Grand Park moves parking to rec field

BY JOHN TERRANA
STAFF WRITER

A makeshift parking lot with approximately 150 spaces sits where the intramural field once was on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Third Street South, near St. Mary’s Catholic Church. But fear not — the situation is only temporary.

The decision to turn the area from a grass field to a gravel lot was made when the City of St. Petersburg contractually closed down lot 20 – the parking area adjacent to Albert Whitted Airport — to use for the upcoming Grand Prix. Albert Whitted will use the space after the race to build a new air traffic control tower, a restaurant, and a pilot’s lounge.

Max Kerlin, interim director of Administration and Finance, said the University asked for continued use of the lot on Fifth Avenue because it is larger, and because using the lot across from the FCT would cause more congestion at nearby intersections.

Kerlin said the presented Student Government with the option of expanding the gravel lot located along Sixth Avenue South across from the Florida Center for Teachers. The expansion would be located near the corner of Second Street and Sixth Avenue South and add about 70 to 80 spaces.

The grass field will be used instead as a temporary area for recreational activities until the original intramural field can be used again. Student Government voted to use the lot on Fifth Avenue South because it is larger, and because using the lot across from the FCT would cause more congestion at nearby intersections.

Kerlin said the lot 18, located behind the Children’s Research Institute along Fifth Street and Sixth Avenue South, will probably see an increase in usage during heavy trafficked hours of the day.

The intramural field will be used for three months before the grass is removed and new sod is put in. Kerlin said the parking garage is scheduled to open soon after spring classes, alleviating the need to park on the field, which he said will be restored to better than its original condition.

“The area was in pretty bad shape; there was not much grass left on the field and the grass that was still intact was not very good,” Kerlin said.

Any of the groups that would have used the field for intramurals during the next three months were notified of the change of venue. Kerlin said he has not heard any protest with regard to the field being used for parking.

“There were not too many choices and this was the better of our limited options,” Kerlin said.

Are your online habits putting you at risk?

BY CHRISTINA CASTELLANA
STAFF WRITER

Sgt. John A. Spicuglia of the USF St. Petersburg Police Department recently distributed a release from the National Center for Victims of Crime about the dangers of electronic stalking. He said even though students are at no greater risk than the general public, the age group and makeup of the campus community is attractive to some stalkers.

Spicuglia said making the University more aware about electronic stalking is the first step in preventing crime from occurring.

The advent of on-campus housing is another reason for spreading the word about the dangers posed by online stalking. Every dorm room will be equipped with wireless Internet access, making the need to keep students informed about the ways in which they can protect themselves on- and offline that much more urgent.

Gaelen says the campus has already taken a step toward protecting students’ confidential information by using university numbers rather than social security numbers for identification purposes, said Spicuglia.

The precautions, designed to prevent the misuse of private information, may also help everyone become a bit smarter and wiser about sharing vital data.

Spicuglia knows what it’s like to have a case of electronic stalking hit close to home. His sister-in-law was a victim of identity theft and is still having problems with her credit and banking records.

The National Center for Victims of Crime has a program called The Stalking Resource Center, which provides information on stalking, preventive strategies, state stalking laws and other resources.

According to the NCVC Web site, the legal definition of stalking is outlined in state statutes and the meaning varies across the nation. The term “stalking” however, is used in reference to harassing or threatening behavior directed toward a particular person.

The NCVC reports that unlike most violent crimes, stalking offenses are not documented in crime reports. Since there is little data available, the severity of stalking offenses in the United States is unknown.

Stalking on campus:

• 11% of college women were stalked during one six to nine month period.
• 40% of campus stalking victims knew their stalkers.
• 3 in 10 college women reported being injured emotionally or psychologically from being stalked.

SOURCE: www.ncvc.org

Staying safe online

Tips for victims of online stalking:

• If you are receiving harassing e-mail, get a new account.
• Learn how to use the filtering capabilities of your e-mail provider and block the unwanted e-mails.
• Save every piece of communication you receive from the cyber-stalker. Print a hard copy and save a copy to disk.
• Contact your Internet Service Provider, since many have policies against online harassment.

