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News-in-Brief

Alumni Scholarships

The St. Petersburg Junior College Alumni Association, Inc., awards \$300 alumni scholarships for Sessions I and II. The deadline for submitting applications to the Financial Aid Offices for Session I 1985, alumni scholarships is March 15.

Interested students should contact their campus Financial Aid Offices for application forms.

Test Anxiety Workshops

Text Anxiety Workshops will be held Feb. 13 and 20 in SA 225 on the St. Petersburg Campus. The sessions will be from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. R. Fernandez.

Tax Return Problems?

A free service is offered to the staff of SPJC. If you need assistance in preparing your tax return, contact Bill Ardoff at 341-4634.

Brain Bowl

Brain Bowl competitors will be traveling to Florida College in Temple Terrace Feb. 15. SPJC's Brain Bowl teams have a history of excellent performance in the inter-collegiate contest. Winners of the Brain Bowl competition will win scholarships in addition to cash prizes. Julie Nieves, one of the Brain Bowl advisors, said that the four representatives have not been chosen yet.

Employment Awareness

There will be an Employment Awareness Day at the St. Petersburg Campus cafeteria April 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. SPJC permits employers to advertise and recruit for immediate and future employment needs. Facilities will be provided to interview potential employees following the event from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans Job Training

The Veterans Administration announced recently that the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act has been extended and that eligible Korea and Vietnam era veterans have until Feb. 28th to make initial application for placement under the program.

Corrections

From *The Wooden Horse* Dec. 4th issue: Gloria East and Willie Felton from Phi Theta Kappa were named the most outstanding sponsors in the state. Steve Meier from SPJC's Eta Nu chapter was given honorable mention.

From Jan. 29th issue: Elzo Atwater and Susan Patterson's names were incorrectly spelled in the list of Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

The phone number of *The Wooden Horse* was incorrect. The number is 341-3676.

From Jan. 29th issue: Kevin "Kaz" McCue's name was left out of the list of Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

Facilities changed because of student report

By Sharon Kennedy
Wooden Horse Editor-in-Chief

Handicapped facilities at St. Petersburg Junior College's St. Petersburg campus will be upgraded in accordance with a report submitted by a SPJC student.

John McDowell, a member of the Student Services Board (SSB) and chairman of the SSB's Handicap Committee, conducted a survey last fall of the handicapped facilities on the St. Petersburg campus. Touring the campus in his wheelchair, McDowell surveyed door-pulls, lavatories, parking lots, water fountains, etc. for levels of difficulty.

"Most of the problems," said McDowell, "were due to the fact that the college was built by able-bodied people," who do not realize the barriers to the blind and physically handicapped. A bathroom which was mentioned in McDowell's report had a

second inner door which made the facility inaccessible to a handicapped person.

"Every recommendation that was on the handicap committee survey was verbally promised," said McDowell, in a meeting held Jan. 29. It was then that McDowell met with Dean Myrtle Williams (SP), Susan Reiter, Facility Planning Manager, and Lee Cooning, Physical Planning Manager, to discuss implementing McDowell's suggestions.

Williams, who McDowell credits as the driving force behind the success of the Handicap Committee Report, commented, "(McDowell) did an excellent job. He didn't make any pie-in-the-sky requests but only asked for what he felt was essential."

Those recommendations approved were:

- Ramps — more wheelchair ramps will be installed, including the

gymnasium which currently has no wheelchair ramps.

- Door-pulls — doors that are on ground floors would be interchanged with those on the upstairs floors that are easier to open.

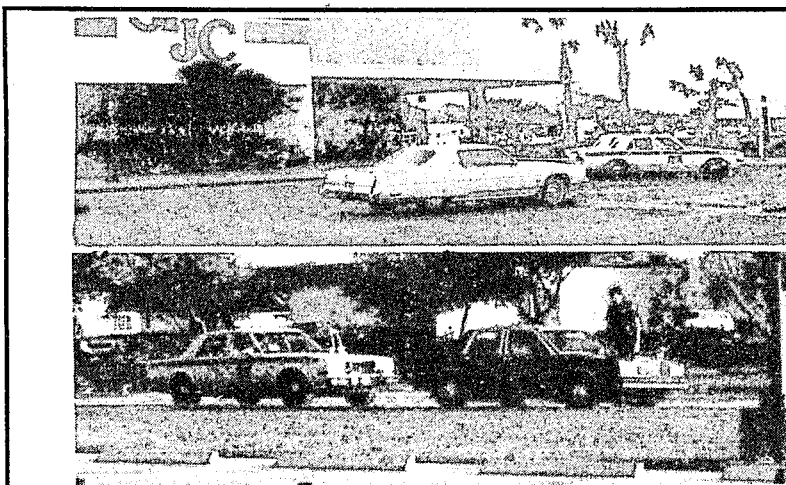
- Parking — additional handicapped parking will be relocated.

