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New phys. ed. course for session II

By Trish L. Cole
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

Students returning to St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) session I of the 85-86 school year, will find a new physical education elective offered, according to Dr. Roy Church, vice president for educational and student services. By 1987, this elective will be a general education requirement, he said.

The new course is called Personal Fitness and is the heart of a new physical education policy recently passed by the District Board of Trustees, said Church.

The course entails a personal assessment of each individual's current health and fitness and then establishes an individualized improvement plan, he said.

Dr. Calvin Harris, Tarpon Springs Center Provost, says he feels the course

will be a significant improvement in the physical education program. He said the course will enable everyone, regardless of age, to participate in physical education and benefit highly from it.

Harris said the course will include a computerized readout of the student's physical characteristics, such as the percentage of muscle tissue and body fat. The student will then work with the instructor in devising a diet and exercise plan to fit the students' needs.

Over the next three years, small changes will take place in the physical education requirement, gently phasing in the new Personal Fitness course and by 1987, making it a requirement.

As the physical education requirement stands at present, according to the 84-85 SPJC academic catalog students are required to complete two courses in physical education, or may substitute

HES 2000, Personal and Community Health, for one physical education course. Students are exempt from physical education if they have served in the military, are over 25 years of age, or for medical reasons.

Physical education requirements will remain the same for the 85-86 school year except that students will have the option of taking the Personal Fitness course. However, students attending SPJC during the 86-87 school year will find that although the requirement has not changed, those students over 25 or who have served in the military will no longer be exempt.

The new policy will finally take affect Session I of 1987. Personal Fitness will be a physical education requirement and there will be no substitutes. Students will be exempt due to medical reasons only.

News-in-Brief

Hackworth appointed as IC

Mr. Robert Hackworth, Instructor in Mathematics at St. Petersburg Junior College's Campus, was appointed Information Coordinator for the State of Florida.

As the State Information Coordinator, Mr. Hackworth is recognized as a leading authority on the status of developmental programs in Florida. He will serve as a resource person within a national network of developmental educators.

The Center for Developmental Education is widely regarded as the nation's leading source of information, training, instruction and research in the field of developmental education.

Credit courses increased

St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) is increasing the number of credit courses to be offered at Pinellas County community schools.

During Session III, May 5-July 16, SPJC will offer courses at Countryside Community School, 3000 State Road 580, Clearwater; Seminole Community School, 8401 131 St. N., Seminole; and Lakewood Community School, 1400 54 Ave. N. The offerings include courses in general education, business and early childhood education.

Registration may be done at the SPJC campus nearest you. Registration will also be at Countryside Community School April 9, 6-8 p.m.; Seminole Community School April 16, 6-8 p.m.; and Lakewood Community School April 23, 6-8 p.m.

For further information contact La Rae Brown, 341-3289, or Lg. Ann Elliott, 341-3290.

Publicity forum at SP

The 16th annual Publicity Forum will be held April 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) St. Petersburg Campus, 6605 Fifth Ave. N., in the Social Arts Building, Room 399.

The forum is designed for individuals or organizations interested in increasing their knowledge and understanding of publicity as a tool for creating public awareness and community support. The program will include a slide presentation and a panel of media personalities.

The \$10 registration fee also includes a publicity handbook, containing an updated listing of all local media contacts. Lunch will also be available in the campus cafeteria at nominal cost.

Information on registration is available at the United Way of Pinellas, 822-4183, or the St. Petersburg Junior College Open Campus, department of Continuing Education, 341-3293.

The forum is sponsored by St. Petersburg Junior College, United Way of Pinellas and Big Brother/Big Sisters.

New SGA officers elected at CL

By Sharon Kennedy
Wooden Horse Editor-in-Chief

After run-offs in two categories the Clearwater campus of St. Petersburg

Junior College (SPJC) elected its executive board and sophomore senators for the Student Government Association.

Brenda Taylor, a freshman political science major, defeated Roger Roscoe in the

race for president of SGA in a run-off election.

"I laid back a little bit," admitted Taylor, referring to her change in campaign strategy.

Taylor said that people commented to her that they not vote for the candidates who were running around campus asking for votes and plastering the walls with posters.

"I tried everything else," said Taylor, "so I laid back a little bit and it worked. I put up very few posters and flyers and only asked my friends to vote for me. I didn't ask anyone I didn't know to vote for me."

Taylor commented that the students are intelligent and wanted "a little space."

Space, however, was very limited on the Clearwater campus as numerous candidates approached students going to class and solicited votes.

