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Campus to acquire Dali Museum site

Staff Writer
By Brittany Fenske

On Nov. 2, St. Petersburg voters approved the transfer of the existing Salvador Dali Museum land to USF St. Petersburg.

"The Dali Museum will be a welcome addition to USF St. Petersburg," said Abdul Nasser, the university's vice chancellor of administration and finance.

Voters also approved the leasing of the Bayfront Center site to the Dali Museum. The museum will relocate to the Bayfront Center site at 400 First St. S. in St. Petersburg. Private money and $8 million from the state is needed to finance the move and the new three-story facility.

The university will not receive the existing Dali Museum site until the new museum is built, which is expected to take two to three years.

The Dali Museum owns its current single-story building, which is located on land leased from the City of St. Petersburg.

It has been proposed that the state buy the existing Dali Museum building and the leasehold for the land. If the City of St. Petersburg approves this proposal, the state can give financial assistance to USF St. Petersburg so it can buy the Dali building and the leasehold.

Nasser said USF St. Petersburg needs $4 million to buy the existing Dali Museum building, located at 1000 Third St. S. in St. Petersburg.

Acquisition of the existing Dali site would help accommodate USF St. Petersburg's growth, Nasser said.

USF St. Petersburg already occupies the College of Business south of the Dali Museum, as well as buildings north of the museum, including Poynter Memorial Library, and Bayboro, Davis and Coquina halls.

Information in this article was obtained from the Dali Museum Relocation Project summary report.

Student government elections begin

By Irena Milasinovic
Senior Staff Writer

Many students are unaware of the role Student Government plays at USF St. Petersburg and of the elections that are in progress for Student Government executive officers for Spring 2005.

Insufficient and uncreative advertising, as well as unfamiliarity with Student Government tasks and positions of the candidates have contributed to the low voter turnout for Student Government elections in past semesters.

"I don't think the Student Government elections are marketed very well," said Chris Buckler, a business major at USF St. Petersburg and a former Student Government representative for the College of Business. "Nobody knows who is running unless you are in the Student Government," he said.

Buckler, 20, said that because the importance of Student Government is not recognized, students do not care about the elections.

Bulletin boards around the campus are filled with posters and fliers put up in the first week of November with the intent to draw students' attention to the Student Government elections. USF St. Petersburg student Ashley Cooper, a psychology major, said she saw posters but she doesn't know who the Spring 2005 Student Government candidates are.

"I never know who is running," said Cooper, 19. "They have a booth and you are just supposed to vote," Cooper, who voted last year, said that she didn't know for whom she actually voted. She said she felt discouraged when only one candidate's name appeared on the ballot.

"They didn't really need my vote," Cooper said. "There's not really a better candidate to choose from."

Most of the time, one candidate runs for an executive office. When candidates run unopposed, they need only one vote to win.

Students might also know little about what Student Government does.

Both Student Government President Tom Piccolo and Buckler agreed that students don't know how much money Student Government handles or where that money comes from.

FYI

The Student Government election polls will be in Davis Lobby from Monday, Nov. 15, through Thursday, Nov. 18. Students may vote from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on those days.

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Getting Around

Traveling by car can strain a college student's wallet, so some students use four-wheel, two-wheel or no-wheel alternatives to get from Point A to Point B.

By Genessa Poth
Senior Staff Writer

Gas prices are hiked up higher than ever. Car insurance continues to make bank accounts dwindle. And USF St. Petersburg parking decals are steadily increasing in price from year to year.

That is why more students are choosing alternative means of transportation. Whether they get around by biking, walking or riding the bus, some students say they save time and money by not driving cars.

USF St. Petersburg senior Brian Moore drives a 2004 Vespa scooter to school.

Moore said that although driving a scooter is potentially dangerous, he gets great gas mileage, cheap insurance, saves a lot of money and always has a parking space on campus.

"Instead of $120 for a USF parking space on campus,

By driving his Vespa scooter instead of a car, USF St. Petersburg student Brian Moore saves money and spares himself the frustration of finding a parking space on campus.