- Elevators — signs will be posted suggesting that elevators only be used by handicapped individuals.

- Handrails — the handrails in the cafeteria do not permit wheelchair access. They will be removed.

- Bathrooms — facility planners promised to do their best to make more of the campus bathrooms handicap-accessible but admitted that they might be limited because of plumbing.

According to Williams there are already tentative plans and building schedules that will begin as soon as possible.



Motorists beware!

Alerted by an SPJC security guard, Pinellas County police ticket motorists who feel that the SPJC Health Facility parking lot is the perfect short cut.

Wooden Horse-Gene Page

Students can Board Ship for Education

By Trish L. Cole
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

For those of you who have ever dreamed of traveling the world, sailing along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, discovering the remains of civilizations that have long since faded into the mysterious history of Egypt, or strolling along the many harbors of Hong Kong, the Institute for Shipboard Education has given students the opportunity to turn this dream into reality and earn college credit at the same time.

Twice a year the S.S. Universe, an 18,000 ton ocean liner, leaves Ft. Lauderdale, FL with 450 college students about to embark on a 100-day voyage around the world. Their travels will take them to eight ports of call which include Spain, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan.

The program is called "Semester at Sea" and is sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh in accordance with the Institute for Shipboard Education. The program was founded as early as 1971 by Mr. C.Y. Tung, a magnate of the shipping industry in Hong Kong, whose interest in international education led him to providing the ship for that particular purpose. Although Mr. Tung died in 1982, his family continues their support of the institute whose objective is to enable students

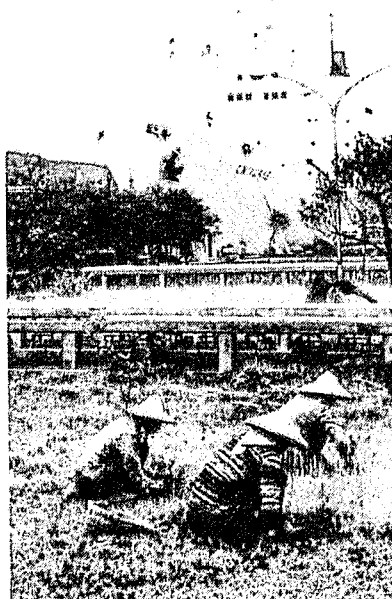
through first hand observation, to study international cultures and word affairs and by comparing them to their own, gain a clearer perspective of the world around them.

Any student who has completed at least one term at an accredited university or college and is in good academic standing, is eligible for admission. Those students accepted are required to take a minimum of 12 credit hours and a maximum of 15. Courses are offered in many areas of study including Anthropology, Business, Communications, Music, Political Science, and Theater Arts just to name a few. All courses meet the normally accepted standards for transferability.

The ship itself is complete with classrooms, a theater, a 12,000 volume library, bookstore, dining room, hospital, and sports facilities including a weight room and swimming pool.

The cost is approximately \$9,000 which includes room and board, tuition, passage fare, academic in-country programs, health insurance and student fees. Scholarships, grants, and student loans are available to those who qualify.

Applications are still being accepted for the fall semester. For more information or application write: Semester at Sea, Institute for Shipboard Education, 2E Forbes Quadrangle, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Or call toll free 1-800-854-0195.



The S.S. Universe pulls into one of its many ports.

We need Lobbyists

Florida junior college students have yet to realize their political power. There is currently an organization called the Florida Junior College Student Government Association (FJCSGA) which represents over 750,000 students.

FJCSGA recently agreed to an association collaboration with other student organizations that would collectively be a lobbying voice of 1.8 million students.

We feel an excellent way to use this lobbying power would be for SPJC's Student Government (SGA) and Student Services Board (SSB), which are members of FJCSGA, to present a proposal to FJCSGA at the upcoming spring conference on behalf of their fellow junior college students. This proposal would request the FJCSGA

Executive Board, who are also junior college students, to act as lobbyists and educate the Florida Legislature on the CLAST test.

Lobbyists could bring copies of the CLAST test, especially the logic section, and ask legislators to take the test.

Should a significant number of legislators fail, FJCSGA would have a powerful bargaining chip toward changing CLAST test difficulty and cut-off score levels.

It is conceivable that some legislators never even read the CLAST test legislation. There have been many cases in the past where just such negligence occurred.

We hope that SGA and SSB do not take this suggestion lightly. CLAST legislation should and could be changed.

