By Heath Hooper

A mood of muted tension was in the air in the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center St. Petersburg as the Republican Party of Pinellas County celebrated election night Nov. 2.

A crowd of 400 republican supporters stared at giant television screens in the Milan ballroom, cheering as Fox News' Shepard Smith and MSNBC's Chris Matthews announced favorable results.

USF Tampa students Katy Stolzman and Tracy Harper were out in support of the man they have worked to keep in office.

Both Stolzman and Harper differ with the party line on issues such as abortion, security and the war in Iraq after graduation.

Harper said the election's participation of students because politicians know who votes.

He also said an active youth was necessary to alert the politicians of their presence.

While Harper waited for swing states of Florida and Ohio to be fully reported, she said they were refreshed by the results. She characterized her feelings as "nervous, but excited."

Harper said the election's effects on students depended on the outcome.

"I have a brother in the Navy and a brother in the Air Force, and I still support the war," Harper said.

"A lot of people have misinterpretations of Bush's positions," Stolzman said. Paul Bedinghaus, the Republican chairman in Pinellas County, said that student participation was "absolutely fantastic, and necessary."

Bedinghaus, a USF alumnus, said, "We need to increase the participation of students because politicians know who votes."

Ultimately, the students said they were refreshed by the contents of political process. "You stand by what you believe in. That's what makes this a beautiful country," said Stolzman.

Third party supporters

By David Donald

While crowds of Pinellas County Democrats and Republicans met on election night to support their candidates, a large gathering of third party candidate supporters was hard to find.

Members of the Libertarian, Reform, Green and Veterans parties in Pinellas County did not have organized gatherings on election night. The Pinellas County Florida Veterans Party had an organized gathering but it was online, said party chairman Philip Neskin.

"Libertarians are hard to get together," said Zack Kidd, who sipped coffee at Starbucks in downtown St. Petersburg on election night. "It's like herding cats."

Rather than meet on election night, many third party members gather after the election to discuss candidates for the next race, said Michael Gilson, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Pinellas County. The party is more focused on local, not national elections, he said.

Many say those who vote See Third Party on page 8

High hopes for Kerry faithful

By Brittany Fenske

"Go Kerry! "Go Kerry!" That was the chant heard at the Kerry-Edwards presidential watch party at the Holiday Inn Select in Clearwater on Nov. 2.

They cheered and clapped as Kerry claimed victories in states such as New York and Illinois.

Supporters lit their finger-nails as they huddled around big screen TVs placed inside and outside the hotel.

Fans were covered in stickers and pins praising the Democratic Party. Walls were plastered with Kerry posters, along with red, white and blue streamers.

With more than 200 Kerry supporters present, Kate Carpenter, events and visibility coordinator for the Kerry campaign, said it was a terrific turnout.

"If Kerry wins he is going to have a lot of hard work getting the deficit down," said Kyle Feeley, a USF St. Petersburg student who attended the event and interred with the Kerry campaign. "If Bush wins, I am scared."

"If the last four years is any indication of what the next four are going to be, then it is going to be a disaster," said Bob Spraitz, a Clearwater resident and an alumnus of USF Tampa.

Peter Wahlberg, a senior at St. Petersburg High School and president of the Young Democrats, has worked on the campaign.

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Jon Stewart is my hero

In “Bad News,” Robert Shogan outlines the myriad ways that journalists fall in their coverage during presidential elections. In his look back over thirty years of political coverage, Shogan declares that “The new reality of the campaign trail boils down to this: The media all too often have been reduced to filling the role of enablers. Sometimes they even help the campaign trail, completely missing the forest for the trees.”

And finally, someone has noticed and decided to do something about it. On Oct. 15, Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” went on CNN’s “Crossfire,” ostensibly to promote his new book, instead of the traditional fun repartee, Stewart took the opportunity to shred the program’s legitimacy by calling out hosts Tucker Carlson and Paul Begala, (who, in a remarkably overlapping field of interest, doubles as an adviser for Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry,) and begging them to go beyond the “partisan hackery” and “stop, stop, stop hurting America.”

