

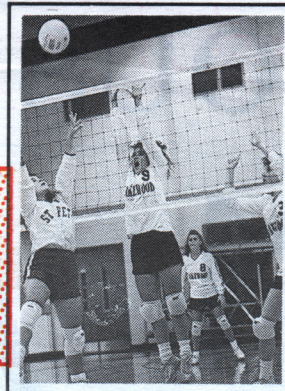
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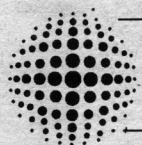
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CURIOUS ABOUT THE CAT PEOPLE?

❖ The new CAT (Center for Advanced Technologies) program generates new classes, a new wing, and 79 new (and interesting) individuals who must rise to the challenge of fitting into a new school where many consider them unusual and exceptional.



by Emily V. Troiano

— Editor-in-chief —

“When I grow up, I want to be a comedian.” Kevin Hilgerd paused and thought for a moment. “Or a science engineer.”

Hilgerd is one of the 79 students enrolled in the Center for Advanced Technologies. The CAT program is a new magnet program at Lakewood High School designed to give its students training in the fields of science, mathematics, computer technology, and research.

“I came here because it had more of what I wanted than any other school. There’s the computer applications and all the program’s facilities,” said Nerissa Roth, an aspiring astronaut.

Some students found the CAT program as a means of not attending other schools, in addition to the attraction of its facilities.

“I liked all the things it offered. I also didn’t want to go to Pinellas Park High,” Byron Wilson said laughingly. Wilson is studying to be an engineer.

The majority of CAT students’ classes are almost entirely with other CAT students. The program’s facilities are available on a limited basis to non-CAT students through courses such as Algebra II Honors and Biology I Honors. There might be only one or two non-CAT students in a CAT class. Three periods and a lunch are not exclusively CAT classes, so CAT students do interact with non-CAT Lakewood students.

“We encourage them to get involved in Lakewood activities,” said Fred Ulrich, the CAT program coordinator. “Eight or nine are on the J.V. football team, some are in LAMP, the Math Club, and on the Academic Team. But as Ulrich later said, most of the CAT students are freshmen, only a handful are sophomores, and joining school activities is more common to juniors and seniors. He expects more involvement to come in time.

This year, the CAT program only admitted ninth graders and seven tenth graders. In 1994, when today’s freshmen are seniors, the program will be full.

“In four years we hope to have at least 400 students. Four hundred seems to be the magical number with 100 students per grade. We have to see how the recruiting goes and how many students stay with us,” said Ulrich.

“It’s neat the way we are the ones who decide if it bombs or not. If it does, we’ll be a pretty unique group,” said Roth.

“Being the first year is alright except there are some handicaps because some things that are not in yet,” said Lee Cullen. “But next year, equipment should all be in.”

The CAT students use Macintosh computers. Everyone from the students to the teachers to Ulrich himself uses a computer. Nancy Raulerson is the computer teacher for the CAT

program. She teaches some very lively Computer Applications I and II classes.

“They’re not different at all from other students. CAT students play sports, and they are cheerleaders, they have the same interests as the other ninth graders, just on the whole their grades are better,” Raulerson said as the students worked noisily at their computers behind her. One student explained a computer program to his friend, gesticulating wildly. Two friends laughed as they tried to mess up each others work. “If you had the entire ninth grade class line up, I don’t think that you could go through and pinpoint the CAT students.”

Ulrich holds much confidence in the program and its intelligent students. “I am happy with everything that has occurred up to this point. I am happy with the students, happy with the staff. It’s slow progress, slow development. There are no overnight successes. We just have to be slow and steady,” he said.

The entire project, including the remodeling of A-Wing, is expected to run up to \$4.5 million.

The new building will include a 132-seat teaching auditorium, a two-story high work and creation building called the Industrial Materials Technical Applications Lab, three computer labs, one lab each for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, and two demonstration classrooms. The new building will run parallel to 16th Street and will have a skywalk connecting it to A-Wing. A-Wing will be used for both CAT and non-CAT Lakewood students.

The new building will separate the CAT students from other students, even more than they are now. Lakewood students notice this.

“They seem nice, but I don’t understand why they have to be separated from us. They’re normal too, they are just smart,” said senior Darcie Varga.

“I know education is very important to them, but they should give time to themselves and their social life,” said senior Carmen Poborac.

Christie Steinway is the only non-CAT student in an CAT Research class. “They’re not abnormal like people think they are. They act like normal freshman except they’re smart in math, science and computers.”

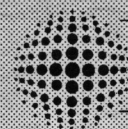
“They make people that are ignorant here look even more ignorant,” said junior Amber Thames. “They look like 12-year-old business people.”

The CAT people have varied views of Lakewood, but there was a common misconception about its size.

“I first thought it was huge,” said Roth. “Then I realized it was all compacted together.”

“It’s a lot smaller than I thought it would be,” said Hilgerd.

His classmate Jimmy Robinson offered some honest insight when he added, “Yeah, but the people are bigger.”



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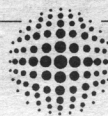
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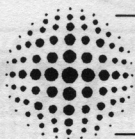
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INSIDE OUT

❖ Lakewood is home to a unique learning environment: the outdoor classroom. Created and maintained by the Ecology Club, the classroom provides students with an alternative to the everyday curriculum.



by Jonti Phillips

— Staff Writer —

Just beyond the sweaty crowds and rowdy laughter of Lakewood's halls is a tranquil place. Walk past the littered parking lot and baked tennis courts and you'll find this natural utopia. This is the outdoor classroom.

You won't see smooth desks with plastic chairs in the outdoor classroom - students sit at roughly-hewn picnic tables. And no afternoon or morning announcements echo across the pond here; Lakewood is forgotten as students and animals mingle in a natural environment. A unique feature to Lakewood High School, this natural haven for learning was once only wishful thinking.

"I started taking my ecology classes outside for nature walks, and the kids enjoyed it. They seemed to learn so much more...many of the kids said, 'Why don't we have an outdoor classroom?'" said Lita Weingart, advisor of the Ecology Club, "And I said, 'Great idea'."

In addition to creating an outdoor classroom, Weingart's students decided to form a club that would be dedicated to the environment and its preservation. The Ecology Club was born.

The Ecology Club's main purpose is to "educate the public about many environmental issues that we're

**"The only way these
kids are going to
know that a worm
lives in the dirt out
there is to go out
and see that...you're
not going to get that
out of a book."**

- Lita Weingart

concerned about," said Weingart.

Members of the Ecology Club wanted to inform and educate high students of the importance of the environment, and building and maintaining an outdoor classroom for the purpose of educating high school students to be interested in the environment enough to preserve it, was one of their goals.

The outdoor classroom has provided students with an exceptional environment that allows them to experience a new curriculum. The students, by encountering the world of nature directly, begin to respect their environment and its inhabitants.

"What we're hoping to do with the outdoor classroom is to expose kids to hands-on learning," said Weingart, "This particular generation I'm worried about; these kids today spend a lot of time in air-conditioned cars and air-conditioned houses watching video T.V., not too many of them are out there digging in the dirt and farming the land anymore - they're too busy in the mall buying the latest fashion. We're trying to keep them in touch with what is real in the environment by letting them outside to actually see that a bird nests in the tree right next to their window."

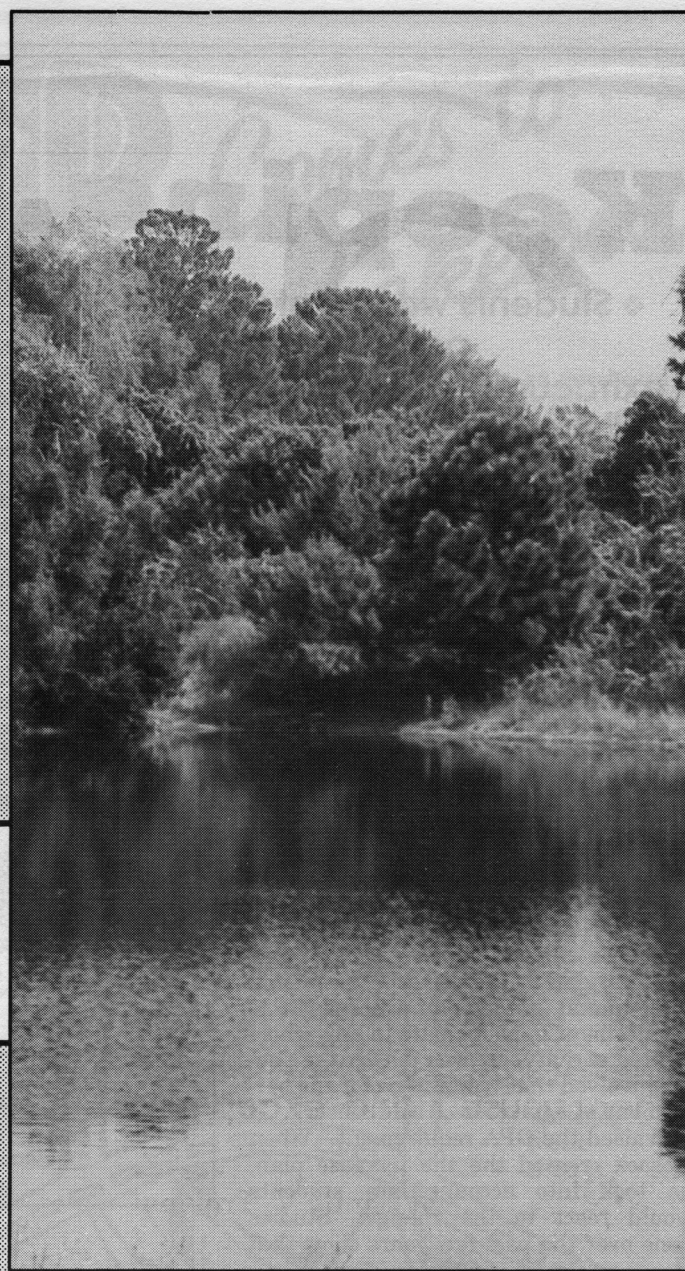
The classroom serves as an inspiration for other educational functions as well. English, math, and science classes have all utilized the area. According to English teacher Barbara Palmer, who for the last two years has taken several classes out to the area to

read poetry, the classroom provides a fitting setting in which to read nature and romantic poetry, and a "change of scenery from the four walls of the classroom."

