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The \$140,000 sustainability project

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Eyes on the biggest prize

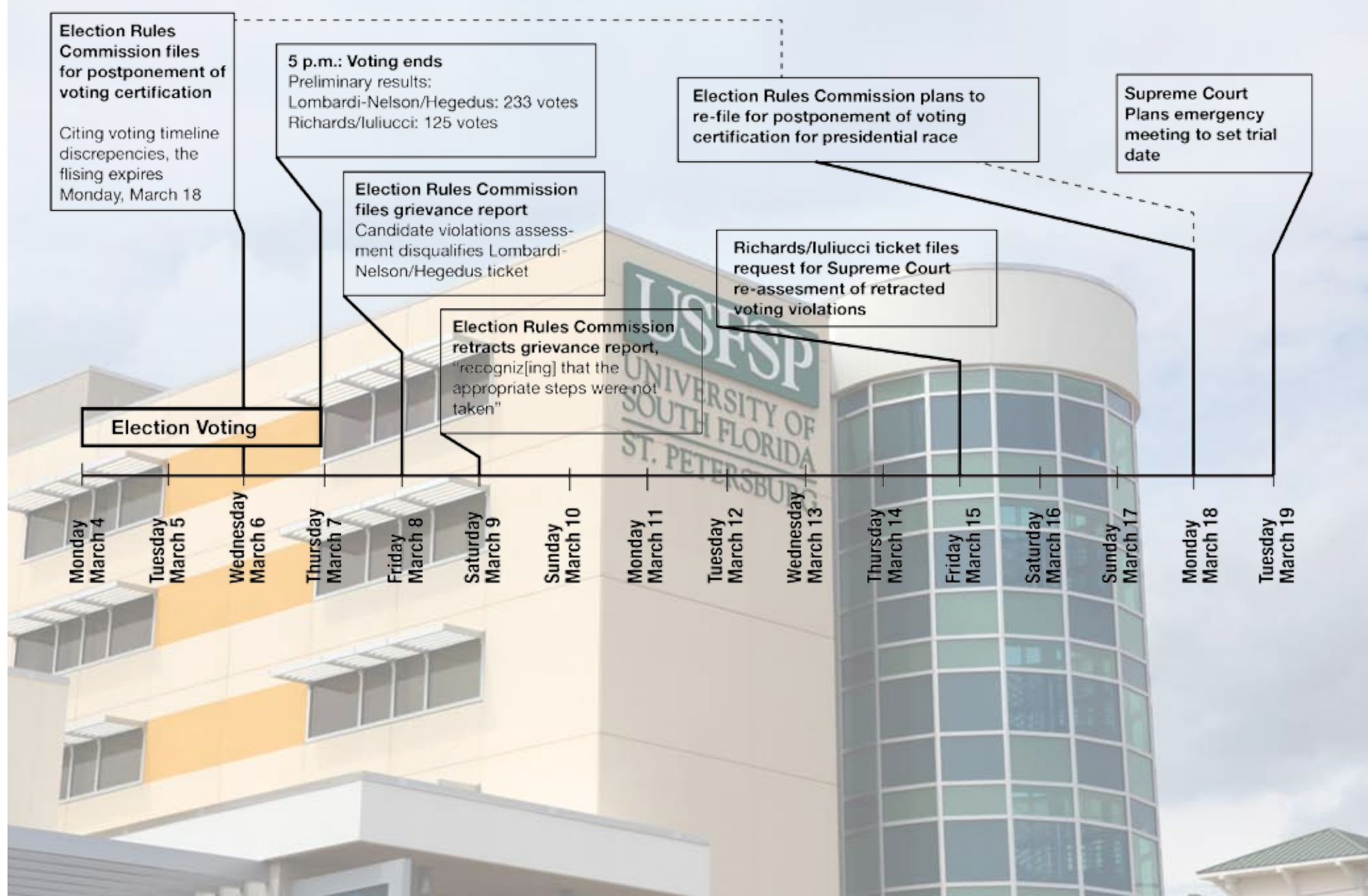
USF's women's basketball team has a chance to head to the NCAA Tournament.

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HABEMUS PRAESIDENS?

Student Government election voting ended on the Thursday before spring break, but due to grievance reports, retractions and postponements in lieu of an SG Supreme Court decision, the next student body president hasn't been determined. Below is a timeline of the indecision.



BY TYLER KILLETTE AND REN LAFORME
STAFF REPORTERS

Two weeks have passed since the Student Government elections, but a student body president has yet to be named.

Preliminary results, which put Mark Lombardi-Nelson and Christa Hegedus ahead of James Richards and Jordan Iuliucci by more than 100 votes, were suspended due to violations of campaign rules and the election

procedure itself. SG Supreme Court Chief Justice Sean Ericson issued the suspension before elections ended.

The Election Rules Commission, headed by Vincent de Cosmo, filed grievance reports assessing points to the candidates for each rule broken during their campaigns. The Lombardi-Nelson/Hegedus ticket was assessed 10 points — enough to get them disqualified.

The grievance reports were filed on March 7, three hours after the election ended. Lombardi-Nelson

asserted that the points were invalid because rules state they must be given while the election is ongoing. Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus were not formally notified of their disqualification until the next day.

According to the rules of procedure, candidates must be notified of their violations before receiving points so they have time to issue statements. They should also have had the opportunity to discuss their violations with the entire Election Rules Commission, but were only able to speak with de

Cosmo. There is no documentation of that discussion.

Because the election process broke multiple rules, the grievance reports for both parties were retracted on March 9, reinstating the Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus campaign. De Cosmo said he figured he would have to retract the points due to his "malpractice" and was strongly encouraged by Matt Morrin, director of Student Life and Engagement, to do so.

On March 15, Richards, this year's student body vice president,

filed a request for a trial with the SG Supreme Court to have the points reassessed. According to Ericson, Richards will argue that regardless of the assessment process, violations did occur. If the court decides to reinstate the points and Lombardi-Nelson is once again disqualified, Richards will win the presidency by default.

The court is calling an emergency meeting on Tuesday, March 19 to set a date for a trial.

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Heavy need for new Fitness Center gear

By AMANDA STARLING
STAFF REPORTER

Some of the weights, benches and cable cross machines at the Fitness Center are missing parts and rusty and will be replaced after their warranties expired on March 1.

Student Government adopted the initiative "Let's Get Physical, Physical" to draw funds for the equipment, focused primarily on "strength, free weights, and bars," according to Fitness & Intramurals Coordinator Gregory Haverlock. Senators moved to pass the bill on Feb. 27.

Sens. Franklin Alves and Jozef Gherman drafted the bill and conducted a survey of current gym equipment with Haverlock. Missing pins and guards, rusted benches and weak cable cross lines were among the hazards listed. Any

equipment with an expired warranty will be taken offline.

The current equipment has been in place for 10 to 12 years, according to Matthew Morrin, director of Student Life and Engagement. University expansion has led to increased facilities use. From July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012, over 14,038 individual users visited the Fitness Center.

