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Tenth annual health fair to be held

By Kimberly Weissman
News Editor

On Wednesday, March 10, Saint Leo College will host its tenth annual Health Fair. The Health Fair offers a number of medical resources, information, and advice to students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the local community. Numerous sponsors and more than two hundred participants are expected throughout the day, and samples of fruit juice and frozen yogurt will be served compliments of Vitality Juice and Marriott.

Dade City Hospital (formerly Humana Hospital-Pasco) will be conducting cholesterol and glucose readings, Vision-Works will screen for glaucoma and vision acuity, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center will be providing cancer screening tips, and Hunter Blood Center will be performing blood typing and hemoglobin testing.

Other sponsors who will also provide services and information at the Health Fair are East Pasco Medical Center, Pasco County Sheriff's Department, Barnett

Bank, Parker & Parker Insurance, Glenbeigh Health Sources, Youth & Family Alternatives, Charter Hospital of Pasco, and Chris Yarnold, drug counselor from Care Unit of Northside Centers Mental Health Services. Karen Phillips of World Tang Soo Do will be demonstrating self-defense and Body & Soul Massage will administer massage therapy throughout the day.

Bobbi Sponheim, SLC Health Center director, is excited about the upcoming Health Fair. With the high concern and strong demand for a health conscious society, the Health Fair gives a chance for students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to spend a day learning how to begin a health awareness program.

The Health Fair has always been a successful event here at Saint Leo College, and one student commented about last year's fair by saying, "It was great being able to learn so much about health in one day. I was fortunate enough to have my cholesterol checked because the results inspired me to become more health conscience. I look forward to the event again in March."



With the large number of influenza cases on campus, Nurse Bobby Sponheim has been busy helping students deal with their ailment. *Special to the Monarch*

The tenth annual Health Fair will take place in Duncan Lounge of the McDonald Center from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to

attend and take part.

Health is a life-long commitment, and it's never too late to begin a health conscious program.

Kiss the pig fundraiser comes to a conclusion

By Thomas Turcotte
Editor

On Friday the 26th at 5 p.m., Monsignor Frank M. Mouch kissed a pig in the middle of the circle bringing a close to Circle K International's "Kiss the Pig" contest.

Boxes had been left inside McDonald Student Center and Student Affairs with the names of the potential candidates. Everyone was encouraged to vote for their choice by placing money in the

appropriate box. All proceeds went to the Dade City Geriatric Center.

The candidates included Monsignor Mouch, president of the college, Sister Geraldine Warthling, vice president of student affairs, Cindy Lawson, supervisor of student activities, Father Mike, moderator for Campus Ministry, Dr. Frank Arnold, professor of business, Thimir Kadourri, president of the Student Leadership Coalition, and Becky Buller, student representative to the Board of Trustees.

Samaritans appear on campus

By Kimberly Weissman
News Editor

The Campus Ministry organization of Saint Leo College has decided to change its name. Leah Titus, club president, finds that the distinguishing between Campus Ministry as a student formed organization, and Campus Ministry as a separate service for the College, has caused a lot of confusion on campus that needs clarification.

Father Mike O'Brien, newest pastor on campus and Assistant to the President of Campus Ministry, explains the situation like this: "Campus Ministry is like an umbrella. There are many different parts of my job as director including advisor of Campus Ministry, the organization which needs to be clarified as a separate entity all together." Father Mike is in charge of campus-related services throughout the College that focus on the needs of faculty and staff, while Campus Ministry is geared to administer its services for the students.

At the beginning of the semester, the executive officers went on a retreat in Brooksville, where they spent time getting better acquainted and reviewing a

list of plans for the 92/93 school year. Within a three-hour time limit and utilizing a great deal of careful, precise thought, the executive board created a new name for the student group; Samaritans. They discovered this idea while looking through the Bible, and associate the name with its connecting theme, "Wherever you are; make a difference." In addition, they designed a symbol of three crosses and a heart to be used as the organization's logo.

Samaritans held its most recent event in the McDonald cafeteria at dinnertime on February 23, celebrating the traditional Mardi Gras. The cafeteria was artistically transformed with various party decorations, and the sound of the Saint Leo Jazz Band made the Mardi Gras event complete. Because of its first time success, due to being held in the cafeteria rather than at night in the Cage, the event will continue to be held in the cafeteria each year.

Many projects have been scheduled to begin in the near future and continue throughout the balance of the year.

