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CLAST scores: SPJC tops 2-year colleges

By **PATTY CURTIN**
Wooden Horse Editor-in-Chief

The final scores of the October College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) have been tallied, and St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) students rank at the top of the community colleges that tested more than 500 students.

Seven of Florida's 28 community and junior colleges had more than 500 students take the test, and among these colleges, SPJC had the highest mean scaled scores in all categories; reading, writing, computation and essay.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with the results," said Dr. Jerry Odom, St. Petersburg campus, provost.

Dr. William Law, vice president for Institutional and Program Planning, said SPJC scored above the mean of all other state colleges and universities 61 percent in computation, 63 percent in reading, 61 in writing and 63 percent in essay.

When the four universities who tested more than 500 students are taken into account,

SPJC drops to fifth, behind the University of Florida (UF), the University of Central Florida (UCF), Florida State University (FSU) and the University of South Florida (USF).

There are five other Florida universities, but only three of these tested students.

The remaining 21 community and junior colleges tested less than 500 students. Tallahassee Community college tested 387 students, the highest number among these 21 colleges, and Florida Keys Community College tested 19 students, the lowest number tested among this group.

Although SPJC ranked highest among the seven colleges who tested more than 500 students, the college does not maintain this standing when all ten universities are taken into account.

But Odom said this is not bad, because SPJC still ranked highest among its counterparts, the larger community and junior colleges.

Among the 28 community and junior colleges and seven universities who tested, SPJC ranked eleventh in reading,

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Guest speaker creates controversy on campus

By **BECKEY ROY**
Wooden Horse Lifestyles Editor

"It was something that should have been stopped," said Jeff Gars, St. Petersburg campus American National Government student.

Gars was referring to the lecture given by Stephen Rutuna, former prime minister of Burundi, Africa, to a group of students Monday morning, Feb. 14, in the St. Petersburg campus Social Arts (SA) building.

Rutuna was scheduled to speak about his political experiences in that government and his career as a senator under the rule of Idi Amin.

Having established other speaking dates in the area, at Eckerd College, the University of South Florida (USF) and various churches, Rutuna was then welcomed by St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) to lecture to students from various Political Science, Sociology and American National Government classes, in recognition of Black America Month.

Several other staff and faculty members at SPJC, including Dr. Joy Mitchell, director of the St. Petersburg Campus Division of Social Sciences, Charles Shorter and Edmund Flannery, Social Science instructor, thought it might be a good opportunity to listen to someone who had escaped from Uganda when Amin came into power.

"He was an elected official, but as an elected official you listen to the king or else," said Mitchell. "These are situations you don't have a

chance to hear first hand."

The situation took an unexpected turn. According to Gars, Rutuna "was preaching Christianity and not speaking about government at all."

Gars, a student in Shorter's government class "felt manipulated." "I'm not angry, but here I am paying for a government class and then hearing something I don't want to," Gars said. "Rutuna actually said 'If a person doesn't believe in God, then he is nothing,'"

Several other government students had the same reaction. "The first sentence out of Rutuna's mouth had something to do with religion," said student Charles Bates. "I turned him off immediately. I don't think he even understood himself."

"I don't feel the school should be supporting this," said David Jones, another student. "It was a revival speech. This is a public school system and he should have spoken to a church."

