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Cartmill helps to lead USFSP to a greener future

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Kevin Cartmill is obsessed, and that's a good thing for USF St. Petersburg.

Walking around campus with Cartmill, the custodial superintendent, it becomes obvious how his love for the environment makes USFSP a better place.

Without him, the university likely wouldn't have a recycling program. He's a one-man recycling machine, making sure each building has recycling containers and that the bins in each office are emptied daily. He spends hours on his computer researching chemicals to make sure that USFSP uses the greenest and most economical ones he can get his hands on.

Not only does he watch waste with an eagle eye, but he seems to know everyone on campus. There's not a person he walks or rides his golf cart by that he doesn't have a "hello" or a smile for. And he is always offering help and guidance to his colleagues, even on the weekends.

"I think it's important, especially for a college campus, that we do the best we can for future generations. The carbon footprint we leave is what they have to deal with- and that's what's important to me," Cartmill, 62, said.

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Court rules for Richards and Iuliucci

The Student Government Supreme Court officially ruled that Jimmy Richards and Jordan Iuliucci be certified president and vice president of the student body. The ruling, issued late on April 8, comes after a monthlong debate over the validity of campaign violations. ¶ Though Mark Lombardi-Nelson and Christa Hegedus won the majority vote, 233 to 125, they were disqualified — for the second time — for breaking campaign rules. Richards, therefore, won the presidency by default.

BY TYLER KILLETTE
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After a hearing held on April 5 in the University Student Center, Supreme Court Justices

re-evaluated the Lombardi-Nelson/Hegedus campaign's alleged violations. It assessed points for two major violations and four minor violations, totaling 33.32 points. Only 10 points are needed to justify disqualification.



Thomas Boyd/The Crow's Nest

The Election Rules Commission assessed 10 points to Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus on March 7, but failed to inform the candidates of their infractions before polls closed. Since election rules state that candidates must be made aware

of the points they incur while the election is ongoing, all points were retracted and Lombardi-Nelson's disqualification was revoked.

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SG senators begin process to impeach justices

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Three Student Government Supreme Court justices are in danger of being impeached for "willful disregard of statutes," after issuing a ruling that disqualified

Mark Lombardi-Nelson from the presidential race.

Sen. Jozef Gherman drafted a memo to impeach Russell Heller, Graham Reybitz and Kendel Mott. The memo accuses the justices of using power that does not belong to them to assess the violations made in Lombardi-Nelson's campaign.

While the SG constitution grants the court "jurisdiction over all cases and controversies involving the student body and Student Government," Gherman argues that while this gives the court power to hear any case, it does not necessarily give them the right to make a ruling.

After a hearing for Lombardi-Nelson on April 5, the court assessed its own points for the alleged violations. While the court does have the power to "reduce, reverse, or uphold points that were assessed to a campaign ticket," there is no statute that says it can assess points that were not already given

by the Election Rules Commission. Originally, the ERC assessed 10 points to the Lombardi-Nelson/Hegedus ticket. The Supreme Court assessed 33.32 points.

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USFSP student will study a bug's life

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Tanjim "TJ" Hossain was six years old when he saw the movie "Jurassic Park." It was then that he realized his love for science.

Years later, Hossain has been awarded a graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation to study malaria in Mali. Though his paleontology dreams may not be realized, Hossain is fascinated with entomology, the study of insects.

The fellowship will allow Hossain to study malaria in mosquitoes of the genus *anopheles* with John Beier, the world's leading mosquito expert. Hossain will be a Ph.D. student at the University of Miami and doing fieldwork in

Mali. He will be researching environmentally safe ways to eradicate the *anopheles* from the area.

Hossain, who will graduate in May with a degree in environmental science and policy, is the first USF St. Petersburg student to win this fellowship. Although he calls it "the granddaddy of fellowships," he was surprised to discover that he was the first from USFSP to win. He believes it is a goal that many science majors should seek to achieve.

West African storytellers and historians called griots, who are responsible for preserving oral tradition, will work closely with Hossain during his research. The griots are seen as leaders in West African society. By working with them, Hossain can ensure the methods he develops will be

implemented into the community.

Hossain's research experience sets him apart from other students. He first worked with Deby Cassill, a biology professor at USFSP, on her study of ants. Later, he and his friend Jaeson Clayborn worked together on a project about mosquitoes and ants. They presented the project at the International Symposium of Invasive Pests, where Hossain attracted to the interest of Dr. Jesusa Legaspi of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since then, Hossain has gained experience working with the USDA on several projects regarding invasive insect species.

Hossain views USFSP's environmental science and policy as a "broad degree" and says its possibilities are endless. He found that

there were no restrictions on graduate level courses, and took several throughout his USFSP undergraduate career. He says these courses were a good opportunity to get graduate level experience before applying to graduate school.

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News Briefs

Throwback your favorite recent decades with the Black Student Association on April 17. The Office of Multicultural Affairs celebrate '80s and '90s style with food, photo fun, and graffiti from 8 p.m. to midnight. Participants are encouraged to dress up in '80s or '90s fashion.

Dive into Splash Bash at Harbor Lawn, hosted by Student Government and Harborside Activities Board. From noon to 3 p.m. students can coast down a three-story waterslide to live music by Made from Scratch. Free snow cones, pizza, and T-shirts will be handed out. Swimsuits and towels recommended. The event will take place on April 18.

Join the huddle and grab some grub during the Locker Room Lunch featuring USF head football coach Willie Taggart on April 19 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Taggart will talk leadership on and off the field with students and guests. The event is free and open to the public.

Be a drag and come out to the 4th Annual Drag Show, featuring amateur and professional drag artists. Groups and solo acts will entertain on Friday, April 19. Prizes will be awarded to all participants with a dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 7 p.m. in the USC Ballroom.