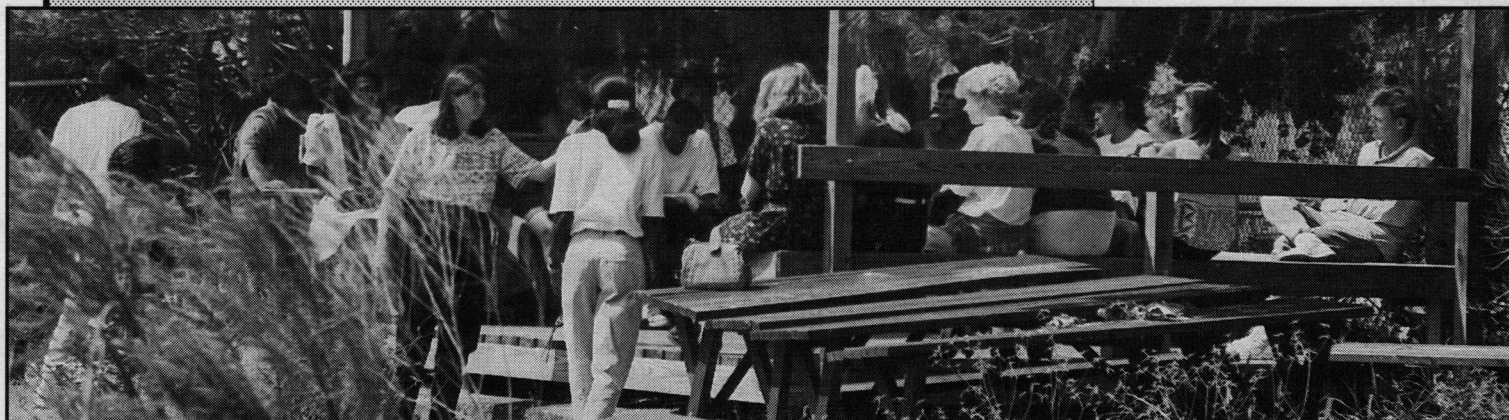
Students that have experienced the outdoor classroom become interested in their environment and its concerns.

"I was impressed by the fact that somebody still cares about the environment," said Tim Dickson, junior, "And visiting the outdoor classroom helped me realize that I should take care of the environment better."

"If they're not environmentally concerned, it's not because they don't care. They're uninformed," said Weingart, "And once they're informed, they do care."

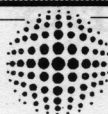


Overlooking a freshwater pond, the outdoor classroom allows students to enjoy nature while learning.



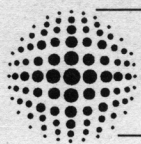
Students enjoy hands-on learning in the outdoor classroom.

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Keeping Up Your Grades

❖ Students who want to participate in extracurricular activities will have to work harder to achieve a new minimal grade point average requirement.



by Jerry M. Wood

Staff Writer

If your thinking of joining a school club or sports team any time soon, you better keep an eye on your grades. The Pinellas County School Board has developed a program to help raise student's performances in academics. Bob Hosack, the Director of Student Activities for Pinellas County, was asked to design the program by raising the minimal grade point average (GPA) requirement to participate in any school related activity. "It was felt by the people involved that it would be for the betterment of education," said Hosack. "if we raised the GPA requirement." When Hosack created the the increase plan, he took into account how students would react to the change. "Studies done over the past few years show that

those students who participate in school clubs and athletics, do better in academics anyway, so were not expecting that much of a change." said Hosack. One thing the new requirement will possibly affect is sports teams performances. "I believe the result will be devastating at first," said Richard Ninis, the head coach of the varsity football team, "but I think that most of the players will be able to adapt to the new expectations.

As soon as they realize they have to do better to be a part of the team, they will." Since the school board is looking to improve education, they might be looking to change the GPA requirement for graduation. "I believe a 1.5 is ridiculously low for a graduation requirement," said Jim Bair, a math teacher and an assistant football coach, "especially since the requirements for college are getting harder and harder." The in-

crease of the GPA will be introduced on a graduated scale starting with the 1991-92 school year. The increase will be as follows:

School year	GPA
1991-92	1.75
1992-93	1.80
1993-94	2.00



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-Richard Ninis
Varsity Football Coach

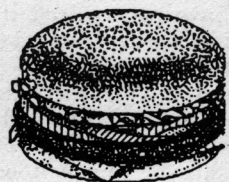
Every year many students make resolutions to improve their grades and to do better in school. Now they will have to see how well they can improve when someone else makes their resolutions for them.

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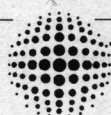
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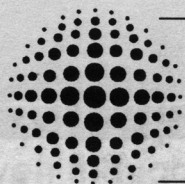
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HOLLYWOOD

Comes to Lakewood



by Danielle C. Pinney

Staff Writer

❖ During the week of October 15-19, students prepare to bring all of the glitter and glamour of Hollywood to Lakewood's Homecoming

Hollywood is famous for its movie stars, big film studios and celebrity parties. All the glitter and glamour of this fabulous city is coming to the Homecoming events. During the week of October 15-19, Hollywood will arrive at Lakewood.

On Monday, October 15, Homecoming Week begins with College T-shirt day. Tuesday, October 16, Teacher Dress Up Day, gives students a chance to imitate their favorite teacher. On Wednesday, October 17, there is an assembly during 2nd period to present the Homecoming Court. During 6th

and 7th periods, the Senior girls take on the Juniors in the Powder Puff game. Tickets must be purchased in order to attend. Wednesday is also Class T-shirt day. Each class performs a skit Thursday, October 18, at the pep assembly during 6th and 7th. Also, Thursday is Black and Gold day. There is no school on Friday, October 19. At 7:00 p.m. on Friday the football team plays St. Petersburg High School. All floats are being presented on the track at 6:30 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance, following the football game, is at Stetson University. The Interact sponsored dance is from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The price of tickets is \$10.

"The members of Interact are excited about putting on this year's Homecoming," said Colleen Knights, Interact President, "We've been working really hard to make this Homecoming the best yet."

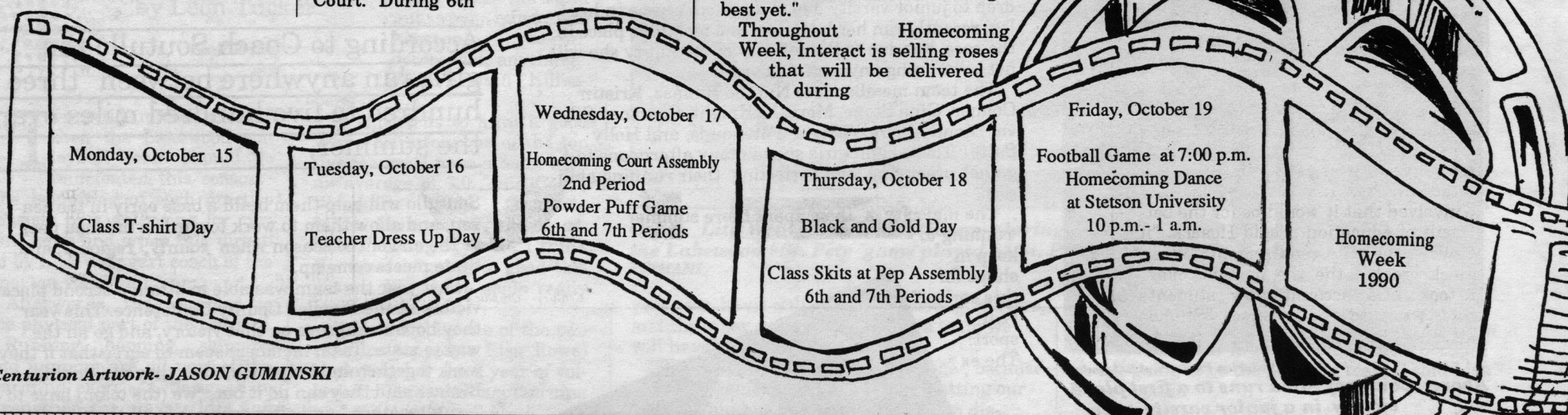
Throughout Homecoming Week, Interact is selling roses that will be delivered during

school on Thursday

ay, October 18. They may be purchased from any Interact member for \$2.

LAMP Productions is presenting a video dance for entertainment.

"The members of LAMP put in many hours after school to prepare for our shows," said Eddie Ford, LAMP member, "I know the Homecoming Dance will be successful and entertaining for everyone involved."



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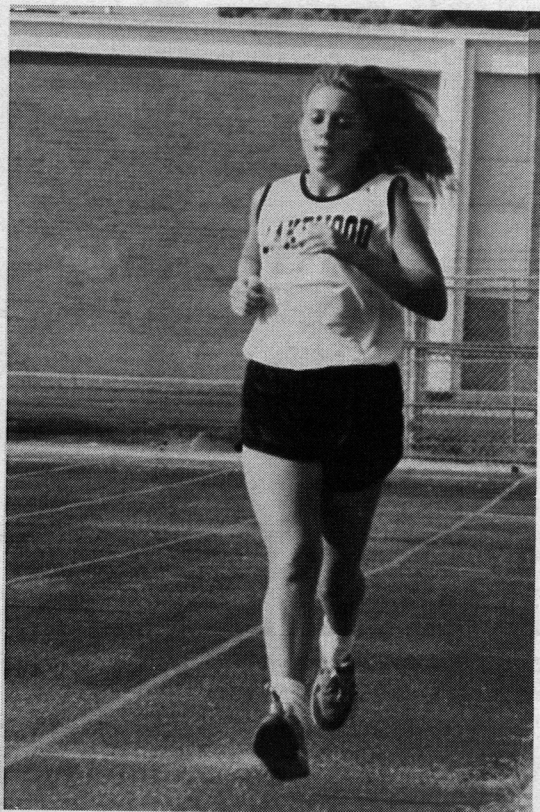
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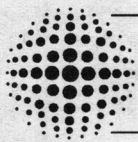
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A Step Ahead



Centurion Photo-Paul S. Amodio
Above: Courtney Silva runs to a first place victory in a junior varsity race.



by Paul S. Amodio

— Staff Writer —

❖ The Girl's cross country returns to school with winning on their minds. They spend afternoons working hard to achieve a victory at the state meet.

As last years Pinellas County Conference Cross Country runner up returns to practice, one goal seems to be universal among them; they want to "GO TO STATE."

The team members spent much of their summer preparing for this year. According to Coach Joe Soutullo the girls ran anywhere between "three hundred to five hundred miles over the summer." Soutullo also said, "he compares running to swimming," because both take a lot of time, effort, and practice. Both Coach Joel Iles, and Soutullo agree that the team is "very dedicated," and quite capable of achieving their goal this year, a win at the state meet. Some of the teams strong points according to Soutullo are, "youth, intelligence, diligence," team spirit, and experience. Weaknesses include a small team(eight members), and nagging injuries.

The injuries range from Diana Alvarez's recently sprained ankle to Courtney Silva's lingering pulled muscle. Both of the girls were in last years varsity top five. Courtney who had to

Girls' Cross Country aims for state championship

drop to junior varsity due to a pulled muscle in her leg, recently ran her last race. She took first place in the race, but due to the severity of the injury she will not be running anymore this year.

The team members are Natalie Biniasz, Kristin Conner, Gina Stone, Merit McKnight, Courtney Silva, Diana Alvarez, Grieta Patenaude, and Holly Sulte. These eight girls spend many afternoons together practicing, and perfecting their running abilities.

The majority of them spent there summer running to keep in shape for this early year sport. The ex-

According to Coach Soutullo the girls ran anywhere between "three hundred to five hundred miles over the summer,"

Soutullo will help them build a base early in the season, and allow them to work towards a finished peek at the end of the season when county, regional, and State meets come up.

