn. I didn’t hang around. I was always working and always doing homework.”

Rogers has been to Japan, Korea, the Middle East, Germany and France to perform at the U.S. troops stations. He’s seen many different cultures and different people, and “it’s been very pleasurable experience,” he said. “I’ve got a great life.”

Laughter on campus
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November 4
Alternative Medicine: Empowering or Exploiting the Sick?, a lecture presented by Robert J. Miller, MD, noon in Davis Hall, room 130. Miller is medical director of the Cancer Care Center at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg. He will discuss the ethical aspects and practical consequences of participating with patients in their desire to explore alternative therapies. The lecture is free, but reservations are required. Call 553-3172 to RSVP.

November 4-7
USF Homecoming begins Nov. 4 in the MLK Plaza on the Tampa campus and concludes with the homecoming game on Saturday against Cumberland at the Raymond James Stadium. The game begins at 7 p.m. with the presentation of Homecoming Court at half-time. Don’t miss this opportunity to cheer on your USF Bulls in one of the most important games of the season.

November 5
The Campus Women’s Collective will show the film, Maxine Hong Kingston: Talking Story at 6 p.m. in the CAC, room 133. The award-winning film explores the views, themes and concerns of this Asian American author of The Woman Warrior: Memoir of a Girlhood Among Ghosts. It provides a look at Chinese American culture, feminism, pacifism, and cultural legends and myths.

November 6-7
It's the grand opening of the Key West Style Art Gallery and Medicine Garden in Gulfport. The grand opening is Nov. 6 with special events on Nov. 7 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Special events in the Garden will include watercolor demonstrations by Kim Braun and Susane Mueller, Aromatherapy Workshop by Joanne Lopinski, and Visioning a process by Elizabeth Fonten, LMFT, and Renee Gillombardo, LMFT. Call 328-7154 for details.

November 10
Osteoporosis, a lecture presented by Charlene Long, director of the nursing program at USF-St. Petersburg. Long will be discussing the risk factors, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. The lecture is free and will be held noon in Bayboro Hall's Harborview Conference Room. For more information, call 553-3114.

November 14
Fall Fest '98 will be held 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Harboride (behind Davis Hall). The entire faculty is invited for food, good times and beautiful fall weather (keep your fingers crossed). Caricaturists, face painters, and musicians will be on hand to entertain. There will also be arts and crafts just in time for your holiday shopping.

November 17-19
It's time for student government elections and your vote is important. Elections will be held in the Davis Hall Lobby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Bring your student ID and cast your vote. Your home campus must be St. Petersburg to cast your vote in this election (sorry, no SPSC students may participate). These elections will determine the officers for the spring semester. Candidate petitions are currently available at the SG Office, CAC 127. Packages must be dropped off at the SG office by Friday, Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. No exceptions to this deadline. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 553-1144 or 553-1147.

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November is Museum Month in downtown St. Petersburg. Several museums, including The Dali and the Holocaust Memorial, host specials and events all month. Call 821-8992 or 895-7437.

The difference one vote can make

1645 One vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
1649 One vote literally cost King Charles I of England his head.
1714 One vote placed King George I on the throne of England and restored the monarchy.
1776 One vote gave America the English language instead of German (according to folklore).
1848 One vote admitted Texas to the Union as a state.
1850 One vote admitted California to the Union as a state.
1859 One vote admitted Oregon to the Union as a state.
1867 The Alaska Purchase was ratified by one vote.
1868 One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
1878 One vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
1876 One vote in the electoral college gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency.
1920 One vote gave women the right to vote.
1923 One vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.
1960 John F. Kennedy won (and Richard Nixon lost) the presidential election by a margin of less than one vote per precinct nationwide.

Source: League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg area
Further sources: Florida Department of State Elections Online website and West Virginia State Election Commission (www.state.wv.us/secretary/eonevote.htm)