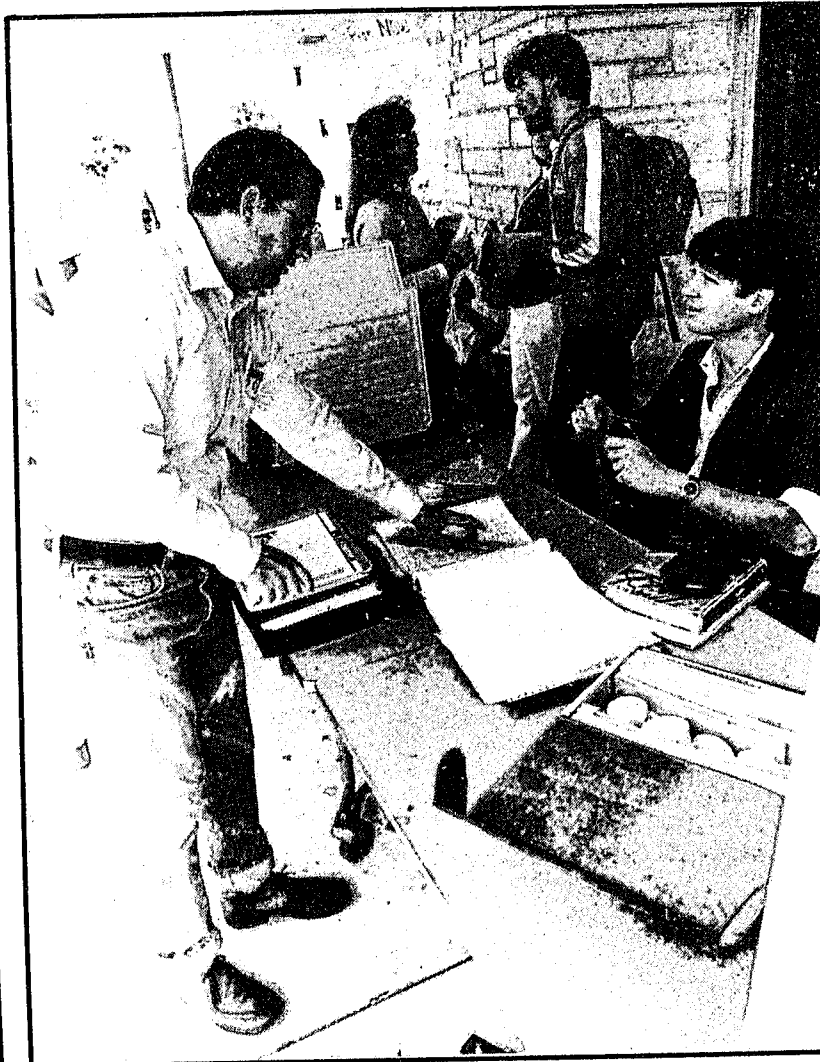
Voter turnout nonetheless remained high for the runoff election. The original vote garnered 292 votes and the runoff election brought in 205. Last fall's elections only brought in 99 students out of approximately 3,000 on campus.

"Voter turnout was great, a 200% increase (from last fall)," said Elections Committee Chairman David McKaplin.

The vice presidential position was also decided in a run-off between Jim Luckey and Denise Fales. Luckey, a business major, kept a consistently high profile and won the position.

The only candidate for the executive board who was elected from the original vote was Kristin Williamson. Williamson defeated Rebecca Artman for the Secretary/Treasurer position.

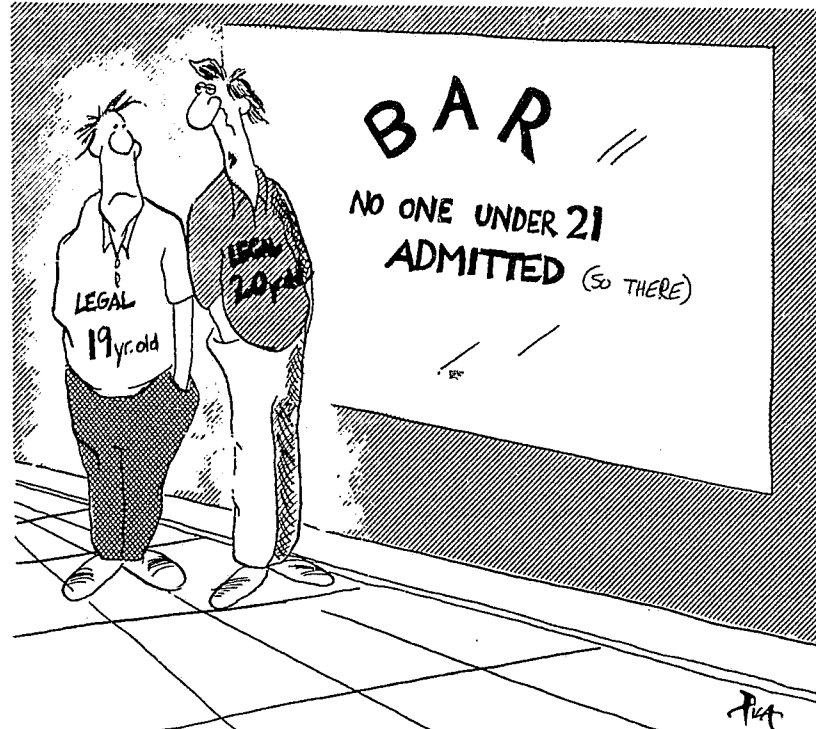
The sophomore senators elected were: Valerie Beynon, Michael Charles and Ted Turner. Rebecca Artman was elected Sophomore Representative.



Scott McQuiston (R) managed the voting table as students on CL campus elected SGA officers.

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Pica's Perspective



TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT THE 'UNCONSTITUTIONALITY' OF IT... WE'LL GROW OUT OF IT.

Graham's tuition plan sloppy

Since the cost of living is constantly rising, many American families see the greatest increase in college education. It costs the average family nearly \$4,500 a year to send their child to a state university. Out-of-state students can expect to spend double, sometimes even triple that amount.