'Dog Beach' an unfortunate loss

By Nina Mattei
Clearwater Campus News Editor

Just over a year ago, if you were a dog owner there was a beach you could take your pet to for exercise, relaxation or just to be with other dogs. But, when 500 acre Honeymoon Island was purchased by the state for \$30 million to save it from real estate development it became a state park. At state parks dogs are not allowed. Consequently, Honeymoon Island no longer allows dogs.

Honeymoon Island has been called "Dog Beach" for several years. It has been one of the last places in this area

and the last in the state of Florida where a dog owner could take his pet to the beach with him. The portion of Honeymoon Island known as "Dog beach" is about three acres in its entirety. It is not a tourist type beach; a 100 yard walk through low brush is necessary to reach the beach which is rocky.

But residents in the vicinity of Honeymoon Island do not want dogs anywhere near the beaches and the park's regulations prohibit them. The beaches have slowly slipped away from residents.

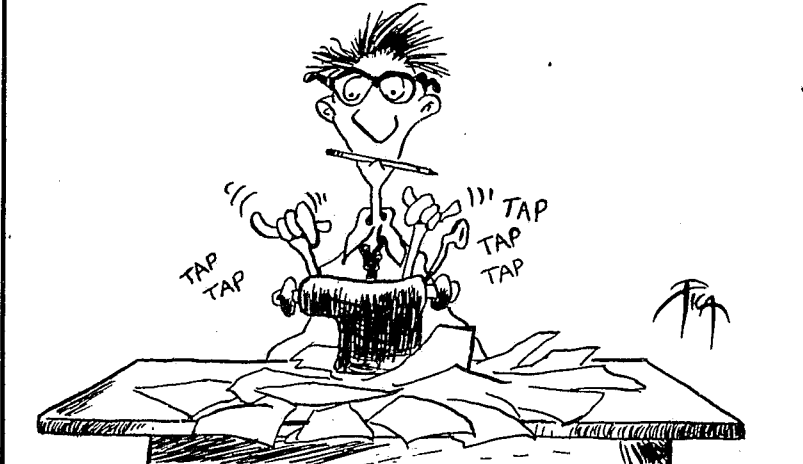
When the state bought the island it did not offer any response concerning

Pica's Perspective

...So, in accordance with the "Gordon Rule,"
I hope you will acknowledge and print my
2,000-word letter to the editor.

Norman Zelsneck
Clearwater Campus

P.S. Please, don't think I'm a twisted goon.
I'm short 2,000 words and you're my last resort!



the purchase or intent for the land. Residents and beachgoers were left in the dark. But a task force was formed to save dog beach and has been working on persuading leaders to reverse the decision about dogs on the beach.

The task force invited Florida Secretary of State George Firestone to visit dog beach which he did. Firestone was surprised at the amount of time and argument spent on such a small parcel of land. He saw no reason to allow the beach to be open to dogs.

Some people say dogs are dangerous or annoying. Dogs are only dangerous when they are trained to attack or not properly trained. If there was a designated area for animals at the beach, the annoyance would not exist. Those who do not wish to be around dogs have only to avoid the area.

People who have never been around dogs are afraid and act defensively. If you have never had a dog for a pet, you probably will not know how to act towards a dog, and will be afraid.

Animals as well as humans need exercise. A place for recreation and beach going is a major pastime of Florida residents. Yet, there is nowhere to take a dog for an outing. If dog owners live in condos or apartments they have no yard to allow their dogs to exercise. And city parks are closed to animals also. People who go to the beach regularly and cannot or do not wish to leave their dogs home have no alternative site. They enjoy spending time with their pet as much as they do with their friends or family. But now space to romp is extremely limited.

Letters to the Editor

Wooden Horse praised

EDITOR:

I would like to thank the *Wooden Horse* for coming out with the finest edition I have ever seen in my two years at J.C. Thank you for presenting a balanced argument through point-counterpoint. In the past the paper has been tilted so far to one side that reading became quite predictable. By presenting both sides of the issue, you have left the decision up to the reader, a tremendous breakthrough!

I also appreciate the element of controversy. For so long the paper has pertained to only in-school (and at times quite boring) subjects. It is refreshing to see students expressing their views on important national and world-wide issues.

Thank you, Editor Sharon Kennedy, for opening constructive communications with the Student Governments on all campuses. This is an essential key to student involvement at SPJC.

Thank you, cartoonist Steve Pica, for "Pica's Perspective" Your cartoon, right or wrong, has provided the catalyst for the art of human thinking and debate. Readers must realize that a political cartoon is not solely for humor, but

also for thought provocations. You have demonstrated this quite eloquently.

Therefore I say thank you *Wooden Horse* for a readable interesting paper and congratulations on a job well done!

