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Science writers join USF St. Petersburg faculty

By Kathleen Coates
Staff Writer

With only five students enrolled in the spring 2003 science writing journalism class, it may seem surprising that two professional science writers have been recruited to join the USF St. Petersburg journalism department.

New faculty Cheryl Koski and Mark Walters were hired this month and will begin teaching in the fall. Together Koski and Walters will strengthen the USF St. Petersburg Program of Distinction in Science Journalism.

Koski is replacing Dr. Kristen Swain as the coordinator of the Science Journalism Center. Swain, who currently teaches the science writing class, recently accepted a faculty position in the School of Mass Communication at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

"We're hoping the two new folks will help us continue to build on the structure that Dr. Swain started," said Bob Dardenne, associate professor of journalism, "and also to bring in students interested in science writing."

Koski will bring to USF St. Petersburg her 15 years of experience as an editor and science writer for the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Koski holds a doctorate in journalism from the University of Tennessee and has published freelance writing.

Campus CEO search narrowed to five

The committee searching for a successor to USF St. Petersburg interim vice president/CEO Ralph Wilcox has narrowed its list to these five candidates (in alphabetical order):

- **Terry Hickey**, senior vice president and provost, University of Akron
- **Gary Krahnenbuhl**, senior vice president, Arizona State University
- **Richard Millman**, program director, National Science Foundation
- **Portia Shields**, president, Albany State University
- **Karen White**, dean, College of Fine Arts, University of Nebraska at Omaha

The candidates will be on campus during the last week of March and the first week in April. Forums are scheduled during the candidates' visits to provide an opportunity for everyone to meet with them.

The search committee will then recommend final candidates to USF President Judy Genshaft.

*Information from Abbie Garcia, Academic Affairs program assistant, USF St. Petersburg*

**Partial itineraries for vice president/CEO candidates**

**Dr. Gary Krahnenbuhl**
Met with campus leaders and students at open forums on Tuesday, March 25.

- **Dr. Portia Shields**
  - **Wednesday, March 26**
    - **10:45-11:15** USF St. Petersburg A&P and USPS Councils
    - **1:15-2:15** Presentation of "Vision for USF St. Petersburg"
    - **2:15-3** USF St. Petersburg Faculty Council
    - **3:15-4** USF St. Petersburg Student Government
    - **4:30-6** Community reception

- **Dr. Karen White**
  - **Thursday, March 27**
    - **11:00-11:45** USF St. Petersburg A&P and USPS Councils
    - **11:45-12** Presentation of "Vision for USF St. Petersburg"
    - **2:15-3** USF St. Petersburg Faculty Council
    - **3:15-4** USF St. Petersburg Student Government
    - **4:30-6** Community reception

- **Dr. Terry Hickey**
  - **Tuesday, April 1**
    - **11:00-11:45** USF St. Petersburg A&P and USPS Councils
    - **11:45-12** Presentation of "Vision for USF St. Petersburg"
    - **2:15-3** USF St. Petersburg Faculty Council
    - **3:15-4** USF St. Petersburg Student Government
    - **4:30-6** Community reception

- **Dr. Richard Millman**
  - **Wednesday, April 2**
    - **11:00-11:45** USF St. Petersburg A&P and USPS Councils
    - **11:45-12** Presentation of "Vision for USF St. Petersburg"
    - **2:15-3** USF St. Petersburg Faculty Council
    - **3:15-4** USF St. Petersburg Student Government
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*Students, faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend these open forums with candidates for USF St. Petersburg vice president/CEO. All open forums take place in Davis Hall on Davis Island.*
Legal drinking age should be lowered

By Vanessa Espinar
Staff Writer

In most places in the world, a person can legally drink by age 18. For example, in Armenia, China, Jamaica, Niger, Portugal, Sweden and Thailand there is no minimum drinking age. In Switzerland the legal age is 14. It’s 15 in Belgium. In Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and in other countries it is 16.

In the U.S., when someone turns 18, they are able to vote, enroll in military service, attend jury duty, get married without parental consent, own a gun, obtain credit cards and live on their own.

Isn’t it odd that someone is considered responsible enough to do all those things and not considered responsible enough to have a drink? Why is it that some people can vote, participate in their society and start their own family and yet not drink?

At age 18, most people are either attending college or working. In either atmosphere, they are bound to encounter opportunities to drink. Isn’t it better that it’s legal?

