Opening Remarks

Okay, HELP! The RT NEEDS YOU! We are in search of one or two more editors. No word processing expertise needed; we will teach you. We do need writers, people with their fingers on the pulse of the department. News, gossip, anything. Just HELP!

MSAC News

Pres. Moody is still out of town. No coups yet. The MSAC will be hosting a get-together for the TOS meeting here on Tuesday, March 26. Heps! Zsodles has been volunteered to head this event. When she comes knocking for help, please don’t b__h & moan.

One kind soul noticed that on page 4 of the last issue was a restaurant review form. Okay, so it’s not a great, scientific sampling survey. Please, look in the RT box or in your last issue (if it’s not already in the circular file) for more forms and review your favorite or least favorite joint. The results will be handed out to TOS participants, if we get enough of you to participate.

Student Government News

Issue of the week was user fees and access to facilities supported by Activities and Services (A&S) fees, the "tax" you pay with your tuition. Some complaints have been raised recently about the $10 per 12 sessions user fee charged for the aerobics program at the Campus Activities Center (CAC). This program is one of several mini-courses administered by the Activities Office. Related issues involve use and access to A&S sponsored programs and facilities to Alumni, non-fee paying students, faculty and staff. Recently, a few Tampa campus alumni have expressed interest in using Bayboro campus waterfront in the erroneous belief that they have access privileges as members of the Alumni Association. The following statement summarizes the issues:

A&S fees, in large measure, are used to fund St. Pete campus student-lead clubs and the Student Activities Office for its creation, production and maintenance of on-going programs, facilities and special programs, all of which benefit the students, faculty and staff of USF/SP and the community at large. Philosophically, monies generated by A&S fees must be directed toward activities which primarily benefit the student population. However, many examples exist where other groups also benefit from A&S funded programs.

Mini-courses, specifically, may be considered as extensions of the basic level of activities available to the USF/SP community. They provide instructor-based programs designed to a specific curriculum of knowledge or focus, with varying degrees of formality and length, taught to a recurrent group of participants. It is traditional, but limiting, to think that such courses have a definite structure of material and ending point. Under this framework, certain group activities under the fitness and recreation programs could be considered as mini-courses. Such programs utilize the abilities of an instructor to impart knowledge and techniques as well as to monitor progress of the participants. In some cases, a qualified instructor can issue certifications of completion by a governing or sponsoring organization (e.g., the American Red Cross). In other cases, the course may be predicated on the knowledge and experience of an individual instructor, but without certification as its goal. All of these activities may be distinguished from those that are individual in nature or that do not employ the services of an individual to serve as an instructor and leader. This distinguishes weight lifting, soccer and basketball, for example, from sailing certification, life guard training, and CPR certification.

What is left for SG to decide, then, is how mini-courses should be implemented and whether A&S fees will pay for all of them or should user fees be charged to offset specific costs associated with the mini-courses. Clearly, A&S fees have been and should be directed to defray the capital and operational expenses of the infrastructure and staff that comprise the centers of activities on this campus. Historically, SG has provided seed money under the line item "Mini-courses" in the budget allocation to Student Activities.

Fitness programs at the CAC, however, may fall into a special category of mini-courses. The CAC is a new facility with growing programs. The current SG budget allocates just $2000.00, including a $0.00 funding level in the category "fitness center," under CAC programs in comparison to $20,448.00 under the Recreation and Watercraft Programs line. This represents a gross underfunding of the CAC facility. One can argue that if SG is going to invest in machine capital equipment and supplies for fitness without additional charges for the campus community, then "human capital," in the form of instructors for aerobics, yoga and the like should also be funded through A&S fees.

A second issue related to this is the establishment of user policies. Only tuition-assessed students contribute money to the SG budget through the A&S fee. Despite this, it is obvious that many other benefit from A&S funded programs. As an enrichment to campus and community life and relations, there is no question that this is a reasonable situation. In specific cases, hough, persons not affiliated with the University community are excluded from certain programs. In other cases, fees are assessed for non-student participants. A current concern extends this discussion to the privileges of the alumni and the responsibilities of the Alumni Association (Can the Alumni Association grant privileges for facilities over which it has no control and to which it makes no contribution?).

It seems ludicrous to think that the facilities on this campus can equally support the campus community and the outside community, which includes alumni of USF. Certainly, students should realize that tuition covers a fraction of the costs associated with enriching them in this public institution. The community at large thus has certain privileges associated with the use of this institution. Indeed, enhancing relations between the campus and the community can only better the functions that this campus serves. However, fee-paying students are the only ones that regularly contribute to certain extracurricular aspects of campus life, charitable contributions not being forgotten. This gives a priority to current students in the use of certain facilities. Policies must be designed to fairly and easily establish such priorities.