"It's a good mix of regulars as in students, the public and general staff," said Alaura Marriott, who works at the Fitness Center's front desk. She said attendance peaks during class hours and on Thursday evenings.

"We want to get the best we can for the money we have," Morrin said. "We know that the Fitness Center is something that students look at in the institution that they want to go to."

Recent additions to the

Fitness Center include the Woodway Curve treadmills and the Green Machine bikes in the upstairs cardio room, courtesy of the Student Green Energy Fund.

"Budgets are tight all over, so when you can collaborate with other departments, it's a good thing," Morrin said.

Haverlock and Morrin attended the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association convention to seek out durable, safe equipment for the Fitness Center. Goals for new equipment are extended warranties, gender-friendly pieces and reasonable prices. Four quotes led to an estimated cost of \$138,000 total. Old equipment is to be bought back for \$5,000 to \$8,000 or donated to local high schools.



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News Briefs

Ronald Brown, a finalist for USF St. Petersburg's open regional chancellor position, has accepted a job as president for the University of North Texas, according to an article from The Tampa Bay Times.

Following the February finalist candidate visits, there was little word from USFSP regarding selection, leaving Brown uncertain of the university's interest. Remaining finalist Ralph Rogers said he had not heard anything as well, while Sophia Wisniewska chose to stay mum about the topic. Make your own conclusions from that information.

USF President Judy Genshaft holds the final decision, but is able to decline both.

Students now have access to PETESync, a specialized social network for campus organizations. Features include event management tools, a calendar system, communication tools, information storage, online forms, and more.

Organizations actively using PETESync include Student Government, Delta Sigma Pi, Harborside Activities Board, along with others. Call us old-fashioned, but *The Crow's Nest* is sticking with Facebook for now.

Students can access PETESync through their NetID at Orgsync.com.

Caribbean Cultural Exchange St. Pete is hosting a "Welcome Back Fete" on Tuesday, March 19. The fete will feature authentic Caribbean food, a dance hall and Soca music and prizes from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Coquina Club.

Fête is a French word for "holiday" or "party." Don't worry, we had to look it up, too.

Professor Narciso Hidalgo will present his new book "Choteo: Irreverence and Political Humor in the Cuban Culture" on Thursday, March 21 at the Nelson Poynter Library.

From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Hidalgo will discuss choteo, "a form of mockery used in the eternal conflict between the nation and state" and its reflection in art and culture.

College of Business aims for 2015

By TYLER KILLETTE
STAFF REPORTER

Business students can expect a new home for their college on the 2.5-acre site occupied by the Piano Man building by fall 2015.

Funding for the three-story, 66,000-square-foot building — unofficially priced at \$25 million — has yet to be secured, but interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth has plans to break ground this year.

Hogarth said the school is "working extremely hard with the delegation in Tallahassee" to secure funds.

Students who traveled to the capital last month to lobby for funding received a few verbal commitments, but Senate President

Don Gaetz told students the new building was "absolutely not going to happen."

Gaetz explained that funding typically used for school construction projects, which comes from taxes on telephones and other utilities, has been depleted.

Despite the adversity, Hogarth said he feels "confident" he will find money for construction. After breaking ground, he expects to receive donors, which will fund the building's completion over the next few years.

The building has support of the City Chamber of Commerce and the Campus Board. The next step is gaining approval from the USF Board of Trustees.

After what Hogarth called an

"exhaustive review" of more than eight potential sites, the Piano Man site came out as the most practical and cost efficient option.

Parking Lot Two was also a top contender until it was decided that construction would hinder future expansion of the Science and Technology building and decrease parking space.

The Piano Man site will keep business as an integral part of the campus, Hogarth said, adding that its accessibility to local hospitals will allow students to service both the school and the community. The site also provides ample room for growth.

Harvard Jolly, the architecture firm hired to construct the building, is in the process of examining

the site to determine what can be used of the current structure and what must be demolished. The firm has found minor construction concerns, such as a few trees standing in the way and a biology lab that will have to be relocated.

Hogarth said the College of Business's 1,800 undergraduate and 200 graduate students need their own building to facilitate dialogue, explaining that knowledge is often gained through peer-to-peer and student-to-professor exchange.

With only a few months left as chancellor, Hogarth said he is doing everything he can to get the money before he leaves.

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Election chair in favor of points

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The trial will not occur until at least April 2 due to a mandated 10-business day waiting period to allow the collection of evidence and appointment of witnesses.

The trial would put de Cosmo, speaking for the Election Rules Commission, against Richards, represented by SG Attorney General Paul Jones. But the court may not see much of an argument since de Cosmo said he would be in favor of the points being re-assessed.

Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus, respectively the current SG president and senate chair, were cited for numerous violations. They included not removing flyers that offered voters 10 percent off at The Tavern in time after being asked,

plagiarizing famous quotations on Facebook, using materials funded through activities and services fees to campaign and not following guidelines for T-shirts and printed materials.

"I'm sure that they will appeal it," Richards told *The Crow's Nest* after Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus were initially disqualified. "However, I do not think that any of their points will be taken away. If anything, I wouldn't be surprised if they got more points."

He said his opponents had plagiarized quotations a total of four times, and thus deserved more points.

On the same day, in an online interview, Lombardi-Nelson said

he would fight the charges.

"The students have spoken, and the processes and procedures carried forward were not just," he said. "We will fight, and we will do what is in the best interest of the students. We are staying positive because that is what we have done the entire time."

The Richards and Iulucci ticket was assessed two points for failing to include the title and year of the election on campaign materials.

Preliminary numbers showed the Lombardi-Nelson/Hegedus ticket received 233 votes, while the Richards/Iulucci ticket received 125. Seventeen senators were also elected, including Thomas Hamby, Sophia Constantine, Lauren

Snodgrass, Christina Johnson, Franklin Alves, Bill Milazzo, Joey Vars, Allan Pinkerton, Frank Mathis, Steven Bird, Danielle Freeman, Jozef Gherman, Deborah Guyton, Damani Harris, Taylor Adams, Cory Santero and Joey Kauderman.

The injunction postponing the announcement of all election results expires March 18. Ericson will then issue another injunction postponing only the presidential results, so senators can be officially inducted.

A constitutional amendment changing future years' election dates also passed by a wide majority.

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Tift and Hanson's high-steaks campaign

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While Student Government presidential candidates battled over topics like Greek life and funding for clubs, freshmen William Tift and Tyler Hanson — though not officially on the ballot — offered an alternative campaign platform. The Crow's Nest took a moment to speak with Tift and Hanson about running SG as a monarchy, "Game of Thrones" and their campaign mascot, a bloody piece of steak.

BY TYLER KILLETTE
STAFF REPORTER

The Crow's Nest: Where did the idea to "run for president" come from?