David McKalip
Clearwater Campus

Abortion cartoon

EDITOR:

Last Tuesday morning as I looked over the front page of the *Wooden Horse* I couldn't help but think of what an improvement the paper has had in just one semester, and here it is again another semester and the paper looks even better. Well, I took the paper to my desk and began to read it. The front page was full of news. I even called two numbers given in a couple of articles for information and an appointment. So far, so good, what a paper! Then I turned the page and there was Pica's Perspective. Steve Pica has been quite creative in the past. Well, to my consternation it was on abortion, a very touchy subject for many. How did this creative person handle it? Well, with the finesse of a repugnant, inconsiderate, aborigine. It probably never crossed his mind that some females on campus may have had abortions for perfectly

legitimate medical reasons. (This is the failure in the thinking of many pro-life groups.)

Pica obviously has abused his position on the paper to present his prejudicial, negative feelings on the subject. It seemed that he intended to hurt the feelings of those in favor of abortion. This is not responsible journalism or proper editorial managing. Surely, if I had written this article with foul, abusive language it would not have been printed. What Pica has done is use foul, abusive imagery with the help of medical terms and he has gotten away with it. For shame, Sharon, for shame. The damage has been done. Sharon Kennedy, the editor in chief, failed to see this, along with Jim Whitaker, the faculty advisor for the *Wooden Horse*. This is a college newspaper, and we are all adults (average on campus is 29). However, this type of vulgar perspective we can do without. Steve, continue to be creative, but keep your vulgarity on the cutting room floor.

Respectfully,
Joseph Borries, Jr.

EDITOR:

Why do people get upset or roused up when they see a cartoon such as the

one you published? The reason is, it hits home.

Over 15 million babies have been murdered in this country legally since Roe vs. Wade. Those that are performing the abortions as well as those receiving them are starting to see that they are killing live human beings!

America has become so selfish as a nation it is incredible. If a lady gets pregnant and doesn't want the child, why should she be as selfish as to murder him or her? The reason is, she doesn't want to complicate her life for nine months. That child could be delivered and adopted by one of the one million plus couples that are waiting for just such a child. What is nine months of care and attention in exchange for the life of a human being that will probably live to be 70 years old or more?

Whatever happened to humanity, love, compassion and care? We are allowing children to be butchered by the millions in the most horrible ways and we just sit back because we don't care or don't want to be bothered. We are not allowing lumps of mindless flesh to be destroyed. We are allowing children to be slaughtered.

Jan Broucinek
St. Pete Campus

The Care and Feeding of Your Yuppie



Editor's Column

Sharon Kennedy

Ronald Reagan had a wonderful Christmas present under his tree this year: a huge litter of yuppies. Reagan adored his collection of yuppies.

He knew how much they admired him and how many of them had voted for him. He was a good role model for the yuppies. Friendly, a capable leader and concerned about their money. Their money! He knew how much they cared about their money.

For a yuppie without money is (God forbid) a yuppie.

Journalists love the term yuppie. I have to admit, I love to use it too. The term is a throw-back to the late '60s and early '70s term yuppie (Youth International Party) and hippie (Anyone with longer hair than his mother).

The Young Urban Professional, or yuppie, is a label given to the most conservative young generation in 20 years.

Marie Winn, in her book *Children Without Childhood*, describes the current yuppie trend as a result of the "Television generation." This is the

generation that was the first to grow up on television.

WINN CONCLUDED that with the advent of mass media childhood was no longer considered a time for idealistic myths and fairy tales to be encouraged. Children were no longer protected from the harsh realities of life in a warm cocoon called Childhood.

Instead children were, and still are, presented by the media as miniature adults who must learn early that the world really isn't so nice.

The result is a generation of young people who are neither as idealistic as of the Sixties nor as politically active.

Abbie Hoffman, in a recent interview printed last year in the *St. Petersburg Times*, said that college students today have "designer brains."

Maybe so. For in 1984, according to *Parade* magazine, money replaced sex as the nation's number one passion.

After all, wouldn't anyone rather model himself after Blake Carrington than on of those grimy police officers on *Hill Street Blues*?

Number one on the yuppie list of "Things to Do" is survival. There's nothing wrong with that but individual survival has replaced mass concern in this society.

AS A NATION, we poured out our hearts and our money to those starving



SPJC students in 1971 are shown here picketing the St. Petersburg police department.

in Ethiopia. Yet, as a cashier in a grocery store, I constantly see people cast disgusted looks at those who pay with food stamps. Then when the person paying with food stamps walks away, 90 percent of the time the person waiting in line behind him will say, "Did you see that? He bought a steak with food stamps. I wish I could afford such luxuries."

