SG wants your vote, but what do they do?

Student Government candidates make their job known to student body.

Baird Leffter
Next Staff

As the national elections begin to fade, the students on the USF St. Petersburg campus are just beginning to feel the effects of campaigning.

In less than two weeks the students on this campus will be asked to cast their vote again. This time for the 29 openings of the student body that in the past has barely noticed.

Around 10 percent of the 3,200-member student body voted in the last election, did candidates posting signs touting their involvement and accomplishments to a student said Carolyn DeVore, the current Government president.

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For those looking for an easy way out from beneath the term paper crunch, a word of advice.

Susanna Alderson
Next Staff

It's 12:30 a.m., and the 20-page term paper is due tomorrow morning. Your desk is littered with Snickers candy bar wrappers and an empty Doritos bag (brainfood). You are on your fifth cup of coffee, and you're still staring at a blank computer screen. How many times have you told yourself, "I'm not going to do this! I will do it tomorrow!" This semester I'm getting ahead of the game. I'm not waiting "all the last minute to do my term paper." So much for that resolution.

Well, let's see what we can do here. You have six books with all the information you need, but one book has exactly what you want to say. You type your paper directly from the book, changing a word here and there and inserting a paragraph or two from your other sources. By 4:30 a.m., it's done.

Voila, a work of art.

Don't even think about it. If you try such a thing, (lets face it, at one time or another, we've all been tempted) you are guilty of plagiarism.

"What exactly is plagiarism?"

"Plagiarism is theft-stolen words that are used to enhance oneself," says Kym Henderson, a public relations major at USF.

"She's right.

Karen Christon, another USF student says plagiarism is "the copying of anyone else's writing, in print or broadcast, without crediting the source properly. She's also right.

For all those students out there who don't know what plagiarism is, or how many different forms of plagiarists there are, the University of South Florida has a clear-cut definition and its consequences in the Undergraduate Catalog on page 40. The following is a direct quote and not plagiarized.

"Plagiarism is defined as 'literary theft' and consists of the unauthorized quotation of the exact words of a published text, or the unauthorized borrowing of original ideas by student in the course.

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The undergraduate catalog continues to cite specific examples of plagiarism, as well as examples of properly cited texts (See pages 40-41). It also states the punishment guidelines.

Listen up. Here's something for you to process. If you get caught plagiarizing, you will get an "F" on your paper, or a zero as it may apply, and that "F" will be used to determine your final course grade. It is then the instructor's option to fail the student.
**Entrance Feature fracus continues**

A further look into the events of a Sept. 6 meeting raises a fountain of questions.

James Popp

Nest Staff

The dean pressed for and received a rubber-stamp vote approving his requests, according to staff and student government members, at the Sept. 6 meeting of the Capitol Improvement Trust Fund.

At the meeting Dean William Heller asked for the entire reserve fund of the CITF to further support the Streetscape project and an Entrance Feature that was approved in 1992 as part of the master plan for campus development.

The students at the meeting asked the dean to postpone the Entrance Feature at this time, using the money for the Streetscape project. The students would then put up $50,000, saving part of the reserve CITF funds.

Heller wanted to keep the Entrance Feature in the current budget, along with wanting the additional CITF reserve, saying the money would be returned in two to three years by the Board of Regents.

Heller said there was enough money to fund all the projects, that no one would have to "give up" anything, and he didn't believe the cost over-runs would be significant, anyway. He said there was enough money in the bank to fund all the projects. "Short of a catastrophe, the money is there," he said.

This seems to contradict, however, his and director of student affairs Dr. Steven Rich's earlier statements.

Rich stated in a memo on May 9, 1995 regarding the CITF Contingency Reserve that "significant needs may become apparent in the next year as well," indicating that a large reserve should be maintained.

Heller, in a memo on Sept. 5, 1996, regarding the money being replaced, wrote, "While the likelihood of this occurring is probably not good given the University System's financial condition, it does remain a possibility."

"I challenged the dean on that point in the meeting," said Garner. "I asked Heller to show his faith that the money would be returned to us by postponing the Entrance Feature now, and building it when the money came back. I felt, with the dean interested in the project, the money would have a much better chance of being returned."

The committee then voted; all the student members and Bob Linde, the only staff member, voting for that option. Heller again said it was unacceptable, and the committee re-voted.

"The dean wanted the money with our blessing, and he got that with the second vote. 9 to 1 in favor of his plan," Garner, who was the lone dissenting vote, said.

Heller said he was only reimbursing the students of their previous commitments. "With a new student government every six months, it would be chaos if we didn't stick to our agreements. I've always kept my agreements to the students, and I reminded them to do the same. This current group of students are very fair, very mature in their decisions — an excellent group."

Heller didn't feel the Entrance Feature should be open to renegotiation. It had already been voted on in 1992, and was a separate project, not connected to Streetscape, which was just in the planning stages at that time.

