Chick-fil-A Opens on Campus

Monday, January 12 marked the opening day for Chick-fil-A at USF St. Petersburg. This self serve Chick-fil-A opens at 7:30 a.m. and begins serving lunch at 11:30.

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While hunger pangs distract them from lectures, students no longer have to daydream about fresh chicken and waffle fries during class. Since Spring 2008, construction of Chick-fil-A on the Bay excited students around campus. As of Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 a.m. the new fast food restaurant opened for enjoyment.

Chick-fil-A on the Bay is the only Chick-fil-A operation to open on a university campus by a locally owned franchise. It was voted as the restaurant of choice among USF St. Petersburg students and is one of the most popular student fast food restaurants nationwide.

"Chick-fil-A was a popular surveyed choice and both the student body and Student Government wanted to utilize the vacant space and have fresh food supplied on campus by a favored dining choice," said Matthew Perlegis, 20, political science major.

The success of the fourth street operation inspired the on-campus opening. Associate Vice President Dr. Kent Kelso was intrigued by Chick-fil-A's unique philosophy, "have a positive influence on all who come in contact at Chick-fil-A." He was also impressed by Chick-fil-A's involvement in the community and their devotion to giving back.

Chick-fil-A's organization offers scholarships to its employees and conducts a character-building program for children. They also sponsor the K9s for Warriors charity. PBS television series Between the Lions, the Southeastern Conference, the Big 12 Conference, the Chick-fil-A Bowl and Chick-fil-A College Kickoff.

Along with its national involvement, Chick-fil-A restaurants stress quality in both staff and food performance.

"It's a wonderful place to go. They provide healthy food and the atmosphere feels like a community restaurant. It makes you feel comfortable," said St. Petersburg Mayor, Rick Baker.

David Neely, owner and manager of the fourth street Chick-fil-A said he felt humbled and honored to be part of this community project. He will be involved in operating Chick-fil-A on the Bay. The new restaurant will provide jobs for campus for students as well.

The menu provides breakfast and lunch options and even salads and desserts. Chick-fil-A on the Bay is located on the first floor of Coquina Hall and is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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A Twist for the New Year

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2009. A new year, new ideas and cliché New Year’s resolutions. Trimming your waistline or kicking that nicotine addiction are both achievable resolutions to make, but we both know they only last so long. The facts don’t lie. The University of Scranton performed a study to find out how many people made New Year’s resolutions and how long they kept them. 40-45 percent of Americans make a resolution at the beginning of every new year, and less than half of that percentage hold true to their promises. The question is what is different about 2009? There are more weight loss ads on T.V. than reruns of ER. There is a pharmacy full of gums and patches posing as the best ‘quit smoking’ remedy. With all these products available, why do we keep making the same resolutions year after year? We currently are in the biggest debt ever as a nation, have the highest foreclosure and layoff rate in years and still we make the same resolutions.

New Year’s resolutions are a funny thing in that a new year inspires us as individuals to be better. According to a survey, along with the desire to lose weight and stop smoking, Americans also strive to reduce debt, stick to a budget and find a soulmate. I believe all these thoughts are a good place to start, but I think resolutions should go further. I realize that every year my resolutions are the same lame promises that I maintain for the first two months, and then they inevitably disappear. This year, I decided, will be different: Cut with the old goals and in with the new. I made a rare and possibly disastrous resolution this year—I will try to cook a new and different dish every week. So far I’ve stuck to it. I believe that resolutions will not fall into the black hole of failure if people have a personal reason for pursuing their goal. For instance, I know I am a terrible cook, but I can’t keep eating microwaveable pizzas for the rest of my life, so my resolution will benefit me later in life and besides, it is fun to experiment in the meantime.

My point is with a new year comes new possibilities. Making the same resolution every year and never following through on it places limits on opportunities. If I can successfully cook a meal every week and it tastes like I’m somewhere in the right ball park, people can try something new, not fail with old promises and proclaim, “I kept my 2009 New Year’s resolution.”

Free to be You and Me?

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“Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized.”