Aren't poor people allowed to eat?

Maybe we feel like we're making a return to realism and are trying to disassociate ourselves with the idealism and social unrest of the late '60s and early '70s.

Unfortunately the media produces larger-than-life heroes like Magnum P.I. and Mr. T who do very little to raise our social consciences. The media doesn't produce heroes like Martin Luther King, society does.

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Equal Employment at SPJC

SPJC policy challenged

By Crystal V. Lilly
Wooden Horse Features Editor

In February 1981, a former staff member of St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) filed suit against the college administration alleging that the college denied him a full time position because of his race, which is white.

Ed Palmer, the plaintiff in the suit says he was hired in 1978 as a music director at SPJC, but only on a temporary basis.

Before he was hired, Palmer participated in a search-and-screen test which examines applicants, qualifications and recommends the best four qualified for an instructional position in the college.

In 1978, Palmer was selected as the most qualified person for the musical director position. According to the college president, Carl Kuttler, Palmer was offered a nine-month temporary job because the first search and screening test did not meet SPJC policy.

It is SPJC policy that if a qualified black was not among the four recommended for an instructional position, then the job would be offered only on a nine month temporary basis. Palmer accepted the contract and was offered a chance to reapply the following year.

"Spaulding was offered a full-time position at the college because he was qualified not because he was black."

-Dr. Carl Kuttler

In the second screening, of the four qualified for the music director position, three of the persons were black and the other, white. Palmer was the minority in the second screening. Although Palmer was previously employed, there was yet another person considered even more qualified than he.

Ira Spaulding considered the best candidate out of the four persons recommended by the search-and-screening committee. "Spaulding was offered a full time position at the college because he was qualified not because he was black", says Kuttler. Kuttler says the school was not under pressure to hire minorities but a court order mandated that community colleges begin increasing percentage of black employees and other minorities to 10%. Today that percentage figure has increased to 12.

Because of affirmative action, minorities are now given an equal opportunity to qualify for jobs. St. Petersburg Junior College is one example. There are many programs being implemented in the college to help minorities enhance their learning ability and cut through the bureaucracy. Project Success is one example. It was designed to help students who did not meet testing standards.

Although St. Petersburg Junior College is steadily improving its affirmative action plan, Ed Palmer feels differently. Palmer was recently denied a petition for a re-hearing for an appeal for his discrimination suit.



Affirmative Action in history

By Anne Preisach
Wooden Horse Managing Editor

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson coined the term, "Affirmative Action," which has since been technically defined as "taking steps to insure that past practices of racial discrimination have no future discriminatory effects," states *Counting by Race*, by Terry Eastland and William J. Bennett.

The earliest legal requirement for an Affirmative Action program dates back to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race or sex by private and public employers.

Affirmative Action is enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Council (EEOC) in cooperation with the Departments of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, Justice, and the federal courts.

People have differing concepts of what affirmative action really is. Some people think it is a vehicle for making equal opportunity concrete. Some, that it is reverse discrimination. Some people think it is partial compensation for past wrongs and some even think it is merely a way to replace competent whites with incompetent blacks. In reality, Affirmative Action is much more complicated than these differing labels can express.

"The general principle behind Affirmative Action is that a court order to 'cease and desist' from some harmful activity may not be sufficient to undo the harm already done or even to prevent additional harm," said Dr. Thomas Sowell in his book *Affirmative Action Reconsidered*.

Simply an order to 'cease and desist' will not work, for instance, in a situation which has resulted in an all white working force. If they continue a policy of hiring employees' friends and relatives, the discrimination will continue

even though their hiring policies aren't overtly discriminatory.

And even if this company were to start hiring blacks, past discrimination will continue if promotions are given on a seniority basis.

The basic theory behind Affirmative Action is that in order to effectively transcend the effects of discrimination positive steps must be taken. This general principle goes back much further than the Civil Rights legislation of the '60s.

The idea behind the "pendulum theory," is to set goals and timetables in areas where blacks and women have been "underutilized." "Underutilization" is defined as having fewer numbers than can be reasonably expected from their availability.

Government and business are trying to compensate minorities for past wrongs with preferential treatment in the hopes that eventually it will balance out.

People in opposition to affirmative action question whether this preferential treatment is in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

They also question whether past discrimination is really the cause of deficiencies in current individuals' capabilities.

In general, the courts have rejected the idea that a person should be hired simply because he was a victim of past discrimination.

There has been pervasive discrimination in the area of education. The courts have provided detailed requirements for educational institutions. Failure to comply could result in the organization's contract being revoked. According to Alan H. Goldman of Princeton, in *Justice and Reverse Discrimination*, this has

never happened due to an honest effort by universities to comply, and poor enforcement.

