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New graduates share advice, memories

By Kristie A. Martinez
Senior Staff Writer

When Sherry Lee-Wert started college about 24 years ago, she cared more about getting a tan at the beach than she did about studying. But now she’s among the top students in her college graduating class.

Lee-Wert is one of 329 USF St. Petersburg students graduating Dec. 14. Looking back on her experiences, she can think of many things she wishes she’d known when she started college.

One thing is that students shouldn’t worry so much about their images. “I know that’s really hard when you’re just out of high school,” said Lee-Wert, 42. “You want to look successful, and you want all the things that make you look successful.”

But students should not drop out of school because they think they need the money to work, she said. “The money will come,” said Lee-Wert, who will receive her degree in interdisciplinary social sciences. “I had to stop my whole life to go back to school.”

Although Lee-Wert is a mother of a 7-year-old and a 12-year-old, she said it was easier for her to focus on schoolwork now that she is older.

“I don’t have to deal with where the party is, (or whether I’m) wearing the fashionable clothes,” she said.

Lee-Wert also said her time managing finances is particularly meaningful. I am honored to be associated “with you, our graduates, and to be affiliated with a university so committed to the value of higher education.”

The university’s commitment to high standards and academic excellence will prove important to you as you now focus on your futures—whether you

Farewell to grads from CEO White

Congratulations to you, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg graduating class of Fall 2003. Graduation is a defining time in your lives. It is the fulfillment of past goals and holds the promise of future challenges and accomplishments.

Ceremonies have always been important to me, but as you are the first class that I have recognized as Vice President and Campus Executive Officer, this graduation is particularly meaningful. I am honored to be associated “with you, our graduates, and to be affiliated with a university so committed to the value of higher education.”

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Student assaulted in car jacking attempt off campus

By Matt Nelson
Editor in Chief

Last Monday after a night class, a female USF St. Petersburg student was alone in her car as four men approached. With her window down, one man asked her for the time. However, the men had different intentions.

As she replied, one assailant struck her face and demanded she exit the vehicle. The woman refused and drove away unharmed.

The St. Petersburg Police Department reported that an attempted car jacking occurred at about 8:40 p.m. on Nov. 24 in front of the Florida Center for Teachers building on Sixth Street South.

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USF’s own reach out to the community

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Being at USF St. Petersburg is a blessing, feel fortunate

By Matt Nelson
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With all things considered, USF St. Petersburg had a fine semester. Enrollment and budget dollars were up. For a change, President Judy Genshaft stayed away and out of the hair of just about everyone. The campus finally started the College of Arts & Sciences, Education and Business. It took a while (38 years) to happen, but it was done right.

Yes, things are starting to look up for the Bayboro campus, St. Pete campus, USF Junior, USF Clearwater, the red headed-stepchild USF St. Petersburg. Finally, it is a UNIVERSITY and acts like one.

Gold Parking, outrageous salaries and longer lines at the café make it all seem like things are actually working. But you are the lucky ones. Now you can find a parking spot within three miles of the campus: STUDENTS ARE THE PRI-O-RITY.

That is simply why a university exists. For a while (last year) it looked like this campus was going to hell in a hand basket. But sure enough, those beautiful sunrays bounced off the harbor and into the souls of many.

"America's most inviting campus" is back with a gleaming smile. Yes, life is good at USF St. Petersburg. There were no hurricanes, no lawsuits and no one got fired this year. Oops ... well a few got canned. If you want to know who, just send a quick email over to the Grow's Nest.

Have a nice winter break!

Correction

Last issue in our "Making the Grade" report, we incorrectly stated Student Life allocates money for student organizations. However, it is Student Government that allocates all financial resources for Student Life, organizations, clubs, Haborside Activities Board, homecoming and more. Student Government also organizes all homecoming activities. We apologize for any misinterpretation of the facts.

Life in the post-post-Sept. 11 era

By Joel Hoard
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) The post-Sept. 11 era was supposed to be one of unprecedented harmony in the United States. American flags were to cover the land in a spectacular show of patriotism. Complete strangers were to greet one another with friendly smiles and hellos. New Yorkers were to be polite to each other. Everyone was to root for the Yankees in the World Series. But you are the lucky ones. Now you can run and into the souls of many. And to...think, most of those time... well a few got canned.