This statement appeared on the ballot for the 2008 Presidential Election for the state of Florida. If one agreed with this statement, then that person was against civil unions and same-sex marriages. If one did not agree, then congratulations, your mind is free of the world’s old-fashioned constraints and you believe that change is upon the country, even the world.

Teens are ‘coming out of the closet’ in high schools and colleges all over the country. Gay-Straight Alliance is a popular group that many join because they are free to be who they are without judgment—the key to this controversy. People would rather see public displays of affection between a man and woman than between same-sex couples. Most same-sex couples know that society is not receptive to their PDA and that it is taboo to express it. Twenty-seven states in the country have banned gay marriage. Massachusetts is the sole exception, at least for now. Other states only allow for civil unions. I wonder, in the case of civil unions, if the voting public realizes ‘yes’ to this amendment bans civil unions for gays and heterosexuals? Homosexual couples know that the idea of a God-sanctioned union is anathema to most of the population but civil unions allowed same-sex couples to declare their love in public. Now, even this is denied to them. Couples, from the famous to those who live right next door are not pleased.

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People need to remove their blinders and see that a changing world is a prosperous one. It is time that all people let change loose and trust that things will run smoothly with homosexual couples recognized by the law.

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Pop Culture Grid

by Ashley Jones

We asked . . .

One memorable moment of 2008?

One thing you are looking forward to in 2009?

Best part about going to school downtown?

Brush or floss first?

Favorite cartoon character?

Angelina Ruggia 21, Anthropology

Running away from an organic farm where I volunteered and bought home goods to Barcelona.

Cross country road trip to Mexico.

Being able to ride my bike or walk everywhere.

If I floss, I floss first.

Patchy Purse

Brittany Russell 19, Business/Media

Female Floors Friday.

Passing my classes.

Waterfront.

If I floss, I floss first.

Hello Kitty

Sam Marguilies 18, Meteorology

Moving into REO.

Bunch Obama.

City nightlife.

Brush.

Sam the Squid from Rocket Power

Julieanna Goddard 18, Political Science

Obama.

Making lots of money 'ya dig?

Walking to work.

Brush.

Cartron.

Jordan Gault 18, Journalism

Going to college.

My 15th Birthday.

Lots of things to do.

Brush.

Peter from Family Guy

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Are those New Year's resolutions or goals already transforming into pesky commitments? There are ways to keep those resolutions alive this year on campus.

Kevin Kurpe, 25, a MIS major, said he did well with his resolutions last year. The secret is to "make them real."

One of the most popular resolutions is to lose weight. The fitness center at USF St. Petersburg offers a variety of Fit-4-Life exercise classes this spring including Boot Camp, Cardio Hip Hop and Power Yoga.

A new running class, instructed by Marc Vail, a journalism graduate student, begins Feb. 24 at 5 p.m.

Although not exactly a resolution and more of a goal, people make a point to find true love this year. Classes give students an opportunity to have the most interaction with one another on campus. The Harborside Activities Board will also host events that will give students a social atmosphere to meet others.

"Go to things that people might have the same interest [as you]," said Christine Sayler, 19, an elementary education major.

Who knows if love at first sight will arrive at a campus event?

"Just start speaking to more people," said Kishan Fachidyia, 18, an environmental science major.

Love may not be easy to control, but being organized is.

Kurpe said think about daily roles and responsibilities first to determine organization.

To stay organized academically, say: "every day I should be doing something for classes," said Kurpe.

Kurpe suggested visiting the Web site dontsabotage.com to get text message reminders.

"Stay on top of things and don't get behind," said Sayler, whose goal for the semester is to get straight A's.

The campus Barnes and Noble bookstore has plenty of day-planners, folders and binders to assist with this resolution. It can get confusing when papers from five classes accumulate in one folder.

If students are more organized with their school work, they will have more opportunities to spend time with friends and family another popular resolution.

Quitting smoking is a top resolution and one of the most difficult. Whatever it takes to kick the habit, first figure out what is more addicting: the nicotine or the habit of smoking, said Kurpe.