Stalker typology:

• Simple obsessional stalkers are the most common type. They have some prior relationship with the victim, usually an intimate one. These cases most often occur in the context of domestic violence.

Tips to prevent online stalking:

• Get an anti-spyware program and keep firewall and antivirus software updated regularly.
• You have a wireless connection.
• Enable the encryption capability that comes with the service.
• Do not respond to e-mail from someone you don’t know.
• Use a gender-neutral screen name.
• Keep your Internet providers from giving out your IP address.

Stalking statistics:

• Over 1 million women and 310,000 men are stalked annually in the United States.
• 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime.
• 72% of females and 64% of male victims know their stalkers.
• 59% of female victims and 30% of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner.
Cultural exchange

* Middle Eastern journalists visit campus via international program

BY CHRISTINA TSCHEIN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

USF St. Petersburg’s Department of Journalism and Media Studies hosted a delegation of Middle Eastern journalists March 2 as part of the Visiting International Professionals Program.

“The program, which is federally funded and is operated by the U.S. Department of State, allows foreign diplomats and business people a chance to visit the United States and meet their professional counterparts,” said Robert Ulin, head of the department.

The 18 visiting journalists came from Yemen, Tunisia, Syria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Morocco, Mauritania, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt.

Associate Professor of Journalism Robert Dardenne welcomed the group and spoke to them about American journalism and related laws. He also answered their questions.

When one of the visiting journalists asked why the values of American journalism do not influence other countries, Dardenne’s reply focused on the differences in viewpoint and standards between American journalists and foreign citizens.

“I think one of the major differences [between journalism and the economy] is that the economy can affect every country in the world, no matter what its political system,” Dardenne said.

“I think our political economy could have a great effect on the Third World countries, where they have the same need to have trade as we do, but they have much different needs in terms of journalism,” Dardenne said.

“A developing country practices journalism necessarily in a much different way than a fully developed country.”

Governments in some foreign countries are very unstable, he said, and criticism from the press often makes the situation worse.

“So much is on the brink in developing countries that, to survive, all elements of the society have to work toward improvement; whereas in a developed country, the government is well established and criticism keeps it honest,” Dardenne said.

The guests spent three weeks visiting five cities around the country. The Tampa Bay area has seen an increase in visitors from the international program each year, and a subsequent increase in income. According to the program’s factsheet, the program participants pay $500,000 into the local economy in 2005.

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By USF St. Petersburg

CAS dean candidates to be on campus this week

BY ANTHONY SALVAGGI EDITOR

The College of Arts & Sciences dean search committee is bringing its top three candidates to campus this week and next.

Robert Ulin, head of the department of anthropology at Western Michigan University, will be here March 30 and 31.

Ron Nowaczyn, associate vice chancellor of economic and community development and psychology professor at East Carolina University, will be on campus April 3 and 4.

Please note that by the time this issue has been distributed, candidate and Interim Dean of the College of Business Blaine Dewrell will have already been on campus March 27 and 28.

Below are the times when the other two candidates will be available to meet with faculty, staff and students in open sessions:

Ulin — Thursday, March 30, 2:30-15 p.m. in Denes 219.

Nowaczyn — Monday, April 3, 2:30 p.m. in Denes 219.

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By USF St. Petersburg

Bayboro Fiction Contest nearing deadline — If you plan to enter the 20th Annual Bayboro Fiction Contest, you’ll need to get your submissions in by April 7.

The Society for the Advancement of Poynter Library, the contest’s sponsor, is accepting previously unpublished stories of 7,000 words or fewer. First prize is $250, second prize is $150 and third prize is $50.

For more information and the contest entry form, visit www.nehn.usf.edu/asap/contest.

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Since the old prefix — 553 — and the new one will work for the next year.