When asked why the numbers used for the projects at the meeting were not hard estimates, and that some current estimates have come in quite a bit higher than was thought, Heller replied, "That's natural for any large project — we don't accept the first bid anyway. We'll re-bid it several times till we get one that's reasonable. We may have to cut back on some things, maybe use half-inch sheet rock, say, instead of three-quarter inch, but it will get done.

We might want a Cadillac, but we'll settle for a well-equipped Chevy."

Carolyn DeVore, student government president, agreed almost fully with the dean. She believes the dean was correct in not wanting to give up the Entrance Feature, despite the BOR cutback, and doubts if the committee even had the authority to bring that up at the meeting.

"The CITF funds are there to be used just as the name says, for capital improvements, in any way the committee sees fit. There's no special reserve fund to be maintained," said DeVore.

She also agreed with the dean's remarks about possibly cutting back on buying Boxes or money for the pool. "How many people use the pool — 100, 200? But all 3,500 plus students will use the Streetscape. It would make the campus much safer. I support it 100 percent. The dean shouldn't be attacked on that."

Garner countered. "It was never a question of commitment, but one of priority. We never said we didn't want the fountain, or were canceling it; only that it should be moved down on the list of priorities.

"What bothers me is that the dean didn't give anything up," he added. "He got the Entrance Feature, the money, and the rubber-stamp vote. What did he lose? Nothing."

Linde was a little more optimistic about the situation. "The dean appears to be the honest man, and should be given a chance, he said. "The dean promised to find additional money if it is needed, and we should certainly take him at his word for now."

Garner said, "If the dean had just been willing to work with us a little more, we probably could have found some extra money in a few years."

"I simply feel having a boasted pool, a sitting team and a child-care center, among other things, adds more value to the campus than does an Entrance Feature right now," said Garner. "Obviously the dean feels differently."

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Uptown slaying remains unsolved

The victim, a USF student, was shot and killed outside his apartment.

Special to the Nest

St. Petersburg Police are still seeking clues in the shooting death of Carlfrid Thenor, a 24-year-old University of South Florida student killed six weeks ago in an altercation in the city’s Uptown district.

Detective Bob Schock, the officer investigating the case, said Thenor was shot once in the chest with a handgun at the corner of Fifth Street N. and Kirkwood Terrace. He was pronounced dead just before 1 a.m. on Sept. 21. His killer remains at large.

Thenor’s death didn’t attract much media attention, just a brief mention on a local nightly newscast. The St. Petersburg Times carried two stories on the shooting in its B section.

The first story, four paragraphs, appeared on page 9, and was a plea from police for information. The second, on page 4, was larger, about a sixth of a page in size, and included quotes from Thenor’s family, a picture of the victim along with a police composite sketch of the suspect.

Thenor was of Haitian descent. He lived at 1046 Fifth St. N., a stylish, white, square-shaped building, on the second floor.

On the night of the slaying, Thenor had hosted a party attended by about 15 people. According to police, the party broke up around 11:30 p.m. Thenor, accompanied by a few others, walked down the street to a house around the corner. About an hour and a half later, Thenor and another person, the only known witness to the shooting, left and were walking back toward Thenor’s apartment.

The witness told investigators a low-riding compact car with chrome rims, possibly a Honda or similar make, pulled up at the corner that forms the intersection of Fifth Street N. and Kirkwood Terrace. A man got out of the car and approached them. The witness described him as Asian with dark eyes and a dark complexion, tall, about 6-foot-6 to 6-foot-2, weighing 180 to 190 pounds. He wore his hair pulled back and very short on the sides. The witness said the man confronted Thenor and, following an argument, pointed a gun and fired once at close range, hitting Thenor in the chest.

Thenor told police the suspect then got back in the car and fled the scene as Thenor lay dying in the street, two blocks from his apartment. A 911 call came from the house Thenor had left only moments before. Paramedics and police were at the scene within minutes of the call.

Jason Skeie, a neighbor and close friend of Thenor’s for three years, believes the confrontation might have been over a girl. Others told investigators the party in Thenor’s apartment had broken up earlier because of an altercation between two girls. Skeie said as far as he knew, Thenor did not have a steady girlfriend.

After interviewing all of the guests at the party, Det. Schock said there was nothing to link any of them to the shooting.

“We talked to everyone at the party and no one has recognized the composite drawing of the suspect,” he said.

At a Sept. 21 press conference, Schock told reporters “several theories” are actively being investigated, one of which involves a dispute over a girl. He said that the only witness to come forward was the person talking with Thenor at the time of the shooting.

Because the witness said there had been a verbal confrontation, police believe it is very likely Thenor had some connection with the suspect. “In most (homicide) cases, the victim is either acquainted or knows the suspect,” Schock saidadding, “More times than not, the victim holds the key to who is responsible.”

Thenor had a small amount of cash in his pockets and was wearing a wristwatch at the time of the shooting. Schock wouldn’t say if robbery had been ruled out as a motive. Thenor’s friends described him as a good person and doubted the murder was connected with drugs or gang-related.

