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Public speaking fears conquered by club

By Sean Estrada
Crow’s Nest Contributor

There is a fear even greater than death.

It’s the fear of public speaking, said Samantha Catterton, vice president of public relations for Bulls Out Loud, a club that seeks to lessen the fear of public speaking.

To help combat this fear, the club focuses on building confidence by helping students organize their thoughts, and increases time management skills and ability to prepare for deadlines, according to Dr. Nina Schmidt, faculty advisor for the club.

“No matter where you go, you are always going to speak in front of people. From the lowest guy on the totem pole to the most well-known president, everybody speaks,” said Catterton.

Bulls Out Loud was formed to operate similar to a chartered Toastmasters affiliate. The meetings feature multiple opportunities to speak to an audience while receiving feedback. Participants gain leadership and communication skills. After obtaining 20 members, the club is expected to become the first Toastmasters charter at USFSP.

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By Hillary Terhune
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Beer and college are practically symbiotic — you can’t have one without the other.

The long-standing relationship reached a new level in November 2013 when 3 Daughters Brewing, a new brewery at 222 22nd St. S in the Midtown area, partnered with USF St. Petersburg to give biology students college credit for brewing beer.

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**Monday, Jan. 5**

Is academic integrity important to you? If you don’t want to get kicked out the university, it better be. Join Student Government and fellow classmates in taking “Olin’s Oath,” a new tradition encouraging students to uphold their academic integrity. At 5 p.m., SG will gather by Olin, the bull statue on the lawn, to unify and pledge to academic integrity this semester and strive for excellence at home, in school, and throughout the community.

Hey you. Yeah, you. You reading The Crow’s Nest. We know you want to write for us. So come out to our first meeting of the semester at 5 p.m in SLC 2400. We don’t care if you’ve written for The New York Times or never even touched a newspaper. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Tuesday, Jan. 6**

If the Orientation Team dazzled you at your orientation, consider becoming a part of the team. Applications are being accepted until this Wednesday, Jan. 7 at noon. If you are interested in becoming an Orientation Leader this summer, attend the info session this Tuesday at 5 p.m. in SLC 2101 and visit usfsp.edu/orientation/apply.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7**

We all know you care about your organization. The best way to spread the word is to promote your organization on Harborwalk at Get on Board Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Wednesday, Jan. 14. But hurry and sign up. Student organizations only have until Wednesday, Jan. 7 to RSVP. Spaces are limited and will operate on a first-request, first-serve basis. Participants will be provided one table and two chairs. Electricity is not available, although accommodations will be made if and where possible.

Hate that economics class? You’re not alone. Students work on foreign accents, said Dr. Leveziel. And phonological awareness.

“I felt like my French students needed more oral practice to improve their pronunciation,” says Dr. Leveziel. It’s common for adult learners to struggle with pronunciation in a foreign language.

Dr. Leveziel conjured the idea after reading a cognitive psychology article titled “Singing can facilitate foreign language learning.” In the study, 60 adults learning the Hungarian language were randomly assigned to one of three “listen-and-repeat” exercises: speaking, rhythmic speaking, and singing. Subjects assigned to singing showed a superior overall performance in Hungarian language tests after a 15-minute learning period, as compared to the other groups. Research by Institute for Neuro-Physiological Psychology suggests singing in another language grants more practice time in pronunciation and in learning and remembering new words. A “listen-and-sing” learning method has been found to facilitate verbatim memory for spoken foreign language phrases. After multiple studies, findings have concluded that there is a connection between pitch awareness and phonological awareness.

“It is really an interesting concept to introduce singing to help students work on foreign accents,” said student Simone DeLoach. “It was a great performance.”

**Students help as hospital volunteers**

By Bryana Saint Urbain

Crow’s Nest Contributor

For the last year and a half, USF St. Petersburg senior Courtney Thompson has been volunteering at All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, working toward her career goal of becoming a pediatrician.

Working through the Pre-Med Pal program, created by the Pre-Med Club at USFSP, Thompson works with children suffering from cystic fibrosis, helping to make their time at the hospital more enjoyable by doing things like playing games with the children, taking walks around the hospital with them, or watching TV with them in their room.

“Volunteering at All Children’s has been the most beneficial experience I’ve had in college,” Thompson said. “Volunteering with kids who are very sick or suffering with terminal illnesses also humbles you a lot.”

