

# The Wooden Horse

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## News-in-Brief

### Volunteers needed

The Pual B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center, a school for the mentally retarded children, needs volunteers for their horsemanship program. Volunteers will function either to lead the horses or to ensure that the children are steady. Qualifications include a working knowledge of horses and children. The hours of the program are yet to be determined, but they will fall sometime between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information or if interested please call Janet Hangartner 799-1121.

### HEF meeting

Health Education Facility (HEF) counselor Gail Janssen and program representatives are meeting bi-weekly to re-write the constitution by-laws and discuss issues concerning HEF students.

The meetings are held on second and fourth Mondays in 103D and are opened to anyone wishing to attend. Student representatives from the 15 health programs are expected to attend. Janssen said "Attendance has been abysmal."

The meeting dates are listed in the HEF bulletin "Vital Signs."

### A quotable quote

Secretary of Education William J. Bennet said that students, parents and college administrators have been "way out of line" in expressing opposition to the Reagan administration's proposal which would eliminate about 1-million students from federal college aid programs, in an article printed in the *Los Angeles Times*.

It will be, said Bennet, "divestiture of certain sorts: stereo divestiture, automobile divestiture, and three-weeks - at-the-beach divestiture."

### Free screenings

The Respiratory Therapy Program of St Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) is offering free pulmonary health screenings on Mondays and the first and third Thursdays during February, March and April. Screenings cost \$75 - \$150 if done in a hospital. This includes a complete pulmonary function test which is useful in detecting disease caused from smoking, air pollution and environmental hazards. For further information contact the Gulf Coast Lung Association at 343-6133.

### Christian concert

Youth for Christ in the Bay Area is sponsoring a concert at the First Assembly in Clearwater (1739 S. Greenwood Ave.) on Friday, March 8 at 8 p.m.

"Second Chapter of Acts," a brother-sister trio who have been on the Contemporary Christian music forefront for 13 years, will be appearing.

Tickets are on sale at local Christian bookstores for a \$1 donation which will be used to help cover the sponsors' expenses. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert for the support of the "Second Chapter of Acts."



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### A plebe pleads...

Mike Noto, a Delta Theta Chi pledge, is caught in the act of "pledging" to be good to the belly dancer at the fraternity's birthday party for him. It's a good thing this present came gift wrapped.

## SPJC: No help for hurt student

By Sharon Kennedy  
Wooden Horse Editor-in-Chief

Page 32 of the St. Petersburg Junior College Catalog under the heading "Health Services" reads in the second paragraph, "The College does not provide accident or health insurance for students."

Kevin "Kaz" McCue, a student at St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) has endured a hard lesson for not reading the college handbook.

In November of Session I, McCue was seriously injured in a horseback riding accident during a SPJC class. He suffered several torn ligaments in his arm and a dislocated shoulder.

"The (horseback riding) incident was purely accidental. No one could have prepared for what happened," said the horseback riding instructor who preferred not to be named. "The horse stumbled, just as a person would lose his balance, and Kaz fell forward," said the instructor. "It will be hard for him to prove negligence."

If McCue were to sue the riding farm to pay for injuries he would have to prove that Foxcroft Stables was negligent. "I've talked to a lawyer," said McCue "and no one wants to touch it. How can you prove negligence?"

McCue, who is a staff writer for the *Wooden Horse* and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity, said he was surprised to learn that SPJC has no insurance coverage for its students when the college requires six credit hours in physical education to graduate.

"I am a student," said McCue, "so of course it concerns me that I have to pay for an accident that happened during school time, but I am also a student leader and I feel that the student body should be made aware," that the college

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## Ineligibles plague Trojan team

By Ron Saar  
Wooden Horse Sports Editor

**Academic ineligibility.** Mention those two words to any college athletic director and notice his expression change from pleasant to sour. Just ask SPJC Athletic Director/Head Basketball Coach George McCrossin. After a highly successful first half of the season, problems arose and the Trojans found themselves struggling through the more important second half. The games that decided who competes in post-season play take place during that time, a time in which the Trojans haven't fared so well.

The suspension of four players due to the academic ineligibility, along with other minor factors have caused the once ninth ranked Trojans to fall short of McCrossin's expectations. After losing to community-college-level basketball powerhouse, Hillsborough Community College, the team fell out of the rankings, and the problems mounted.

With only seven players dressing for games, McCrossin states that it was "awfully tough to compete" and that "teams took advantage of that fact and, by substituting frequently, they kept their players fresh while ours got tired."

The players who had to leave the team due to academic problems were: starting point guard Darryl Miley, starting center Cameron Wallace, Fred Davis, and Greg Gardner.

Andrew Carr had to leave the team due to academic problems also, but his problem was different. Buying the wrong textbook for a TV Biological Science course resulted in Carr receiving an incomplete. Another incomplete in Composition II didn't help matters either. Carr did carry a 2.14 grade point average (GPA) and will be eligible for next years play. "I'm making goals for myself and working out, so that I'll be able to come back and play," Carr said.

Al Johnson, who was to play for the Trojans during the second session after playing for Eckerd College during the first half of the year, received two Ds and therefore, fell below the minimum 2.0 GPA required of all college athletes. Johnson claims that "basketball takes up a lot of time, Between practice, traveling to and from games and the games themselves, there's a lot of time involved." Davis, who plans to transfer to FAMU to pursue a degree in business administra-

tion, called his suspension a "big, letdown." A low grade in a Composition II class and D on his final term paper were the keys to his misfortune.

Gardner, a walk-on claims he "really wasn't ready for it," but the suspension "is fair." Living at home and putting in 35 hour a week at his job with the Jack Eckerd Corporation seems to have caused the overload that resulted in his dismissal from the team. By passing only eight hours of the 12 required of all athletes with a 2.5 GPA Gardner didn't really have enough hours in the day to make it.