Talk sustainability with "Sustainability Without Borders: Education for a New Profitable Economy." On April 20, members of the business, civic, and university communities will gather to discuss sustainable initiatives for "employers, education, and youth." Guests are asked to prepare topics they wish to discuss. The discussions will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the USC Ballroom.

Join former executive directors of Southwest Florida Water Management District Peter Hubbell and Sonny Vegara in a discussion of water resources on April 18. The lecture will feature discussion moderated by Florida Studies Program Director Chris Meindl with an audience Q&A forum. The event will take place in Harbor Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Justices suggest election changes

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The court said it "applied the minor/major violation standard," defined by the ERC; however, it assessed the maximum number of points possible for each violation. Where the ERC assessed two points for plagiarism, the court assessed 20. SG statutes say the value of each violation is at the discretion of the ERC.

By assessing its own point values, Gherman feels the court took the ERC's power, granting itself "way more power than it's supposed to have."

Before presenting the memo of impeachment, Gherman sent an email to justices warning them of the violation he believed they were about to commit and providing possible solutions.

In a response email addressed

to all of SG, Chief Justice Sean Ericson said, "...please understand that we are an independent body — we form our own conclusions, and we do not, to the best of our abilities, let external pressure bias our views..."

He then suggested efforts to improve the election process "be placed elsewhere, as there is plenty that needs to be changed in regards to our guiding documents..."

Though Ericson agreed with the court's majority opinion, Gherman did not include him in the memo of impeachment.

Justice Alex Johnson, a freshman and the most recent addition to the court, was the only one with a dissenting opinion.

Johnson felt the case of Richards

v. the ERC should have been dismissed from the start because Richards did not have the power to challenge the ERC's decision to retract Lombardi-Nelson's disqualification. SG statutes say that candidates can only appeal points that were assessed to their party, not those assessed to others.

Johnson said the court did not explicitly look at the statutes defined by the constitution, and for that there are consequences. Though interpretation of guidelines varied, he believes the intent for justice was shared among the court.

In a SG general assembly on April 10, Sens. Debra Buschman, Cory Santero and Anthony Patterson were appointed to

determine the merit of Gherman's memo. If the committee finds validity in the accusations made against the justices, it will develop a standard operating procedure to share with the rest of senate.

There are no existing guidelines for this kind of committee. With the exception of the first meeting, all deliberations will be public. If the senate uses the same process of impeachment that it does for senators, it will take a supermajority vote for each justice to be impeached. There is no timeline in place for the committee's decision.

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ERC waiting to certify Richards

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Because the Supreme Court issued a suspension on results before the election ended, no one was elected president. The suspension was lifted on April 8 with the court's final statement.

The court ruled that Lombardi-Nelson could not to appeal its decision, so he plans to take the case to administration. According to Richards, Lombardi-Nelson will appeal to Julie Wong, regional vice chancellor of student affairs, on Monday, April 15.

The ERC now has the ability to certify Richards as president. However, Vincent de Cosmo, the commissioner of elections, said

he is allowing time for Lombardi-Nelson's appeal before making the presidency official.

Richards said he emailed de Cosmo about his certification but received no clear answer on when it will happen. The new student body president usually takes over in early May each year.

The court claims power to assess points to the Lombardi-Nelson/Hegedus campaign through a SG statute that states, "The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over all cases and controversies, excluding those delegated to other entities by the University Board of Trustees, involving the student body and

Student Government, including the power to declare any act of Student Government unconstitutional."

Justices said they applied the standards used by the ERC when evaluating the violations.

The commission originally charged Lombardi-Nelson with four counts of plagiarism. The Supreme Court deemed only two counts as legitimate violations and assessed 10 points for each. Though the ERC's rules of procedure do not list plagiarism as a violation, the court justified the ruling through a statute that reads, "Any violations that are not specifically outlined can be left up to the Election

Rules Commission to be considered a major violation."

The remaining 13.32 points were assessed for failing to display the election year and title on campaign material and for using activity and service fee-funded materials to campaign.

On its Facebook page, the court wrote that it "recognizes the controversy involved in this matter, but please understand that justices will not respond to any comments made on Facebook."

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Disability Services improves standards

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Two weeks ago, *The Crow's Nest* ran a story revealing the lack of convenience on campus for students with disabilities. While most facilities were in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, majority met the standards at a bare minimum.

An afternoon with Robert Beasey, a student with cerebral palsy who uses a motorized wheelchair, revealed problems caused by lack of automatic doors, narrow ramps, tight restrooms and limited elevator access.

"A lot of things might be in compliance and meet the letter of the law, but it doesn't mean they're convenient or that they meet the spirit of the law," said Barry McDowell, director of Student Disabilities Services.

One on-campus issue — the pressure required to open manual doors — meets neither the letter nor the spirit of the ADA law. While ADA does not require doors to be automatic, it does require them to be at least 32 inches wide, with a pressure of no more than 5 pounds. Using a pressure gauge, an ADA compliance expert from

USF Tampa found that many doors on campus are not compliant. Fortunately, McDowell said this issue is easily fixed.

Door pressure adjustment will likely be high on the agenda for the SDS's newest initiative, PAW, an acronym for Physical Accessibility Workgroup. The PAW committee contains McDowell, Beasey, an employee from the school's facilities department, a faculty member with a disability and a representative from human resources.

PAW's goal is to evaluate the campus, taking a look at each facility to see where accessibility lags. It is in the process of developing a transition plan — something the Tampa and Sarasota-Manatee campuses have already done — that will serve as a prioritized list of tasks to be done.