So things returned to normal once the post-Sept. 11 era arrived. The flags got old and were put into storage, strangers started glaring at one another, New Yorkers realized that they hated each other again, people realized that baseball was boring and it became clear that all Giuliani and Bush did was make a few inspiring but empty speeches. Oh well, the few days of harmony were nice while they lasted.

But the post-Sept.-11 era didn't last for long, either. We now find ourselves mired in the post-post-Sept. 11 era. Goodwill has dropped to a level well below that of pre-Sept. 11 times. In nearly every aspect of society, over a broad spectrum of issues, Americans are more divided than ever. Depending on whom you ask, George W. Bush is either the greatest president ever or the most incompetent person in American history. Gay marriage is either a great step toward equality or a sign of impending doom. The war on terror is either going to make the nation safe from its enemies once and for all or it will spark even more enemies than we had pre-Sept. 11.

This post-post-Sept.-11 era is of (at least) good will passed on as we took sides on the war and started yelling.

The Left's respect for (or at least tolerance of) George W. Bush was lost, while the right still touted him as a sav­ior of mankind, and what began with the war quickly shifted to the president himself. Over the past several months a remarkable rift has formed, and never has the nation been so divided over its president. Half love the guy, half hate him and only a negligible amount are indifferent (at last count there were three of us). It's gotten to the point where every move the president makes is both heartily praised and scornfully criticized.

Even Democrats and Republicans in Congress are having a more difficult time getting along than usual. As the Wall Street Journal reported Monday, the partisan divide in Congress is nearing a level not seen since the Newt Gingrich years, with votes split more and more strictly along party lines. Something's got to give.
An oyster shucker by day, a musician by night

By Katie Wilson

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ce cascades out of buckets and into coolers. Rocky oysters thunder into a stainless steel basin. A neon light touting "RAW OYSTERS" glows in the window.

Amidst the chaotic whirlwind of the Central Avenue Oyster Bar, Jesse Martin stands grounded and calm, never a tense face or raised voice, an open and easy spirit. He is a shucker, spending most of his evenings popping open the stubborn shells of Louisiana Select raw oysters.

A dozen in a minute is his current personal record, and that's with only three months of professional shucking under his belt.

Jesse and his family have always been a part of that life. Eating them at least.

A family tradition as far back as he can remember, hanging out by his uncle's pool slurping up dozens of oysters is where he learned how to pry open the filter-feeding mollusks. He started when he was eight.

"Since I was strong enough to do it," he said with a smile.

"It is an easy skill, usually accompanied by a cascading laugh that bubbles up from his throat. "I'm definitely a student of philosophy. You have to be, not taught, but introduced to new ideas and how they relate to your own ideas," he says. "That's how I strengthen my own views."

Jesse, 29, is passionate about learning, although his way of doing it isn't necessarily conventional. After graduating from Henry B. Plant High School in Tampa, attending college was never part of his plan.

Instead, he reads.

His favorite book is "Hollywood" by Charles Bukowski, and he just finished "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand.

"I love discovering new ideas or new things that change my mind. Learning I guess. The moment that it happens," he says. "I think a lot of people take that for granted."

Jesse's knowledge about oysters doesn't come from a book, it comes from familiarity. Fresh shucked oysters should be plump and a creamy white to grey color, he instructs. Because oysters filter volumes of water to get their food, bacteria viruses that show up in the water may also build up in the oyster. Discoloring or an open shell may indicate an unhealthy oyster. The smell is also a clue.

"A bad oyster smells like the men's bathroom at the bus station," Jesse says. "They can go from being really good to really gross in just a couple seconds."

Jesse patiently sifts through the oysters that are shipped in from Charleston, South Carolina to his restaurant. Each box is inspected by him to ensure quality. He is a shucker, spending most of his days at the oyster bar.

