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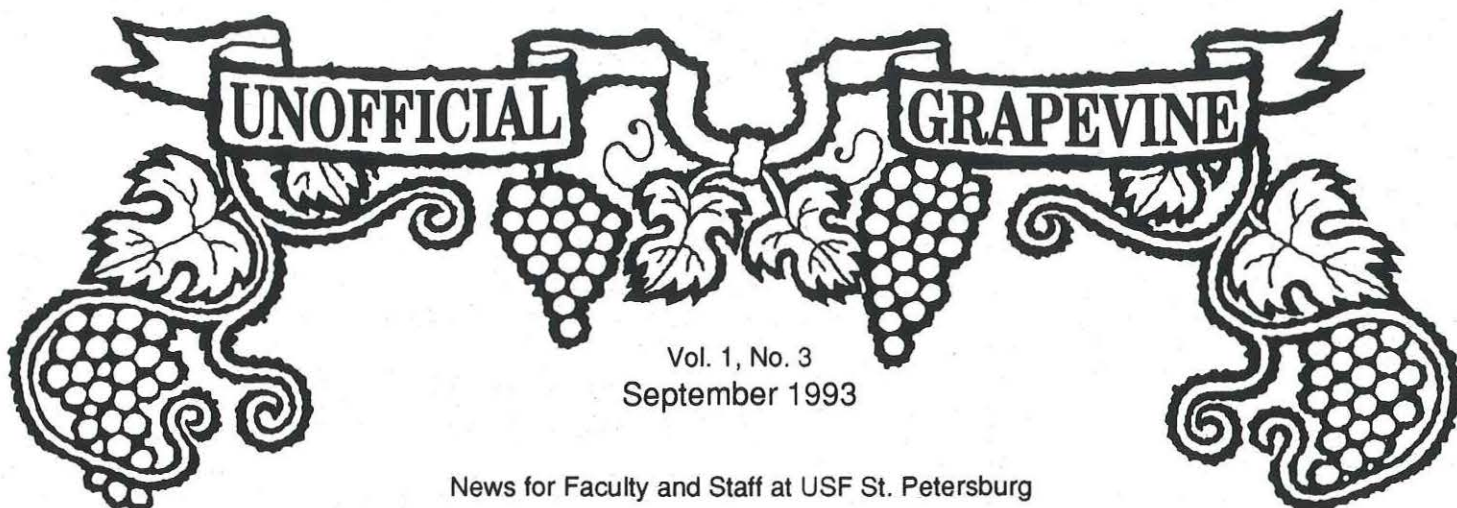
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News for Faculty and Staff at USF St. Petersburg

Dean's Corner
by Bill Heller

Watch for those typos!

My hat's off to David Naar in Marine Science for noticing an error in the *Unofficial Grapevine* logo.

The word unofficial was spelled wrong and it seems David was the only one who noticed it. For that, he will receive a \$15 gift certificate from Bayboro Books.



Mistakes are intentional in this publication because I want you to read it! Errors may not be in every issue, but keep your eyes open — and win big!

Did you know...

● Something to crow about

As you've probably noticed, the *Crow's Nest* has been reborn in the form of a newspaper. The paper will be published twice a month and contain campus news, editorials and op/ed pieces. John Gogick, a graduate student of journalism and the *Crow's Nest* advisor, is seeking writers for the publication. You can call him at ext. 9118. Many thanks to Sudy Tschiderer who founded the *Crow's Nest* in 1969 and kept it alive all these years!

● This garden's not growing

The cafeteria will be closed until Sept. 7 while the campus attains a food vendor. The first choice, Olive Garden Restaurant, left us in the lurch when it defaulted on its bid to provide food services to the campus. But the food service committee has since recommended Orange Blossom Catering, our former provider, to run the cafeteria. It will reopen as the Bayboro Cafe and feature sidewalk tables and an improved menu including speciality salads and steamed veggies. Meanwhile, it might be a good time to start that diet!

● The house that Snell built

Renovations on the Perry Snell House will begin after a foundation can be poured, which should be in the next couple of weeks. A 90th birthday celebration/grand opening is set for early 1994.

Faculty/Staff Notes



Kim Stoddard, associate professor of education, received a President's Council Faculty Award for research and instruction in May. Her research focused on building school/university partnerships and resulted in a chapter of a book titled *Restructuring Special Education*.