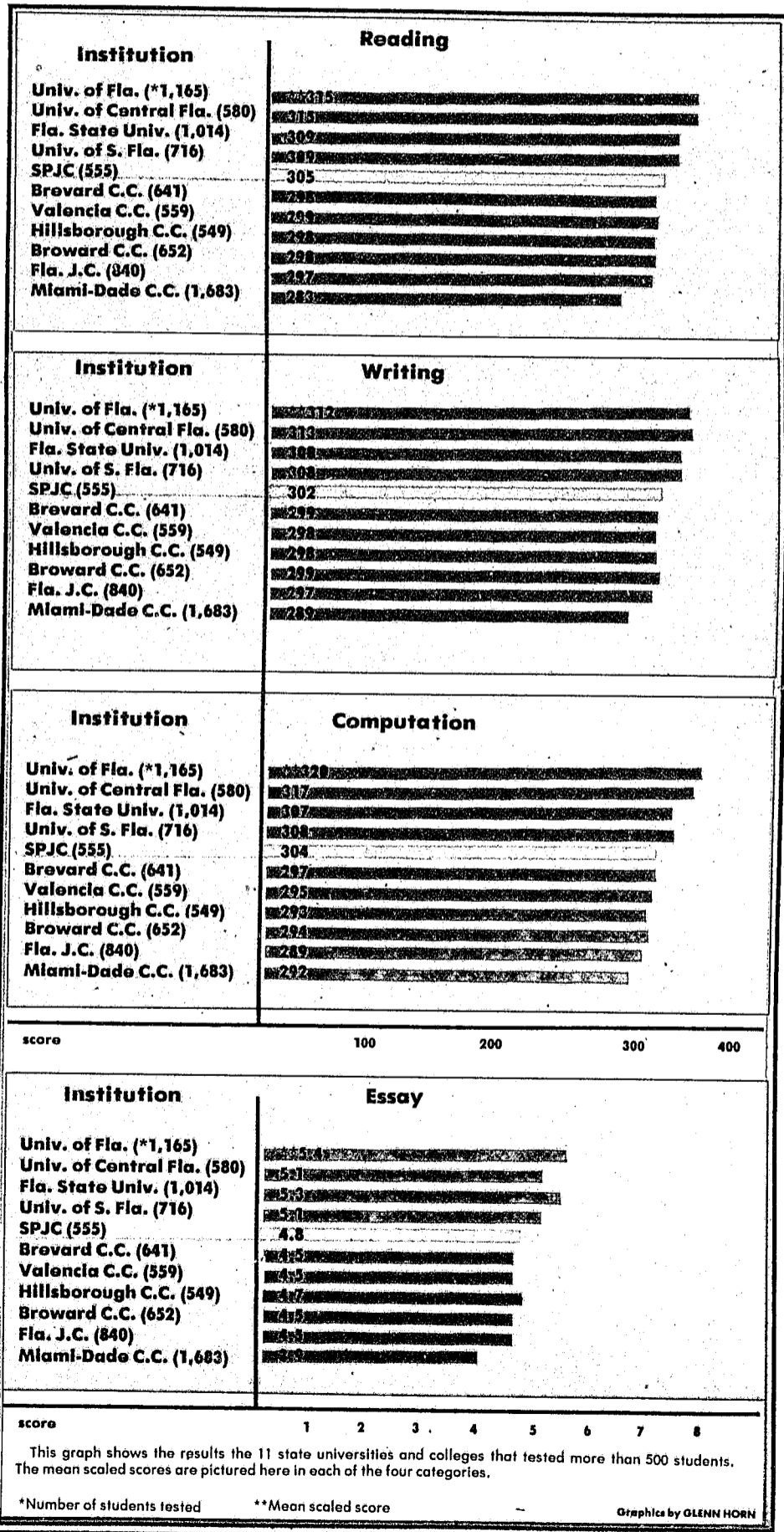
Karen Maddison disagreed. "I thought it was a great change," she said. "I sit in psychology and hear the other end, and that's required. We were told that we didn't have to attend. If a student didn't believe, they could leave."

Shorter reflected the general attitudes of his students. He reaffirmed the fact that prior to the lecture his students were informed that attendance was not mandatory and no enrollment would be taken.

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CLAST Summary

Colleges and universities testing more than 500 students



news-in-brief

Graduation deadline

March 1 is the last day for SPJC students to apply for graduation. Students may pick up applications at any of the following locations: St. Petersburg campus, AD-121; Clearwater campus, Administration office; Tarpon Springs Center, Administration office.

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The Dental Hygiene Program at the Health Education Facility of SPJC offers teeth cleaning and cavity detection X-rays, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teeth cleaning for adults costs \$6, and the cost is \$4 for children under 12. Full mouth or panoramic X-rays are \$5. For more information or appointments, call 546-9831, ext. 3668.

Scholarships available

SPJC sophomores wishing to transfer to a Florida university in the fall of 1983 may apply for consideration for a transfer scholarship. Applications for the scholarships, which are being offered by the state universities, are available at the Clearwater and St. Petersburg campuses, the Tarpon Springs Center and the Health Education Facility. One scholarship is being awarded at each campus. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 1983. Information concerning deadline dates are available at the Financial Aid office at each location.

SP talent show

"Talent Showcase," is giving St. Petersburg campus students a chance to show off their talents. It is taking place Wednesday, Feb. 23, from noon to 2 p.m. in the gymnasium. Free drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Vickie Miller in the Student Activities office or call 381-0681, ext. 4314.

WOW on the move

Women on the Way (WOW) a group geared towards women entering and re-entering the job market has many events planned for the rest of the session. On Tuesday, March 1, there will be a "Mother and Daughter Color Analysis" at the Clearwater campus Crossroads Building, room 117, 7-9 p.m. For more information, call 799-0681, ext. 2546.

