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"Professor Gadget" Eric Steimle launched the third generation version of a Guided Surface Vehicle, a floating computerized data collection device, on April 18 in Bayboro Harbor. The engineers from the Center for Ocean Technology, Mike Hall and Bill Finney, were present.

Steimle has built the GSV for monitoring water quality and health at or below the water's surface. Steimle put together the 6-foot long, 75-pound remote-controlled vehicle so it can float and identify and analyze compounds and substances in the water as what lies above the water's surface, said Steimle.

"It is just like a pick-up truck," Steimle said. "You load it up and go on a trip." He said that the vehicle is inexpensive and easy to use. "It is lighter, faster and easier to use than previous models of the vehicle," said Steimle, who has built GSV models in the last three and a half years.

The vehicle can go forward, backward, left, right. It can even spin, Steimle said.

Steimle said the GSV is used to help expose the mysteries of marine life, as well as what lies above the water's surface, said Steimle.

Steimle is also seen racing remote-controlled cars on school parking lots. "We all get together and race cars on Wednesday nights," he said. He said that as a little boy, he would take things like vacuum cleaners apart. "I didn't know how to put them back together," he said.

"I didn't pick up a hammer before this," said Steimle, who invented and built the vehicle in the past five years. Funded by the Edmund and Alton Greenwell Family Foundation, the GSV cost less than $10,000 to build and is made of commercially available materials such as trolling motors, home security cameras and a single-man catamaran.

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Steimle is using the GSV as a tool in his Chemistry for Today class, a course for non-science majors at USF St. Petersburg. It is designed to teach students about chemistry as it applies to current environmental issues including global warming and pollution, he said. The class takes field trips to collect water samples they analyze for ammonia, nitrate, and nitrates.

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Steimle said the GSV also enhances the learning environment. If his class went to get samples without using the GSV, for example, only one or two students would be able to use the boat at a time. By using the GSV, each student has the opportunity to drive and all students can see the video images it produces and participate as a class.

"You can get 1,000 samples in 1,200 seconds using the GSV," Steimle said. The GSV can hold tools such as cameras and sensors to gather information and images. Each video frame contains the date the system is used. The GSV also has night vision glasses that enable Steimle and researchers to view the data collected. The Florida Marine Research Institute and the College of Marine Science are currently using the GSV.

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\[Image of Professor Gadget\]

\[Image of Sin City movie poster\]

\[Image of Florida Poetry event flyer\]
**Genessa Poth**

**Staff Writer**

She waited patiently, then anxiously. For 20-year-old Nicole Darbois, time appeared to lag. Minutes seemed like hours, days like months. It was supposed to be just a simple in-and-out yearly physical. But her doctor told her to see a dermatologist as soon as possible.

He told her that one of Darbois' moles looked irregular, different than the other ones, possibly even cancerous. After visiting a dermatologist, Darbois realized that the mole on her back would have to be removed. When the pro­
gressing water of the bay breaking at the shore. Darbois used to soak up the warm sun, which seems so sublime, can also be harmful to your health.

And balmy rays of light to a...
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Social Security: What's at Stake

Although it has temporarily receded from the headlines, the issue of Social Security demands the full attention of American citizens. The 70-year-old social welfare program will likely be altered within this decade, so I hope the information below will assist you in making an informed decision about its future.

Editorial
By Anthony J. Salveggi

The issue:
The main issue at the center of the Social Security battle is its solvency. Costs for the program are expected to exceed tax revenues starting in 2017. A surplus of tax collections in 2041, then extending the reduction to 2051, at which time the program will only be able to pay about 70 percent of promised benefits.

The president's plan:
To solve the program's looming economic troubles, President Bush has proposed adding personal retirement accounts to the current system, which would allow workers younger than 55 to voluntarily save up to four percent of their wages (up to $1,000 initially) in a nominally conservative mix of stock and bond funds. Since the money would come from their Social Security taxes, the amount of their future benefits in the standard system would then be reduced by that amount.