Since pricing makes installing automatic doors in every building impractical, the workgroup will identify where automatic entrances are most necessary. While some automatic door openers can be installed for a few hundred dollars, as *The Crow's Nest* originally reported, McDowell said USFSP's automatic doors cost closer \$3,000.

According to McDowell, most areas meet the bare minimum for

ADA compliance. And in some cases, the minimum is tough to define.

The differences between the letter and spirit of the ADA law are further complicated by the law's interpretation.

For example, the narrow ramp leading to the west entrance of the Science and Technology building was approved by an ADA consultant from the Tampa campus. However, the ramp's base is only about 34.5 inches across and according to the ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities, which say, "The minimum clear width of a ramp shall be 36 inches," this ramp does not meet the standard. A two-inch handrail further reduces the ramp's width.

McDowell said if there were not a wider ramp on the north side of STG, improvements would be made to the ramp on the west side.

Restrooms are another critical issue for people who use wheelchairs. Though the Student Life Center's downstairs restroom and has an automatic door and displays a wheelchair accessible logo, it does not provide enough space for most wheelchairs.

The upstairs restroom provides sufficient space but does not have

an automatic door. For disabled students, a simple restroom break in the SLC becomes a drawn out process.

McDowell said renovating restrooms to accommodate wheelchairs is so expensive that it is rarely done to more than one stall — if any.

When construction of the University Student Center began a few years ago, it compromised accessible parking. Students in wheelchairs, with walkers, or with conditions that disabled them from walking long distances complained about not being able to get to the library.

Accessible parking is now available between the basketball courts outside the USC and the retention pond, but spaces are limited and still require a small hike to the reach the library.

Recently, SDS has been concentrating their efforts on accessibility in residence halls. While the Tampa campus provides disability-related accommodations in on-campus housing, USFSP does not.

The university has never had a student in a wheelchair live on campus but McDowell said he has a few students interested in doing so next school year.

"Until somebody needs it, we don't address it," McDowell said, explaining the problem within SDS's procedures.

About 110 students are currently registered with the SDS office, with a range of physical, psychological, visual, auditory and developmental disabilities.

Though its name indicates a focus on physical accessibility, the PAWS initiative will encompass all types of disabilities, including visual and auditory.

McDowell notes that almost every course offered in the USF system uses online content. To make these courses accessible to everyone, SDS is working to make captioning and screen reading software for more readily available.

McDowell and his employees are constantly learning new ways to accommodate students with disabilities and help them achieve. He believes the PAW committee will grant SDS more power to make changes on campus.

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Recycling has 'zero' budget

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The end of the semester hangs heavy in the air, but it doesn't have to spell doom. Here is a healthy procrastinator's guide to getting through the last couple weeks of class, relatively unscathed.

Do:

-Eat a lot of mint, as it stimulates the mind. Even better, it could help you secure an after-exam date.

-Take breaks from working and get outside for a brisk walk or jog. Then don't shower. If you accumulate enough body odor, the professor might call the exam off upon your entrance into the classroom.

-Listen to just enough fast-paced music to get your skull rattling. Dancing brains write beautiful papers...

-Watch something terrifying if you have to pull an all-nighter. It could be a slasher movie, or it could be close-up shots of sloths. Sleep will stay away.

Don't:

-Take any serious uppers, downers, zingers or sidewinders. Caffeine, alcohol and a spoonful of sugar should be enough to do the trick.

-Fall asleep studying and get locked in the library. Weird stuff happens there at night, including meetings of the rodent reading club and ghost philosopher parties.

-Sleep with books stacked on your head. No knowledge will be transmitted; you will just have to keep cracking your neck during the exam.

-Stay awake for more than 48 hours at a time. That's when the hallucinations start. We all love unicorns, but they don't know much about anything besides rainbows and ice cream.

-Give up! In no time at all you will stumble bleary-eyed into the summer sun, leaving the pursuit of knowledge behind for a chance to sizzle your skin to a crisp and incur numerous mosquito bites.



Ryan Ballogg/The Crow's Nest

Five years ago, when a group of students from Residence Hall One approached him about re-vamping a barely present recycling program, Cartmill called Waste Services Inc. The challenge was that the custodial department had no budget for recycling—a service that can be very expensive for institutions. Cartmill made arrangements with WSI despite the budget constraints.

"They jumped on board and helped us in every way they could," Cartmill said.

Since 2008, WSI has picked up all the university's recycling for free in exchange for cardboard waste. WSI is able to sell the cardboard waste for a profit, 20 percent of which they donate to the Ronald McDonald House charity.

The recycling initiative implemented by USFSP students and Cartmill also saves the university money. According to Cartmill, it costs the university about \$80 every time a dumpster is unloaded. The two dumpsters outside of the USC building are emptied five times a week, so it costs the university around \$800 per week to dispose of trash from one building alone. The more the university recycles, the less it pays to have trash hauled away.

According to the Pinellas County Utilities website, over 75 percent of trash in the county could be recycled. Cartmill estimates that USFSP currently has around 35 percent recycling rate and he admits there's room for improvement.

"We have a zero budget [for recycling] as you know, and that makes it tough. Luckily student government has supported our efforts," said Cartmill.

Lauren Reilly, the director of Sustainable Initiatives for Student Government, recently submitted a proposal for 20 new recycling bins that will be located outside of main buildings on campus. Under Cartmill's leadership, the custodial department is working closely with SG to increase recycling turnout. As a requirement for funding the new bins, the volume of recycling will be monitored for one year. Cartmill hopes the new bins will increase recycling turnout to 45 percent within one year.

Recycling on campus is

important, but Cartmill wants staff and students to know that they can drop off their home recycling here too. Home recycling can be placed into any of the twenty 96-gallon recycling containers can be found behind the Piano Man building.