Respiratory Program recruiting for August

The Respiratory Therapy Program at SPJC is actively recruiting persons for classes beginning in August. Currently, the nation is going through a manpower shortage in this area and graduates are in demand. For more information, call or write the Respiratory Therapy Program, St. Petersburg Junior College, P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733; phone 546-9831, ext. 3629 or 3527.



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Molding a mind in modern art

Jeff Pagano, sophomore, reads Shakespeare's *Othello* for his Composition II class while relaxing in "Woman," a sculpture on the Clearwater campus.

The newly-named statue is the work of another Clearwater campus student, Joy Brace, who completed the sculpture last year.

Humanities instructor Robert Sentz said the sculpture has been unnamed since its completion, and a number of names were considered before naming it "Woman."

Black Awareness Month celebrated

By LANCE KLAFETA
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

February is Black Awareness Month. "The purpose of Black Awareness Month is to make people aware of the contributions made by black Americans to the American culture," said Gwendolyn Pittman, a College and Community Relations officer for St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC).

Some of the contributions to American culture by black Americans include black poetry, the first jazz musicians, as well as the picking of America's cotton and the driving of the first railroad spikes, said Perkins T. Shelton, director of branch affairs for the St. Petersburg chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Shelton spoke to a group at the Clearwater campus about "Blacks and the Constitution" on Thursday, Feb. 10.

"Look at what America has done and you will see what blacks have done," Shelton said.

Each week of the month is dedicated to an outstanding person who has contributed to Florida's history.

The first week was dedicated to Edwin "Cannonball" Adderly, a black composer. The second week was dedicated to James Weldon Johnson, a poet and author. The third to Jonathan Gibbs, an educator and delegate

to the Constitutional Convention of 1868. The last week is dedicated to author Zora Neale Hurston.

"The month of February was chosen to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Floreda Walker, president of the Harambee club on the St. Petersburg campus.

"In February we celebrate not only the birthday of Martin Luther King, but also those of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln," said Pittman.

The first observance of a Black Awareness Week was started by Carter G. Woodson, a black historian who received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He founded the study of Afro-American Life and History in 1926.

This is the second year in which the celebration has been expanded to an entire month, said Pittman. The celebration was marked by a dramatization of black poetry by James Takley, author of "Oh St. Regent," at the Clearwater campus library on Feb. 2 and a presentation of Negro Spirituals by the 20th Street Church Young Adult Group on Feb. 8.

There will be a student production depicting various aspects of realistic black experiences at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Clearwater campus Friday, Feb. 25.

Handicapped mainstreamed at SPJC, but some want more opportunities

By BECKEY ROY
Wooden Horse Lifestyles Editor

Approximately 75-100 students attending St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) are classified as "handicapped." It is thus understood that they have a special physical impairment or disability that might require personal attention from either faculty or counseling personnel.

St. Petersburg campus student Michael Council, a cerebral palsy victim, uses a manual wheelchair to get around campus. Having already obtained a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in sociology and anthropology, he is majoring in accounting at SPJC.

A particular problem at SPJC is the lack of specialized sports on campus, such as wheelchair basketball.

Council previously attended a school with a student body of only 900. He said he notes great contrast in getting to his classes at SPJC compared to his former school.

"People around here crawl like ants," he said. "This is like a gigantic ant-farm."

Council said he finds it extremely difficult to get to his classes within the time allotted, which usually is five minutes by the time he leaves one class and settles into another.

"I'm not used to the large masses of people," he said. "It's a bother for me. It's so crowded...like a sardine can."

Opening doors to buildings is no problem for Council. "Students are very friendly," he said. "I don't get a chance to open a door." He said that he

finds classmates like his friend, Dino Smith, to be very helpful.

A particular problem at SPJC, Council said, is the lack of specialized sports on campus, such as wheelchair basketball.

"I get frustrated like any other student and find that exercise helps me to get rid of it," he said.

Another cerebral palsy student at the St. Petersburg campus, Chuck Knize, who uses a walker, agreed that he would also be interested in sports for the handicapped. Knize, an Oceanography major, said he would "love a basketball team" for students like himself.

Knize also said other problems face him in the classroom. "Some teachers go too fast and I don't get a chance to copy everything off the blackboard," he said.

Like Council, Knize said he has trouble getting to class on time because of all the students and the limited time between classes.

St. Petersburg campus counselor Dr. Roland R. Martens is the campus counselor for the handicapped and he said he thinks "the handicapped student should be mainstreamed and not made to feel different (from the rest of the students)."

Certain Clearwater campus students already enjoy this mainstreaming process. At this campus there is a special program for the deaf.