Tyler Hanson: Me and Will were hanging out in my dorm room watching TV, and let's say something cool like making out with ladies, when [we] just started discussing how funny it would be if we were president of the school. There's probably not really a better reason than that. Maybe we were feeling sort of political. I think it was the night of the presidential debate.

William Tift: The need to end the crime and corruption that goes on in our beloved school. I've seen what evil lurks in the shadows. I know why people are afraid to leave the University Student Center at night. I have heard what the crooks and criminals that hold the true power at this school have been planning. And if you vote for us, we guarantee to make our beloved USF a safer, happier school. Wait, what was the question again? Oh, scratch all of what I just said. Tyler suggested it and I thought it would be fun.

CN: Describe the inspiration behind your campaign slogan, "I know we're a terrible choice...but so is everybody else."

Hanson: OK this, well, it's actually a sort of paraphrase of a quote from a character in the third "Game of Thrones" book when he's running for Lord Commander of the Night's Watch, which is so nerdy and I also just realized would have been some points against us if we were real candidates. I actually did like the candidates who were really running but I thought it would be a fun thing to campaign under.

Tift: I'm going to be frank with you. We are a pretty bad choice. But we also believe that the other options have bad intentions as well. I mean think about it; have you ever seen Mark or Jimmy in the same room with Lex Luthor? It is

obvious to me that one of the two options is Lex Luthor, while the other option has to be robot programmed by Lex Luthor. That way, it's a win-win for Lex Luthor. I don't know if you guys like a tyrant as a president, but I surely don't. That's why I want to bring back the monarchy...Wait, can we scratch off that last part about the monarchy? We can't? Shoot.

CN: What's up with the steak?

Hanson: Well it was a Wednesday which is the day when me and my friends would often grill, so I had just happened to be thawing some steak when we started doing this campaign. Then for one of the photos we thought it would be funny to hold the steak because it looked weird. It was super gross. It dropped blood everywhere. Later on we ended up eating it, but it wasn't very good. It ended up making one of our friends fairly sick, but he probably ate about three pounds of steak that night.

Tift: Steak is a great source of calcium and it builds strong bones. Or is that milk? The point is that steak puts hair on the chest. And I don't want a wimpy campus, parading about in merriment. I want a manly campus, doing manly things like chopping down trees and growing beards. We need our men to be more manly, we need our children to be more manly, and we need our women to be more manly...We can't edit out that last part, can we? Thought so.

CN: Jimmy Richards and Jordan Iulucci took campaign photos on the bronze bull.

Mark Lombardi-Nelson and Christa Hegedus took theirs in front of the USF emblem. You guys took yours in a shower. Why is that?

Hanson: Ours wasn't symbolic so much as the steak was dripping quite a bit of blood and I didn't really want to get blood anywhere else in the room. Showers are easy to clean.

Tift: Unlike our competition, we recognize the scum creeping about the campus. We took it in the shower to symbolize how we will wash away these phonies. To cleanse our school of all that fraud that has been going on for too long. To end all those scandals that we know are happening.

CN: In our last issue, we asked all the candidates about the top three issues they'd tackle as president and vice president. What would yours have been?

Hanson: No. 1 issue was obviously the steak; we would switch all food to steak in The Reef. Vegetarians could have cheeseburgers. We also had a proposed policy of switching our Student Government over to a monarchy. Ruler of the school would then pass to Will's first-born male heir. We also would have instituted a 300 percent increase in tuition to pay for all of the steak and trappings of royalty.

Tift: First off, we need to raise tuition by 300 percent. I know what you are thinking. "William, that's outrageous! Why would you do such a thing?" Which leads me to my second issue: replacing all the food in the Reef with steak. And don't you worry out there, vegetarians. We'll still have cheeseburgers just for you. Our third issue is re-establishing the monarchy. Presidents were so last year; kings are where it is at. Plus, we will be the only school with a monarch, making us better than every other school out there.

CN: Are either of you actually interested in Student Government?

Hanson: I actually am, at some point, maybe next year I will probably run for senator. I learned quite a bit about how the Student Government works while fake trying to be in charge of it. Mostly through people telling us why we couldn't actually be voted for.

Tift: I was interested in Student Government, but then I heard she

had a boyfriend. Since then, we have just been friends. She's really nice though.

CN: Did you vote in this SG election? Why or why not?

Hanson: I did, me and Will went in and voted, we tried to take pictures for our campaign, but they turned out pretty bad. But I did make a point of voting for the candidate that I thought was best. I made sure I knew my opponents. It was sort of sad, the website said or write in a candidate below, but then the option didn't actually work.

Tift: As Harry Houdini once said, "A good magician never reveals his secrets." But since I don't know how to do any magic tricks, I can confidently tell you that I did. I did it because it's my right as an American to vote and I believe in democracy.

Just fooling with you! I don't believe in democracy... But I did vote.

CN: Do you feel the student body made a mistake by not voting Tift and Hanson?

Hanson: Not really, we had some pretty bad policies. And I don't really even like steak that much. I wish we had run under chicken.

Tift: Was crashing the Titanic a mistake? Was the BP oil spill a mistake? Was buying a Prius a mistake? OF COURSE IT WAS A MISTAKE! People do not realize how essential it is to vote for us. A



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vote for us is a vote for steak, and who doesn't love steak?

CN: What's next for you two? Will the Tift and Hanson campaign be back next year?

Hanson: Uhhh, it might. I would sort of want to come up with some new features to run with, I wouldn't want to just do the same steak campaign. If it happens it will be bigger and better. And we'll probably fill out paper work. I also do want to thank my campaign manager/graphic designer Dylan, he did most of the work of the campaign while me and Will just laughed at our own jokes and hung like eight posters.

Tift: Our campaign will be just like Santa Clause (except we won't have Tim Allen as our main star). Yes, we will be back next year in a red suit and a sack full of steak. Our next shenanigan has not yet been announced, but we shall keep you updated!

Or: Le Margarine

Buttering somebody up is no piece of cake. It's not a walk in the park, or a free ice cream cone either. When it comes to sucking up and winning somebody over, it takes real calculated honey-coating to be credible. Here are some examples of full-fledged flattery.

For the loud, annoying person in your life:

-You have the nicest lips. Mind closing your mouth for a while so we can admire them at rest?

For the red head in your life:
-Fire doesn't even hold a flame to you.

For the leprechaun you met yesterday:

-Most people just want you for your pot of gold, but I see you for the tricky fairy you truly are. And your beautiful heart. Of, uhm, gold.

For the Easter bunny you will meet in a couple weeks:

-Santa Claus doesn't have a thing on you. He may be part elf and work with a different species on one night of the year, but you can lay eggs. That's some real cross-species dedication.

-Are you related to the Energizer bunny? Cause when I saw you my heart started going and going and going and going...

For your attractive garbage man, woman or person:

-You're the prettiest thing I've ever seen hanging around my trashcans.

-Want to join me down in the dumps later?

For James Franco (you're bound to run into him sometime):

-Your smile is so stunning that I almost thought that Oz was a good movie.

