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Deaf students have less to choose from

By IVONNE COURET

Deaf students have found that lack of communication and interpretation can be a problem. St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) has been noted for its achievements both in academics and special programs to help meet the students' needs.

According to the Dean of Student According to the Dean of Student Services, Eugene Bittner, and newly appointmented Coordinator of the Deaf Program, Dee Risley (in an interview in Session I), SPJC is one of four junior colleges in the nation that has such a specific program for deaf students.

In the program, one of the issues deaf students have brought out is the fact that they have little say on what classes they can take. According to Bittner and Risley, remedial work is often needed in reading, mathematics, and English during the first year. "To a deaf student," says Risely, "English

Remedial work is decided when a student takes his placement test. Depending on how a student does on the test, will determine what classes he can take or has to take in order to afterward continue his course of study. "They (the deaf students) have had a sheltered academic background," said

The suggested program at SPJC for deaf students is only leading to an associate in science degree in general business with computer science. There is no barrier to stop students in achieving an associate of arts degree except that of limited interpreters. This then enables fewer students to receive anything other than the present programmed degree (an A.S. in computer science leading to general

business). business).

Bittner said, "That most of them (the students' in the program) are working toward an A.S." "With class schedule," said Risley, "we try to block together as many deaf students as we can with an interpretor." There are approximately 65 students in the approximately 65 students in the program and four certified interpreters. "With this large amount of students and four interpreters, the program is very complicated," said Risley. "Most of them (the students) can't fit together in the classes and have to wait until next semester to take a course." "Sometimes," says Risely, "we can't handle it, staff wise."

The program stretches out services more than one can imagine. "For deaf people," says Biittner, "they need help to answer a phone call, talk to a doctor, and other things that you and I do and take for granted." To meet these services interpreters are staffed and hired for communicating of subjects in school and out.

"The interpreters are told," says Biittner, "not to be parents away from

Due to the complexity of the program and the limited staff, Bittner said, "Academics are pretty well programmed." Risley said, "Naturally the deaf person needs more essential training just to get a foot in the door." 'To make them more employable, an A.S. is better than high school diploma," said Biittner.

With the questions of electives and other courses Bittner said, "We spread them as far as we can stretch the thin If there were more staff, more interpreters, then more diversity in course to take in the program could be seen according to Biittner. "Otherwise," said Biittner, "we have canned the program." According to Biittner, the students are told 'up front' of the program." I limits

of the program's limits. An idea of a summer preparation program of four weeks has been developed by Risley and come to pass in the District Board of Trustees meeting. This program would get them adjusted to the area, the school and the program and may improve capacity to succeed. If they are not satisfied they can always leave and not miss out on another program.

In the last 31/2 years there was no coordinator of the deaf program. Bittner was doing the administrative duties. This being, budgeting the funds for the program, supervising staff and all the other duties a Dean of Student Services does. At that time students would come to him with questions but, they would also need an interpreter, for Bittner like most other people did not know sign language. Now Risley has taken up the duties plus she communicate with students because she also knows sign language. The students can still go to the Dean of Student Services, but it will be harder to communicate.



By FERNANDO ALVAREZ

Sharp shooting...

The Trojan basketball team scores another foul shot against Fiorida College.

Let's hear it!

A reason for going to college is to further one's education in matters that can make one more employable. These matters should interest you,

According to Dee Risley, coordinator of the Deaf Program and the sign troupe, a student said, while referring to the performance done by the sign troupe, (a part of the deaf program that performs a variety, vaudeville type show) "That if hearing people see that we (the deaf) can sing and dance, maybe they will realize we can do other

With this thought in mind, if a person really wants to do something and has a special interest, can he or she achieve it? It could take time, patience and dedication but doing what makes the person happy and interested, isn't that an important variable in the game of life?

St. Petersburg Junior College's deaf program is limiting to students now, because the thin staff makes it so. All in all the program is good, noted, and most important, helps make a deal person become more educated and employable for the future.

Helen Keller was deaf and blind, and look what she accomplished. Everyone can pursue their goal, but making it is up to the individual. Yes. there are fences and barriers along the way, for deaf people more than others. What can be done to aid in their quest for better livina?