Recently, Governor Bob Graham proposed to increase college tuition by 25% over the next two years. Graham called for the tuition increase in his proposed 14.3 billion dollar budget as a way of getting students at Florida's nine public universities to pay about 20% of the cost of their education while taxpayers pick up 80%.

This neat idea proposed by Graham is a sloppy way of improving the excellence in education. Many students are distressed over the proposed idea. The increase will prevent students and prospective students from attending college. Despite mandated affirmative action plans, the increase will also prevent minority students from attending college for the simple reason that tuition will not be affordable.

In the second week of April, approximately 325 students marched on the state capitol in protest to Governor Bob Graham's proposed plan. Students from around the state met with decision-makers and voiced their opinions through student leaders.

Students, unfortunately, are so stereotyped that many legislators may not take them seriously. Tom Abrams of the Florida Student

Association, recently expressed his frustration in fighting stereotypes. Students are not just drinking beer on campus, buying stereos and cars, Abraham said. Students are also serious about their education. Since tuition is proposed to be increased, the accessibility to higher education is threatened.

According to the *Tampa Tribune*, Deirdre Sykes a junior at Florida Atlantic University, says she is working and trying to go to school. Because Sykes is paying for her education, she feels it will become impossible for her to afford Graham's proposed increase in college tuition.

There are many students just like Sykes who feel this increase is unfair. Yet theoretically, higher tuition is supposed to provide more funds in order to improve state universities. But how can educational excellence be achieved when only the richer class of people will be able to afford its expenses? Governor Bob Graham should sleep a little longer on his dream to maintain a state budget.

The Florida Student Association, as well as the Board of Regents and the Florida Junior College Student Government Association, have proposed a cap on tuition hikes which would mean that tuition could go up no more 5% in any one year.

This is a very reasonable proposal. The students to come should not have to bear the overwhelming burden of a 25% increase because the state needs a "quick fix" for education costs.

This should look great on my resume



Editor's Column

Sharon Kennedy

Whew! I made it. We finally produced the last issue of the *Wooden Horse* for this school year.

Although I'd love to rattle off volumes of the complaints I've stored up over the semesters about how overworked and underappreciated we are, about how no one understands freedom to express opinions (and sometimes be opinionated) on the editorial page, or how journalism and communications students don't realize the practical experience they can get working on a newspaper (why else would our newspaper class be so small?) I won't do that.

Thinking about all these things I realize how much we college students go through just to get a few gold stars on our resumes.

I wonder when it all ends. I have pictures in my mind of someone asking Ronald Reagan why he ever decided to become President. "Well," he'll say, "this is going to look great on my resume."

I don't think it's such a ridiculous scenario. That is the answer I get most of the time when I ask "Why are you in Phi Rho Pi (or Student Government or PTK)?"

I'm sure egos play a part in some of the more ambitious campus activities. It sure

feels great to say you're the president of something that someone has heard of. Okay, Okay. The editor of something sounds nice too.

I'm being cynical. I know, for example, many faculty members who are genuinely interested and involved in student activities. After all every club or association on campus needs at least one faculty member as a sponsor and advisor. That means someone out there is working.

I've found, working on the *Wooden Horse*, that the old jokes that SPJC is a commuter college and is often referred to as 5th Ave. U. or Drew U. are basically unfounded.

There is a lot of student and faculty involvement here. The Inter-campus Council meeting held this semester at St. Petersburg campus proved that.

Joe Borries, who organized the I.C.C. meeting, remarked that after about 30 minutes, when students were starting to ask pointed questions of administration and old myths and misunderstandings were being cleared up "I remember looking around the room when people were debating and questioning and I remember thinking, 'Wow, this is exactly the way I had pictured this would be,'" Borries said.

So, I have every confidence that when I aduate this summer that SPJC will do it fine.

Higher drinking age unneeded



Gene Page

Youth of America, what is going on? After years of our 60's and 70's counterparts fighting the system so that we could vote, drink alcohol, and enjoy other niceties of the "adult-world" are we to forever loose these things and others because of laziness or non-caring? Lets hope not.

They are at it again. Who are "they" some ask? They are the individuals bent on taking away our freedoms; our legal, rightful freedoms as Americans.

As if the proposed seat-belt law wasn't enough, now Florida youths of "legal age" have to contend with yet another problem that concerns most, if not all of us. This atrocity is the proposal to raise the drinking age to 21.

Now, most of us can remember in the early 70's how thrilled our older friends were when, after much fighting, got the 21 year old limit removed so that adults 18 and over could drink.

But after a decade of common sense we are being forced, once again, to having to deal with such nonsense as this.

Oh, they can give us many reasons for this raise. One of which so Florida can get the promised road monies if the age limitation is raised, sound familiar?

It should, they are trying the same thing with the seat-belt legislation.

But with all of these "valid" reasons, one must ask why other western civilized countries get by with drinking ages as low as 16 years of age. Why does America have this problem? Could it be that the high drinking age limit is causing some difficulties in itself? Quite possibly.

Some say that because of the drinking age being so high, it is causing a mystic effect on our younger youth. When growing up they see alcohol as a big "adult" thing, whereas, our European counterparts are the opposite. While they are growing up alcohol is always around, so therefore it is not a big issue.

Also, with Florida being in part of the "dreaded-conservative-bible-belt-region" this could well be the source of some of our problems. There is nothing wrong with a person's individual religion, but come on, there is a limit.