Last year the team was able to attain a second place victory at the Pinellas County Conference. This year they hope to improve on that victory, and go all the way to state. Team members seem to agree that if they work together and help each other they can do this. Biniasz said they can do it but, "we (the team) have to run together," and offer each other all the moral support possible.



Coach Joe Soutullo wraps Diana Alvarez twisted ankle minutes before the race begins.

Centurion Photo- Paul S. Amodio

ceptions were Natlie Biniasz who ran about 100 miles over the summer, and Courtney Silva. Biniasz said "I wasn't sure if I was even going to run track this year." Courtney Silva said she injured her leg at soccer camp over the summer.

Injuries permitting all the girls continue to practice in hopes of obtaining a place at the state meet. Soutullo said the team is working on, "over distance and speed workouts" now, but as the year gains momentum the distance the girls run will be decreased and emphasis will be placed on shorter more concentrated workouts. This according to



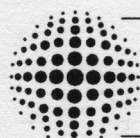
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Above: (left to right) Kristin Conner, Merit McKnight, Grieta Patenaude, Gina Stone, and Holly Sulte stretch before a meet.



"DIG SPARTAN!"

Volleyball team loses home court advantage

❖ Even though the Lakewood Spartan volleyball team can't practice in the school gym, they still practice hard to prepare for every game.



by Leon Tucker

Staff Writer

"If practice makes perfect," then the Lakewood volleyball team should go undefeated this season. The beginning of each practice consists of a gathering for current news and a pep talk directed by Lita Weingart coach of the Spartan volleyball team.

Afterwards, they proceed to the physical part of the practice.

Running, hopping, skipping and jumping are all part of the warm-up exercises, designed to strengthen the players legs and

to perfect agility. Almost everything is done in unison, even down to the setting of a spike.

"I think we'll win at least half of our games because this year our team is very well balanced, almost everyone can do the same thing" said Missy Herbst, junior.

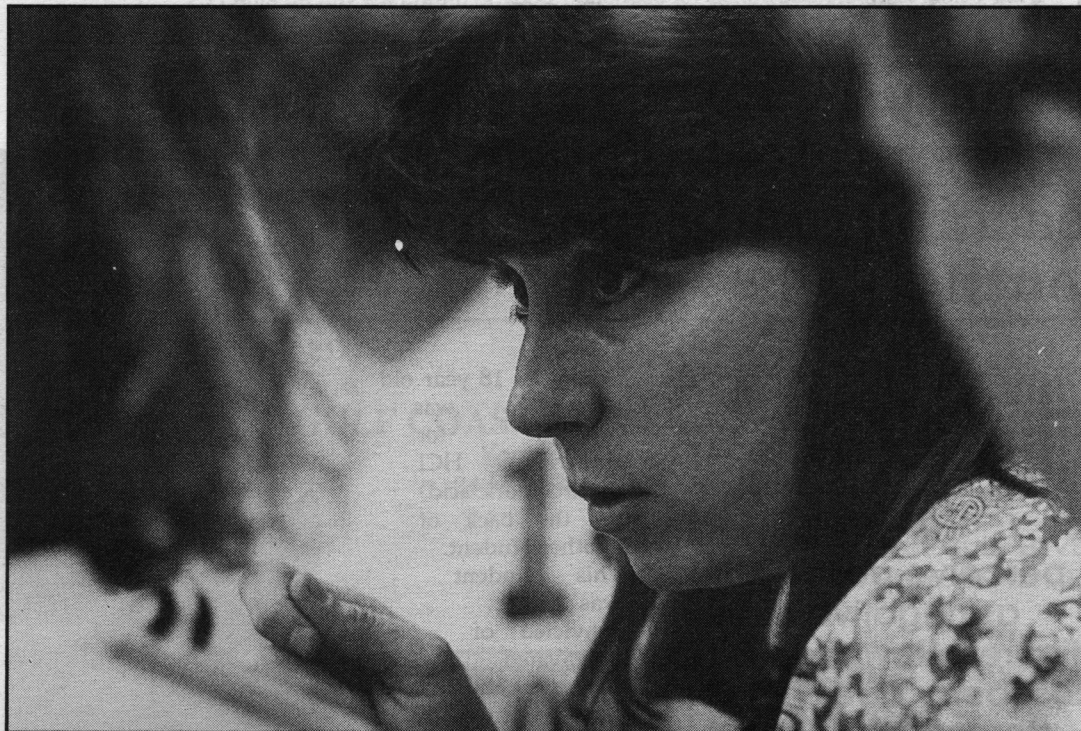
Strategy is being planned, not so much as the physical form of strategy but the mental and academic strategy will take part in the team's game.

"Being young has nothing to do with ability. If you really work hard and put your mind and heart into it, you can accomplish anything," said Kristen Killen-

berg.

"I expect us to have a good year, definitely one of the top five teams. I have a team with an average of 3.0," said Coach Weingart. 1989 Graduate Mitch Imamura, who is assisting Weingart said, "I think the team is going to good this year. We have some really strong players."

Kristin Dobbs one of the two captains (opposite Lisa Rowe) is playing her third year of volleyball. "This year is a learning



Coach Lita Weingart plans strategy during one of their three time-outs while playing the Lakewood / St. Pete game played at St. Petersburg high school. Centurian Photo by JOHN FIRMANI

year, we have only seven returning players, and the other seven are new. As a team we will have to incorporate."

"We have no home court advantage, because all of our games are away. We're putting our losses behind us and concentrating on dis-

tricts," said Jody Polleck, co captain.

"We are an inexperienced team, but right now were focusing our attention on districts because we are going to be the surprise team," said Lisa Rowe captain

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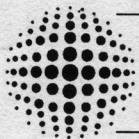
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Behind the Badge

School Resource Officer,
Richard F. Roseberry,
enjoys protecting,
teaching, and counseling
youth



by Cindi Letter

— Staff Writer —

❖ **Students often perceive police officers as negative authority figures. However; Officer Roseberry does not fit the stereotype. Without the uniform he is a caring and humble man.**

The distinctive uniform, handcuffs, gun, and ammunition reveal an authoritative figure, but beneath that protective shell exists a man devoted to helping young people.

Officer Richard F. Roseberry has served with the St. Petersburg Police Department for 16 years. "I think the worst experience I've ever had was handling an accident in which a 3-year-old child was killed. Its difficult dealing with crimes against children and seeing kids hurt." During those 16 years Roseberry worked several different positions until 1982 when he became a School Resource Officer(S.R.O.).

"The job of a S.R.O. is to handle all criminal offenses that occur on campus, counsel students on personal affairs and conduct class presentations. Officer Roseberry has been an S.R.O. at Lakewood for 8 years.

"Being a School Resource Officer is challenging; however, many police officers would not choose to work in schools because it takes a lot of patience," said Roseberry, "I particularly like my position working with young people. It's rewarding when you can solve someone else's problems and help them."

"There is no police officer alive that could tell you there has never been a time when they were scared or afraid for their life. If they did they were either lying or crazy."

A police officer may use a gun in instances of self-defense or protection of someone else's life. "I've never had to shoot anybody, although I have pulled my gun out many times. There was an incident when I had to pull my gun out at Lakewood, an armed individual was outside the school, but on school grounds."

Occasionally there are serious incidents here at school. Roseberry tries to avoid court referrals and arrests if at all possible. There are some situations in which these tactics are necessary.

Three years ago at Lakewood High

School an 18 year old student was arrested for throwing HCl (hydrochloric acid) on the back of another student. This student was convicted of aggravated battery and received a two-year prison sentence.

"This year everything's very quiet at LHS (Lakewood). I think the administration has worked hard to create this atmosphere and they've done a good job. The students are doing a wonderful job of behaving responsibly in class and out," said Roseberry.

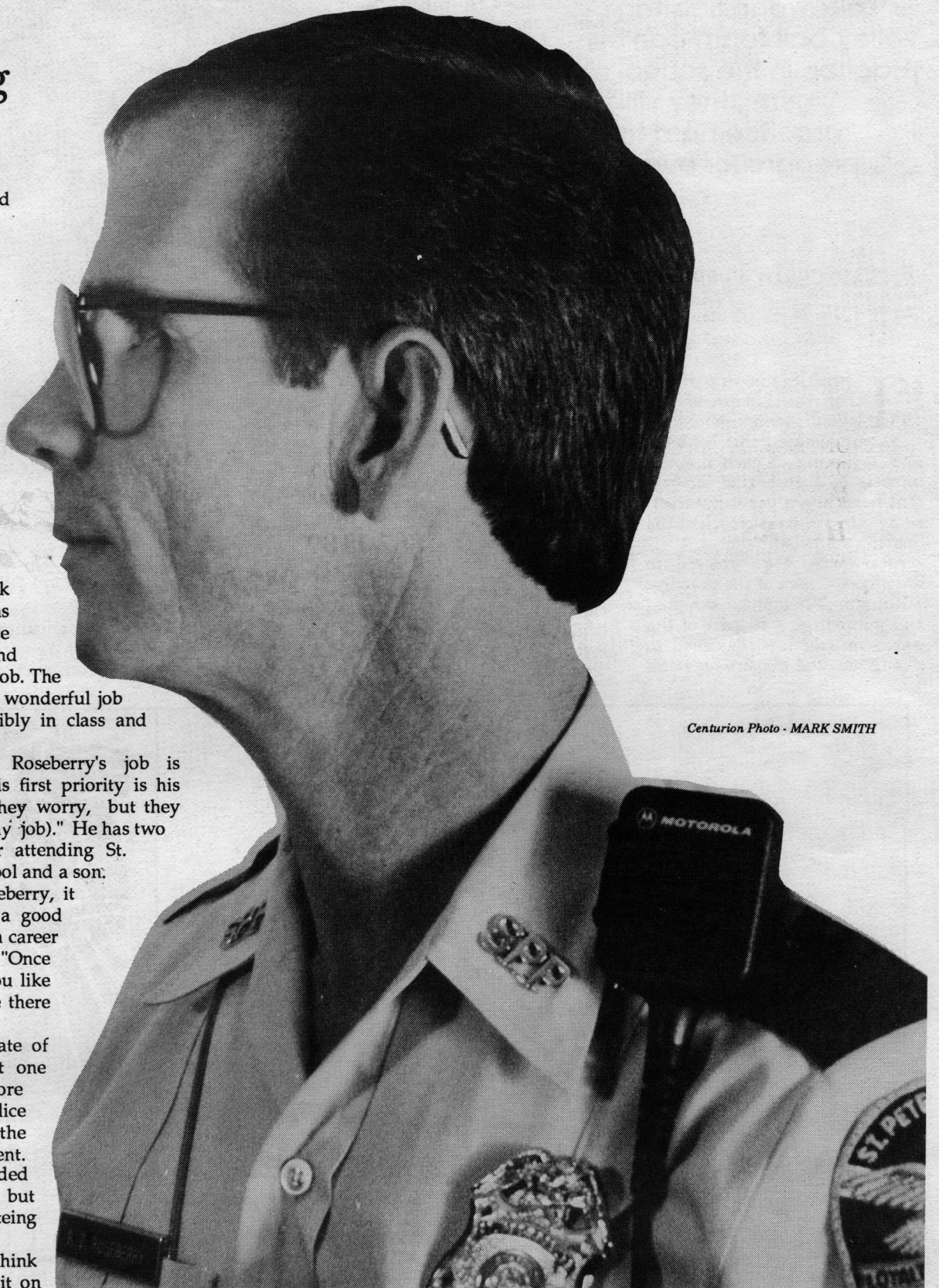
Although Officer Roseberry's job is important to him, his first priority is his family. "Sometimes they worry, but they are very used to it (my job)." He has two children, a daughter attending St. Petersburg High School and a son.