Dorothy Ringheisen, lead interpreter, explained that their four American sign language interpreters are the "communication link between the student and the teacher."

These interpreters help the deaf student during teacher's lectures.

This is a three session program and for the first two sessions, most deaf

students are placed in mostly deaf classes. They are later mainstreamed with an interpreter into regular classes for the third session.

Anyone interested in Clearwater's deaf program should call 799-0681, ext. 2492.

The Alternate Instruction Center (AIC), St. Petersburg campus, has qualified tutors available to assist blind students in a variety of subjects. They are located in SA-109.

Any handicapped students interested in special sports on the St. Petersburg campus should contact Dr. Lance Lamport. Students at the Clearwater campus should contact Roy Oldham, and those at the Tarpon Springs Center should get in touch with Myrtle Williams.

"It is hard to initiate a program when there are no requests for our services."

-Dr. Lance Lamport

Thus far, Lamport said "there really hasn't been any request for (special) activities (for the handicapped)."

"It is hard to initiate a program when there are no requests for our services," Lamport said.

Lamport said he would welcome any handicapped student into his office to discuss the interest in physical education or any sports activity.

"There are some facility limitations we might have to overcome," he said. "But we have not only a legal, but also a moral obligation to teach the handicapped student as much as any other student on campus."

WSJC radio still getting complaints

By JIM BULLARD
Wooden Horse Campus News Editor

WSJC, the radio production lab on the St. Petersburg campus of St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC), finally got their "broadcast" speakers operable on Friday, Feb. 4. However, some problems of excessive volume levels, a cause of complaint during Session I continues.

During Session I, WSJC's first time as an academic course, the then Student Activities Director Cathy Hakes received about "a dozen complaints" about the volume problem.

According to Leonard Fleischer, a St. Petersburg campus student who shows films daily in the cafeteria for Modern Talking Pictures, WSJC has been inconsistent with their volume control.

"The first week (after all the speakers were repaired) it was alright," said Fleischer. "Now they've gone right back to turning it up."

Former WSJC disc jockey (DJ) Harry Taliaferro said the DJs "can't monitor what's going on" in the cafeteria in relation to volume from their broadcast booth, which is in the Student Campus Life building on the St. Petersburg campus.

However, there have been no formal complaints made yet in the Student Activities office, said secretary Ann Ebersberger.

"We have had more people coming in making (song) requests and giving us feedback," said Thursday morning DJ Beckey Roy, "so we must be getting our music across to the listening audience."

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with a mean scaled score of 305, out of a possible 363. The highest score was a 315 scored by Florida International University (FIU), who tested 25 students, UCF and UF. Florida A & M University (FAMU) ranked lowest in this category.

In writing, SPJC ranked tenth overall, with a 302 mean scaled score out of a possible 352. The highest score was 317 (scored by FIU). The lowest score was FAMU, with a score of 283.

SPJC's highest categorical score among the 35 colleges and universities was in computation where the college ranked eighth, with a score of 304 out of a possible 365. The highest score was again reached by the 25 students at FIU who took the test, a score of 327. FAMU scored 281, the lowest mean scaled score.

With a possible score of eight, SPJC had a mean score of 4.8, making the college eleventh in the essay category. The highest score was a 5.6, by FIU students. Miami-Dade Community College had the lowest score, 3.9.

Although FIU ranked highest among all 35 institutions, its low number of students tested, a total of 25, make it difficult to compare them with other colleges and universities, Odom said.

The universities who ranked second in writing, computation and essay were UCF and UF, UCF in writing and the latter in both computation and essay. Both UCF and UF tested more than 500 students.

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Mick Jagger and Keith Richard exult over their reception in *Let's Spend the Night Together*.

Stones movie roll fails

Occasionally a concert film rises above mere documentation to become a classic film (i.e. *The Last Waltz*, *Woodstock*). Let's *Spend the Night Together* had the potential to be one of these classic films, but somewhere between original conception and final product something went wrong.

With Hal Ashby (*Coming Home*, *Being There*) directing, and Caleb Deschanel (*The Black Stallion*) and Gerald Feil in charge of photographing "the world's greatest rock 'n roll band," The Rolling Stones, on their record breaking 1981 U.S. tour, how could they go wrong?

Apparently it is easier than it sounds. The beginning of the film brings a sense of power and excitement to the theatre's viewing audience that is unfortunately unrealized and soon lost in the film, only to be revived at times.

The setting is a sun-stained Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona in late afternoon. The helicopter-borne camera delivers a spectacular view as thousands of colored balloons are launched. The stage looks like a painter's palette, full of vivid colors.

