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Bubba the Love Sponge, left, and producer Brent Hatley, right, speak to USF St. Petersburg students Feb. 7. They talked mainly about First Amendment issues related to free speech.

Bubba speaks for First Amendment
Irena Mallasinovic Features Editor

Former radio talk show host Bubba the Love Sponge Clem spoke to about 45 USF St. Petersburg students Feb. 7, his first public appearance since he ran for Pinellas County sheriff during last year’s election season.

Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, associate professor of government and international affairs, invited Clem to speak to her Constitutional Law II class, which was joined by a journalism ethics class and other interested students.

McLauchlan said Clem was a perfect candidate to talk about issues of the free press, the First Amendment and obscene and indecent content—topics her law class recently discussed.

"He came to mind as someone who has experience with the Federal Communications Commission," McLauchlan said.

The FCC proposed a $755,000 fine against Clear Channel Communications last January for segments of Clem's show that included graphic discussions about sex and drugs. The fine was the highest the FCC has ever imposed for an indecent broadcast.

Clem's segments aired between 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on four radio stations in Florida, located in Callahan, Clearwater, Port Charlotte and West Palm Beach.

Clem was fined Feb. 23, 2004, less than a month after the FCC fined Clear Channel Communications.

Although community standards often define what is obscene and indecent, the FCC isn't able to show what the community standard is, Clem said.

His program ranked No. 3 in its time slot in Tampa Bay among listeners ages 18 to 34 and pulled in around 1.5 million listeners daily. Clem said he was surprised when Clear Channel fined him.

"I thought my company would stand behind me on this," he said.

Brent Hatley, producer for the "Bubba the Love Sponge" show, also spoke at Clem's Feb. 7 speech.

"We are two people who know how it is to wake up, you're happy with them, you're pleased with them, or you're unhappy — it's always best to be direct," Hatley said.

Participants in the workshop read a scenario involving characters, acting out issues of truth and interference in the workplace. After the reading, the group discussed how the characters might have better handled the situation.

Faculty, staff and administrators participated in a campus workshop Feb. 3 that focused on responsible approaches to dealing with tough situations. It was the third in a series of ongoing conversations designed to promote an ethical culture at USF St. Petersburg and bring attention to the school’s new Ombudsman office.

"We want to promote a culture where we can say directly what we think," Elliott said. "If you want someone to understand how you feel — whether you're happy with them, you're pleased with them, or you're unhappy — it's always best to be direct."

Teachers play an important role in a healthy community, since students learn by what they witness in their environment, Elliott said.

"If we're telling students not to cheat and they're watching examples of people cheating or professors using material without copyright permission, then we're telling you one thing and we're doing the reverse," she said.

At Ombudsman, Elliott will be concerned with allegations of questionable behavior by faculty, staff and administration. Such behavior includes abuse of power, conflicts of commitment or interest, offensive, non-actionable behavior; disagreements and questionable practices in research, including misconduct.

"It may very well be appropriate to have a place where folks can go to be heard, where they know they're not going to be penalized for raising concerns," said Jay Black, professor emeritus of journalism.

Inform Me

Upcoming Lectures:
- Campus Conversation: Promoting Ethical Culture
  Led By Encourager Karen White and Dani Elliott
  Feb. 28, 9 a.m., Williams Library

- Teaching Ethics: Whether You Like It or Not: Moral Education Throughout the Curriculum
  Speaker: Dani Elliott
  Mar. 4, 2:00-3:30, Davis 130

- Civility and the University Campus
  Speaker: Brian Schrag
  Mar. 24, 11:30-1:00, Davis 130

- Research Ethics and Professional Responsibilities
  Speaker: Hugh LaPolla
  Apr. 22, 3:30-5:00, Davis 130

Limey’s Pub in St. Petersburg boosts 14 varieties of beer, British cuisine and a casual, comfortable place for hanging out.