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Monsignor Frank Mouch poses in "the circle" with his new found friend after the conclusion of Circle K's "Kiss the Pig" contest. *Special to the Monarch*

Grace receives humanitarian award

Special to the Monarch

J. Peter Grace, chairman of the board of W.R. Grace & Co., will receive the first Leonine Humanitarian Award of Saint Leo College on March 5, 1993. The award will be presented at a convocation to be held at the College in the Holy Name Priory chapel. Grace will address a select

group of area business leaders that evening at a dinner at the Tampa Yacht Club.

This will be the inaugural presentation of the Leonine Humanitarian Award, named for the three individuals and the qualities and service to the Church and to society that they represent: Pope Leo I (also known as Leo the Great), who as a deacon gave himself to the care of the poor; Pope Leo XIII, pontiff at the time Saint Leo College was chartered in 1889 and who endorsed community service and social action on behalf of human dignity; and Abbott Leo Haid, O.S.B., the principal founder of Saint Leo Abbey, who was committed to the spread of

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EDITORIAL

Does the SLC need an overhaul?

By Thomas Turcotte
Editor

One of the major weaknesses of this campus is found in the central organization of Saint Leo College's student leaders, the Student Leadership Coalition. The problems are revealed upon analyzing its structure and the students that make it up.

The first deficiency is found in the Senate/Executive board relationship. In the U.S. government, the Senate and the House submit and approve legislation. The Executive branch can approve or veto any legislation, and the legislative branch can over turn any veto. This provides for two equal and important branches.

The same is not the case, however, for the SLC. The Executive board submits legislation to the Senate, and the Senate gives its approval, which is nothing but a formality.

The student Senate, unlike the U.S. Senate, never initiates anything. All they are is a stamp of approval. The Executive board takes the Senate for granted and rarely tries to work with them. The Executive board's purpose should be to organize and implement the ideas submitted by the Senate. The Senate should be permitted and encouraged to submit not only fresh ideas and goals, but new legislation. In order to have a worthwhile Senate, they must be respected and asked

to propose ideas for consideration.

This, unfortunately, is not the case. The majority of the Executive board at SLC meetings informs the Senate of issues that have already been decided at Executive board meetings. They inform the senate of the decision, rather than asking them to approve their idea. Any checks and balances that once existed have gone by the wayside.

The Senate must place itself on equal footing with the Executive board and become active in determining and proposing the policy of the Student Leadership Coalition. (I must admit that there is one committee that is not guilty of this faulty policy. The residential life committee frequently asks for and takes into consideration the input of the Senate.) The Senate must demand the ability to propose legislation and be put on equal ground with the Executive board. Without this change, the Senate is basically worthless, serves no purpose and should be disbanded. They cannot effectively represent the student body unless their role and powers are increased.

Despite all this criticism, I can see where the Executive board is coming from. The current Senate, with the exception of a few, is the most unenthusiastic group of individuals ever assembled in one place. I have seen little effort by the Senate to propose or accept any new responsibility. I assume the Executive board has created the policies and ideas of the SLC

because the Senate has not done so in the past. This attempt to compensate for the Senate may be noble, but it is still a problem.

The Senate must have the responsibility to propose the actions of the SLC and effectively represent the student body. The answer to the Senate's failure to accomplish this is not for the Executive board to remove these primary responsibilities from the Senate's hands. Rather, the Senate must either fulfill what should be their primary obligation to their constituents or should be replaced. In either case, the right must lie in the Senate's hands. I appreciate the Executive board's attempt to fulfill what should be the Senate's primary purpose, but it is not the Executive board's place to take over the duties of the senators.

The second, and strongly related, problem with the SLC is the attitude of it's participants. In general, the attitudes can be broken down into three areas. The first set of people don't care about their responsibilities one way or the other. These people certainly do little to help the problem, and do not belong in an organization of student leaders. The second and even worse group are those that use their positions for their own self-advancement. These people care for no one and nothing except their own personal interest. These people don't belong in any organization, and most certainly add to the problem.

The third group are the only hope that this organization has. These are the few individuals that are both motivated and sincere in helping the organization and the students that the organization represents. I am accusing no specific person in this editorial. You know who you are and if you take this editorial as a personal attack then it is a clear confession of your own guilt. I encourage the Senate and the Executive board to take this constructive criticism and implement it. If you are guilty of these crimes then change. If you are one of the few decent individuals then I commend you.

Finally, I have some advice for the student body. The SLC officer election is quickly approaching. I advise you to look for these positive and negative traits in your candidates. If you care about your own needs and problems, and the problems of the campus then elect those candidates that sincerely care about your difficulties, and remove those candidates that are only concerned with their own self-interest. I offer to any self-interested candidate to change, or you will find that your term as an officer or a Senator will come to a very quick and abrupt ending.

If you have a contrary opinion to this editorial, don't come to us during the day and voice it, and certainly do not print your opinions on the nearest bathroom wall. Instead, take the intelligent option; write a rebuttal, submit it to the Monarch and get your views printed in the proper forum.