When something is illegal it has more appeal to it. People get a thrill from defying authorities, so by making drinking legal for 18-year-olds, wouldn’t we take some of the appeal away from drinking? If it’s out in the open, it can be more supervised than if it’s hidden.

Some would argue that keeping the age limit at 21 protects younger people from drinking, but does it really? If someone wants to have a drink, they will find a way to do it anyway. Prohibition didn’t keep people from drinking, neither does part-time. There doesn’t really seem to be any good reason for it.

The age limit of 21 doesn’t really serve a purpose. If someone is trusted with the fate of our country, responsible enough to start a family and live as an adult, why not trust him or her to have a drink?

—Vanessa Espinar, 22, is a USF St. Petersburg junior

President and military need our support

Now that the fighting against Saddam Hussein has started, the time for criticism, doubts and second-guessing has passed. Americans are fighting, and dying, in Iraq and protests against the war are inappropriate under those circumstances.

Our only concern now should be a quick, decisive victory so the Iraqi threat is disarmed, the war does not spread, and our troops come home safely.

Once the fighting is over debate can begin on the wisdom of the war, but for now, backing President Bush and those who left their homes and families to fight to free Iraq is our only option.

—Lee Kasprzyk
Crow’s Nest Staff

Letters to the editor

Re: “Young people fix flaws with cosmetic surgery”

It is disturbing and disheartening how quick and willing people are to change their appearance via cosmetic surgery. As the article states, much of this is due to what is freely promoted through various media outlets. Why can’t people open their eyes and understand that it is all fantasy? How is running to a surgeon to fix one’s nose or increase one’s breast size “taking control” of one’s life? It seems the opposite to me. The person is simply using surgical means to escape reality. It’s scary how many people are resorting to this because they’ve convinced themselves that they absolutely must. It’s so easy and cheap nowadays; it reminds me of “The Jetsons” or “Star Trek.” Any parent who “rewards” his child with a nose job or breast augmentation ought to be punished. How emotionally and mentally healthy is it to tell your child, sure, let’s get you fixed up the way you want. You aren’t good enough as you are. It’s terrible.

—Barbara Ness, USF St. Petersburg senior

Re: Ballet challenges only male in class

A ballet dancer—male or female—has a life that differs from that of most people. The USF ballet master, Sean Muselman, bespeaks an inner grace to match his ability to dance gracefully. His demeanor is graceful. It bespeaks kindness, humor and thoughtfulness toward others. To be graceful is the inner spirit of ballet dancing. No wonder it is regarded an art—the highest art of physical prowess.

—Edna Ruth Johnson, USF St. Petersburg graduate and former ballet teacher
"The Insider": no regrets in disclosing tobacco industry secrets

By Vanessa Espinar
Staff Writer

Dr. Jeffrey Wigand, keynote speaker at the "Ethics Across the Professions" conference at USF St. Petersburg, attested that the price of telling the truth is a worthy one. He recounted his four years as vice president of research and development with Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and what led him to blow the whistle on the company's unethical and hazardous practices.

Conference organizers, journalists, community members, students and USF and Poynter faculty greeted Wigand during a reception Mar. 16 at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, where he spoke freely about his experiences.

In his chronological account of how the story unfolded, Wigand said it all began when he went to work for Brown & Williamson in 1988, after spending 25 years working in Fortune 10 companies in the healthcare field. He accepted the position with the goals of making cigarettes fire-safe and less harmful. However, Wigand said the company wouldn't allow him to do that.

During a meeting of scientists from around the world, Wigand and his colleagues discussed how to make a safer cigarette. When the five-page minutes of the meeting were distributed, Brown & Williamson's attorneys intervened and condensed the minutes to two pages, removing anything for which they potentially could be held liable in court.

Wigand advised the company to remove a cigarette additive called coumarin because he said it caused cancer. He was told to "mind his own business" as the change would hurt sales. After four years with Brown & Williamson, Wigand was fired.

Although he had signed a confidentiality agreement in order to keep a severance package and insurance coverage, he worked secretly with the Food and Drug Administration on investigations into the tobacco industry. After watching television coverage in 1994 of tobacco company chief executive officers testifying before Congress that nicotine was not addictive, Wigand decided to act. "I realized that if I kept quiet, I would be no different than people on my screen," he said.