This generation is fairly aware that the deaf are no different just because they have a problem in communicating verbally. But, this generation isn't today's employers, maybe tomorrow's. A possible solution can be for employers to offer more deal students exposure in working in the hearing world. This could enable the students to experience and decide on a special interest, education

Student interest for educational goals vary, to meet the demand of students' educational goals. Money is a constant problem. It might be possible, if the budgets of the program cannot be expanded, that several students who are interested in taking a different class can split the cost of a private interpreter. The student can possibly raise money through fund raising

How can students and faculty express and find out concerns and interest in the program? Communication between students and the programs staff can be improved. How? By asking what the students current feelings and needs of improvement are. There would be less wrinkles to iron out

A committee could be formed by certain representatives of the program to meet once a month or more to discuss all sorts of matters and auestions that have risen up from the students. This can serve two purposes, one, there is student representation: second. a hands-on experience with a responsible professional and not so professional position also. All this adds up in a student's education. This form of organized communication with the student and staff does not have to stop with the

deaf program. This idea can be used in clubs and other organizations. Maybe it will be helpful, maybe not. In a high school up north, a President's Communication Committee existed. Here, random and not so random students were invited to serve. Questions, issues, and complaints were brought to the attention of this school's president. Sometimes the questions could not be answered, the issues too controversial to be resolved. and the complaints unrealistic and minor, but the president was made aware of what and where the students were coming from, and if possible meet the demands.

Sometimes the supplies could not meet the demands. but it is nice and professional to know what they are, and that they do exist.



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News-In-Brief SPJC Students are on their honor

Free Pizza

Feb. 1 will be a special day for students at the Tarpon Springs Center. The Student Government Association (SGA) will be panning out free pizza. First come, first served.

Who's Who

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges has just released its '83-'84 edition, and 37 St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) students from the St. Petersburg campus were listed in the prestigious report. Named were: James Adams, George Alberts, Marion Beasley, Victor Belcastro, Bjorn Brunvand, Ken Burgess, Carolyn Bury, Don Cheesman, Cindy Christie, Helen Endres, Brenda Facyson, Carol Gobitas, Deborah Howell Beverly Hull, Leslie Johnson, Greg LaChance, Eric Lowe, Frabrae Ma con, Paul Miano, Jeanette Pelot, Dorothy Pongallo, Bradley Pros-ser, Kerri Raines, Stephanie Robbins, Joseph Rosati, Kevin Royak, Vivian Sanchez, Deborah Stanton, Sue Tedder, Robert Trehy, Robin VanAuken, John Varrati, Eric Wesley, Kathy Wilson, Janice Wolf, Mary Wright, and Laura

Arts Festival

On Sat., March 31 and Sun., April 1, the ninth annual Mainsail Arts Festival will take place at Straub Park in St. Petersburg. The final entry deadline is Feb. 10. For inormation, call 893-7734 or 893-7441. The festival is also seeking individuals, clubs, civic, and church groups to help out. Volunteers will assist artists in their booths, serve as hosts and hostesses, and work in the concession stands. For more information on helping out, conat the St. Petersburg campus.

Theatre dates

In the coming months of 1984, local community theaters will be offering a variety of plays, ranging from the Gilbert and Sullivan Players' original comedy to the City Players' production of The Lion in the Winter. A sample of the planned presentations in the future months would include: Jacques Brel, the North Pinellas Civic Theatre, on Jan. 25; Iolanthe, the Gilbert and Sullivan Players, Jan. 26; and The Dining Room, Little Theatre of Clearwater, Feb. 16. All dates and plays are subject to change. Both the Gilbert and Sullivan Players and the City Players use the auditorium on the Clearwater campus of St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC).

Library access

The University of South Florida (USF) provides open access to library materials for use in the library and circulates library materials to individuals through Interlibrary Loan procedures and the State Library Network.

By LESLIZ DENNIS Wooden Horse Clearwater Campus News Edito

Life without lunch money can be somewhat traumatic for the hungry college student, Especially if they have their paycheck with them, uncashed. A solution has arrived for those students at the St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) who are on their Honor.