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— Jesse Martin
T he time has come for faculty, staff and students of USF St. Petersburg to enjoy some time off as the end of the fall semester inches closer. Many changes took place around campus this semester beginning with the purchase of the Fountain Inn. The purchase of the $2.25 million building was approved on Aug. 21. The building is in the process of being torn down and a student multi-purpose center will be constructed housing dining facilities, student government and office space.

“ This piece of land means we can construct a significant structure for our students,” said Karen White, vice president and campus executive officer. In other expansion, the College of Business expanded to the Progress Energy building just south of the campus.

Students also faced a drastic tuition increase this semester. In-state undergraduates paid 8.5 percent more per credit hour, and out-of-state undergraduates and graduates paid a 15.5 percent increase. USF St. Petersburg financial aid director Jennifer Frazer said fees increased for several reasons.

“ There’s an all-time record high of students coming into the university system,” she said. “ Universities are receiving less funding from the state, and they’re having to redirect funds from state universities to pay for the public school system’s smaller class sizes.”

Along with tuition increases, under­graduate enrollment also increased this semester 15 percent. Statistics showed the 2003 school year had a 9.2 percent increase from last years totals. Last year’s enrollment was 4,222 while this semester’s enrollment reached 4,610 students.

The campus Board of Trustees approved another fee increase effective next fall. Athletic fees will increase 25 cents. This increase will produce about $22,000 a year for the campus and will help the women’s sailing team pay for boat repairs, new sails and new boats, said varsity women’s sailing coach Stephanie Doyle.

The welcome center also opened this semester on Aug. 15 to serve USF St. Petersburg as an information and greeting facility. There students, residents and visitors can learn about the campus and the city. Daily parking passes, maps and directions are also offered at the welcome center.

An important part of USF St. Petersburg’s history is gaining separate accreditation from Tampa. Over the summer, USF President Judy Genshaft and Vice President White visited the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Georgia to discuss the campus accreditation process. The meeting proved fruitful and Genshaft said the campus could be accredited by 2005.

Also, over the summer USF changed its professional and athletic logos to strengthen the campus’ image. Several students had mixed feelings about the new logos. In a recent poll, 57 percent preferred the old professional logo rather than the new, and 51 percent preferred the old athletic logos. Also, Ralph Wilcox, former interim vice president, handed the job over to Karen White and took on a new position as vice provost at USF Tampa.

USF St. Petersburg also decided this semester to “go Greek.” Beginning next fall, the university will allow Greek organizations to form chapters on the campus in an effort to attract more better students and increase student involvement. Charles Brown, associate vice president for student affairs, said their goal is to have four or five groups on campus by next fall.

After six years as a part of freshman and sophomore curriculums, the Learning Community will be canceled after the spring term and beginning next fall, Citizen Scholars, a service-learning program may take its place. The program was canceled because of decreased enrollment. When the program began in 1998, it was a two-year program, now it is one-year program with block courses. The Learning Community includes a service-learning class in which students volunteered in organizations of their choice.

St. Petersburg citizens voted on Nov. 4 to keep Albert Whitted Airport open. Months before, debates continued over whether the airport should remain or be demolished into waterfront park. This decision means that USF will have to look elsewhere to expand and buildings that were originally planned for construction in the existing Davis parking lot will no longer happen.

“We are currently holding off on sites that are most restrictive due to the airport runway alignment, limiting building height to two and three stories,” said Jim Grant, director of facilities planning and construction.

USF St. Petersburg is also continuing to push forward with its master plan. Several changes are in the works. The first phase of on-campus student housing will be constructed by 2006. The residence will be located northeast of the Campus Activities Center. The university is also planning on a multi­story parking garage and is forming partnerships with All Children’s Hospital and partners on the waterfront.

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“Bad Santa” is good holiday entertainment

Perhaps no Christmas movie has ever featured such a despicable character as Willie T. Stokes. A department store Santa of Jacksonville, Willie (Billy Bob Thornton) makes “Home Alone” bad guys Harry and Marv look like saints. It’s what you might expect from a Santa Claus whose father taught him how to crack a safe and extinguished cigarettes on his neck.

Santa works in department stores with his elf (Troy Cox) as a cover for robbing the stores on Christmas Eve. Their scam has worked for seven years, and despite Santa’s half-hearted attempt to go straight in the off season, they’re back at work again this holiday season.