The first national study of the salaries of black professors occurred in 1974. Affirmative action had been in effect nine years before an attempt was made to define the problem in education.

This study was done by Professor Kent G. Mommenson of the University of Utah. He found that, on an average, black PhDs were being paid \$62 less a year than whites. Mommenson also found that at this time less than one percent of the doctorates were earned by blacks and less the two percent of the graduate students were black despite special minority programs.

Many differences are still evident:

A smaller percentage of the black faculty have PhDs.

The distribution of black faculty tends toward the lower paying fields, for instance approximately 58 percent major in education or the social sciences.

The majority of black educators are located in the south, which is, on the average, a lower paying area.

Most black PhDs get their degrees later.

Most black professors publish less than their white counterparts do and being published is generally a prime consideration in promotions and salary increases.

Some progress has been made but there is still a long way to go. As Goldman said, "Ultimate goals generally aim at equivalence between percentages of minorities in specific areas and percentages in the pool on average candidates. Affirmative Action's purpose seems therefore to increase the percentages although the overall stated goal... is equal opportunity or non-discrimination."

How far have we come?

1979

8.3% Black faculty and staff at SPJC



91.7% White faculty and staff at SPJC

1984

10.1% Black faculty and staff at SPJC



89.9% White faculty and staff at SPJC

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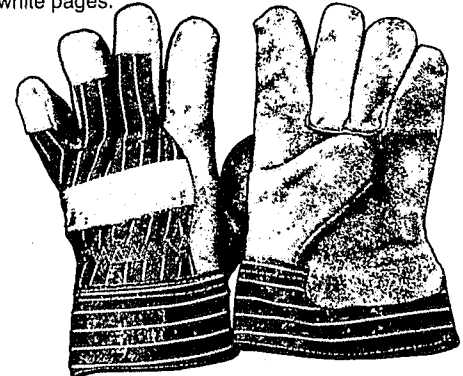
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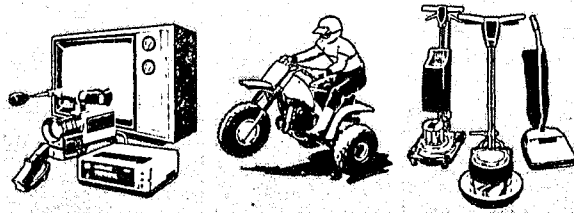
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Photo Tips

By Ron Saar
Wooden Horse Photo Editor

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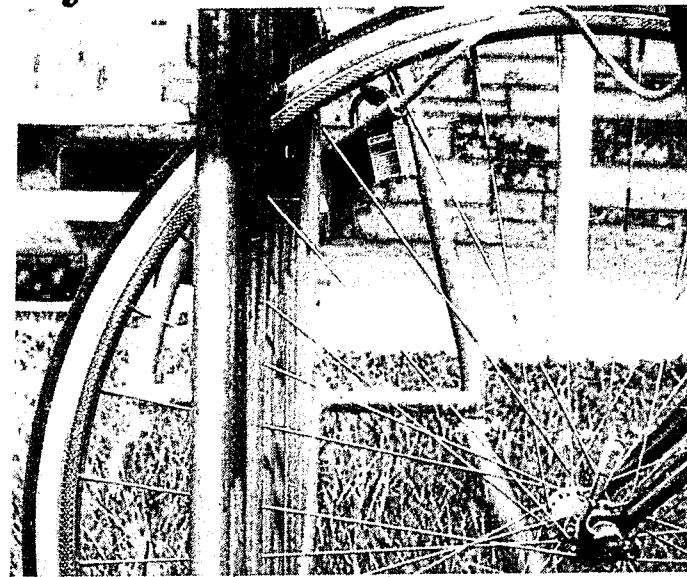
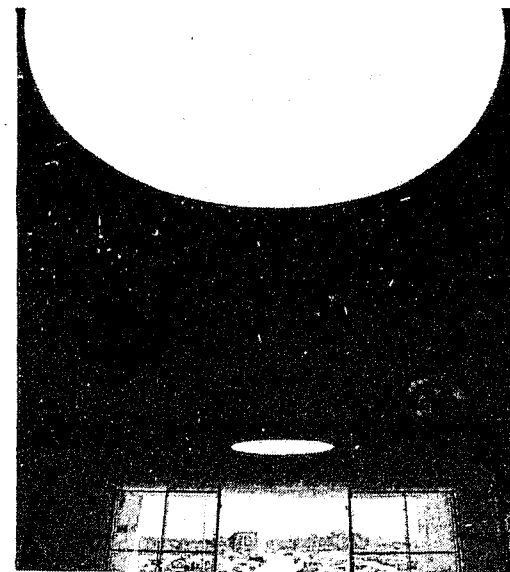
Start out with a camera in the \$95 to \$150 range. You will be able to find anything from a fully automatic camera, in which the focus, shutter speed and f/stop are set by a micro-computer inside the camera, to a multiprogrammable camera that will have such features as total manual operation, aperture priority and shutter priority control. Used cameras, like cars, can be a good deal, but exercise caution in purchasing a used model, because the previous owner could've had a very good reason for selling it in the first place.