Private investment managers chosen through a competitive bidding process would administer contributions to the accounts. Besides the promise of increased benefits, a main selling point of the president's plan is ownership.

Depending on your information source, private accounts are either wonderful or destined to bankrupt the entire system. The Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, has filled its Web site with statistics from a variety of sources emphasizing the need for personal accounts, noting that Social Security taxes have been increased 40 times since the program first began and that the average worker can expect to lose less than a two-percent rate of return on his or her Social Security taxes.

The institute's argument would seem to be bolstered by a recently published report in the 'Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review.' In the March/April issue, a study determined that over 90 percent of retirees in 2003 would have done better with private accounts than if they stayed on the traditional Social Security plan.

Leave the plan alone:
Many of the rosy projections about retirement accounts presume rates of return that opponents are skeptical about. Opponents argue that private investments will not be available through Individual Retirement Accounts, and that allowing the government to withdraw money into the market economy runs counter to conservative principles of limited government involvement in citizens' affairs.

There is also the cynicism that as the government raises taxes in the present to pay for benefits, there's no guarantee that it would reduce taxes once future retirees rely on their own accounts saving.

And the Congressional Budget Office has published a paper noting that savings wouldn't rise if the government financed the creation of private accounts through borrowing.

Inform Me

What is Social Security and when did it start?
As the country was still reeling from the effects of the Great Depression, the Social Security Act was proposed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934 and was passed by Congress in 1935. Roosevelt called the proposal "a return to values lost in the course of our economic development and expansion."

Social Security was created to provide for the retirement, survivors benefits, and hospitalization of the elderly. Survivors benefits were added in 1939 and disability benefits were added in 1956.

Who is covered?
Social Security covers nearly 96 percent of the workforce, or 159 million workers.

How is it funded?
Currently, employers and employees each pay 4.2 percent of wages up to the maximum of $70,000, while the self-employed pay 12.4 percent.

Who benefits?
Nine out of 10 people age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.

About two-thirds of the aged Social Security beneficiaries receive over 50 percent of their income from the program.

College meant for forming identities

Guest Editorial
By Liz Suggs
The Lariat (Baylor University)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas - When we get to college, were supposed to do two things. First, were supposed to find ourselves. Next, were supposed to find out who we are, our other half-a spouse.

Were expected to do these things because almost everyone does them. We grow up. Then, we get married.

While there's ideally nothing wrong with this plan, it's the kind of thing that can easily go awry. The problem is timing. College and life are all about timing. We have to hurried up and become whoever we're going to be for the rest of our lives in four structured years. That means everybody has to be ready for the same things at the same time. If you're not, you feel like you've missed the boat.

As a result of this timing issue, even bigger problems spout up. People pretend like they're ready for things they aren't. They change to fit someone else's identity and lose their own. Or, on the opposing side, people graduate from college with a good head on their shoulders, an amazing personality, tons of friends but no marital prospects, and, for whatever reason, this is often viewed as a negative thing.

On the contrary, it's a great thing. College is the most selfish time in our lives - in a good way. In college, everybody's schedule centers around themselves. We get to do what we want to do, only hang out with the people we like and be whoever we want to be.

So, the quicken way to jeopardize this freedom and experience is to change ourselves for someone else or settle for a bad fit.

If we pair up too early, instead of becoming a whole person, we may find we're only half of a not-so-great pair. Two good halves don't always make a perfect whole.

Hence, the bottom line is find yourself first. Don't get your timing mixed up. If you find who you think you want to spend the rest of your life with before you find out what you want to spend the rest of your life doing, you may be in big trouble. Figure out who you are and what you are becoming before pairing off.

We all want to find our ultimate just make sure you know what you own and is all about before searching for someone else.
USF sails to nationals

Anthony J. Salvaggi
Assignment Editor

The USF coed sailing team is headed for the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association Dinghy National Championships in Austin, Texas, June 8-10. Fittingly, the team qualified for the event by earning a first-place finish at the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association Coed Dinghy Championships April 9-10. Sailing on its home waters at USF, the team beat out seven other schools, including rivals Charleston and Eckerd College.