Letters to the Editor

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President's Corner



There is no doubt, speaking in the most general terms, that students today are weaker in the areas of English and math than was true decades ago. And it's easy enough to demonstrate that other "weaknesses" abound in this same age group, an upswing in teen-age suicide, to use a most egregious example. The unscientific and popular conclusion drawn from these data is that youth today are "soft": they don't work hard enough, persever-

ingly enough, etc.

While the data were different years ago, the fact is that the Church has recognized for centuries that we are all a bit too "soft," that we need to steel ourselves more, that we need to make the effort -- to the point where it is no longer effort -- to go out of ourselves and serve others generously. It is notable that our society has bought this idea in the matter of physical health, with an appreciably increased interest in fitness centers, health foods, good living habits; and we are currently seeing the country rally around the new President as he speaks to the need for sacrifice for the good of all.

Today's liturgical celebration opens the Lenten season, during which the Church reminds us that the most needed strengthening of our lives is in the spiritual arena. When it comes to improving ourselves before God, there are no data saying one age group or any other category is better, another weaker. Each individual addresses that matter him/herself. However, not to address the Lenten encouragement toward spiritual growth is to admit weakness. I pray that all members of the college community will enjoy these six weeks of spiritual strengthening.

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Professor questions man's regard for nature

OBJECTIVE SEARCH FOR MOTHER EARTH

BY PETER J. ROSSI

"How can you buy the sky, how can you own the rain and the wind?" Words said to have been spoken by Chief Seattle, leader of the Squamish, and Duwamish Indians of the Pacific Northwest, during the 1850s. He used these words to express his dismay when the government of the Military Industrial Machine that had devoured the land and homes of all Native Americans across the continent asked the chief if he would sell his land. Although the notion of selling land was alien to him, Chief Seattle realized he had no recourse if he was going to save the lives of his people from sure annihilation.

In his surrender speech to the government at Washington D.C., Chief Seattle also expressed a philosophy that, at the time, probably fell on deaf ears but has transcended time to become the cornerstone of an environmental reawakening. "The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth. What befalls the Earth befalls the children of the Earth. This we know; all things are connected like the blood that unites us. We did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves." Failure to accept and heed these truths may herald the end of

living and the beginning of survival.

The beginning of survival perhaps has already begun. We conquered a vast land and the people who dwelled upon it. In claiming the victory however, we were blind to the tragedy taking place. When did we lose the understanding that all creatures and things in the Natural World were... brothers and sisters? From this idea came the basic idea of non-exploitation, respect and reverence for all creatures. These principles are extremely hostile to the economic development typical of modern society. Ecologist Norman Myers said in 1979 that if we consider all species on Earth, and the rate at which natural environments are being disrupted if not destroyed, it is not unrealistic to suppose that we are losing at least one species per day. By the end of the '1990s' one species per hour, and by the end of the century we could lose as many as one million species and a good many more within the following few decades- until growth in human numbers stabilizes and our consumptive lifestyle changes course.

It is difficult for society today to collectively acknowledge such statements as anything more than eco-propaganda when the Earth is seen primarily, if not exclusively, as a collection of natural resources. There is an overriding belief that humankind will continue to dominate nature because humans are above, superior to,

or outside the rest of nature. Where has our reverence for nature gone? Where has our respect for the spirit of natural places gone? When did we lose the understanding that Chief Seattle had when he said, "The bear, the deer, and the great eagle are our brothers. The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst, they carry our canoes and feed our children. You must give to the river the kindness you would give to any brother." What a beautiful lesson to learn.

Under President Theodore Roosevelt, Clifford Pinchot became the first director of the U.S. Forest Service and the rise of the Resource Expert was soon to follow: the wildlife expert, range manager, soil scientist, and so on. From this point onward most of wild nature, from forest to wildlife, was to be treated much the same as a domestic cornfield, to be managed and harvested by humans. It is surely no coincidence that humans would also come to be looked upon as a resource to be managed in the best interest of the emerging urban-industrial society. The shift from "people" to "personnel" to which modern scientific management principles are to be applied for more efficient production.

Ecological consciousness and Deep Ecology are in sharp contrast with the dominant world view which regards humans as isolated and fundamentally separate from the whole of nature. Unless people are willing to allow all things

in the biosphere to have an equal right to live, blossom and reach their own forms of unfolding and self realization can the human concepts of success, wealth, and well-being coexist with the wild places and their inhabitants.

