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Statutes still waiting on vote

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With Student Government special election scheduled for February 17-18, SG is still in the process of amending Bill 10-005, the resolution to amend the statutes, which must accompany the newly approved Student Body Constitution.

According to the SG statutes in question, section 100.5 states that "no statute shall conflict with the Student Body Constitution.

In 103.47 Definition of the Student Body the proposed statutes state that the Student Body consists of all enrolled students at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. However, the proposed Constitution declares the Student Body as those students who claim St. Petersburg as their home campus. The proposed statutes allow a student who is enrolled in one class at St. Petersburg but claims Tampa as his/her home campus the right to vote in a St. Petersburg student election. In order to be in compliance SG must amend this contradictory definition of the student body.

SG Senators were asked to read through bill 10-005 and discuss potential changes. Little progress towards the completion of this process has been made.

The bill has been discussed during meetings of various SG committees, none of which have voted on the changes discussed. The Legislative Affairs Committee met February 10, before the Senate meeting, to discuss the statutes. The committee only got through Title 2, Chapter 202 of an approximately 80-page document containing nine titles. Before the bill can move on to the Senate floor, each committee must discuss the necessary changes and vote to approve these changes.

During the Wednesday, Feb. 10 Senate meeting, Senate President Sarah Henry asked Senate members if they had anything to discuss regarding Bill 10-005; no discussion was initiated.

Henry said, "We do not have to push it through this week... they are not pressured to pass anything they are not comfortable with." She then said that the statutes "will be voted on next week provided we have recommendations from committees."

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for February 17 at 4 p.m., the first day of the special election. Students who cast their vote on this date will be unaware of the finalized changes SG makes to the statutes.

Each committee within SG must make changes and vote to approve these changes before the final bill can be brought to a vote before the Senate. According to the current and proposed statutes, the Senate may amend the statutes at any time. When Vice President Reuben Pressman was asked the possible outcome if statutes are not finished by the election he said, "We will be missing statutes."

Even though the statutes have not been finalized and the proposed Constitution has not been voted in by the student body, SG has begun enacting policies from the proposed Constitution at the senate meeting. Nadir Bakali was unanimously approved as the Chief Financial Officer.

Under the proposed Constitution the CFO replaces the position of the Treasurer and, according to Pressman, "the difference between the Treasurer and the CFO is that the CFO doesn’t make any yes or no decisions regarding budget allocations." The CFO simply makes formal recommendations to the Executive Branch and the Senate. The Office of Management and Budget, formerly the Office of the Treasurer, will make monetary recommendations that will then be discussed within the Senate and approved or vetoed through the Executive Branch. According to the statutes, the office is headed by the CFO and other affiliates may include financial assistants or officers and coordinators.

Changes that directly affect USF St. Petersburg Student Body

103.47 Definition of the Student Body:

The proposed statutes:

- says Student Body consists of all enrolled students at USf St. Petersburg.

The proposed constitution:

- declares the Student Body as those students who claim St. Petersburg as their home campus.

Title 8 Activity and Service Fees:

The proposed statutes:

- The Senate allocates A&S fee money and has the power to change the purpose by a three-fourths vote.

The proposed constitution:

- a two-thirds vote, or supermajority is required. A supermajority is also used when the Senate votes on important issues like SG officer impeachment and overriding a Presidential veto.

All events sponsored by A&S fees must be open to all students, free of admission, except for SG sponsored events. Harborside Activities Board and Homecoming are considered SG sponsored events and admission may be charged at such events.
Single and not mad about it

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If you are single, Valentine’s Day can be the worst day out of the year. You cannot go to a grocery store, pharmacy, restaurant or gas station, or turn on your television without being reminded that you are alone.

Valentine’s Day is only part of the bigger issue. Our culture, in general, promotes being in a relationship. There is a love story added to just about every movie or television show, and our songs are typically about falling in love or breaking up. Why is there so much pressure put on us to find someone to be content with? Perhaps we should focus more on learning to be content with ourselves first.

“Sex and the City,” a television show about a group of girlfriends living in New York City, once did an episode about celebrating singleness. Carrie, one of the characters, who is a columnist, usually ends or starts the episode with a thought provoking idea that she is writing for her column. When speaking of relationships she shared, “The most exciting, challenging and significant relationship of all is the one you have with yourself. And if you can find someone to love that [that] you love, well then that’s just fabulous.”