Kevin Real and Ashley Reynolds took first in A Division. They earned their first-place finishes out of eight races, along with second- and third-place finishes, and one third-place finish.

Andrew Bloom and Andrea Hurtado came second in B Division, just one point behind Charleston. The duo finished in first place twice, and came in no lower than third in the other races.

The coed team narrowly missed qualifying for Team Race North Americans. Only the top two teams from the SAILA Team Race Championships in South Carolina April 2-3 would earn berths to ISCA USF. "I felt that we did well," said Bloom.

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A night of Florida poetry

On the evening of April 13, USF St. Petersburg, in collaboration with Eckerd College, presented "A Night of Florida Poetry". Eckerd College President, Donald Eastman and a former Eckerd creative writing professor, Peter Meinke, recited poems, read stories and told jokes about Florida to a crowd of about 40 people.

The public event was part of the Florida Mosaic Lecture Series put together by the Florida Studies and University Honors programs.

"We hope to do this each spring semester to try and increase collaboration between the two campuses, the two universities and to celebrate all of the intellectual prizes that we have here in St. Petersburg," said Florida studies professor Ray Arsenault.

Each of the lectures had some connection to Florida. Some of them were held at USF, others at Eckerd College, with a few more still to go.

"We thought it would be great to have two distinguished poets recite some of their Florida poetry and talk about what made them write such things," Arsenault said.

Arsenault, who introduced the two poets, described Meinke as the literary and poet laureate of St. Petersburg.

"If you're looking for him, you'll find him at the park on the tennis court most of the time these days, but he's had a wonderful career, with a Ph. D from the University of Minnesota," Arsenault said. "He has had extraordinary students and is just a legend really.

Eastman opened the poetry reading.

"It's an honor to be here with some of my colleagues and friends from Eckerd College and to meet some new ones from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and always an honor to be on the same platform with Peter Meinke, who is one of the great legends of our institutions," Eastman said.

Eastman read seven poems, mostly about nature in Florida.

"Where you are as a poet is a character in what you do," Eastman said. "It's hard to get it out of your poems even if you want to. And what we were asked to do tonight is read a few poems that reflect Florida in one way or another." Eastman asked the audience to close their eyes and imagine paradise during his first poem titled, "Pass-A-Grille at Sunset," which described a shoreline filled with marine creatures at dusk.

Meinke's first poem was about the azaleas at his house.

"In the poem, I've named a whole bunch of azaleas. One of the things that I like to do, and I think poets in general, we like to fill it poems) full of names," Meinke said. "It's a way of celebrating, it's a way of preserving. It's basically the way poets began way back with Homer with the list of ships and list of kings in the Iliad.

Meinke said that he and his wife, who were originally Northeasterners, moved to Florida in 1966 because of an opening at Florida Presbyterian College. At first, Meinke didn't know if he would like the Sunshine State.

"We thought this was not civilized down here, but it was dangerous actually. We thought they had rifles," Meinke joked. "So anyway we came down to warm-up. We said, 'We'll spend three years and then go back to civilization.' And here we still are because we loved it right away, right from the beginning... Over the years we've had what Robert Frost would call a lovers' quarrel with Florida.

Both poets made references in their poetry to the love of the live oak trees so commonly found in Florida.

Meinke read 11 poems that ranged in topic, including themes like fishermen, lightning, Spanish moss, assisted living, the infamous Chatterway restaurant and Key West.

The poet who most influenced Meinke's work is John Donne. Meinke said that his next book would be titled The Contractive World, which is a phrase that he took from Donne's poem "The Sun Rising."

As he's grown older, Meinke says that he's found more time to write.