We are a reflection of our culture as Chief Seattle was a reflection of his. We do not directly rely on the natural world, or so we think, as the Native American did. Although we no longer hunt and gather to survive no less is our link to the natural world that we have been manipulating to destruction. Chief Seattle had to make a choice to survive. We are now at that crossroad. Our task is a unique one. We must touch and awaken that part of ourselves that has long laid dormant. Let us rekindle the awareness that this living flowering planet Earth is all there is, forever.

NOTE: Concepts for this essay were derived from the book DEEP ECOLOGY, LIVING AS IF NATURE MATTERED. DEVAL, BILL AND SESSIONS, GEORGE. GIBBS SMITH PUBLISHER 1985.

Information on Chief Seattle was derived from HOW CAN ONE SELL THE AIR, A MANIFESTO FOR THE EARTH. BOOK PUBLISHING CO. 1980.

Peter Rossi teaches Environmental Ethics Class for the Division of Liberal Arts and Science.

Knights support the retarded

By Thomas Turcotte
Editor

This weekend, Saint Leo College Council #5630 of the Knights of Columbus will join all other councils in the nation for their annual "tootsie roll" drive for the retarded.

One of the Knights of Columbus' prime goals is to serve the community. The one million member Catholic organization will send representatives to various communities throughout the United States to raise money for the mentally retarded. Although the event is national, the funds

go to a suitable local charity of each individual council's choice.

The Saint Leo council has been in existence since 1963. However, it has been inactive for the past few years until recently, a group of students, with the assistance of the other Florida councils, the district deputy and Father Leo have put a great deal of effort into reactivating the council. Their attempts have led to the success of a blood drive, several membership drives and this current undertaking. Anyone interested in joining the Saint Leo Council #5630 is welcome to contact Father Leo in Student Affairs or call him at extension for more details.

SAINT LEO COLLEGE MARCH EVENTS

March 9 - 12
Spring Dance Concert
7:30 p.m.
Saint Leo College Theatre

This concert includes works covering classical to modern styles choreographed by the dance faculty. A highlight of the concert is a collaboration with local musician/composer Dennis Devine.

March 26 Spring Music Concert
7:30 p.m.
Saint Leo College Theatre

Exploration of a wide range of music by the Chorale and Jazz Ensemble showcases the growth and expression of the Department of Music.

For further box office information, call (904) 588-8392

General admission for all performances is \$5.00; \$4.00 for senior citizens and non-Saint Leo students.

Dance company presents concert

Special to the Monarch
By Stephanie Stratton

The Saint Leo College (SLC) Dance Company will present its Spring Dance Concert March 9-12. The performances feature students in the dance program as well as dance faculty and SLC alumni. The company will perform a variety of dance styles, including ballet, jazz and modern dance.

The program will feature Jan Stockman Simonds' Carmina Burana. Stockman is a former member of the Jose Limon Dance Company and now on the faculty of the University of Houston. In Carmina Burana, set to excerpts of the score by Carl Orff, Simonds has choreographed a wonderfully rhythmic piece. Helen Henry, a graduate of the SLC dance program as well as the University of Houston, staged this work. It will be performed by a troupe of eighteen dancers.

Also highlighted will be James' Song, a movement tribute to gifted lawyer James P. Finamore. Finamore, 1974 SLC graduate and former dancer as well as choreographer at the college, passed away recently and this piece is a tribute to him by his former teacher and dance partner,

Lois Henry, associate professor of dance at SLC. Henry has also choreographed two other works, Human Energy, a jazz dance exploring speed in movement and Cream. Based on street dancing, Cream is an experiment in cooperative choreography.

Also experimental in nature is Suspended, choreographed by Helen Henry, which defies traditional thoughts and values concerning the elements of strength, power, and control.

Classical dance will be represented by En Practise, choreographed by Jacalyn Bryan. This pointe solo will be danced by Cristina Merton and accompanied by classical guitar. Bryan has also completed the fourth section of Passages, which takes the dancers on a journey through time. This eclectic accompaniment includes music from Planet Drum by Mickey Hart, Songs From Liquid Days by Phillip Glass, and Galaxies by Kevin Braheny.

The concert will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. in the College Theatre and is open to the public. Regular admission is \$5.00, with senior citizens and non-SLC students \$4.00. Admission is free to SLC students and staff. Tickets may be reserved at the box office or by calling ext. 8392.

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SLC Journal

Special to the Monarch
By Thamir Kaddouri

In my last article I was discussing the plans for the future student center here at Saint Leo College. I would like to take a moment to enlighten you on some other related important topics that I have dealt with. Recently, I have spent some time looking into what other schools of our size offer their students by means of a so-called student center. The results of my research were quite interesting. What I found was that we are not that bad off after all. Some schools don't have the facility that we are fortunate to have here at Saint Leo College, but what I think should be emphasized is that their location acts as a facilitator of their schools activities.