The partners’ wicked plans are coming together just fine until a naive and needy boy begins to see Santa and eventually brings out all the good in him.

But the movie’s plot, although credible, is not what you’ll remember most from “Bad Santa” film.

Santa’s vile character and foul language make this film what it is—a Christmas movie standing in stark contrast to any other holiday film you’ve seen.

“Bad Santa” is not for kids. It’s not even for a lot of adults. Think “Bad,” not “Santa.”

Adding to the film’s fun are fine performances by the late John Ritter as a department store manager too timid to fire Willie, and Bernie Mac, who convincingly departs from his “Bernie Mac Show” comedy role to play a crooked store security chief.

What makes “Bad Santa” work is that even the most vulgar scenes are played for laughs. Santa is just too evil to take seriously. You have to laugh at anyone as uncouth as this Santa.

“Bad Santa” provides entertainment without the stockings or sugarplums.

Animal activists protest fur clothing in local mall

By Alicia Castillo

To retailers it is known as “Black Friday.” To Christmas-shopping enthusiasts it is known as “the biggest shopping day of the year.”

But to groups of animal rights activists it is known as “fur-free Friday.”

Members of Florida Voices for Animals (FVA) met outside Neiman Marcus department store at International Plaza on the Friday after Thanksgiving to protest the manufacture and purchase of clothing made with animal fur. A modest and cheery group of six people dressed in festive Santa hats, white bells and an assortment of dramatically designed T-shirts depicting animal trapping. During their almost two-hour march up and down the halls of International Plaza, they caused quite a commotion with other shoppers, retail associates and mall security personnel.

“This is the first year we’ve actually gone inside the mall,” said Gael Murphy, the education coordinator for FVA. “We have a right to be here and we are shopping, too.”

The group received mixed reactions from shoppers in International Plaza. While standing outside of Wilson’s Leather, Jim Gisondi, board member for FVA and self-proclaimed “all-around big mouth,” shouted, “Man, I wouldn’t go in there if I paid me.”

A male shopper whizzed by the group and mumbled for them to “get a life.”

“I have a life,” Gisondi roared back. “At least I’m out here doing something.”

“Some people shout at us or give us the finger, others call us radicals,” said Murphy. “But if you look up radical in the dictionary it says that radicals are those who want to change culture at its root. We want to change the world in its treatment of animals.”

Murphy said not everyone responds negatively.

Several women approached the group while they were congregating in the food court. Patrons inquired about the activists’ heart-wrenching T-shirts and allowed FVA member Victoria Bierkamps, 16, to pass out literature detailing the realities of the fur industry.

Some people even inquired about where they could purchase a shirt with a message like Bierkamps’. As a rule, when they walk into a store, the group likes to stay.

Finding dates are no problem for shy students

With college students’ hectic lives, it’s hard to meet someone similar. DateABull.com hopes to change that.

By Jamie Drozdowski

One night in Ybor, while tossing back a few drinks at The Green Iguana, Josh and Adam Banan began reminiscing about college.

They discussed the activities that each of their campuses offered—the frat parties, the dorms, the local bar scene, and of course how they used to meet girls. Then came the bar tab. They couldn’t believe how much it was. A night out in the city isn’t cheap.

“We decided that if this is what Tampa students have to meet people, it is way too expensive,” Josh said. “After all we were two fairly successful 20-year-olds, and we couldn’t afford to go out every night, how in the world could college students? Adan went to FSU and told me of all the campus activities that enabled students to meet, but USF (his school) didn’t have the same type of community feel.”

They wondered how Tampa students could receive the same “perks” as other big name campuses without the expense of going to Ybor every night. That’s when DateABull popped into their mind. It’s dating website exclusively designed for college-aged students to meet each other.

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Animal activist groups have been strong for more than 20 years but are stronger now with help from more college students.

Whispers echoed in the halls of the luxury store.

“I don’t know why they’re here. We don’t have a fur market in Florida,” said one Neiman Marcus employee, in a soft voice, to another.

Murphy and her fellow activists know that Florida is not the largest mar-
problems if students took time to get to know them. For example, professors may be more lenient with a student who didn’t take tests well, she said.