The predicted automatic teller machines (ATM) were put in during the week of Jan. 16-20, but it may be a couple of weeks before they're open for business. Barnett Bank owns the tellers. They are responsible for its maintenance. They are not in charge however, of dealing between card holders and their other Honor System

All SPJC campuses excluding the district office, students and staff will have access to Honor system banking accounts through these machines. The majority of Florida banks are members of the Honor System. The best way to obtain the Honor card needed to use the tellers would be to contact one's financial institution.

The card can be used the same as the "old fashioned" withdrawal slip, except there is nothing to write, the card is placed into the computer. Now that paycheck can be cashed right on

Each card holder has a specific code number only known by them, for security purposes. If someone was to attempt using a stolen card, after punching in a few "guess numbers" the machine would automatically keep the card to return to the owner. If a card is stolen the owner should contact their bank, to see if it is in one of the tellers.

The ATM cost SPJC nothing. It is owned and paid for by Barnett Bank, Barnett is also responsible for its maintenance. They are not in charge however, of dealings between card holders and other Honor banks. This is the other banks responsibility.

The service is free to card holders. Barnett Bank charges fifty cents to the other banks for each transaction made. This could be a benefit for both parties though, because it may cost up to \$3 to pay a human teller per transaction. And ATMs don't get sick, they're open Barnett Bank was chosen after

bidding against Landmark Bank. It was Landmark Bank's idea to place them on campus. After Mac Cunningham Jr., vice president of Business Services, found that

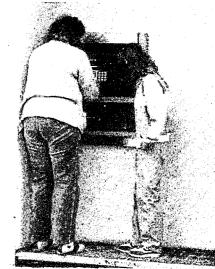
University of South Florida and other colleges in the area had ATMs, he decided to let other banks bid. Barnett bid to place tellers on all SPJC campuses, except the district office, whereas Landmark bid to place them on only two of the campuses

The new tellers are conveniently located near each campus cafeteria. On the St. Petersburg campus and the Health Education Facility, the tellers are inside. The outside tellers at Tarpon Springs Center are small white buildings with the computer face in the front and a large burglar alarm on the side. There is also a small overhang in the outside tellers to enable transactions to be sheltered from the

Its location is of benefit to the cafeteria staff also. Kay Carron, a cashier in the Clearwater campus cafeteria said, "Some kids want to cash checks here and we can't always do that. Sometimes they forget their

The manager of the Clearwater campus cafeteria, Bernice Engels, said, "I love it. We expect a lot more business in here now that money is available right there. It is very







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All works previous submitted will be published in the 1984 publication. Written works are no longer being accepted for the 1984 publication. Photòs and artwork, however, will still be accepted until Feb. 23.

All students presently interested in submitting written work for publication will be featured in the 1985 edition.

New Catalog

The 1983-84 St. Petersburg Junior College Catalog cover has won the Award of Excellence in Color Photography at the 1983 Craftsmanship in Communication Awards Competition sponsored by the International Association of Business Communicators. The cover was designed by Betty Ann Rhodes, Maureen Bradshaw and Marianne Barrett.

Award

"America: A World Class Citizen" was the theme for the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)-Obelisk sponsored writing contest this year. The cate aories included short story essay and poetry.

Winners in each category are as follows:

Short Story: Stubborn Cuss by Jeannie Miller Essay: Tom, Huck, Jody or Hawkeye by Jeff Bard Poetry: Westerly Park by James L. Peare

Look for these literary works in the 1984 Obelisk.

Computer problems frustrate students

By SHARON KENNEDY
Wooden Horse St. Pete Campus Hews Edito

The computer, is it the Registrar's best friend and sometimes the students' worst enemy? After interviewing a number of students it would appear computer problems and break-down in communication between departments caused a number of scheduling problems

In December of 1983, just before registration for Session II began, the System of On-Line Advanced Registration (SOLAR) computer went down for two weeks at the St. Petersburg campus, according to Minnie Sellars' office. Because of this, apparently many students who registered during the first few days of walk-in registration found they were not enrolled in some of their

On the St. Petersburg campus, eight students who had registered for a Monday night tennis class learned they

were registered for a Wednesday night class instead. All of these students had registered early and some were not on the temporary or permanent roll of any

Dick Brett, Director of Data Systems college-wide, explained, "The SOLAR computer provides a service for the student. Sometimes the computer will not show that a class is full (like the tennis class) and the students will be listed in sequence number. The Department Director may then transfer students to another class since one is no longer available to him."