Cartmill is always looking for ways to improve and do things more sustainably. He organizes the collection of batteries and electronic waste which are picked up by contracted companies that reuse, recycle, or resell everything they pick up.

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Wellness Center offers free HIV tests

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Statistics suggest that USF St. Petersburg has about 20 students who, if tested, would likely test positive for HIV. And, of those 20 students, about 18 have no idea they have the disease.

Those numbers come from the Centers for Disease Control, which reports one in 250 people in the United States is HIV positive. In 2011, Florida reported second-highest in the nation for HIV diagnoses.

In response to those figure, the Wellness Center at USFSP initiated free and confidential HIV testing. The program provides testing on the second Wednesday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon and the fourth Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The next testing date is Wednesday, April 24.

Amy Brown, nurse practitioner at the Wellness Center, anticipated the expansion of the program from the Tampa campus to St. Petersburg.

"We've been trying to get the free HIV testing going since last semester," said Brown. "We've wanted to be able to offer this free service for our students."

When testing began at USF Tampa, results revealed positive results higher than the national average. "To my understanding, the numbers were only slightly higher, and they were still in single digits—but they were higher," said Brown.

Turnout for the program has been light so far, with only one or two students per day taking advantage of the service. "I feel like students, when we talk about screening, feel like 'Oh, I don't have that,'" said Brown. "But, everyone should be tested at least once in their

lifetime."

USFSP business major Camilo Rubiano chose to be tested before the program began. He approves of the Wellness Center program.

"I was tested recently," Rubiano said. "I think anyone who is sexually active should be responsible and be tested once a year. Plus, the tests are expensive."

Compared to HIV tests of just a few years ago, the new tests are quick and painless.

"It's just an oral swab where we rub a cotton swab across the gum line," said Brown. The results are known in 20 minutes.

And, while a positive result from an HIV test 20 years ago carried a grim prognosis, today the outlook is greatly improved.

"Treatments are much, much better. People are living a lot longer," said Brown.

The behaviors that put people

at the greatest risks for contracting the disease have not changed. Sex between men, unprotected sex of any kind and intravenous drug use are still the riskiest behaviors.

"But, all sexually active students, if you have never been tested, you should get tested. Or if you've had unprotected sex with a new partner you should get tested," Brown said. "And those who are at higher risk should be tested more often, every six months to a year."

The program extends counseling and health services to any USF student who tests positive for HIV.

"We would like to have student feedback on what hours work best for them and what they need from the program," Brown said.

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Vera doesn't take freedom for granted

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BY CHRISTINA QUAY

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At 11 years old, Maria Vera knew the pain of leaving her home and her family's cultural roots.

But she wasn't just moving to a different state or town. She was journeying across an ocean with her family with hopes for a better future—a future far from the torment of oppressive government.

Her family lived in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. La Casona, the official residency of the president, was so close to Vera's house that they could hear gunshots from attempted coup d'états of the government. While pregnant with Vera, her mother often hid under the bed in fear of bullets going astray.

"I was brought up in that, so I

knew that I had to watch out," Vera said.

She recalls her parents giving her a cell phone to keep on her at all times when she was five-years-old. Where she lived, the risk of danger was high even for a young girl. At that age, she knew she couldn't believe everything they told her at school, or trust police and military officials.

"But you were born with that awareness," Vera shrugged. "It wasn't a big deal, it was just everyday life."

Vera's sister, Maria Fernanda, was only five when they left Venezuela and so never had that "eye behind her head" Vera said. For Vera, one of the biggest culture shocks was being free of worry or fear.

Vera's parents owned a house in

Florida as a vacation home prior to the relocation of their family, but she was still amazed at how many things the average American takes for granted.

"I was really excited there were carpets," she said. "And the airport was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. Everything was so clean and new."

In Venezuela, military officials and police would find any reason to detain travelers in the airport, Vera said.

"It can get very dangerous. If they see you're going to leave for good they want to keep you there," she said.

Her parents, Carlos and Luisa Vera, both had successful careers as investment bankers in Venezuela. The Vera's were well off and more than comfortable in their spacious

home, but the safety of their children took priority over their lifestyle.

Now 21, Vera fully appreciates and recognizes what her parents did for their family.

"It was the best decision they could have ever made for me and my sister," Vera said. "I forever owe them my life and the opportunities they have given me because for all I know, I could be dead."

In September 2011, Vera and her family were sworn in as naturalized American citizens together. As they recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner, Vera hid her tears from her mom.

"It was so emotional. I had never felt more proud to be a citizen of a country," Vera said.

On March 5, the day before Vera's 21st birthday, President of

the Federal Republic Hugo Chavez died. When Chavez died, Vera said her family felt nothing but immense relief. She described his death as "bittersweet," because it's still Chavez's government, only without him.

"I will always be proud of my roots, but I will never live in Venezuela again," Vera said. "People don't know what they have here, to even be able to say that you don't like your country. The security, the lifestyle, it can never be taken for granted."

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Why we don't listen to nu metal anymore

A playlist

The turn of the millennium was a dark and uncertain time for the world. Well, maybe just for suburban teenagers, but the angst made itself very clear on alternative radio stations everywhere. Luckily, that phase was short lived, and all of the grungy groups were left to crawl back into their basements and garages. Here's to the memory of those artists now in the toxic garbage dump of music.

Dirthouse

By Static-X

A good chunk of what made nu-metal was extreme "fashion" statements, and lead singer of Static-X Wayne Static may take the cake in that department. His hair is regularly spiked upwards several feet into the air, using an unknown sticky substance. Besides promoting freaky head fringes, they also wrote the theme song for the cartoon series "Batman Beyond." For that reason alone, they are probably the only nu metal band of any merit.