In what could be the best 30 minutes of television of this political season, Stewart outlined a litany of complaints, pointing out that “Right now, [“Crossfire” is] helping the politicians and the corporations.” And we’re left out there to mow our lawns. You’re part of their strategies. You are partisan — what do you call it — hacks.”

Carlson attempted to throw salvos at Stewart’s points, trying to frame Stewart as a hypocrite and saying that “The Daily Show” missed ample opportunities to take candidates to task when they appeared on the show. To this Stewart responded, “You’re on CNN. The show that leads into me is puppets taking crank phone calls. What is wrong with you?” I’m not sure what to make of all this. It is that CNN has lowered its standards of journalism so much that it now considers itself on equal footing with Comedy Central, or that “The Daily Show” is fake news worth considering seriously? Perhaps it’s a bit of both. That the question can even be asked says an enormous amount about the current state of journalism.

Of course, Stewart isn’t the first to notice the problem. Rolling Stone’s Timothy Crouse was one of the first to notice the problem of cable and satellite programming, the mission of catching the total number of viewers, though, lies in the simplistic approach to journalism, as CNN’s “Crossfire” and Fox News’ “The O’Reilly Factor”.

Stewart contends that anchors have simply become henchmen of partisan hackery and do nothing more on their shows than shout at each other while berating their guests. Stewart pleaded with cable editors to stop hurting America with their simplistic approach to journalism. Furthermore, when different hosts such as Tucker Carlson of “Crossfire” and Bill O’Reilly about his piece in the journalistic realm, Stewart contended that his show is fake journalism, and thus need not hold any accountability. Stewart paints his pictures by numbers. He wants news talk shows to engage in public discourse and for delivering it with such eloquence. “You have a responsibility to the public discourse, and you fail miserably," Stewart said of his hosts.

Stewart, on the other hand, is a resounding success. He is a graduate student in Journalism and Media Studies. He can be reached at heathhooper@yahoo.com.
Dean limits political expression

By Brittany Fenske
Staff Writer

Mark Durand, dean of USF St. Petersburg's College of Arts and Sciences, emailed students and staff on Oct. 20 saying he had received complaints from students about teachers interjecting political statements in class.

In the e-mail, Durand said unless the content in the teachers' curriculum covers political material, "it would be wise for [them] to monitor [their] statements, even if they seem flippant and inconsequential."

The situation is not extreme, he said. Durand received two complaints from students, but said he "wanted people to know what the limits are and remind them to make sure students have an opportunity to discuss their opinions and encourage free expression."

Durand said his e-mail did not contradict academic freedom, which guarantees faculty the freedom to discuss relevant matters in the classroom, he said. "If you're teaching chemistry, and your lecture is about [the presidential] debate, that's not academic freedom," he said.

USF defines academic freedom as the following: "The freedom to discuss all relevant matters in the classroom, to explore all avenues of scholarship, research and creative expression, to speak freely on all matters of university governance and to speak, write, or act as a public citizen without institutional discipline or restraint."

Durand said he sent the e-mail knowing that the issue might become more relevant as election time came.

"We can ask that faculty limit their instruction to topics relevant to the course. We have numerous courses, for example, on political and religious topics that elicit extremely sensitive issues regarding personal beliefs and we embrace thoughtful, free discussion," Durand said.

Daanish Mustafa, a USF St. Petersburg geography professor who received the e-mail, said sometimes certain opinions in class upset some students.

"Although I understand that, what upsets me is the fact that people coming to school to learn cannot digest opinions contrary to their own, be it allegiance to Israel, Palestine, the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. If people are so sensitive that they cannot hear to have their biases and opinions examined and challenged, then they should probably not come to college and should stick to vocational training institutes," Mustafa said Durand's email did not forbid anyone from saying anything in particular; it just asked teachers not to create a classroom environment where certain opinions are not welcome.

By David Donald
Patchwork heart

T he damage caused by a heart attack can weaken a heart so much that it fails.