It is a few weeks into the New Year but it is not too late to make a resolution or goal. One of the easiest ambitions is to learn something new. People do not often keep their resolutions because, "they don't think it'll take a major commitment," said Kurpe.

Resolutions require change. If only we could fast-forward and see the impact of the change, it may give incentive to keep our resolutions.

Spaghetti Night Starts the Year off for Intervarsity

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Students gathered in the fourth floor lounge of Residence Hall One to enjoy a night of spaghetti, garlic bread and community.

The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship hosted a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The crowd started out small but as the night went on, students stopped by to enjoy the feast as well.

Those in attendance lounged on chairs and couches while taking time to get to know one another.

Students reminisced about winter break experiences, discussed plans for the coming year and how classes were going so far.

Freshman Jake Schuyler, a psychology and engineering major, took it upon himself to knock on every door of RHO in an effort to increase awareness of the event and encourage more students to stop by.

"We have plenty of food, so I went to get a bunch of people and let them know it's free," said Schuyler, who became involved with Intervarsity last semester. "Who doesn't want free food, right?"

"We heard people saying the spaghetti was fantastic," said junior, Matthew Santiago Rodriguez, a social work major who has been involved with Intervarsity for the past four years. "There were some people we didn't get to talk to and connect with, but a few that we did."

The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship is a group of students dedicated to interpreting, studying and discussing the teachings of Jesus with the campus community. Students from any religious background - or none at all - are welcome to take part in the various activities sponsored by the group.

"We are a student run organization that's really trying to give students an opportunity to know God at USF St. Peter," said Alison Lindberg, an Intervarsity staff member who started the group at this campus four years ago. "We focus on the teachings of Jesus and what that means for us, but anyone can join."

During the week, the members of Intervarsity offer smaller Bible discussion groups where students can come to ask questions and openly discuss the teachings of Jesus.

Meetings are held on Tuesday in the Davis Lobby at 12:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m. and in the fourth floor lounge of RHO at 7 p.m. Another small group meets on Wednesday in the Davis Lobby at 3:30 p.m. If students are interested, a Black Campus Ministry Women's Group meets in the third floor lounge of RHO on Monday at 7:15 p.m.

The biggest weekly event offered by Intervarsity is Element. Students meet in the Campus Activities Center on Thursday at 7 p.m. to engage in Bible study, prayer and community building activities.

Other larger events, like the spaghetti dinner, will take place throughout the semester.

Intervarsity featured 'Night at the Marquee' on Saturday, Jan. 10 where members were able to enjoy a potluck while watching 'Wall E.'

"Everybody's really nice. It's just a good environment," said junior English literature major, Joy Scholing, who has been a member of Intervarsity since fall 2008. "I just transferred here and they were my roommates, so that's how I got involved."

Rodriguez described how group and Bible study meetings are more informal than others might anticipate.

"Everybody's welcomed from any religious background," said Rodriguez. "If you want to come and not be judged, if you want to be challenged or if you want to learn, definitely come."
Students Catch a Wave in Costa Rica

Kyle Kosterlitz, Emelita McNally, Amanda Hoff, Amanda Fisher and Chase Kosterlitz surfing with locals.

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Stock Market for Students

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Investing in the stock market can help college students plan for their future, pay for school and learn financial responsibility. However it is essential for students to understand how the market works and the benefits and risks of investing.

"Mutual funds are a good place to start," said Dr. Gary Patterson, an associate professor of finance at USF St. Petersburg. "Mutual funds spread the risk across many firms. It is a good place to get experience before dabling in individual stocks."

Because of this, mutual funds are a more secure way of investing than individual stocks. A mutual fund company will pool the money of all its investors and disperse it among stocks, bonds and money market securities making your investment more diverse.

According to the Mutual Fund Investor's Center Web site, individual stocks offer an opportunity for growth, but there is also a greater risk of losing your entire investment. This site also provides a variety of educational materials for beginner investors.

"$50 dollars will get you started," Patterson said, "but you keep adding money to grow in experience and increase your portfolio."

Chris Stino, a senior finance major, works as a Stock Broker-in-Training at Scottrade, an online discount brokerage.

