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Army ROTC Tee up for wounded soldiers and families

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On Friday, April 2, the USF St. Petersburg Army ROTC hosted the Sixth Annual Association of the United States Army golf scramble at MacDill Air Force Base to raise money for the Fisher House Foundation.

According to Major Scott Macksam assistant professor of military science and leadership, "We chose the Fisher House because it directly goes to wounded warriors and their families. It is important because it leaves out any type of middle man."

A scramble golf tournament consists of two teams at each hole. Because every team starts at a different hole, the scramble ends when each team has played at every hole.

The event took about three months to set up and according to Macksam "was very, very intense." He advertised the tournament through radio, newspaper, fliers, word of mouth and other golf courses in the area. "It was not just one thing, but multiple things to get the word out."

The tournament, sponsored by Golf Now, the Golf Channel's Web site, began with a putting contest. The putt closest to the hole won the gift pack, which included a golf polo, a sleeve of golf balls, a water bottle, and a golf for two at any golf tampabay.com course.

Also included was a certificate for two rounds at any of the 72 courses they work with on the west coast of Florida.

Participants who registered for the event received a gift bag filled with bottled water, certificates, a Golf Now koozie, granola bars and other giveaways. After registration, participants could look at the items on the silent auction table and place bids.

Some of these items included two round-trip tickets with American Airlines, a $900 value, to any destination in the US, Mexico, the Caribbean, Bermuda or Canada, a two night stay at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach valued at $600 and an Adams Arms Piston System for an AR-15 valued at $400.

There was also a raffle at the event. Some of the items were a $45 gift certificate to Bonefish Grill, a autographed hat from Tampa Bay Lightning's Defenseman David Hale, and two suite level tickets to the Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Carolina Hurricanes game.

The trophy ceremony for first, second and third place was set for 6 p.m. As a joke, the team that placed last was given a women's golf bag.

The Army ROTC campus that volunteered at the event were USF St. Petersburg, St. Leo University, USF Tampa, Clearwater Christian, Eckerd College and St Petersburg College.

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Each year top Student Government (SG) executives are required to propose an Official Executive Budget Proposal for the upcoming year to be reviewed by the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

The budget for the following academic year details the 10 organizations that have requested funding. Waterfront, the Co-ed Sailing Team, Campus Recreation, Harborside Activities Board (HAB), Multicultural Affairs, The Crow's Nest, Student Life, Leadership, SG and the Debate Team are all student Activity and Service (A&S) fee funded organizations.

During the first reading of Bill 10-016, Chief Financial Officer Nadir Bakali explained the budget briefly and then the Senate and Appropriations committee chair Alex Moser spoke about his committee's review of the budget.

"We did see an increase in how much we can give out this year," said Bakali. "As the executive committee working with appropriators we did our best to come up with numbers that would be best to help our campus and the organizations."

Each organization will experience a funding increase from their 2009-2010 budgets except for Campus Recreation and The Crow's Nest. This year's campus recreation budget totaled $65,360 but was given $60,425 for the upcoming academic year.

The Crow's Nest received the largest budget decrease overall, totaling 49.5 percent in cuts from last year's budget. Last year The Crow's Nest continues on page 6

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Photo by Michael Bakoff
Camouflage was not required during the USF ROTC sponsored golf tournament held at MacDill Air Force Base.

Photo by Michael Bakoff
There was a good turnout of active duty service members, ROTC cadets and retirees of all branches of service for the USF ROTC golf tournament.

Senator Nadir Bakali
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

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The Outlook

Bullying should not be tolerated

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Think of your most embarrassing moment. Think back to the humiliation that you felt, the way your heart was pounding in your chest. Now imagine reliving that moment day after day for months.

Phoebe Prince was a 15-year-old freshman from Ireland, attending school at South Hadley High in Massachusetts. After dating a popular male student at the school, students began harassing the young Irish girl for weeks after the relationship ended. Administration watched this ongoing bullying and nothing was done about it. Phoebe Prince hanged herself on Jan. 14.

As a result of this young girl’s tragic death, nine students are being charged with different felonies such as statutory rape, violation of civil rights with bodily injury, harassment, stalking and disturbing school assembly. So far nothing has happened to the school administration. Although we feel that these kids definitely deserve being punished, the administration should also be held responsible for what happened.