Biologists and engineers working in the twin disciplines of cell biology and tissue engineering are trying to aid the healthy comeback of damaged, failing hearts.

In the November 2004 issue of Scientific American, two tissue engineers describe a patch they developed for heart attack patients.

Smadar Cohen, professor of biotechnology engineering at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel, and Jonathan Leor, a cardiologist at Sheba Medical Center, combined their expertise to create a patch that repairs dead heart muscle tissue caused by a heart attack.

A heart attack occurs when a blood vessel is blocked, depriving heart tissue of oxygen. The lack of oxygen creates a dead zone in the heart.

This dead zone can double in size in a few months, deforming and weakening the heart, making it inefficient at pumping blood throughout the body. This can lead to heart failure.

But Cohen and Leor have successfully grafted patches in the hearts of rats and pigs.

The patch is a porous, sponge-like scaffold made from alginate, which is related to algae.

The alginate scaffold chemically resembles the natural characteristics of heart tissue, making it less prone to rejection.

But it is a patch grafted to the dead area of the rats' hearts, surrounding blood vessels from the living tissue of the heart consumed the scaffold.

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Seniors prepare to enter the workforce

I seem like just yesterday you entered college as a freshman with little or no worries of what the future would bring. After spending three or more years to reach senior status, you find yourself asking, "Now what?"

To get a job immediately after graduation, early preparation is essential.

According to QuintCareers.com, a website offering career advice, you'll have more job-search success if you start early.

"I could not agree more," said Heather Grates, a graduate student from USF Tampa.

"As a senior, I thought it would be easy going into the criminology field right away."

In reality, this was not the case.

Instead of being offered a position dealing with domestic violence issues, "the State Attorney's Office offered me a clerk position in check fraud where I basically just shuffled papers," Grates said. "If I could go back, I would not take the job-seeking process so lightly."

Now is the time to meet with the career service professionals on campus. At USF St. Petersburg's Counseling and Career Center located in Room 119 of Bayboro Hall, students can make one-on-one appointments with career counselors who help with finding internships, networking with professionals, preparing for interviews, and researching employers and companies.

Students should prepare themselves for their job search by finding out what kinds of jobs they are searching for, said Jinah Rordam, coordinator of career development at USF St. Petersburg.

"Once a student has done this, he or she is able to refine their research to a specific industry, career role or company they would like to target," Rordam said.

In May, Ada Capellan graduated from USF St. Petersburg with a bachelor's degree in political science and has not yet found what she wants to do. Capellan heard about the Career Networking Fair that took place at USF St. Petersburg on Oct. 20, and decided to check it out in hopes of finding a job.

Thirty-six companies attended the career fair. Representatives from each company had different ideas about the kinds of people they wanted to hire.

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"I'm trying to get an English education as I possibly can. So when I go out there I'm pointed by so many companies as possible."

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"I'm a substitute teacher at Pinellas County Schools. I'm the president of the Student Education Association and I network and develop contacts anywhere I possibly can."

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The transition from college to the workforce is a process students should be ready to make.

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Time runs out for summer internships

By Wendy Owen
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For some college students, summer plans are already in the works. Not for a trip to the Bahamas or spending time with family, but for summer internships.

Deadlines for internships are approaching, but some students aren't aware of these opportunities that could add valuable experience to their resumes.

Not every major at USF St. Petersburg requires internships, but they can help students gain job experience early, making them more attractive to prospective employers.

The education program is the only one that requires students to complete internships in order to graduate.

Education majors must observe and teach in a classroom setting for a semester before they graduate. There are no summer internships available, but deadlines for fall 2005 internships are as early as Jan. 15.

USF St. Petersburg's education program has a strong relationship with Pinellas County schools, and it works with students for internship placement. Students may also intern at private schools, said Barbara Pyne, an education professor at USF St. Petersburg.

Time is also running out for journalism students looking for summer internships. Local newspapers like the St. Petersburg Times and the Tampa Tribune set their deadlines at Dec. 1 for summer 2005 internship applications.