Wigand discussed his experiences while working in the tobacco industry on CBS "60 Minutes" and testified in lawsuits against tobacco companies. Despite being sued by his former employer and receiving threats to his family's life and his own, Wigand continued to disclose what he knew about tobacco.

He said his duty to prevent harm kept him talking. "The decision was not hard, the consequences were hard," Wigand said in an interview with the St. Pete Times. "My conscience motivated me to do it. I have no regrets in disclosing what I knew about tobacco."

Wigand also participated in a town meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the University of Tennessee and USF St. Petersburg. The book "The Insider" is his life portrayed on the big screen. "The movie was icing on the cake," he said.

"My conscience motivated me to do it. I have no regrets in disclosing what I knew about tobacco. I made a case for everyone to examine the ethical issues in their own work," White said.

David Gordon, a retired journalism professor from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, said the speech "showed that one individual can make a difference.

Brent Swain, husband of USF St. Petersburg journalism professor Kristen Swain, said the speech was a way to "see firsthand the wrestle with complex sets of conflicting needs."

Wigand also participated in a town meeting at the USF St. Petersburg conference during his visit.

"To capitalize on this growth," Koski said, "we want to offer students programs and opportunities that aren't offered elsewhere.

There are only two science communication programs in the Southeast—one at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the other at the University of Tennessee. Koski and Walters say USF St. Petersburg is well suited for a new science journalism program. "There are numerous satellite resources on or near campus, like marine sciences, that students can draw from," Walters said.

Koski said that she hopes to foster interdisciplinary cooperation between journalism and other degree programs at USF St. Petersburg that focus on science. She also hopes to develop partnerships with the local community.

Journalism graduate student Lisa Rademakers is happy to see Koski and Walters coming to USF St. Petersburg. "I think the field is expanding for science writers, and I believe USF is an ideal place to study the subject," Rademakers said.
Journalists, public exchange ideas about race

By Vanessa Espinar
Staff Writer

Racism and discrimination are issues that are still very much a part of today's society; talking about the problem might be one step toward improvement. For that reason, a forum on ethics and race in a changing America was held Mar. 11 at USF St. Petersburg.

The forum presented previews of forthcoming PBS documentaries that focus on racial issues and provided an opportunity for an open discussion about race issues.

In her opening speech, Mary Berglund, president of the League of Women Voters, said that the forum goal was to "foster constructive dialogue between journalists and the community they serve.

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) is an organization that fights racism. By co-sponsoring this event, NCCJ hopes to "raise some awareness on an issue that a lot of people take for granted, not only the media, but also the general public," said Maria Sarmiento, associate director of NCCJ.

"We believe that people and journalists need to communicate freely on the issues that affect us," said journalist professor Bob Dardenne. "And certainly, race is one of those. We think not only do journalists learn from citizens in these situations, but citizens learn from journalists as well."

The more than 170 attendees at the Campus Activities Center of USF St. Petersburg included journalists, scholars, representatives from various organizations and members of the community.

Estelle Young, a retiree, said she came to "find out if we have improved over the years on our crazy ideas about race."

One of the previews shown was from "Race: The Power of An Illusion.

Thousands of books for sale at book fair

More than 3,500 books will be for sale at a book fair Saturday, April 5, at USF St. Petersburg. The book fair will be held in Room 130 of Davis Hall from 9 a.m. until noon.

Various genres of books will be available, including contemporary fiction, crafts and hobbies, history, children's, travel, nature and biographies.

The annual book fair is sponsored by the Society for Advancement of Poynter Library.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the Poynter Library. For more information, call (727) 553-3401.

Information provided by Buddy Baker, interim coordinator, University Libraries.

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Dali’s best kept secret: free to students

By Jeanie Katchmark
Staff Writer

Just steps from the USF St. Petersburg campus lies the most comprehensive collection of works by the famed Spanish surrealist, Salvador Dali, and few know the Salvador Dali Museum offers free admission exclusively to USF students.

Although not published on the museum Web site or on pre-recorded phone messages, museum admission gives students free access to gallery exhibits and frequent video and film series.

Dali Museum at a glance
The museum is located at 1000 Third Street South. Call 727-823-3767 for more information.

"I didn’t know about the free admission and would have gone more if I had known," said USF student Barbara Ness, who has not been to the museum in two years.