According to Roseberry, it is important to get a good education if seeking a career in law enforcement. "Once you get started, if you like it, you're going to be there for twenty years."

Roseberry, graduate of St. Pete High, spent one year in Vietnam before he joined the police academy, and later the police department. Afterwards he attended Junior College, but regrets not completing his college education.

"Most people that think cops are mean base it on their own personal experience," said Roseberry, "if they've been arrested then they're probably right." Roseberry feels that most citizens of Pinellas County don't think cops are mean and that they appreciate the job the police are trying to do.

Officer Roseberry wanted to be a police officer because he thought it would be interesting and exciting. Eight years ago, Lakewood High School became his responsibility, simply because he worked this area of town. Roseberry's first impression of Lakewood(LHS) was: "That it was a very community school and that students had a lot of pride in being



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"There is no police officer alive that could tell you there has never been a time when they were scared or afraid for their life. If they did they were either lying or crazy."

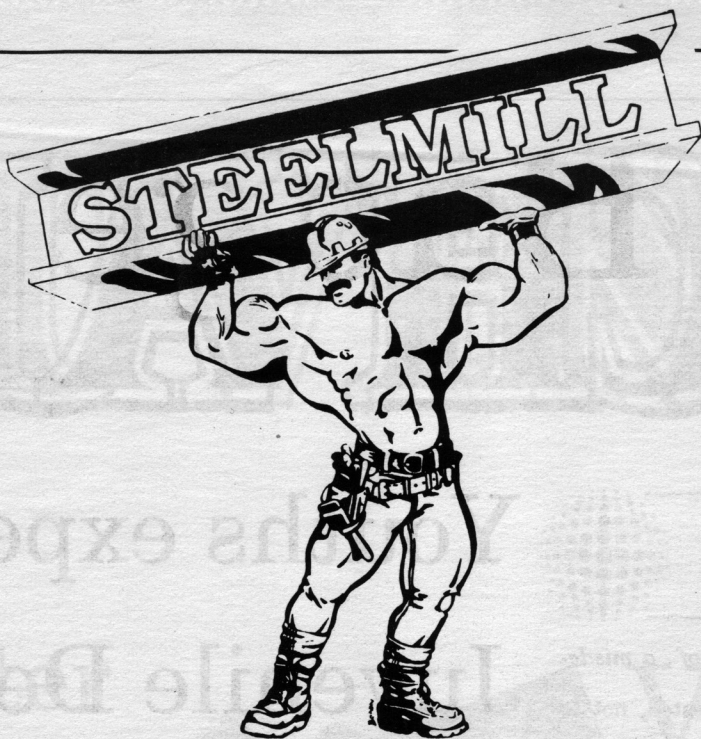
-Officer Roseberry

associated with this school.

When off duty, Roseberry enjoys water sports such as swimming and sailing. "I like getting on a boat, and just getting away from it all," said Roseberry. It is also important that he spends as much time with his family as possible.

Police officers are often feared by teenagers because of their authoritative power. Officer Roseberry does not abuse this power, he knows when to be harsh and when to be helpful. Young people are important to him as well as their lives. Roseberry's job revolves around students.





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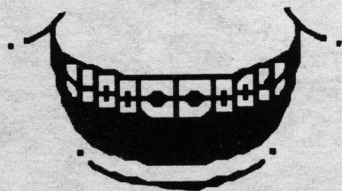
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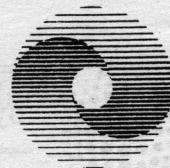
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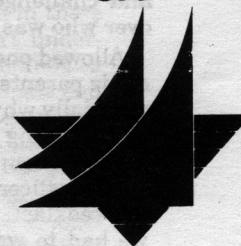
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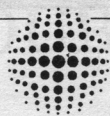
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— Staff Writer —



A collection of blue ink fingerprints on a light-colored surface, arranged in a grid-like pattern. The prints show various ridge patterns and are of different sizes, suggesting they belong to different individuals or are from different fingers.

When we finally left the station, the sun was still shining, the cruiser was still there, and the smile I always wear returned to my lips. On the way home, we passed a school bus full of children, and when they saw us in the back of the cruiser they screamed "busted!" out the window. We all had a good laugh over that one. But just because my life had returned to normal didn't mean that the experience wouldn't affect me. I still feel myself wondering how many more children will scratch their names in time on that bench, be led off to JDC, and have ruined lives because of a crime they chose to commit. Now that's scary.

-Robert Allison

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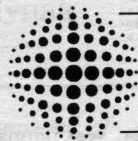
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Don't trash it!

In-school recycling effort needs help from students



by Peter Klinkenberg

Staff Writer

❖ Trash is a problem, some people believe. It makes the school look ugly, destroys habitat, and may kill animals.

Lakewood Senior High School is trying to eliminate trash in the school. How much trash is there? Eighteen custodians spend 12 hours a day picking up trash. That's 60 hours a week. At least two dumpsters are emptied daily.

"I think it's disgusting because other people have to pick up after us," says Lydia Abrams, a senior at

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**- Lydia Abrams,
Senior**

Lakewood.

In one week Lakewood makes enough trash to fill up a classroom in the A wing.

Lakewood is making efforts to cut down on trash. Office supplies are being recycled. In a new program started by the ecology club, a cardboard box has been placed in each classroom for white ditto papers, that will be routinely picked up for recycling.

Lakewood is supposed to get a new aluminum can compactor, says Barbara Broughton, principal of Lakewood. The compactor will take in aluminum cans and crush them to prepare for recycling. Students insert the cans themselves and get change instantly. The machine will not cost the school board anything because the company that manufactures the compactor makes money off the cans. The company will just sell each crushed can for more money than the compactor gives for each can inserted.

Broughton says the school board chose Lakewood for this new machine because it feels Lakewood would be more open to the idea and would use it more often than other schools. This is because Lakewood has an active ecology club, which most schools don't have.

There are also plans for a row of bins for recyclable objects. There will be a bin for glass bottles, newspapers, and plastic bottles.

The cafeteria has also made changes. They are using reusable plastic trays instead of styrofoam, which was used last year. The problem with styrofoam is that it does not biodegrade in any amount of time.

Students can help keep the school clean by disposing of trash properly.

Some students feel that trash is not

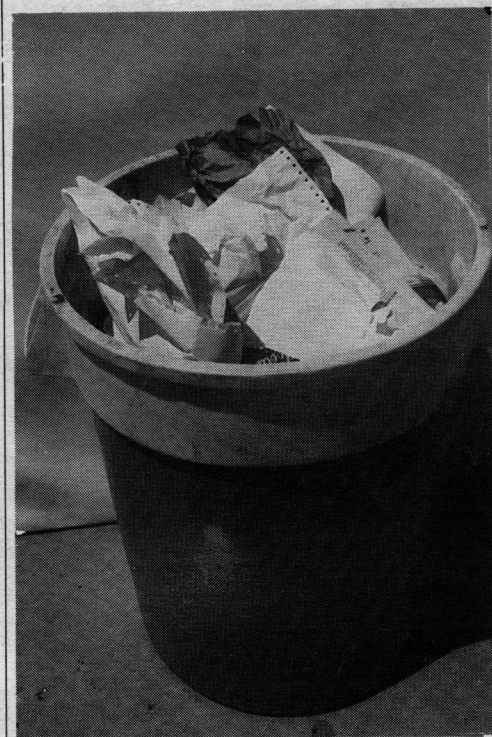
Some students feel that trash is not a problem at Lakewood.

"I really haven't seen that much trash. It's not that bad," said freshman Larry Wheeler.

One thousand one hundred twenty-six students attending the school fill two dumpsters daily.

Other teachers and students feel there is a problem with trash, such as Lita Wiengart and the ecology club.

Wiengart, club sponsor, said the club recently participated in a beach clean-up. The 24 Lakewood participants, 18 of which were students, picked up enough garbage to fill eight trash bags. The trash was mostly plastics, such as bags, straws and bottles. The group also found dead fish.



Trash cans overflow in the school, many of them full of aluminum cans and white office paper, both things that can be recycled. Centurion Photo - JOHN FIRMANI

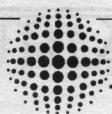
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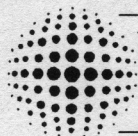
**- Troy White,
Sophomore**

used and not enough paper being reused. I think we ought to be more conservative of our resources. All of us, including me," says Broughton.



Brazilian Pepper tree crowds out native fauna

❖ The Brazilian Pepper tree is taking over our land and must be stopped. The tree is growing too fast for native plants to compete. The tree crowds out native fauna leaving no room for other plants to grow.



by Steve DesChenes

— Staff Writer —

The Brazilian Pepper Tree has caused many problems for people in Florida. No one likes anything about the tree other than its bright red berries that it produces. Why? The tree is reproducing at an alarming rate, leaving no room for other plant species to grow.

The Brazilian Pepper Tree is an exotic species which means that it is not native to Florida. The tree was introduced into Florida from Brazil (its place of origin) in 1891 at Reasoner's Tropical Nursery in Bradenton. The Brazilian Pepper tree has also been introduced to nearly all other tropical and subtropical regions of the world.

At Boyd Hill Nature Trail Park, Rangers are having all they can do to control the trees. "These trees are like the leeches of the tree species. They hog up all the water and nutrients in the soil, cutting all other plant life off, leaving them for dead," said Ken Yancy, a park ranger at Nature Trail. "These Brazilian Pepper trees are growing so fast. We burn them, cut them down, and even poison the trees and they still grow right back in a matter of a month or two," said Tim Ott, a former Nature Trail park ranger.

The Brazilian Pepper produces many seeds per tree. The wind, birds, and other animals attribute to the spread of this tree. The animals eat the berries, but it tastes so bitter that the animals excrete and disperse the seeds throughout the state. The tree has such an intricate root system that it uses up all the water and nutrients in the soil. The tree has such a thick canopy that it won't allow sunlight to reach the ground underneath the tree. All plants need

sunlight to photosynthesize the necessary chemical nutrients that it requires to survive. Therefore nothing can live or grow near or underneath or near the tree.

This is the most aggressive tree in Florida history. It is growing far too fast for other native plant species to compete, grow or survive. The native plant species just can't compete with the Brazilian Pepper and win. Even if the tree is successfully removed from an area, the ground is left practically infertile.