Bright Futures not so bright
Over 700 USF St. Petersburg students receive the Bright Futures Scholarship. But do they know what it takes to keep it?
Association makes international students feel welcome

Brittany Link
The Oracle (USF Tampa)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Can you imagine packing up everything you have ever known, leaving your family and friends and moving to a foreign country? The University of South Florida's community of international students represents 133 countries, and the majority of them are from India, according to the 2003-2004 USF Fact Book. USF prides itself on being recognized as one of the most diverse campuses in the state of Florida. Students come from all over the place to begin a new life right here on our campus. So what are students to do when they arrive at this strange new place? Call the Students of India Association.

The Students of India Association, or SIA, was founded in 1986 with a charter membership of only three students. Now, over 15 years later, SIA has grown to become the second-largest organization on campus. This organization has worked to support not only international students, but also those interested in learning about different cultures.

"We encourage all walks of life to participate, because by learning about one another, we can all learn to live together," said USF student and SIA Publicity Coordinator Naveen Jayachandran, who came to USF from his hometown of Coimbatore, India two years ago to pursue his master's in computer sciences.

"When I came to USF and I stepped off the place, it was a whole new world. I had no idea about the culture, the money or what my classes would be like. I didn't know where to go. Many students feel this way after leaving their homeland to come to America," Jayachandran said.

He, along with many other international students, found refuge in the SIA. When the club learns of a new student coming in, SIA will meet the student at the airport and immediately the relationship of a new family is formed.

"We do free airport pickups, arrange for accommodations and assign a mentor, some one not only to help them acquainted with their new surroundings, but to provide them with groceries, help them open a bank account and solidify their participation. These are all things that you take for granted," Jayachandran said.

SIA was awarded the accolade of Most Active Club last year after a booth in membership. The club's 1,032 members are all active around the USF community and the organization is responsible for co-sponsoring many multicultural awareness events on campus. These students aren't only focused on academics; they also participate in some intramural sports and have cricket tournaments along with barbecues and sightseeing trips.

Currently, SIA is preparing for the Republic Day Celebration, which will be on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Special Events Center. The Republic Day Celebration will consist of a cultural program followed by a traditional dinner. The event is free to attend.

SIA is always encouraging new membership and meets every Friday afternoon from 1:30-3:30 in the Marshall Center.

When asked how Jayachandran was settling in at USF, he replied, "The Students of India welcomed me and became my new family. I owe everything I have right now to them taking me in and allowing me to feel welcome at USF!"

Interested students can find more about the Students of India at http://cyber.acomp.usf.edu/-sia or at the Office of Student Activities.

Bright Futures has dark side

Wendy Owen
Staff Writer

Some students receiving a Bright Futures scholarship at USF St. Petersburg have discovered the dangers of not reading the fine print.

This semester, graphic design student Celeste Poth and Merri Fink discovered that they had been overcharged for lab fees. The idea was to place the media at war in Iraq. Clarke spoke in detail of her learning experiences when Sen. McCain was implicated and later cleared. McCain was the only senator to go public and admit wrongdoing, as well as answer every interview request and question asked. Clarke claims that the scandal ended up helping McCain in the long run because it showed his ability to face harsh criticism.

She also cited an instance when the senator made a remark about former President H.W. Bush that made the New York Times. She said McCain quickly apologized rather than blame the journalist.

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According to Clarke, there are over 2 million "employees" at the Pentagon and not all of them are perfect all the time. Clarke said that being accountable and prepared would help anyone in his or her career choices.

She mentioned an instance in 2001, shortly after Sept. 11, when soldiers were prevented from viewing the bodies of dead soldiers in Afghanistan after they died in a friendly-fire incident.

At the time, she did not follow up on this claim, and as a result caught a considerable amount of flack for it. "Admitting mistakes, whether it be communications or life, admitting them early and often will often be the best way to move past them," Clarke said. "The more you are honest about the fact that you are making mistakes," she said. Clarke then detailed how she overcame embedded journalists in Iraq according to Clarke, the idea for embedded journalism came to fruition when Operation Iraqi Freedom began. The idea was to place the media at the front line in order to get an objective view of the war.