Founded in 1926, All Children’s Hospital is a pediatric hospital, home to many innovative children’s health programs, and is known as a pioneer in the realm of pediatric research.

Like many hospitals and medical foundations, All Children’s has several volunteers who contribute from two to six hours of their time each week. Volunteers come from around the Tampa Bay area to spend time at All Children’s Hospital, including students who attend USF’s Tampa and USFSP.

There are currently more than 500 active volunteers at All Children’s Hospital, as well as at nine of their affiliate outpatient centers located around Florida.

Many people believe that volunteering at All Children’s Hospital means that they will be interacting one-on-one with patients and their families. While that is the case for some, others can contribute their time and skills in another way.

“We tell volunteers it doesn’t matter if you’re directly or indirectly working with the patients. You’re helping to meet the mission of the hospital either way,” Ranetta J. Sumner, one of the hospital’s volunteer resources coordinator, said.

Volunteer opportunities include working at the front desk, volunteering in guest services, assisting medical specialists and helping patients with academic work.

Sumner and Brittany Circharo are the volunteer resources coordinators at All Children’s Hospital. They are in charge of interviewing and accepting volunteers for about 40 different departments within the hospital.

One of the first steps to becoming a volunteer is submitting an online application.

“Brittany and I will go through and review those applications and make some phone calls, do some screening, and if we feel like they’re a good fit, we’ll bring them in and interview them and take them through the process,” Sumner said.

The process includes background screenings for adults and older, as well as health screenings looking for history of TB immunization and flu shots.

If the potential volunteer is accepted, they go through general orientation provided by the department where they are assigned. This educates volunteers on how to properly do their job in what, for many, is a new environment.

All Children’s encourages USFSP students to volunteer, especially those who may be looking for a career in the medical field, office jobs, guest services and more.

“We’ve heard back from many people that their volunteering experience actually helped them in making a choice for their future career,” Sumner said.

USFSP students can gain positive learning experience through the volunteer opportunities at All Children’s Hospital. Since patient care is not always an option, various office jobs are offered to develop work skills and experience for college students who may benefit from it the future, while still helping the hospital.

“I think people like being a part of something bigger than themselves. They feel like they’re making a difference and they feel like they’re being accepted into a huge population of people and appreciated,” Circharo said.

To find out more about volunteer opportunities, visit www.give.toallkids.org.
Public speaking club hopes to grow

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Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs, according to Toastmasters.org.

A typical club meeting includes a series of prepared talks by some club members followed by impromptu speeches by several other members. Then, the daily evaluators, fellow club members, provide feedback by highlighting what the speakers did well, in addition to addressing areas of improvement.

Club members reach milestones for delivering themed speeches and performing leadership functions.

“The ultimate goal is to become a distinguished toastmaster, which is earned after giving 50 speeches and accomplishing tasks such as running a meeting or being a facilitator,” said Thomas Skidmore, the club’s president.

Benefits of joining the club include superior communication skills, enhanced networking skills, and a strong resume booster while establishing lasting relationships in a supportive environment, according to Page Harris, vice president of education for the club.

“In my experience, we make the biggest strides in personal growth by stepping out of our comfort zone. While it might seem daunting at first to join something like Bulls Out Loud where you speak in front of people, it is a platform where you can really transform yourself and improve yourself in all areas of life,” said Harris.

The club is open to any student, faculty member or alumni of the university.

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Bulls Out Loud President Thomas Skidmore speaks at a local Toastmasters charter. He hopes that someday Bulls Out Loud will also join Toastmasters.

Librarian writes the history of Pinellas

BY TIERNEY TRAN
Crow’s Nest CONTRIBUTOR

Jim Schnur has been working at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library since his graduate studies. He has also taught history courses at Eckerd College for the past 18 years. But his projects as an established author showcase his fascination with the history of Pinellas County.

Jim Schnur has been a librarian at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library since 2002. This past year he published Memories of St. Petersburg through Time, a history of St. Petersburg. His next book, a history on Seminole, will be coming out sometime in 2015.

Schnur is a native to Pinellas County and a USF alumnus. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history and a dual master’s degree in history and library sciences. This passion for memories inspired him to write. His first book, a photographic history of Largo, was published in 2011. He has also published a book on Pinellas County in 2012 and Madeira Beach in 2013.