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Photo by Jacqueline Fowcett
An allegory on media oligopoly

HEATH HOOPER
COLUMNIST

Thanks to the over 20 years of government de-regulation concerning media ownership, five companies control the vast majority of media outlets in this country. And they're friends, so they try not to compete with one another too much.

The Big Five also like to self-promote. Because of this, the difference between commercial speech (which is limited) and free speech, (which is, well, free) along with the laws governing each, is being called into question.

Crow's Nest editor. Letter to the editor.

On a hill, and in this city lived a group of very happy people. They thought they had it pretty well sorted out, what with late capitalism encouraging homogeneity as only the diversity-promoting free market can. But it wasn't enough.

There were still nattering little nobs of free expression floating about, claiming their constitutional rights. "The fools, those free-speech loving enemies of freedom," said the hill-people, "When will they understand the necessity of complete worship crucial to a fully functioning aristocracy? Uh...democracy. We mean democracy."

The hill-people had to figure out how to solve the tricky little problem regarding the foolish free-speech lovers, who were occasionally running around and shooting their typewriters off. So the hill-people put their heads together and thought. "Hmm," they thought. "Is there any way we can get the free-speech lovers to turn on the very thing they love so much?"

It was a difficult question, and only after many sniffs of brandy and quite a few hand-rolled cigars were the hill-people able to come to grips with the problem.

Finally one of the hill-people, a particularly clever boy who went by the name of Atwater, spoke up. "Brothers," he said — because most of the hill-people were male and had safely hidden their mates away in the matrix land of Stepford — "Brothers," he said, "have a solution."

Those gathered in the rotunda, what is what the hill-people called their meeting place, sat rapt as Atwater prepared to make his now-famous proclamation. "De-regulation," he said.

There was much celebration in the rotunda. "Of course!" thought the hill-people. "If we can get the people to fear free speech because of its abuse by super-oligomertes, then the stage will be set for the downfall of constitutional protection!"

Oh, how the hill-people danced. The brandy then flowed like un-burnt wine and many an interim went home happy. And so it was that de-regulation sounded the death-knell for the free-speech lovers, who had to pack up and move to a deserted atoll in the South Pacific, where they were all eaten by rabid polar bears.

Sleep well!

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Crow's Nest election night reflections

VANESSA ESPINAR
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The media's job is to inform citizens so that they can make decisions about democracy. I hope that in printing 10 stories and editorials relating to the elections, the Crow's Nest has contributed to the democratic process.

As a young voter, I am happy to know the youth vote went up. It's encouraging that more than 20 million young people do care about the future of the country and are willing to stand in line for hours to make their voices heard. Voter turnout went up 4.6 million for all of us. But it was also how the staff felt on election night. This was the first time the Crow's Nest covered elections live.

The staff of the Crow's Nest showed it cared about the democratic process by going out and covering the elections. Three Crow's Nest reporters and three photographers wrote about and photographed election night in Pinellas County and had to complete their assignments in four hours.

That night gave us a glimpse into the future — the future for the country's next four years as well as our futures as journalists. We experienced for the first time what most journalists experience every day: the pressure of a tight deadline.

It wasn't an easy night. One reporter and photographer had to scour St. Petersburg restaurants and bars to track third-party candidate supporters. Other reporters could not send in their stories and photos because of a faulty wireless connection. The team of editors back at the Crow's Nest election headquarters juggled multiple phone calls from reporters in the field while searching TV and newspapers for election results.

Although our newspaper went to bed early that night, the staff didn't. After stories and photos came in around midnight, we spent six hours working on the newspaper to ensure that it would be the printer early the next day. We wanted to announce the new president on the front page, but the results were still unclear by the time we finished the paper.

It was an endless, exhausting night for all of us. But it was also an exciting night because it made us part of the history of the Crow's Nest and of the country.
**Homeless clean the community**

By Irena Milasinovic
Senior Staff Writer

Their feet stick and their heads hang low as they walk through downtown St. Petersburg. Their belongings trail with them. Their stomachs are empty.

Carrying black garbage bags, these homeless people are downtown regulars who share the streets with business executives, college students, residents and tourists.