One-minute news

BY CHRIS GRANDOLLA ASSISTANT EDITOR

Caution: A street divided — In case you haven’t noticed, Second Street South is now a two-way street between Central Avenue and Sixth Avenue South.

— The City of St. Petersburg initiated the change and plans to do the same to First Street South between Central Avenue and Fifth Avenue South after the Honda Grand Prix.

— You can now leave campus going north on Second Street. Parking remains angled in front of the Williams House, but spaces have been converted into parallel parking on the opposite side.

Grand Prix speeds into downtown — The Indy Racing League takes over downtown St. Petersburg just to the north and east of campus from March 31 to April 2.

— Defending champion and local resident, Dan Wheldon, and 2005 Bommarito Rookie of the Year Danica Patrick are some of the drivers who will be navigating the track’s turns and turns. To view a map of the course and find ticket prices, go to wwwGINGP.com.

USF professors, students to participate in St. Petersburg Grand Prix activities — For more information and the contest entry form, visit www.nehn.usf.edu/asap/contest.

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As campus grows, will students get shortchanged?

By Anthony Salveaggi

It's enough to make you proud to be a part of USF St. Petersburg.

Take a moment to read “The Mission, Vision, Values and Goals” page on the USF St. Pete Web site. And see if it doesn’t hit all the right notes. The University is described as a “student-centered” one that conducts “collaborative research to meet society’s needs.” It affirms the need to enhance “community-based research, service and learning” and features the value of “partnerships that benefit the both the campus and community.”

But while teaching and service are clearly valued, research appears to be the University’s focus.

Strategy One of USF St. Petersburg’s Strategic Plan emphasizes the desire to promote research in order to improve the quality of life and enhance the “economic development of the people and communities it serves.”

By concentrating on the significance of research, USF St. Petersburg is being faithful to the mission and goals of the USF System. In a speech from January 17, President Genshaft proudly talked about USF’s status as one of the top research universities in the nation. She also placed the purpose of research into context.

“Engaging in cutting edge research means that we really do make the world a better place,” Genshaft said.

It’s a noble sentiment, one that concedes of research as something that benefits many people.

But research does more than that. It creates a currency of prestige that the University can use to hare students, professors and business partners.

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A tornado whirls during “Great Gig in the Sky”

Other interesting facts:

The biggest song in “The Wizard of Oz” is undoubtedly “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” On the cover of “Dark Side of the Moon,” a rainbow emerges from a prism.

In the guitar tablature for Pink Floyd’s “The Division Bell” there is a picture of six girls pushing/pulling a big red rose. And we all know what Dorothy wore on her feet to get back home.

Are these merely coincidences or intentional synchronicities? Decide for yourself.

In short, it creates great copy for promotional brochures to say that you’ve generated millions of dollars in research funding and that you’ve got world-class researchers at your institution.

As USF St. Petersburg continues on its quest toward separate accreditation, you can be sure that the focus on making its reputation in research in will intensify. And the public relations materials touting every dollar acquired will also increase.

For professors on tenure-track, their research is the ticket to job security and respect by their peers. At a university that values research above all, it is important to have an extensive bibliography of publications in on campus’s curriculum vitae.

But research is also a time-consuming process. A strong infrastructure that helps faculty with the grant application process is one way to reduce that time. Another way, and one that is frequently used, is to reduce teaching loads.

After the site accreditation team visited the campus in early February, Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs V. Mark Durodun mentioned how proud he was that the team members had no questions about who was teaching the course offerings.

But if USF St. Petersburg attacks to its plan of preparing first research, will this affect the quality of education received by students who pay their hard-earned money to advance their life? Will it mean having to rely on adjuncts to teach courses?

That research university can be student-centered. I have no doubt. But it will require the efforts of the administration and faculty members at this campus to make that happen.

Time and the quality of leadership will determine whether the students who attend the University in this years to come will end up getting shortchanged.