He decided that royalties from all of his books should go to his torical organizations. He has been involved with many historical organizations over the years, including serving several terms as president of the Pinellas County Historical Society.

In addition to instructing and writing about history, he is also actively involved in public speaking about the history of the area. He often takes his discussions to the Internet with a popular YouTube channel focused on the creation of Pinellas County.

In his time at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, he has spent his time building the archives. In 2013, Schnur spoke with Dean Carol Hixson about writing Memories of St. Petersburg through Time. He planned to write the book on his own time and use the royalties to fund the digital archive at the library. The digital archive was started there in 2011. He spent weeks going through old photos and digitizing them.

“I believe in the work that we do here in the library and wanted to provide a way to share our city’s history while also raising money to help something that is very important to me,” said Schnur.

Schnur has never made any money from his books. He uses the profits gained by his books to benefit these organizations whose work he believes in. The profits from his upcoming book will all go to the USF Foundation.

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Biology students intern at brewery

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All of these tests are vital to brewing. Interns who assist in these processes learn that biology isn’t just for pre-med students anymore.

“I never considered the science behind beer,” said Weber. “Biology majors are expected to go to med school or become marine biologists.”

Weber is now an employee. She occasionally helps out in the lab, but for the most part she works in the tasting room and gives tours of the lab and brewery.

The lab isn’t the only part in the brewing process. In fact, it’s a tedious task to brew the proper batch. It takes time and effort and cleaning – a lot of cleaning.

“Everybody thinks brewing beer is glamorous,” said Dominick, “but you spend more time doing paperwork and cleaning.”

“It’s a long process, Dominick said. A batch of beer that takes three and a half hours to brew will end up taking eight hours because they’ll spend four and a half to five hours cleaning.

“It can’t be cleaned enough,” he said.

They pay close attention because even the smallest amount of dust can change the flavor of a batch entirely.

The idea for the brewery came from Mike Harting, the owner, and Ty Weaver, the head brewer, Dominick said. Harting once managed Bella Brava, a thriving restaur -ant in downtown St. Petersburg where Weaver was head chef.

Weaver wanted to create his own brews to expand the menu, and when they put the beer on tap they found that the craft brew accounted for about 40 percent of all beer sales.

Weaver and Harting went back and forth on the idea before opening 3 Daughters last December. The brewery celebrated its one-year anniversary with the release of a few new beers and a party on Dec. 12.

Want to know more? The brewery’s website is at 3dbrewing.com

Jim Schnur, a librarian for the university’s special collections at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, has conducted research and published work on cities throughout Pinellas county.

VIEW IT: Check out Jim Schnur’s YouTube videos off this link:

http://dspace.nelson.usf.edu/xmlui/browse?value=Pinellas+by+the+Decades+Series&type=subject

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**Foodies rejoice at gourmet market**

*By Emily Tinti*

Locale Market is not just a place for locals to indulge in freshly prepared gourmet meals, or a destination filled with farm and boat-fresh ingredients. This is a gastronomic experience for all walks of life.

The highly anticipated Locale Market opened on Dec. 17 in the heart of St. Petersburg as a new addition to the freshly renovated Sundial shopping plaza.

Locale is advertised as “a culinary experience created by chefs Michael Mina and Don Pintabona.” Both Pintabona and Mina are nationally praised professional chefs and USF graduates who have shared 23 years of friendship, making their latest collaboration one to commemorate.

The market offers an unmatched variety of consumable greatness and features in comparable forms of shopping and dining. From the profusion of fresh and organic fruits and vegetables, to the abundance of meats and seafood, all the way to the wine and coffee bars, Locale seems to offer everything. And not hinging says variety like two floors and 11 full kitchens focused on different areas of the food spectrum.

Food offered at Locale is an artistic celebration of local and international foods alike. But produce is the main attraction. Dozens of farmers’ markets and health food stores are scattered around St. Pete, running with the demand for fresh fruits and vegetables. But the variety at Locale seems unbeatable.

Seafood and meat are offered in multiple forms: raw, pre-seasoned and ready to be cooked at home or prepared at Locale itself. There are liquid nitrogen ice cream balls, a favorite of Mina’s according to tampabay.com. There is alligator meat, for all of you adventurous or traditional Florida eaters. Keeping it classic? The market is a beautiful haven for pasta and sauce lovers.