-I saw Spiderman 3 just for you, and I didn't even ask for my money back.

Diversity is hiring 'challenge'

By JENNIFER NESSLAR
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Several departments may soon be looking to hire new professors, thanks to recent changes in USF St. Petersburg's budget.

Frank Biafora, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says these are the "most exciting hiring years" he has seen in his time at USF St. Petersburg.

Biafora said that due to the economy and the decline in state funding, the university experienced a slowdown of hires due to budget constraints.

"The cost of running a university doesn't change," Biafora said.

When full time tenure track faculty retired, the university relied on part time adjunct professors. These professors bring a level of expertise

to the classroom, Biafora said.

"Students love them," he said.

However, these professors have other careers, so they are rarely at USFSP, where students need them to be.

Biafora has seen enrollment increases and new degree programs, and notes that USFSP is at "the bottom of the budget decline." The university is now able to hire all four types of professors: part time adjunct, full time visiting, full time instructors, and full time tenure track professors.

Full time visiting professors and full time instructors are given a contract for one year. Full time visiting professors can renew that contract up to a maximum of four times, while full time instructors can renew the contracts indefinitely. Full time tenure track

professors, unlike the others, are permanent and have obligations of research and service. These professors can bring real life experiences into the classroom and offer students with research opportunities, Biafora said.

But the challenges aren't over for the College of Arts and Sciences. In order to obtain permission to hire professors, they must demonstrate there is a gap in learning outcomes to the regional vice chancellor. Once they have obtained permission and organized a committee, they must work with human resources to advertise.

Human resources must certify that the pool of candidates is "diverse." Human resources consultant Kristen Smuder said they look for a strong mixture of race, ethnicity and gender. They also

assess if the committee has advertised in multiple publications.

While Smuder says turning away a pool of candidates is uncommon, Biafora sees certifying diversity as a challenge. In this hiring period, The human resources department asked the college to re-advertise because the pool was weak in terms of diversity.

When this process is over, Biafora notes that there will be "stability in the institution." Most of the new hires will start in the fall semester.

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Shipping out to St. Petersburg

By LAZAR ANDERSON
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Celtic folk and punk band The Dropkick Murphy's celebrated St. Patrick's Day two weeks early in St. Petersburg, playing a sold out show at March 3 at Jannus Live.

The night was everything a punk show promises to be — with bagpipes to boot. It might have been below 50 outside the venue, but inside the sweaty mass of pure body heat made a coat unnecessary. The crowd stayed alive as the band switched back and forth between slower, folksier melodies reminiscent of old sing-alongs from Irish pubs and fast-paced punk anthems.

"The pits were brutal as they should be for any punk band, and Dropkick proved no different," said Charlie Strong, a USF St. Petersburg student and fan of the band since childhood.

Though some of the outskirts of the venue were dotted with casual latecomers, the energy from the band and die-hard fans are what make shows like this an experience. Prime real estate by the front of the stage and in near the mosh pit is hard to come by, and the fans who got there early enough to grab it were handsomely rewarded.

"I had been in the very front of the Venue, six feet from the band, on the railing," Strong said. "Lead singer Al Barr jumped into the front row and got face to face with me as I sang a couple verses on the mic. I had the time of my life."

The show featured two opening acts: Jim Lockey and the Solemn Sun, followed by Old Man Markley. Both are punk and folk bands that were well received by the crowd.

"They rocked the house a bit," said Joe Rouse, a long time

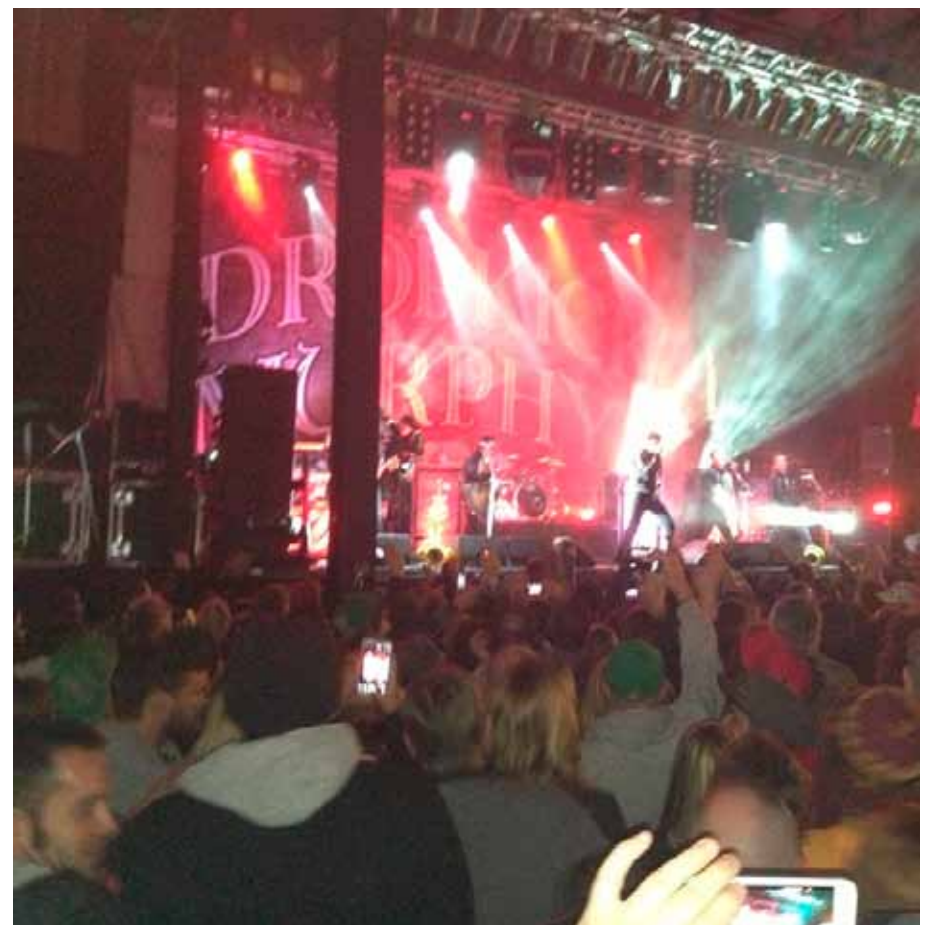
Murphy's fan. "But they're about this much of the real story," he said, holding up two fingers spaced close to each other.

Inked with a Murphy's tattoo that represents his long time love for the band, Rouse characterizes something of a distinction in the crowd of fans: old school punk fans, and the new breed of fans that came with their commercial success in the mid-2000s.

That success was fueled by the song "Shipping out to Boston." The song became an anthem for the Boston Red Sox during their 2007 World Series run, and was the theme song for "The Departed," the 2006 film that won the Oscar for best picture.

Since then the fan base has expanded tremendously, as evidenced by the crowd of about 2,000 packed inside with still more desperate for tickets outside the main gate. More cunning veterans of Jannus milled around the side gate that leads to the back alley of Mastry's Bar, catching free glimpses of the show and hoping to find a window of opportunity to sneak in.