Students should review the internship requirements with their college credits from internships.

USF St. Petersburg business students can also earn college credit for internships. Since last August, 27 students have been placed at companies such as Northwestern Mutual, Sterling Research and Raymond James, said Kyle Bebout, internship coordinator for the College of Business.

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USF St. Petersburg
Open House attracts prospective freshmen

By Irena Milasinovic
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Alyssa Rigolo wants to start a new chapter in her life — college.

Rigolo, 15, already took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, and she is getting ready to take the SAT in her junior year. She has received a Doorsways Scholarship, which will pay for her four-year college tuition. She knows where she will live — off campus with friends. Her major will be engineering.

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From left to right, Ashley Rigolo, 19, Camille Swenson, 15, Alyssa Rigolo, 15, Tim King, 18, and John King talk with Todd Williams, USF St. Petersburg's senior admission registrar's officer, about a possible future with the campus. Williams discussed important issues such as costs and campus life.

Rigolo to the campus most. Small class size is one of the main selling points for USF St. Petersburg campus recruiters.

"When we get housing, it will change how we recruit," Vessel said. "It will make a big impact on attendance and enrollment." He said open houses would become a major recruiting tool in the future. In 2006, when a residence hall for 300 students is expected to open at USF St. Petersburg, recruiters will use the dorms as a selling point to potential applicants in Jacksonville, Orlando and Miami.

Until then, many students at Open House were left to wonder about off-campus living, nightlife and weekend activities.

Tim King, 18, and his father, John King, asked about off-campus housing and possible roommates. St. John King was "very impressed with the campus." He said class size and the interaction between students and professors are two important elements to consider when deciding on a college.

Tim King, who is expected to graduate in May from H.B. Plant High School in Tampa, is leaning toward the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, but said nothing is certain yet.

"The majority of students who attended were seriously considering USF St. Petersburg, especially the marine program, which is good since we had a relatively small turnout," Vessel said. "It's always better to have sincere students instead of students who are just window shopping."
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for someone going into an interview is to let them know that silence is okay. Take time to gather your thoughts after a question has been asked.

Rondam of USF St. Petersburg's career center advised that students fine tune and update their resumes and cover letters, and brush up on their interviewing skills prior to graduation.

"I have put a lot of work into preparing my resume," said J.P. Fatesa, a senior majoring in management at USF St. Petersburg.

Michelle Watson, a senior majoring in psychology, is getting ready for graduate school.

"I have done internships, volunteering and tutoring to gain some experience," said Watson, a USF St. Petersburg student.

Ashley Hendrickson is a senior majoring in political science at USF St. Petersburg. Hendrickson said she wishes she had concentrated more on her grades when she first entered college. Now she is determined to get as much education as possible by earning her master's degree so she "has a hands on people and more skills."

"I am so excited to start my life on a professional level," she said.

Student from page 4

could cause cancer in animals that eat the mussels.

In the future, Robbins and Smoak hope to continue working together,

"I would suggest to any student that they find a professor in their field of study and get in with them to do some research," Robbins said. "Everybody's looking for experience, not just a piece of paper."

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mass communications student, said she gets the impression that many of her professors are Democrats. However, she said none of her teachers has ever forced political views on students. "They just stress the importance of the election and of our vote," she said.

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GENITAL WARTS
A Medical Research Trial Is Being Conducted

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Shark Tale: A tale of two fishes

With his animated feature tells the tale of a mafia-style shark family and a fish named Oscar (Will Smith), Petersburg-based Matt Peters (Robert De Niro), the head of the shark mafia.

Incidentally, Oscar is at the scene of Frankie's death, leading several bystanders to assume that he has just killed a shark.

Oscar soon finds himself in the spotlight, deemed the "Shark Slayer," he becomes an instant celebrity. But when he agrees to help another shark, Lenny (Jack Black), disappear from the mafia, he invites a gang of problems into his new-found fame.