Perhaps this quote is slightly corny, but it could not be closer to the truth. This idea should be endorsed a little more often in our society. If you spend Valentine’s Day alone, do not feel bad. Being independent should not be looked at as being lonely.

In fact, it is important to know that you do not need someone else to make you happy, but that you can be happy with yourself.

Show your beau some love

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Ladies, isn’t it lovely that your beau not only tells you he loves you, but shows you with wonderful gifts? Well ladies, men love gifts too. In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, let’s show our men how much we care with five reasonably priced gifts guaranteed to make him smile.

No honey, make a right! It is a common belief that men hate to admit when they are lost. Want to avoid the uncomfortable situation of telling him that he took a wrong turn? How about getting him a TomTom Navigation System from Walmart for $99 with touch screen and spoken instructions. Now he can hear another woman nag when he goes off course.

Bring the theater home. Getting too expensive to have those movie nights you both look forward to? A Netflix subscription is the perfect solution. For only $8.99 a month you can get movies by mail or the web. That is about two video rentals at Blockbuster. Netflix also offers a free two-week trial, so take it for a spin before you purchase.

Dinner and drinks...on you. Why not treat your sweetie to a wonderful dinner on you, without you. This would be a great time for him to hang out with his friends and still think about you. He will probably boast about how wonderful his babe is for paying and allowing him to hang out at the same time. You will be the envy of his friends and an inspiration to their girlfriends.

Holler for the home team. They say the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach-I think it is through his sports. Why not shout for your beau’s favorite team by creating a sports bar atmosphere. Fully equipped with nachos, sandwiches, Doritos and drinks, you can have a wonderful evening doing something he loves. By the end of the game, you may have a new found respect for the sport.

Subscribe to keep him in shape.

In fact, it is important to know that you do not need someone else to make you happy, but that you can be happy with yourself.

**Photo courtesy of netflix.com**
The College of Business move this semester from Bayboro Station will save around 27 faculty, staff and administrative jobs at USF St. Petersburg.

With ongoing state budget cuts and federal stimulus funds leveling off, departure from the waterfront property and from an annual $650,000 lease was necessary, said Regional Vice Chancellor Ashok Dhingra.

Dhingra said that by not filling vacant positions, USF St. Petersburg has saved many jobs. When a position is discontinued or a professor retires, the salary is transferred to a one-time reserve. That money is then moved to the budget for the next year. Employees absorb the extra workload in their departments or responsibilities are combined across departments.

“There are ways to manage the organization called contraction management,” Dhingra said. “We have not had to lay off any employees at this university.”

Associate Professor Gary Patterson, who served as chair for the moving committee, said that Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan is very concerned about the operation of the campus. She said the savings from the lease will help preserve jobs. Sullivan stressed that the decision to leave Bayboro enables USF St. Petersburg to pool management resources and avoid layoffs.

“She is trying to protect the USF St. Petersburg community,” Patterson said. “It would be hard getting a job at this time.”

**Tutor-training program sets the bar**

By Amy Blanton

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg’s tutoring program was recognized by the College Reading and Learning Association to become a national model for other college tutor-training programs.

The tutor-training program, developed by the Academic Success Center, was chosen as a national model by the CRLA. Demian Blair, a recent graduate of USF with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, has been a tutor at the Academic Success Center for about four years.

Blair said tutors help students in courses they have excelled in; however they still receive training. “Thinking back to my first semester, I was worried about what I would do and how I was going to present my subjects,” Blair said. “Our training program helped address those concerns somewhat and get me ready for my first few students.”

Lieu Huynh, a graduate, wants to become a GMAT tutor. The tutor-training program, a part-time employee, tutors for the SAT, CLAST (College Level Academic Skills Test), FTCE (Florida Teacher Certification Examination) math and undergraduate marketing courses, as well as the GMAT Verbal and Quantitative.

After a while, I realized I really enjoyed tutoring, so when there was a job offer at USF for tutoring, I applied for it and got accepted,” Huynh said. “To be a tutor, generally you need to be patient. You also need to be a good listener and you need to be supportive.”