Peter Tush, curator of education at the museum, said no USF student currently participates in either internships or docent programs.

Internships offer library and research projects to develop an understanding of museum dynamics.

The docent program includes a year-long commitment to monthly tours following a comprehensive 17-week training program.

How to avoid carjacking

By John A. Spicuglia
USF police officer

Carjacking is a potentially dangerous form of auto theft. A carjacker will force the occupants out of their vehicle using threats, physical violence or weapons. Risk of personal injury or death is very high in this type of violent crime.

The following steps will help keep you from becoming a victim of carjacking.

• Keep car doors locked and windows closed.
• Never stop to assist a disabled motorist. Contact police instead.
• When stopped at a light or for traffic, stay far enough behind the car in front of you so that you can pull out and escape if necessary.
• Look out for anyone approaching your car. Be prepared to leave if threatened.
• If involved in a suspicious crash, stay in your vehicle and activate your emergency flashers until help arrives.
• If you are being followed immediately proceed to the nearest open business or well-lit area with lots of people present.
• Try to have a cell phone with you at all times.

If you have any questions contact Officer John A. Spicuglia at 727-553-1149.

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Please join us in honoring some of our distinguished campus pioneers who are retiring this academic year. With grace and dignity, each has forged a permanent legacy at USF St. Petersburg. We are privileged to celebrate their individual and collective achievements, convey our deep appreciation and wish each of them good fortune in their new adventures. Assist us in saluting:

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Reception
Friday, April 4, 2003
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Courtyard, USF Historic Williams and Snell Houses
(SW corner of 2nd Street and 5th Ave. S.)

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Nanotechnology at USF to aid future war efforts

Research at USF St. Petersburg's Center for Ocean Technology is helping create smaller underwater tools.

By Bennett Grossman Staff Writer

Nanotechnology is helping Tampa house painters do a better job. It's keeping stains off children's clothing in St. Petersburg. And nanotechnology is helping protect soldiers from MacDill Air Force Base in Iraq.

Nanotechnology research is being conducted around the world, including at the University of South Florida. At USF, a handful of students and professors are bringing in money for this research in several departments.

Nanotechnology is the next step in the evolution of technology and will be responsible for creating miniature robots, bone-healing devices, and more. Nanoscale science and technology allows scientists and researchers to manipulate molecules. By being able to manipulate things at the molecular level, scientists are able to change the physical properties of elements and things in nature.

Nano refers to nanometer, which equals one billionth of a meter. It is one-millionth the size of a pinhead and it is the point where the organization of all matter, living or not, begins. USF physics, chemistry, engineering and marine sciences professors are involved in this field.

Physicist Srikanth Hariharan and chemist Mike Zaworotko published the results of a study last year that showed how rearranging the molecules in copper, a non-magnetic material, gave it magnetic properties.

USF Tampa engineering professors Stephen Saddow and John Wallow are conducting research that may someday enable cell phones to run on a single charge for months at a time. Their research may also help to create better synthetic tissue that can be used for skin graft surgeries.

"Now that we have the ability to work at the nano-scale, the goal is to mimic natural systems with man made things," Saddow said.

"For example, researchers are looking at how an Abalone shell, a mollusk found in California, can heal cracks that occur in its shell. "Now, imagine a nanocuret where a crack in a building can fix itself," Saddow said.

Moving medicine forward

In the USF physics department, Professor Hariharan is working with a probe he invented to test the magnetic properties of nanomaterials. He's working with what he calls "designer materials." In other words, you tell me what effect you want, and we'll try to make the material behave in that way," he said in a recent story in USF Magazine. He's specifically looking at the magnetic property of nanomaterials for medical applications.

One interesting characteristic of nano-particles is that they have lots of surface area, which helps them bond to other particles, Hariharan said. The bond acts like a glue and holds the particles together in a lump when the nano-particles are magnetized. This application may be useful in treating chemotherapy patients, he said.

Using medicine that is held together with magnetized nano-particles, doctors can use external magnets to guide the medicine to the specific area of the body where it is needed. Instead of using chemotherapy, which targets the whole body and destroys all cells, doctors would be able to administer chemotherapy to the part of the body with the cancerous cells without destroying healthy cells in rest of the body.

"These particles navigate through the body and can be controlled with a remote by nano-surgeons," Hariharan said.