Angella Smith, a nursing student at the St. Petersburg campus, was dropped from her microbiology class, a pre-requisite for the nursing program. "I had no idea I had been dropped from the class. The teacher notified me when I showed up to class.'

According to SOLAR, once the student is registered, it is the director's responsibility to see that the student is notified if the student is dropped from the class or if the class itself is dropped.

Dr. Lance Lamport, Director of Physical Education had no explanation for eight students being moved from a Monday night tennis class to a Wednesday night class. "I have no idea how this pened, but I will do my best to see that the situation is rectified.

Some students have experienced what one student called an "automatic switchover." Once the student is mistakenly enrolled in a class that is full, the computer will then automatically switch the student over to one that is not full.

Explanations for the scheduling problems have ranged from the "automatic switchover" to the computer now showing a full class, to a wrong sequence number punched in by the computer operator.

Dean of Student Services at St. Petersburg, Dr. David Walthall, remarked, "With 9,000 students, you'll always have some problems." Any student having registration or scheduling problems should contact the SOLAR department or the Dean of student



New administrator appointed

By SHARON KENNEDY Wooden Horse St. Pete Campus News

After months of deliberation, Clearwater campus of St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) finally appointed a permanent replacement for Dean of Student Services, Gene Bittner, who recently retired. The appointee, Dr. David Walthall, is currently the Acting Dean of Student Services at the St. Petersburg campus

Dr. Walthall seemed relieved in a recent interview, to finally have a permanent office and title. "I have

been here (at St. Petersburg campus)

for 17 months now as Acting Dean."

There is still a vacancy open at the St. Petersburg campus for Dean of Student Services. A pool of applicants are being considered for the St. Petersburg position. Dr. Walthall then will remain at St.

Petersburg until a suitable applicant is appointed to take the job of supervision of the administration of registration, records, and counselors. Dr. Al Leonard is currently the Acting Dean

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Design students gain "hands on" experience

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The 1930 circa kitchen was outdated and the two-story Palm Harbor home had to be redecorated "from top to bottom." So, the young owners got the job done gratis by Interior Design Practicum students last spring, class moderator Judy Hager said.

The free interior decorating service is now being offered to the public for its third winter semester on a first come first serve basis. It has the distinction of being the only "hands on" class in the state where students are solely responsible for a project like this,

Hager said. The roster is already filled with clients who responded to announcements about the program discovered through the "Blue and White" or news letters.

Almost any type of project, from repapering your bedroom to a total renovation of your house, is not too big for the six students in the practicum this semester. "They are so self sufficient they don't need a whole lot of input," Ms. Hager said. 95 percent of the work is between them and the

The design students can draw blueprints, pick out drapes or wallpaper, "redesign space," suggest where purchases should be made, and even run a budget check. In short, "We can do almost anything that a professsional designer can do except handle the actual purchases or supervise the work," Ms. Hager said. It is up to the client to hang the wallpaper

or put on the paint.
Expression of the client's personality through their designs is paramount to the student, she said.

Before totally refurbishing a 10 room brick "bungalow" that will be home for a blood bank student Maggie Leonard interviewed the owner several times to get the feel of the house. Antique furniture will set off the hard wood floors and fireplace that Leonard said

"She made it very workable but attractive," said a staff person at the

center. "She's doing a marvelous job." Leonard is in an unusual situation as

permitted to purchase furniture, work with painter, carpenters, and the people putting in the central air and heat, she said. She is overseeing the will complement that period style.

a practicum student. Through some previous experience, she has already landed the project at the center as what she called an apprenticeship. She then requested college credit for her work. Because of her unusual position she

project from start to finish. On hands experience design

varies, Hager said. In one undertaking, students switched the fuction of two rooms in a nursing home and spruced up the decor, she said. They made the dining

room function as the activities room and vice versa. Custom made storage areas and tables that fold out from the wall were designed to create multi-purpose rooms, she said.