People have been trying to find ways of stopping this destructive tree. People have been cutting them back for months and months as a way of controlling their growth. People have also tried removing the tree completely from the ground. In order for this to work you must remove the entire root system of the tree. That is too time consuming. The Brazilian Pepper tree has one of the most intricate root systems of any tree known to man. Scientists have been trying to synthesize a herbicide that will successfully kill the Brazilian Pepper tree or stunt its growth, however, this costs money, which the researchers are in desperate need of if they shall succeed. Some scientists have found a poison that is effective against the tree, however it kills any plants nearby the tree. When the tree is cut down, a hole is drilled into the core of the stump and a deadly poison (only toxic to plants) is injected into the tree. The tree and whatever plants that happened to be around will die within a few days of the lethal dosage. The tree will be removed in hope that it will never reproduce in that area again.

If a successful way of stopping the tree is not found, people may no longer look outside and see trees and shrubs but only see the Brazilian Pepper tree. It is very important that we find a way to control this tree's growth and reproduction. If not it will destroy the food and shelter that other plants and animals need to survive. It would destroy many ecosystems and food chains. This would wreak havoc on the environment, bringing Florida and any tropical or subtropical region to its knees. This would not only affect Floridians but all other people who live in tropical or subtropical regions across the world. This tree has the potential to do an extraordinary amount of damage to the environment. We may or may not be able to stop the tree. If we can, can we repair the damage that it has done? And if so, just how will we go about doing this? This is why the tree must be stopped or destroyed.



This is a Brazilian Pepper Tree. It can grow to a height of 25 ft. and spread to a diameter of 25 ft.

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This is one of the trees after it has been cut down and poisoned. This will insure that it will never grow back again in this area.

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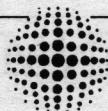
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ON AIR

Pump up the Volume

by Monique McLaughlin

— Staff Writer —

Radio stations have turned to dirtier tactics in the race to gain popularity

In the struggle to attract more listeners, local radio stations have done almost anything and everything, including resorting to raunchy comments and gimmicks to win the listeners of the bay.

"Sooner or later we're going to be number one," said 98 Rock Promotions Director Mike Oliviero, "and we're going to have as much fun legally or illegally allowed. Soon it's going to be on our term."

The examples and stunts made by 98 as well as other stations, according to some students, have taken this 'war in the ratings' too far.

"I think the F.C.C. (Federal Communications Commission) should give Power Pig (93.3) a limit on some things they say and shouldn't say," said Cherie Carter, senior, "because they downgrade people sometimes." Carter said that the contest for free concert tickets to a Janet Jackson concert by saying "who has a bigger butt than Jackson" was an example.

F.C.C. regulations state that it is not their policy to review material before it is broadcast and that material considered offensive, by some people may not be actionable under the criminal statute and broadcasters are encouraged to be informed about audience evaluations.

One common remark, said on 98 Rock in between songs is the phrase "Bite me." The station also is sponsoring a Saddam Hussein T.V. tee shirt give-away that coins the same phrase. Oliviero said that these sweepers (positioning statements) are to inflict a bit of an attitude of what they do.

"People seem to identify with it," said Oliviero. "Radio is meant to be fun; it's not brain surgery."

Scott Baker, Promotions and Marketing Director at 93.3 said that stations are doing what they think is necessary to gather more listeners.

Last November, Power Pig dee-jays Tim and Tom drove onto the campus and Dixie Hollins to pass out fake hall passes after a new rule had been installed that no students could roam around lunch without a pass.

Because of the chain of events that followed the incident, at least 40 students were suspended for a day.

According to Baker, "80 percent of Tampa Bay won't remember that. The whole incident caused a bond between Tim and Tom and the students because they felt Power Pig was on their side. It's reflected in the ratings," said Baker.

Some students agree. According to Herb Morgan, senior, "It's okay as long as it doesn't hurt anyone. These kids were 16 years old and they hated school with a red hot passion, why aren't they going to accept hall passes? As long as

it's done strictly for entertainment," said Morgan.

The ideas for stunts like these according to Baker, are thought up at the staff meetings every Monday by what happens in the community, including the subject of infertility.

Two months ago, Power Pig sponsored a 'baby give-away.' Not realizing that it was a baby pig that was supposed to be given away, because no mention had been made, couples began calling on the air, tearfully reporting the reason why they were childless and how much they wanted a baby.

"Some people thought that it was a real baby," said Baker, "but everybody knows you can't really give away a baby."

Regardless of the perception of what 'everybody knows', F.C.C. regulations also state that they will give full consideration to information that indicates that a station has engaged in misleading or deceptive about the nature of a contest, the prize awarded, or failed to broadcast or otherwise publicize complete and clear contest rules or family information concerning any change in a contest's rules or prizes.

According to Baker, "We said that it was a baby, and felt that it was open ended... So we didn't violate any F.C.C. rules. We did give away a baby."

There is a very fine line between right and wrong and conflicting opinions will argue the point of what is an F.C.C. violation. "We made it cool to listen to Power 93," said Baker.

All opinions do not agree. Six months ago, a church Unitarian group had begun sending derogatory letters to listeners, urging them to change the dial because they thought Power Pig was crude.

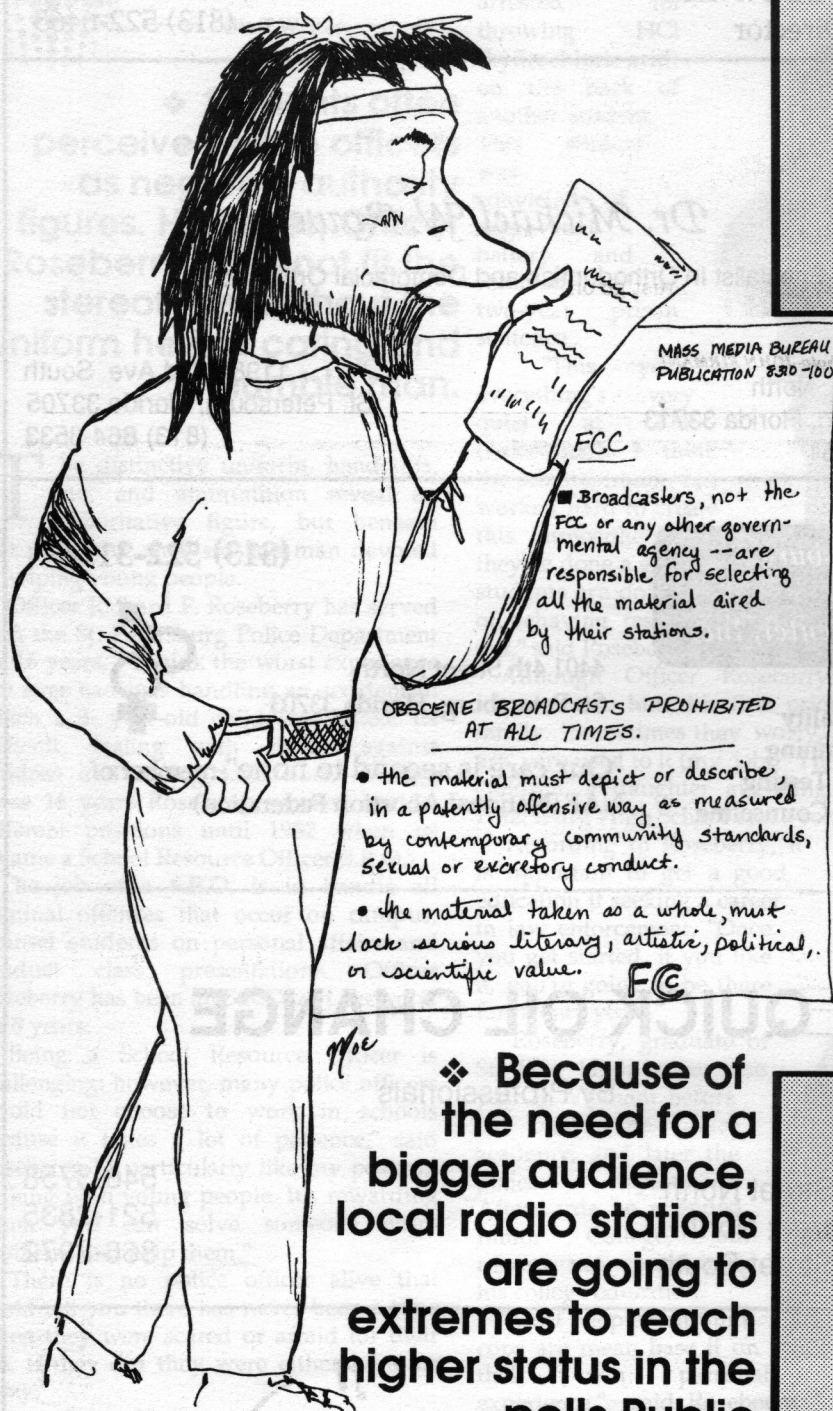
According to Baker, they (the group) have since changed their minds, claiming it was not as bad as they had originally thought.

Morgan claims that 93's success was due to its innovativeness. "Power Pig replaced Q-105 like the Simpsons replaced Cosby."

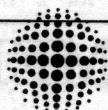
Oliviero said that it was a shame because of the decline of Q-105, Mason Dixon (a popular DJ) was lost. "He had such heritage, from being around so long and a close tie to the community. I don't think they (Q-105) will go away."

Both stations say they see some major changes in the future regarding format and style. Baker said that they need a balance of outrageousness to community work.

As the battle of the airwaves continues, Oliviero said, "If they (Power Pig) think that what they do is good, then so be it. Nobody would ever do anything to harm anybody."

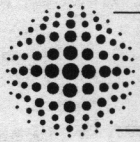


❖ Because of the need for a bigger audience, local radio stations are going to extremes to reach higher status in the polls. Public response varies as to what is an acceptable form of entertainment, and what is going too far.



To LIVE ; To LIKE ; To LOVE

❖ Students go through a year long struggle to find the perfect mate. Each person looks for specific qualities in a person such as looks and personality. Although nobody is perfect the search continues, especially during your high school life.



by Jenna J. Kocic

Staff Writer

School starts, and the hunt for the perfect match begins. The dilemma is: what qualities are they looking for in a match?

"I'd like to find a guy who's sensitive and understanding. I don't like stuck-up guys, because even though they are really good looking, their attitude makes them ugly," said Heidi Laplant, sophomore.