Jacob Neusner, distinguished research professor of religious studies, recently received two honorary degrees from Tulane University and St. Louis University. Neusner will also appear Sept. 9 on *Firing Line* for a two-hour debate on whether the Christian Right is a threat to America.

Gabe Vargo, professor of marine science, coordinated a 24-member response team that was one of the first professional researchers at the scene of the Aug. 10 oil spill in Tampa Bay. The team included eight faculty, 11 students and technicians and a crew of five from the Florida Institute of Oceanography. FIO kindly loaned USF the use of the R/V *Suncoaster* to conduct the research. Among other things, the scientists tested the impact of the oil on the fish

population, and sampled sediment and water from different depths to determine the amount of diffused oil. They also "fingerprinted" the oil to determine its type. (It's # 6 fuel oil, used for industrial purposes, by the way.) USF will work in conjunction with other agencies monitoring the potential effects of the spill.

Jacqueline Brownhill, a clerk typist in the marine science department, will introduce David Atkinson, a member of the British House of Commons, at noon Sept. 15 in Davis Hall 130 for his lecture titled "Human Rights in Europe Today." Brownhill, a native of England who was active in British politics before she moved to Pinellas County in 1990, was instrumental in getting Atkinson to speak on campus.

Juanita Fountain, assistant professor of education, presented "An Invitation to Culturally Diverse Literature" at the Association for Childhood Education International Conference in Phoenix on April 10.

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● **Insurance, anyone?**

The Open Enrollment Period for the State Insurance Program is scheduled from Sept. 13 to Oct. 15. Employees should be receiving open enrollment packages from the Division of State Employees Insurance by Sept. 3. Please check that your home address is listed correctly on your last salary stub because if it isn't you might not get the packet. If it is incorrect, contact the personnel office to update your W-4 form.

● **Reimburse yourself**

You can submit claims to your 1993 Reimbursement Account throughout the year and up to April 15, 1994. Any money remaining in your account(s) after the deadline will be forfeited and transferred to the Florida Employees' Group Health Insurance Trust Fund. Now is a good time to assess your claims and turn them in to avoid losing any money.

● **Money for nothing**

The remaining 1993 paid holidays for faculty, USPS and A& P staff are:

Labor Day	9/6
Veterans Day	11/11
Thanksgiving	11/25
	11/26
Christmas	12/24
New Year Day	12/31

● **Who's who**

There are a lot of new faces on campus — hope you can keep all the names straight! A hearty welcome to the following faculty and staff: Jay Black, professor of mass communications and holder of the Eleanor Poynter Jamison Endowed Chair in Media Ethics and Press Policy; Laura Runge, assistant professor of English; Ruth Short, assistant professor of education; Robert Synder, professor; A. J. Waltz, visiting assistant professor of information systems/decision sciences; Joneen Maczis, office manager in Student Affairs; Tim Grimm, assistant director of Student Affairs; Suzanne Hollis, university union program specialist; and Kim Palmore, administrative assistant in the Dean's Office.

● **Dollars for Scholars**

The marine science department drew more research money than any other single department at USF during the last academic year. The total? A cool \$5 million.

Don't miss these events!

Need more info? Call ext. 9160.

- Sept. 1** **Alumni Happy Hour**
5-7 p.m. at Harvey's 4th Street Grill.
- Sept. 2** **Staff Meeting with the Dean**
8:30 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room.
- Sept. 8** **President's Search Committee Meeting**
4 p.m. in the CAC. Open to the public.
- Sept. 13** **Piano Man Building Dedication**
4 p.m. in front of the Piano Man Building..
- Sept. 15** **Bayboro Lyceum Series**
"Human Rights in Europe Today." Speaker: David Atkinson, member of the British House of Commons. Noon in Davis Hall 130. Free.
- Sept. 27** **Dollars for Scholars Golf Classic**
1 p.m. at the Stouffer-Vinoy Golf Course. Four-person scramble to benefit campus scholarships. Special USF employee rate of \$65 per person includes lunch and gifts.
- Oct. 21** **Food for Thought**
Herb Karl on "Television and Reading: The Scrambling and Unscrambling of the American Mind." Noon at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. \$15.

Let us know what you're up to.

Faculty/Staff Submittal Form

Name: _____ Campus ext.: _____

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