Schock repeated the motive remains “unknown.”

Uptown, the section of St. Petersburg where Thenor lived and died, is predominantly a lower-income neighborhood that’s struggling to improve. Ingrid Comberg, president of the “Uptown Neighborhood Association,” knows the area where the shooting took place. “That’s still a bad corner of Uptown,” she said.

Comberg believes that overall crime is declining in this area of the city. “I would call this an isolated incident,” she said.

Thenor was a senior at the University of South Florida majoring in geology. Because of the police investigation, university officials would not release any information to reporters about Thenor. According to a friend, Thenor had decided to take a semester off after his student financial aid request was denied. Police noted Thenor was unemployed, but looking for a job.

“The fact that he was studying to help old people tells you what kind of person he was,” Skeie said. “You hear it all the time, but it’s true. He was the nicest guy. There’s no reason that he should have died.”

Skeie said Thenor was “very religious and went to church almost every Sunday.” His obituary listed him as a member of the New Apostolic Church. Thenor’s parents live in Haiti, and he has one sister who lives in the area and some family in Miami.

Police are continuing their investigation, but other than the testimony of one eye witness, they have few leads to go on.

“We’ve received no information that either confirms or denies the possibility that the murder suspect is still in the area,” added Schock.

Anyone with information about this case can contact Detective Schock at 893-7782.

[Editor’s note: This story was researched and compiled by a University of South Florida St. Petersburg beginning reporting class with the cooperation of the St. Petersburg Police Department. Contributing to this story were: Erin Babella, Jeannette Coleman, Michael Dailey, Omega Helmholts, Victoria Lander, KatniskiSuczkal, Leesa Weikel, René Yopp and Deb Zalom.]
Quelling the virus of dishonesty

Look long. Look hard, if you dare. Regardless of your efforts, you'll find honesty among Americans is as endangered as survival is in the matter. Dishonesty swiftly creeps into the nature of human beings immediately after creation. Ever since, it has been a snake-like characteristic resorted to for reasons of jealousy, greed and recognition. Allegedly, Biblical character Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers so they could gain parental favor and a fatter income. Complishments and those of our fellow men to avoid embarrassment.

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More recently, history has taught us that since Vietnam and Watergate, our leaders will even lie to us to achieve their goals or to avoid embarrassment. Today, dishonesty has spread throughout America like an airborne virus. We puff up in vain glory over our accomplishments and those of our fellow man. After all, we've walked on the moon and created cures for numerous deadly diseases. We marvel at our technology as we travel down our computerized highway. We take that trip, however, with a spiritual emptiness inside.

Not too long ago, everyone designated Tonya Harding, who decided to cheat in order to increase her chances of winning a gold medal by ordering a vicious assault upon her opponent Nancy Kerrigan. Likewise, many lips would start today at the mention of Mijana Campbell — who recently lied to everyone by claiming to be the first woman to walk around the world, in truth she enjoyed rides in her support truck during her trek.

Just last week, however, a student told me that no matter what she had to do, she was going to leave her mark in this world. Her sincerity was undeniable. The way her eyes glared over when she said she would make it "at all costs" revealed her candor. Watching her run her fingers through her hair with one hand while placing her other hand precociously on her hip, she looked unmistakably like Suzanne Stone, the devious character Nicole Kidman played in the film St. Dot Fire. Like Kidman's Stone, so many today believe that you're no one until you get on television. It's not just a matter of being on television. The roots of dishonesty sprout from the thirst for recognition, whether that recognition be famous or infamous. Similarly, dishonesty results from the desire to be number one, and it reaches into every facet of American life, including the classroom. All too often in the classroom, there is the temptation to become Harding, Campbell and Stone clones. In so doing, some full victims to the belief that making the grade or becoming number one is of prime importance. As a result, cheating is sometimes resorted to, and a second victim surfaces. That victim is the education of the student who elects to travel that easy yet unintelligent, dangerous course.

As the period approaches when term papers assault us from every direction, study your hardest and do your own research. Take pride in yourself and your work. No one needs to be the best in the world, you need only be the best you can be. In an honest fashion. Anyone doubting this should take the time to ask Harding, Campbell and a slew of other dishonest losers. Whatever you do, don't believe the words of one Wilson Mizner, who has been attributed to say, "When you steal from one author, it's plagiarism; if you steal from many, it's research."

Words from the Wellness Center

Snuff out the butt and stop puffing your life away

M. Charlene Long
Guest Columnist

Joe Camel personifies the "Fun Life." In reality, Joe Camel is the tool used by the big tobacco companies to encourage young people to "be cool" and smoke cigarettes. Studies have shown that as many young children recognize Joe Camel as they do Mickey Mouse. The fact is, however, that cigarette smoking is the greatest single cause of cancer deaths in the United States. The risk of death from cancer among heavy smokers is four times that of non-smokers.