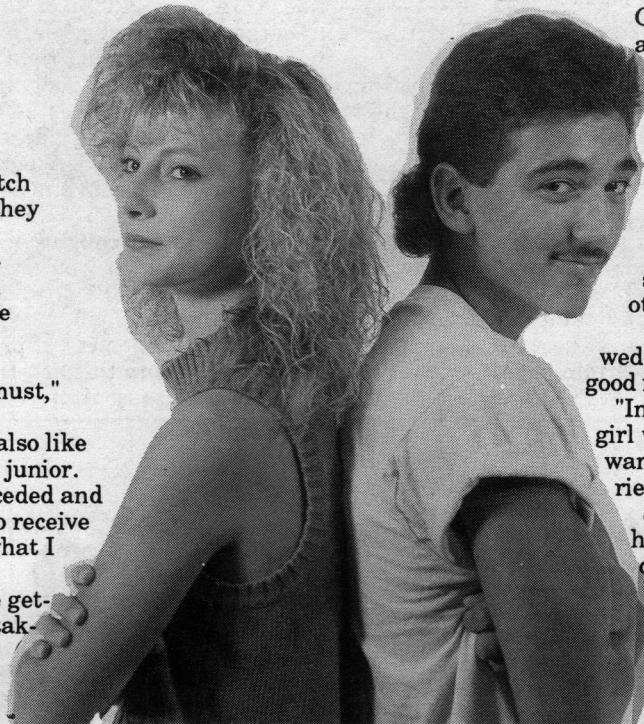
"I look for an intelligent and compassionate girl. She has to have a sense of humor, that's a must," said Jamarkus Anderson, sophomore.

"Sensitive, understanding and enthusiastic, I'd also like her to have goals for her life," said Matt Marshall, junior.

"Nice body and nice personality, he can't be conceded and can't cheat on me," said Danita Moore, 16, "I like to receive more attention from him than his friends, that's what I look for in a guy."

On a more serious side, there are those who are getting engaged while still in high school. Some are taking even farther to marriage.

Danita Moore had been married for seven months to Anthony Moore, who is currently serv-



Back to back Danita Moore and Mike

Laico contemplate relationships. Centurion Photo-JOHN FIRMANI

ing in the airforce. Moore had been seeing her husband since she was 14. Moore is now going through a divorce at the age of 16.

Gail Skjeie, sophomore, and engaged after two and a half months of seeing her current boyfriend, says her and her fiance don't really talk about getting married even though they are engaged. "I want to at least wait till I'm graduated and 18," said. "I want a guy to treat me right."

How do other students feel about this, well Jennifer Shafer, freshman, says she doesn't even talk about marriage with her boyfriend. Shafer's idea of a boy friend is someone who is funny, cute, sweet and sensitive. "I hate it when he flirts with other girls when your going out with him."

Cheri Ashwood, says she has her wedding and wedding dress all planned out. "I even have a pretty good idea who I want to marry."

"Intelligence, looks and a nice body. I don't like a girl who talks too much," said Eddie Allen, junior. "I want to go into the Marines, so I not ready to be married yet."

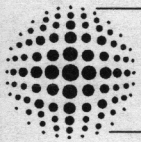
Java Brown, senior, likes a guy who looks good, humorous, sensitive and is independent. She doesn't like a guy who is sneaky, conceited or dishonest. "I wouldn't get married, but I feel that if two people love each other, they feel that strong and it works then it's all right," said Brown.

Even though nobody is perfect, the search must go on.

Lip Sync 18

Did You Understand?

❖ Participants of this years lip sync express their motivation and feeling of performing in front of their peers.



by Holly E. Winthers

Staff Writer

On September 21, 1990, one hundred and nine Lakewood students made musical history.

Alternative/new wave, pop, rock, and rap music filled Lakewood's auditorium as eighteen student-comprised groups performed at Lip Sync 18: *It's a Lakewood Thing, You Wouldn't Understand.*

Each year LAMP (Lakewood Associated Media Personel) Productions produces two lip syncs. One in the fall and one in the spring.

One of the worries of the many performers may be how the audience feels about their act. "I feel like I could go up them and show them I really can do it. I wasn't scared I was going to mess up, it felt great," said Chris Steele, member Silk Tymes Leather, which won the Rap category with the song "Woman in Me".

There are six different categories: Rock, Rhythm-n-Blues, Popular Music, Rap, Off the Wall, and New Wave/Progressive. There is a winner in each category and an over-all winner. This year's winner for the Rock category was Stryper's "Shining Star", led by David Baker. "I love the energy

and feeling of being on stage and the acting part of it," said Baker, senior.

The winners of each category were, Madonna's "Vogue" (Popular), Dread Zeppelin's "Heartbreaker" (Off the Wall) Master Ace Me and the Biz" (Rap).

The over all winner was Madonna's "Vogue". "You never know how you really do, until you win or someone tells you. It felt very rewarding to have won, I was really comfortable and had the right people doing this with me," said Eileen Stevens, junior.

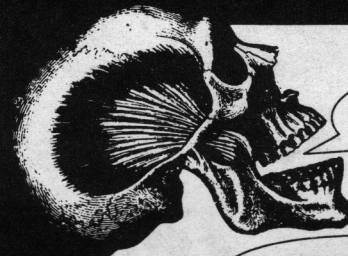
This year's New Wave/Progressive category was won by Concrete Blonde's "Blood Letting". Samantha Spinrad led this erie

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-Eileen Stevens, Junior

group. "I love being on stage, it's a natural high. When I can see and hear my friends in the audience I get really psyched, plus Concrete Blonde is one of my favorite groups, and that song could appeal to anybody," said Spinrad, junior.

As the lights got brighter and the curtains closed, the audience seemed to sigh as each performer's nerves seemed to calm down; until the next Lip Sync 19 March 1, 1991.



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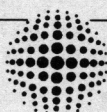
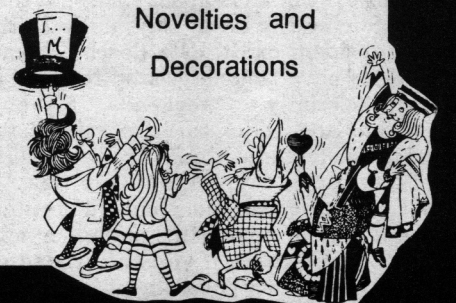


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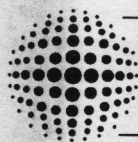
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Novelties and Decorations



Law limits volume of stereo systems

❖ A recent ordinance in St. Petersburg Beach has stirred quite a bit of controversy. What happens when music becomes too disruptive, and lawmakers take action? The pros and cons weigh heavily.



by Jason Guminski

— Staff Writer —

The following acts, among others, are declared to create or be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in violation of this section, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive namely:

Radios, musical instruments, sound amplification devices,

and similar devices. No person shall operate, play, or permit the operation of playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instruments, sound amplifiers or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound:

In such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property boundary.

City Ordinance 90 - 10

What is too loud? What is too disruptive? Who has the right to decide this for the public?

Obviously it is the right of the lawmakers of the St. Petersburg Beach area. They have taken it upon themselves to decide how loud car stereos or other noise makers are to be played. As per their new city ordinance, which states that no radios, televisions, sound amplification devices, and especially car stereos are allowed to be played over a certain point without stiff penalty.

How can they tell what is too loud? Via the magic of modern technology, police officers are now armed with decimeters, sound measuring devices. They are used to monitor how loud noise is. The exact measurements are, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., A weighted L 65 and L 55 DBA from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. On the A weighted scale, a whisper is 15 dbA, and standing right next to a concert speaker is roughly 70 dbA. The top of the scale is 140, which is equivalent to a top grade siren. This places 55 and 65 dbA equivalent to the sound of noise in a movie theater.

If you are caught violating this law, and arrested, you are subject to be fined up to 500 \$ or to spend up to 90 days in county jail.

An infringement of privacy? Not exactly. Before this act, there was a previous noise control ordinance, so

the idea of regulating sound is nothing new. This ordinance, which is still in effect here in St. Petersburg is very general, being basically a 'disturbing the peace' law. If someone is loud or disruptive, and complaints are called in, police officers have the right to come in warn the offender, and go so far as to make an arrest, and even bring him, or her, before a judge. This ordinance though, only lasts from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and is still far cry from the new ordinance in St. Pete Beach.

Special permits can be obtained for loud machinery or pneumatic drills during certain hours of the day.

Is it fair to limit noise? What is too loud? What is too disruptive? Who has the right to decide this for the public?

All this for music that is too loud? What is too loud? What is too disruptive? Whose right is it too decide anyway.

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Increased volume increases problems

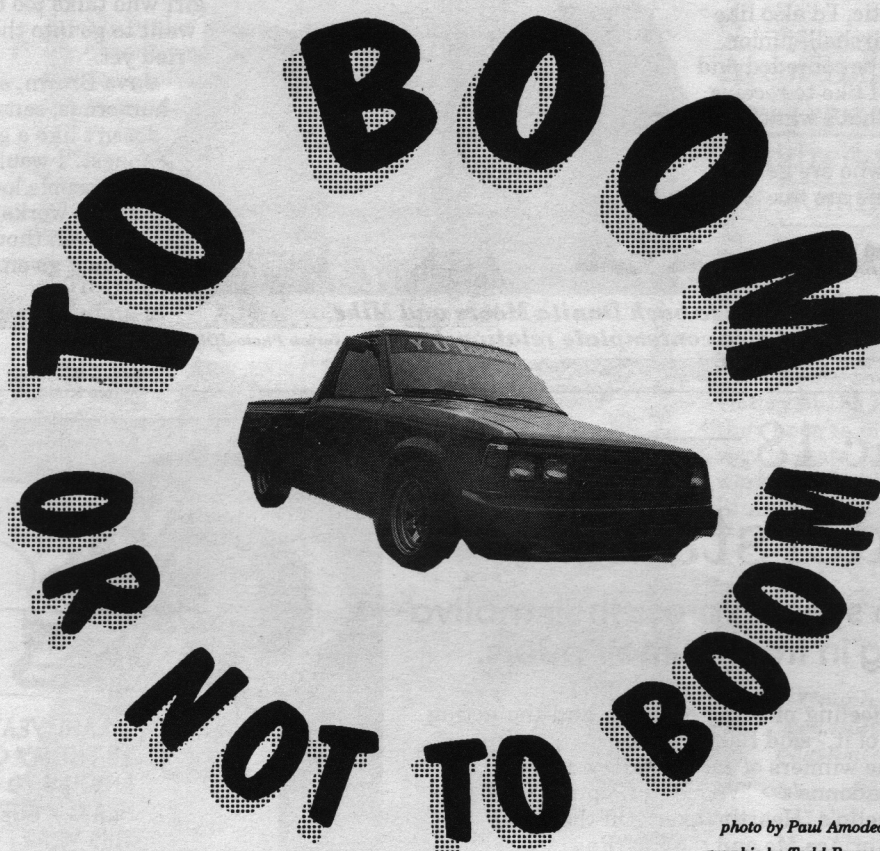
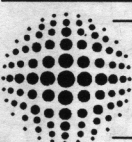


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CON



New law limits the freedom of expression



by Lori Klumpp

— Staff Writer —

It's a small neighborhood; one in which peace and quiet are respected. Tonight, however, a sound is heard off in the distance. Slowly, the sound is approaching, and the low rumble of bass can be heard. In a matter of seconds, the words of a song can be heard and vibrations can be felt throughout the house. Then, slowly, it fades off into the distance. Does this scene sound familiar?

Law officials are finally responding to the disturbances caused by loud stereo systems. "I think it's about time that they are enforcing the laws," says Julie Harrison, a resident on St. Pete Beach. "Sometimes we have trouble getting to sleep at night, especially on weekends. My husband has to get up early mornings; the loud music disturbs him."