But while looking for their next meal, they are cleaning up the community.

Trash Patrol, ranging from 10 to 30 members on a given day, cleans parts of downtown St. Petersburg three times a week.

The group targets Williams Park on Third Street and First Avenue North, the Mirror Lake area, the St. Petersburg City Hall and the First United Methodist Church on Third Street and Second Avenue North.

Trash Patrol was born as a silent protest two years ago, and has been able to keep the homeless active in the community.

Steve Kersker, an advocate for the homeless and mentally ill, organized the group.

Kersker recalls how Trash Patrol came about. He said he was protesting about the lack of homeless shelters, when he suddenly felt that he lost his voice.

"I couldn't speak, so I picked up trash as a way of protesting," he said. They stopped carrying signs and started carrying garbage bags.

In the beginning, Trash Patrol was chaos, with no rules regulating the 80 homeless people rambling through downtown picking up trash.

Now the group is more organized, meeting every Monday, Thursday and Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. to clean downtown areas.

Kersker said the group kept its weekly cleanup schedule during the last three hurricanes.

"Never missed a day," Kersker said. "Neither rain nor hail would stop them from going on.

Although Kersker organized the group, he said it is the members who keep it going.

"It makes them feel proud because they are doing something good for the community," he said. "It builds their self-esteem. They all want to be special and to me they are special."

At the end of every Trash Patrol day, Kersker buys his homeless friends coffee and hands out cigarettes. On occasion, he takes them to dinner at Johnny Rockets in BayWalk. And on special days, Trash Patrol members receive a surprise.

"I'll give them two dollars," Kersker said.

From helping mentally homeless people
Kersker has come a long way from being "lost." He was arrested a half-dozen times. He spent chunks of time in and out of jails and mental institutions. Battling with mental illness, he has learned to live with his condition and control his anxiety and panic attacks.

Kersker, who calls himself "functionally abnormal," said he has grown and developed over the last 17 years.

He has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of South Florida and is currently working on a master's degree from USF Tampa.

"I am doing what I want to do," he said.

And what Kersker wants to do is help others, especially St. Petersburg's homeless and mentally ill, who are the heroes, friend, hero and mentor. He said the homeless are like children living outdoors without their parents.

"I became almost parental — compassionate, loving and nurturing," he said. "That's parental.

To Trash Patrol members and Kersker, there are more ways of looking at reality than from the bottom. Trash Patrol doesn't accept members who complain.

"You have to be happy. We are what we think," Kersker said. "Just because you are homeless doesn't mean you are unhappy. I try to teach my homeless friends that.

The group also does not accept people who manipulate others.

Kersker recalls that one of the former members of Trash Patrol put a bag of coffee in his jacket while in the Starbucks coffee shop. Kersker made him give it back and said the man could no longer work Trash Patrol routes.

Having little, yet giving much
Kersker wears a baseball cap that says "I'm a butcher in Public, and to me that is a fortune," he said.

Besides keeping up with Trash Patrol, Kersker is the director of Loving Others Together, an organization that helps the homeless living on the streets and struggling with mental illnesses. He serves as a consultant for the Suncoast Community Mental Health.

He also writes a weekly column for the Northeast Neighborhood News entitled "Lessons from Life," which records the lives of homeless people Kersker has met. He has known the members for over 15 years.

Now he plans to rally with Trash Patrol and others at BayWalk to support raises for St. Petersburg police officers.

Kersker said someone once asked him how it feels to pick up trash next to his rich friends.

"It feels good," he said. "I really do feel rewarded to help these people. I enjoy it.

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**Program helps minorities earn graduate degrees**

By David Donald
Contributing Writer

This fall, twenty minority students from the University of South Florida were awarded fellowships that will help them work toward graduate degrees in marine science and engineering.

"This is USF's first year participating in the Bridge to the Doctorate, a program that provides minority students with graduate opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math. It is sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation."

Ashanti Pyrtle, program director and assistant professor in chemical oceanography at USF St. Petersburg, is pleased with the inaugural group of students.