Two of the suspended players, Miley and Wallace, were in Project Success. Project Success is a program designed for students whose high school transcripts and entrance exams show weakness in the areas of math and reading. The program is for all enrollment of around 70 students.

Johnnie Williams, a member of the Clearwater campus English department and a Project Success mentor described the program as one that "isn't for grade improvement only. We look for total

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### Not enough notice for students

The incidents detailed in the story on page 1 brought to light the fact that the college does not make sure that students are fully aware that SPJC students are not covered by the college's insurance policy.

This is a Catch 22 situation because students at SPJC are required to take a physical education course to graduate but are not covered by the college's insurance program if they should be hurt while in class.

Roger Wilson, from the college's insurance department, stated that no college that he knows of carries insurance for its students. This may be the norm but it was quite a surprise for Kaz McCue who had to pay almost \$4,000 for injuries sustained while taking a horseback riding class.

Wilson said he felt that the notice that the college places in the SPJC catalog and the notice that will be placed in the 1985 student handbook is enough. "We've done quite a bit already to see that students are aware that the college does not carry insurance for its students," said Wilson.

The notice mentioned by Wilson can be found on page 32 of the St. Petersburg Junior College 1984-85 Student Catalog under the title "Health Services." It can be found in the first sentence of the second paragraph and says that the college does not provide accident or health insurance for its students.

If the student were to look in the catalog index under "insurance" the notice would not be found.

Putting a notice in the student handbook and catalog may be enough notice legally, but it is not enough morally.

The college should be aware that few students read the catalog or handbook thoroughly enough to pick out minute details such as accident insurance. It is not until a student takes a physical education course that he would become aware of the need for accident insurance.

Orientation packets and course synopses should include a warning that the college does not provide accident and health insurance and that it is up to the student to purchase his own insurance.

### No 'unofficial language' here



Point

Ron Saar

would it do for the citizens of such countries as Taylor, Dixie and somewhat closer to home, Hernando, where the population of these immigrants is minimal?

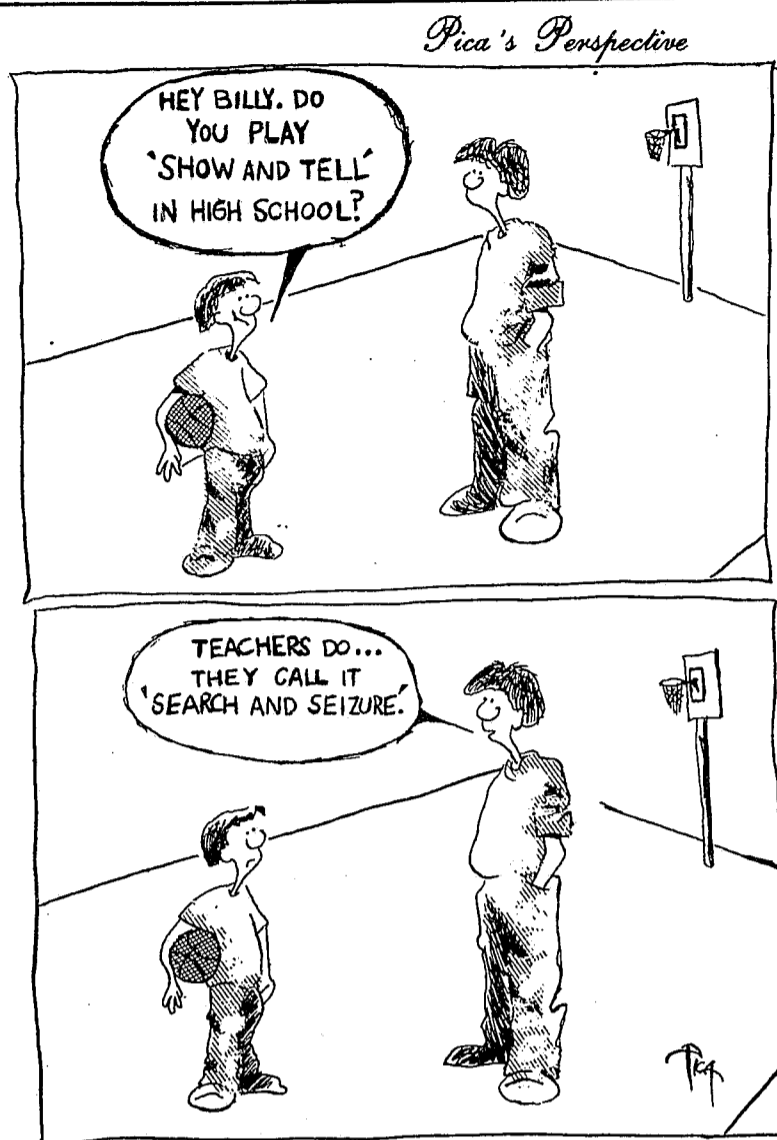
This reminds me of a principle learned in Economics I, called the "Fallacy of Composition," which means that what is true of a part may not be true of the whole.

The cost of changing road signs, advertisements and all paperwork encountered in everyday Florida life should be enough reasons alone for us to stay with the language that has suited us for well over 200 years now.

With tourism as Florida's economic heartbeat, the switching of languages should be examined carefully. Take Miami as an example. After the infamous boatlift from Cuba, and the strife that ensued, the number of visitors to Miami from different countries, states and even countries went down significantly. If the language were to switch, do you think that these people would hold the same feeling for the entire state?

A person can walk around such tourist attractions as Disney World and the EPCOT Center and hear as many as four or five different languages, including Spanish. Among themselves, these people can speak their native dialect, yet to do any business in the states, they must use their English, no matter how limited it is. Spanish, considered one of the easiest languages to learn, can be very difficult to comprehend. If I may be permitted to repeat myself, how many people will be willing to learn this language so they will feel comfortable in our state? I personally attempted to master the Spanish language some eight years ago in high school, but, regretfully, I gave it up after half a year.