One problem with the mini-course program has been that new offerings and the charging of fees to students have not been brought before SG by the Activities Office. From now on, SG will be notified of new programs. The aerobics program will continue to charge a modest user fee to maintain and improve its instruction and offerings. All
suggestions regarding this and any other mini-course should be directed to the Activities Office staff, Sudsy Tschiderer, Cliff Bare, and Sherie Beaudreau. Final policies of the issues raised above will be set by SG at its next meeting.

The next free Legal Clinic, staffed by a local attorney, will be tentatively held on Feb. 26. Call or drop into the SG office to make an appointment (DAV 116, ex: 9144).

The next SG meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 26, 5:00-6:00pm, DAV 219.

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**Seminar**

27 February, Noon, MSL Conf. Room

Thomas Smith (DNR, Rookery Bay Lab), "Keystone Species and Ecosystems Dynamics: the Role of the Grapsid Crabs in Mangrove Forests"

6 March, Noon, MSL Conf. Room

Fernando Martinez (Univ. of Hawai'i), "Tectonics of the NE and SW Corners of the Easter Microplate from SEAMARC II, Gravity and Magnetics"

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**Kudos**

We missed announcing in the last issue the engagement of two of our own, Brad Penta and Heather Melton. Congratulations!

*The RT will gladly accept Kudos announcements for any Marine Science student, faculty or staff submitted by their peers, colleagues or advisors. Place them in the RT box in the mailroom.*

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**Myrtle's "Oh Vey!"**

Letters! Like, I got letters, and I'm totally stoked! Here they are:

DEAR MYRTLE:

I desperately need your good and sound advice. I want to be taken as a serious oceanographer! But, I shave my legs. Have you noticed that most of the women in the Marine Science Department at USF do NOT shave their legs? Of course, I prefer to look at a man's legs, but some of these slightly furry feminine legs are just so obvious! Will I ever be respected as a scientist? If I continue to shave my legs?

Or will I only be thought of as a cheap bimbo who wastes five minutes a day with a razor? What am I to do?

If I stop shaving, maybe I'll be taken seriously. But I cannot imagine having hairy legs. It's just so gross.

As for the question, "Do female oceanographers shave their armpits?" I don't even want to think about it. How would I get deodorant on? Since most people do not see my armpits on a daily basis, I will not drain your knowledge/advice too much.

Do you shave your legs? What about your armpits? Should I remain an oceanographer with occasional razor stubble? Or should I try to become a stewardess with Eastern Airlines (a shaving bimbo)?

In case you did not know, I am a woman.

Signed, Shaved and Depraved

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DEAR SHAVED AND DEPRAVED:

Homegirl, your letter has prompted me to address a totally serious topic: "Glamour and Marine Science: How to Make the Marriage Work." Might make for a good TGIF seminar sometime, but for now, listen up. I totally know where you're coming from. I've spent too many days on board research vessels trying to hide my Mint Julep face mask, hair sunscreen, and shaving utensils, for fear that my rep as a future awesome major scientist might be stubbed. Oh woe are us radical women, who want so desperately to pursue our science without giving up the assets of glamour and feminine products (beauty products, that is)! Good thing ya wrote to Myrtle, honey. Cuz I'll tell ya what: a glamorous oceanographer is nothing to achoo at. Ya know, when I was little I told my folks that I wanted to be a nurse, not a doctor, "because doctor's don't get to wear pretty shoes." We-ell! Imagine my surprise and major psyche-out when I discovered that doctors can wear and do whatever the hell they want! Since then, oceanography doctorhood and neon pink bikinis became my passion, and I started wearing high heels during otter trawls.

Moral of the story is a mondo fact: who cares what everybody else thinks? I mean, OY VEY! Don't stop at shaving your legs; go all the way! Get a pedicure! Wax your eyebrows! Put cow placenta on your hair (excellent for the pubic follicles and all). And do good science, of course.

If ya don't do good science, you can sign yourself off as a bimbo-brain for total sure. Especially if you're blond. Which, if you are, well, ya better do REALLY good science.

Don't just stand there and grow hair; say: "Oy Vey! I'm gonna shave AND be respected!"

DEAR MYRTLE:

How could my eyeshadow clash with my lipstick (or fingernails, for that matter?)? They're ALL black. Ignore the St. Pete Times! Black is NOT out! Vive la noire!

--Sydney

(P.S.) Publish THIS!

