Accreditation plans in limbo

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools raises doubts about USF St. Petersburg's autonomy.

By Matt Nelson
Staff Writer

Accreditation for USF's St. Petersburg campus is an important goal, but one that may not be easy to reach. Hopes for separate accreditation for USF St. Petersburg may depend on how the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reacts to a state law that requires the vice president to report to Judy Genshaft, who reports to the University Board of Trustees.

Interim VP/CEO Ralph Wilcox sent a letter Sept. 5 to SACS in response to their concerns that USF St. Petersburg may not have sufficient autonomy to be accredited as a separate member.

The first concern of SACS was "the relationship between the president of USF and the VP/CEO of USF St. Petersburg." Wilcox replied in his letter that under a Florida statute, "the president of USF has the legal responsibility for hiring and terminating the CEO." Wilcox also stipulated the other duties, which include managing the budget, administering campus operations, operating appropriate services and support to the campus, carrying out additional responsibilities for the efficient operation and improvement of the campus, and seeking accreditation.

However, one dilemma might interrupt the pursuit of accreditation. The law says one thing, but SACS prefers another.

"The campus must answer legally to USF Tampa, they then report to the board of trustees and they, in essence,"

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USF St. Petersburg hiring spree to benefit campus, community

By Linda J. Young
Staff Writer

USF St. Petersburg plans to hire for 62 positions this year, including 54 faculty and eight administrators. This opportunity likely will have a tremendous impact on the campus, St. Petersburg and Pinellas County.

University officials predicted a shortfall in state revenues will lead to a reduction in the budget of at least 5 percent, said Winston Bridges, associate vice president of the university. However, the university has planned in advance so that it will not slow hiring significantly.

One reason for the hiring binge is the legislative mandate that USF St. Petersburg seek separate accreditation. Another reason is the long-planned growth of the campus to better serve the people of Pinellas County by facilitating access to earn college degrees at a state university without the commute to Tampa.

As of now there are 105 faculty members on campus. Of the 54 new faculty hires, 48 will be teaching faculty, and the other six will be non-teaching faculty, primarily in library and advisory positions. Because five of the existing faculty will be retiring and another nine are visiting professors, the net gain will be around 34 new teachers. Bridges estimated the university will spend between $2.1 and $2.2 million to support the hiring.

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With the election over, citizens should assert their authority

The election is over, but not just about everyone's relief. Most people have had enough of ubiquitous political ads, unsolicited phone calls asking for votes and endless requests for money. With the end of election season, the relationship between the voter and the candidate changes. The citizen-politician relationship is similar to the relationship between an employee and an employer: Before the election, the candidates were job seekers, and citizens were hiring managers. Now elected officials are the employees, and citizens are their bosses.

President Bush explained this during a press conference following the election. "I congratulate the men and women, Republicans and Democrats, who were elected this week to public office all across America," Bush said. "I appreciate their willingness to leave their private lives to serve our community and to serve our nation."

The key word in the president's remarks is service. Yes, elected officials are servants. And whom do they serve? The public, of course—yours. And it's the job of each citizen to assume the duties of a boss does for his or her employees, including:

- Communicate. A good boss stays in touch with his employees, and citizens should stay in touch with their public servants by writing, phoning or e-mailing them to make their thoughts known. One example is the Bright Futures scholarships, important to many USF students, that were cut and may be reduced further in the future. Students with strong opinions should let elected state representatives know how they are affected.
- Evaluate. Bosses monitor the work of their employees, and the public should keep an eye on the work of elected officials, including their voting records. These Web sites are good starting places for learning what elected officials do in office, including their voting records:
  - www.leg.state.fl.us/welcome
- Terminate. Most public servants face another election in two, four or six years. The voting public, in their dual roles as hiring managers and supervisors, have the right to fire a politician at the next opportunity.

It's been said, "It's good to be the king." Voters may not be kings, but they are bosses, and that is a good thing. Now is a good time for the bosses to start watching their employees, while keeping in mind that complaints without suggestions rarely achieve results.

Opinions wanted

Do you have an opinion on a topic affecting USF St. Petersburg or the surrounding area? The Crow's Nest is seeking well-written, thoughtful letters to the editor. Letter writers should include their names, position (e.g., student), and phone numbers for verification. Letters may be edited for length or clarity and not all letters may be published. Please email your letters to: crownsnesteditor@yahoo.com.