Recently I spoke to approximately 20 third, fourth and fifth graders at Thornton Avenue Elementary School about why people smoke. One little boy raised his hand and said, "Since smoking cigarettes is so bad for you, why were they invented?" A good question.

Studies have found that most people say they smoke for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Smoking gives me more energy.
2. I like to touch and handle cigarettes.
3. Smoking is a pleasure.
4. Smoking helps me relax when I'm tense or upset.
5. I crave cigarettes; smoking is an addiction.

The first of these steps a person needs to take when trying to stop smoking is to understand which of these needs smoking meets and develop ways to meet those needs in a different way.

An article in Readers Digest by the "Lucky Strike Girl" provides the partial answer to this question. As a young model, she posed in ads for Lucky Strike cigarettes in the 1950s. She was encouraged to smoke so she could do her job better. She is now crippled with emphysema and has been treated for cancer of the throat. Smoking affects every system of the body — tranquilizing the brain, constraining blood vessels, and increasing the risk of cancer in the mouth, larynx and esophagus. Heart attack, stroke, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis and emphysema are also smoking's results. And that's not all. Those that smoke can develop cirrhosis of the liver, vertebral cancer, decreased sex drive, infertility, miscarriage, premature delivery, stomach cancer, osteoporosis and kidney cancer.

Not only does the body become addicted to the nicotine in cigarettes, the mind becomes psychologically addicted to the smoking and the person acquires habits related to smoking behaviors. And
MEETING OF THE MINDS: Student Government meetings are held at the Campus Activities Center and are open to all students, staff and faculty.

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general lack of interest in the way their money is spent is a real issue. “Everyone has the power to make change,” said Diana DeVore, a candidate for the office of vice president and the sister of President DeVore, “but not all people believe they have the power to make change.”

Student unawareness of when events and meetings take place combined with the commuter nature of this campus are large factors in the low turnout at such occurrences, Diana DeVore said. “Electronic bulletin boards” placed where students can see them as they come and go might be one way to stimulate greater involvement, Diana DeVore said.

The current SG members filled their positions unchallenged, Carolyn DeVore said. But one has to wonder, with hundreds of thousands of dollars on the line, why is involvement so low?

“When people are content, they are less inclined to get involved,” said Sudy Tschiderer, assistant director of special activities. “When they’re not threatened, they tend not to get active.”

But what just is Student Government, and what does it do?

SG consists of elected members of the student body. It’s purpose, as stated in the SG Constitution, “shall be to represent the interests of the student body, including coordination of activities through allocations and expenditures of Activities and Service Fee Funds.”

The Activities and Service Fee, commonly called the A & S fee, is assessed each semester on every credit hour taken. The current fee is $7.75. For a student who needs 60 credit hours for the completion of a degree, the A & S fee totals $465.

The funds generated by the A & S fee are allocated to a variety of areas. Student clubs and organizations, the Activities and Recreation Departments, the Campus Activities Center and the Counseling and Career Center all receive a portion of this fee in order to operate their programs. Graduation ceremonies are also funded by this revenue.

And just how much money is SG responsible for? The 1996-1997 Activities and Service Fee budget approved by SG totaled $361,559. This figure represents the total budget requests by the various entities entitled to apply for A & S fee funds.

SG meetings are generally held every two weeks during the spring and fall semesters. During the summer sessions, SG usually meets once a month. Meetings are held in the Campus Activities Center and are open to all students, staff and faculty.

The meetings allow these groups to express their opinions on motions being considered by SG.

Any member of the student body, defined by the SG Constitution as “all persons registered, and currently enrolled at the St. Petersburg campus” for a minimum of three credit hours, is eligible. Interning students who have maintained the St. Pete campus as their home campus are also eligible.

In the upcoming election, one position is available for the following officer positions: president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. As for the position of representative, a formula based on enrollment in each college determines the number of positions. Currently, eight openings exist in each of the colleges of arts and sciences and business. An additional six positions are available for the college of education, and three for the college of nursing are open.

In order to be placed on the ballot, prospective candidates must first pick up a petition from the SG office in the Campus Activities Center. For officers, 50 signatures must be obtained from the student body at to be recognized candidate. Representatives need 25 signatures from members of their respective colleges (business, nursing, etc.). Petitions can be filed with the SG office until Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

Two terms combine to form an academic year. The spring term runs from Jan. 1 to April 30 and pays $800 to the president, $400 to each of the remaining officers and $75 to each representative. The summer/fall term runs from May 1 to Dec. 31, for which the president receives $1,200, the other officers each receive $600 and the representatives $75 each. No term limits apply, but petitions must be filed for each term.

PLAGIARISM

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while detecting plagiarism is not as obvious as when a student buys a finished paper, there is a dramatic difference between published work and undergraduate work.

“A problem I see in student’s writing is that they don’t know how to paraphrase,” Range says. “They simply switch one or two words around and believe that to be acceptable.” She says that students also will cite at the end of the paragraph and won’t indicate clearly what they are citing.