The purpose behind the proposal for the renovation of The Cage is simple. The proposed renovations will create a definite distinction between a cafeteria-like atmosphere and a student center. This renovation will in turn produce a "social atmosphere" that will be beneficial for the students and the College as a whole. I recently attended the National Association of College Activities (N.A.C.A) conference in Nashville, Tennessee. There, I had the pleasure of meeting students who were active in the planning and programming for their student center's activities. The atmosphere with the students was quite relaxing, but the conversation seemed somewhat cold. These officers didn't know what it takes to get students more involved in their college activities, but I do!

For quite some time I have tried to come up with a solution to the problem I face: to get you, the students, involved in the activities that the Student Leadership Coalition provides for you? Finally I have a solution. What I am going to do is come straight out and tell you--**I NEED YOUR INPUT!** Your voice is essential in the structuring of our activities. The convention which I attended was the meeting place for the entertainment of the future - bands, comedians, lecturers, jugglers, you name it and it was there. Now is the time when the officers of the SLC are booking performers for next



year.

In the past we have provided the students with weekly activities such as movies, comedians, or singers, but next year I have proposed a different approach to our programming. One thing I feel that needs to be addressed is that the activities we present will be based on quality and not quantity. This is my first year being involved in the "activities" planning for an organization, but it seems apparent that the SLC isn't like your every day organization. The Student Leadership Coalition is a business, your business, and I, like several other officers, work for you. I am elected annually and operate within the confines of the constitution. It is my responsibility to voice the opinions of the students and to address certain topics that directly or indirectly effect the student life here at the college.

The statement I made regarding the quality of performances is by no means to sound degrading or demeaning regarding the quality of the past years' activities. Instead it is a bold statement that I would like to make to you to inform you of the expectations that we have for next year. I intend to continue to run this organization like a business, and I urge you to have a say in how your business is run. I consider myself a stock holder in a organization that can be lucrative. The Student Leadership Coalition is a productive and essential asset to all students here at Saint Leo College. The question is whether or not you will voice your opinion and make an impact on your campus and ultimately on the student life here at the College.

Career Corner

To help all students get ready for their job searches, career development videos will be shown on WSLC TV Channel 57 throughout the rest of the semester. The following is the schedule for the next two weeks.

- March 2, 6 pm
"Effective Job Search Strategies"
- March 4, 7 pm
"How to Get a Job"
- March 10, 6 pm
"Effective Interviewing Techniques"
- March 11, 7 pm
"The Federal Government: A Winning Choice"
- March 15, 7 pm
"Effective Job Search Strategies"

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT:

**A Court Researcher for Pasco County is needed. Hours are flexible and student can set own hours. Rate of pay is \$5 per name search and reimbursement for court

copies and postage. If interested, please contact Vickie at Business Verifications Services, Inc. at 1-800-322-8825.

**Pizza Hut in Dade City is looking for a part time (day) and full time (night) waiter/waitress and a part time (night) cook. Salary is negotiable. If interested, please contact David Bothwell or Gina Allison at 567-7791.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:

**Pasco County has an opening for a Recreation Leader I. Applicants must be certified in CPR and First Aid. Come to the Career Development Center for more information.

**Camp Jeanne d'Arc is looking for several young women to become members of their counselor staff at their summer camps for girls in New York's Adirondack Mountains. Come to the Career Development Center for more information and an application.

Crime prevention program to be featured at Saint Leo College

Special to the Monarch

Do you know that one in four rapes occurs in the victim's home? That in their lifetime, 3 out of 10 people will be victims of a completed or attempted robbery? Or that a household member is at home during at least 13 percent of all burglaries?

Ever wonder what you, the average citizen, can do to become part of the war on crime? The Saint Leo College Women's Association wants to help you find out. On Wednesday, March 17, the Association will feature a presentation from Citizens Against Crime (CAC) as part of its monthly meeting.

CAC, a national safety organization, was founded in 1980 in Nashville, TN by CEO Jerry Aris. The program, "Living Safely in a Dangerous World," is designed to have a positive impact on personal safety for individuals as well as their

families, friends and co-workers. It revolves around tips that all individuals can use to keep themselves from becoming victims of crimes such as residential burglary, muggings, purse snatchings, and rape. It focuses on how to stay out of a crime as well as alternatives if confronted by an assailant.

The concept originated from a home invasion when Aris' home was ransacked, providing him with the incentive to start a crime prevention business to "make a difference." CAC now has offices in more than 48 cities around the country and presents the program to more than 20,000 people each week.