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By Brandon Keith

Staff Writer

To understand political science, it's important to start at the beginning. The word "politics" comes from the Greek word "poly" meaning many, followed by the word "tics," meaning ugly, blood-sucking parasites.

At least that's how Professor Darryl Paulson explains it to students on the first day of class. Paulson, also known as "Professor Wit," has been teaching political science at USF St. Petersburg since 1974. Between appearing as a political analyst for local television stations and daily interviews with other media, he entertains people across the state as a "political humorist."

He's one of the few who specialize in the not-so-serious side of politics.

"Politics would be a serious business," Paulson said, "if it wasn't so darn funny."

Paulson, a self-proclaimed believer in the two-party system—meaning to party on Friday and Saturday—said his father sparked his interest in politics. Growing up, he was enthralled with current events and as a child, decided he wanted to teach politics. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1975 from Florida State University, Paulson began giving lectures and became popular for his unique style.

"I used comedy in my speeches to do two things," Paulson said. "I was able to illustrate my points, and it helps keep the audience awake."

Eventually he started getting paid for telling witty jokes. As "Professor Wit," he entertained at civic, political, and corporate functions. Recently, Paulson taped a special for WEDU, Channel 3, called "Florida Politics: Comedy or Tragedy?"

Paulson's presentations include something for everyone, from liberals to conservatives, and everything in between. He said his best material comes from politicians themselves.

"All I have to do is read the newspaper," Paulson said. "Then I just repeat what they say or do."

According to Paulson, it's important for politicians to have a sense of humor. "People like politicians who can make fun of themselves," he said. "If the people like you, they'll vote for you."

Paulson, who is a Republican, was asked twice by Democrats to run for office.

"I've never had the burning desire I think you need to run for office," he said.

In speeches, Paulson sometimes uses his collection of what he calls "America's funniest political commercials," featuring humorous political TV ads spanning four decades.

Students in Paulson's class also appreciate his ability to crack a joke every now and then.

"It keeps us on our toes," said Dana Clymore, who's in Paulson's Florida government class. "He always has something funny to say about Florida politics."

During the 2000 presidential election season, Paulson was interviewed more than two hundred times by different media organizations, including The New York Times, CNN and The London Financial Times.

"If you don't like the way we count here in Florida," Paulson said, "go to one of the other 54 states."
Education budget cuts and USF academics are among issues legislators will work on in the upcoming session.

By Matt Nelson
Staff Writer

State Rep. Charlie Justice, an academic adviser at USF St. Petersburg, won his re-election bid for Florida’s House of Representatives. Although his main responsibilities are to his district, the victory ensures the university will continue to have a direct voice in the legislature.

Justice, an adviser since 1999, uses both jobs to help the public and students in what he calls his life’s work. “My advising position helps provide background information for when I’m in Tallahassee, and vice versa,” he said.

Justice, who graduated from USF St. Petersburg with a bachelor’s degree in geography, said, “I’m happy to be working with students here to give advice and help direct their academic careers.” He works mostly with students majoring in criminology and psychology.

One issue Justice keeps in mind is the future of USF St. Petersburg. He said the legislature and the university’s board of trustees have not heard any plans for the future of the campus. Because USF’s board of trustees is made up of members who are mostly student members, this means that Justice’s role as an advisor means he can be a direct voice in any discussions on the campus. Justice said he is working with the university to make sure the campus is not forgotten in the budget cuts.

A dean’s painful transition: Heller’s ouster

Editor’s Note: These views are the expressed opinions of Bill Heller as told to reporter Gary Boxleitner.

By Grant Boxleitner
Staff Writer

Bill Heller looks out the second-floor window of his office in the Williams House, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus framed nicely in his view. In the distance, the campus’ transplanted Live Oak Tree greets a chilly Monday. It is a fine place to be, he knows, and that’s why he’s here.

Heller knows what is about to happen to him. It’s the announcement of his resignation as soon as possible. It’s the end of a 10-year tenure as the university’s dean. It’s the end of a chapter in his life that has been trying to search for a reason why anybody would do what happened to me,” he says. “I really robbed me of a graceful exit, which I think I earned. I will probably never forgive the university for that type of treatment because I really felt I deserved better treatment from a place I had given 10 good years to and made a lot of progress over here in a lot of different kind of ways.