DEAR SYDNEY (a.k.a K.M.)

So that was black LIPSTICK you were wearing? Fun-
ny, I thought you'd, like, O D i'd on chocolate. Like, so I appreciate individual style, okay? So if you want to look like a vampire that's all right, okay? I mean, the whole point of, uh, glamour and fashion is to be different and all. Really, though, you oughtta check out the L'Oreal Color Analysis system at Maas. Fuschia is hip, and it would bring out your cheekbones and earlobes.

Speaking of black, February is Black History Month and I suggest that all bluewaters get your heads outta your current meters for about two seconds and think about homeboy ML King and intercultural sibling-hood. Like, check out the listing of events (see East Bedell for brochures), such as Spike Lee movies and a film of a literature classic: "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

And belated Happy Cupid's Day to like, everybody! Isn't romance wonderful?!! Like, my heart goes all fluttery just thinking about it. Course, most everyone WORKED on the fourteenth instead of watching the butterflies twit around. I mean, OY VEY! Loosen up a little! Smell the roses (after checking for pesticidal residue!)

Don't just stand there; say "OY VEY!"

Kisses, Myrtle

[Ed.: Myrtle awaits your replies, c/o the RT. We've said it before, we'll say it again: we just print this stuff. Anyone out there care to tackle male-oriented issues?]

Messages From Above -- Faculty Report

A faculty meeting was held at 10:00 on Friday, February 22. Three curriculum topics were discussed, each of which are pertinent to student concerns:

1) Request by Physical Oceanography faculty to offer "Introduction to Physical Oceanography" during fall semester. To facilitate new physical oceanography students, it is likely that Intro. to Physical Oceanography will, in subsequent years, be offered in the fall semester.

2) Student Progress Reports. According to official policy, students are and always have been required to submit annual progress reports to the Curriculum Committee. However, ever since the policy was created, no one has ever followed it. The faculty has decided to reinstate (or should we say begin?) enforcement of student progress report submissions every January 15th. From a student viewpoint, such a requirement is not necessarily a bad one as the reports are simple and straightforward, and they outline all of the basic requirements for completion of M.S. and Ph.D. degrees within a targeted time frame.

3) Graduate Seminar Requirements. Suggestions are needed from students! To promote having students practice speaking and presenting as much as possible, the faculty is considering a Graduate Student Seminar as a required course meeting weekly, with 2-3 students presenting talks each week. All students would be required to take one seminar credit every other year. Or, the already existing Graduate Research Symposium could be offered twice, rather than once, per year, and all students would be required to register and present a paper at least every other year. Other possibilities were mentioned as well, such as making the TGIIF seminar for-credit, or offering a course in giving scientific presentations. The faculty has decided to postpone a decision until receiving student input. That means we need everyone's suggestion! Please submit them to the RT mailbox, or be prepared to voice your ideas at our next MSAC meeting (next week; look for posted signs and please attend!)

1991-92 Fellowship Applications Due in March!

The Department of Marine Science will be inviting applications from eligible DMS graduate students for the Eisie and William Knight, Jr. Fellowship ($16,000), The Jack Lake Fellowship ($9,000), The Gulf Oceanographic Charitable Trust Fellowship (at least two at $3,000 each; may be further subdivided), and the Robert M. Garrels Fellowship ($2,000). Dr. Hine will be posting the announcements first thing next week, and the application deadline is March 10.

Prior to posting the fellowship announcements, however, Dr. Hine and the Fellowship Committee request that all concerned students provide feedback regarding the present fellowship guidelines. To view a copy of the guidelines, see Shana in office 222G or see Dr. Hine. If you should have any criticisms or would like to suggest changes in the guidelines, leave a message in Dr. Hine's mailbox or speak to him directly. Please realize that action on this part must be given immediate attention; the deadline is only two weeks away!

(Note: There are two general observations which should be noted regarding the fellowship selection process. One, while not a "popularity contest" the student who tends towards interdisciplinary interaction with faculty in the department is often better known, and thus can be judged more personally by the faculty. As per the faculty vote itself, each faculty member decides his or her vote independently, and no set of guidelines dictates how each individual will vote.)

Fitness

Soccer (Tues, Thurs, 5:30p) is re-forming next Thurs. (28 Feb) for informal, small field games on the grass strip at the 7th Ave entrance to the campus.

Bowling (TONIGHT, Tropicana Lanes, 1101 62 Ave So., 9:30p).

Aerobics (MWF, noon, CAC). There is a fee of $10 per 12 sessions.

Health Fair, March 6 on campus all day. Sponsored by the Nursing Student Association.