Possibly recognizing that the die-hard fans may be growing weary of "Shipping Out to Boston," the band found an interesting compromise for those who love the single, and those who liked the



Courtesy of Lazar Anderson

band "before they were cool."

After playing the infamous first two notes of the song, the crowd roared with anticipation. But the band paused. Vocalist Al Barr bowed out from his usual duties, instead challenging the crowd to provide the vocals "without missing a word." They obliged in a powerful, nearly flawless, half drunken chanting as the band played the instrumental parts.

With the final song on their set list over, the band wished the crowd goodnight. But as the lights came on, they revealed the place was littered with more than just beer cans. The fans stayed put, screaming for

more. The Murphy's returned for a series of encores, including new single "Rose Tattoo," during which the loyal audience members were invited to crash the stage.

"Everyone went berserk," Strong said. "All in all, it was an amazing show."

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Claudio and Co. bring new energy to Jannus

BY RYAN BALLOGG
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Few bands from the '90s have kept their steam like progressive rock outfit Coheed and Cambria. Instead of rotting, they are ripening in their older age, and maintain a high level of energy that was apparent at their show on March 6 at Jannus Live.

Compared to a less enthusiastic show in St. Petersburg two years ago, they were a whole different creature. A recent lineup change might just be what re-inspired the music.

The band's original drummer, Josh Eppard, is back and making a notable change in the sound of the band, with his more upbeat style of playing. The band's former bass player, Michael Todd, was arrested for holding up a drug store in July 2011. He had been dealing with drug issues for some time and the band had tried to help him through it, but ultimately decided it was best to part ways.

In an interview, singer and songwriter Claudio Sanchez admitted that one of the songs on the

new album, "Domino the Destitute," was inspired by his friend's fall from glory. The song documents the life of a boxer who let fame go to his head and corrupt him.

"Ladies and broken gentlemen, the undisputed champ of misery," Sanchez sings. They played the song as an encore, while eerie artwork of a hellish boxing ring flashed by on the wall behind them.

Todd was replaced by Zach Cooper, whose back-up vocals added a positive new dynamic to the sound. Their new album, released in two parts titled "The Aftermath: Dissension" and "The Aftermath: Ascension", explores some fresh territory for the band, but with the fury and passion of a younger Coheed.

All of their music follows a complex storyline in a futuristic, Star Wars-esque universe that came straight out of Claudio's imagination. "The Aftermath" tells the story of Sirius Amory, a different character than previous albums, and another reason for the evolution in sound. Their set at Janus

seemed to ignore their

middle years, comprised of mostly new songs, with a couple of very old ones.

The crowd fed off of the more energetic Coheed, creating a very different atmosphere from the band's last show in St. Petersburg, which featured a mellow acoustic set and a less enthusiastic electric one.

At one point, there was much excitement when a brawl broke out among two concert-goers midway through the set. Claudio stopped the song long enough to scream a shrill obscenity into the microphone, throw a bottle of water and tell the two to get out of the venue.

"I tried my hardest to just keep the tune going, but when blows start happening it's really just not f****g cool. My apologies," Sanchez said.

The rest of the show unfolded smoothly, with elaborate lighting and stage décor accenting every song. The night culminated with the performance of the band's signature song and anthem, "Welcome Home."

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Courtesy of Coheed and Cambria

Green fund buys fountains, truck

BY NANCY McCANN
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The Student Green Energy Fund is accepting ideas to match President Barack Obama's challenge to reduce fossil fuels dependency. Projects to reduce the carbon footprint are in demand, and SGEF has money to make them happen.

So far, about \$160,000 has been awarded to five SGEF projects proposed in 2012.

In the fitness center, four cycles and two elliptical machines generate kilowatt hours for the grid — with pedal power. Four self-powered treadmills use no electricity at all, replacing similar motorized equipment.

Davey Vera, a freshman majoring in accounting and working part-time at the gym, said he would like to see more green gym equipment.

"Exercising is lowering electric bills, which is better for the school," Vera said.

Solar powered charging stations — in the form of picnic tables by the water near Coquina Hall and

the library, and a bench outside of the Science and Technology building — are convenient for plugging in electronics such as cell phones and laptops while people enjoy the outdoors.

A new hybrid truck for Waterfront programs has just arrived. The truck transports people and equipment for kayak adventures, canoe trips and sailing regattas.

About 200 bright green, 25-ounce aluminum water bottles will soon be distributed to students to promote new water bottle filling stations around campus. The stations, providing filtered water, will highlight a digital display with an up-to-the-minute count of how many plastic bottles have been eliminated by the program.

Michael Leggett, SGEF committee chair and a senior majoring in environmental science and anthropology, said he expects the stations to be installed in nine buildings by the end of the spring semester.

Energy-efficient LED lighting will brighten the first floor of the parking garage in the first phase

of a three-phase project. Leggett said installation is expected over the summer. Cost savings from the first phase could go toward funding phase two and LED lighting on higher floors. Further savings could help fund phase three, solar panels to provide energy for the new lighting in the garage, Leggett said.

What's next on the green horizon depends on ideas that come rolling in over the next few weeks.

Lauren Reilly, director of sustainable initiatives for Student Government and member of the SGEF committee, said she is working on a project proposal called "Be Knowledge-A-Bull about your energy use," related to utility submetering.

"The dashboard will be accessible via computer or smart phone and will show students how much water and energy are being used in 15-minute intervals," Reilly said. "We will pilot this project with Davis, Coquina and Bayboro, as well as the two dorms."

Reilly said SG is also hoping to get SGEF funds for 20 new outdoor recycling bins.

Reilly, a senior majoring in environmental science and policy, said she started working about three years ago to bring SGEF to campus by informing students and getting petitions signed. Due to efforts like hers, students voted in 2011 to pay a green energy fee of \$1 per credit hour for three years.

This adds up to about \$140,000 per year, said SGEF committee member Zachary Oppenheim, assistant director of campus recreation.

The SGEF committee — currently five students, two faculty and two university staff — oversees the fund, and holds open meetings at 11 a.m. Wednesdays on the second floor of the University Student Center.

"Green energy is part of the bigger picture of environmental sustainability," said Mark Lombardi-Nelson, student body president and a junior in the entrepreneurship program. "Sustainability is always at the table in Student Government. You know you are doing the right thing — that's what gets you up and keeps you going."

Anyone interested in sustainability and involved with USFSP, including students, faculty and staff, can apply for funding from SGEF to establish green energy projects on campus. Funds can be used for providing clean and renewable energy, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and reducing energy and waste disposal costs.

"It is important for students to be part of the process, because it is, after all, the students' money," said Daniel McGarigal, a senior majoring in environmental policy and member of the SGEF committee.

Proposals to the SGEF committee are due March 27 for projects to be considered this year. Instructions on submitting a proposal can be found at usfsp.edu/sgef.