“Being a tutor is similar to being a teacher,” Huynh said. “As a tutor at the Academic Success Center, our main goal as tutors are not to just inform or teach materials to the students. We want the students to become independent students. By independent I mean, we want students to be able to succeed on their own.”

Huynh continued by saying that the Academic Success Center helps students learn how to deal with test anxiety, time management and improve their study skills.

“We hope that once the students leave our center, they become more confident and know how to manage with problems from their daily life so it would not affect their school work,” Huynh said.

If you would like to be tutored at the Academic Success Center, go to Terrace (TER) 301, bring your school I.D. and make an appointment.
Walking the catwalk for a good cause

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Little black dresses, high heels, swimsuits, diva make-up, and sassy hair styles had the crowd at awe during the Fashion=Love fashion show on Feb. 3.

The Fashion=Love fashion show was sponsored by White House Black Market and hosted by Gatsby's Restaurant at Gray's Historic Hotel.

Displaying White House Black Market's new line of fashion was not the only reason for the show, but it helped raise money and awareness for Heel to Heal, a non-profit organization helping women and children in their fight against rape and sexual assault.

These fashions from White House Black Market left the fashion divas, fashion icons, and the fashion elite wide-eyed and stunned by the trendy and classy style featured on the runway.

The dresses are elegant for a night on the town, and the swimsuits are ideal the summer. The models' make-up was professionally done by Neva Durham, and hair was styled by Number 9 Salon.

Sushi Rock participated in the cause by serving complimentary sushi and Little Black Dress Wine served wine to all the ladies wearing black dresses.

The origin of Valentine's Day

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People often associate Valentine's Day with loving exchages of cards, hearts, flowers, confections and jewelry. What people may not remember are the humble beginnings of this annual holiday.

The days of ancient Rome were brutal and harsh. During the reign of Emperor Claudius the Cruel, Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns.

He had trouble maintaining morale for his army and recruitment was at a major decline. Claudius convinced himself that the reason he had such trouble recruiting new soldiers was because they had a strong attachment to their families, specifically to their wives and children.

As a result, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements. A Roman priest named Valentine defied Claudius' decision and continued performing marriages in secret. When Valentine was discovered, Claudius had him beaten to death with clubs and ultimately beheaded. The death sentence was carried out on February 14 around the year 270 A.D.

Prior to his death, it was reported that Valentine had left a farewell note for a jailor's daughter marked, "From Your Valentine." He was made a saint following his actions.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "there were three different Saint Valentines on record. All of which are martyrs under the date of the February 14." One was a priest in Rome. Another was a bishop of Interamna (now Terni, Italy), and the third St. Valentine was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa.

The association of love with this date is still based on speculation. Perhaps it was mere coincidence that the date of his death also happens to fall on the Feast of Lupercalia, a pagan festival of love. The tradition involved putting the names of young women in a box, and a certain number of random young men would be fortunate enough to select them.

In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius decided to put an end to the Feast of Lupercalia, and he declared that February 14 was to be celebrated as St. Valentine's Day. The significance of the date has lived on ever since.
Post Valentine’s Day romance

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So your day of store-bought, overpriced and over-sugared affection is over and now you want to keep that lovin’ flame alive. While it is hard to mirror the sheer, unrequited romanticism of a Golden Corral dinner for two or a Valentine’s card with a smiling train on it reading, “I choo-choo choose you!” there are a few ways we can keep the love alive year-round, it just takes some thinking outside the box...of chocolates.

1. Spy: Williams Park Edition
Nothing builds a romantic bond better than playing games. Not games like “Call of Duty” which will make your girlfriend just stare at you with half-shut eyes, and excessive use of words like “bro” “dude” and “sweet.” The college student thrives on food in the microwavable or delivered category, but almost anything free and edible will do.

2. Romanitic Protest at Baywalk
What is a better way to connect than joining together and fighting for a good cause? Make some big ol’ signs and march yourself up to the newly privatized sidewalk at Baywalk and see how long you can last before being politely asked to leave by security. My solo record is six minutes. They think they can stop the PS-JEW-U (Pasty-Kissed Jewish Entertainment Writers Union) but we are just getting started baby.