Davis -- from page 8

The desire to be a good role model motivates Davis most. From her younger sister and cousins to her students, she wants to set a good example for those around her.

"What do I affect a lot of people," Davis said. "I think if you’re able to recognize that [concept] you have a responsibility." Though Davis spends a lot of time working, she enjoy hanging out with her friends and reaching outside of her area of interest.

"I love anything related to learning and building new experiences," she said. As for the future, Davis sees herself working for the Pinellas County School Board.

Opinions
Sky of blue, sea of features

For the USF sailing team, the open water is its field of play

BY CHRIS GRANDOLA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The conversation with USF's A division skipper had taken an abrupt turn from the simple explanation of how a boom works.

"The best example I could give would be when I was 13 and I raced in an eight-foot boat in 25-foot waves," Kevin Reali nonchalantly said.


As a traditional athlete who played basketball during my undergraduate days, I still had not managed to make the connection between sailor and athlete.

Then, when the sandy-haired senior dropped that bombshell of a story, I still had not managed to make the connection between sailor and athlete.

"It's pretty impressive," said Mike Hogg, assistant director of sports information at USF. "I don't much about sailing but I do know that having them ranked so high definitely helps our image around the country."

The Bulls compete in the South Atlantic Intercolligate Sailing Association, an organisation which is one of seven districts within the ICSCA governing body.

The ICSCA is similar to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAC), which governs most of the other USF sports. The USF sailed against big-name competition with large budgets like The Naval Academy, Boston College and the University of Southern California. What sets the Bulls sport is their mixture of well-versed sailors and relatively novice seamen.

Reali grew up in the St. Petersburg area. He tried sailing at a camp at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) when he was 8 years old and was immediately hooked.

"Once I got out on the water and learned everything, I didn't want to stop," said Reali, who graduated from Lakewood High School.

Reali continued to sail out of the SPYC on for his high school team until he went to the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

"It was a complete change for me," said Reali, who spent one year at UCF before transferring to USF. "There wasn't any sailing for me, which had pretty much consumed my life up to that time. Even though I joined a fraternity, the time away from the water affected me adversely."

Reali had spent the longest period out of sailing in his life, so when his high school coach, Kyle Shaddock, who had been hired at USF called to recruit Reali for the team, it was a no-brainer.

Reali, who graduates in May with a degree in mechanical engineering, jumped at the opportunity.

"I guess I pretty much realized how much I missed sailing," said Reali, who has already been accepted into officer candidates school for the Navy.

Lee and Reynolds could literally look each other in the eyes, the diminutive ones being both standing at 4 feet 10 inches.

Lee estimates she "probably fell out of the water" at least once or twice a week.

"There was a lot of things to pick up, but it was exciting and it gave me access to something really cool in college," said Lee, who will graduate in May with a finance and economics degree.

She eventually got the hang of it and has become one of the better sailors in the USF program, helping the women's team finish last season ranked sixth nationally, its highest ranking ever.

And that "something really cool" has allowed her to see the rest of the country in ways she could never have imagined.

"Before sailing, I had traveled outside of Florida maybe a handful of times," said Lee, who graduated from Miami. "Sailing has allow lot of different places I went."

Last weekend, USF set to finish separate A east coast.

The varsity squads of Reynolds, Andrew Blom Frag and Josie Combs as to the Southern New Eng New London, Conn. The the host school, the Coa easy, and a number of off college like Harvard, Brown and Bentley College.

One junior level squa Van Pittman went to Atkins compete in a South Point with Georgia Tech as host against Florida, Eckerd, etc.

The other junior vars Tanner and Abby Ethier and Giselle Mooy went to ten, Va. to race in the Mi college Sailing Association regatta, a junior level even.

The weekend of April and B teams will travel to South Carolina to compete team championships and teams will do the same A SAILA districts.

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two weeks ago to race in a regatta at Stanford.
Ashley and I were just talking about it a few days ago,” said Reali, who has been to California five times and Boston more than a dozen times since his freshman year. “We estimated that we’ve probably taken between 300-400 flights. It’s pretty amazing.”