Advancing ocean technology

At USF St. Petersburg, the Center for Ocean Technology also is conducting research related to the nanotechnology field. Carol Steele, COT's business development manager, said engineers there are interested in creating smaller underwater tools. Since autonomous underwater vehicles are getting smaller, the tools used with them also need to become smaller, she said. Sensors and tools are used with the vehicles to collect data in an "aqueous" environment.

"One thing it could be used for is forensics, to look for bodies underwater," she said.

This research could also be used in the medical field, she added.

The National Science Foundation, NSF, is the main source of funds for nanotechnology research at USF. Another source is the Department of Defense, which funds nanotechnology research that might be used in military applications.

Records show that USF engineering professors Saddow and Wallow received $500,000 from the U.S. Office of Naval Research; Zaworotko, in the chemistry department, received a $444,400 grant from NSF, and Hariharan, in the physics department, received a $60,000 NSF grant. In collaboration with a colleague, Saddow also will bring in about $1 million to USF over five years.

Saddow said that USF is "nano-crazy" because it brings in the big bucks. Hariharan agreed with this, but also said that people are excited about it because they feel they can be a part of this emerging science.

One of the biggest problems, according to Saddow and Hariharan, is that researchers in nanotechnology need to work together and cut across discipline lines. Another problem, they said, is the lack of infrastructure needed to conduct better research.

"USF needs to work on making resources available and infrastructure needs to be improved in order to stay competitive with major universities," Hariharan said. "But I see it happening a lot already, I see many people working together, trying to plan and getting infrastructure in place."

Everyday science

These USF researchers say they already are starting to see nanotechnology applied to consumer products. Saddow said local shoppers could buy a pair of khaki pants that uses nanoparticles. "Manufacturers impregnate the fibers with nanoparticles to make it water repellent and stain resistant," he said.

Hariharan said that the paint industry is the biggest consumer of nanopowder. "Nanopowder is used in paint as an organic filler. It helps the paint to spread because nanoparticles do not clump up," he said.

Hariharan said that the military is trying to use nanotechnology to improve communications in the fields to help soldiers' lives. One way the U.S. Department of Defense wants to use nanotechnology is to help protect soldiers from MacDill Air Force Base in Iraq.

"I see it happening right now," Saddow said.

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Campus library allows uncensored Internet access

By Kristie Martinez
Staff Writer

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fter fighting sleepiness during classes, students trudge up the stairs of Poynter Library to study. Their eyelids get heavier with every step. The quietness doesn’t help.

But a porn picture on the reference computer at the top of the staircase would wake up any student in sleep debt. Forget the cup of coffee.

It was, no doubt, a prank by someone who thought it amusing to leave a porn Web site on a library computer.

Both the culprit and the now wide-eyed discoverer of the deed probably pondered the same thing: isn’t Internet access on these computers filtered? Both found out that the answer is no.

Kathy Arensun, dean of Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, said that Internet filtration is an impediment to the research required of university students.

“We deal with an adult population and we’re very committed to intellectual freedom,” she said. “I don’t think filters are appropriate for a public university (or) a research university.”

Arensun said Poynter Library follows the American Library Association’s “Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries,” which says that Internet access should be open and unrestricted.

The document says that filtering and restricting information by content is contradictory to intellectual freedom and the mission of academic libraries “to further research and learning through exposure to the broadest possible range of ideas and information.”

USF St. Petersburg criminology professor Dawn Cecil doesn’t think filters would impede the research of criminology students. She said that material like pornography would most likely surface if students were searching for information on rape and sex crimes.

“They could go elsewhere,” Cecil said. “They could use library sources like journal articles and government documents. I don’t think it would impede on them if they’re using credible sites.”

Cecil said students in classes that regularly address crime might do research on what may be considered objectionable material, but that it would depend on the professor.

Phyllis Ruscella, director of the USF Tampa library, said none of the public state university systems have filtration on Internet access, and that the primary purpose of USF’s libraries is to serve students.

“We (academic libraries) have an obligation to support any program on campus with electronic resources, and that includes the Internet,” she said.

Ruscella also said that filtering systems are ineffective, blocking many legitimate Web sites just because of a single word that may, in certain contexts, be objectionable.

“We filters are not a person making a judgment call about whether it should be in or whether it should be out,” she said.