My talented counterpart, the editor of the *Wooden Horse*, Sharon Kennedy, exclaimed during the initial discussion of this matter, "I've taken three years of Spanish and still don't understand it!"



### Ours is a nation of immigrants



Counterpoint

Sharon Kennedy

It never ceases to amaze me that government can so often create a problem where none exists. I am referring to former U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa and Robert Melby, a former state representative from St. Petersburg, who have taken it upon themselves to preserve the English language by requesting a constitutional amendment making English the "official language" of Florida.

The conventional wisdom about immigrants and their languages is the Spanish-speakers are asking for treatment different from that which has been given to immigrants in the past. Immigrants in the past, it is thought, were placed, sink or swim, into English-speaking American culture and classrooms.

The general thought is that the Hispanics are demanding that the United States become a bilingual country. Unfortunately this view is often held by those with a bigoted and narrow view of this country's complex and diverse heritage.

To remind followers of Hayakawa's "U.S. English" organization that this country is a nation of immigrants is more than an emotional appeal. It means that

we have been through this before. parents; then they would demand the independence appropriate to that role; then they would yearn to escape the harsh ways of immigrant life. And in the From 1830 to 1890, 4.5 million Germans emigrated to the United States. According to *The Atlantic Monthly* the midwestern states, where Germans were concentrated, established bilingual schools, in which children could receive instruction in German.

The pattern that followed is similar to all immigrant sects. At first the children would act as interpreters for their end, they would be Americans.

It is interesting to note, as did the *St. Petersburg Times* recently, that only 3 percent of Florida's population could not speak English well or at all. Nearly three times as many claim Spanish heritage, which means that the large majority have learned English well enough to get along.

It is easy for native Americans to take for granted the strength of American culture. I am referring to TV programs, relations with the police, the way supermarkets work, McDonald's, automobiles an all of the other factors that form American life.

In all matters of economic self-interest and mobility knowledge of the English language is essential.

Florida's immigrant population does not need to be reminded of this fact and an amendment is not going to keep anyone from speaking the language of his native country.

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### Beach the patrol



Gene Page

Nearly everyone has seen the movie *Escape From New York*. It is about an island, Manhattan, that is turned into a combination prison and police state. Well, at this time another movie could be made with the plot very similar to the original movie. It could be titled, *Escape From Clearwater Beach*.

Anyone who has been out on Clearwater Beach on a weekend night to enjoy it has certainly encountered our friendly Clearwater Police Department hard at work.

At first the comparison to Clearwater Beach and the movie, *Escape From New*

York, is not that obvious, but it does not take long. Once people get on the other side of the bridge, watch out!

Little Clearwater Beach may not appear to be a possible harbor of criminal activity, but if one observes the amount of patrol cars out on the road the place looks dangerous.

For reasons unknown, the city of Clearwater has felt the need to turn a small strip of beach property into the county's largest "police state."

Now this is not to say that no police are needed, that would be insane, but what is needed is a simple monitoring of the situation so it will not get out of control.

as the following examples show it has in the past.

On a weekend night this past summer, a few cars were parked on a northern parking lot with some discussions about the night's plans.

Without warning, an officer from Clearwater Police Department knocked on one of the cars and made the following announcement: "In case none of you know me, I am the Bastard of the Beach and if any of you are here when I return, there is going to be trouble." situations that one can and will encounter on a trip to the beach.

Another problem seems to be in areas of parking lots. The parking lot areas used to be open, but recently the city decided to change a dollar just to get to the parking lots, while others close entirely just after 10 p.m.

What is happening to our beaches? Who has the right to turn a nice "public" beach into something that Russia would be proud of? It is beyond comprehension.

Now if that is not a case of a law enforcement official abusing his powers, what is? That is just one of many Let's try to find the answers before the problem gets worse, if that is possible. Have a nice trip to our beach.

### Letters to the Editor

#### More on abortion

EDITOR:

In regards to a recent letter to the editor, I was shocked at the remarks of Joseph Borries Jr. He claims that the cartoonist on your staff, whose abortion cartoon sparked many a fire, used foul and abusive language to get away with something.

What Pica has gotten away with is nothing more than facts on what goes on during an abortion. Nothing was vulgar or tasteless. No damage has been done that has not already been revealed through the media and television.

Can you recall a few weeks ago a documentary on TV called *Silent Scream*? Why pick on one cartoon when you have an entire video that goes inside the process of an abortion?

Keep cool, Borries. It is high time someone spoke up on the other side besides the usual "Jerry Falwells," who think more of their place behind the backside of President Reagan that they do about getting down to the nitty, as well as the gritty, on medical facts as Pica's Perspective has.

Raphael Tarpon Springs

grass roots lobbying, but that will take the efforts of all students.

Thank you Rebecca Artman - SGA Clw.

#### Animal home

EDITOR:

Recently you printed an article titled *A Home For Animals at SPJC*. The picture used for that was of a very special dog at the Veterinary Technological Center. Her name was Samantha and she had a litter of pups early last semester.

Recently, during an anesthesia class, she died of heartworms. We all miss her dearly. We take good care of the animals and we do hope people will come to adopt them.

Thanks Carol Horton

Editor's note: Samantha died during anesthesia not because of it. The cause of death was heartworms.