What we, as youths, have to remember is the fact that legislatively speaking, we are under-represented. Consequently, we have to speak out our opinions so we won't have people older than we are making laws for us.

In the last two decades, America has greatly advanced in all aspects for its youth, have we come all this way only to be knocked back down by a few? NO. If we push it, like our past generations have, we will not regress, but progress on to better things. Do not let an older population put us down. Fight for our freedoms. Cheers!

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Health-related programs open

By Sharon Kennedy
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The limited enrollment program for the health related fields at the St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) Health Education Facility (HEF) looks more promising than ever this year, according to the selective admissions director.

In the past students have had to endure a frustrating waiting list in order to enter SPJC's highly recommended programs in the health related fields. This year there is a decrease in the number of applicants, leaving classes with more than a few openings.

Classes such as medical lab technician and dental hygiene usually fill up fast said Gail Janssen of the HEF's counseling and testing, because "the health related fields are expected to grow in the next decade. We don't have all the figures in yet but what we have seen so far is that the number (of applicants) is much smaller than usual."

"We became aware of students being discouraged," said Dr. John Cromer, dean of health related fields "Our application pools are usually quite large and students had to apply more than once."

The programs available at SPJC are: dental hygiene, EMT paramedics, nursing (RN and LPN), medical lab technician, medical records, physical therapy, radiologic technology, respiratory technology, veterinary technology, optometric technology and health care management.

Students interested in enrolling in any of these programs should contact an SPJC counselor or the individual program director.

trivia quiz

Since this is the last issue of the Wooden Horse we thought we'd test your brain cells and memories a little. See how well you do on this SPJC trivia quiz.

1. What now-deceased rock star once attended SPJC in the 1960's?
2. What is the name of the SPJC sports teams?
3. Which SPJC campus just celebrated a birthday; Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, or St. Petersburg?
4. True or False. Under 30% of the community, technical, and junior college students are women.
5. St. Petersburg Junior College was an established junior college for the state of Florida in 1929, making it the oldest of Florida's community colleges.
6. Who said "St. Petersburg is a beacon to community college education in the state of Florida?"
7. What high school did SPJC temporarily use until it opened its own doors in 1928?
8. The Caruth Health Education Facility which is located on 66th St. and Park Blvd. was once the site of what St. Petersburg department store?
9. Who is Dr. Carl M. Kuttler, Jr.?

The president of SPJC, Peterburg High School B. Webb's City 9. is older, 6. Gov. Bob Graham, 7. St. College was established in 1933 but SPJC system until 1947. Palm Beach Junior did not become part of Florida's public system in 1929 as private institution but it is. Petersburg Junior College was established in 1929. This is partly true. colleges are women. 3. "u" used to be. False. Over 64% of the students who attend community, technical and junior colleges are women. 2. The 1960's. Just celebrated its 20th birthday 4. 1965. The Clearwater campus, built in 1965. 3. The Clearwater campus, built in 1965. 2. The Clearwater campus, built in 1965. 1. Jim Morrison of the Doors 2. The

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Less than warm welcome at CL

By Michele Shamro
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

A 19 foot Burmese python throttled conversations and took the breath away from passing students as she sunned herself on the St. Petersburg Junior College Clearwater campus grounds Wednesday afternoon, April 3.

Ed Alcorn, a business student on Clearwater campus, brought Cleo, his eight year old, 225 pound python, on Clearwater campus with the hope of getting permission to bring Cleo as a free attraction during the Birthday Bash, he said. Although he was denied permission because of Risk Management, he said that he demonstrated Cleo in one of his classes.

As Alcorn guided the snake out of a white bedsheet, about 20 students gathered around and others began coming out of buildings to see the commotion. One student suggested that Alcorn find an easier mode of transport for Cleo, a shopping cart rather than an audio visual cart.

Alcorn said he has been collecting reptiles from Mexico and the United States since he was 12 years old and is a reptile scientist. He owns a 40 foot trailer with 21 cages of reptiles that is displayed at the Oldsmar Flea Market on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cleo and her mate Leo, a 17 foot, 175 pound Burmese python, are the largest of their breed on exhibit in Florida, stated Alcorn. He says they are part of his Educational Reptile Tour consisting of 40 reptiles.

Cleo lives in a cage that is seven feet wide, seven feet long and three feet high with a lawn of wood chip mulch. Alcorn said the snake feeds on chickens, rabbits and 45 to 60 pound pigs. Cleo only eats once a month and gets more active as she gets hungrier, Alcorn continued. This doesn't mean she lives without special attention; according to Alcorn her body temperature must stay between 74 degrees and 88 degrees Fahrenheit and she takes vitamins.



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Ed Alcorn brought pet to Campus.

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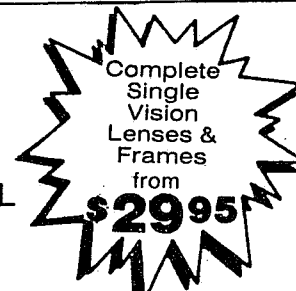
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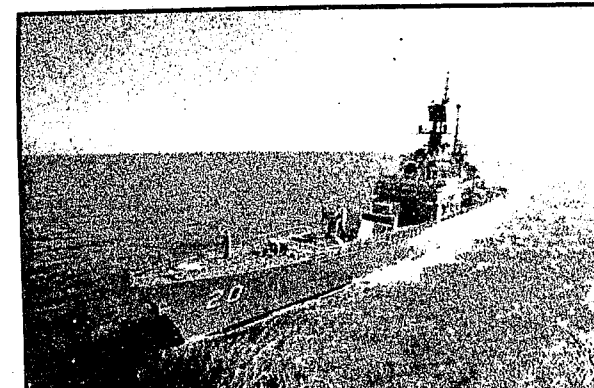


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Here comes Spring! And SPJC was ready to celebrate it

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Kelly King performed two jazz dance routines, here she strikes a pose during her first dance.