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Embedded journalism mastermind visits USF

Mark Lennox
The Oracle (USF Tampa)

TAMPA, Fla. — Torie Clarke, former Pentagon representative and one of the planners of embedded journalism, visited the University of South Florida campus on Tuesday night as part of the University Lecture Series.

Clarke led an extensive political career to Washington spanning more than 20 years. She has worked directly with the Pentagon, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Sen. John McCain.

Clarke spoke in detail of her learning experiences with Sen. McCain. She worked with McCain during the Keating scandal, in which McCain was implicated and later cleared. McCain was the only senator to go public and admit wrongdoing, as well as answer every interview request and question asked. Clarke claims that the scandal ended up helping McCain in the long run because it showed his ability to face harsh criticism.

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A student may receive up to 132 credit hours toward the completion of a certificate or a first undergraduate degree. Unused hours may not be used after a student earns an undergraduate degree.

Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours each semester to retain their scholarship.

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is funded by the Florida Lottery.

Scholarship funds are not yet available for summer 2005.

For more information on Bright Futures scholarships, visit their Website at http://www.flim.gov/defa/bfutures/
Life goes by too fast

Guest Editorial

By Michael Hupp

The Parthenon (Marshall University)

Are you tired? Feeling deprived of sleep and general happiness? Do you have delusions of a social life? Know you are not alone.

Many of today's college students work while they are in school. I currently am a full-time student working 40 hours a week religiously. My family only hears my voice on the phone while I am on my way to or coming from school or work. They are beginning to wonder if I remember them exists. My girlfriend and I are basically having a relationship through text messaging. I haven't hung out with my friends in days now.

Many students are in the same boat. You see them in class, head bobbing and swaying due to the four hours of sleep they got from writing a five-page paper and reading for nine chapters of required reading. All of this oftentimes is just worked a 12-hour shift at Subway.

We have become slaves to our schedules as students and as human beings. Now I am sure adults and professors are reading this and saying, “Welcome to the real world.”

If this is the real world, then we have a problem as a society. As a professor or a working professional, are you not tired? Do you not miss your family and good, old-fashioned sleep?

Thanks to our high-paced and around-the-clock lifestyles, there are alarming consequences arising. Worker and student productivity is down, while obesity is up. It is hard to care about your job or class when all you can think about is a couch or King Serta.

The fast food industry thrives on our country’s lifestyle. Moms had to work overtime to make the car payment so they didn’t have time to cook dinner. Better pick up that “hot n’ ready” pizza on the way home. Smoking is up among my age group. Doctors are making a killing off of pharmaceutical sales because everyone is whooped out with stress and thinking we have every disease known to man. It is time to take a deep breath, America.

We have adapted life to the point where 24 hours is just not enough time in a day. We are losing focus of what is important: friends, family, self-preservation and peace of mind. We are exhausting ourselves and are joining the rat race at earlier ages than ever before.

We are doing this for what? Are we killing ourselves for money, class, prestige or general survival? No matter the reason, there is more to life.

Life goes by in a flash. I don’t want to miss it reading about Darwinism for tomorrow’s exam, eating a slice of pizza, while driving to work and reading about Darwinism for tomorrow’s exam, eating a slice of pizza, while driving to work. I sure could use a day with my family and my mom’s beef stew right now — that is if she even had the time to make it.

Dishonest arguments

When the media substitute rhetoric for reason, the public loses

Media Matters

By Anthony Salvaggi

I am a New York Times economics columnist Paul Krugman “America’s most dangerous liberal pundit.”

In a recent column, Krugman stated that personal accounts would not work well. He defended the president’s proposal, stating that personal accounts would be passed on to loved ones when the primary recipient died. He also argued that Krugman was revealing his bigoted and obtuse view of the difference in life expectancies between whites and black men. I suspect (or should say, hope) that many reasonable people would find fault with Luskin’s uncharitable portrait of Krugman. But aside from that, his argument for the merit of privatized accounts stands or falls on one’s own understanding of economics.