Outside

By Staind

Staind is a band that exists for those that secretly enjoy Nickelback and Creed, but don't want to fully declare it in public. There's at least some semblance of artistic expression in the music, and you still get all of the throaty vocals, goat imitations and hearty "yeahs."

Duality

By Slipknot

While Slipknot was busy arguing with Mushroomhead about which band was wearing masks first, the world stopped caring about them and moved on to My Chemical Romance. Yup, even the black mascara and nail polish middle-schoolers had the musical sense to abandon ship.

Freak on a Leash

By Korn

Yes, it's the bass line that sounds like a pancake being slapped against belly fat. Yumm. The band that is often cited as the original nu metal band is still going strong, unlike many of their counterparts; they recently collaborated on an album with Skrillex. We should all be thankful to the person that thought to introduce these geniuses.

Down with the Sickness

By Disturbed

A disgruntled bald man making monkey sounds has never ensnared so many listeners. Anyone who had the pleasure of attending their concerts will never forget his enlightening rants on such subjects as "I hate bands who have 'The' in front of their name." Who would have thought nu metal would contribute to nu metal and philosophy?

The Way You Like It

By Adema

Featuring the charming opening lyric, "I'll get inside you," Adema is the Ke\$ha of nu-metal — they elevate talk-singing to an art form. If anyone is interested, the band released its latest album earlier this year. Anyone? Bueller?

Happy

By Mudvayne

This song is, of course, anything but happy. If you find the band's use of irony lacking, you won't find their use of hair gel and make-up to be so. Mudvayne proves that when people having nothing to be unhappy about, they will make something up. The music video for the song depicts a tornado raging around the band, and you may find yourself wishing it had been real by the time it's over.

Monster

By Skillet

Skillet rests at some too-bad-to-believe crossroad between Christian rock, nu metal and that one band that sounds really familiar but is too generic to actually remember. Lead singer John Cooper sings about how he feels like a monster. He is. For releasing this god-awful trite.

Rollin'

By Limp Bizkit

An unspoken truth: No song featured on an album called "Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water" can be good. Thanks, Jacksonville.



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Editorial

The real cost of an education

Outside of the welcoming arms of orientation leaders and the four-year bubble that follows, most of the country is freaking out about higher education.

The degree you will be handed as you walk across the stage will be worth less than the one your mom and dad earned 30 years ago. It will be worth less than the one your cool older brother earned four years ago.

At this point, it's still worth it. The average USF degree costs about \$78,000, and a graduate can expect to earn about \$556,300 more than a person without a college degree over 30 years, according to a study by salary-tracking website Payscale and Bloomberg Businessweek. The Hamilton Project of the Brookings Institute projects similar benefits. Researchers there found a college degree can yield more than a 15-percent return, more than twice the stock market rate for the last 60

years. But the return on your educational investment is shrinking every day.

Much of the decrease can be attributed to the upfront cost of education. Tuition and fees rose over 440 percent between 1982 and 2007, according to a new book by University of Tennessee law professor Glenn Reynolds. During that period, the cost of living increased by a little over 100 percent.

Parents and students have made up much of that difference through federal and private loans, feeding further into the \$1 trillion in outstanding debts that college graduates carry. Many of those debts will go unpaid — Reynolds' book says payments are being made on only 38 percent of balances, down from 45 percent half a decade ago.

Reynolds posits that as friends and relatives see these graduates — broke and jobless, serving them

coffee at the local Starbucks — fewer people will choose to pursue those degrees, or just opt out of college.

The effects of this are already showing in the legal education field, where applications to American Bar Association-accredited schools is down 20 percent from a year earlier, which was 14 percent lower than the year before. Law schools must decide whether to shrink their class sizes and, therefore, their income, or loosen standards to allow less-qualified applicants. This process expands the bubble and decreases the value of a degree even further, Reynolds said.

Politicians have scrambled to keep the bubble from popping. Rates for federally subsidized Stafford loans are at about 3.4 percent, but are set to double over the summer. Republican senators have sought to tie the rate to the yield of 10-year treasury notes,

plus 3 percent — a plan that would increase the current rate by over 1 percent.

Another proposal calls for new options for student loan repayments while capping minimum monthly payments at 10 percent of discretionary income.