Any of these cameras can be found at your nearest camera shop, department store or better yet, visit your favorite bookstore and buy the current issue of either *Popular Photography* or *Modern Photography*. Check the classified section at the back of the magazine and in there you will find a variety of dealers who offer the same equipment found in area stores at prices that are 30 to 40 percent lower than local dealers. Many offer toll-free telephone numbers so you can call to place an order or obtain specific information. Many of these companies are based in New York City, but don't be afraid to order through these companies, as the magazines act as a "Good Housekeeping" seal in the world of mail order photographic equipment marketing. Purchases can be paid for by certified check, money order or major credit cards. C.O.D. is available, but it is highly recommended that you do not follow this avenue because a delivery date is difficult to establish, U.P.S. usually stops by your house when you're not home, and it takes considerably longer to receive C.O.D. merchandise than items already paid for.

If you're just starting out, but have a few years of experience on instantatics, an Olympus A.F.L. could be the camera to start out on. Retailing out of New York City for only \$99, this camera does everything for you. All that is required of you is to aim and fire. If you'd like to get a little more use out of your camera and learn the tricks of the trade, Ricoh of Japan makes a model called the KR-10 that sells for \$125. A multiprogrammable camera, it lets you do some of the thinking and also opens the way to creativity and special effects.

There are many different brands and types of cameras available to the public today, so shop around and find the one that you feel most comfortable with. Comfort is a key word, because if you have problems operating your camera, chances are it'll end up in the closet collecting dust. An afternoon spent visiting camera shops should give you an idea of what you're looking for, and please remember - you can get your camera safely and more cheaply by mail order through either photography magazines.

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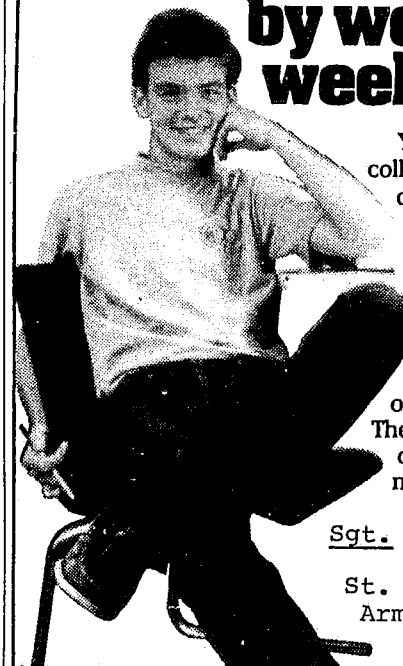


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Grade problems hound team



Sports Column

Ron Saar

Things could be better. St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) Athletic Director and Basketball Coach George McCrossin must be saying that to himself these days. After a rather successful first half of the season, a variety of problems have plagued the Trojans during the all important second half of the year. Losing five

players, two of them starters, along with assorted injuries to key personnel, and the non-playing transfer of Al Johnson all have contributed to the troubles the team has had to endure since Christmas break.

The Trojans still sport an overall winning record of 11 - 8, but the more important intra-conference record has slipped to the depths of 3 - 5 as of February 4th. These intra-conference games are the deciding factor of who gets the chance to participate in post season play.

With four games remaining before the play-offs begin, the outlook is bleak. Should the Trojans win the next four games a record of 7 - 5 wouldn't exactly deserve an invitation to the play-offs.

Fine individual performances have been turned in by members of the team, yet the Trojans haven't been able to overcome the complications that have faced them. Joel Canfall still leads the team in total scoring - 377 points, and game average 20.9. Byron Mack has the best shooting percentage from the field, 63%, while

averaging 17.8 points per game. Matt Kilgroe, who has competed in all 19 games, leads the team in rebounding with 206, which works out to 10.8 a game.

Alan Sowada has taken over the play-making lead with 100 assists to his credit along with the fact that he's the best free throw shooter the team has. Shooting 28 for 35 from the line for a fifty 80% completion rate, there are few pro ball players who can boast such ability. Total team scoring is still in the Trojan's favor, outdistancing their opponents by the average score of 76.2 - 71.9.