While making over the 1930 circa Palm Harbor house, students redesigned six rooms and handed the client blueprints for all work done down to swatches of fabric ideas for reupholstering the furniture, Hager

She keeps a file of potential customers if you wish to sign up.

Lyceum is back

By DOUGLAS W. JORDAN

After nearly a year in limbo, Lyceum has returned.

Lyceum, a program sponsored by St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC), was shelved last year due to a lack of funding. The program resumed Jan.

For those students who don't know what Lyceum is, it is a program designed to enhance interest in student activities, primarily concerned with attracting renowned and widely acclaimed speakers and plays to SPJC The speakers range from accomplished authors to honored scientists.

The first speaker to come to SPJC since the rejuvenation of the program was Peter Jenkins, who spoke to interested students and others on Jan. 13. Jenkins, the author of A Walk



PETER JENKINS

The Walk West, is perhaps best known as the man who hoofed it from New York to New Orleans, stopping at all points between. In 1973 Jenkins decided to see America for himself, and the only way for him to do that was to set out on foot. During his journey, he met his fellow Americans personally. The trek across the country inspired his first book, A Walk Across America and renewed his belief in the American people.

Heading up the agenda for coming months are such distinguished guests as Alex Haley, the bestselling author of Roots, and Dr. Marvin Cetron, the founder and president of Forecasting International. Haley will speak on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Church, which is located at 122 - 70 St. S., St. Petersburg. Cetron will appear on Friday, April 6, at the Fine Arts Auditorium of SPJC's Clearwater Ct apus.



ALEX HALEY

The Pulitzer Prize winning Haley is best known for his book Roots, which is the biggest selling book in U.S. publishing history and has currently sold over six million hardcover copies. Haley has also won the National Book Award, and has been awarded 17 honorary doctorates from American colleges and universities. Roots was made into what became one of the most watched television mini-series.

Cetron is the author of Encounters with the Future; a Forecast of Life into the 21st Century. He uses current trends, statistics, and other data to prophesize what life might be like in the future. To date, his predictions have been surprisingly accurate in many cases. Cetron has also recently done a new work. Brave New York, a book about jobs in the future analyzing



DR. MARVIN CETRON

Museums offer more

By ANDY FANGUIAIRE

Among the lesser known, but still extremely valuable facilities open to bay area students for both research and enjoyment are museums. The Museum of Fine Arts, located at 255 Beach Drive North in St. Petersburg, serves both these functions.

For research, they have just opened their Kenerson Reference Library of over 4,000 art related books to the public.

Open Wed. through Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the library has a volunteer staff of 14 experienced librarians who will help students

and researchers locate material. The museum also provides en tertainment in the form of a foreign film series which runs through April. Included in the series are Ingmar Bergman's Swedish classic Scenes From (Marriage, the French comedy Cousin, Cousine, and the inspiring Australian film, My Brilliant Career

Another noteworthy museum is the Museum of Science and Industry, located at 4801 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa.

This museum has recently replaced their permanent exhibits such as the Weather Station and Dr. Thunder's Magic Boom Room for the temporary exhibit The Photophone; Forerunner of Light Wave Communications. This exhibit, based on Alexander Graham Bell's 1880 invention, will be on display until Feb. 26, 1984.

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Basketball team suffers loss, hangs on

By FERNANDO ALVAREZ

Trojan basketball is down to eight players, but what the team lacks in quantity, it makes up for in quality.

Having lost players who did not make grades as well as others who were dissatisfied with the amount of playing time they were receiving, the team is nevertheless confident about the second half of the season. Coach George McCrossin said, "Although we posted a 9-5 record through the first half of the season, four of those losses were in overtime and could have gone either way."

The Trojans, who are currently 2-1 in Sun Coast Conference play have been cutting games close all season long. The team's latest win was an impressive 79-73 four-overtime victory over Hillsborough Community College. McCrossin attributed the win to "Excellent play by Tim Deuterman, a junior college transfer student out of Virginia, in addition to fine play by Gary Jeter (who leads the team in scoring and rebounds with 21.5 and 14 respectively) and teammates Greg Wimberly and Byron Mack." McCrossin also explained that since

the team had been cut down to eight, it would be difficult to practice new defenses, in addition to the possibility of facing foul trouble during a game. He said, however, "If the team can successfully penetrate defenses, and successfully work the ball into Jeter, then the games will go to the wire."
Off the court, the coach would like to

see greater support from the student body in the form of greater game attendance.