As school administrators it is their job to ensure that students are safe while at school, just as parents are responsible for their children’s well being at home. For instance, if a parent is neglecting their child’s safety they can be investigated and the child can be removed from the home. In this same sense, shouldn’t the school administration be held responsible for neglecting the fact that this young girl was being physically and verbally abused day after day by her classmates?

Bullying seems like such a juvenile term but in reality it is a much bigger issue than some assume. There are long term emotional effects as a result of bullying and there should be no tolerance for it.

According to parentingbookmark.com, one in seven students is either a bully or a victim. One bullying Website, http://www.education.com/reference/article/long-term-effects-bullying/, reveals there is a direct result between bullying and major self esteem issues that can lead to depression. As a result of depression the victims’ grades drop and they start skipping school. Victims of bullying are also more likely to turn to drugs and alcohol to find an escape.

In reality bullying will never completely go away. It is our responsibility as witnesses to take a stand and stop it once it has started, especially if we are in a position of authority like the school administration at South Hadley High.

Under no circumstances should bullying be tolerated. In our country we have witnessed many tragic school shootings over the years. Young, innocent lives are being taken away with just the pull of a trigger. What do most of these school shootings have in common? Most of the shooters were ignored students that did not quite “fit in.” They took out their anger violently.

This instance of bullying took another turn; at age 15 with her whole life ahead of her, Phoebe Prince was too sad and defeated to fight back, so she took her own life.

How can you help save the earth?

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On April 22, 2010, the world will join together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. What began as a grassroots birthday party in San Francisco has evolved into a worldwide environmental event to commemorate nature and the ways people can work together to preserve our planet.

To initiate participation, the United States Environmental Protection Agency launched the “Pick 5” program to inspire people to commit to five plans of action to preserve the environment.

From the 10 suggestions, the EPA proposes picking five actions to adopt to help preserve and safeguard our planet from further environmental harm.

Use Less Water: The EPA suggests turning off the water when brushing your teeth and swapping showers for baths. Other tips include turning off water when washing dishes by hand, filling one sink with water for washing dishes and one sink for rinsing, washing clothes in cold water to help save energy and use rainwater for watering plants.

Commute Without Polluting: In 2006 St. Petersburg was awarded the Bronze Award for being a bicycle-friendly community by the League of American Bicyclists. With 133 miles of sprawling waterfront views and plenty of bike lanes, it is easy to see why. To save gas, students can carpool by participating in USF’s Share-a-ride program.

Save Electricity: Shut off the lights, open the windows for air circulation, switch to low energy light bulbs, place UV filters on windows to conserve energy on cooling and heating, and use a programmable timer to set temperatures at optimal times.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Do your part on campus and use the recycling bins. Reuse or recycle those plastic grocery bags back on your next shopping trip or invest in reusable bags to eliminate the plastic cycle. Abandon those plastic produce bags in favor of your grocery cart.

Test Your Home for Radon: Ask your parents, landlord or dorm attendant to test for this toxic odorless gas that can cause lung cancer.

Check Your Local Air Quality: Before heading outside for a jog, logon to http://www.epa.gov/airnow/ to determine the best time for outside activities. If air levels are poor, head over to the campus gym to supplement your workout schedule.

Use Chemicals Safely: Scan labels on pesticides and cleaners. Store them on high shelves or in locked cabinets away from kids. Make sure areas are well-ventilated and use gloves, goggles and dust masks for added protection.

E-cycle: Did you know your old electronics can be recycled? You do not have to dump them in the trash. Try Freecycle instead, where everything posted online is free for the taking. The Freecycle Network is a nonprofit organization interested in keeping recyclable goods out of landfills. Check out http://www.freecycle.org/.

To drop-off unwanted electronics through the sanitation department in Pinellas County, visit http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/ebags.htm. For pickup hours and drop-off locations.

Enjoy the outdoors safely: When heading out to the beach, find out beach water quality at http://esetappdoeh.doh.state.fl.us/rrm00beachwater/beachresults.aspx?county=Pinellas. Check the UV index to protect yourself from the sun. Peak sunburn hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Remember, you can still get sunburned when it is overcast.