"We've invested a lot and we expect wonderful things to happen," she said at a welcoming ceremony on Sept. 28.

In July, NSF, a foundation geared to promote science, awarded USF with a $900,000 grant to help the university promote diversity and help minorities pursue graduate and doctorate degrees in marine science and engineering.

The program fosters a cross-disciplinary exchange between the students and faculty in the colleges of marine science and engineering. The students who were chosen are excited.

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FEATURES

Foreign journalists discuss U.S. media

By Chris Girandola, David Donald and Wendy Owen
Staff Writers

S
ince 2000, USF St. Peters burg has been host to journalists from China, Argentina, Ukraine and many other countries. This month Jordanian, Ukrainian and Brazilian journalists visited USF St. Petersburg.

These visits were part of an ongoing program hosted by the journalism department at USF St. Petersburg, which sees a dozen or more foreign journalists a year, said Bob Dardennes, associate professor of journalism. St. Petersburg is an attractive area for foreign journalists because of Poynter Institute and also the city’s proximity to Orlando.

This is a terrific opportunity for USF St. Petersburg journalism students and faculty to meet with press representatives throughout the world," Dardennes said. "We offer a forum for discussion that these visitors don’t always get elsewhere on their tour, and it’s good for us because we get a lot of worldwide exposure for our small university.

Jordanian Journalists

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, Jordanian journalists and government officials visited USF St. Petersburg. The visit focused on the media coverage of the recent presidential election and was a part of a three-week trip, which also included stops in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The three journalists that visited were Khalid Ahmad Dalal from the Jordan Times, Eyad Radil Al, Waski from the Al Rai Daily Newspaper and Mustafa Emanul Al Rayalat from the Al Dastour newspaper. The representatives also included Ali Mohammed Sufian Bibi, the international relations and funding director from the Ministry of Political Development and Parliamentary Affairs.

The issues discussed included the formation of the Jordanian government, freedom of the press both abroad and in the United States and bias seen in the American media. Most of the discussion dealt with criticism of American media coverage of the presidential election and the Middle East.

"We believe your society is heavily influenced by the media," Rayalat said. "The coverage of the elections examined the Hispanic influence on the votes, but failed to mention anything about Arab voters in the U.S."

Jordan Times’ Dalal offered suggestions to improve media coverage of the Middle East.

“There needs to be a bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Jordan which would build bridges,” Dalal said. "By informing the American people of the cultural values the Jordanians hold, it would shed some light on the principles of Islam.”

Ukrainian Journalists

Two journalism professors from the Ukraine visited the USF St. Petersburg Department of Journalism and Media Studies on Friday, Nov. 5, for a roundtable discussion about journalism.

The visitors were Oleg Boguslavsky, the head of journalism, editing, and publishing department at Humanitarian University in Zaporozhzya, and Tetyana Prystupenko, deputy director of the Institute of Journalism at Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University in Kyiv, visited USF St. Petersburg Nov. 5 to discuss how journalism has changed in the 13 years since Ukraine’s independence.

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Ukrainians are implementing a bill to privatize government-controlled media outlets, but many publications are hesitant because they would lose financial support from the government, Boguslavsky said.

Brazilian Journalists

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, six Brazilian journalists met with USF St. Petersburg professor Bob Dardennes to discuss the politics of journalism in their country. These journalists came from São Paulo and Brasília.

Among the topics discussed, the most important was government control in the media. In Brazil, some broadcast companies have 45 percent of their budget funded by the government, causing a crisis in the media, said José Trindade, a radio news correspondent from Brasilis. This funding causes a certain amount of control in their broadcasting and affects news coverage.

"The government can and does promote itself through the media," Trindade said. "The government uses this power.

Also discussed were the differences between Brazilian and American broadcast journalism. Brazilian journalist Mauro Ceccherini said the American press exaggerates stories, especially on TV. He also said American TV news had a uniform look, and one story often looks the same on many different stations.

Adalberto Piotto, a radio news anchor from São Paulo, said American broadcast news anchors become famous for their style, taking away the importance of the news.