Although the coach can't guarantee a win, from the way games have been coming to an end, he feels fans can at least expect an exciting finish.

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By MARTIN H. SIMON

Trojans at practice, small in quantity





Gonzalez to boost girl's tennis

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The women's tennis team's coach Dr. Tannye Rawls is "elated" over St. Petersburg Junior College's (SPJC) newest arrival, Flavia Gonzalez Gonzalez was ranked nationally in her country, Venezuela, and was led to enroll at SPJC by a friend, Carlos Romero, a student at SPJC.

"This is unusual for us to have such a talented foreign player on our team, since we are not allowed to give scholarships to out-of-state students," stated Rawls. "We're glad she's willing

to pay to play."
"I was told this is one of the best junior colleges in the country," Gonzalez said. According to Gonzalez, she does not plan to enter the professional circuit, but is seeking her Associate of Arts degree at SPJC and will then go on to a four-year degree.

"I did not do too good in the National Tournament in Venezuele" goid

Tournament in Venezuela," said Gonzalez, " only made it to the semi-

According to Rawls, Gonzalez is keyed to be ready for the state tournament in April. Her arm is hurting her now because of the time lapse since her last tournament but by April, according to Rawls, she should be well seasoned and prepared to prove

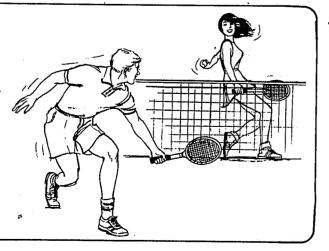
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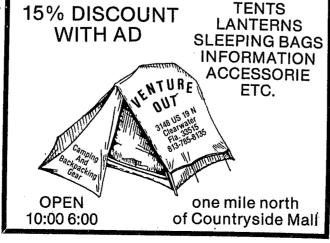
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'The Real Hope' strives to overcome setbacks

By JEFFERY B. WYSOCKI

After several disappointing setbacks, Ric Johnson, a four-year veteran of boxing and a new student at St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC), has decided once again to shoot for a professional career in boxing.

Johnson became interested in boxing four years ago and trains daily. "It was a way to get in shape," Johnson said. "I run three miles a day, jump rope, do 250 push ups, then work out 30 minutes on the punching bags"

One of Johnson's big setbacks came while he was training to go professional and he broke his knuckles. "I was hitting the concrete wall with these special gloves and one of the gloves slipped off," Johnson said, "and my hand hit the wall." Sometime later he found that he actually cracked the bones in his hand and that calcium deposits formed there requiring the hand to be broken and set

properly.
"The doctors said I would never fight again, but here I am" Johnson said. Another setback came with the death of his training coach two weeks ago. "I was training to go pro when he died," Johnson said. Johnson was scheduled to fight Ossie Ocasio, ranked 12th in the world division just under heavyweight, but the deal fell through. Johnson could have won \$32,000 in that fight and his start in

professional boxing.

Johnson really didn't want to talk about his late manager because it was a real tragic and personal event. He only hopes he can find someone to seriously manage his career. "I need to find someone who won't throw me to

the wolves" Johnson said earnestly, "someone who won't just cash in on

Johnson was dubbed "The Real Hope" by his late manager. "He got the idea from the famous boxer Gerry Cooney whose name is The Great White Hope," Johnson said. Attending SPJC for the first time,

Johnson is taking general courses and hopes to eventually move on into the computer field.

Johnson currently sports a 12-0 record and holds several boxing titles which include the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Outstanding Light-Heavyweight Competitor, the AAU First Round Knockout, and the West Coast Golden Gloves title. On Jan. 28, 29 and 30, he must defend his title in the West Coast Golden Gloves Tournament at Fort Myers. Johnson said he feels confident about the fight

and his future in boxing.
"I've had the opportunity to spar with S.T. Gordon and work with Chuck Harris who worked with Mohammad Ali" said Johnson.