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Editorial

No chancellor, no president, no problem?

Sometimes silence speaks a whole lot more than words.

Such is the case with USF St. Petersburg's chancellor selection process. The Tampa Bay Times reported on Thursday that Ronald Brown, the provost for Wayne University and one of three final candidates for USFSP's open regional chancellor position, had accepted an offer to be president at the University of North Texas at Dallas.

He said that he had come to this decision after weeks of radio silence from USFSP. Evidently nobody had so much as sent him an email explaining the process was still ongoing, or that he hadn't been selected for the position.

"I hadn't heard from them so I thought they were no longer interested," he told the Times.

How unprofessional.

You'd think USF President Judy Genshaft could spare five minutes of her day — somewhere between posing with Bull statues, deciding to let USF Tampa's communications program function without accreditation, and hiding from marching students — to do due diligence with the search process and let the guy know what's going on.

Brown was right to give up on us. Who would want to work under an unresponsive boss?

Silence means a whole lot more when you consider Sophia Wisniewska's response to the Times' inquiries.

The Times reported that Wisniewska, another final-three candidate, had initially agreed to an interview but backed out two days later.

"I cannot grant you a request for an interview now," the Penn State

Brandywine chancellor told the paper in an email. "I do look forward to speaking with you in the near future."

The third candidate, Ralph Rogers, the vice chancellor for academic affairs and a at Purdue University Calumet, said he hadn't heard anything.

In the meantime, the Student Government election for president has been anything but silent. Mark Lombardi-Nelson and Christa Hegedus were disqualified and requalified before the SG Supreme Court decided to suspend the elections pending a trial.

Vincent de Cosmo, the chair of the Election Rules Commission, is to blame for many of the problems. De Cosmo seems to have taken a cue from Genshaft — instead of notifying candidates that they had violated rules during the elections,

as the rules state, he waited until after they were over. Lombardi-Nelson and Hegedus had earned enough points from breaking the rules to disqualify them from being elected, but the points were thrown out due to de Cosmo's self-described "malpractice."

Without a president selected for next year, USFSP cannot vie for the role as USF's representative in Tallahassee, which was the entire point of moving the election date to an earlier time. In the past, USFSP student body presidents have not been able to apply for the role because they were elected after the deciding date.

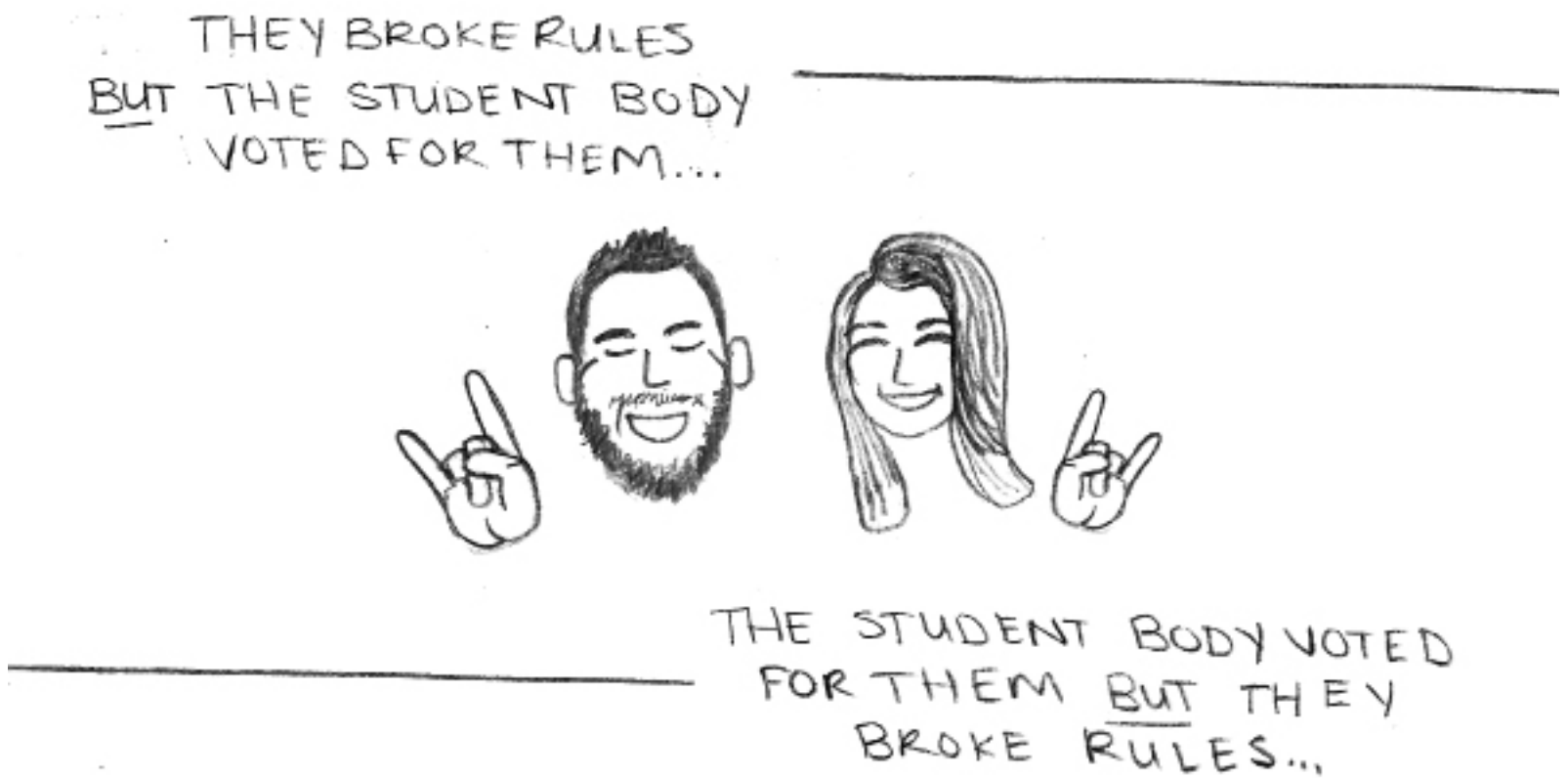
USF St. Petersburg students are without a chancellor, without a student body president and, presumably, have no idea when to expect to know these things.

Silence is the word at USFSP.

Editorial Cartoon

No Idea

a series by Elizabeth Malley



Quotes & Notes

Mount Vesuvius erupted for the last time on March 18, 1944. Three local villages were leveled, and a fourth lost major sections. A nearby United States Army Air Force group lost 78 to 88 B-25 Mitchell medium bombers, which were melted and pulverized by hot ash and debris. The area around Vesuvius today is the most densely populated volcanic region in the world.

"Ash was falling onto the ships now, darker and denser the closer they went. Now it was bits of pumice, and rocks that were blackened and burned and shattered by the fire. Now the sea is shoal; debris from the mountain blocks the shore. He paused for a moment wondering whether to turn back as the helmsman urged him. 'Fortune helps the brave,' he said, 'Head for Pomponianus.'"