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My understanding of what Krugman is saying prevents me from fully agreeing with him. The fact that black men who live to age 65 have a life expectancy of 14.6 years, as opposed to the 16.6 years for whites, is true. In addition, the program’s disability component is another help to blacks, who are more likely than whites to receive related benefits.

Bush should be focusing on how to treat the problem of high black mortality and giving them access to quality health care, Krugman said.

Of course, this line of reasoning didn’t sit very well with Luskin. He defended the president’s proposal, stating that personal accounts would allow their accrued value to be passed on to loved ones when the primary recipient died. He also argued that Krugman was revealing his bigoted and obtuse view of the difference in life expectancies between whites and black men. I suspect (or should say, hope) that many reasonable people would find fault with Luskin’s uncharitable portrait of Krugman. But aside from that, his argument for the merit of privatized accounts stands or falls on one’s own understanding of economics. I am comfortable with admitting that I don’t know enough about the issue to make an informed judgment.

However, that doesn’t excuse Luskin or Krugman from the responsibility to present both sides of the issue as they try to persuade us that their guys have it right. Yes, a 700-word column doesn’t give one a lot of room for deep analysis.

But ending an article by calling Krugman an “elitist” — one of the most tired words in the conservative lexicon — does nothing but help perpetuate the ad hominem attacks that typify modern political discourse. We deserve better.

Anthony Salvaggi is a graduate student in journalism.
What can you do with your degree?

As students graduate, many will enter the workforce. The opportunities that await them often depend on their degrees. Some USF St. Petersburg students have considered the career possibilities and are planning accordingly.

Genessa Foth
Special Staff Writer

With graduation nearing for many students, job plans are in order. Some folks, with no sketches in their career blueprint, may feel lost when contemplating the "real world." Others double-tap their thumbs in anticipation. With everything planned out to the smallest detail, some students can't wait to put their degree to good use.

James Callen, a senior double majoring in political science and economics, said that he is ready to enter the job force. He expects to graduate in the fall of 2006. Callen said that he hopes to get a job with the government either at the local or state level, while obtaining his master's degree in public policy.

"I won't have any trouble finding a job, but my concern is the location of the job," Callen said.

"Odds are I'm going to have to move." Callen said that he plans to work for the local government while going to graduate school.

"Once I get my master's, I could either be a policy writer for various agencies, or work for a lobbying firm as a policy analyst or writer, which will pay a lot more than the government." To help his job search, Callen said that he is earning the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in economics.

"From what I have seen on the market, I could make double with a B.A. in economics," he said.

Many political science students follow a track similar to Callen's after graduating said Barry Paulson, a government and international affairs professor on a sabbatical this semester.

"About a third of political science majors hope to go to law school. Another third go on to graduate school. About 20 percent end up working for local, state or federal government. And the rest go on into a variety of fields including business," Paulson said.

Florida House Representative Charlie Justice, who now works for USF St. Petersburg, is a great example of someone with a degree in political science with a career in the state government. Paulson said Justice obtained

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INTERVIEW: USF's Hall talks recruiting, NFL, chess

TAMPA, Fla. -- A few memorable names have been associated with the South Florida football team -- the two younger Gramaticas, Bill and Santiago, Marquel Blackwell and even J.R. Reed, who appeared in a few kickoffs last football season. But those mentioned don't hold records, like junior running back Andre Hall. Not only does the Dixie Hollins graduate have the single season rushing record of 1,357 yards -- the most by any USF running back in a season, but he is also the only Bull to rush for 200 yards in a game.

Oracle Sports Editor Mike Camunas recently sat down with the junior college transfer and got his take on things.

Oracle: Recruiting day was last Wednesday. Tell us about your recruiting day and what coach Leavitt did to try and get you to USF.