Although Locale is the only one of its kind in the Bay Area offering a unique eating experience local foodies are obsessing over, it does seem like it belongs. The restaurant doesn’t seem to compete with other establishments in the surrounding community, but it adds to the celebrated culture of local and organic dining.

“People are so much more aware of the whole restaurant scene, the foodie scene, they’re interested in where their food comes from,” Pintabona told the St. Petersburg Tribune.

Locale will satisfy everybody, from the most passionate of foodies to residents looking for a conveniently prepared gourmet lunch to pick up before work. After the revamping of Sundial’s concentrated complex, Locale Market was just the icing on the fresh, artisanal cake.

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Meats and fish are available raw, seasoned for home preparation, or cooked for customers at the Locale Market.
Review: The Hideaway is a hike, but home to many

By Phil Lavery
Crow's Nest Contributor

If you’re searching for a local watering hole where everyone knows your name, The Hideaway in Clearwater is the place for you. With two pool tables, talkative bartenders, a relaxing atmosphere, and great prices on draft beers, this establishment is one-of-a-kind in what otherwise is a generic, suburban wasteland.

From pool players to the happy hour crowd, the $1 beer Wednesday night crowd, and even the easy going regulars on a quiet Sunday night, one will find their niche. The Hideaway caters to everyone, young and old, with class and their favorite beer glass.

Bartender Adam Orlando, 34 can be seen juggling drinks and patrons’ orders on a Wednesday but his real specialty is the welcoming aura he extends to people and the pub itself, always being open to conversation and receiving customers.

“We like our customer base,” Orlando said. “We’re not looking to imitate a fast and crazy establishment for the sake of money. We want people to feel comfortable and safe, and they do.”

Smokers are welcome to an outdoor bar. The cigar shop next door makes puffing on a fine cigar with a glass of bourbon a common theme outside.

Samantha Spidel, 26, prefers the location for its atmosphere. “I like the comfortable atmosphere and the bartenders are great,” she said. “The Wednesday crowd is really young. When I come here I always end up meeting new people and finding myself engaged in good conversation.”

The Hideaway hires local bands to perform Thursday-Saturday. Although it is loud and hard to hear your buddy next to you, the music is fantastic and, as good music does, they electrify the crowd, bringing a unique vibe to this oasis in suburban Jerico Turnpike, Railway Kings, and Dosage are just a few of the bands that play on a weekly basis.

Aimee Rochdi, 30, of Clearwater is a regular at The Hideaway and a fan of the local music scene. Aimee operates a food truck during the day and quenches his thirst for Stella Artois and an interesting conversation at night.

“The live music is great,” Aimee said. “It’s a good way to check out quality up-and-coming bands or musicians.”

Fans of craft beer will be satisfied with The Hideaway’s stock. They carry 24 craft beers on draft, including Woodchuck, Goose Island IPA, Jai Alai, Magic Hat and many more.

There is no food at The Hideaway except on Wednesday afternoons, when pizza and wings from Anthony’s Fire Oven is brought in during happy hour. The pizza and wings are free to all patrons doesn’t last long.

The Hideaway is open Sunday-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. On Friday and Saturdays they don’t close until 3 a.m.

The pub is located at 2454 McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater.

Rapp Brewing Co. does craft beer right

By Sean LeRoux
Crow’s Nest Contributor

Rapp Brewing Company sits nestled in an industrial-looking area. It’s no secret that the successful wine, meat and sake making, owner and brewmaster Greg Rapp decided to try his hand at brewing beer.

Rapp Brewing Co. is a nano-sized two barrel operation brewery, with 20 in-house brewed beers on tap at all times. The 650 square foot tasting room is spacious enough for the brewery’s smaller customer base, and offers ample seating. A large chalk board wall above the bar lists the 20 beers available at any given time, which are $3 each. Although several beers appear to be fairly regular options, the board tends to change quite frequently. For those interested in trying several different beers, Rights of four, six or nine beers may be ordered as well.

“These Gose is amazing in particular, but they have a great variety of beers, all of which are delicious,” said Zach Mills, a senior at USF St. Petersburg. “It’s a great place to socialize with friends and have a good time without dealing with the downtown bar atmosphere.”

Like most other breweries, Rapp also sells growlers, which are essentially large refillable take-out bottles for those that enjoy their beer enough to take some home. They are one of the smallest breweries in the area, so chances are that a growler will be your only shot at taking any beer home, since you won’t be finding their beers at your local grocery or liquor store.