Other people express the same view. "I don't believe government should regulate what a person does with his or her own property. However, if you are driving on public roads, then government should intervene," said Christy Steinway, a junior at Lakewood.

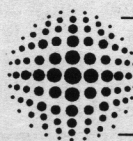
The law was enacted shortly after studies were released recognizing noise pollu-

tion as a form of environmental pollution. "It has gotten to the point where even short-term listeners suffer hearing loss, physical sickness, blurring vision, and headaches," said Todd Kirchgraber, detective/sergeant of the St. Pete Beach police department. "Eventually, it (listening to loud music) will cause a problem; like smoking, the effects are seen later on."

Loud stereos are also distracting to the driver. Loud stereos can be very dangerous," said Stuart Higley, driver education teacher at Lakewood. People who are driving can not hear what's going on outside. If a safety vehicle comes along, they can cause an accident. Driving requires concentration; when loud music is played, the driver can be distracted.

Loud music is also disturbing to other people who are forced to listen. "In a Pinellas County School, I will ask anyone who is causing a disruption to turn the music off or leave the property," said Richard Rosenberry, police officer at Lakewood.

The police agree that most people cooperate with the law. "In one area with a lot of Go-lo vehicles, the family members got together after the neighbors complained. The problem was easily solved. If they refused, then a citation would have been issued," said Kirchgraber, "It's mostly a voluntary compliance."



by Kristen Killenberg

— Staff Writer —

When a teenager goes out and purchases a \$2000 stereo system, the last thing he wants to do is turn down the volume.

The stereo provides a social status. The louder it is, the better. It is only natural for them to turn it up and see who can shut down who with the most bass.

"That's just what teenagers like, loud music; it's only natural," said Jonah Person, a former Lakewood student.

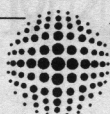
Many people feel that you should be able to do what you want with your car. Said junior Casey Brubaker, "If that means that they want to turn their stereo up then that's their prerogative."

The law restricting the volume of car stereos is unfair and wrong. "I think I should be able to do whatever I want as long as it doesn't harm anybody else. If I'm driving, people can only hear it (the music) for a few seconds, so it doesn't do any harm," said junior Maurice Evans. When asked how he felt about the law, Officer Roseberry said, "I'm required to enforce the law no matter how I feel about it." However, he did say "I think people

have the right to have whatever kind of music as long as it doesn't interfere with other people's peace and tranquility."

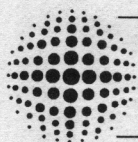
In our society, powersaws, lawnmowers, and jet planes seem to be necessary, even though they create a great deal of noise. For some teenagers, their stereo systems are just as necessary and important. "I think it's really wrong, this is America, we have the freedom of expression, the freedom of speech. It's not fair," said Person. According to Todd Kirchgraber, of the St. Petersburg Beach Police Department, the law was passed because of all the complaints from the older people in the community. "The younger people spent all this money on a good system, and now they can't use what they pay for. Now you can only play it like a regular car stereo system, not as loud," said Person. "We're told enough what to do, they should at least let us have that one luxury," said junior, Melissa Ronning.

Listening to music is a way of expressing yourself. It is a means of enjoyment, of having fun. "They're imposing on everyone's rights to enjoy the music they want, at the volume they want," said Ronning. So why are our rights restricted? "Basically what it all boils down to is just more restrictions of our so-called 'freedom'," said Evans.



Circle Jerks

Make their last stand



by John A. Firmani

— Photojournalist —

Packed down in front like long-haired sardines, a mob of people awaited the Circle Jerks to take the cramped stage for the last time in downtown St. Petersburg at Jannus Landing.

Saturday October 6th marked the end of an era in live punk music for the Bay Area when lead-singer Keith Morris announced about half way through their set that he was "getting too old for this." He, and the three other members of the group, have been on tour almost continually since the group's birth a decade ago.

The present tour is pegged "10th Anniversary," but is most probably the last anniversary. "We're barely able to pay our bills, and teeny groups like New Kids make millions," Morris said. Desperation, not exasperation may be the key factor in the disbandment.

Though their future is in doubt, they have definitely tried to send a serious message across. In demonstrating their beliefs, the band was forced to start and stop the song "Casualty Vampire" twice.

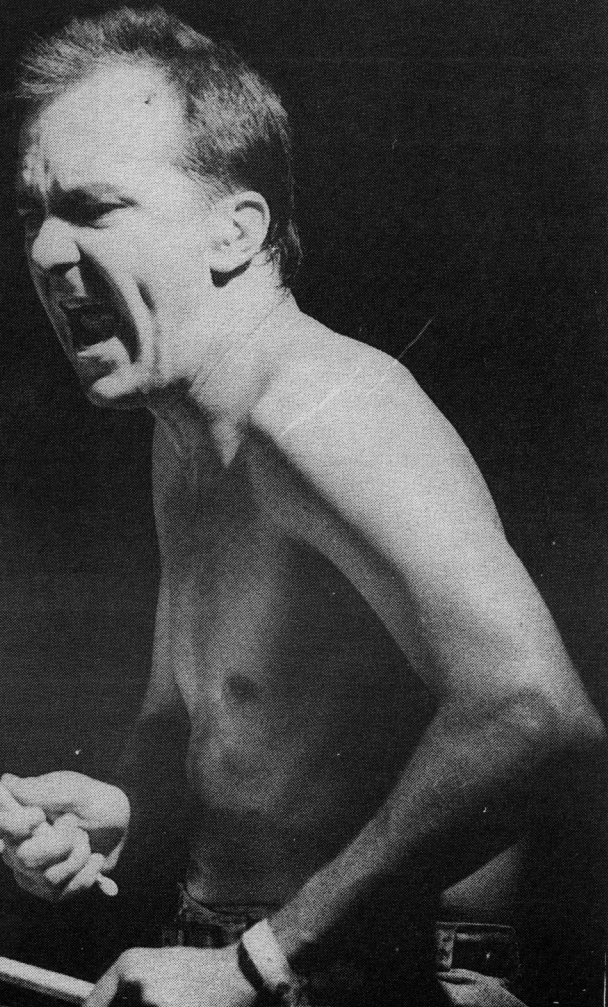
Once because of a fight that broke-out in front of the stage, which they stopped almost instantly, and the second time because a "stage-diver" that jumped into the crowd expecting to be caught was dropped, and had to be carried out of the courtyard. "They have an anti-racism, anti-violence stance, which I think is cool," said Siouxsie Fentress, a Lakewood High junior that attended the concert.

But aside from the preaching, their free-thinking, liberal themes came through in the 15 song performance. The band, along with their openers, The Weirdos, relaxed afterwards in adjacent Club Detroit. Fentress, and sophomore Becky Barrett were there talking with them.



Centurion Photo- JOHN FIRMANI

❖ After 10 years of relentless club and small venue touring, the outspoken punk-rock group, the Circle Jerks, played their last show at Jannus Landing to a packed courtyard of over 300 people.



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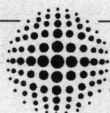
"They seemed like regular people, which, I guess, is what I expected," Barrett said. "Every band has a time, and I guess theirs is over. I'm sure it gets old after a while especially after 10 years with the type of music that they play," Barrett said.

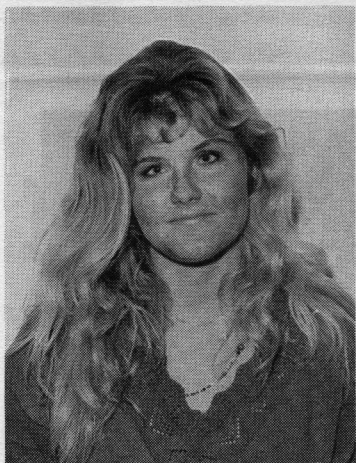
But beyond the recorded music, their on stage presence commands attention. Covering topics such as Governor Martinez, and censorship "they talk to

the audience, and put a lot of energy into it. They actually acknowledged that there were people out there, which a lot of bands don't do," Barrett said.

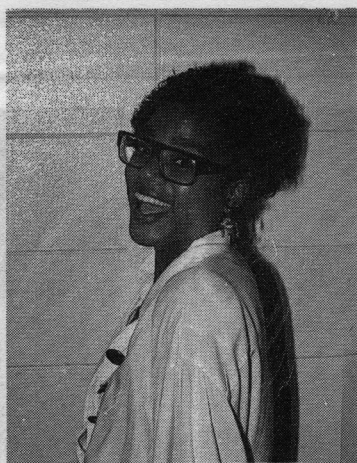
Enthusiasm and passion seemed to emanate from the stage- the movement never stopped, the hair was always flying. A veteran of three Circle Jerks' concerts, Fentress said, "they are always great, but this show seemed to top them all."

Top: Keith Morris, the Circle Jerks' lead singer, performs during their last tour stop at Jannus Landing. In between song sets he stopped fights, talked about our nation, and preached his anti-violence message. Bottom: Keith Clark shows his odd style of playing. (He plays with the drumsticks backwards.)

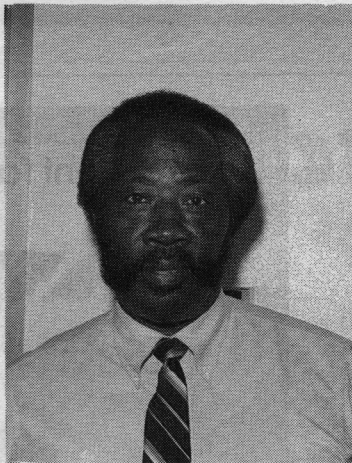




"I think it is unfair because with girls, skirts and shorts give you a choice of what to wear, but guys have to wear pants all the time." - Kelly Shaurette, Senior



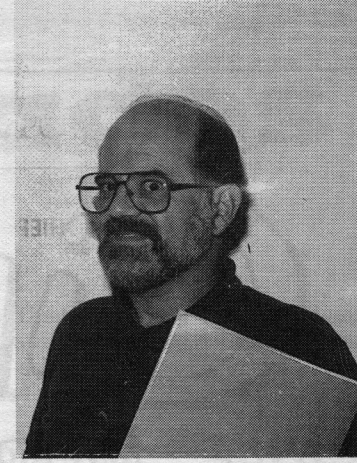
"I think it's fair because coulottes are more like skirts and a skirt will make a girl look more professional." - Davia Perkins, Senior



"I think they (the school board) changed the rule because they recognized a change in fashion... they wanted students to be comfortable." - Robert Anders, Assistant Principal

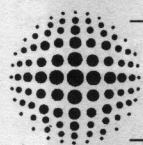


"As far as guys not being able to wear shorts, well, that's just out. I don't think the girls are going to have hot flashes." - John Rivera, Senior



"If shorts can be kept at a decent length with a proper fit, I don't see why not (all students can wear shorts)... I really think it's sexist crap!" - Frank Cartisano, Teacher

❖ Can students wear shorts to school or not? This question has been on the mind of students everywhere who are not allowed to wear shorts yet, but what do Lakewood students and faculty think?



by Rashida M. Clendening

Managing Editor

Coulotte- a women's or girl's garment consisting of trousers made full in the legs to resemble a skirt. At the end of the 1989-90 school year the halls of Lakewood High were buzzing with the news of students finally being able to wear shorts. By August most students knew that this wasn't true and that girls would have all the luck.