The program is open to the public. It is scheduled for 12:00 noon in Duncan Lounge at McDonald Center. A \$4.00 charge includes a buffet luncheon. For further information call Cyndee Pitts at (904) 588-8467.

Letters to the Editor

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Special to the Monarch
By Daniel T. Ferreras

In a dark and lonely pasture, a young man's dignity is slowly stripped from him as he stands bare to the waist. His uncharacteristic "moo-ing" mocks and mimics the sounds of already sleeping cows. After weeks of pledging and enduring a plethora of physical as well as psychological "tests", he desperately awaits approval of worthiness to join his soon-to-be fraternity.

He had already been battered with oar-like paddles, and recited faternity lore as his "brothers" availed themselves of every opportunity to debase and humiliate him. During most of his time pledging he had little, if any, sleep. On one particular day, he was instructed not to consume anything but beer, the following week he was coaxed into drinking a copious amount of pure grain alcohol---all this while trying to preserve an already shaky B-average and some modicum of human dignity.

While this event may sound far fetched, it nevertheless remains a reality on many campuses, including ours. Saint Leo College, along with colleges around the nation, participate in sponsoring a myriad of fraternities, sororities and student organizations. All of these clubs function under the premise that they promote and foster ideals like community service, loyalty, honor, integrity, brotherhood, friendship, and trust---many of them do, but recently I've been made aware of certain initiation practices which have, unfortunately, forced a number of pledges to resign from pledging that certain fraternity or sorority.

My question is: Why in the presence of such rich history and proud tradition, do some Greek organizations wish to jeopardize the reputation of honorable Greeks? According to the Student's Handbook of College Guidelines and Policies:

"...any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization under the sanctions

of the College is considered hazing."

"...this includes any activity that would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in embarrassment or any other forced activity that affect the mental health or dignity of the individual."

Is ANY of this sounding familiar? Have ANY of you suffered from these symptoms?? In the unlikely (right.) event that some of you HAVE experienced some or all of these conditions, you and those who promote these activities compromise the very fabric of all esteemed Greek organizations. To subject these pledges to the plethora of social and human indignities, only legitimizes the rhetoric coming from those who would just as soon do away with Greek organizations here on campus. Let's not supply them with the reasons! Let's show them that through constructive engagement, and fulfillment of charter goals that you produce quality members that are indicative of the proud and dignified history of Greek fraternities.

Oh yeah.....and one more short note regarding a certain column that appeared in the last edition of the Monarch. I may not be a member of any Greek fraternity, but I DO belong to a fraternity of brothers sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and defend this land in time of war. Whether you're a Greek or a Non-Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Air Force, the word "fraternity" means the same. Its meaning is centered on the proposition that we are ALL brothers, bound by a common predilection for morality, loyalty, and honor. So when someone maliciously taunts the misfortunes of a SPECIFIC fraternity, he taunts us all. He not only reveals his indolence, but also displays the lack of professionalism so prevalent in cheap tabloid publications. If you want sensationalism Ron, go work for the National Enquirer, Saint Leo College students deserve better than that!

Break approaches

By Kimberly Weissman
News Editor

With Spring Break less than a month away, it is no surprise that the student body is becoming restless for their annual, well-deserved hiatus from school.

A countdown has begun for Friday, March 12, when students will begin their week of rest & relaxation from schoolwork and other pressures.



The most common Spring Break destination sites include the usual beautiful water party islands, located somewhere in the sunny Caribbean.

"There is no better place to get away than the Bahamas," said a junior who has vacationed there for his last two Spring Break getaways. "The crystal blue-green water is great for snorkeling and with so much exploring to do, the fun doesn't stop all week!"

Another student eagerly expressed her excitement toward her journey home for

the break. "I cannot wait to visit my family and friends at home in March," she said. "Since I'll be working in Florida the entire summer, this will be my only opportunity to spend some time at home."

Some students expressed disappointments their Spring Break plans aren't so fortunate. One senior sighed, "With all the reports I have my last semester here, I'll be spending the majority of my time at the campus library. I can only rationalize to myself that this would be the best opportunity for me to get some work done. Maybe I'll hit the Florida keys on the weekend, so I can feel that I have experienced some kind of vacation."



Wherever Spring Break leads the students this treasured week in March, everyone is sure to have a relaxing break from school for the most part. When it's over and everyone is united once again at SLC, the students will be working hard and looking forward to the summer ahead.

According to Kim...

By Kimberly Weissman
News Editor

Do you ever wonder how so many students find a small, Catholic liberal arts college located in a tiny town called Saint Leo, situated in the Suncoast section of Florida, and how they decide to pursue higher education at this institution?