The loses of starting center Cameron Wallace, starting point guard Darryl Miley, Wallace, Davis and Gardner. Carr suffered through two incompletes and therefore, became ineligible himself. Johnson, who transferred from Eckerd College could not play due to academic problems concurred while at Eckerd. His addition would have given the team much needed height at the center position.

McCrossin has added two players, Mike Bell and Terry Sowada, so the team can practice effectively and in case of starters fouling out of games, be able to floor five players.

In on the court. The ankle injury suffered by Canfall and the hospital stay of Mack with stomach cramps put a damper on the Trojans expectations for two games.

With the season coming to a close, McCrossin has started planning for next year. Sending letters to high school prospects including Darryl Mack's brother Jeff from Largo, David Farmer of Boca Ciega, and Tim Tillery from Clearwater High have raised the hopes of McCrossin. "We were as good as any team in the state in some time", stated McCrossin, but "the ineligibilities and injuries really hurt us."

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PHI THETA KAPPA (CLW) is sponsoring a magic show with the Society of American Magicians, Assembly #82. The show will be held on Friday, February 22 at 8:30 p.m. in the FA auditorium. Donations of \$3 will go to MDA and the Special Olympics. Help support their effort.

PHI THETA KAPPA (SP) will be selling the "World's Finest Chocolate" as a fund raiser. All support will be greatly appreciated.

An anti-crime outreach club is being formed. Members are needed. For more information call: Polly St. Raphael, 823-7215.

ROADRUNNERS TRACK & FIELD CLUB (SP). Practices are held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Gym. New members are always welcome.

TAU ALPHA PI (SP). Honorary Society, Sigma Gamma Chapter, needs new members who share a common interest in engineering, engineering technology and any of its related fields. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in TE 128. Eligible candidates must have a 3.8 GPA and completed two semesters. For more information contact Brad Jenkins in TE 125.

UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR (SP) is a new club that meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in AD 118. For more information contact Sheila or LaVerne in Counseling.

VALENTINES PARTY will be held on February 15, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1251 San Christopher St., Clearwater). There will be no charge for currently enrolled students of any facility of St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC). Contests will be held for Mr. Cupid, Miss Cupid and Mr. and Miss Cupid (entrants must be students) and there will also be a spotlight dance for one minute. Events will be held around 11:30 p.m. Gifts will be given to everyone attending. Dress is semi-formal. Sound Entertainment will host the dance and will play songs selected by students. Anyone interested in submitting a list of songs should do so a week before the dance. This event will be sponsored by the Student Government Association (CLW).

All club news, information and special notes should be sent or called in to The Wooden Horse by Monday at noon, eight days before publication.

A Home for Animals at SPJC



Would you adopt this face?

By Michele Shamro
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

Over the centuries animals have been a great source of love. Their importance in our culture has become so great that veterinarians and groomers careers depend upon this culture's love for animals.

The animals at the St. Petersburg Jr. College Veterinary Technological Center also depend on this aspect in society to find a loving home.

Dr. Hancock, director of the program, said that the center has been accepting animals "as long as there has been a program."

Elaine Strang, instructor of animal technology, stated that they have taken stray animals, those that are no longer useful

to the owner and those whose owners are no longer able to care for them.

The program is "more than happy to have people adopt animals here," said Strang, and the only requirement for adoption is that the new owner must sign a form for guardianship, because the animals are no longer treated at the center after adoption.

The center only has spots for about 30 cats and 25 dogs, so occasionally it must turn down some pets. Although the center accepts nearly any type of pet.

An animal must work well with people, not be too old and dogs must be small unless they are greyhounds, to be accepted stated Jennifer Reeder, a student at the veterinary technological center.

According to Reeder and Strang the animals receive a complete examination, are neutered or spayed and receive a series of tests including heartworm treatments, fecal tests (for parasites), are de-wormed routinely and vaccinated. Strang stated that each animal is also placed on a special diet.

She continued that greyhounds have a larger percentage of red blood cells and are leaner, therefore they are perfect donors. When an animal has been accepted, it is kept until it adopted, indefinitely, if necessary.

When an animal has been accepted into the program, it goes into isolation from a week or two weeks to be tested for diseases and to help the animal get settled before lab work, said Reeder.

Strang stated that every student must adopt an animal, without a choice of what animal and is responsible for its welfare, which includes keeping a record of its health, vaccinations and bathing. The animals are kept in the center, said Strang, and the students routinely rotate the guardianship.

There are dogs, cats, mice, rats, hamsters, and rabbits all healthy and active at the center. The students usually find them homes, especially the puppies, according to Strang, but many still wait for homes.

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