Heller can’t draw upon a similar lesson in life setting him back, for his professional life is full of success stories. Jobs melted into one another as Heller made his own decisions, beginning with an honorable discharge after a two-year tour in Vietnam.

On a sunny Friday in May, Heller is getting ready for the weekend. It’s an exciting time to be at USF St. Petersburg. The school is seeking accreditation, autonomy and its own on-campus housing. Heller, in his 10th year as campus dean, has his hands in all of those. The new president, USF President Judy Genshaft phones Heller’s office. She wants to meet with him in her office suite today. Heller thinks little of the request, though he can’t remember Genshaft calling a meeting so quickly. “She said she wanted to talk,” Heller said.

As Heller quickly finds out after a 30-minute drive across the bay, Genshaft does more than just “talk.” In a matter of a few sentences uttered by her boss, Heller’s professional world comes crashing down in his mind. Genshaft

Florida State Representative and USF academic adviser Justice Charlie.

One more call to the Times...

Heller knows what is about to happen because of his morning habit of scooping his St. Petersburg Times as he drives. The headline confirms his worst fears. Bill Heller will be asked to resign.

Heller survived a slew of presidential and administrative changes at the university, but this time will not be one of them. He goes in Genshaft’s office and sees the two women looking helplessly at him.

Heller comes in with a proposal, just as Genshaft requested in their last meeting. He asks her to give him a two-year transition into retirement. By that time, he believes the campus housing will become reality and he’ll get a chance to enjoy seeing one more goal come to fruition.

Genshaft, however, tells Heller that will not work. They insist on moving on his resignation as soon as possible. “What’s the rush?” Heller asks. “There’s a person involved in this, and his name happens to be Bill Heller and this is kind of quick.”

Genshaft and Duncan reassure Heller that he’s all right and he’s doing nothing wrong. Those words do nothing to console him. Privately seething inside, Heller shifts his rhetoric to conform to what he thinks his boss wants to hear. He bargains and buys some phase-out time, though not as much as he

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Academic programs like geography

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wants. Aug. 31 will be Bill Heller’s final day as USF St. Petersburg dean.

In turn, Genshaft throws in a promise to get an endowed chair in special education at the St. Petersburg campus in Heller’s name and also plans to nominate him for a distinguished professor award. Heller admits that the chair would be a special honor, one, in his mind, that can wait until he’s through putting his touches on the university. As the month begins to follow, Heller is showered by consolation conversations by faculty, staff, students and city officials, and he privately welcomes all the attention. He hopes those in the administration who have done this to him see how much he is liked at the St. Petersburg campus. “We are a family,” Heller says.

Those happy thoughts quickly fade, however. Heller can’t escape his fate, and it hurts. “I’ve been trying to search for a reason why anybody would do what happened to me,” he says. “It really robbed me of a graceful exit, which I think I earned. I will probably never forgive the university for that type of treatment because I really felt I deserved better treatment from a place I had given 10 good years to and made a lot of progress over here in a lot of different kind of ways.

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Scholars meet benefactors at luncheon

By Vanessa Espinar
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In what might be called a match made in heaven, USF St. Petersburg students met the people who helped make their career dreams possible at a luncheon Nov. 8. One of those people is Pat Wardell, who gave a $500 scholarship for two semesters to two nursing students. Wardell was a nurse and she "wanted to encourage others to go into nursing," she said. "Maybe they couldn't afford it; this way they can.

Nancy Leclerc, 33, a senior majoring in finance, was the recipient of the Faculty/Staff and Francis Elvidge Scholarships. She is a single mother of an autistic child. "The scholarships helped me complete my education without going into debt," Leclerc said. "Every little bit helps.

Some of the scholarships are awarded in memoriam. That is the case of the Charles Haslam Award for Study in Liberal arts. Elizabeth Haslam, Charles' widow, said the award has been given for 18 years. "We wanted to do something in his memory that would help people," she said.

Other awards are given by companies, including The St. Petersburg Times. "Scholarships are a good way to help people continue their education," said Nancy Waclawek, director of corporate giving for the Times. "It is nice as a donor to be recognized, and to see the students we have helped," Waclawek said.