#### Column hit

EDITOR:

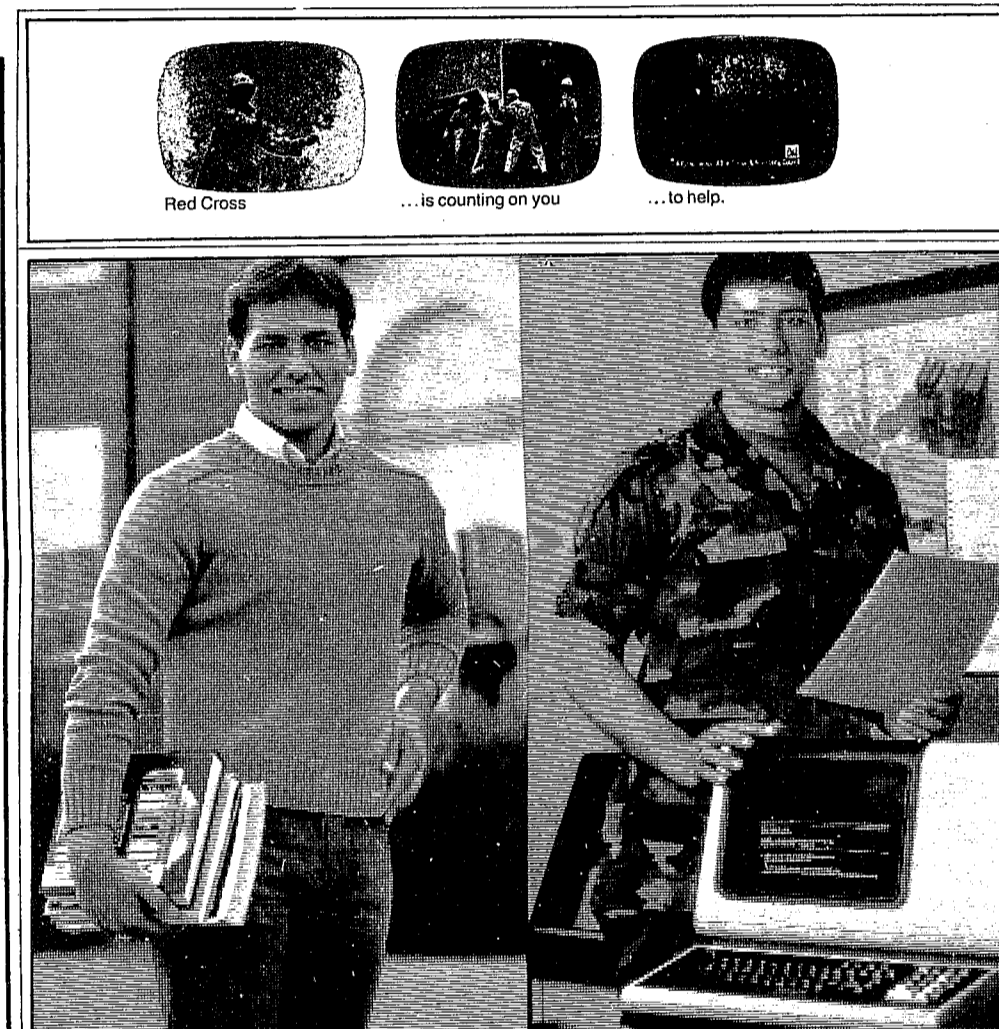
As our deficits strangle the future life from our struggling economy, we find that we all must address the threat of losing valuable social programs.

In the last edition of the *Wooden Horse*, Sharon Kennedy, the editor, asked if the poor people who buy steaks with their food stamps should be allowed to eat?

As a cashier, Miss Kennedy failed to understand the point about people being upset over the purchase of steak. I don't argue that the fact that the money we place in the food stamp program should purchase food (after all we do call them food stamps). If they need transportation, would our tax money justify a Rolls-Royce? Or course not!

The supplement program is designed to purchase the nutritional necessities needed for adequate dietary survival. Does Miss Kennedy suggest that valuable tax money must be spent on steaks, because they are necessities? I don't think so, after all, we're not sending Ethiopia shipments of ribeye steaks, are we? A good understanding of the value and crisis of the "Yuppie generation" may be found in Landon Jones' *Great Expectations*.

Todd D. Kottmeier



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## ARMY. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.

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personal development, and an increase in the completion rate of all students who attend college." Williams added that "policies should be enforced" and that the suspension "may be the best thing that could have happened to them."

Miley lacked the hours needed, and his GPA was below the 2.0 level. His suspension "teaches me a lesson; that I'll have to work a little harder," he said. When asked about Project Success, Miley said that "I never had time for it, so I never went, which was a mistake on my part." Living at home and supporting his daughter, Demita, Miley plans to make a comeback next year and help the team as he did at the beginning of the season.

Wallace, the other member of the team who was enrolled in Project Success, had a variety of academic problems. Incompletes, withdrawals, and a low GPA added up to academic disaster for Wallace, the team's starting

center during the successful first half of the season.

Wallace was unavailable for comment on his feelings about Project Success. Emotions are mixed among the members of the team. McCrossin said, "It's really frustrating when something like this happens to you." "It's really hard to practice when there are only seven people showing up."

Forward Paul Wiczorek added, "they knew the rules, and it's not that hard to study, it's their own fault." Joel Canfall, who is transferring to Eckerd College next year as his eligibility for Division II schools is ending, said "This happening is a definite turn for the worse," but "they should have realized they needed the help and then got it."

Matt Kilgroe hopes that "the team can come back from this," while Byron (Cletus) Mack echoes McCrossin's statement: "I hurts our practices and games. With only a few subs, we can't go all out."

**Insurance** from page 1

does not provide accident insurance to cover students.

"I know of no colleges that insure its students," said Roger Wilson, Risk Manager for SPJC. Wilson said that the college has insurance for the college itself but not for the students.

"Students who need insurance can purchase it through SPJC on a group

insurance program offered to students," said Wilson. "But the demographics of the college (indicate) that most students can get insurance through their parents or employer."

McCue's accident was paid for by his parent's insurance policy. "I think there should have been some sort of notice in the orientation package," said McCue. "I don't think many people are aware of this situation."



Close encounters of a ? kind

Lydia Stalnaker came to the Clearwater Fine Arts Auditorium recently to share her experience with a UFO in northern Florida. Stalnaker said she spent three hours on the UFO and now has healing powers because of the event.

**Intercollegiate activities abound**

**Phi Rho Pi takes home honors**

By Paul Deveny  
Wooden Horse Correspondent

When you hear the words Phi Rho Pi you might think of some college fraternity. Although Phi Rho Pi is part of the college it most definitely is not a fraternity in the traditional sense.