Living on campus, it is apparent to me that a large number of students are from the Northeast states, specifically New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. With the varying combination of all these accents that clash with the usual "southern drawl," it is no wonder that SLC students astound the majority of the population in Dade City. A simple visit to Walmart allows a student to really get a good glimpse of what a small town country lifestyle is like compared to growing up in or near a large city. For many students the revelation is definitely a shocker.

When asked how she heard of Saint Leo College, Lori Leibchen, a freshman criminology major replied, "My brother Ricky came to this school and enjoyed it so much. He raves about the school.

Because it is such a small school, he felt that it was a lot easier to make really good friends compared to a larger university. I also had a teacher go here, and he said the same good things."

Many students had an SLC representative visit their high schools. One freshman from New York said, "I heard of Saint Leo at a school fair in my home town. The thought of going to college in Florida sounded great, so I enrolled and here I am."

The majority of students seem to have visited the institution before enrolling. Those who did not seemed a little more disappointed with the area. One student remarked, "I don't think I would have come if I knew beforehand the school was in the middle of nowhere! Now I am settled in, so I have accepted it more. All the more reason for my parents to buy me a car now."

Of course there are a number of students from all over Florida as well. One sophomore from Miami said, "I am a far ride from home, so I feel a great distance away at being at Saint Leo but I know that if I really needed to be there, it would be an easy trip to take on weekends."

SAMARITANS

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Members will participate in Day Star, a service that provides food and clothing from a thrift shop at St. Rita's Catholic Church, with the majority of help geared towards the migrant workers. Another project will be working with children with A.I.D.S. in Tampa. Students will meet with the children throughout the week and spend time in various activities with them.

For the Fall semester, as the Christmas season nears, Samaritans will set up a "giving tree" for the needy children as one of their projects. Attached to the tree will be the names of children and their wishes, and Samaritans, along with other supporting organizations, will do their best to make each child's wish from Santa come true.

Samaritans meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Duncan Lounge. Everyone is welcome to get involved.

AWARD

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educational opportunity.

Grace was chosen for this award because of his commitment and dedication to public service and to the Church. His career in public service includes serving three presidents. He first served Dwight D. Eisenhower as a member of the International Development Advisory Board. In 1962 John F. Kennedy appointed him chairman of the Commerce Committee for the Alliance for Progress. He also served Kennedy on the Freedom from Hunger Foundation and as a founder of the Peace Corps.

In 1982, Ronald Reagan appointed Grace to chair the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control in the Federal Government (popularly known as the Grace Commission).

He is a director of several national and international corporations. Twenty-four institutions of higher learning have conferred honorary degrees upon him.

In addition to the Saint Leo College Leonine Award, he has received the Laetare Medal from Notre Dame, the highest Catholic honor in the United States; he was named Churchman of the Year by Religious Heritage of America, Inc., and St. John's University awarded

him the St. Vincent de Paul Medal. Grace has been decorated by the governments of six countries besides the U.S. for his services to those nations.

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SPORTS

12th annual All-Sports Alumni Weekend held

Special to the Monarch
By Dirk Budd

Recently, on February 17th through the 21st, Saint Leo College held it's 12th annual All-Sports Alumni Weekend. Participating in the events were alumni from the class of '67 through the class of '92. Alumni came from all across the country to participate.

Along with soccer and tennis, the alumni participated in a baseball game competing against the junior varsity team. The alumni cagers were defeated 17 - 3.

Following the baseball game was the hoopster contest. The green team prevailed 63-48.

One of the most important events of the weekend was the Alumni Golf Classic on Sunday. This took place at the Links-Lake Bornadette. Three teams tied with scores of 62(9 under par). The winners were decided by matching cards and are as follows. The first place team was composed of Allan Chatman, Ernie Chatman c/o '72, David Kaye c/o '92 and Norm Kaye. The second place team was made up of Phil Ross c/o '86, Bobby Luk c/o '85, Orlando Taedo c/o '88 and Bobby White c/o '87. The team of Ken Finch c/o '89, John Vita c/o '88, Bob Burroughs c/o '72 and Larry Beane placed third.

The longest drive was by Larry Beane at 325 yards, and the closest to the pin was Bobby White c/o '87.



Joseph DePaoli was hit by a ball in the Alumni All Sports Weekend baseball game. The J.V. team defeated the alumni by a score of 17 - 3. *Special to the Monarch*

SLC sponsors softball tournament

Special to the Monarch

Veterans Memorial Park in Hudson, Florida will be the sight of the Third Annual Saint Leo College Fastpitch Softball Tournament. The three day event, which will feature some of the top softball teams in the country, will run March 4-6.