"You are a journalist, not an artist," Piotto said. "You have to tell the news, not be the news."
University plans for housing, parking garage

By Anastasia Bowen
Contributing Writer

The first parking garage and the first dormitory for USF St. Petersburg are currently in the design process. Construction of these structures is scheduled to begin in Summer 2005 and should be completed by Fall 2006.

Construction, architectural firms will submit drawings of the parking garage and dorms, and the university is reviewing and choosing a plan this month.

The university will choose the plan that best meets the needs of the campus, said Rusty Richmond, head of parking services at USF St. Petersburg.

"The way the building fits in architecturally also is important. The lower bidder will not necessarily receive the award," Jim Grant, campus architect and director of facilities planning, said the new buildings should fit in with the existing buildings.

"Colored stucco, brick and human scale are important elements in the newer buildings on campus," he said.

According to a master plan by architecture and design firm Sasaki Associates Inc., the dorms and parking garage should reflect the older buildings on campus that were built in the 1960s, but should have more visual interest by using color and assorted material selection.

The new parking garage will be located on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Third Street South. It will include about 900 parking spaces, offices for university police and parking operations and a Barnes & Noble bookstore. Future campus residents, students and faculty will be able to park in the new garage.

"Tuesdays and Thursdays are the busiest days on campus and evenings are always crowded," Richmond said. "With the campus growing, we are definitely going to need this garage."

The residence hall will be built north of the Campus Activities Center on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Second Street South. The apartment-style residence will accommodate 354 beds and will be furnished. Each apartment will have four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a shared kitchen and living space. No faculty housing will be included in this first project.

"You will see the campus start to attract more students from outside the Pinellas county region," said Student Government President Thomas Piccolo. "Perhaps the most significant change you will see is an increase in student participation in clubs and organizations around campus. As of now, we are strictly a commuter campus."

He added that this commuter campus status creates a problem for student life. Without housing, students are not on campus for long periods of time.

USF St. Petersburg, originally established as a campus for juniors, seniors and graduate students, shifted five years ago to include freshmen and sophomore classes. Nasser said building the residence hall should attract more students to the campus. He said that it is currently difficult to recruit out-of-state and international students without housing.

Bush education promises could prove tough to live up to

By Cynthia Yeung
The Oracle (E-Wire)

Despite campaign promises of increased student financial aid and improved student access to college, experts say it is unlikely that President George W. Bush will implement any drastic changes in higher-education policy in the short term.

Over the course of the campaign, Bush pushed his "Agenda for America," in which he briefly described enhancing Pell Grants and AmeriCorps Education Awards, as well as creating incentives for states to make it easier for students to transfer credits earned at community colleges to four-year institutions.

With a Republican majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, University of South Florida political science professor Henry Teune said that the president will be in a better position to implement his initiatives, but will likely be focusing on what he views as more pressing issues.

David Copley, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Federation of College Republicans, said it is too early to predict if or when Bush would begin to move on educational issues.

"The priorities right now are elections in Iraq (and) reforming the (Social Security) system," the Wharton senior said.

But as university tuition rates continue to rise faster than inflation, Teune said that a "fine tune" of student grants is more probable.

"Tuition inflation can be offset, to some extent, by a stronger economy," Teune predicted that an economic turnaround is imminent.

"The Saudis will pump some more oil, the Libyans will be pumping more, oil prices will go down and the stock market will go up," Teune said. "A lot of good things will happen to the economy. Everyone will get a lot more money, and people are usually pretty happy with that."

Science and research funding, which make up a large portion of university budgets, also play into Bush's plan for higher education.

"A big question is whether Bush will give to national science foundations," Teune said. With the Republican majority in Congress, Bush has an opportunity to change the way research funds are distributed.

However, Teune said that funding to centers such as the National Institutes of Health would not differ much from the federal budget deficit.

Bush's foreign policy, however, may also affect another constituency within higher education — foreign students.

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"I think it's detrimental for several reasons. Many of the science disciplines have attracted international students in the past. It decreases the amount of research that can be done by institutions and faculty."