Next back stage. The crowd goes crazy with an energy that can be felt. Stage hands pull open the curtain. The Stones saunter out onto their expansive declining stage to greet over 70,000 people who came to see them.

The song "Under My Thumb" is played and momentarily the viewer is a Rolling Stone playing to a mass of humanity. Undeniably powerful.

The first thing irritates and undermines this euphoria is the sound. The sound is recorded on a state of the art 24 track dolby sound system, but at times the voices and guitars seem muffled. Much of this is most likely due to the theatre in which one views it. The dolby



silver screen

Glenn Horn

system at this particular theatre (Crossroads AMC) has never worked right. It is a shame the people of St. Petersburg don't get to hear real dolby sound in a movie theatre.

On the other hand, the photography is crystaline. The camera crew in general did a commendable job. Let's *Spend the Night Together* is made up of footage from three different concerts and a total of over 340,000 feet of film was shot (over 28 hours).

The Stones performance was fine, with some songs delivered better than others. But that is part of going to a concert. Unfortunately watching them on the screen is not the same as being there.

The major problem with the film is editing. Ashby, who once was an editor, should have known better. At certain times in this film he experiments with editing and it works. But he doesn't follow through.

A few more movie tricks would not have hurt either. For example, the segment that accompanies "Goin' To A Go-Go" is great. Why did Ashby not try anything else? How about a little slow motion thrown in here and there for dramatic emphasis? It could not have hurt.

Let's *Spend the Night Together* is one of those films that one expects a lot from, but the anticipation is never fully rewarded. "You can't always get what you want."

Brown Derby's doubles create clientele cult

Popular nightspots have a way of turning up in some unexpected places. Take the Brown Derby for instance.

Six nights out of the week, the Brown Derby (located at 6000 Gulf Blvd. on St. Petersburg Beach) is a premier restaurant in Pinellas County. It also happens to have a bar that serves primarily as a place to wait until a table is open.

The type of bar that can be cleared out by an intercom calling off several names or numbers.

However, on Wednesdays, the Brown Derby changes. The restaurant takes a back seat and the bar becomes the star.

Wednesday night is "double bubble" night at the Brown Derby. On this night, drinks are doubled in size, with no price increase. This includes both mixed drinks and beer alike.

The Brown Derby also has a drink that they call a grog. The grog is kind of like Nassau. It's tropical, and about as large. The grog is the kind of drink you take all night to finish, then get someone else to drive you home. On Wednesdays, the grog doesn't get any bigger, but the price does drop.

The entire night (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.) there is a waitress who goes around to tables, serving free pizza. Nachos also sit on the bar at no charge.

Quite an intriguing idea. And not as expensive as most bars; even on a Wednesday night.

The "double bubble" conception is no doubt a popular one. By 9 p.m., it is usually standing room only in the bar.

But, many of the patrons of "double bubble" you'll see every Wednesday night. Somewhat of a cult following.

The clientele also changes on Wednesdays.



night life

Reggie Connell

On Wednesday night, the dignified steak house transforms into a more casual type of atmosphere. Hawaiian shirts, corduroys and Toppers are the new mode rather than three-piece suits and patent leather shoes.

It's rare when a bar can become popular (even one day out of the week) without a great band, an expensive sound system, a huge dance floor or at least a reputation in bar circles.

The Brown Derby does it without any of these. In fact, the bands are traditionally the kind that Bill Murray would have a field day mocking, while the dance floor doubles as another place to stand on especially crowded nights.

The reason the Brown Derby's idea was such a success probably has a lot to do with its expected atmosphere combined with the unexpected low prices.

The Brown Derby may not be a normal place for young adults to patronize, but the management sure isn't complaining. They know how to fill their establishment whether it be with businessmen, tourists or college students.

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Trojans edge Brevard; host Polk in tourney

By **REGGIE CONNELL**
Wooden Horse Sports Editor

Gary Jeter and Greg Wimberly have become quite a scoring tandem this season. The Jeter-Wimberly road show is currently averaging over 40 points per game.

Their contrasting styles actually make it easier for the other to score. Jeter's inside play opens it up for Wimberly. And Wimberly's long range scoring unpacks the lane for Jeter's around-the-rim scoring.

A match made in heaven. One might assume that if either Jeter or Wimberly were missing, the other might be affected. As far as Jeter's goes, the assumption would be dead wrong.

Oh well, you know what they say about assuming. In three games this season, Wimberly has either missed entirely or seen limited action. And in those three games Jeter has averaged 31.3 points. Sort of picking up the slack.

In St. Petersburg Junior College's (SPJC) season finale against Brevard Community College, Wimberly has hampered by a severely sprained ankle. He played only a few minutes.