Spread the word: At school, work or home encourage friends, neighbors, family and co-workers to do their part to help sustain the beautiful planet we live on.
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First of all, it will be some time before the changes are enacted. The reform is scheduled to take full effect by 2014. One of the most significant provisions is that citizens may stay on their parents’ health care plans until they reach age 27. This will apply to students and non-students alike, as young adults will not have to prove full-time enrollment in post-secondary school.

Another important reform to health care will no longer allow insurance companies to deny coverage or treatment for patients who have a pre-existing health condition, such as asthma, chronic diseases or mental illnesses.

One downfall of the reform is that health insurance will no longer be a choice. Some Americans willfully choose not to have health care coverage to save money or because they don’t think they need it. Beginning in 2014, those who choose not to be covered will receive federal fines. However, to help all citizens gain proper coverage, the government will be phasing in tax credits for the middle class over the next few years.

Finally, the reform will also affect student loans. The new bill will turn all student loans into federal loans, directly from the government. In essence, banks and private lenders will be eliminated from the student loan program, essentially cutting out the “middle man.” The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this change in the loan process will save $61 billion over 10 years—money that will go toward maintaining the health care overhaul. At least $10 billion will go toward the national deficit.

These are just some of the important facts that college students should know about upcoming changes to health care coverage. Through all the debate and news coverage of various issues, it can be difficult to follow how health care will be different for us in a few years. But at least knowing some of the principal ideas can help us be aware of our rights as citizens to get proper medical attention when we need it and to maintain our health.

Facebook feature: an invasion of privacy?

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Feel like a human GPS? Well you just might if Facebook goes ahead with a proposed plan to publicly reveal your location status on your profile page.

On Friday, March 26, 2010 Facebook Deputy General Counsel Michael Richter blogged about the proposed plan to publicly reveal your location status on your profile page.

“The last time we updated the privacy policy, we included language describing a location feature we might build in the future,” wrote Richter. “At that point we thought the primary use would be to add a location to something you post.”

Richter went on to say Facebook has “removed the old language and, instead added the concept of a “place” that could refer to a page, such as one for a local restaurant.”

This change to Facebook could have serious and damaging effects to those of us who believe in our right to privacy. The right to privacy should not be an option or a privilege but an essential component of human existence.

Participating in Facebook should not mean we have to barter our freedom to communicate on the internet in exchange for public disclosure of privacy information.

For some, it is not a big deal. But imagine the consequences of revealing the location of a 13-year-old who is unknowingly being stalked or the domestic violence survivor staying in an undisclosed location who wants to stay in contact with her friends and family.

Changes in internet technology seem to be permanently linked with privacy issues and beg the question, what has privacy become?

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines privacy as “the quality or state of being apart from company or observation.” If a total stranger observes your Facebook page or if your location is being made public on a daily basis where is the privacy in that?

Does the fact that our profile page contains newsy phrases such as “top news” and “news feed” imply that all Facebook users are public domain? Just because we put ourselves out there in the internet realm, does that mean we are fair game?

Facebook’s increase in target advertisements that hone in on key words on your profile pages appear to play into your interests and parlaying them into ads. Disregarding our right to privacy in favor of making us “fans” of Rapu or Windex, social media seems to be taking on the insidious role of cultural totalitarianism.

Benjamin Franklin was once quoted as saying, “Those who would sacrifice freedom for security deserve neither.”

With less privacy, does mean that our personal choices will become less about expressing ourselves and more about falling within a safety zone of limitations and choices already being made for us?

Richter maintains that the proposed new privacy controls will be tweaked when they become available. “Facebook is primarily about two things: Connecting with the people, places and things that are important to you, and sharing information and content that you post with your friends and others.”

Well I know who my friends are, but who are the “others” Richter mentions?
Monday, April 12
Movie on the Lawn: 21
8pm on the Harborside Lawn. Food and Drinks Provided.

Tuesday, April 13
Frank Deville
Mama Lou Strong Woman
Your girl friend's favorite magician and America's Strong Woman all in one night!
9pm in the Coquina Cafe

Wednesday, April 14
Vanessa Graddick & Reggie Flenory Jr.
Comedy Night featuring the great comedy duo!
9pm - 11pm in Davis 130. Snacks Provided.