3. Feed a Starving College Student
Do a little good while stoking the love fire and give back to those in need: college students. Head down to campus and look for one who appears really in need. Attributes include sweat pants, half-shut eyes, and excessive use of words like “like” “bro” “dude” and “sweet.” The college student thrives on food in the microwavable or delivered category, but almost anything free and edible will do.

4. Cupcake Date
Simple and efficient. Head to the Cupcake Spot on Central Ave., snag a two pack of whatever looks good, some milk or beverage of your choice, and head up to North Shore Park. When you get there go towards the big ledge by the water, then marvel at the beautiful scenery and talk about how romantic and cute you guys are doing things like this together. If you wait long enough you might spot some dolphins and your new cupcake/dolphin adventure will turn into something eerily reminiscent of a Lisa Frank trapper keeper.

5. Dress Smart. Go to a Museum
Be the envy of all the other museum-going couples when you both don the glasses and cardigans and have a passionate, audible discourse on the subtle juxtaposition between contrasting elements of Rembrandt’s Leiden period and a great deal of his later works. It’s cool; you don’t have to know what any of it really means. Just use a lot of SAT words and bring a pocket thesaurus for when you get stuck. Bonus points for Wikipedia access on your phones.

Calendar of Events
February 15-21

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<td>February 15: Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Week – 11:30 a.m. Dance 120 Become aware of STIs and how they affect the college community Sponsored by Black Student Association Inside Out – an LGBTQ support group 1-2 p.m. Tanline Sponsored by the Center for the Arts Health and Wellness Buy a slice get a slice at Joey Brooklyn’s Pizza with USF ID 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1st Ave. N. and 2nd St. N.</td>
<td>February 16: Library Mad Libs 3:30-5:30 p.m. Reillent Poynter Library Nutrition and Fitness 2-4 p.m. CAC 103 Learn great ways to practice healthy eating habits to stay fit and healthy! Sponsored by Black Student Association Walk on the Wild Side: Evening Fitness Walk 9-7 p.m. Boyd Hill Nature Preserve</td>
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I want my **money** and 50 calories back

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Chances are that one way or another, the day after Valentine's Day has left most of us feeling a tad bloated... If you spent the lovely day with your significant other, you may have indulged in some fine dining and or chocolates. For us single, or anti-Valentine's Day folk, maybe you had a dating binge with Ben and Jerry, or a rival ice cream tub. After all, living in sin is the new thing.

But even if you're just sick of that overly red and heart-shaped aisle at CVS, you may not be feeling in top shape today.

In general, many Americans continue to face problems of obesity and unhealthy diets. Many major food and beverage companies are taking advantage by introducing forms of their products that are lower in calories. These companies also are making their products more convenient and portable, targeting people with busy lifestyles, like most college students. We don't have time for that hour-plus meal, so we grab what's quick and easy. And if it happens to appear healthy, that's icing on the low-fat cake. This past December, Coca Cola introduced its new 90 calorie, 7.5 oz. can. These petite cans have recently hit our local shelves. For soda drinkers who do not like the taste of diet, and feel overindulged with the traditional 12 oz. can, here is a new option. However, cutting back on size and calories does not cut back on price. You end up paying more per ounce, just like with 100 calorie snack packs of cookies or crackers. At Walmart in St. Petersburg, an 8-pack of the 7.5 oz. cans costs $3.50. Don't be duped! This is about the same price as a 12-pack of 12 oz. cans. Yes, it's easy and convenient, but since when do we need corporations to serve as our own will-power in controlling our calorie intake? They profit off laziness, while how many people only have one small bag or can?

Yes, small steps toward a healthier diet adds up, but does cutting back on 4.5 ounces of cola really help that much? And we're paying for less product. As college students, we don't have the extra money to throw around for convenience and calorie-control, so let's take action into our own hands. In spite of the advertisements, it is possible to buy in bulk without becoming bulky yourself. However your wallet may become a little bulkier with the money you save! Buying two liter bottles of soda are not only the best value, but they are also less portable, so you're less likely to reach for those empty calories on the go... unless you want to be "that guy" who carries a two liter bottle into class. That will not impress anyone.

Still want your caffeine fix? Tea is a healthier, potent option.