"Shark Tale" is filled with great colors, action and charm. The animators and actors seamlessly join both the characters' visual appearance and the attitude and reactions of the voices. The characters even take on physical traits closely resembling the actors whose voices are used.

The movie's appeal and charm came from the constant allusions to popular images and parodies of public figures. One clothing brand in the film was called Gup, an obvious parody of Gap. Maybe the best parody was that of the reporter in the film named "Katie Current," who incidentally was played by Katie Couric.

The only downfall was that the plot was fair and predictable. In the realm of computer-animated films, "Shark Tale" lives up to its predecessors. It is a fun, entertaining film.

Even though the average age of the band members is 17, these guys have their act together. An extensive Web site, merchandise and many live performances show that they could become a major force in the St. Pete music scene. While Can't Do It doesn't have a big following now, they hope that the more shows they play, the bigger their fan base will be.

Their approach is to have fun and be their simple, nerdy selves. To exhibit the band's carefree attitude, lead singer Josh Sullivan, 23, has been known to dress up on stage as Batman or a Ninja Turtle.

When it comes to their band, they are about more than just having fun. Their songs are not only funny, but also service announcements with a dash of local flavor. USF St. Petersburg psychology student and trumpet player Matt Simms, 18, said their music is based on "stupid stuff in the city [St. Petersburg]."

On their demo album, "Straight Outta the Sweetshop," their first track, "4th Street," speaks volumes about life on one of the busiest streets in St. Pete. The chorus "Can't sell your body for the crack on 4th street" says it all. Not only is this song a commentary on the prostitution and drug infestation of Fourth Street, but is also a catchy little ditty. "Bryan Austin Green" and "Saginaw Sucks" are also fun songs with hidden messages about their lives.

Although hesitant to compare themselves to any "mainstream" bands, Can't Do It cites Slapstick, Telegraph and Streetlight Manifesto as being big influences on their music. Their personal tastes and musical heroes range from classic to contemporary. Saxophone player Kat Denneenne, 16, cites jazz sax legend John Coltrane as an idol, and drummer Andrew Mort, 17, looks up to pianist Ray Charles. Bob Marley, Les Claypool and Kurt Cobain also top the band's list of influential artists to the band.

Can't Do It will play at the State Theatre on 687 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg on Nov. 13 with Rude Squad, Fang Shockey and The Supervillains. They will also be performing at The Bank Nightclub at 1919 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg on Nov. 24.

They are working on the production of merchandise such as t-shirts that they hope to have after the State Theater show. For pictures, music and concert information, visit their Web site at www.cantdoit.net.

HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

Acup CPR and First Aid
Where: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Gulfside Lawn
Info: American Red Cross provides hands-on first aid training to recognize emergencies that call for CPR and to perform CPR with basic disease transmission prevention. Cost is $42.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9

Laser Tag Lunch
Where: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Campus Activities Center, Room 133
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Signs of support in Tampa Bay

USF students had the opportunity to hear the three major presidential candidates speak when they visited the Tampa Bay area last month.


"This country is full of people who want more voices and choices on their ballot line at local, state and national levels," Nader said.

Third Party, from page 1

for third party candidates throw away their votes. In the 2000 election, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader was called a spoiler who cost Al Gore the presidency. Nader received more than 97,000 votes in Florida in 2000, and the margin of victory between George W. Bush and Gore was 537 votes.

"Voting for one of the two major parties is throwing away your vote, especially if you're a Libertarian," said Jeff Walenta, who spent election night at Café Bohemia in St. Petersburg. "You need to vote for what you believe in."

"Instead of voting for the lesser of two evils, I voted for somebody who most embodied my views," Zack said.

The Libertarian Party is 30 years old, and is the third largest party in the country with more than 600 elected officials nationwide.

According to votepinellas.com, there are 28 registered third parties in Florida. In Pinellas County, 135,793 voters have no party affiliation or are members of third parties.

Democrats, from page 1

the Kerry campaign since 2002. Last week, he said he skipped school to work for the Kerry campaign.

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