Round Robin play begins Thursday afternoon at noon. Thursday and Friday the teams will be in action at noon, 2:00 PM, 4:00, 7:15 and 9:15. Saturday the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals will be held, beginning at noon, and continuing until the final is played at approximately 8:00 PM.

The participating coaches will hold a free clinic on the fields Thursday and Friday, for any interested youth league player, from 6:00-7:00 PM. No advance

registration for the clinic is necessary, however, the participants must wear their league uniform shirt. The uniform will gain the children free entry into the games and the clinic.

The colleges and universities participating in the 12 team tournament are Troy State (AL), Saginaw Valley State (MI), Ferris State (MI), Davis and Elkins (WVa), Shaw University (NC), Dowling (NY), C.W. Post (NY), Tampa University (FL), Barry University (FL), Eckerd College (FL) and Saint Leo College.

There will be a three day tournament pass available at a cost of \$6.00, \$4.00 for senior citizens. Daily ticket prices are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for students.

For more information contact the Saint Leo College Athletic Office at 904-588-8221.

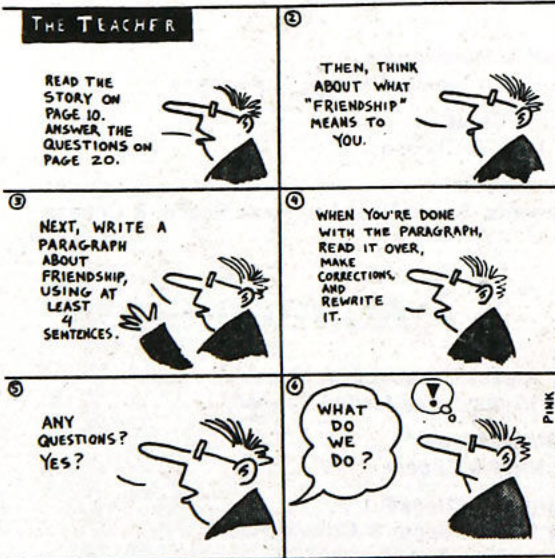
1993 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat Mar 6	University of Pennsylvania	Home	7:00 PM
Sun Mar 7	Temple (PA) University	Home	7:00 PM
Mon Mar 8	Cardinal Stritch (WI) College	Home	3:00 PM
Tue Mar 9	Cardinal Stritch (WI) College	Home	3:00 PM
Wed Mar 10	Ithaca (NY) College	Home	3:00 PM
Wed Mar 10	Bethel (IN) College	Home	7:00 PM
Fri Mar 12	Regis (CO) University	Home	3:00 PM
Sat Mar 13	* University of Tampa	Home	2:00 PM
Sun Mar 14	* University of Tampa	Away	2:00 PM
Mon Mar 15	Fordham (NY) University	Home	7:00 PM
Tue Mar 16	Framingham State (MA) College	Home	2:00 PM
Wed Mar 17	* Barry University	Away	3:15 PM
Thu Mar 18	* Barry University	Away	3:15 PM
Fri Mar 19	Lehigh (PA) University	Home	3:00 PM
Sat Mar 20	University of North Florida	Home	7:00 PM
Sun Mar 21	University of North Florida	Home	2:00 PM
Mon Mar 22	Florida Atlantic University	Home	7:00 PM
Tue Mar 23	Florida Atlantic University	Home	3:00 PM
Thu Mar 25	University of Toledo (OH)	Home	7:00 PM
Fri Mar 26	SE Oklahoma State University	Home	3:00 PM
Sat Mar 27	* Eckerd College	Away	1:00 PM
Sun Mar 28	* Eckerd College	Home	2:00 PM
Tue Mar 30	* University of Tampa	Away	6:00 PM
Wed Mar 31	* University of Tampa	Home	7:00 PM
Sat Apr 3	* Rollins College	Home	2:00 PM
Sun Apr 4	* Rollins College	Away	1:00 PM
Tue Apr 6	* Florida Institute of Technology	Home	7:00 PM
Wed Apr 7	* Florida Institute of Technology	Away	3:00 PM
Fri Apr 9	* Barry University	Home	7:00 PM
Sat Apr 10	* Barry University	Home	2:00 PM
Tue Apr 13	University of North Florida	Away	7:00 PM
Wed Apr 14	University of North Florida	Away	2:00 PM
Sat Apr 17	* Florida Southern College	Home	7:00 PM
Sun Apr 18	* Florida Southern College	Away	7:00 PM
Tue Apr 20	* Eckerd College	Home	7:00 PM
Wed Apr 21	* Eckerd College	Away	3:00 PM
Fri Apr 30	* Florida Institute of Technology	Away	3:00 PM
Sun May 2	* Florida Institute of Technology	Home	2:00 PM

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