Still feel like taking a chance plagiarizing? According to an article written by The St. Petersburg Times, Kenneth Sahr of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, has made life easier for many college students. He has created a Web site called “School Stucks,” where students can download completed term papers for free. Term papers from all over the world are available ranging from “essays on fraternities to a look at Jewish history.” Sahr insists his purpose “is not to make it easy for students to copy and lift term papers but rather to give students the opportunity to compare and analyze samples of work from all around the world.”

Be aware of Mr. Sahr’s web site, though. Professors have access to it as well. Just remember, it’s best to save yourself the headache and anxiety of getting caught by doing your own work. Plan ahead so the temptation isn’t so easy to fall into, and don’t forget the words of fellow student Henderson. “Give credit where credit is due.”

WELLNESS

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then there is second hand smoke, which is dangerous to children in many ways. According to an article in a pediatric journal (Pediatrics), second hand smoke kills between 136 and 212 children each year by causing respiratory infections. In addition, many more die because of cigarette-caused fires. Many trips to the doctor or hospital are caused by parental smoking, since second hand smoke has been implicated as the cause of otitis media (ear infections), asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia. Smokin during pregnancy has been linked to low birth weight, increased infant mortality and lower intelligence levels in children. In addition, sudden infant death syndrome is strongly linked to maternal smoking.

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There are booklets about smoking cessation in the counseling office and the offices of the Lung Association and Heart Association. It’s not easy, but it is possible to never start smoking. And if you have started, it’s possible to win the battle against the use of tobacco.
Profiles in Courage

Choices must be made, and a quick read will perhaps make those decisions much easier.

Sara Jenkins
Next Staff

Flyers, posters and campaigning candidates are scattered around campus, rare signs that it's time to examine the choices and decide who will represent you (and your money) for the next six months in our student government.

Knowing about your candidates is essential. In order to make the best choice, you need to be aware of what your choices are. The following is a summary of who is running, for what office, their background and what they plan to do if elected.

Sara Jenkins
President

Jasmine Allison
Vice President

John Garner
Secretary

Diana DeVore
Treasurer

Jacqueline Jurek
Vice President

Private.

John, a senior majoring in accounting and finance, is currently president of the Student Accounting and Business Organization, the largest club on campus. He has been involved in SABO for over two years, and has earned a Most Active award. "I want to carry my experience leading SABO into SGA," he says.

As president, Jasmine believes she is a "positive voice" for students. She believes that her diverse academic background is a bonus for her, because she has a consensus of what different students want. "I want to represent the students as a whole," she says. "I can then take the student perspective of issues to the administration.

Issues that she intends to support include the day care center and increasing parking.

She also feels strongly that student fees should be used here at USF St. Petersburg. "I believe we can prevent future tuition raises if we use our current student fees for our needs here at Bayboro," she says.

Diana is a junior in criminology. She is currently a student representative for the college of arts and sciences, and is active on cultural diversity committees.

She believes that her activities give her insight into the diversity on campus, the diversity of ages and concerns. "Issues of money and where to spend it deal with all organizations, and therefore all people," she says. "Government needs to listen to the issues, then make decisions based on the different needs of students."

Despite the fact that the office of vice president main functions assists the president, Diana would like to focus attention on certain issues. One she backs strongly is that of a student union. "We need a place for students that's just for us," she states. She also plans to keep the day care center and boat house plans on track.

Despite to give a voice to students, she states. "I have the experience, involvement and enthusiasm to best serve the student's interests," she says.

Jacqueline is a junior in criminology. She is currently a student representative for the college of arts and sciences, and is active on cultural diversity committees.

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Jacqueline has many ideas that she wants to have a voice in as vice president. "An important issue is that of the Fee Recovery Committee," she says. "Student money should go where it belongs."

Handicap access around campus also demands her attention now, ever since her own stint on crutches showed her how difficult it is to maneuver with a handicap. "It's harder than you think, and that needs to change," she states.

Jacqueline is also a voice in favor of the student union.

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There is only one candidate for secretary, but she has new ideas for the position.

Catherine Foote, a junior in the Teacher for All Children program, is currently a student representative for the department of education. She is also on the Student Council for Exceptional Children with Behavioral Disorders, and an active member of the Student Education Association. Along with her school responsibilities, she works as a secretary for All Children's Hospital. This experience, she believes, will serve her well as student government secretary. "My experience and organizational skills are a strength in my favor."

Catherine would like to see more duties come to the office of secretary. "I want it to become more involved," she says. "The secretary is the backbone of the organization, and I'd like to create more responsibilities for the position."

Terri is a junior majoring in education, and is also in the Teacher for All Children program. She is a member of the Student Council for Exceptional Children, the Student Education Association and is also a student representative for the college of education.

As treasurer, Terri wants to use her organizational skills to better coordinate the duties of the position. "It needs more organization," she says, "and an audit system. We need to be able to keep track of where money is spent, and that it is being spent where it's supposed to be."