When asked about his future, Johnson said he would someday like to see the title Ric Johnson Light-Heavyweight Champion of the World "in big bold letters."

Ric Johnson, a new student at SPJC, is presently planning a career in Professional boxing He represents Ervins All American Youth Club and the City

Baseball team 'up' for spring season @

By MARTIN H. SIMON

Coming up this weekend is a reminder that spring is on its way as the St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) Trojans open their baseball season against Seminole Community College. Game time is at noon in

"We're ready!" says head coach Ed Davis, a 15-year veteran with the Trojans. "We could play the 'Big Ten' or Ivy League anytime and hold our own. We've got a good team."

Davis has acquired an impressive record with the Trojans, nearing his 400th win, the first of which occurred in 1966. Since that time, Davis has endured only three losing seasons, while the last nine have earned him 25

or more wins per year.

Another with high hopes for the team is assistant coach Mike Hazel. "I think we're looking real strong," says Hazel, "This year should be a good

Leading the team this year as captain is Florian "Gump" Perich, a second-year man from Sidman, Pa. Gump, at 6 ft. 2 in. tall and weighing 205 pounds, will return to his post as

Although the official starting line-up has not yet been disclosed, sources are confident that the team's two veteran power hitters, Mark Tillery and Jason Powell, will be included in that line-up.

Both men are ranked in the SPJC "Top Ten Hitters" list of all time.

Tillery, a 5 ft. 9 in., 160 pound slugger from Countryside High, last year hit 58 times for an average of .389. He is expected to move from his position at short stop to cover second base. "We're all anxious for the season to get rolling," says Tillery. "I just hope the team does well and that I can help out

in some way."

Just shy of Tillery's record is another man dangerous at the plate, switch hitterJason Powell. For Powell, last year brought him a batting average of .371 with 39 hits. From Andover, Mass., this 6', 188 pound Trojan will be sharing the catching duties with sophomore Greg Brower and freshman Mark Androski. Powell sums up his enthusiasm by saying, "I'm going to give it my all!

The key element missing from the line-up thus far is that of the pitching squad. Officially, there are 12 candidates for the position, yet no single player has been named as "starting pitcher." A player who asked not to be identified, stated that John McGuire, Mark West, and Robin Heard each had a "good chance" of being the one to break the dirt on the mound this Saturday.

As Coach Davis exclaims, "We've got a good team, but, student support is a big factor, so get on out there and give