*Buying two liter bottles of soda are not only the best value, but they are also less portable, so you're less likely to reach for those empty calories on the go... unless you want to be "that guy" who carries a two liter bottle into class. That will not impress anyone.*

In Issue 16, Volume 44 on February 8, 2010

Andrew Silverstein's article titled "Facebook: The new coping device" contained all fictional content. The Crow's Nest apologizes for any harm this article may have caused. As a result of this the CN will enforce stricter ethical practices on staff and contributors.

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**USF SECRETS**

Tell us your secret...

**WHAT IS THIS?**

Frank Warren, creator of the PostSecret project will be speaking at USF Tampa on February 23 as part of the University Lecture Series.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

Pick up a postcard at any Harboride Activities Board event on campus, or from the Harboride Activities Center room 130 and follow the instructions on the card.

**DEADLINE?**

The deadline for this is February 16 so make sure to get your cards into the securely married mail box in the CAC Room 130 by then.

For more information on how the cards will be used and examples visit [www.postsecret.com](http://www.postsecret.com) or email jrparker@mail.usf.edu

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12. Scepter

**SCRAMBLERS**
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag:

**Stir clear of DIVO A**
**WORD**
**Good looks**
**YEBATU**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

**Trivia Test**

1. **Language**: What country once was known by the Latin name of Caledonia?
2. **Geography**: What is the capital of which island group in the Pacific Ocean?
3. **Movies**: Which actor voiced the two most famous characters, Woody and Buzz, on the "Toy Stories" movies?
4. **Inventions**: Who is credited with inventing the bicycle?
5. **Television**: Who played the character Luka Griggs on "East?"
6. **Mythology**: What was the domain of the Greek god Acropolis?
7. **History**: In what war were tanks first used?
8. **U.S. States**: What is the only letter of the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any U.S. state?
9. **Measurements**: The term "viciousness" refers to a period of how many years?
10. **General Knowledge? What is the symbol for the zodiac sign Capricorn?**

**Answers**
1. Scotland
2. Solomon Islands
3. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen
4. Richard Koor and Arthur "Spud" Molin
5. Andy Kaufman
6. God of the winds
7. World War I
8. The letter "Q"
9. 20 years
10. The goat

**The Spats**

**Would You Say That We Have A Relationship?**

**Yes, It's Getting Pretty Cold.**

**The Crows' Nest**

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An athletic attraction

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Rock stars are not the only ones with groupies waiting outside hotels for them. In many cases, sports stars can be with anyone they want. Just look at Tiger Woods.

But there are some athletes who prefer being with a fellow sports star—or at least someone who is highly successful in another line of work.

In honor of Valentine's Day, here are a few of the most notable couples in sports:

Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi

Although they are both recently retired, everyone associates tennis with this couple. Agassi was once the No. 1 player in the world, while Graf rose to enormous heights in the world of female athletics. Combined, they have 175 career titles and are probably the most famous couple to dominate the same sport. The two tennis stars have been married for over eight years.

Mia Hamm and Nomar Garciaparra

Former World Cup soccer champion Mia Hamm and MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra have been together for over six years. Hamm made a name for herself as a superstar in women's soccer, while Garciaparra was a fan favorite with the Boston Red Sox for many years before being traded around the league. Both have played on the Olympic teams of their respective sports.

Eva Longoria and Tony Parker

Like Brady and Bundchen, these two have taken separate career paths yet they make a perfect match. Parker plays as a point guard for the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and helped lead the franchise to three NBA championships. Longoria, sometimes mistakenly linked to

Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, is a model and actress. While her husband has starred on the basketball court, Longoria has been a star on the popular ABC series "Desperate Housewives." The two have been married for over two years.

Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady

No, they both are not athletes; but both are well-known and highly accomplished in their careers. Brady, a three-time Super Bowl winning quarterback with the New England Patriots, could probably be with anyone he wants. He ultimately chose Bundchen, a Brazilian supermodel and actress who is reportedly the highest-paid model in the world, according to Forbes. The couple will celebrate their one-year anniversary this month.

Lynda and Chris Barnes

Bowling is not the most popular sport in the world, yet two of the best bowlers in the world have been married for over 10 years. Chris Barnes is widely considered the best professional bowler on the PBA Tour today, having won 12 career titles in just a decade. His wife, Lynda, is one of the best females on the lanes. In 2008, she beat Sean Rash in the Clash of Champions tournament to mark the first time that a woman had ever defeated a man in a televised bowling event.