Jeter was a one-man scoring machine, pumping in 31 points to lead the Trojans past the Titans 80-77.

The win closed out SPJC's regular season and snapped a two-game losing streak. The Trojans finish the regular season with a 17-8 record, its best since the 1976-77 season, and a 6-6 conference mark. David Stewart contributed 16 points to

the Trojans' effort, while Alvin Cunningham chipped in 12.

Brevard had balanced scoring in the losing effort. Larry Jackson led the Titan attack with 21 points, followed by Tony Brown (17), Leslie Rowley (13), and Maurice Moore and Mark Ray (each with 10). The loss dropped the Titans final record to 19-10, 8-4.

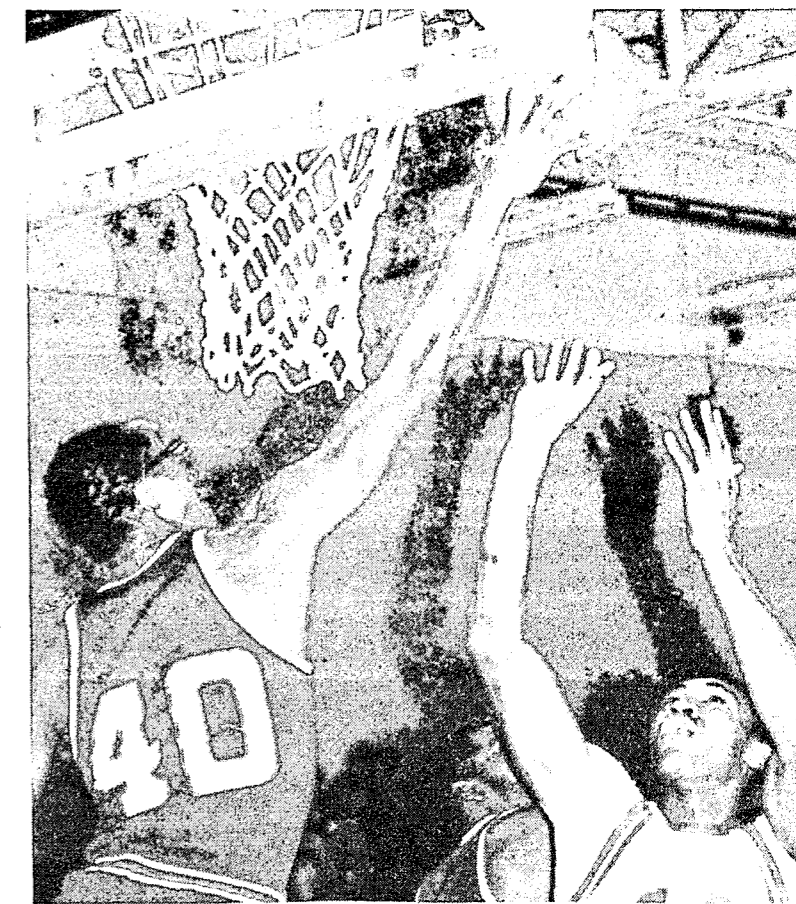
SPJC now starts the conference tournament - the only remaining ticket to the state tournament. The Trojans host Polk Community College Feb. 22. The winner of that game will travel to Cocoa to play Brevard in the semifinals. SEE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT GRAPH, PAGE 12.

In other games:
SPJC 89, Polk 75

The Trojans upped its conference record to 5-4 with an 89-75 win over Polk Community College. The win avenged an earlier loss to the Hawks at SPJC's home court.

Manatee 94, SPJC 92
Trailing by as many as 17 points, SPJC put on a furious last minute rally that fell two points short as Manatee Junior College held on to win 94-92.

Florida College 81, SPJC 76
The Florida College Falcons wrapped up the Suncoast Conference crown with an 81-76 win over SPJC. The win gave the Falcons a 10-1 conference mark and clinched the conference crown.



GET IT OUT OF HERE! Titans Samuel Alexander rejects Trojans Alvin Cunningham in battle of the 40's.



Mark Tillery
...Lone Trojan scorer

Hetrick, Bultemeier handcuff Valencia 1-0

By **REGGIE CONNELL**
Wooden Horse Sports Editor

It's a general rule that junior college baseball is dominated by the bat. Low scoring games are unusual, shutouts are rare.

Paul Davis, Kent Hetrick and Terry Bultemeier broke the rule Feb. 20. These three combined to put on a pitching clinic as St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) defeated Valencia Community College 1-0.