"I always liked to write. And I wrote in high school and college sort of as a secret," Meinke said. "I'd slip it to a teacher hoping to get a better grade because I didn't do the homework... I never felt that I could be a poet. I just liked writing poetry, so I went for the straight literary Ph.D. I thought teaching - that's sounds semi-honest and I'll have time to write. Gradually, I morphed so that poetry took over more and more of my life.

Eastman named Robert Frost, Wallace Stevens, William Carlos Williams, and Shakespeare as his favorite poets.

"Giving voice to life as it sort of goes by is what I try to do," Eastman said. "I take most of my metaphysical cues from what happens outside and for me Florida is somehow dramatic and hard at the same time. I mean it's an emphatic place to live.

"Florida does have a literature. There's probably as many writers in Florida as there would be in a typical European country," Meinke said.

"Florida is a real subject. I think Florida is a beautiful place and I think in lots of ways it's beautiful because it's old and because it has a feeling of decay." USF St. Petersburg junior Cindy Lisville attended part of the poetry reading. Lisville attended a few of the other Florida lectures and thought that the Florida poetry lecture was a neat addition. "I like poetry a lot so I wanted to come and listen," Lisville said. "This is another interesting part of the different stuff they were doing. I don't know if there was Florida poetry, but I wasn't quite aware of it.

"Junior Corinne Dekkers came with her Florida Literature class. Dekkers is a literature major and enjoys writing poetry. "I loved it. I was really excited about it," Dekkers said. "I've been trying to find some Florida poetry because I'm interested in it."

"I think this has really been a magical evening," Arsenault said.

Audience members were told to close their eyes as Donald Eastman, president of Eckerd College, recited a poem about the Pass-A-Grille Beach during "A Night of Florida Poetry" on April 13.

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The national leadership honor society
Omicron Delta Kappa
congratulates
its newly-inducted USF St. Petersburg students:

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Michena Georges
Jim Grinaker
Jennifer Manfrey
Lena McCamish
Deanna Moentrnan
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Sin City is violent, splashy fun

By Wendy Owen

**Movie Review**

Barely escaping an NC-17 rating, Sin City is violent and disturbing, yet beautiful and entertaining.

As you can probably tell by the rating, this is a movie that is not for kids. However, if you enjoy graphic action and gore, this film is definitely a must-see.

The story takes place in Basin City, a city where violence is the norm. The city is run by a group of corrupt politicians and gangsters, and the police are just as bad as the criminals they are supposed to be fighting.

The movie is told through a series of vignettes, each one focusing on a different character and their story. The main character is Jackie Brown, a corrupt cop who is trying to piece together what happened to her husband.

The acting is top-notch, with a cast that includes Steven Seagal, Benicio del Toro, and Rosario Dawson. The dialogue is razor-sharp, and the direction is as stylish as it is brutal.

Overall, Sin City is a movie that is not for the faint of heart. But if you enjoy graphic violence and a strong plot, this movie is definitely worth seeing.
The St. Petersburg Bike Club is the oldest established cycling organization in the state of Florida, and was created by Audrey and Willard "Gib" Gibson in 1967. Today the club has roughly 300 dedicated riders ranging from 15 to 74 years old. These road warriors ride eleven times a week, and are known to travel 200 or more miles. Their dedication is paramount because "some people just have to ride 'til ya die," said USF St. Petersburg student Ken Howe, an established cyclist. Bike club members are often seen riding through the streets of USF St. Petersburg.

Above: Senior Roddy Benton, president of the Campus Crusade for Christ club, attempts to open the Bible with his feet as the group jokes about misinterpreting Psalm 119:105, which says: "Your word is lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Left: Brian Wood reads from the Bible during a Campus Crusade for Christ club meeting on Wednesday, April 13.

"I work at the beach so I have to. If I didn't, it would hurt too much to sleep."
Chuck Craig, 19, sophomore

"Yeah, to help my skin lookin' smooth and young."
Alex Lauer, 21, junior

"No, I don't. I don't spend much time in the sun, especially during the peak hours of the day."
Manuel Alfonso Fernandez, 75, audit student