St. Petersburg Junior College's (SPJC) very own speech honorary competed Feb. 17, at the Gasparilla Speech Tournament in Tampa. The tournament which lasted only one day brought competition from all over the state.

Dr. Stephen Doyle, director of the forensics speech honorary, said he was

"very proud" of the three members that competed in five categories representing SPJC. Out of the five categories, SPJC placed in the finals four times with one competitor leading the persuasion category for most of the day.

Dwight Chaing, the Phi Rho Pi president, led for most of the day and in the final round ended in third place on the basis of one quality point from one judge.

Other awards that SPJC team members earned were; a fifth place honor by Angela Smith in the impromptu category a seventh place honor by Todd Liesenfeld in the impromptu category,

and fourth place honor by Dwight Chaing, also in impromptu.

Phi Rho Pi is a national organization and is officially called the Phi Rho Pi National Honorary Forensic Society for Junior Colleges. According to Barbara Hull, advisor to Phi Rho Pi, there are over 200 chapters of Phi Rho Pi and the campus club is one of them.

"Phi Rho Pi is open to any student who wants to participate," said Hull, "I listen to speeches on Wednesday, in LA112 and (Doyle) travels with them to competitions."

Phi Rho Pi logs many miles going to

competition around the state. "The competition provides the students the opportunity to develop forensic skills," said Hull.

SPJC alumni scholarships are available for members of Phi Rho Pi and the speech honorary also gives its own awards of merit at the end of the year.

"We used to have a banquet at the end of the year," said Hull, before SPJC funding was taken away. "We still get together and honor our own."

Students interested in Phi Rho Pi can contact Barbara Hull at 341-4302.

**Brain Bowl: a disappointment**

By Sharon Kennedy  
Wooden Horse Editor-in-Chief

The award-winning St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) Brain Bowl team suffered a disappointing defeat at the regional tournament held Feb. 15, at Florida College in Temple Terrace.

"We had a strong team in all areas but we just weren't quick enough on the buzzer," said Julie Nieves who, along with Earl Kohler, coached this year's team.

The Brain Bowl is played much like the game show "Jeopardy." The players are asked questions submitted by all participating colleges and must be the first to sound the buzzer and answer correctly. A team is knocked out of competition if it loses twice.

"We defeated Florida College and South Florida Junior College," said Nieves, but lost to Hillsborough Community College and Manatee Junior College. "As I sat there watching I couldn't help thinking how far each player had grown intellectually since last November.

This year's team consisted of David Gilbert, Kevin Downey, Tibetha Owen, John Emerson, and Ashley Lushene. There were no returning players from last years state-champion team.

"It helps when you have returning players," said Nieves, "Luckily, this year's team consisted of a lot of freshmen so we should have some returning players next year."

Nieves also remarked that in the four year history of the Brain Bowl the teams have always consisted of St. Petersburg Campus students even though the competition is open to all students.

Earl Kohler, also a Brain Bowl coach, expressed surprise that there hasn't been more interest in the Brain Bowl considering the amount of scholarship money offered to the winning team.

First prize is \$1,000 in scholarship money to each team member, second is \$500 per player and third is \$250.

"Many colleges around the state award scholarships to first and second place winners," added Nieves.



The Brain Bowl team members (from L) Ashley Lushene, Tibetha Owen, John Emerson, David Gilbert, and Kevin Downey.

**Club Corner**

By Kaz McCue  
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

**PHI RHO PI** . Need help in public speaking? Speech lab welcomes you on Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in LA 114, or register for Forensics Lab and receive credit. Students are also encouraged to participate in intercollegiate speech appreciation.

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

**UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR (SP)** is a new club on campus. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in AD 118. For more information contact Shiela or LaVerne in Counseling.

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**TAU ALPHA PI (SP)**. Need help? Tutoring services are available for students in engineering and engineering technology. For more information, to TE 136.

**COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS UNITED (SP)** presents Hal Feininger from Honeywell, speaking on the job opportunities for two and four year computer science majors at Honeywell. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 27, at 12:15 p.m. in TE 103. Everyone is welcome.

**SPJC WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM** is looking for experienced softball players. To qualify, you must have passed at least 12 hours during the first semester and be presently enrolled in at least 12 hours. You must also have adequate insurance, and get a physical. Practice will be Monday through Thursday, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. and the team will be out of town (all expenses paid) for three weekend tournaments. If you are interested or have any questions call Diane or Connie at 345-7513.

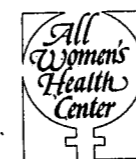
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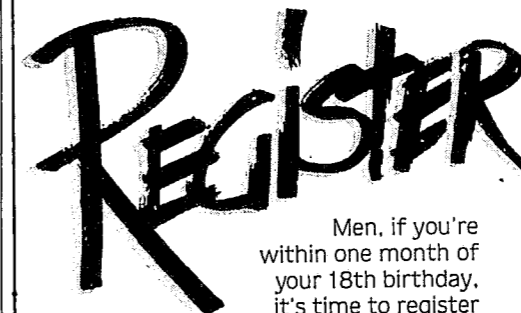
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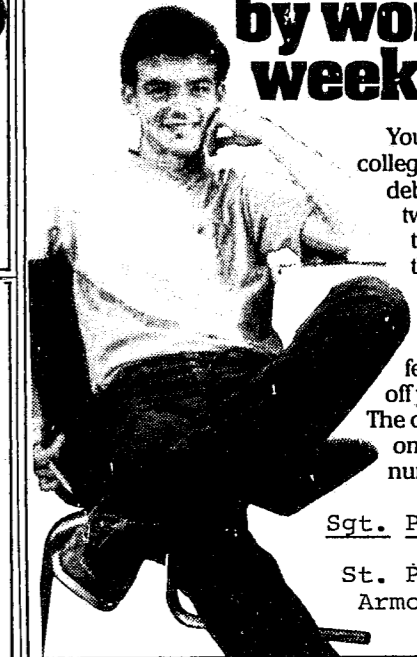
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## Historic agreement signed

By Trish L. Cole  
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

Members of student government associations throughout the state of Florida met in Tallahassee Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at a conference which may be one of the most momentous in student government history.