Stino, who began investing at a young age, said even though it is a long way off, it is important for college students to think about retirement. Investing in the stock market early is a great way for students to gain experience and build for their financial future. "The earlier the better," Stino said.

Despite the weakened economy, Patterson said now is a good time for college students to learn how to invest in the stock market, but be mindful that investing always has risks, regardless of the state of the economy.

In Re-Defining Risk: Five Investment Rules for 2009, a financial advisory and author James West listed several investment risks to consider when investing in the market in 2009.

West recommended beginner investors limit their trust and only invest in stocks and situations they completely understand. He also highly emphasized the importance of staying informed.

"Don't just stay informed about your particular investment," West said in his article, "stay informed about trends with industries and asset classes."

Patterson also said that the start to successful investing involves reading up on information about possible investments, investing in small amounts and growing in experience. "Don't trade on the spur of the moment," Patterson said.

Besides the financial inconveniences, the group enjoyed their time in Costa Rica.

"The food was incredible; everything was mahi mahi," said Hoff, describing other perks of the vacation. "The weather was always in the 80s and 90s."

"We spent a lot of time just hanging out on the beach. The hotel had a really beautiful porch that overlooked the ocean and a local Costa Rican man had to come chase them away," said Hoff.

"I asked a kid if they attacked anyone, said McNally. "I didn't even see it but I heard him yell in Spanish, 'Cocodrilo', and I was out of there."

"To save on money, the group stayed in a nearby youth hostel, costing each of them a mere $10 per night. They were able to save more money by using local buses to get to different beaches and attractions.

McNally also said the Costa Rican government charged a $27 exit fee for anyone leaving the country.
When stores and restaurants offer special deals to customers, most people think of senior citizens' discounts and early bird specials. Well USF students don't have to wait until they are 65 to take advantage of these discounts. Many retailers in the Tampa Bay area offer a variety of discounts to students if they present a valid student ID card.

With a valid ID, students who appreciate a good deal on fashion can take advantage of the 15 percent discount offered by J.Crew in International Plaza in Tampa. Those on a tighter budget can travel across the Skyway Bridge to visit the J.Crew outlet store in Ellenton. The 15 percent discount can be used on top of the already discounted merchandise.

Students who need that early morning cup of coffee and a cheese danish can receive 10 percent off a purchase made before 3 p.m. at Atlanta Bread Company. After 3 p.m. this franchise delicatessen, located downtown in the Baywalk parking garage, offers students a 20 percent discount.

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Despite the many ways to save a few bucks, many USF students are unaware of the discounts offered by these retailers. Brittany Quinlan, a junior in Graphic Design at USF St. Petersburg, did not know that Atlanta Bread Company offered a student discount. While she likes the food, she doubts she will make a special trip there just because of the discount.

Students who enjoy a day of culture can receive free admission to both the Dali Museum at 1000 3rd St. South and the Florida Holocaust Museum at 55 5th St. South. The Museum of Fine Arts, also located in downtown St. Petersburg, offers students a discounted rate of $6 for admission.

For $4 students can enjoy the exotic fish displays at the Pier Aquarium downtown. The St. Petersburg Museum of History, located just a short walk from the Aquarium, offers students $9 for admission.

Michelle Marin, a junior at USF St. Petersburg, was not very interested in many of the retailers offering student discounts. However, one type of discount did catch her attention. Many airlines and travel agencies also offer student discounts. Student Universe, an online student discount travel agency, advertises as being the number one destination for cheap student travel. Whether traveling home or out of the country, many discounts are available for students through Web Sites such as Student Universe.

"That I would take advantage of," Marin said.

Movie fans can head down to the Muvico at Baywalk and purchase a $7.50 student discount ticket to enjoy new releases.

Students in need of a trim can visit Great Clips at 300 3rd St. South in University Plaza. This salon offers $2 off a $12 haircut only for USF students who present their ID.