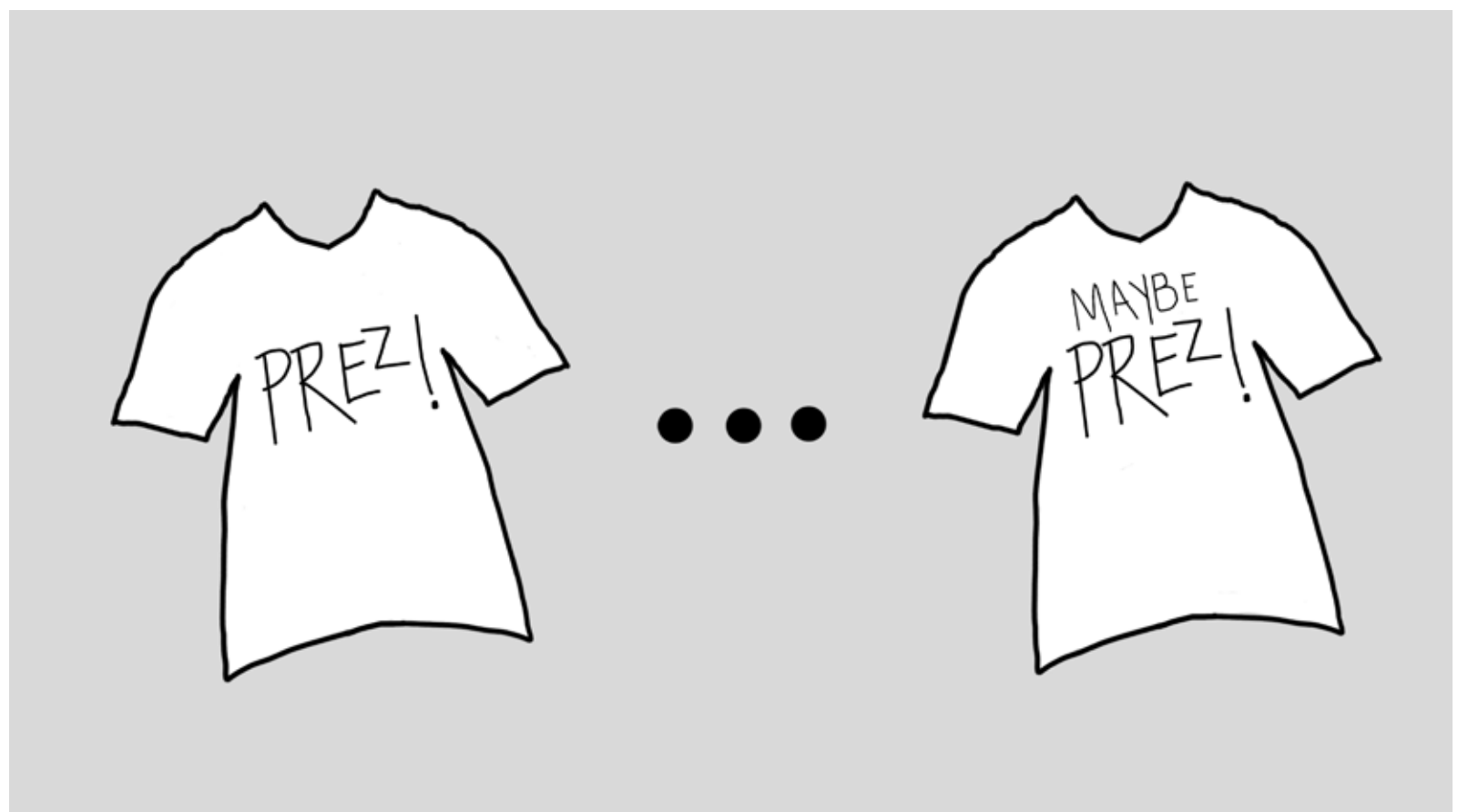
The best way for current students to limit long-term debt is to accept only the loans they'll need for the semester. Getting involved on campus and through internships increases the value of a degree and the likelihood of getting a job after graduation.

Choosing a state school like USF St. Petersburg is also a great way to keep costs low — though all but 10 of the top 50 schools with the best return on investment were private.

Editorial Cartoon

No Idea

a series by Elizabeth Malley



Quotes & Notes

President Abraham Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. on April 14, 1865. On the same day in 1912, exactly 47 years later, the RMS Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, sinking and killing between 1,490 and 1,635 people within hours. On the same day in 1994, 26 people were killed when the U.S. Air Force accidentally shot down two U.S. Army helicopters. This year, at least as of press time, nothing horrible and depressing happened.

"I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth — and truth rewarded me."

— Simone de Beauvoir, who died on April 14, 1986

The lasting effects of bullying

BY AMANDA STARLING
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They sit with hands shielding their eyes. For the past half hour, it's been a struggle to block out the memories of the taunting, the death threats, and the insecurities of the past. Even though it had been years, the memories of bullying have not quite faded.

A Norwegian study published in the *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology* found that out of 963 teenagers aged 14 to 15 33 percent of participants showed symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder.

The most common types of bullying include physical violence, verbal teasing, spreading of rumors, exclusion from a group or classroom dynamic, "ganging up," and cyberbullying.

Extended durations of bullying lead to typical symptoms of PTSD, including intrusive memories,

avoidance behavior, and physiological stress activation.

PTSD can be obtrusive in everyday life. Teasing amongst friends can act as a trigger for a memory. A sour ending to a relationship can stir the emotions of a long ago victim. There's a lingering depression that fades in and out of a regular routine, and victims often question the moments of positivity because of their past.

Most can attest to one experience of bullying, whether as a victim, enabler, or the bully. It becomes a challenge to cope with such universal yet individual experiences. But what happens when a friend has suffered worse than a mere teasing? What can be done when the damage is greater than let on?

Admission of a problem is the most difficult part. I faced my share of bullying growing up, though it was a more psychological case than

physical. I can relate to the feelings of loneliness and emotional pain. Simple actions like being excluded from a lunch table and being teased for one's physical appearance can leave behind serious damage to self-esteem and confidence. It's others who have faced this and perhaps beatings that require more than reassurance of support systems.

After the bullying has been stopped, it's critical to keep in mind the aftermath. The psychological scarring remains long after the teasing stops, so follow-up becomes necessary. Researchers from the Norwegian study concluded that support systems might be necessary. For many, consolation down the road may not be limited to family in friends, but counselors. Once a victim develops a resolve to trust, the healing process can begin and symptoms could potentially decline.

For information on campus

counseling, visit the Health & Wellness Center in SLC 2200.

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So long, and thanks for the all the oysters

BY REN LAFORME
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Have you ever eaten nothing but fresh oysters for breakfast, lunch and dinner?

I have. I traveled to Apalachicola, Fla. for my master's project to interview locals about the myriad of economic engines the tiny town has seen over the past 200 years.

The Apalach, as they call it, is home to some of the tastiest oysters in the world, and they're happy to share them with visitors.

Have you ever run toward a maelstrom of blue and red lights and police with guns drawn?