Hetrick, the Trojans' starting pitcher, went the first six innings allowing four hits and no runs. Bultemeier went the final three innings, allowing

two hits, no runs and collecting the win to up his record to 2-0.

For Davis, the Valencia pitcher, it had to be a heart-breaking loss. The Matador ace pitched nine innings of superb ball, allowing five hits, striking out four and giving up a single run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

The lone run came with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Trojan shortstop Mark Tillery singled to left, then move to third as SPJC third baseman Kevin Mullins also stroked a single to right field with the hit-and-run signal on. On the very

next pitch, Davis lost control of a fast ball. The ball hit in the dirt and got past the Valencia catcher. Tillery raced home and scored easily.

SPJC Head Coach Ed Davis was pleased with the win. "Any time you beat a team like Valencia, it's a good win," said Davis.

With the loss, Valencia dropped to 5-2 on the season. The Trojans upped its mark to 6-2-1 and are currently riding a three-game winning streak.

The previous day, SPJC won a twin bill against Florida Junior College 3-2 and 13-3.

In the first game, the Trojans relied on a three-run fourth inning to carry them the distance.

In the second game, SPJC bats exploded. The Trojans racked up seven runs in the first two innings and cruised to a 13-3 rout to finish the day.

Robert "Boomer" Brush led the way for SPJC with a 2-2 outing; those two hits a home run and a double that scored three runs. Following Brush in outstanding hitting performances were Jason Powell (3-4 3 RBI), Tillery (3-3 2 RBI) and Mullins (2-4 2 RBI).

It is now time for SPJC to prove it is state caliber

The day of reckoning is here for the St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) basketball team. No more pretending, wondering or anything else. The Suncoast Conference's regular season is over. From here to finish, they play for keeps.

Do-or-die, backs to the wall, no tomorrow — you get the picture. On Feb. 22, the Suncoast Conference tournament begins. Six of the seven teams in the conference will battle for three rounds — single elimination style. Lose once, and your season is over. Win three times (or twice with a first round bye), and you gain a berth to the promised land of Florida junior college hoops — DeLand, site of the 1983 State Tournament.

Florida College, by virtue of winning the Suncoast Conference regular season crown, is already making arrangements to be in DeLand for the March 3, 4 and 5 tournament. For the rest of the conference, time will only tell.

At the beginning of the season, SPJC most likely was expecting a trip to the state tournament. The Trojans



sports editor

Reggie Connell

opened the year with an 8-0 mark, its finest start ever. For the majority of the season, SPJC was ranked in the state's top ten poll. Almost the entire way, they have led the state in offense.

Individually, SPJC also has statistical leaders. Gary Jeter and Greg Wimberly, the Trojans' forward tandem, are among the top five in the state in scoring.

At one point during the season, Jeter led the entire state in rebounding and scoring. Both Jeter and Wimberly have legitimate shots at being All-State selections. Jeter has an outside chance at All-American honors.

At point-guard, Kelvin Danford led the state in assists for a short period

during the middle of the season. The 5-7 wizard was also the third leading scorer for SPJC most of the year.

Statistically, SPJC is definitely state caliber. But a poor showing during the conference season has brought with it a certain amount of question marks. The Trojans finished the conference schedule with a 6-6 record; fourth place in the conference and well below expectations.

The major surprises during the season were a 78-75 win over Manatee Junior College on the road, followed by a 78-71 loss to Polk Community College at home four days later.

The win over Manatee was the last any team registered over them this season. And for Polk, it was their only conference win of the season.

Generally speaking, this was a good season for SPJC. The 17-8 record marked the first winning season for the Trojans since 1976. But with the talent head coach George McCrossin acquired this season, more was expected.

It's hard not to look towards next season when these talented freshmen

Final Standings

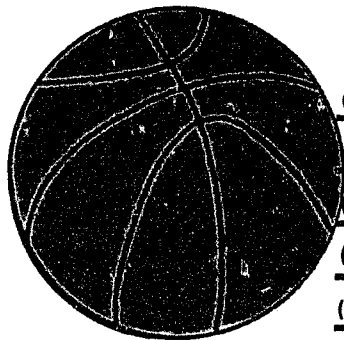
Florida College 11-1
Manatee 9-3
Brevard 8-4
SPJC 6-6
Hillsborough 4-8
Lake Sumter 3-9
Polk 1-11

are experienced sophomores. But this season is not over yet.