Andre Hall: It was funny. Coach came out to Kansas, where I was at, and all he was like was, "Come on and commit." And it just happened to be snowing that day. And Kent State was offering, just didn't commit when he was there. I told him I was going to wait till Sunday to let it be known. Then I went to Texas A&M, and I hated it, man. I just hated it; it was nothing like it is here at USF. So I called up coach and said, "I'm coming, man, I'm coming." But he didn't believe me. He said, "What?" I told him, I was coming and signing on (that) Wednesday.

Oracle: When was he recruiting you, did he throw at you that he was a Dixie Hollins alumni, saying that he went there too?

Hall: Yeah. He talked about all the Dixie Hollins players, from DeAndrew Rubin to T'ceray Blackmon, you know all those guys and how he took care of them. He talked a lot about how they got their degrees and all.

Oracle: Which record do you favor the most? The single-season rushing record or the most yards in a game record?

Hall: Probably the single-season record, because that's what I really came here to do. I know one game doesn't really matter. It's more of a season thing for me. That was my main objective of coming over here, to get a thousand yards.

Oracle: You had a chance this season to go into the NFL draft. Why didn't you go test the draft this year?

Hall: I felt that I really wasn't ready. Not physically, but just mentally. I just wasn't ready to play in the NFL. Because I felt like I had to mature a little more. I know how to get my priorities straight and be organized all around, and I really need to mature a little more.

Oracle: Who's your hero?

Hall: My dad. You know, I don't care what it is or what you've done, he don't get upset. He has a saying he always says, "A smart man will learn from his mistakes, but a smarter man will learn from other mistakes." And ever since I was a little kid, I used to hear that, and I just heard it, I just never really understood it. But as I got older, he kept saying it. He always kept me positive. No matter what he did, he stayed strong.

Oracle: What's a better college football movie? "The Program" or "Rudy"?

Hall: (Laughs) I'd have to go with "The Program" because "The Program" is more like real life, more to like what (the players) have to deal with. The stresses, the animosity of people on the team. I like "The Program," I like "Rudy," but it gets me so sad. And I'm not big on Notre Dame. I don't even know where it's at.

Oracle: What's your least favorite part about practice?

Hall: The conditioning. (Laughs) Everything else I love; the drills, the seven-on-sevens. I just don't like the conditioning.

Oracle: But you're the running back. You're supposed to like running.

Hall: I make it fun. Because I talk a lot of crap to the other guys when they all get tired.

Oracle: We've all seen Leavitt on the sideline doing his rant and making his faces. You've got to have an impression of him for us.

Mike Camunas
The Oracle (USF-Tampa)
on animal cruelty charges.

In 2002, he was acquitted of such charges for the on-air slaughter of a pig during a show in February 2000. "I would argue over again," Clem said. "It was un­trueful, but it wasn't illegal."

Clem said there were subjects he would never talk about on his show such as "the old '60s coalition," which he called "unimag­inable," and abortion. He said he made fun of everyone but he rarely made fun of himself.

Clem said although he's learned a lot from his experiences, he wouldn't have done anything differently because he was never told he was doing anything wrong.

He also said that the FCC got him for much weaker stuff on his show, including one segment featuring cartoon characters who engage in a drug interaction with a prostitute.

"I could have given them much worse and nastier stuff," Clem said.

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**Movie Review**

*The Wedding Date* offers surprise ending

By Jessica Luz

The Technique (Georgia Tech)

E ver agonized over having to find a date for an event? What about going to an event that you were dreading? And what about knowing that at this same event you would see your ex? And I don’t mean an ex-boyfriend; I am talking about an ex-fiancé.

Unlike your typical chick flick, there are some unexpected turns that you don’t see coming—which adds its own little twist.

Kat, hires a male escort (Dermont Mulroney, “My Best Friend’s Wedding”) to be her date for her younger sister’s wedding in London. As the older sister, she feels that she should have been the first to get married, and she would not dream of attending the wedding solo. The fact that Kat has never mentioned a boyfriend before does warrant a few questions from her mother, but only briefly, and since Nick is a well-experienced escort and a very good actor, everyone assumes they are a real item.

