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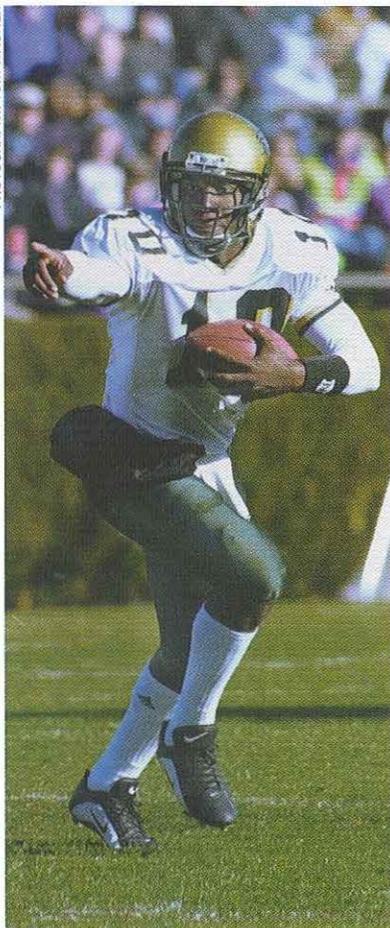
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NY Times Poll Ranks USF Football No. 22

The online *New York Times* Division I college football poll on January 4 ranked the 2001 USF Bulls (8-3) the No. 22 team in the country, not bad for a fifth-year program. By comparison, rankings of some holiday bowl teams were: Brigham Young, No. 26; Fresno State, No. 30; Virginia Tech, No. 34; Michigan, No. 35; Washington, No. 36; Ohio State, No. 50; and Marshall, No. 58. The *New York Times'* computer football ranking is based on an analysis of each team's scores with emphasis on three factors: who won, by what margin and against what quality of opposition. The quality of an opponent is determined by examining the opponent's record against other teams.

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The USF women's sailing team practices maneuvers in the waters off USF St. Petersburg.

Sailing to the Top

THE FEBRUARY 2002 issue of *Sailing World* magazine featured the USF women's sailing team as an up-and-coming program. The program is located at the USF St. Petersburg campus.

USF's sailing program began in the late 1980s as a club sport, and remained rather small until the mid '90s. The program continued to grow, and became a varsity sport in women's competition in 2000. The co-ed team is a club sport.

College sailing began in 1890 and continues today with more than 200 schools participating. It's a non-scholarship sport in the United States. No USF sailor is able to accept an athletic scholarship. Many college sailors have become Olympic medalists and America's Cup sailors.

The USF sailing program's recent accomplishments include:

- The team qualified to sail in the Women's Atlantic Coast Championships at the Naval Academy for the first time in its history last fall by finishing second in the district's Women's Doublehanded Fall championships. Members who participated were juniors Ali Deese, Krista

Krupinski, Genoa Griffin, Mili Protic and Claudia Aguado.

- Junior Genoa Griffin was the first USF women's team member ever to qualify for Women's College Sailing North Americans. Griffin finished second out of 20 women at the district championships and went on to compete in Lasers at the Women's Singlehanded North Americans at Old Dominion University in November 2001.

- The women's team is ranked second in its district by *Sailing World* magazine. The magazine placed the co-ed team in the country's top 20.

- Only one member of the women's sailing team had sailing experience prior to college. The program has taught the remaining members the sport.

- The women's sailing team had a combined 3.32 GPA—the highest among USF women's sports for the fall 2001 semester.

- The women's sailing team is the first varsity sport at USF St. Petersburg.

- Women's Sailing qualified in April for the nationals in Hawaii.

- USF Sailing (co-ed and women's teams) has been contacted by more than 65 recruits from around the world since September 2001.