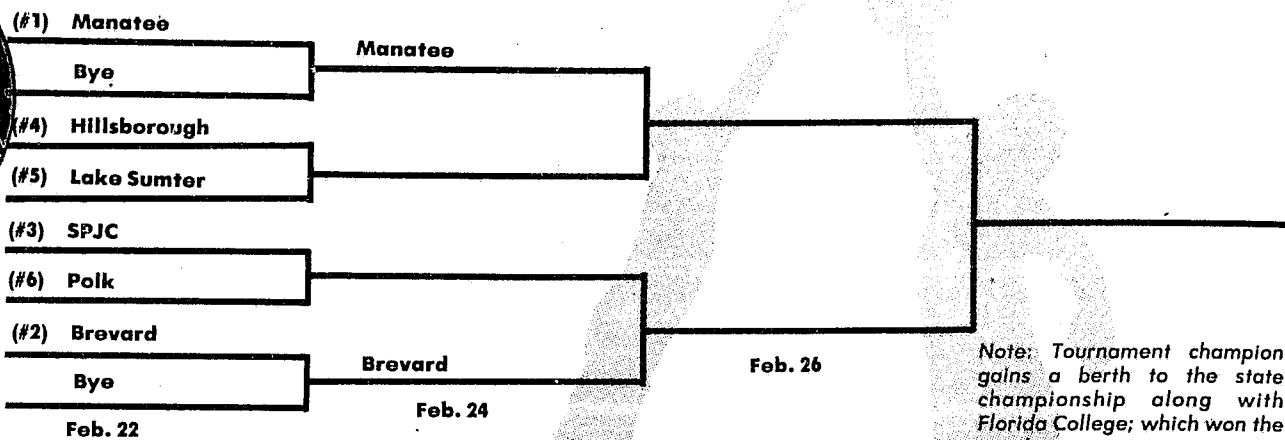
All season long, SPJC has been a good team, bordering on greatness. All but two of the Trojans' eight losses have been to teams that have been ranked in the top 10 of the state.

SPJC is probably one of the best eight teams in the state. More importantly, one of the two best teams in the conference. But now is the time to prove it.

Now is the time to cross the border from good to great.



Suncoast Conference Tournament Pairings



Note: In all cases, the home team is decided by the better seeding. Seedings are in parenthesis beside the team name.

Note: Tournament champion gains a berth to the state championship along with Florida College; which won the regular season crown.

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Softball

Broward slashes past Trojans

By JERRY ODELL
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Most have heard the old common sense phrase "Don't play in the rain." Someone obviously neglected to tell the girls softball team at St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC).

While a lot of people were home downing a warm bowl of chicken soup, the SPJC softball team was busy getting blasted 16-10 by Broward Community College (BCC) in the cold rain.

The game was the first of a scheduled doubleheader at the University of South Florida (USF) field in Tampa. The second game was called because of the sloshy circumstances.

Evidently the wet field had a lot to do with the outcome. Broward had the privilege (if you want to call it that) of playing two games prior to the Trojan contest.

"The key to their success was the two previous games against USF," said SPJC coach Susan Boyd. "We had a problem adjusting to the mud."

"Problems" adjusting to the mud seems somewhat of an understatement. SPJC quickly found themselves deep in a hole after committing four errors in the top half of inning one. Broward cashed in on a 6-0 lead before the Trojans even had a chance to bat.

The Trojans, however, managed to score a couple of runs themselves when the chance arrived. It was 6-2, Broward.

Broward then capitalized on SPJC's ineptness in the rush to take a commanding 9-2 lead.

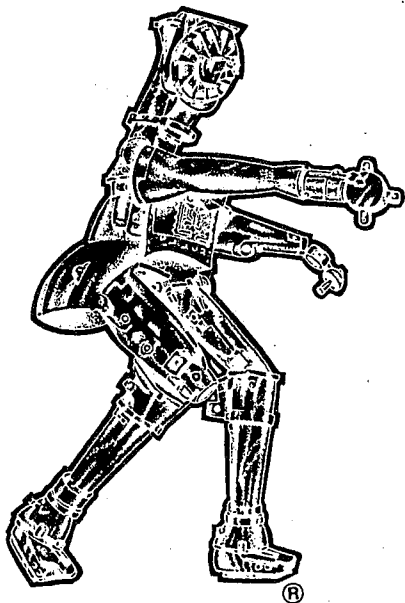
But SPJC was not willing to surrender. They battled back and after six innings (they play seven in women's softball) the lead had been shaved to 11-10 giving the Trojans one final shot.

Broward, who had been feasting on Trojan mistakes, "earned" their last runs. In the final inning Broward bats went wild, resulting in five runs.

Sheryl Hollen was the big bat at the plate for SPJC. She went three for four and scored three runs.

Broward managed to pound out 16 hits and SPJC finished with 13.

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