ST. PETERSBURG JUNIOR COLLEGE 1984 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	G	Time Place	Site
Wed., Feb. I	†Eckerd College "A"	1	3:00 A	St. Petersburg
7i., Feb. 3	†Eckerd College "A"	1	3:00 A	St. Petersburg
iet., Feb. 4	Seminale C.C.	2	12:00 A	Sanford
Man., Feb. 6	†Eckerd College "A"	1	3:00 H	Clearwater
Wed., Feb. 8	Florida 'outhern "B"	ı	3:00 H	Clearwater
ri., Feb. 10	†Floride Southern "A"	1	3:00 A	Lakeland
at., Feb. 11	Eckerc College "B"	2	1:00 H	Clearwater
Mon., Feb. 13	T.B.A.	!	3:00 H	Clearwater
ues., Feb. 14	Seminole C.C.	Ţ	3:00 H	Clearwater
Wed., Feb. 15	T.B.A.	!	3:00 H	Clearwater
hurs., Feb. 16	Florida Southern "B"	ï	3:00 A	Lekeland
ri., Feb. 17	Horida Jr. College	2	2:00 H	Clearwater
iet., Feb. 18	Valencia C.C.	į	2:00 H	Clearwater
Jon. Feb. 20	T.8.A.	!	3:00 H	Clearwater
Wed. Feb. 22	T.B.A.	!	3:00 H	Clearwater
ri., Feb. 24	Eckerd College "B"	!	3:00 A	St. Petersburg
et., Feb. 25	Valencia C.C.	;	2:00 A 3:00 H	Orlando Clearwater
Mon., Feb. 27	*Manatee Jr. College	1	3:00 H 7:30 A	Bradenton
Wed., Feb. 29	*Manates Jr. College	2	12:00 A	Melbourne
Sat., Mar. 3	*Brevard C.C.	1	3:00 A	Winter Haven
don., Mar. 5	*Polk C.C.	1	7:30 H	Philly Complex
Med., Mar. 7	*Polk C.C.		7:30 H	Philly Complex
ri., Mar. 9	*Hillsborough C.C. *Hillsborough C.C.		2:00	Tempe
Sat., Mar. 10	Eckerd College "B"	;	7:00 H	Philly Complex
Mon., Mar. 12	Eckerd College "B"	:	7:00 H	Philly Complex
Wed., Mer. 14	St. Louis C.C.		3:00 H	Philly Complex
Thurs., Mar. 15	*Florida College	i	7:30 H	Philly Complex
Fri., Mar. 16 Sat., Mar. 17	*Florida College	i	2:00 A	Temple Ter.
Mon., Mar. 19	*South Florida J.C.	i	4:00 H	Philly Complex
Wed., Mar. 21	*South Florida J.C.	i	3:00 A	Avon Park
	*Manates J.C.	ì	7:30 H	Philly Complex
Fri., Mar. 23	*Manatee J.C.	i	2:00 A	Bradenton
Sat., Mar. 24	*Brevard C.C.	i	7:30 H	Philly Complex
Mon., Mer. 26 Tues., Mer. 27	*Brevard C.C.	i	3:00 H	Philly Complex
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	Polk C.C.	i	7:30 H	Phinty Complex
Fri., Mar. 30 Sat., Mar. 31	Polk C.C.	i	2:00 A	Winter Haven
Mon., Apr. 2	*Hillsborough C.C.	i	7:30 H	Philly Complex
Wed., Apr. 4	*Hillsborough C.C.	ì	T.B.A. A	Tempe
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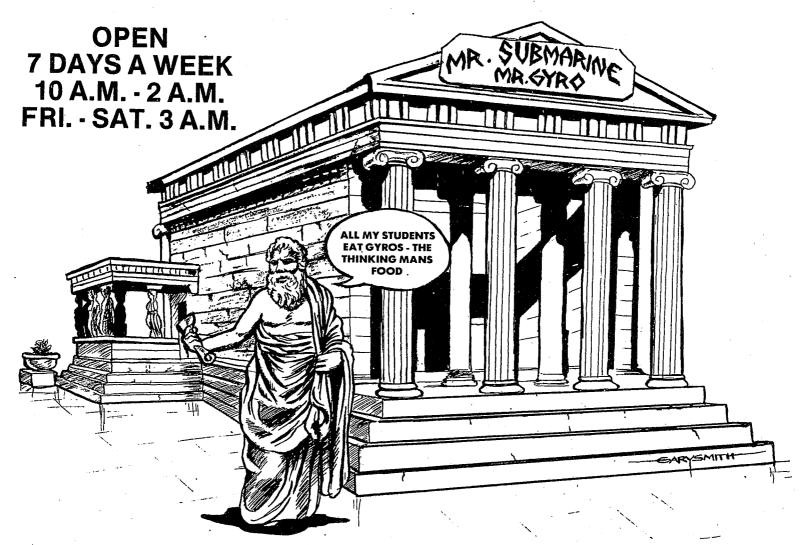
Sport Shorts

benefit the St. Petersburg Junior College golf program is Feb. 12, at East Bay Country Club. The will conduct the auction to feature various items donated to raise money for SPJC's golf program, including scholarships. Call 585-2600 or 592-2769 for details.

There will be a community soft-6, 7 and 8. Students wishing to enter this slow pitch tournament SPJC Golf Boosters Fund committee • must enter as a team. The tournament is sponsored by the SPJC Athletic Department in an effort to promote community support for SPJC's athletic program.

The weight training room at the Clearwater campus of SPJC is now underway at both Clearwater and for students' use. Students must St. Petersburg campuses. If you have proof that they are a SPJC are interested in signing up for student, work-out clothes, and a intramurals see Jim Myers at the towel. Students who wish to use St. Petersburg campus and Mike the weight room at St. Petersburg Hazel at Clearwater. must see Dr. Scheuermann.

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