-Pliny the Younger, writing about Vesuvius' eruption in a letter to a friend in 79 AD

The price of knowing

BY REN LAFORME
STAFF COLUMNIST

Science might soon deliver me an answer to the question most adults wonder their entire lives.

How will I die?

Statistics has already done a good job laying the groundwork. We know, for instance, motor vehicle accidents are the most likely cause of death for young people and construction work is the most risky career. When it comes to diseases, we know the heart is the most likely cog in the human machine to malfunction first.

But that's general. And unspecific. That's the problem with statistics — it's a combined list of stuff that has already happened. I want

something prescriptive.

How will I die?

Enter: The brave new world of home DNA tests.

For \$100, a company based in California will ship me a tube in which I will deposit a significant amount of saliva. I will then ship this tube back across the country, and in six to eight weeks a website will tell me how likely I am to develop Parkinson's, or prostate cancer, or diabetes, or some other terrifying terminal illness that will soon burrow its way into my thoughts.

I'm torn about whether this is a blessing or a curse. The knowledge of a high likelihood for liver disease, for instance, will probably make me think twice before I reach for that

second beer. But I don't want to live in a constant state of paranoia.

Speaking of paranoia, I have considered the fact that I am shipping my DNA — a literal blueprint of who I am — to a for-profit company. I am giving this company permission to put me in some database where a scientist can figure out what makes me tick. The fact that the company, called 23andMe, was founded by the wife of a Google co-founder is both comforting and disturbing. Don't be evil, right?

With these concerns in mind, it's easy to wonder why I paid to do this. I should tell you that I am interested in learning more about my ancestors. I should tell you that I want to find out whether my great grandfather really was a

full-blooded Native American. I should tell you that I want to find out how French I actually am (hint: it's not nearly as much as my last name implies) or whether my great-great-something was a Viking.

But none of those are the reason.

I saw an article a few weeks ago that said most humans have a bit of Neanderthal DNA — somewhere between 2 and 5 percent. I just want to know how much I have.

Isn't science great?

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The biggest fish in the smallest sea

BY AMANDA STARLING
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At the end of high school, your decision about where you would attend college was a popularity contest. Was your new school the reigning football champion? Did it offer the top marine science program in the nation?

For me, it was "Did you get accepted to one of the elite journalism programs in the country?"

During senior year, I was often asked if I was going to the University of Florida or any of those other high-brow schools of journalism. When I mentioned USFSP as my first choice, I was often received with raised eyebrows and concern for my decision. After all, I am a local to St. Petersburg. The joke for the hometown teens was USFSP was the school where "U Stay Forever." Friends looked at me as a child unwilling to let go of home and go on an adventure.

Just two weeks ago I spoke to a photographer from the Tampa Bay Times. He asked my major, plans and thoughts on obtaining a career. We discussed the state of journalism, the mess of the Internet-versus-print debate that my generation would have to clean up, and the choice of education for a young journalist.

Sure, the top tier schools were great in their day, he said. But they are teaching straight out of an '80s textbook. It's all about the real-world experience.

I finally let go of the breath I'd been holding for two years. He assured me of my decision, that opportunity lay best with the real world. It was my mantra since I first picked up a pen. That sort of reassurance from a professional is critical to a student of a dying trade.

Colleges equip you with enhanced skills and tips, but the key to any career path is one innate talent: motivation. Motivation is what drives a business major into an internship at Raymond James or an aspiring teacher into a classroom. A piece of paper from Northwestern means less without the resume to back it.

Motivation in a small pond can take a passionate student to a career. Local opportunity and establishment can lift that talent into success. Two years later and I'm more confident in my future than my "top-tier" friends.

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Republicans might need Bush

BY FRANK KURTZ
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On March 10, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush went on six different Sunday news programs, including one Spanish language program. His new book had hit the shelves earlier in the week. In it, he outlines his new position on immigration, which is different than his old position.

News flash: it will probably change again.

You may have missed if you were lining up party supplies and booking last minute hotel rooms for some spring break debauchery. No worries, I will fill you in.

On MSNBC, each program's host had a different take on what the book means. It of course boiled down to, "Is Jebby gonna make a run for 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in 2016?" In an NBC exclusive interview with Florida boy Chuck Todd, Bush did not rule out running in 2016, saying that he would have to see how 2014's midterm elections shook out before making a decision.

MSNBC commentators wondered if 2016 would be too soon for Jebby to run, given his last name being "tainted" due to his older brother Dubya's tenure in the White House. I am no fan of W. Bush's second term, but their father H.W. Bush was not that bad. I mean, the dude did everything: he was a World War II Navy veteran who trained in Florida, a U.S. Congressman from Texas, a United Nations ambassador and director of the CIA. And he was, of course,

the vice president of the United States and then the 41st president of the United States. He even broke his campaign pledge of "no new taxes" because the country needed more revenue.

That last bit is important for you Republicans out there.

Do you know when the last Republican ticket (president or vice) did not include a Bush or Nixon? I will tell you so you do not have to put down the *Crow's Nest* and go rummaging through the appendices of your American history textbooks. It was the campaign of the former Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, way back in the election in 1928.

For some more political trivia, the last Republican to win the presidency without carrying Florida was President Calvin Coolidge seeking his own full term in 1924. In '28 the Democrats nominated a Catholic with New York Gov. Al Smith, which is why Florida went Republican and Hoover was elected.

In '32, '36, '40, and '44 Franklin Delano Roosevelt won the presidency. FDR died in 1945 and Vice President Harry S. Truman ascended to the presidency and won his own full term in 1948. In 1952 the former Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower was atop the Republican ticket with the junior senator from California, Richard Milhous Nixon, as his running mate. They ran for, and won, re-election in 1956. Nixon would go on to head the Republican ticket in 1960, ultimately losing to the Catholic junior senator from

Massachusetts, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Florida voted for Ike in '52 and '56 and for Nixon in '60.

Republican Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater got ramshackled by incumbent President Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1964 — no Nixon on the Republican ticket. Philosopher Billy Joel once said "Richard Nixon back again" in reference to Nixon's victories in 1968 and '72. Florida went for "Tricky Dick" in both. In the wake of Watergate, the former governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter, won the presidency in 1976 over incumbent President Gerald Ford.

In 1980 former California Gov. Ronald Reagan trounced Carter. Guess who Reagan's vice was? George H.W. Bush. The Reagan Bush ticket won in another landslide in 1984. H.W. went on to head the Republican ticket in 1988 and won. He was not so lucky in 1992 when he lost to Arkansas Gov. William Jefferson Clinton. Florida voted Republican in all four elections H.W. Bush was on the ballot.

Clinton went on to win re-election in 1996 against senior Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, who had Jack Kemp, the former Buffalo Bills quarterback, Congressman from western New York and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary as his vice presidential nominee.