Overall, Rapp Brewing Co. is a small, quieter alternative to the crazy atmosphere of downtown St. Petersburg bars with a friendly staff and delicious beers. Only a 15 minute drive from campus, Rapp is the home for all that enjoy beer in the Bay Area.

Although Rapp specializes in artisanal ales and lagers, they have a quite impressive variety of beers on tap. Most notable would be the Chocolate Peanut Butter Stout, OMG Strong Ale, and the Gose.

Beers to try:
Rapp’s Chocolate Peanut Butter stout is a thick, rich beer with an alcohol content of about 10 percent. The strong chocolate and peanut butter undertones and overall sweetness make it a dessert-like beer best savored for the last round.

The OMG Strong Ale is quite tough to get your hands on. This is a limited semiannual offering from Rapp, with an alcohol content of at least 20 percent. It drinks more like a port wine than a beer, with strong hints of fig, molasses and fruit.

The Gose (pronounced “go-zuh”) is a traditional German sour brewed with salted water. It is much lighter and lower in alcohol content than their other beers, weighing in at a bit over 5 percent, with a slightly salty bitterness, making it highly drinkable any time of day. Rapp’s Gose is ranked fourth worldwide by RateBeer and first in the state at the 2014 Best Beer Competition in Florida.

Mark your calendar with these major events

By Caitlin Ashworth
Staff Reporter

So the holidays are over, and school is back in session, but that doesn’t mean the fun has to end. Check out these events happening around the Tampa Bay area this spring.

Philly’s: Dali, Dali/Picasso
Now until Feb. 16

Check out two of the most influential artists, right here in your backyard. The Philly’s/Dali/Picasso exhibit at the Dali museum will be going on until Feb. 16. USF St. Petersburg students receive free admission with a student ID.

TheDali.org

WhigFest Music & Arts Festival
Feb. 14

Celebrate freedom, independence, music and art at WhigFest Music and Arts Festival, held every year on President’s Day weekend with an array of independent music and art. WhigFest.com says, “The word Whig” was a widely recognized label of choice for people who identified themselves as Patriots, Rebels and Revolutionaries. “Two stages will play at four stages in and around Jannus Live in downtown St. Petersburg. The visual arts portion of the festival will be on display at Mandarin Hide on Feb. 5 and for the duration of the festival. whigfest.com

Gasparilla Music Festival
March 7-8

Listen to local music as well as a mix of national headliners. Gasparilla Music Festival is a community-funded festival located at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park and Killey Gardens Park in Downtown Tampa. The event will feature New York rapper Funk and bands to pop. Rapp Brewing Company and brewery’s stock.

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March 24-29

Independent films will take on the silver screen this March. The Gasparilla International Film Festival is currently trying to raise $20,000 to re-open Channelside Cinemas for the 2015 GIFF. Last year, GIFF screened films such as Boys of Abu Ghraib, from the producers of Blood Diamond. Vote on your favorite screenings with a ballot of text messaging codes given before and after each screening. gasparilla.mills.com

Firestone Grand Prix
March 27-29

Get ready for the smell of burning rubber. Downtown St. Petersburg streets will be blocked off into a 1.8-mile temporary street course for the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg featuring the 2015 Verizon IndyCar Series. http://www.gpstpete.com/

Tampa Bay Blues Festival
April 10-12

Enjoy “Blues by the Bay” at Vinoy Park. As one of the world’s most preeminent blues concerts and recipient of the Blues Foundation’s 2011 “Keepin’ the Blues Alive” award for Best U.S. Blues Festival, Tampa Bay Blues Festival provides the best of the blues every night until 10 pm. The show will feature Tower of Power, Boz Scaggs and Southern Hospitality. http://tampabaybluesfest.com
Driving us batty

Noisy construction methods used around St. Petersburg inhibit residents’ quality of life, and must be addressed by developers and the city of St. Petersburg.

No, that incessant banging you hear isn’t your migraine—although it may give you one.

That incessant banging is coming from the lot next to the downtown Publix, where DPR Construction is driving pilings for a new 19-story apartment complex and parking garage.

And it’s been going on since April 29, 2014, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

Every weekday morning, the noise starts at 7 a.m. It’s audible from the residence halls at USF St. Petersburg. Residents at the Madison condominiums, located next to the construction site, have even greater problems to deal with.