I did that this semester, too. When a guy pointed what turned out to be a fake gun at a St. Petersburg police officer early in January, I ran toward Residence Hall One. There, the only campus police officer on duty threatened that he "was not going to tell me again" to leave.

I left and approached the scene from the next block over.

Have you ever gotten a little too boozed up at the Tavern the night before your interview for an important campus job?

Me either. Moving on.

As a graduate student, I've only had two years at USF St. Petersburg. I like to think I made the best of them. It's a small school with a lot of charm, and I suspect there's a lot of change in it's immediate future.

Some of my favorite moments:

Meeting with USF President Judy Genshaft's goon squad after publishing a bunch of stories about the University Student Center's funding.

Grabbing a beer with visiting journalists from Africa after learning about the craft in their countries.

Sitting at the foot of the Pier talking politics with a good friend and colleague after a long night downtown.

Watching the current, still-young staff at this paper grow and impress me every week (seriously good job, everyone).

It's been a pleasure writing for you all and putting out a paper once a week for two years. Don't let this place go to hell.

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Enjoy the road less traveled

BY FRANK KURTZ
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Somebody wise, not exactly sure who, once said, it is not your destination that matters but the journey. It may've been a metaphor for life, but it applies to automobile trips as well.

It is getting to be that time of the year when the semester winds down and some will be heading home for a little bit. I am sure that most will want to hop directly on Interstate 275 to either leave St. Petersburg or arrive at home as quickly as possible. But there are only so many times you can make a trip on an Interstate highway, they all look the same and in fact that is their intention.

The Eisenhower Interstate Highway System was created to replace the U.S. Highway System. In 1919, after the conclusion of World War I, Eisenhower led a convoy of military trucks across the country from Washington, District of Columbia to San Francisco, California. The trip took 56 days; Eisenhower concluded that if we were ever invaded, we would be unable to adequately respond to the threat.

After seeing the Nazi Autobahn system that was created to efficiently move war material from one end of the country to the other, Ike thought that it would be a good idea for the United States to have a

similar system. In 1956, during his presidency, Eisenhower embarked on the most ambitious public works program in the history of this country, the Interstate Highway System. The system was built to certain standards, such as the height of overpasses, which was needed so military equipment could move freely, or the distance between exits, so our airplanes could take off to intercept the enemy if needed.

When traveling on Interstates you miss so much of the landscape, the scenery that makes a place what it is, and the local flavor. This is because the Interstate is made to quickly move people from point A to point B; one sacrifices traveling through different communities for speed and monotony.

There is hardly a greater feeling than driving with the windows down and having your hair whip in the breeze when traveling over a U.S. Highway, a State Route, or a County Road. Sure you may encounter some red lights or get stuck behind someone who is traveling a few miles below the speed limit. Take a deep breath and observe the scenery while still paying attention to the road.

During the winter when traveling through Polk County, and others as well, one can expect to smell the intoxicating smell of the orange blossom. Pull off to the side of the road and observe the large cattle farms in Osceola,

Okeechobee, and Hardee Counties.

There are countless roadside monuments and statues than one can stop and observe. When traveling through the Panhandle Counties, and some of them in Central Florida as well, there is a monument in front of every County Courthouse honoring Confederate Veterans. You can stop at a roadside produce stand and get an entire flat of Plant City Strawberries for five bucks, three pounds of bananas for one buck, or sack full of Indian River oranges for three; prices that Publix or even Wal-Mart cannot beat.

Stop and pick some roadside flowers for your Ma, girlfriend, wife, or significant other.

In Micanopy there is a filling station that when paying cash you can pump gas into your automobile and then walk into the store and pay for it. You can tell a lot about a community from what products a convenience store has.

Flashing red or yellow lights are a sign of a less trafficked road which are common when you get off the beaten path.

Roadside barbeque joints are the best. When encountering one that has not been inspected by the health department, you know you are in the right place.

Perhaps my favorite roadside signs are the ones that mark the "Walkin'" Lawton Chiles Trail, commemorating where he made

his 1,000 mile trek on foot across Florida meeting with countless Floridians before the first primary election for United States Senator during the 1970 campaign. The white sign with the green bar and a pair of beat up boots signify you are travelling over sacred ground; Chiles' boots are enshrined in the Capitol. Just remember that "the old he coon walks just before the light of day."

Again, there is just something so soothing about cruising down a county road with some freshly purchased Cajun-style boiled peanuts, windows down, and some good road tunes playing from the radio while riding into the setting sun. When you are leaving for home in May, take the road less traveled; make your journey the *trip* not the *destination*.

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BRIEFS

"I just felt like this was the best opportunity for me. It's an opportunity that I've always wanted."

Michigan guard Trey Burke on leaving the Wolverines to enter the NBA draft. The decision comes after Burke was voted The Associated Press national player of the year and lead his Michigan team to an NCAA title game in only his second year. Burke considered going to the NBA after his freshman year, as the NBA only requires an athlete to be one year out of high school in order to be eligible for the draft. He is projected to be a first-round selection.

The Tampa Bay Storm fell to the San Antonio Talons at home on Friday night, giving the Talons their first win of the season and dropping the Storm's record to 2-2. San Antonio quarterback Nick Hill threw for four touchdowns, while the Storm suffered multiple quarterback injuries during the game with the losses of both Adrian McPherson and his backup Shane Boyd. The Storm will hit the road to take on in-state rival Orlando Predators this Saturday looking to get above the .500 mark.

The Tampa Bay Rowdies got their first win of the season on Saturday evening, beating the San Antonio Scorpions 2-0 in the Scorpions' home opener. The Rowdies, coming off a tie in their home opener the previous week, were led by forwards Amani Walker and Georgi Hristov en route to a commanding win. Goalkeeper Andrew Fontein, who had his first professional start last Saturday, kept his sheet clean with a second consecutive shut-out. The Rowdies now stand tied with the Carolina Railhawks for first place in the NASL standing, and will return home to take on the Atlanta Silverbacks this Saturday.