Several different issues concern her, and she plans to work to solve them. Student money that is not used here at our campus is a main concern. Citing vending machine and handicap money specifically, she plans to work to keep these funds here for our students. Also, she believes that clubs should get involved with fundraising. "People need to be aware of the work that goes into getting the money they need," she says.

If you have questions for the candidates or just want to meet them face to face, stop by the Meet The Candidates forum on Monday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. After that, take the time to vote on Nov. 19, 20 and 21.
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Cary Wimer  
Nest Staff

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Take some time out and clear your mind. Explore Sawgrass Lake Park.
The 400-acre county park is located at 7400 25th St. N. in St. Petersburg. The hours are from 7 a.m. to sunset, seven days a week, and as always for the county parks, admission is free.

Not only does the park offer picnic tables with grills (pack a lunch and stay awhile), restrooms and pavilions, it also has an extensive environmental center located at the park’s headquarters, which contains some cool live snake exhibits and a 300-gallon freshwater aquarium.
The main attraction is the boardwalk, which is over a mile long. There are three trails to choose from, and all are worth the time to explore: the Sawgrass Trail, the Maple Trail and the Oak Hammock Trail.

Immediately upon entering the Sawgrass Trail, you are surrounded by nature. Take a deep breath. The air is fresh and clean, and the noise of civilization is barely audible.
Along the trail, dahoon hollies, red maples and Virginia willows are common. The ground, a brilliant green, is covered with many species of ferns that grow around and under the boardwalk. Sit awhile on the benches provided and view the man-made flood control canal, where turtles, river otters and a few alligators live harmoniously together.

Birding is a popular activity (be sure to bring the binoculars). Over 200 species of birds have been identified in the park. Osprey, limpkins, moorhens and red-winged blackbirds are some of the birds commonly seen. The overlook tower at end of the Sawgrass Trail provides a peaceful setting to view Sawgrass Lake.
Feel like more exercise? Backtrack a little and follow the signs to explore the Maple Trail, where birders can catch a glimpse of a Carolina wren, mockingbird and red-bellied woodpecker. Other animals such as the flying squirrel, grey fox, marsh rabbit and armadillo also inhabit the park.
The Oak Hammock Trail ventures off the boardwalk and leads visitors through a maze of wilderness. Tall trees provide appreciated shade from the Florida sun. Towards the end of the trail is the open air classroom, where Pinellas County school children have the opportunity to take field trips and learn more about the environment.

Whatever the purpose for visiting the park, educational or recreational, all are sure to enjoy.

For more information call 527-3814.
Fionna is the Apple of a listener's ear

The gutsy singer's debut album is musical imagery at its best.

Neil Price
Nest Staff

Fionna Apple is not just another fruit to enter the music scene. It is only every so often that a new artist can create such an album as *TIDAL* that creates new room in the arena of music. Her debut album is filled with the musical imagery that is seldom seen in this blurry culture of music that is overwhelmed by industry interference. The interference makes this album of true expression and personal awareness shine out among the bitters of pop rock that sticks to the same old methods and sounds.

Unlike many of the current angst-driven female singers and songwriters, Fionna is a dusky female that knows she has done bad things and is not afraid to own up to them. She is a songwriter who definitely showcases her magnificent writing powers all through the 11 tracks: "I've been a bad bad girl" "I've been careless with a delicate man" "And it's a sad sad world" "When a girl will break a boy" "Just because she can" "Don't you tell me to deny it" "I've done wrong and I want to" "Suffer for my sins" "I've come to you 'cause I need" "Guidance to be true" and "I just don't know where I can begin"

By addressing her weaknesses and problems she tries to heal herself and grow into a better human being. With her soul laid open and accessible to the listeners, Fionna achieves a relationship with her listeners that is seldom accomplished by seasoned veterans. Fionna Apple starts with a strong opener, combining lyrical poetry with a piano performance that defies boundaries. Anyone with a taste for spontaneity and effective musical writing and singing should pick up this gem.

Music Rating — 4 1/2 out of 5

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Michael Collins is revolutionary

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The choice had to be made, but it was a

simple one.

Someone had to bring the bronz yet

charismatic nature of Irish revolutionary

Michael Collins to the screen. Logic pointed

to Liam Neeson, and ne just because he's as

Irish as a shamrock. The maverick actor's

talent transcends his nationality.

Neeson garnered critical acclaim in Sus­

pect, Darkman and The Good Mother. Other

films such as Under Suspicion, Rob Roy and

Neil demonstrated his range and power. And

who can forget the Oscar he was deprived of

in 1994 for his role as Oskar Schindler in

Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List?

With the script of Oscar-winner Neil Jord­

an (The Crying Game) in hand, and with the

 astute direction of Jordan at his disposal,

Neeson becomes the flamboyant Collins —

heart and soul.