The First Annual State Student Leadership and Educational Conference was the result of a meeting in Melbourne, Florida last year in which students from four major student government associations met to discuss the possibility of adopting an Association Agreement between the organizations which would in effect allow them to join forces with one another, exchanging ideas and discussing problems critical to today's college students.

It was these same four organizations, the Florida Junior College Student Government Association (FJCSGA) which represents those students of Florida junior colleges, the Florida Student Association (FSA) which represents students of Florida State Universities, the Florida Independent Student Association (FISA) which represents students of private or independent colleges, and the Florida Black Student Association (FBSA) which represents black students through out the state of Florida, which met at the conference in Tallahassee.

According to John Pica, Clearwater SGA president, the first day of the conference consisted of registration and socializing with members of the other organizations. The second day workshops were held for those wishing to attend in the areas of leadership, lobbying, financial aid, and the role of SGA in the 80's.

"It was a great learning experience," Pica said. "The work shops were fantastic."

It was on the third day that the conference reached its climax - the signing of the long-awaited Association Agreement, a unification of all students throughout Florida.

Shari Eiden, vice president of Tarpon Springs SGA and Government Relations Director of FJCSGA said the members of each association gathered in the Florida House of Representatives Chambers for the reading of the final agreement, which Eiden conducted. "I got to stand where the Speaker of the House stands and read the Agreement," she said. "It sent chills up my spine, it was so exciting."

As the resolution stands, unification has been achieved and the associations will herein exchange official correspondence, exchange information, and join forces and or lobby on behalf of each other on common issues.

"The whole conference was impressive," Eiden said. "We all walked out with high hopes and I don't think we'll be disappointed."



## Pets need a home

By Michele Shamro  
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) Veterinary Technological Center in Pinellas Park is offering information about its animals to students. The animals at the center are not lab animals that are experimented on by the students, but are kept healthy by students who are practicing to become veterinary technologists. Each issue the *Wooden Horse* will offer this information about one or two of the animals that are adoptable from the center. The following two animals are available for adoption.

"Rusty walks on his hind legs when he's around people," says Donna Cote, student of the technological center. Rusty

is a medium sized dog that is rust colored, a mixture of spinal, neutered and about two years old. Energetic and lovable, Rusty is perfect for kids or athletic students.

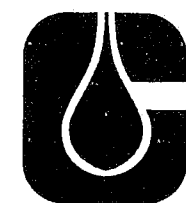
Silver's silvery gray coat makes his green eyes aluminating. Perhaps this is what has contributed to his reputation as being dominant over dogs in the past. Nevertheless, the cast is one of the most lovable and affectionate cats in the center according to Cote.

If you are interested in adopting one of these animals call Elaine Strang at the SPJC Veterinary Technological Center at 341-3653 or 341-1661.

Rusty (R) and Silver (L) are both available for adoption through the SPJC Veterinary Technological Center. Animals are kept and trained by the veterinary students.



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During 1985 patient needs are expected to reach an all time high. In an effort to make donating more convenient for our friends in St. Petersburg Beach, Pasadena, Treasure Island and Gulfport, we have added a new donor facility.

Blood donors are especially needed now as donation levels decrease during the holiday period. If you are between the ages of 17 and 80 and in good health, you most likely can be a donor. Phone the Blood Bank for more information.

## Photo Tips

By Ron Saar  
Wooden Horse Photo Editor

In this, the second installment in the series on how to obtain the most enjoyment out of your camera, we will take a look at the lenses available to the photographer, amateur and pro alike. They can be very expensive or they can be relatively cheap. Remember though, you get what you pay for. A wide angle lens (24, 28 and 35mm) does exactly what the name implies, giving you a much wider overall view of the picture. These lenses are normally used for short distances or special effects. A strictly special-effect lens is the fish-eye lens and they are very expensive, but they give you a feeling of looking at things more the way a fish would.

A good multi-purpose lens is the zoom lens. It gives the photographer the opportunity to choose how the large or small the central point will appear in the finished picture. Some of the more popular of these are the 35-150mm and the 80-200mm zoom lenses. Most of these lenses also have a "macro" setting with which close-ups can be taken. Look at these zoom lenses as two lenses for the price of one. A little trick with the zoom lens when the exposure time is under a 30th of a second, is to slide the lens along the barrel as you shoot. The picture will show the object rushing away or towards you depending upon how you move the lens. (Use a tripod for this and for any other photograph you take. Fuzzy or blurred pictures don't look too hot and very rarely sell.)

Fixed-range telephoto lenses serve specific situations. A 105mm lens is used mainly for portraits. The 135mm lens is very good for concerts and sporting events. A 400 or 500mm lens is used for sports or wildlife close-ups.