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The goal of the grant program is to increase the number of minorities contributing to the advancement of research and education in science, technology, and engineering.

According to the NSF, minorities represent 23 percent of the population in the United States; 6 percent are in the engineering, technology and science workforce.

Peter Betzer, dean of the college of marine science, at USF St. Petersburg, said the school can improve its outreach and education efforts to the minority population.

"There are some tremendous careers," he said.
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What has Jesus got to do with our people?

Devotion to Jesus has been a large part of the African-American experience, but some see Jesus as a foreign deity forced upon our ancestors. They say his teachings are merely "a white man's religion." Are they correct in their view of Jesus? A brief, but powerful article on the Web, "The Truth About Jesus," provides answers to the following popular criticisms:

- Isn't the Bible just a European book?
- Isn't Christianity a foreign religion to Africans?
- Didn't Christians perpetrate and defend American slavery?
- Wasn't the white church an accomplice to our ongoing oppression?
- Hasn't the black church failed to help in our struggle for freedom?

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**Alfie: What does it all mean?**

This remake of the 1966 film of the same title is a great success. The original "Alfie" starred Michael Caine as a womanizing bachelor who whips and out of his female victims’ lives, never turning around to see his path of destruction. The new Alfie, played by Jude Law, is much the same as his predecessor.

Living in New York City, Alfie spends his days driving a limousine and his nights driving women crazy (in all senses of the word).

We are introduced to Alfie while he is at the top of his game. His personality is upbeat and he hasn’t a trouble in the world. After an unfortunate turn or two, though, he starts to lose this persona.

Throughout the course of the film, Alfie begins to see the effects of his inconsistent lifestyle. He sees the women he has hurt and the friends he has lost. This is the point in which the theme of the films becomes apparent.

"What does it all mean?" he asks himself.

This is also where the remake takes a different approach than the original. Caine’s Alfie was more abrasive than Law’s rendition, and left a more abrasive than the original. Caine’s Alfie was more abrasive than Law’s rendition, and left the audience saying once again, "How’d they do that?"

Definitely another hit film from the Pixar crew.

**Black magic and the blues**

**BAND REVIEW • BY WENDY OWEN**

Joel "Butch" Bignell, 21, a USF St. Petersburg English major, looks like he belongs in a band. His long blond hair screams rock ‘n’ roll, but he has the soul of a blues man.

"Being in a working blues band is really difficult because young people have no concept of the blues," said Bignell, who is the bass player for the Michael Shaun Norton Band, a blues/rock collaboration.

The Michael Shaun Norton Band has a "southern witchcraft vibe," Bignell said. This vibe is displayed by lead guitarist and singer Mike Norton, 30, who wears cowboy hats, boots and gator paw necklaces onstage. His guitar is also a novelty; it’s made out of a muf- ler.

The other members of this rotating cast of players currently include Bignell and drummer Rob Highdeck, 24. They portray a definite rock look that includes long hair and Ramones t-shirts.

Their latest album, "Carcia Nocturn," which means seize the night, is brimming with dark lyrics, and even nods at "Pulp Fiction" in the song "Marseilles Blues." Other songs like "Creeper" and "Hillbilly Goat" keep their dark southern theme alive.

Norton’s other album, "Spoons and Murderers," sounds like a soundtrack for a creepy Halloween night on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

They compare themselves to Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Jonny Lang, Bignell said. The band is also known as "Shovelhead" in the hard rock circuit, Bignell said. "We occupy a weird territory. We’re a hard rock and blues band playing for people who remember

**HAPPENINGS**

**Monday, Nov. 15 to Thursday, Nov. 18**

**Student Government Elections**

When: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: Davis Lobby

Info: Students are encouraged to vote for their Student Government leaders.

**Thursday, Nov. 18**

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee Meeting

Where: 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

When: Where: B94 234 - Academic Affairs Conference Room

Info: All meetings are open to the public.

**Friday, Nov. 19**

Hispanic Student Deluca

Where: 7 p.m.

Where: Campus Activities Center

Info: All meetings are open to the public.