The Collins Neeson portrays is a strong,

vibrant, exciting and excitable man, which is

just what the Irish needed in 1916 to help rid

them of a 700-year-old yoke of British

domination. Dissent flourished throughout

Ireland at this time, and Collins was respon­

sible for a good bit of it.

A t this turning point where Jordan's film

begins.

After escaping punishment for his in­

volvement in the unsuccessful Easter Uprising

in Dublin, Collins becomes infuriated when

the British begin executing dissenters. Being a

master of military intelligence, he responds by

further organizing the Irish resistance. He turns

dozens of men who both respect and fear him into
guerrilla soldiers and his squads. What follows

is six years of bloody confrontations, brutal

assassinations and continued executions as

Collins and his men fight to free themselves.

Fighting alongside Collins is Harry

Boland, played by Aidan Quinn, another

Irish-born actor. Quinn has been impres sive

in the past, succeeding by playing diverse

roles in such films as Avaton and Blind. As

Boland, Quinn gives a commanding por­
trayal of a man trapped between his emo­
tions and his loyalty.

With Collins and Boland as his muscle,

diplomat Eamon De Valera, played by Alan

Rickman, strives to drive the British out and

become the first president of the Irish Re­

public. Rickman, who starred in Die Hard

and more recently in Sense and Sensibility,

is calmly devious as De Valera.

Perhaps the only disappointment in Jor­
dan's film is the performance of Julia

Roberts as Kitty Kiernan, the love interest of

Collins and Boland. Roberts' role is not as

large as Neeson's or Quinn's, but when she

plays opposite either one of them, she seems
to do a verbal Irish jig, dancing in and out of

a recognizable Irish dialect.

Nevertheless, thanks to Neeson, Quinn

and Rickman, Michael Collins is an intelli­
genously acted film. It's an epic drama en­
ficiently faulted for its lack of precision and Oliver

Stone's JFK was criticized for its specula­
tive nature. It will be interesting to see what

historians have to say about Jordan's

Michael Collins.

Neeson inspires an angry crowd to revolu­
tion in director Neil Jordan's historic epic, Michael Collins.

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You would have a four card set: a Great Card, a Good Card, a Lousy Card and a Weekly Card. Here is what the “Great” card might look like.

**GREAT**

**Please check the appropriate response**

I feel great because:
- I got an A on my test
- I had great sex last night
- It is a beautiful day
- I have the perfect companion
- I wasn’t shopping
- I found $20.00 in my laundry

I want you to do this:
- Go with me to dinner and a movie
- Tell me about your day
- Let me give you a massage
- Go with me to the beach
- Go dancing with me
- Other

You see. Right away we automatically know how you feel and want you want to do. Very quick, easy and efficient. The American way. The great card is easy, but lets look at the “Get the Heck Away from Me” card.

**GET THE HECK AWAY FROM ME**

**Please check the appropriate response**

Get away from me because:
- I got fired from work today
- I’ve been at work for 2 years
- I’ve missed work for 5 years
- I’m not paying the bill
- I skipped/forgot about my test
- I haven’t been out of bed to see what kind of day it is

I want you to do this:
- Get me drunk
- Find somebody else to date
- Let me sleep
- Let me kick the cat
- Give me something for these cramps (females only again)
- Other

The first thing you would do when you see somebody is hand them your card, give them a few minutes to read it and then take the appropriate course of action. Warning: if you and the other person both have get the heck away from me cards, don’t waste time reading them, just read the other way. Quick. Well, give these a try. Cut them out and laminate them and tell me how they work. I think I can make as much money as that geeky little guy selling his book Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus and Ross Perot is from Jupiter.
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**ARTS & SCIENCES HONOR SOCIETY**
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**ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS**
ABS members volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, visit the Project Thrust office in Davis 109. Call 893-9108, or e-mail ABS@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu. Visit our web site: http://bayflash.stpt.usf.edu/abs

**BABY CLUB**
This is a new club for new moms to co-op babysitting, baby needs and support. Call Nicole Golden at 360-1702.

**CIRCLE K**
Meetings are every Wednesday, 7:30 PM, CAC Clubroom. New members are always welcome. Join us and meet new people and serve your community at the same time. For more info, call Donna Gurenes, 384-8146, or Melissa Carnavale, 367-6574.

**LEGALIS LAW CLUB**
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**SAIL CLUB**
Club meetings are held every other Friday at 5:30 PM at the Bayboro Cafe and new members are always welcome. Improve your sailing skills or learn to sail! For more info, contact Steve Lang at 893-9572.

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**
The campus chapter of SPJ is now accepting new members. Membership applications and information are available from Phil DiVicco, 821-4307 or divicco@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu

**STUDENT ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS ORGANIZATION**
Meetings are Wednesdays, 12 - 1 PM in Davis 102, Susan Jones, Vice President of Marketing for Barnett Bank, will speak Nov. 20. SABO elections will also be held Nov. 20. Fall banquet is scheduled for Nov. 22. For more information, call John Garner, 822-4349. Visit our web site: http://bayflash.stpt.usf.edu/sabo

**STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**
Our next meeting date is Dec. 4.

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**DRIVER NEEDED**
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**WATER MATTERS**
SWPPHYMO will sponsor an open public forum about local water management is- sues. The meeting will be conducted by Dr. Mark Woods, environmental ethics specialist from The Ethics Center at USF. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30-9:30 PM, ETH 108.