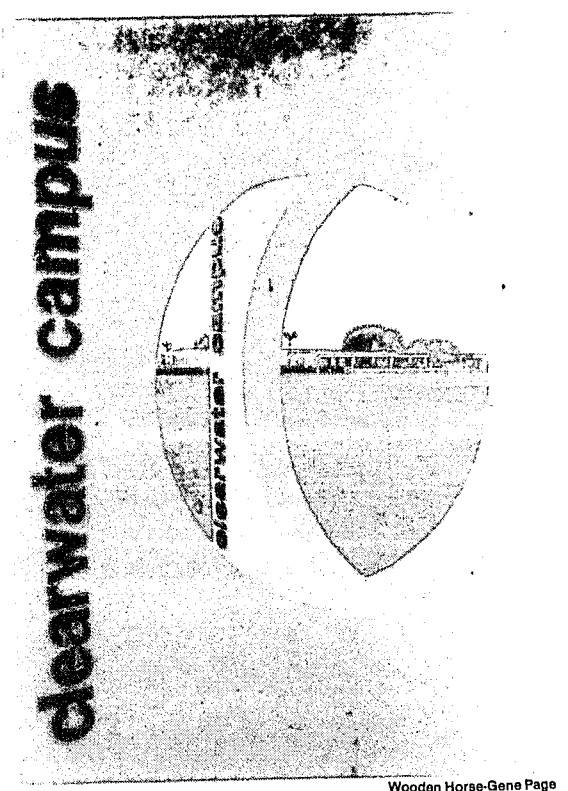
Like the 50mm lens that normally comes with the camera body, try to stay with the camera manufacturer when buying new lenses. Some of the companies that do specialize in lenses are Tamron, Tokina and Sigma. Any of these lenses are available in mounts to match your camera body and can be purchased by mail-order for prices that are substantially lower than those offered by area dealers.

I hope that these articles are answering any basic questions you may have. The next one will be on Florida's pride and joy - sunsets.



This portrait of a Brahman bull was taken during the Florida State Fair, held at the Fairgrounds in Tampa yearly, the fair offers a variety of shows, midway rides and tasty treats for all who attend. Using Plus-X Pan B&W film in a Nikon FG and shooting f/8 at 1/25th of a second, Photo Editor Ron Saar caught this animal getting psyched up for its turn in the Brahman judging contest.

## Picture This



Wooden Horse photographer Gene Page captured this abstract view of the Clearwater campus. Using a Nikon F2 with a Tri-X Pan film and going with f/16 at 250th of a second, Page was able to catch an entirely different perspective of the campus.

## Former SPJC student featured

By Kaz McCue  
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

The Fine Arts Department on the St. Petersburg Campus is sponsoring a one-woman exhibition of drawings by Susie Hennessy.

The exhibition is open for display in the Lynch Gallery (located in the Administration building) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until February 28.

On display are 15 large drawings completed between 1983 and 1985 in the graphic media and prisma-color, pastel

and graphite.

Hennessy, who is a native of St. Petersburg, studied at the University of South Florida where she obtained her Bachelor Degree Cum Laude and both English and fine arts.

During her studies in Tampa, she worked with nationally known artists Vito Acconci, Alice Aycock, Sam Dine and Donald Saff.

Hennessy's work reflects an intense personal focus on images and her renderings are done in the finest of drawing techniques.

Her works as an artist truly indicate her potential as one of Florida's promising young artists.

A reception held in honor of the artist on Saturday, February 16 brought out many family members, friends, fellow artists and interested art fans to the St. Petersburg Campus and the exhibition was received well by all who attended.

The drawings of Susie Hennessy will be on display until February 28 at the Lynch Gallery in the Lynch Performing Arts Complex of St. Petersburg Junior College on the corner of Fifth Avenue North and 66 Street.

## SPJC celebrates black history

By Crystal V. Lilly  
Wooden Horse Features Editor

St. Petersburg Junior College, (SPJC) in conjunction with other local institutions, organizations and area residents is completing its February celebration of Black Awareness Month.

Black Awareness Month is a month full of many activities and projects which recognize and attribute talents of many black individuals: Langston Hughes, a poet; Booker T. Washington, an inventor; Marian Anderson, an opera singer; Thurgood Marshall, a supreme court justice; Mary Mcleoud Bethune, an educator; Phyllis Wheatley, a poet; and Charles Drew, a doctor.

However, there are still many more of these talented individuals who have made great contributions to America but who did not receive the proper credit they deserve.

To remember black historical stand-outs, SPJC organized a month full of events commemorating these individuals. The activities include the following: speakers on black and the government, blacks and the media, blacks and the arts, blacks and medicine and a lecture event, "From Harlem to Broadway."

Kirk Simpkins, an accounting major on St. Petersburg Campus, attended the blacks and the media workshop. Kirk says he enjoyed listening to Garnell Jenkins because she is a very good articulate speaker and makes her point clear to a general audience.

"I was selected to attend the meeting by my counselor who is Mr. Brown. My planned major is accounting, and I didn't think listening to blacks and the media would be reserful. I was wrong."

"I learned that there are many more aspects to media than just broadcasting and print news. The media offers a variety of jobs: publishing, film editing, technical services and even accounting. I am glad I participated. It gave me a good perspective on how black individuals can achieve in the field of media."

Mrs. Jones, a librarian at SPJC, furthermore, feels the festivities held in honor of Black Awareness month were beneficial to both the black and white students. Mrs. Jones says, "It is time for young people to become more aware of the accomplishments of black historians."

"Students need more role models in their lives than just people like Michael Jackson, Mr. T, Julius Erving, and Bill Cosby. They should know that blacks have other talents than just entertainment and sports. For example, some students do not know that Charles Drew was responsible for doing the first open-heart surgery," added Jones.

"Although Black Awareness Month is not publicized enough, I feel Mr. George Brown did an excellent job organizing," said Mrs. Jones. "He has been the coordinator for SPJC for a number of years, therefore it is only tradition that he was selected again this year. He is interested in the promotional progress of blacks."

## News-in-Brief

### Successful party

With red streamers running throughout the Knights of Columbus Hall, a strobe light beckoning dancers to the floor and an array of sweets to keep the blood churning, the Valentines Party Feb. 15 sponsored by Tarpon Springs and Clearwater SGA's was hailed a tremendous success.

"I think we have about 75 to 100 people here," said Brenda Taylor who headed the Valentine party committee. "We had hoped for more but I think everyone had a good time."

A drawing for Mr. and Miss SPJC was held for those singles attending, and a drawing for Mr. and Mrs. SPJC was held for those couples attending. Jim Sousa and Kristin Williamson were named Mr. and Miss SPJC and Riki Robinson and Trish Cole, both of Tarpon Springs were named Mr. and Mrs. SPJC and crowned king and queen.