Although children and community members frequently visit Poynter Library because of its accessible downtown St. Petersburg location, this doesn’t change the library’s computer-use policies.

Arensun said that children 14 and younger are not allowed in the library without an adult, and that it is parents’ responsibility to monitor their children’s activities.

“We just can’t be baby sitters,” she said, “and besides the Internet, it’s a fairly dangerous building.”

Librarians also cannot supervise older community members who use university library computers. Ruscella said she would approach a non-university individual only if a student was waiting to use the computer.

“But the USF Tampa library, located in the middle of a large university where parking is scarce, does not attract many community members, Ruscella said. She said these two factors, when combined with an informal honor system and the number of students daily in the Tampa library, form a self-regulating system.

Users do not have complete freedom on USF library computers, however. Poynter Library systems coordinator Berrie Watson said a device called an Internet proxy is active on library computers.

“An Internet proxy puts itself in the middle when you go to a Web site. It asks you for your ID or password,” he said.

This occurs only when users try to access free e-mail Web sites like Yahoo!Mail and AOL.com in the library.

“The reason why it was done was because a lot of computers were being monopolized by people just doing e-mail,” Watson said.

The Internet proxy is a filter in that if a Web address contains, for example, “mail.com,” then the proxy will ask for the user’s USF student identification number.

Watson said a group called the Florida Center for Library Automation provides the proxy service. “FCLA says, ‘Tell us what sites you want to proxy and no matter what site it is, with an ID, (the user) can get in,’” Watson said. “The library decides what to proxy and why.”

Applying the Internet proxy to e-mail Web sites may not continue for long because of the memory limitations of floppy disks.

“Free Internet e-mail sites have a limit of about five megs, while floppy disks hold only 1.4 megs,” Watson said. “E-mail has become the most popular means of people moving data.”

But Watson said many computer restrictions still remain on all Dell computers that are in public areas on campuses. “Most of them (restrictions) are to protect, somehow, the computer,” he said.

Ruscella said certain PCs in the USF Tampa library are restricted to access only government documents or the online catalog.

USF Tampa and USF St. Petersburg library computers also are limited in that they have neither word processing nor other office software like Microsoft PowerPoint.

Watson said the Net ID system, instituted recently in USF St. Petersburg’s computer lab, also restricts use by requiring students to enter their USF e-mail ID and password. Net ID keeps a record of how long a specific computer was used, and this information helps USF secure more funding for technology.

Arensun said that some Poynter Library online resources, such as LexisNexis, are reserved for student use only.

“We have a contract with them,” she said. “To access LexisNexis out of the See LIBRARY on Page 8”

Hidden Curriculum Luncheon April 2003 Schedule of Events

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Wednesday, April 2, Noon - 1:30 p.m., FCT 118
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Dr. Kristen Poynter, visiting professor and director of the USF St. Petersburg Program of Discretion in the College of Business. Professor Poynter will outline the College of Business’ Ethics Program and progress to date.

Wednesday, April 9, Noon - 1:30 p.m., FCT 118
A New Model for Ethical Leadership
Richard D. “Drew” Cheshire, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Voluntary Leadership in Long Beach, CA, and former president of The University of Tampa. Dr. Cheshire will discuss the new leadership ethic he proposes, which is based on linking the scientific roots of human creativity and social organization to the basic energy dynamics or ‘leading force’ of the universe. He presents a new and different worldview of leadership. Cheshire will be signing copies of his book, Leading by Heart: Through the World of Quantum Civics, following the discussion.

Prime-time War: Defining the News Media’s Responsibilities
Wednesday, April 16, Noon - 1:30 p.m., FCT 118
Dr. Philip Zelik, Lucius W. Neaman Professor of Journalism, College of Communication Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.
Dr. Zelik will examine questions of professional responsibility in terms of balancing journalistic prerogatives and security issues.

Bio-terrorism and the Media
Wednesday, April 23, Noon - 1:30 p.m., FCT 118.
Dr. Kristen Swan, Visiting Assistant Professor, Journalism and Media Studies, USF St. Petersburg.
Dr. Swan will be joined by fellow researchers in a discussion of how news media have framed bio-terrorism issues.

For more information call 727-553-1579 or 727-553-3851.
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CROW’S NEST, VOL. 33 NO. 11 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Campus expansion plans include new buildings, more parking

By Nicole Johnson
Staff Writer

USF St. Petersburg plans to expand its facilities over the next 10 years, adding more academic buildings and residential housing. But these plans, coupled with expected increases in student enrollment, mean much more parking will be needed.