Noworyta said underclassmen also should get involved in student activities. She said she wishes she could have been more active in the Student Education Association and the Council for Exceptional Children.

"I kind of miss that," Noworyta said. "It would have been nice to have that connection."

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dancers, actors and jugglers. Skills in carpentry, costume and prop design are also most welcome.

Forseth, who you can catch in this year’s show playing a hayseed and wearing a straw hat, says it’s exciting to see how the group has evolved.

With 30 years behind them, the Singers have certainly developed, but one thing has remained the same. Their primary focus is still on community service.

“Christmas just isn’t Christmas if we don’t do this,” said Sudsy.

If you are interested in joining the Singers please contact Sudsy at: (727) 553-4842

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Did you know?

Sudsy Tschiderer originally founded the Craw’s Nest.

Sudsy came to USF St. Petersburg as a student in 1969 and started the first campus newspaper, the USF-SP Bulletin. After a couple issues, she held a contest to rename the paper and Dr. Bill Garrett won with his submission of the Craw’s Nest.

The idea was that the newspaper would serve as a lookout for faculty and students. Just as a sailing ship’s crow’s nest looks out for its crew, Sudsy handwrote the first few editions of the paper until USF provided her with a typewriter. Sudsy says that she is proud to see the evolution of the Craw’s Nest.

All registered USF St. Petersburg students, faculty and staff may enter!

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Disclaimer: Crow’s Nest staff is not eligible. Students must be registered in at least one class at USF St. Petersburg. All entries must be in by Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9 p.m. A winner will be randomly selected Wednesday, Jan. 14.

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"I've stabbed myself a few times," he says while pulling off his thick yellow shucking glove to look for scars. "But nothing ever took me out of the game." And so he stands behind his steel basin and marble counter top, unlocking the shells of stubborn oysters, searching for the key to life.

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had a falling out with someone we met through the site, that person would likely not have good things to say about the site, or either of us personally. It just seemed smarter to stay out of the whole situation as much as possible," Josh said.

College students may wonder what makes this site different than the competitors like "Match.com" or "Yahoo Personals."

"Our intent is the difference. We keep the scope small enough that all you see is a potential match," Josh said. Although most people would agree that this website is a great way to meet people, it may not be for everyone. Some people may stick with the traditional way of meeting in person.

"I would try to meet people in person first," said Chuck Craig, 18, graphic arts major at USF. "I prefer to meet people in person, but if I couldn't meet anyone, I might try it. It does seem like a good way to meet other college students."

"Not everyone can be an extravert and stand at a bar every night," Josh said. "Our website helps introverts by lessening the risk of rejection. It really saves you from sticking your neck out."

That's the issue for Anthony Selman, 22, a USF student majoring in biomedical science. "I am typically an introvert," he said. "Meeting people can be hard because I don't like the bar scene."

USF is aware of this website, because it is advertised in the campus newspapers. They have no problem with the artwork or advertising that the website puts into the newspapers.

"We are hoping to expand the website within the next year or two. "Right now it's mainly just USF, but next semester we are going to include UCF and hopefully by next year we'll have FSU as well," Josh said.

Check out www.Datedbull.com for more information.

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Hospital and Bayfront Medical Center for future expansion.

To wrap up the end of the busy fall semester, USF, St. Petersburg elected its new student government executive officers. Several students were unaware of the vote. However, 23 percent more voted this semester. Only 102 ballots were cast, which equals approximately 2 percent of the 4,500 students enrolled at the beginning of the semester. The campus still lacks strong participation with student government and the newly elected plan to get the word out.

As the end of another semester draws near, plan on several changes throughout the next few months. It only gets better.

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let to sell fur, but they are deeply concerned about the most recent fashion trend involving fur clothing with fur trim. It's not as likely to see full-length mink coats on Tampa's elite, but locals do wear the less costly and just as fashionable jackets, skirts, hats, gloves - all adorned with fur trim.

"Fur collars and other types of fur trim are coming back into fashion," said John Moyer, board member for FVA. "Fur was out for a while, but it is making a comeback."

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