The winners received free movie passes, a solid chocolate candy heart, a couple portrait, and a one-minute spot-light dance. A photographer was on hand to take portrait pictures for a fee of \$5.

### Alumni cruise

The St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) Alumni Association will be sponsoring an alumni cruise aboard the *Star/Ship Royale*. Participants will be given round-trip motorcoach transportation from Pinellas County to Port Canaveral, three nights

accommodations in twin-bedded cabins with private facilities, a rum punch party, tote bag, \$10 casino chips, T-shirts, a corsage for the ladies and a group photograph.

Reservations are being made now. Per person, rates are \$280 for an inside cabin and \$352 for an outside cabin. Port taxes are \$22. For more information, contact Laura Brown Tavel 476 First Ave. N. St. Petersburg, (813) 898-6731.

### PT program

St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) is accepting applications for its Physical Therapist Assistant program. The deadline for applications for the program located at the Caruth Health Education Center in Pinellas Park, is Marc 1, for classes beginning in August.

The program prepares graduates to be physical therapist assistants, functioning under the supervision of physical therapists. As a part of the health care team, physical therapist assistants utilize heat, cold, massage, electrical stimulation, therapeutic exercise and functional activities in the treatment of patients, says program chairman David Erickson.

"There is a shortage of physical therapist assistants in hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes and private agencies," said Erickson. Salaries, he says, range from \$13,000 to \$18,000.

For more information call the Physical Therapist Assistant Program 341-3614.

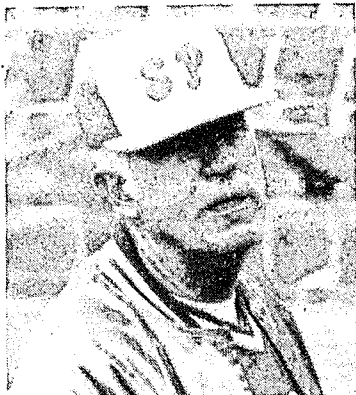
## Coach puts grades before team

By Gene Page  
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

There have been three baseball coaches at St. Petersburg Junior College, and Coach Edward J. Davis is one of them. "You can't eat baseballs" says Davis to his new ball players. "They, (the student) have to understand that their GPA comes first and baseball second." This is the winning philosophy of Coach Davis.

Davis first coached baseball at SPJC in 1966. He coached for one season and then Coach George Brown took over until 1970.

Since 1966 Davis has coached over 700 ball games and has won 407 of them. His outlook for this season? As usual, optimistic.



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Davis: 'You can't eat baseballs'

Davis is as proud of his present team as he is of teams past. Since 1978, three of his players have gone on to the major leagues, something he is very proud of.

Davis graduated from the University of Florida in 1957. He then went on to coach various sports at the high school level. Upon completion of his masters degree in 1960 he wanted to advance to a higher level of teaching, so SPJC was ideal.

From the first moment of coaching he said he loved it. "Some people fish for a hobby, I coach baseball. It is my life and my love," says Davis.

His family, he has said, is his ball club. "Every year I get a new family of 18 and 19 year olds. Besides my wife they are my life."

One day Davis recalls a school janitor making the comment that every year the students stay the same age, it's Davis that gets older. To this he replies, "I love it and wouldn't have it any other way."

Recalling more recent subjects he wishes the school paper would give more coverage to the sports programs here at SPJC and not give it to some other things, such as the Thrillers.

"We have some of the best ball players in the state and it doesn't cost the students one cent to watch these games, it's a shame not to give them the coverage they deserve."

And what does Davis have to say for all the aspiring athletes out there? "Get your education, you can't survive eating baseballs."

## Displaced homemakers FACE the odds

By Michele Shamro  
Wooden Horse Staff Writer

Having little experience in the competitive job market can make homemakers who are suddenly faced with supporting themselves and their families feel that there is no outlet.

FACE learning center, a nonprofit organization located on Seminole Blvd. in Largo, Largo is a place where homemakers, men or women, can find help concerning social services, housing and healthcare plus career information and training, counseling and the support of others in the same situation.

FACE is nationally recognized and has been in the community for seven years, according to Pat Moffett, career/community development coordinator of FACE.

Homemakers who are going through changes in their lives do to an unhappy homelife or worklife may experience difficulties reestablishing goals, financial stability or reassessing interests and priorities, stated Moffett. FACE learning center provides "a chance to explore the options in training and to gain the support they might need," Moffett said.

FACE has mainly worked with women who's only occupation have been as homemakers. They are forced to enter the job market due to the financial burden caused by divorce or single parenting, and frequently do not know what options are available to them, said Moffett. She added that men have also used the services.

A little support from FACE can help homemakers put to use their natural abilities from household management or community organizations in the competitive job market, Moffett said.

"The job market has changed, especially in the computer era. Women often need to retain or brush up on acquired skills," stated Moffett.

Moffett said, "FACE services are free to displaced homemakers. To others, services are available for a fee."

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**-Pat Moffett or  
FACE coordinator**

The benefits of the learning center are that when women are able to work in groups, they receive the support they need from women in the same position, explained Moffett. "Misery loves company," she said and when women work together they find an atmosphere for personal growth and encouragement while taking advantage of what is available.

Moffett believes that education in the colleges is an ideal model for work situations and often encourages further education.

FACE also helps women get scholarships from women's groups, said Moffett.

More information is available by phoning 586-1110 or 585-8155.

# Hunter Bloodmobile visits Clearwater campus

All pictures in this photo essay are by Wooden Horse photographer Gene Page.



BEFORE ...

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Inside Hunter Blood mobile with (L) Cathy Granato and Lauri Amsden giving blood.



Inside Hunter Bloodmobile as Cathy Granato and Lauri Amsden have their blood taken inside the Bloodmobile. Over 100 students and faculty gave 94 pints of blood to the Hunter Blood Banks semi-annual trip to the Clearwater Campus.