Wooden Horse - Michele Shamro



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The Fashion Show entourage bids farewell to their audience.



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Cherise McEnerney singing solo.



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Passing out the cake is Roger Roscoe and Ann Hall of the Student Government.

SP: No classes and lots of noise

An estimated 300 to 400 students and faculty gathered into the Quad at the St. Petersburg Campus of St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) to dance, play games, show off their sexy legs and welcome in Spring.

Students watched as 500 balloons were freed to the surrounding area with notes attached asking the finders of the balloons to please return the card with their names and the place the balloon ended up. The crowd oohed and aahed as the many colored balloons escaped from it's holding net.

The St. Petersburg campus students were let out of classes from 10 to 2 to enjoy the celebration put on by the Student Activities office and the Student Services Board, unlike their fellow Clearwater campus students who missed much of their Spring Fling because classes went on as usual.

The master of ceremonies with a David Letterman-style humor, kept a briskly moving stream of entertainment including a skit performed by Don Musselmen's drama class spoofing the

Miss America pageant.

Perhaps the noisiest part of day came about when the contests began. Contestants, judged by an applause meter, flexed muscles and showed more skin, trying to elicit a greater audience response.

The greatest audience response of the day occurred when a maintenance worker stepped on the platform to challenge the only contestant in the men's deep tan contest. James Robinson, who is black, responded to the m.c.'s question of how he got such a deep tan with "Well, I was born with it." The crowd went nuts and Robinson walked away with a deep tan prize.

The sexy legs contest, sponsored by the SSB, traditionally the favorite contest did not fail this year to bring the audience to its feet to cheer for their favorite knees.

Most impressive about the St. Petersburg campus is Spring Fling was the abundance of faculty participation as well as good sportsmanship during the faculty volleyball game.

Dance any day

Students at the Tarpon Springs campus were entertained by authentic Greek dancers as TS celebrated spring with a Hellenic festival. There was a banquet of Greek food and the faculty and staff eventually joined in the dance.



Photos by Gene Page

Tarpon sponsors a Hellenic festival



Suicide: it's clues and prevention

By Michele Shamro
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

Suicide is the second leading killer of adolescents today, according to experts. It takes the lives of 5,000 college age students per year and that is only a minimum since many suicides are reported as accidents, say experts.

Those contemplating suicide cannot cope with their lives and need a support network, Rana Tiwari, spokesperson from Horizon Hospital, told students and staff at Clearwater campus Wednesday afternoon, April 5.

Tiwari spoke with the intention of educating people who consider suicide as an alternative to an overwhelming circle of conflicts. She stressed that a crisis intervention center on campus would help lessen the number of suicides. She spoke to student government president John Pica about forming one, if the center could get the support of the administration and students.

Experts say what is most important is to consider what is often a definition for suicide—a cry for help. In 80 percent of attempted suicides the intention was signaled verbally. When people speak about suicide there is a need for someone to channel hope and security from what Tiwari calls their tunnel vision.

"Usually clues are obvious and people are not that quiet," stated Tiwari; people are in a "constant phase of interaction, always communicating verbally or physically.

A sudden elevation after a long depression usually occurs, said Tiwari, because the decision to commit suicide has already been accepted, an escape offered in the curve of the circle.

A person experiences depression when he or she is suicidal, added Tiwari, and shows signs of depression. Some of these signs Tiwari said are sudden



changes in habits and personality such as appetite, sleeping or failing hygiene. Other signs are not as prevalent explained Tiwari, such as getting together with friends they have not seen for a long time, giving away personal belongings especially prized possessions, or a sudden elevation after a long depression.

Tiwari continued that other symptoms are talking about suicide, the pre-occupation with death, even drug addiction and alcoholism.

Why suicide when man's strongest remaining instinct is to survive?

"Perhaps suicide is a statement about society. Why use something so radical to get attention?" stated Tiwari.

Tiwari said that the increase of suicide is due to the loss of family structure; there is "no strong ego." Because children are not taught more positive resolutions on how to resolve problems Tiwari said, they "use trial and error, but they tend

to make more errors." They need a positive way to perceive the world, she added.

Other contributors said Tiwari, to the suicide increase are the availability of drugs, especially to younger children and the change to more alien substances in the drugs. The behaviors of these substances are not known to researchers yet, she said.

A college-peer support program/student assistant program would serve the need of the community with the supervision of faculty, said Tiwari.

Suicide took the life of one student on Clearwater campus this year.

More information about suicide is available at Horizon Hospital at 541-2646 or the Suicide Crisis Line at 541-4628.

People who are interested in creating a crisis intervention center can speak to John Pica, student government president of Clearwater campus or Rana Tiwari at Horizon Hospital.