New construction planned
A science and technology building, used jointly by the College of Marine Science and the College of Arts & Sciences, is scheduled to be built in late 2004 in the existing Davis parking lot.

The university also plans to construct dorms behind the Campus Activities Center. Jim Grant, director of facilities planning and construction, said the housing complex will be built in four phases with a total of 750 beds. Grant said a fifth phase might also be built, adding an additional 250 beds. "It all depends on how quickly the rent is built and the demand by students for on-campus housing," he said.

Other plans include constructing a student union to house student government, dining facilities and office space. This facility would be built in the current library parking lot.

More parking needed
The expected loss of parking in these areas, coupled with increases in student enrollment, results in a need for additional parking spaces. In the next five years, the campus is expected to need an additional 1,700 spaces.

The campus is working with both the city of St. Petersburg and Bayfront Medical Center to help resolve parking problems. Bayfront Medical Center may be interested in a joint parking garage. Use of the existing Bayfront Center parking garage by students also may be possible. "We are trying to build partnerships," said Herm Brames, associate vice president of administration and finance.

Another possibility is a shuttle bus similar to USF Tampa's Bullrunner, which transports students around the vast Tampa campus. The USF St. Petersburg shuttle would transport students between parking lots and campus.

Officials said students should expect the price of parking permits to rise. "The cost will have to increase in order to pay for structured parking," Grant said. Annual parking permits are currently $84 for students and $116 for faculty and staff.

About 444 free on-street parking spaces are located around the campus. The City of St. Petersburg has no plans to remove these spaces.

Chance Management Advisors, a USF consultant, surveyed students and found a parking garage tops the list of structural improvements they desire. Grant said a multi-story parking garage will be built in 2006 in the existing USGS parking lot.

USF St. Petersburg is located in an urban environment and the only way possible to expand is to build vertically.

Grant said, "Ultimately we will be parking in nothing but garages."

The April 2 student government meeting, to be held at 4:30 p.m. in CAC 135, will be devoted entirely to the issue of parking. Student government president Cassie Hawkins encourages all students to attend and voice their comments, concerns or possible solutions to the parking situation.

Students who cannot attend the meeting may email Hawkins with their comments at chawkin3@helios.acomp.usf.edu.

Student government elections

SG Elections will be held in the lobby of Davis Hall from March 31 to April 3. All candidate packets must be turned in to the CAC front desk by Friday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. Candidate packets may be picked up in Davis Lobby, the SG office, and the CAC front desk. All SG positions are open, including officers and representatives.

USF launches intramural programs

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USF St. Petersburg has ambitious plans for intramural programs and recreational sports. There is just one thing missing: participants. The first basketball game had to be cancelled for lack of participation. The same thing happened with volleyball intramurals.

Jim Stull, senior program specialist with the Student Life department, is working hard to correct that problem. Stull has generated a survey form that details all the activities available. The programs are based, formulated and scheduled according to student interests and input.

So far about 200 forms have been returned and Stull is in the process of selecting the most popular activities and e-mailing students with information to initiate the programs. "I have had people drop by my office that have said, 'I don't know anybody on campus and I love playing volleyball, how can I meet others who want to do it?'" Stull said.

He hopes to meet that student need.

Intramural sports consist of events such as three-on-three basketball, four-on-four volleyball, flag football, and swimming. Recreational sports include table tennis, pocket billiards, and darts.

The university has a relationship with the St. Petersburg Tennis Club and could also develop a relationship with the City of St. Petersburg Tennis Center to host match sailing events. Interested in golf? Stull thinks he can provide that too, if students want to get involved.

Stull said that sports play a big role in the learning process and supply a recreational outlet for students outside of the classroom. Dorms may be constructed by the fall of 2005 or 2006. The construction of dorms may give impetus to intramurals.

"What we are doing is trying to get a program moving forward that students relate to so that when a residential environment is here, it is automatic thing for us to keep offering sports and intramurals to the resident halls," Stull said.

Dorms may be constructed by the fall of 2005 or 2006. To reach Stull or fill out a survey form, go to the Campus Activity Center or e-mail him at jsstull@bayflash.stpet.usf.edu.

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