Students living on a college budget have many deals and discounts they can take advantage of. If discounts are not advertised that does not mean they are not offered. It never hurts to ask.
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**ACROSS**

1.  Extinct bird
2.  Tennis stroke
3.  Dumbfound
4.  Complete redo
5.  Easy bounding gait
6.  Australia's capital
7.  Wield needles
8.  Squid fluid
9.  Hot roof material
10.  Require a retreat, maybe
11.  Cronies
12.  1970 Dawn
13.  Priestly garment
14.  Wonderland visitor
15.  Populist
16.  Food-packaging factory
17.  Down
18.  Wonderland visitor
19.  Evolution proponent
20.  Charged particle
21.  Bedouin
22.  Man-eater?
23.  Revealing skirt
24.  Priestly garment
25.  Wonderland visitor
26.  Evolution proponent
27.  Charged particle
28.  Bedouin
29.  Man-eater?
30.  Revealing skirt

**DOWN**

1.  "What's up?"
2.  Eggs
3.  Lair
4.  Trips around the world?
5.  Brownish
6.  "— Town"
7.  Confusci,
8.  Acid
9.  Refuses to talk
10.  Grand-scale tale
11.  Brother of Cain and Abel
12.  Food-packaging factory
13.  Coop group
14.  St. Louis
15.  Hot tub
16.  Meet Me —
17.  Expositions collection
18.  Wholesome appearance
19.  St. Louis
20.  Body powder
21.  Actress
22.  Rooster
23.  Songbird
24.  Of
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26.  Regimen
27.  Initial stake
28.  Neutralizer
29.  Opposed
30.  Homer's neighbor
31.  Raw recruit
32.  Crazes
33.  Streetcar
34.  Pealed
35.  Literary collection
36. English channel?
37.  Woman
38.  Saharan
39.  Yes
40.  "What's up?"
41.  Flash
42.  Lilac
43.  Christmas tree
44.  Professional
45.  Chicken-king link
46.  Moon vehicle

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to the first perfect season since 1972 and the New York Giants a 21-17 victory that proved the turning point in 2008. Mario Chalmers set up a three-pointer that allowed Kansas to cut down the nets.

At the professional level, two of the NBA's most storied franchises met each other in a matchup that reverted back to the 1980s during the heydays of Magic Johnson and Larry Bird. Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen proved to be the second coming of Bird, McHale and Parish as they delivered the Boston Celtics its 17th NBA title in franchise history by defeating Kobe Bryant's Lakers.

The theme of the year belonged to Texas Rangers' slugger Josh Hamilton. He clubbed a record of 28 home runs in the first round of the All Star Game's Home Run Derby contest. Five balls landed in the upper deck and three flew more than 500 feet. In the midst of 13 consecutive home runs, the crowd's roar grew louder with each swing. "Obviously the adrenaline was going," Hamilton told Sports Illustrated. "Just to be in that atmosphere was amazing."

Thousands of miles away from Yankee Stadium at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego, Tiger Wood's most impressive win came at his 14th major championship. Even with knee ligaments that were comparable to jello and a double stress fracture in his left tibia, Woods hobbled on one leg to defeat Rocco Mediate in a match built of epic proportions. The match took an extra day to determine the victor that resulted in a five-day tournament rather than the scheduled four. Mediate, with his heart on his sleeve, could do nothing more than pay homage to his opponent's tenacity as much as his talent.

Much like Manning, the Kansas Jayhawks took approximately the same amount of time to stage a comeback and catapult themselves to the forefront of college basketball supremacy. In just two minutes, the Jayhawks rallied from a nine-point deficit to send the National Championship game into overtime. Mario Chalmers set up a three-pointer that allowed Kansas to cut down the nets.

1. When was the last time before 2007 that the Boston Red Sox had at least a tie for most wins in baseball for a season?
2. What was the highest place the Athletics finished during their 13 years in Kansas City?
3. When was the last time a Duke University football team started a season 7-0?
4. Name the three NBA players in average more than nine assists and eight rebounds in the same season.
5. The NFL's Dolphins played in two states under two different team names before landing in New Jersey. Name the other two.
6. Who was the pole sitter at the Daytona 500 the most times — Lee Petty, Richard Petty or Kyle Petty?
7. How many times did Spain win tennis' Davis Cup between 2000 and 2008?