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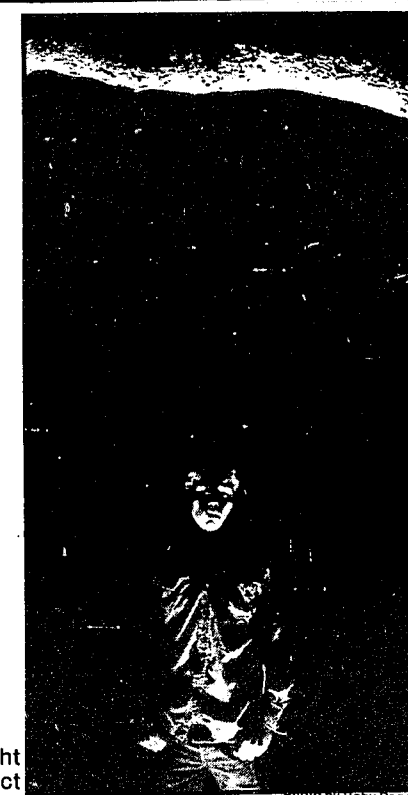
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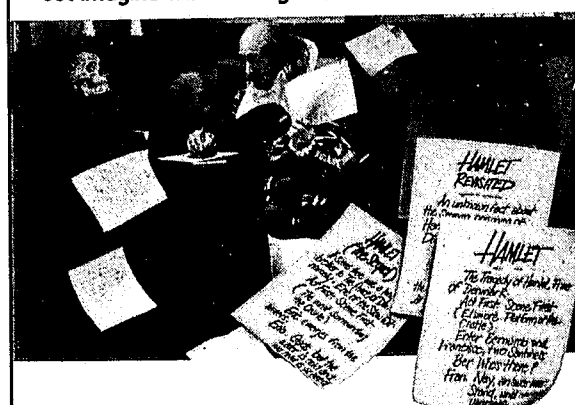
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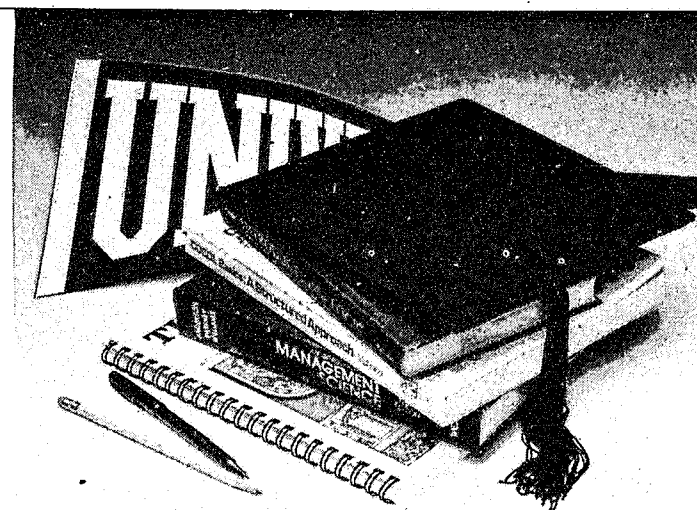
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Abrams: drinking age, tuition top priorities

By Sharon Kennedy
Wooden Horse Editor-in-Chief

Tom Abrams is the kind of guy that legislators get used to seeing. As executive director of the Florida Student Association (FSA) he is often camped outside the door of legislators offices, lobbying for student rights.

Abrams was present at the fall convention of community college student governments and spoke of his respect for the Florida Junior College Student Government Association (FJCSGA) organization and of the excitement he feels now that FJCSGA and FSA have each signed association agreements with other student organizations across the state to unify students on common goals.

Abrams presence at FJCSGA's convention was symbolic of the historic unity brought about by the association agreement. "Instead of five separate organizations we now have a lobbying voice of 1.8 million strong," said Joe Borries, a student of St. Petersburg Junior College and a FJCSGA delegate.

"I think we (FJCSGA) are really gaining a lot more from the association agreement by being joined to FSA than the FSA is gaining from us,"

said Shari Eiden, also from SPJC and the Governmental Relations Director of FJCSGA.

"What is exciting," said Eiden, "is that we can put any amendment we want on the Florida ballot because it takes 500,000 signatures and combined we represent twice as many (as the required amount of registered voters to place an amendment on the Florida ballot.)"

The FSA adamantly opposes raising the drinking age to 21 as well as Governor Graham's proposed tuition hike for state universities and community colleges.

"The FSA has approved the Florida Board of Regents proposal," said Abrams, which recommended that a general revenue cap of 5% be indexed, meaning tuition would not go up more than 5% any given year.

They also actively lobby for a system-wide computer software advising system and favor a program that would allow for more favorable recruitment of minority faculty as well as a higher level of minority retention on the university level.

The FSA is a satellite of the United States Student Association (USSA) which has successfully lobbied in Washington D.C. and through its statewide student associations across the country to preserve student financial aid programs during the past four years.

The USSA's top legislative priority this semester was to combat the budget submitted by President Reagan on February 4, calling for a 25% cut in student aid and the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Abrams, addressing the FJCSGA organization, called on the delegates to fight the upcoming bill requiring states to raise the drinking age to 21 or lose 10% of their highway funds. Over the past two years state legislators have consistently voted against any attempt to make the legal drinking age 21.

"Don't let anyone tell you that you are not responsible enough to decide when you can and cannot drink," Abrams said, dramatically pounding his fist on the podium.