South Florida gets back to work



Head Coach Willie Taggart speaks to his team at the conclusion of the 2013 USF Football Spring Game. Taggart spoke on the importance of senior leadership and hard work on and off the field.

BY SAMANTHA OUIMETTE
STAFF REPORTER

The 2013 USF Football Spring Game, the exclamation point on the team's practices that have been taking place since February, offered fans their first glimpse of what the Bulls might look like under new coach Willie Taggart.

Players in Saturday's game were drafted into two teams, the White Squad and the Green Machine. As an extra incentive, the winning team received a steak dinner, while the losers ate hot dogs.

One of the biggest questions going into the 2013 season is who will take over the quarterback position now that B.J. Daniels has graduated. After Daniels suffered a season-ending injury against the University of Connecticut in early November, Bobby Eveld and Matt Floyd were given the opportunity to compete for the starting quarterback position under Skip Holtz's direction.

Now that Taggart is at the helm of USF's football program, the race to be No. 1 on the depth chart is as open as ever. The spring game allowed the two quarterbacks to make their case for starter before summer practices begin.

Matt Floyd, a 6-foot-1-inch sophomore out of Milton, Fla., established his offensive prowess early with an 85-yard pass to wide receiver Andre Davis on the White Squad's first play of the game. Floyd threw for 208 yards and two touchdowns, both of which were passes to Davis, showing real chemistry with one of USF's most potent receivers. But he also fumbled four snaps, three of which were recovered by the defense.

Last season, Floyd struggled taking snaps under center. He fumbled his first play of the season.

Things got so bad that former coach Holtz put Floyd in the shotgun to limit his fumbles.

Bobby Eveld, a 6-foot-5-inch senior out of Tampa's Jesuit High School, struggled to get things going on offense for the Green Machine and was unable to find the end zone until the final seconds of the game. Though he showed more control of the ball than Floyd, he would finish the game with just 143 yards passing, his last-second touchdown a result of a quarterback sneak rather than a pass play.

"Nobody's ahead," Taggart said at the conclusion of the game. "I thought Matt did some really good things today, but like I told them all spring, you put that ball on the ground and it takes away from all those good things you did. That'll get you beat. [Eveld] didn't play as well as I thought he usually plays. He made a couple of throws, but not as many as I thought he would."

In a game where the quarterbacks on both teams struggled, the run game was noticeably quiet. Coach Taggart chalked it up to running backs not trusting their blocks -- only three players rushed for more than 10 yards in the game. Sophomore Willie Davis had the longest run of the day, a 15-yard dash for the Green Machine in the first quarter. The Bulls' top two backs, Marcus Shaw and Michael Pierre, combined for just 47 yards on 21 carries for the White Squad.

The defense showed marked improvement, particularly in the secondary. The only "big play" given up was Floyd's touchdown pass in the opening minutes. Beyond that, the longest pass was Eveld's 31-yarder in the final minutes of the game. Junior Linebacker Hans Louis, who will take on a starting role this season, had a game-high six tackles (two of

which were for a loss) and a fumble recovery.

"I thought we played pretty good. We have a good defensive line, good defensive backs," said junior linebacker Reshard Cliett, "I feel like we come together more than last year's defense. We need someone like Sam Barrington and Mike Lanaris, but we're going to get there."

For Taggart and his team, this spring game served as the first glimpse of a revamped program that has had to work through its fair share of adversity in the last few months.

"There are a lot of people counting on us to do things the right way and win a lot of ball games," Taggart said. "Games are going to be won from what our guys do from this point on. We've got a lot of work to do; we are by no means where we need to be."

In the end, the White Squad held off the Green Machine to win 14-11. But more important than the final score (and who got the better meal) was the insight gained on how Head Coach Willie Taggart is solving the problems that caused last season's Bulls squad to finish last in the Big East.

A tradition unlike any other

BY MIKE HOPEY
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As far as we know, 2013 Masters winner Jason Day is not a racist. Neither is Jim Nantz, the broadcaster whose voice is synonymous with the poetic intros to the tournament's television coverage. The approximately 35,000 fans who attend are, for the most part, probably also not racists.

"What no CBS commentator has ever alluded to, even in passing, even during a rain delay, even when there was time to do so, is Augusta's history of racism and sexism," said Bob Costas on the Dan Patrick Show. "Even when people were protesting just outside the grounds — forget about taking a side — never acknowledging it."

Augusta National co-founder Clifford Roberts once said, "Golfers will be white, and caddies will be black."

He had his way for a long time. Augusta National admitted its first African-American member in 1990 and its first female members last year. When The Masters allowed a black player in the tournament, Roberts called it reverse discrimination.

The traditionalists at Augusta latch onto their traditions so tightly because the values they deem important are not just disappearing — they are already gone. The club has been dragged into the 21st century kicking and screaming.

Their stubbornness over the years has been like that of a child, except that child is racist.

Not every member is a racist or a sexist, unless Condoleezza Rice believes in the reduction of male rights. The image of Augusta National is still very much one of hate.

The club has claimed in the past that they were trying to change but wouldn't root out the culture that gives the club its image. Choosing to make small changes that gave the appearance they were changing.

When the club was featured in a video game for the first time in 2011, they still kept a tight squeeze on the image of the club, going so far as to limit players' attire when they play the course in the game.

Changes are sparse in Augusta. At least, changes that matter. The club is still a haven for racists and sexists who use its history as a defense of their belief system. They represent a part of America that should have died a long time ago.

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