Residents told the Tampa Bay Times that they’ve had pictures fall off the wall and glass shatter. All due to the pounding.

The businesses around the pilings also must cope with the noise.

The construction site is composed of two “non-active” sinkholes, requiring DPR Construction to drill 200 feet down for more stable ground, the Tampa Bay Times reported in October.

The pile driving was originally supposed to end in October. But the nature of the ground forced DPR to persist in driving beyond that date. The current estimated end date is now Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

As downtown growth continues, it is in the best interest of both developers and the city of St. Petersburg to keep residents happy.

And driving pilings that disrupt the quality of life is not a way to keep people living in downtown St. Petersburg.

The Tampa Bay Times reported in October that the city is considering ways to restrict pile driving in the future. The city allows pile driving from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, but some city council members hope to tighten those hours and explore ways to muzzle the noise.

Developers of Bliss, an upscale condo about to be built near Beach Drive, plan to use quieter methods of pilings. They will drill down, and then fill the holes with concrete, rather than using a hammer to pound the pilings.

Developers should consider methods like this, especially as more and more people move into St. Petersburg. If they don’t, the hammer they are using to drive pilings down will also drive people out of the city.

The noise from the growth of the city could also affect USFSP students. We already hear the piles from the DPR Construction site.

But new condominiums are soon to be built at 2nd Street S and 5th Avenue S, just across the street from Residence Hall One. We can only hope developers will be mindful of our quality of life, and use methods that won’t drive us out.

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Photo of the week

Editorial

The best photo submission will run next week.

Submit a picture with a caption for photo of the week to jnesslar@mail.usf.edu by Friday at 5 p.m.

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Welcome back

Students in Residence Hall One move back in on Jan. 4. Both residence halls reopened at noon.

The Crow’s Nest wishes a happy semester for all new and returning students.

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Throwback:
The first legal divorce in the Colonies

He’s a filthy cheater, Anne Clarke. The Puritans knew it, and that’s why in Jan. 5, 1643, Clarke was granted the first known divorce in the American colonies. The Quarter Court in Boston, Mass. approved the split after Clarke complained that her husband, Denis, committed adultery and had two children out of wedlock.

Sounds a little ‘TMZ, doesn’t it? After Denis Clarke refused to return to his wife and two children from the marriage, the court ruled in favor of Anne. According to the History Channel’s sources, the affidavitt read: “Anne Clarke, being deserted by Denis Clarke her husband, and hee refusing to accompany with hir, she is granted to bee divorced.”
How much would you pay for the universe?

By Caitlin Ashworth
Staff Reporter

Space, the Final Frontier, has driven the human mind to explore and spark creativity of hope, wonder and the future. As long as human consciousness has existed there has been a fascination for discovery. The questions “who, what, where, why, and how?” developed our society and emergency.

There is a constant urge for knowledge with a lack of satisfaction. Even with the knowledge we have today, the questions remain the same.

America stopped dreaming with the 2011 NASA budget cut and retirement of the space shuttle program.

Many people are not aware of NASA’s low budget, less than half a penny on a tax dollar, 0.48 percent. “PennysNasa” promotes a tax increase to one penny on a tax dollar for sufficient NASA funding.

Investment in NASA will inspire dreams and the idea of tomorrow as well as developing new careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

According to PennyNASA’s promotional video, We Stopped Dreaming, NASA was founded during the Cold War after the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, made from an empty casing of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Even though the Sputnik meant “fellow traveler,” it was seen as a threat to our national security. America became the leader in space exploration off the will to compete and succeed while the economy thrived.

With the budget cut and retirement of the space shuttle program, NASA cannot afford to send our astronauts to space causing a reliance on the Russian Roscosmos to access the International Space Station. According to PennyNASA.org, the Roscosmos charge $70 million to seat each U.S. astronaut and carry them to ISS.

No one wants us to fear them. Today we rely on them. What will tomorrow be?

We carry in our pockets, every day, technology that is far more advanced than the technology during the Apollo missions. Even with today’s technology, no accomplishment has surpassed the man on the moon. Imagine what we could accomplish today.

According to Moon Machines: Software for the Apollo Mission, the computers that put man on the moon had the processing power of a basic pocket calculator.