A few of the FJCSGA delegates said they resented the "soap box tactics" Abrams used.

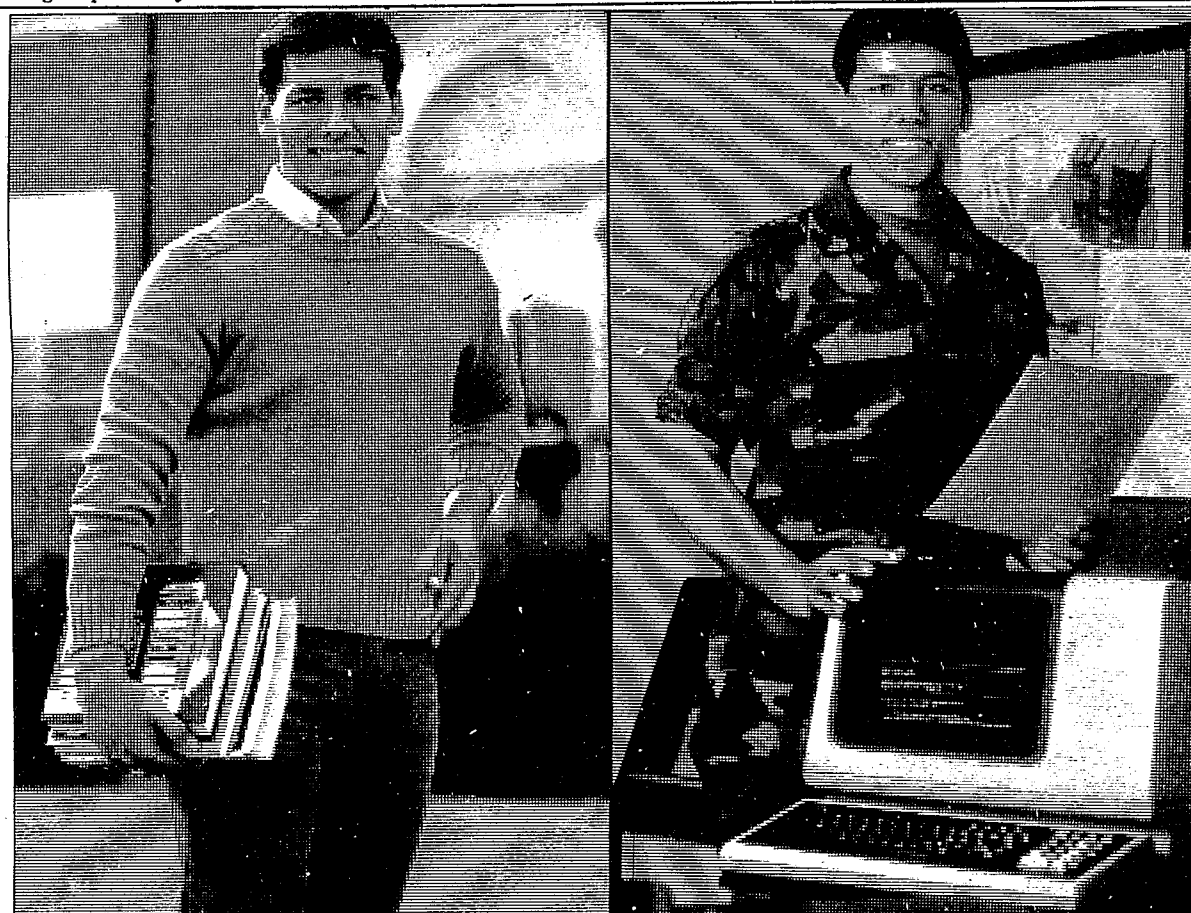
"FSA is a very progressive organization and they pride themselves in that," said John Stemberger, president of FJCSGA. "FJCSGA is such a diverse organization. We have conservatives, libertarians, everything you could imagine. So I can understand why some of them might have gotten upset with what he said."

Abrams, unapologetic for his excitement, said he was proud of his organizations broad based approach to their goals and priorities which includes the tuition fee study, increased need based financial aid, support of the South East Florida Plan, consideration of the Board of Regents Path to Excellence and higher teacher salaries.

In an FSA press release the organization claims that "the dialogue and working relationship between the students and our educational and legislative leaders has never been better. However, it must be said that communication with Florida's Executive Branch has been less than adequate."

To rectify this FSA makes extensive use of its Tallahassee lobbying facilities, making it one of the most highly visible student organizations in the state.

"In order for FJCSGA to have any kind of lobbying office like FSA's it would cost us about \$1,000 a month," said Eiden. "I hesitate to use the term 'leaching' but for now all we can offer FSA is our name and numbers (of student representation) as a lobbying tool."



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News-in-Brief

Computer team wins

MELBOURNE--The St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) computer team won first place in the Florida Community College Computer Tournament.

As winners of the competition the SPJC students split \$800 among themselves and a Lanier microcomputer valued at \$10,000 is awarded to the College.

Ray Myers, Chairperson for the Computer Science program at SPJC, and Ed Brzozowski, Microcomputer Technician at SPJC, were advisors for the team. Students on the SPJC team were: Thomas Skibo, Jeff Elam, Steve Guth, Robert Mess, and James Wolaver of St. Petersburg, and James Derosa of Clearwater.