Thursday, April 15
Casino Night
Come try your luck at our Casino Night! Free for all students and prizes will be awarded to the top Chip holders of the night.
8pm - 12am in the Campus Activities Center.
"Congratulations," MGMT

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"Congratulations" is not the album I wanted MGMT to make. Their 2007 debut, "Oracular Spectacular," was sugary-sweet melodies, playful blips and bleeps and overall fun feel buried right at home. The album quickly went gold in the U.S., platinum in a few others countries.

"Kids," their third single, was used by the President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, whom MGMT later sued for using without permission. Their fast rise to stardom; their creative will to the wants of the people; their open wallets especially when their open wallets backed by the President of France decides to walk to the podium with your hit single in the background, and you successfully sue him for it you probably made it. Their debut, itself into our brains and made itself gold in the U.S., when you want MGMS to make. Their singles like "Kids," "Time to Pretend," and "Electric Feel." MGMT proved they know how to cram its melodies in your head and keep them there. I wanted more of how to heap the memory bank, their marketing and support of local timekeeping as a cultural and economic asset. www.sunscreenfilmfestival.com

Surely, like many, I wanted another record sprinkled with the catchiness of drug-starved junkie. It is so easy to bend one's way to the podium with your hit single in the background, and you successfully sue him for it you probably made it. Surely, like many, I wanted another record sprinkled with the catchiness of drug-starved junkie. It is so easy to bend one's way to the podium with your hit single in the background, and you successfully sue him for it you probably made it. Surely, like many, I wanted another record sprinkled with the catchiness of drug-starved junkie. It is so easy to bend one's way to the podium with your hit single in the background, and you successfully sue him for it you probably made it.

But, alas, there is no "Kids" on "Congratulations." After coming to terms with that fact, I find it strangely admirable. It is so easy to bend one's way to the podium with your hit single in the background, and you successfully sue him for it you probably made it. Surely, like many, I wanted another record sprinkled with the catchiness of drug-starved junkie. It is so easy to bend one's way to the podium with your hit single in the background, and you successfully sue him for it you probably made it.

The same sentiments can be applied to the rest of the album as well. Each song is a different smattering of homage to many popular American and British musical tendencies from the past. Members Ben Goldwasser and Andrew VanWyngarden's musical arms dig into history with energy and an enticingly eclectic awareness. They call from the sleepy-voiced, organic-heavy pop sensibility of The Doors in the '60s to the hyper color frantics of the B-52's in the '80s to create, in the least one unique album.

This is not to say MGMT has gone through a complete re-invention. Beneath the surface of all these new sounds lies the same creative hunger for simply making good music with lasting style and substance that MGMT so deftly possessed in "Oracular Spectacular." The synthesizer is still prominent, the vocals are still bright and reverb-drenched, the lyrics still vivid and cunningly sardonic. The same ingredients are there; MGMT's just come up with a new recipe and, man, it is delicious.

CALANDER OF EVENTS

April 12 - April 18:

Monday
April 12
USF LGBT Student Connection-USFSP
1 – 2 p.m.
BAY 117
Providing a network that explores, promotes and supports the personal issues related to lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender and the questioning.

Spring Flag: Mode on the Lawn
6 p.m.
Hrabowski Lawn

Tuesday
April 13
"Dear Stress Delete It Right Now!"
6 – 7 p.m.
CAC 233
Join peers to talk about the effect stress can have on your day to day life.

Spring Flag: Front Deuce
9 p.m.
Coquina Café
He's your girlfriend's favorite magician!

Wednesday
April 14
2010 Sunscreen Film Festival:
6 p.m.
Bay Walk
The primary goal of the film festival is to increase awareness and support of local filmmaking as a cultural and economic asset.

Thursday
April 15
Suicide Prevention CPR Training
1 – 2 p.m.
CAC 722
Learn to recognize warning signs, provide support and save a life. RSVP to the Center for Counseling, Health & Wellness 727-873-4422

2010 Sunscreen Film Festival:
6 p.m.
Bay Walk
Celtic Woman - Songs From the Heart
7:30 p.m.
Mahaffey Theatre

Friday
April 16
Music Fest on the Water
1 – 4 p.m.
The Pier

Saturday
April 17
MarineQuest 2010
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bay Walk

Sunday
April 18
We've brought the casino to campus! Complete with our semi-annual Tampa Hotel Em Tournament and your favorite casino games.