Herman, an experienced sailor from New Orleans, chose USF because of its location and its upcoming program in addition to the chance to travel.

“It’s incredible to see different campuses, the architecture of the buildings, the types of communities around the college, and to meet different people,” said Herman, who grew up sailing on Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana. “Sailing has its community where you see people over the years and you make friends with people from all parts of the country. I’ve seen this girl from San Francisco who now goes to Yale every time we travel.”

That network has allowed USF to host different schools on their spring breaks. Two weeks ago, Boston University was in town and last week, Bowdoin (Maine) and Princeton (New Jersey) visited. This week, USF hosts Brown (Rhode Island).

“This is kind of special because we get to escape the cold and also sail in some pretty nice conditions,” said Bowdoin senior skipper Frank Rizzo. “I’m not looking forward to going home. You guys have it pretty nice down here.”

Look for the continuation of this series in our next issue, available April 5.
Health 101
Health Educator Shannon Cho answers your health questions

Q: Dear Shannon, How do I know if my ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION is "over the limit?"

A: If you choose to drink alcohol, it is important to drink in moderation and know your limits. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism says that up to two drinks a day for men and one drink a day for women and older people causes few, if any problems.

But there are some people who should not drink at all. This includes women who are pregnant or trying to conceive, people taking certain medications or over-the-counter medications, people with medical conditions that are made worse with alcohol, recovering alcoholics, people who plan to drive or engage in activities that require alertness, and people who are underage.

Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is the concentration of alcohol in a person's bloodstream, which is expressed as a percentage. Each state has set BAC limits that are used to determine if someone is intoxicated beyond or over the legal limit. In most states, the legal limit is between 0.08-1.0 for persons over 21.

Each person's BAC varies according to their body weight and body fat percentage, gender, and physiology. Behavioral factors that can affect BAC are the speed at which alcohol is consumed, the food content in the stomach, and the percentage of alcohol in the drink that you are consuming. Are you having a beer with dinner or slamming shots on an empty stomach?

As you can see, it is extremely hard to determine a person's BAC. Accurate levels can only truly be obtained by drawing blood. There are many other methods to determine BAC, and most law enforcement agencies use a machine commonly referred to as a Breathalyzer.

As a person's BAC increases, there are various side effects that they can experience. A level of .10 will result in slurred speech, 3D perception confusion, and slow results in respiratory paralysis and death. Since it is extremely hard to determine BAC, it is best to never drive after drinking alcohol — there is too much to lose!

When referring to alcohol consumption as being "over the limit," it is important to look for signs of a dependency or drinking

problem. The Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies list the following as signs of a potential problem:

- drinking alone, drinking because you are uncomfortable in social settings, hiding alcohol, blacking out (not recalling the drinking episodes), feeling guilty or depressed after drinking, getting drunk frequently, trying almost drinking, or having friends express concern over your drinking.

If alcoholism runs in your family, then you could be at an increased risk for developing a dependency. For more information on drinking problems and dependents, contact 1-888-464-6693 or Schwab Counseling Center at (727) 875-8422.

When choosing to drink alcohol, there is a level of responsibility that comes with it to keep yourself and others safe.

--- Have a health question or comment for Shannon? Send an e-mail to cho@stpt.edu

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New Movies opening in theatres Friday, March 31:

- Basic Instinct 2
- Ice Age: The Meltdown
- Brokeback Mountain
- The Chronicles of Narnia
- Little Manhattan

BY JUSTIN LOWERY

An unlikely marriage between high-concept art and a pop music classic will highlight next week's Spring Fling. Pink Floyd released its concept album, "Dark Side of the Moon." It quickly became a hit and stayed on Billboard's Top 200 chart for a record 15 straight years.

Adding to its legendary status are suspicions that it was programmed to coincide with certain scenes in the movie, coincided so that certain scenes in the movie coincided with the music.