The contest involved levels of competition with general computer usage, business applications and math-science applications. The championship competition was played on microcomputers in a highly visible game-type atmosphere in the Brevard Community College Melbourne Campus gymnasium.

"SPJC has gained a reputation as a leader in computer education," commented Ray Myers. "For the last twenty years the College has had a commitment to computer technology. And it simply pays off."

Coleman elected FJCSGA Treasurer

Rick Coleman, from Tarpon Springs campus of St. Petersburg Junior College was elected the treasurer of the state executive board of the Florida Junior College Student Government Association. Coleman was elected at FJCSGA's spring conference at West Palm Beach.

Artman appointed sec.

Rebecca Artman, the newly-elected sophomore class representative for Clearwater Student Government Association (SGA) at St. Petersburg Junior College, was appointed the secretary for the District Executive Board of the Florida Junior College Student Government Association (FJCSGA).

Community colleges from around the state are separated into five districts by FJCSGA. Artman, along with Valerie Beynon, the assistant district coordinator, are the only members of the District IV executive board.

Editor picks this season's favorites



Sports Column

Ron Saar

Clearwater has the Phillies. Dunedin hosts the Blue Jays, and St. Petersburg entertains both the Cardinals and Mets.

St. Petersburg Junior College is represented in the major leagues by Twins' short-stop Tim Teufel. Clearwater native, Howard Johnson, is playing for the Mets in New York. Trojoc centerfielder Todd Miller was a second round draft pick of the San Francisco Giants.

Once again, free-agent signings dominated the off-season with some noteworthy players moving on in their lucrative careers. Teams from both leagues benefited from these switches. The trend of new faces in the playoffs will be repeated.

The American League (AL) East hauled in the majority of these players. The Orioles took top honors by adding all-time great Fred Lynn, solid hitting Lee Lacy, and bullpen ace, Don Aase. Bill "The Inspector" Caudill, took his practical jokes and relief mastery up north to Toronto. George Steinbrenner, in an effort to make the Yankees winners once again, signed the fleet-footed Rickey Henderson.

The World Champion Detroit Tigers reported early to camp with the same team that brought them their success. Do you blame Sparky Anderson for not changing anything with the intentions of repeating last year's performance? The Red Sox signed Jim Rice to a multi-year contract granting the "Bosox" hitting power for the next few years. Wade Boggs, a Tampa native, will be near the top of the batting race.

About the only good thing to come out of Cleveland, or the rest of Ohio for that matter, Bernie Kosar of the Miami Hurricanes would like to play for the football Browns. The once great power of Milwaukee should stick to brewing Schlitz for a few years and rebuild again.

With all the talent the Orioles picked up during the off season, I would like to pick the "O's" to win the AL East. Toronto, despite shorting up a suspect bullpen, still lacks the endurance needed to win.

The Jays are just a season or two away from success. At the present though, Sparky Anderson's Tigers are the team to beat. The Tigers will win the division, but not as easily as last season.

In the American League West, team owners decided to take a sabbatical from

the multi-million dollar gambling world of free agents. The California Angels, once participants in free agent purchasing, lost Lynn and ase to the "O's". The "Chisox" saw Greg Luzinski retire, but have Ron Kittle to call upon for power and leadership. Oakland's athletics will miss the talent of Rickey Henderson and will find themselves in a rebuilding stage once again.

League champion Kansas City stayed pretty much the same during the off season. Seattle, like Toronto, will be a team of the future. Kent Hrbek will continue to play in obscurity as Minnesota will fight it out with the Texas Rangers for last place.

Kansas City plays consistent ball and would be a safe bet to repeat, but the "Chisox" will regain winning form and cause some problems for the Royals.

Chicago won the crown in 1983, and the disappointing 1984 season taught the Sox to play within their limits. Tony LaRussa, is a good, strict, manager and it is his turn again for a miracle in Chicago.

The Mariners with any luck, could find themselves in the hunt this year, but need a replacement for Caudill and some solid defense before they can be taken seriously this season.

Baseball update

Tom Voiland
Wooden Horse Sports Correspondent

The week of March 11 to 16 was one of the better weeks for the Trojans. The team played well balanced baseball and went undefeated in four Suncoast Conference games.

Monday, March 11, the Trojans defeated Florida College 12-4 behind the combined pitching efforts of starter Dave Wuthrich and reliever Brent Frimmer. Leading the offense was hot-hitting Sophomore Jude Rinaldi, who enjoyed a 2 for 4 game.

Two days later, the Trojans gave Florida College an opportunity for revenge. Roger Spriggs slapped out 4 hits and 3 rbi's and Tom Voiland went the distance and picked up his third win against a loss as the Trojans won 8-6.

Friday night marked the beginning of a very successful and important home series against Trojan arch-rival Hillsborough Community College. Captain Bobby Cuff pitched brilliantly through the ninth inning contest picking up his third win. Mark Miklos hit a solo home run to help seal the 3-2 Trojan victory.

Fate was on the Trojans side the next day, as after traveling to Tampa to play HCC, they ended up with a forfeit win over the Hawks due to the lack of umpires.

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Pica's many perspectives

In this, the final issue of the *Wooden Horse*, Steve Pica has assembled a collage of some of his cartoons from the past year.

Pica's cartoons, better known as "Pica's Perspective," have resulted in many of the *Wooden Horse's* letters to the editor—both in outrage and in praise. This unusually, is what pleases Pica most.