In 2000, Vice President Albert Gore Jr. ran against Texas Gov. George W. Bush. The country waited several weeks as the results from Florida were recounted. In early December, the Supreme Court of the United States stole

the election for Bush by declaring Bush "won" Florida. Dubya won re-election in 2004 over junior Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry, this time winning Florida outright.

In 2008 Illinois junior Sen. Barack Hussein Obama defeated senior Arizona Sen. John McCain. In 2012 President Obama was re-elected over former Massachusetts Gov. Willard "Mitt" Romney. In both '08 and '12, there was no Bush on the Republican ticket. Obama also carried Florida in these elections, a feat no Democrat had accomplished since FDR. During the 2012 cycle Jeb Bush said he would not run, but he has since changed his tune.

It has been 85 years since a Republican ticket without a Nixon or Bush was elected to the Presidency and 89 years since a Republican was elected without carrying Florida. Despite the "tainted" Bush name in countrywide politics, and in Florida for that matter, Jebby maybe the best chance for the party of Lincoln to recapture residency in the White House.

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BRIEFS

Boo Weekley had an eight-under par round on Sunday to charge up 33 spots in the final round of the Tampa Bay Championship at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, but finished in second place.

American Kevin Streelman was four shots under par on Sunday and minus 10 for the weekend to earn his first career PGA Tour win. Streelman didn't bogey a hole on Saturday or Sunday and jumped to No. 6 in the FedEx Cup rankings.

Last year's winner, Luke Donald, finished tied for fourth at six shots under par.

Rapper Redfoo, real name Stefan Gordy, is using his time on hiatus from LMFAO to pursue a non-musical dream of his: playing professional tennis. Gordy has entered the USTA Northern California regional, part of the U.S. Open national playoffs.

Gordy hopes to earn a berth in the final Grand Slam tournament, held in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. in August. The sectional will run June 18 through 23 in Salinas, Calif.

Gordy, who played tennis as a junior, will participate in singles and mixed doubles with 17-year-old Ayaka Okuno, whom he currently coaches.

"The proposed rule change for running backs might be the most absurd suggestion of a rule change I've ever heard of. In order to lower ur shoulder u obviously have to lower ur head. It's a way of protecting ur self from a tackler and a way to break tackles."

- a tweet from Matt Forte, running back for the Chicago Bears, on a rule change proposed by the NFL on how runners may deliver a hit. The change would penalize 15 yards to a ball carrier who lowers his head to deliver a blow if he initiates contact with the crown of his helmet outside of the tackle box. Player safety and the recent controversy surrounding head injuries are cited as the major reason for this proposed change.

Lady Bulls eye up NCAA Tournament



Courtesy of USF Athletics

USF women's basketball head coach Jose Fernandez, hired in 2000, is the winningest basketball coach, among men's and women's teams, in USF history.

BY SAMANTHA OUIMETTE
STAFF WRITER

USF head coach Jose Fernandez had been preaching his team, "If we do what we need to do, we're a tournament team." The women's basketball team, boasting a 21-10 record overall and a 9-7 record in conference play, is poised to grab a NCAA Tournament berth for just the second time in the program's history.

Fernandez, who led USF to its first tournament berth in 2006 and an NIT championship in 2009, knew that despite a worthy record the Bulls would need to do decently in the Big East Championship to cement themselves as a tournament team.

While their peers were enjoying spring break, the women's basketball team traveled to Hartford, Conn. to participate in the Big East Championship. USF had a first-round bye as the No. 8 seed and

played its first game on March 9, taking on ninth-seeded Rutgers.

It was not the matchup that the Bulls wanted for their first game of the tournament. Rutgers had been difficult to play against earlier in the season and were coming off back-to-back wins over ranked opponents. The game earlier in the season ended in win for the Scarlet Knights by the score of 68-56. Fernandez said that loss was because of a poor effort by his team on defense.

The Bulls had to earn every basket against the Scarlet Knights, trailing 14-3 midway through the first half before clawing their way back to within a point of the lead at halftime.

Eight unanswered points, all of which were free throws, in the final five minutes allowed USF to top a Rutgers squad that was defensively sound throughout the game. The Bulls went on to win by the score of 42-39, advancing to the

quarterfinals to take on the No. 1 seed Notre Dame.

The Bulls nearly pulled off the upset when they played the Fighting Irish earlier in the season losing 75-71 in overtime. The close game prompted Irish coach Muffet McGraw to declare that the Bulls are "a very, very good basketball team" and that they "should be ranked in the top 25".

The second time around the result wasn't as close. The Bulls fell 75-66 to the Irish. Notre Dame would go on to win the Big East Championship over UConn who had won the championship each of the past five seasons.

Many felt as though the Bulls would need to get at least one win in the Big East Championship in order to secure a spot in the NCAA Tournament. USF was able to get that one win, but due to upsets in other conference tournaments the Bulls' spot in the tourney is not yet secure. Still, it would be a

considerable snub if a 21-win team with a winning Big East record was excluded from the big dance.

The women's NCAA Tournament selection special will be on Monday, March 18. Charlie Creme, the "bracketologist" for women's basketball at ESPN.com, has the Bulls as a bubble team and the first of the "last four in" selections, as of Sunday. If Creme is right, USF will face the LSU Tigers on their home court in Baton Rouge, LA.

USF will hold a watch party for the selection show at the Sun Dome, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The watch party is open to the public, and Director of Athletics Doug Woolard, Coach Fernandez, and the entire women's team will all be in attendance. The NCAA Women's Basketball Selection Special will be televised on ESPN beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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Tourney time is unpredictable

BY MIKE HOPEY
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You've kept a close eye on all the contenders. You know all the favorites in the upcoming NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. You are a walking talking encyclopedia of college hoops. You are going to breeze through your bracket.

But the funny thing is you will probably lose that \$500 grand prize to a woman your mom works with who doesn't know the difference between a Gonzaga Bulldog and a

Butler Bulldog.

March Madness is the time of the year when the most ordinary of people can become a sports predicating superhero. Their only super power is pure luck. Congratulations, you watched every game of the Mid Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament and Susan from HR is going home with the big money and you will never get that time back.

College basketball diehards have one goal come tourney time. It isn't the money. They want to prove to the world that they know more

than the fates. It's a type of college basketball hubris.

The allure of March Madness isn't the opportunity to win stacks of cash. It's that in one shining moment, the impossible can happen. When Iona beats Duke in the first round it isn't awesome because you predicted it. It's awesome because it's Duke and Iona. Where the hell is Iona?

Nobody had any fun that year all the No. 1 seeds made it to the Final Four. I'd rather see a top-seeded team's fans crying instead of

celebrating.

Every college kid and young professional has convinced himself or herself that an Insider subscription to ESPN will be the path to easy riches.

Sorry to say, but every tournament pool is just another form of the lottery. The best bracketologist has as much a chance as Susan from HR. So enjoy the next few weeks for what they are: The ultimate example of sports at their most breathtaking.

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