On Tuesday, April 4, the Harborside Activities Board will show "The Wizard of Oz" synchronously with "Dark Side of the Moon." The event will take place in the Campus Activities Center at 5 p.m. and will be part of the HAB's Spring Fling week of events.

The movie/album presentation will also be the focus of 70s Day, for which students are encouraged to dress up in fashions from the decade. Prizes will be given out to the best dressed.

"We were just looking for stuff from the 70s that would be cool," said Heather Willis, president of the Harborside Activities Board. "So we decided it would be fun to do the whole "Wizard of Oz"/Pink Floyd thing. Most students probably never even knew that you can play the album to the movie."

The connection between "The Wizard of Oz" and "Dark Side of the Moon" has been spread around for years. It seemed, though, to pick up steam in the mid-90s when the Internet was becoming popular.

Over the years, Pink Floyd has noticed that the two are related. Roger Waters, the band's lead singer and bass player, and the auteur of "Dark Side of the Moon," remains quiet when asked if he purposely constructed the album with "The Wizard of Oz" in mind.

The band's drummer, Nick Mason, is the only member to have commented on the matter directly.

"It's all nonsense, it has nothing to do with 'The Wizard of Oz,'" said Mason in an article that appeared on MTVM.com. "It was all based on 'The Sound of Music.'"

The connection between "Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Sound of Music" has never been made by anybody, so Mason was probably just having fun at our expense.

The connections, however, between "Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Wizard of Oz" are deep and complex...

Here are a few of the major coincidences:

To get these to work, you'll have to start "Dark Side of the Moon" at the third roar of the MGM lion, right before the film starts.

The ringing bells at the beginning of "Time" start as the Wicked Witch enters in on her bike. During the guitar solo, you will see the fortune teller's sign that reads "Past, Present, and Future." The song "Money" starts with the sounds of cash registers ringing and money chiming. At this exact moment, the movie is now in color.

The Scarecrow is singing, "If only had a brain" when the song "Brain Damage" comes on. The song "Eclipse" ends with the sound of a heartbeat. During this, Dorothy is trying to hear the heartbeat in the Tin Man.

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Charting her course

For this student, studies and aspirations go hand-in-hand

BY EMMA SYLVESTER

An exuberant smile accompanied Laura Davis as she expressed her aspirations to write for The Crow's Nest to inform students on the issues facing Student Government.

Currently a SG representative for the College of Arts & Sciences, Davis came to USF St. Petersburg from St. Petersburg College as a junior. She plans to graduate next spring.

"I like having a small campus," Davis said. "It is nice being able to walk in the halls and know people. It's a special thing when you belong to something."

Davis is majoring in political science with a special interest in education (which was her major at SPC).

Davis, who is currently planning on attending USF Tampa for graduate school in fall 2007, intends to get her master's degree in political science and a doctorate in educational leadership.

She is in her second year as a preschool teacher at Seminole United Methodist. Davis said working at the school is a way to give back, be proactive, and teach students to be respectful and responsible people.

"I feel like I have an opportunity to shape their minds and instill values and support positive attitudes," said Davis, adding that she wants to build their self-esteem and help them succeed in life.

Davis plans to be more active in politics and is running for Student Government president in the election which will be held from April 10 to 13.

"I recognize that the school is at a crossroads with the residence hall opening in August and the new parking garage being built," said Davis. "There is a lot of positive change and growth opportunity, and I would love to be a part of that."

Davis also stressed that it is important to be proud of the school you are graduating from and leave a good legacy.

"I feel that the school is in for such great change that I am moving into the new residence hall," said Davis. "When it comes to politics, it is in her blood. Her great-grandfather was a mayor and her great-great uncle was a senator."

"I love politics and want to do something political but I have a special interest in education," Davis said.

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"I'm really proud of where I come from," Davis said. "I want to make a difference and I want to invite everyone to take interest in the world around them."