"If it's proper to wear for girls to wear skirts, why is it improper to wear shorts," said senior John Rivera.

Coulottes are what most high schools' are allowing girls to wear. In the Code of Student Conduct (C.S.C.) the new rule reads, "Skirt, divided skirts, and coulottes may be worn however, they shall not be shorter than three inches above the knee." This is the rule as of the printing of this publication.

"Initially the coulottes were to go below the knee," said Lewis Williams, Chairman of the C.S.C. Review Committee. "But after input was given by different groups, the group decided that the fashions were not in step." The fashions Williams spoke of are the baggy type shorts and coulottes. He says that they were trying to be objective about their decision.

One of Lakewood's Assistant Principals agrees that the school board, "Recognized a change in fashion and didn't want to be hard nosed... (they) want students to be comfortable. Senior Nancy Kelly says, "It (being able to wear shorts), makes you more comfortable and school should have a casual atmosphere... but I feel that shorts that are too short should not be allowed."

No shorts shall be worn... except as authorized by administration... reads the C.S.C. The garment Kelly was wearing were described by her as

shorts. If Kelly had been caught during the course of the day by Margie Sundstrom, Assistant Principal, Sundstrom says she would have to, "Make a determination about appropriate fit and length." After doing this Anders and Sundstrom agreed that they would send them to the intervention center or home. "No, they don't have an opportunity to change their clothes because they have had warnings," said Anders.

Another student who was wearing what she described as shorts was Senior, Tammi Crum, "I feel if they (shorts) are baggy and a little bit above

bring lengthy



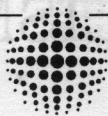
Girls at Lakewood like Paula Dancel and Zenita Wade have been able to get away with wearing shorts. Centurion Photos- PAUL AMODEO

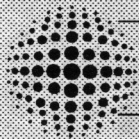
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-Tammi Crum, Senior

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The faculty at Lakewood seem to be in agreement with Crum's idea about baggy shorts. "If shorts can be kept at a decent length with a proper fit, I don't see why not all (students can wear shorts)," said Frank Cartisano, English Teacher. Cartisano says that if he see a student wearing a garment that could be construed as shorts he just has to make a personal estimation that has to do with tastefulness. Principal, Barbara Broughton agrees that students should, "Exercise good taste."





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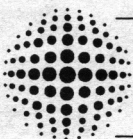
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❖ The Current Issues Committee raises consciousness on issues where Student Government falls short.



EDITORIAL

Until the recent controversy over the student parking decals and shorts, the average student usually complains about boredom and bad lunches. Whatever concerns the students had were ignored or squelched by the Student Government members who were more concerned with student activities, like homecoming.

"I haven't heard about the Student Government doing anything this year," said Junior, JoAnn Frioli, "This makes me feel that they should make themselves known and do something."

The student body lacks a medium to express their opinions. A few students who recognized a problem are organizing a club through which students can establish better communication with the administration. The Current Issues Committee, as the club was named, was created to give students their medium of expression.

One cause of the problem is that students rely to heavily on their Student Government. The Student Government has their own agenda. The last few weeks in particular, the Government has been preoccupied with Homecoming. When you give one group, like Student Government, the power to act as the voice of the entire student body someone's bound to be left out. The concerns of the student body will continue to be pushed back on the agenda until the students themselves begin to speak up.

Most students are ignorant of their right to speak and be heard. Students instead blame the administration for their lack of power, but there are ways to be heard and work through the system. Using your constitutional right is only a matter of understanding how to get action by working with the law. However, depending on the voices of the Student Government instead of taking your own actions doesn't guarantee that change will occur. The student body should have a voice of their own.

That's not to say that the present Government is not without its importance. The students would have no power without a structure like the Student Government. The peer Government system allows a student voice to intercept the administrative command. Monica McCausland, Senior class treasurer, calls Student Government, "An outlet for student input in activities."

The Lakewood High School Policies and Procedures book for Sponsors of Extracurricular Activities says that the purpose of Student Government is: The law gives Student Government the power to make changes in the school. There are several possibilities as to why there is a lack of physical evidence of the Government's work. Student apathy could be one reason.

"They can come to any class officer with suggestions or they can write a letter of suggestion to any one of the officers," says McCausland, "We have meetings and if they have ideas they can come and voice them, but we can't go around each individual person for their opinion." McCausland, like many other officers, feels that students aren't willing to get involved. This is where the problem begins. Brichelle Hall, Student Government Secretary is another officer that faults the student body. "They just want to raise noise," says Hall, "then they just miss out because they didn't take part in the decision making."

The Student Government sponsor Sharon Jacobs feels that the students need to get more involved in the Student Government in order to get more involved in the Student Government in order to make changes. Jacobs says, "What happens at the school is a direct reflection of the students in it." She feels that there would be no need to form a separate organization if the student organization, if the student body would make an effort to communicate their ideas. "It needs to be a Government function. All the students need to do is come to the meetings and say, 'Hey!', this is what we want to do."

The Student Government is already burdened with the dual responsibilities of a student activities planning committee and complaints department. A new club like the Current Issues Committee would lift some of the burden so that the Student Government could carry on their agenda instead of giving out rain checks to students until their calendar is free. "If people want to voice their opinions they should go to their class officers," said Lanett Thomas, president of Student Government. "It's not what Student Government does. We run the school and do activities. It's our job to guide the students in the right direction and keep them coming to school activities."

Creating a new organization is a logical solution to give students like Lance Gordon and Debbie Elliot, co-founders of the Current Issues Committee, their say in the political arena. "A lot of students feel like they're

isolated from how the school is run. We have no say. No control. And with this committee, we have some say and maybe we can make some changes."

Gordon and Elliot are upset that their opinions are going unrecognized. They blame the irresponsibility of the Government on taking actions.

"Think about this," Gordon says, "Why should all the students have to go and tell the Government officers to do their job. After all the hoopla during elections, when they're in office, nothing happens. It'll tell you why I started this club. I got

tired of hearing all the voices in the hallway."

The student majority should have a say on issues that directly effect them. The current system doesn't allow the students enough voice. "If the issues are directly effecting the students, they should have some say," said Barbara Palmer, Current Issues Committee sponsor. "Getting involved is something people need to do. They need to be involved in their own lives, their own community, and do something instead of complaining."

LHS needs a new form for student expression. The Student Government is wrong in saying that the students are apathetic. Maybe they're not listening to the "voices in the hallway."

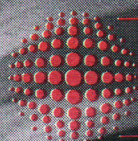
According to Lakewood's book of Policies and Procedure, Student Government meetings are supposed to be attended by a representative from each school club. Perhaps, in the interest of the students, representatives from each organization should be invited. Current Issues Committee would attend and discuss problematic issues. Topics debated by the Current Issues Committee could be shared with other representatives. Then, the Student Government and the Committee could present the issues to the administration.



"TECHNICAL REHEARSAL-Operation is Subject to Interruption"

Universal Studios' performance hindered by lack of efficiency

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS



by Laura S. Petri

Editor-in-Chief

"**M**om, how much longer? I'm tired..." a boy whines while swinging back and forth on the dividing rails at Universal Studios in Orlando. He, along with many others, has been in line for forty minutes waiting to get into a park attraction on a cloudy September Sunday.

A one third filled parking lot is the first impression of Universal Studios. After paying the \$30.47 entrance fee, guests receive another ticket, that will allow them a free visit at any time, along with their stub. Due to out of order attractions, Universal is attempting to encourage park visitation.

After guests pass through the gates, they are greeted by an empty, open thoroughfare lined with shops, prop buildings, and attraction information.

❖ Enter an imitation New York subway station, guests also enter another decade. Overwhelmed by the long line some turn back in search of other attractions. A few follow after waiting only a while. Guests are taken back in time to the '70's (rather than the 30's when the original King Kong was made), into the center of an attack on the city by King Kong. The walls are filled with movie posters and Texaco (the attractions sponsor) ads reading "We're working to keep your trust." The line is led through a simulated subway station and city. Monitors overhead play a tape of a simulated news broadcast. Roland Smith is an anchorman asking citizens to remain calm as they are interrupted by the Emergency Broadcast System. As the line

approaches the boarding platform a voice over an intercom tells them, in a not so comforting voice, to "Remain calm, you will be all right..." followed by boarding instructions. The park's hosts are dressed like police officers as they rush guests, stiff from standing, onto the aerial tramway. "The only thing I really didn't like was the long lines," said Brigitte Littrel, sophomore. The tramway flies above a New York terrorized by King Kong. Apartments below the tram are left with two walls standing as a television is left playing a broadcast of President Bush and a bottle of Bayer on a window sill is left upright.

❖ A sign is the only greeting in front of the Jaws attraction, "This attraction is closed for further construction until 1991." A new "Back to the Future" attraction is also closed. Its sign is a digital sign showing that there are 3909 hours, six minutes until it opens... in 1991.

❖ Before entering Earthquake guests are greeted by a sign reading, "Technical Rehearsal-Operation is subject to Interruption." Next guests take a ride

on San Francisco's public transportation system and fall victim to an earthquake. The earthquake takes place in a station complete with collision with another car.

"The only thing I really didn't like was the long lines."

-Brigitte Littrel, sophomore

❖ "Ghostbusters", in 1984, became the largest grossing comedic film ever produced, inspiring an attraction that simply is a one act summary of the movie with live performers. Entering a half filled theater, the stage is set behind a glass wall that allows for laser and fire effects to be used. The set, modeled after the art deco building top in the film, includes the Sta-Puft Marshmallow man and devil dog statues.

❖ E.T. was one of Steven Spielberg's and Universal's biggest successes. Like the movie, the attraction is for the innocent... If the innocent are willing to wait an hour. A film hosted by Spielberg and E.T. summarizes the film and sets the stage for the ride that follows. Guests are led through a pine forest after giving a host their name, registering their name in a computer, and receiving an AT&T card. This process allows E.T. in the end to bid farewell to guests personally. Guests board a platform with nine seats designed to look like bicycles. Attempts are made to capture the E.T. that rests on the front of the platform, finally reaching E.T.'s home, the Green Planet, all is well again and there is a celebration. A world of E.T.'s sing and dance very similarly to Disney's "It's a Small World."

❖ Phantom of the Opera is the theme of the make-up attraction. Guests wait in a room with exhibits from such movies as "Creepshow" and "American Werewolf in London." The exhibits include photos, models, and tools used to create the images. The exhibit is followed by a live show. The show allows an unlucky member of the audience to fall victim to a simulated slashing, stabbing, and shooting.

Other attraction were sponsored by Hanna-Barbara and Nickelodeon. "I liked the animation attractions," said Littrel.

Orlando is home to many successful amusement parks. The problems that the park experienced during its opening will need to be addressed for the park to be as successful as planned by Universal executives.

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