Programs were written by hand and turned into punch cards a computer could read. Memory was a huge problem for NASA computers. They used core rope memory with a computer code that was physically distinct. The ropes were made of rings and wires that were manually woven into the rope.

Astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson, “NASA, as best as I can judge, is a force of nature like none other...A program, which if you advance frontiers, heroes are made. There’s a force operator on the educational pipeline that will stimulate the formation of scientists, engineers, mathematicians and technologies.”

Tyson talks about spin-off technologies in an interview on NPR, one was safe and affordable Lasik surgery. The algorithm used for docking the space shuttle and space station has been said to be used for day to day Lasik surgery. Another NASA spin off is the grooves in the curved exit ramps that improves traction when the road is wet.

“It doesn’t have to be high-tech to be a great idea. Why did it come from NASA? Because someone was more interested in the space shuttle landing and maintaining its cause because it’s not - a spaceship shuttle is not powered when it’s landing. It’s a glider.

And you want that thing to sort of not skip off the runway coming in for a landing. So they came up with this grooved idea, which keeps the tires aligned. It channels out the water. And someone thought it up because they were inspired by NASA, not because they’re inspired by cars on exit ramps from freeways,” says Tyson.

The nation thrives off innovation, invention and exploration. The economy prospered with foundation of NASA.

In the words of Tyson, “How much would you pay for the Universe?”

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Who to hate and who is great

By Andrew Caplan
Staff Columnist

Who doesn’t love the NFL? Playoff? You’ve been trained all year to figure out who the best teams are and to figure out who has the best chance to win the Super Bowl, based strictly off of regular season performance and statistics. And guess what? It doesn’t matter.

The only thing that matters is the play-offs and who performs best in the post-season. Because unlike the regular season, one bad day means you could be packing your bags and heading home after a year of preparation.

It’s the same reason why past teams, such as the Panthers and Falcons can drop off in their first matchup after having stellar seas ons, after clinching a first-round bye week.

The quarterbacks like Tom Brady (Patriots), Peyton Manning (Broncos) and Joe Flacco (Ravens) seem to always win come playoff time and have been the most consistent QBs in the NFL when it comes to crush time. And its why they gain my respect as the NFL’s elite QBs in the AFC.

And through just seven seasons, no quarterback has earned more postseason wins in NFL history than Flacco.

Flacco has four trips to the AFC title game, earning trips to the Super Bowl three times. He is 11-2 in postseason play with 37 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. But the biggest surprise may be Flacco, who some still argue isn’t one of the league’s elite quarterbacks. Flacco has been to three AFC title games and 1-1 in Super Bowls in his seven year career. He is 10-4 in postseason play so far his short career, throwing 21 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Brad has played in seven AFC Championship games and five Super Bowls and is 18-8 all time in the playoffs with 43 touchdowns and 22 interceptions. He probably the best playoff QB ever with respect to Joe Montana.

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All three QBs are still in the hunt for a trip to another AFC championship appearance and maybe even a Super Bowl birth.

But these playoff records and statistics should leave no room for debate as to who the elite QBs in the AFC are, despite what your personal belief is.

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USF Basketball

The men’s team is 6-8 on the year so far and are at the bottom of the AAC standings. The women’s team is 11-3 and are third in the conference, behind Tulane and defending champion UConn.

USFSP Baseball Club

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**Freshman shines in Bulls victory**

By Andrew Caplan

Staff Reporter

With a 58-50 victory over the East Carolina Pirates (7-8), the USF men’s basketball team earned their first conference victory with the help of Freshman Ruben Guerrero.

Matching his career high, the 6-foot-11 center from Spain had a team-high 13 points and seven rebounds for the Bulls.

Guerrero has steadily improved his game since asserting himself into Coach Orlando Antigua’s starting lineup, after recovering from a groin injury.

“My redshirt year helped me out a lot with getting stronger and with experience, just watching how the game goes,” Zeigler said. “I just try to bring in energy and I think that helps me a lot, just crashing the offensive glass, getting on transition and running, and I think that puts a lot of pressure on the defense, so I think that’s gonna help me a lot down the stretch.”

His five defensive rebounds took away the Pirates’ second-chance point opportunities, which proved to be key in a close game. Senior guard Corey Allen Jr. had 12 points against the Pirates, bringing his season total to 229, leading the team. Also, Anthony Collins had seven assists against the Pirates, making him fourth all-time on the career assist list in school history with 492.

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