The Purrina Incredible Dog Challenge
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Spa Beach Park

Spring Flag: Casino Night
7 – 11 p.m.
CAC

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Monday Night Wine & Music Series
6 – 9 p.m.
Bay Walk

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"Rich Gee Jazz Combo"
7:30 p.m.
Mahaffey Theatre

Photo courtesy of jecoonz.com
The Student Environmental Awareness Society (SEAS) has been working to rally both student and Student Government support of Florida House and Senate bills 505 and 778. These bills are initiatives to "give each respective campus the ability to hold a campus wide referendum to instate a small fee... used for new energy conservation technology and sustainability projects," according to SEAS President Britten Cleveland.

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Another way to make the campus more efficient would be to install LED lighting throughout the campus, cutting energy costs by 50 percent. Cleveland added, "these funds could be used to expand recycling on campus, purchase electricity from renewable energy sources, purchase solar panels to generate our own electricity and install low flow toilets for all bathrooms."

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was allocated $45,315 and required to raise $12,000 in advertising revenue. They received a recommendation for $22,855 for next year. Printing costs were cut by 50 percent and staff salaries will see a decrease of 50 percent as well.

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1. Name the three National League shortstops who
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2. Which school was the last No. 1 seed to win baseball’s
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3. Who holds the Cincinnati Bengals’ record for
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4. When was the last time Penn State’s men’s
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5. How many teams has Pat Quinn led in his 20-year
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7. Who was the last women’s golfer before Ai
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It's time to get Rowdy in Tampa Bay again

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It is kind of like “Back to the Future”: An old sports franchise has been reborn.

The Tampa Bay Rowdies soccer team is back in action in 2010. The old Rowdies club existed from 1975 to 1993. They won the 1975 North American Soccer League championship and captured five division titles, playing their home games at the old Tampa Stadium.

The new Rowdies have some big shoes to fill. The team, officially known as “FC Tampa Bay,” will compete in the USL division of the United States Soccer Federation Division 2 Pro League. In basic terms, they are a minor-league soccer team. The league consists of two six-team divisions. The two division winners, along with the next six best teams, will advance to the playoffs.

The team’s coach is Paul Dalglish, a 33-year-old former MLS player from Scotland. The son of renowned coach Kenny Dalglish, he played 14 seasons professionally before becoming a coach. “I think I was born with a soccer ball at my feet,” he said. “It’s all I was ever interested in. The only two things I care about in my life are soccer and my family.”

“It’s great to be part of a club with tradition because there’s not many clubs in America with tradition,” he said. “Of course with that comes a responsibility and respect. But as much as we respect the past, we must make our own history...this year and in the years to come.”

Dalglish noted the team performed well in the preseason, beating the Philadelphia Union, an MLS team, and tying FC Dallas.

Chad Burt is a midfielder for the Rowdies who most recently played for the Carolina Railhawks and Milwaukee Wave. Burt, 22, is currently the assistant director of coaching for Strictly Soccer Futbol Club in St. Petersburg.

A Northeast High School graduate and St. Petersburg native, Burt started playing soccer at age three.

“I kind of just grew up into it,” he said, adding that his dad has been part of the game for years. His parents rooted for the old Rowdies and he knows several of the former players.

Burt attended the team combine and was given a trial period to prove himself. He was invited back for preseason and subsequently signed a contract. He scored a goal in the game against FC Dallas and is hoping to be a starter. Burt said he sees good things ahead for his team.

“I have pretty high expectations for the season,” he said. “We have some good talent so I’m looking forward to it.”

Burt admitted there are some language barriers among his teammates, but everyone gets along well. He is also thrilled about playing professionally in the place where he grew up.

“It’s unreal,” he said of the local opportunity. “My family and friends are all here. It’s great to get soccer started back in the Tampa Bay area. To be able to keep the tradition alive is a pretty good honor.”

The Rowdies will play a 30-game schedule from mid-April through early October with their home games at Steinbrenner Field in St. Petersburg.

The Rowdies first regular season game is Friday, April 16 at Crystal Palace in Baltimore. Their first home game is Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. against the Austin Aztex.

General admission tickets will cost $12 to $15. For more information, visit fctampabay.com.

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