**INTERVIEWING SKILLS I**
For the inexperienced job hunter. Review physical presentation, assessment of the in- terviewer; answering and asking questions, and planning post-interview action. Friday, Nov. 15, Noon - 1 PM. Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

**INTERVIEWING SKILLS II**
For the experienced job hunter. Review past interviewing experiences, practice answering often-asked questions, and discuss dealing with "icky" personal questions. Friday, Nov. 22, Noon - 1 PM. Register now in the Coun­ seling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

**EFFECTIVE TEST TAKING**
Learn how to best prepare for exams. Wednesday Nov. 20, 6-8 PM. Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

**REDUCING TEST ANXIETY**
Learn techniques that lower anxiety and en­ hance concentration during exams. Monday, Nov. 25, 3-5 PM. Register now in the Coun­ seling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

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Learn techniques that lower anxiety and en­ hance concentration during exams. Monday, Nov. 25, 3-5 PM. Register now in the Coun­ seling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

**ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING**
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Ethics Center: 335-3072, First St. S between Fifth and Sixth Aves., St. Petersburg open and open to public.
November 12, 6:30pm: "Wise Use of Credit," Linda Rady
Woods, Woodcock Environmental Ethics Specialist, will lead this open public forum on local water management issues.
November 20, 6pm: "6th," Dr. Peter Freinds, French will look at the concept of "6th" and its link with women, beginning with Eve. He will also discuss shemesh, the Holocaust and what makes someone truly evil.

Campus Activities Center, 5th 509-953-9596
The Weekly Use of Credit," Linda Rady, Environmental Ethics Specialist, will discuss credit reports and how to handle credit problems.
November 10, 10:30am: "The Holocaust: The Name of Learning," Stephen Goldstein, President of the Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center, will discuss the lessons of the Holocaust and the value of remembering and perpetuating remembrance.

25th Annual Planning Center Hosts Children's Workshop, February 6-8, 5th and Sixth St.
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RECREATION

November 22-26: Thanksgiving Camping Trip, The Wescott and Reservation Department is sponsoring a five-night camping trip of the Floris Reserve on the Wescott river. The deadline for sign up and pay the $20 fee is at the organizational meeting on November 13 or on site. Call 803-9596 for info.

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The Wise Use of Credit by Linda Rady
Thursday • November 14 • 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM • CAC 109
This gripping epic saga chronicles American Indian warrior Squanto's voyage from America to Europe and his influence on the events leading to the first Thanksgiving in America. Enjoy free popcorn and 75c drinks. Rated PG.

Super Safety Family Fest & Children's Health Fair
Saturday • November 16 • 10 AM - CAC Core
Enjoy "Disney Core" Puppets, "Pollution Solution" and "Safety Fun" courtesy of Blockbuster Video, Safety Vehicles, Audio and Vision Screening by St. Anthony's Hospital, Lead Testing by St. Pete Police, "Video Prints" courtesy of Blockbuster Video, Safety Vehicles, Audio and Vision Screening by St. Anthony's Hospital, Lead Testing by St. Pete Police, and more!

"The Holocaust: The Value of Learning" by Stephen Goldman
Monday • November 18 • 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM • CAC Core
Enjoy "Disney Core" Puppets, "Pollution Solution" and "Safety Fun" courtesy of Blockbuster Video, Safety Vehicles, Audio and Vision Screening by St. Anthony's Hospital, Lead Testing by St. Pete Police, and more!

Wednesday Jam at the USF Coffeehouse presents: "Spotlight on USF Talent"
Wednesday • November 20 • 5 - 7 PM • Bayboro Cafe
It's open mic night at the USF Coffeehouse! You're invited to showcase your talent - or just listen and watch - while enjoying $2 Coffeehouse mugs and 75c refills of coffee, ice tea or soda.

Echoes of the Opera by The Summit Orchestra & Singers
Sunday • November 24 • 3 - 5 PM • CAC Core
A 30-piece orchestra accompanies six to eight artists performing repertoire from the most beloved operas and musicals. Admission is $5.00 for the USF Community and Seniors, $10.00 in advance or $10.00 at the door for the general public.

Movie Madness: Squanto: A Warrior's Tale
Tuesday • November 26 • 10 AM, 1 PM & 4 PM • CAC 109
This breathtaking epic saga chronicles American Indian warrior Squanto's voyage from America to Europe and his influence on the events leading to the first Thanksgiving in America. Enjoy free popcorn and 75c drinks. Rated PG.

Club & Organizations are Listed on Page 11.