Similar to any other romantic comedy, the two protagonists must fall in love. For the over-stressed Kat who is constantly worrying about her ex-fiancé, though, it takes her a good portion of the movie to realize what a fox Nick is and what a kind heart he possesses.

The film provides an even balance of comedy, romance and a tone of serious melancholy that fully keep coming throughout the movie’s entirety. The London countryside serves as nice scenery for a majority of the movie, and the London-based songs are way too predictable from the beginning.

The soundtrack to the movie, which is a successful compilation of songs, serves as an appropriate background for this feel-good wedding movie. Everyone who has attended a wedding will recognize the songs. Instead of only being a movie that showcases two incredibly gorgeous people falling in love with the help of a team of Hollywood writers, the plot also builds on the most basic and humanistic principle of a relationship: trust.

While some parts of screenwriter Dana Cost’s first film may seem a bit too dramatic or fake, the story line is completely genuine and entertaining. The soundtrack to the movie, which is a fun and interesting compilation of songs, serves as an appropriate background for this feel-good romance.

Unfortunately, Universal has no plans of releasing a soundtrack commercially, which serves as an disappointment to some fans of the film. It is nice to go to places where “everybody knows your name.”

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**Guest Review**

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Without drawing too much attention to an 80’s show about a bar in Boston, I always yearned for a tavern or pub filled with friendly faces and some of the best beer on tap. Lucky for those of us in the St. Petersburg area, we have been blessed with such an establishment.

The pub, located at 1492 Fourth Street North, is an old converted brick house with a large wrap-around porch lined with tables. This is a great place to hang out with friends and enjoy the cool night air during the winter months.

Off to the side is an open courtyard complete with picnic tables in case your group needs a larger area in which to socialize. Inside, one can listen to songs provided by local musicians that will have people dancing or singing along. This area is also a nice place to warm up by the beautiful large fireplace in case that cool night is a little too cold.

There is a jukebox x that contains classics from today’s generation to old favorites. At the bar, the friendly staff smiles while patrons decide on a beer. My advice? Try them all. Just don’t drive home.

Limey’s Pub boasts 14 kinds of beer on tap. These include Bass and Harp, two pub brews of choice; Boddington’s, a smooth creamy ale from England; and Stella Artois, a wonderful Belgian addition. And of course, what pub would be complete without a cold pint of Guinness, a popular choice at Limey’s. There is also a complete selection of bottled American beers for those too timid to try the hearty European fare.

There is also a full bar for all who like a drink. It is also one of the only places in St. Petersburg where one can enjoy British cuisine. The menu includes dishes like shepherd’s pie, burgers and mash (sausage and mashed potatoes drowned in gravy), and fish and chips. Some might scoff at these choices and for you, well, have a beer. But for you, with a craving for meat and potatoes, enjoy.

Above all, Limey’s is comfortable, warm and inviting. A place where one can sit and appreciate good company, good conversation and great beer. There are no loud DJs to contend with and the people are just there to have fun. To commune with old friends and meet new interesting people is an excellent way to spend an evening. Thursday night is the night to come hang out with your classmates in a non-academic setting.

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Above: Albert Vogt, a USF St. Petersburg graduate assistant in the Florida Studies Program, is marked with ashes at St. Mary's Catholic church, near campus. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of purification in preparation for Easter. The ashes are a reminder of the mortality and corruption present in each individual.

Below and Right: USF St. Petersburg students and St. Petersburg locals gathered Feb. 11 at the athletic field on Third St. and Fifth Ave. S. to play flag football, one of 10 intramural sports offered at USF St. Petersburg this semester.

Jed Helm (right) reaches to make the catch as Danesh Hathiram (left) defends. Muhammad Bashir (left) escapes from Vinny Minnula (right).

Soundoff

What is the most unusual Valentine's Day gift you have ever received?

"My wife gave me a puppy a long time ago." Thomas Moorehouse, 62

"My boyfriend brought me to a massage parlor." Crystal Reinhart, 20

"I got one brand new tire." Megan Mullen, 21