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

Family Theater: The Three Little Pigs

Where: Palm Harbor and Cafe Adagio in St.

Info: All meetings are open to the public.

Like "Toy Story," "A Bug’s Life," "Monsters Inc." and "Finding Nemo," "The Incredibles" leaves it mark on animated movies. The difference in the newest addition to the Pixar family is found in its main characters — they’re human.

The film tells the story of a family of superheroes who have been forced to hide out as everyday citizens because of society’s distrust for them. Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson), or mild-mannered Bob Parr as his neighbors know him, has had enough of his job at an insurance firm and wants to return to "hero work." He gets his wish when he’s offered a chance to work as a freelance hero of sorts.

He thinks he has found a way to get back to his old lifestyle, but all he really has found is a trap. Now, it’s up to his "Incredible" family to save him.

This film has all the features that has made Pixar movies a success in the past. It’s clean enough for children, but throws in a little adult humor to spice things up.

What’s most important is that the film is fun to watch and leaves the audience saying once again, "How’d they do that?"

Definitely another hit film from the Pixar crew.
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Student Government manages $350,000 taken from an account and service fee. This fee comes from student tuition and is calculated on a rate of $9.16 per one credit hour.

Student Government has a history of low turnout during elections. Last fall, 102 students voted, and 1,002 students voted in Spring 2004.

"I am aware that there's no real interest in Student Government elections," said Piccolo. We always had a problem with getting students' interest in the elections.

There were no debates or speeches from candidates before election week started Nov. 15.

"Since there's no interest in elections, it is hard to set up a debate," Piccolo said.

Piccolo said he will still campaign for himself even if no one will run against him. He said he is running for president again.

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pass, I paid $35," Moore said. "Instead of $80 for gas, I pay $8. Instead of a $300 car payment, I pay less than $100 for the scooter."

He also drives a scooter because it's fun. "Imagine being on vacation in Bermuda year-round," Moore said.

One USF St. Petersburg sophomore, Thien Nguyen, has been riding a bicycle his whole life. Nguyen lives about three miles from campus and bikes to school.

"I've been using a bicycle for so long — elementary, middle and high school — so why not college?" Nguyen said. "It would be sad to abandon it now."

Nguyen said biking to school also saves him money. "No car insurance. No gasoline," he said. "Just lots of food for the legs."

Although there are many advantages to riding a bicycle, Nguyen said there is one major disadvantage.

"Car drivers don't look out for you," Nguyen said. "If there were to be a collision, the bicycle rider would suffer the most, if not all, the damage."

Some students use alternate means of transportation because they have to. Jordan Shane, a USF St. Petersburg sophomore, said he is forced to ride the bus to school because he can't afford a car right now. Other than avoiding parking hassles on campus, Shane said there are no advantages to riding the bus.

"I live right by Tyrone Square Mall and have to take three buses to USF — the 62, the 22, and the 32," Shane said. "It is horrible riding the bus. There are only elderly, indi­gents and handicapped people who ride the bus here. Nothing against them, but they hold up traffic and disrupt and annoy people on the bus, and many are inebriated."

Although the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) offers students a dis­counted fare of $75 cents instead of the usual $1.25, Shane said he doesn't save any money because he has to take three buses to get to school.

"The student bus card is no bargain when you have to take three buses a day, each ride is 75 cents each, and I need six bus rides a day," Shane said. "I buy the daily pass for 83, which is pretty expensive. [That's] $48 per month for only 16 days of rid­ing."

Another bus rider, Becky Bonnell, a USF St. Petersburg sophomore, said she doesn't work and doesn't have enough money to buy a car. But Bonnell, who has a student bus card, said she likes riding the bus.

"I actually find it relaxing," Bonnell said. She said she doesn't have to worry about driving, finding a parking spot or buy­ing a parking decal.

Bill Roney, a USF St. Petersburg senior, walks to school. He said he lost his dri­ver's license a couple of years ago because he has a brain disorder that causes seizures. Although he can now get his license back, he decided to con­tinue walking to school because it saves him time and money.

"You don't have to find a parking space or worry about getting a ticket," Roney said.