During the luncheon, some of the students were asked to read the thank you letters they sent to their donors. Aaron Norton, a senior psychology major, received the Dr. Robert Stout Memorial Scholarship. "If it wasn't for this scholarship, I wouldn't be able to go to school," he said. Although his donor was not present at the luncheon, Norton said he would keep writing to her to update her on his progress.

Dr. Bob Dardenne, a journalism professor, represented the faculty and staff for the Faculty/Staff Award. "Faculty appreciate the generosity of the donors because a lot of our students have financial strains, and these awards, no matter how small, help," Dardenne said. In his welcoming speech, Dr. Ralph Wilcox, interim vice president and campus CEO, said that scholarships allow the university to guarantee access to people and also to attract and retain the best students in our area.

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—the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, citing concerns with USF St. Petersburg's accreditation

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USF St. Petersburg 2002-2003 Scholarship winners

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Andree Allen
Carolyn Arenas
Indira Bachoo
Brent Boner
Lois Bryce
Amy Calabrese
Lacey Campbell
Sheila Culbreth
Victoria D'Angelo
Pamela Dillard
Erin Edwards
Vanessa Espinar
William Fulp
Rashelle Goodner
Jacqueline Hagenbuch
Lisa Hartley
Santehna Jackson
Monika Krejčírová
Nancy Leclerc
Medhi Likane
Jelena Ljustić
Lasyona Moore
Desire Nation
Denise Nicholas
Aaron Norton
Trii Owens
Nikishia Pierre
Jennifer Purcell
Robert Reynolds
Betty Scott
Shelly Shanahan
Rachel Tudor
Laura Ubinas
Christina Ward
Laronica Maurer
Karen White
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"Right now it's hard to control our own destiny, but we can prepare ourselves to be ready for whatever answer SACS responds with," Killenberg said. "We are holding our breath, it will demonstrate if we are on the right track or it will tell us if we are stalled. It will be one or the other.

The university stresses the importance of separate accreditation. It is essential to the existence of the campus, along with important federal aid programs within the limits of state guidelines," campus officials said in their response.

Killenberg said USF Tampa has been supportive. "USF Tampa has been a big help in both actions and words," he said. "It is committed to this campus and our autonomous endeavors."

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At the movies: Moore's Bowling for Columbine

By Kristie Martinez
Staff Writer

Film maker Michael Moore has given audiences a choice.

They're no longer sentenced to watching low culture movies like "8 Mile" and "XXX," but instead can leave a film intellectually enriched.

"Bowling for Columbine" is a critical analysis of how society has viewed gun possession and the fatalities that result from it. The paranoia that permeates American society and the popular belief that guns provide security are revealed.

Viewers are challenged to look at the roots of gun violence; they're pushed further to examine themselves.

Moore, a native of Flint, Michigan, examines the culture of his hometown, which had been training ground for one of the Columbine culprits and the perpetrator of the Oklahoma City bombing. Flint also inspired the creators of "South Park."

Moore seeks to discover why the city has been linked to such heinous acts. He tests the common beliefs that gun use results from violent video games, music, television and movies, and asks viewers to consider the influences of bomb-happy orientation.

By Kristie Martinez
Staff Writer

On "Whose Line is it Anyway?" a couple of homosexuals are a Paraguay, and you meet Jamaica when you go to heaven. It's a geography lesson taught by the Staff Writer. The trio from the popular ABC improv show were the highlight of this year's Homecoming Stampede, held at the USF Sun Dome Nov. 8.

With help from the audience, Esten, Sherwood and Proops played the games "Whose Line" fans know best, including "Sound Effects," where two audience members animated Sherwood's and Proops' actions with special sound effects. In the game "Moving," the actors could speak but couldn't move; two students had to lift Esten's and Proops' arms and legs to match their words.

Another game involved random sentences written by the audience. Esten and Proops created a hilarious dialogue with the sentences, which included lines like, "The guy in the black shirt is hot."

"Whose Line is it Anyway?" began in 1998 as a radio program in London. Now hosted by Drew Carey, the half-hour show features four core actors and a few rotating guest stars who invent skits, games and songs from audience suggestions. With no scripts or rehearsals, fans agree the show displays improvisation at its best.

Stampede's trademark is featuring stand-up comics, including last year's comedian D.L. Hughley. Stampede chairwoman Keri-Ann Dixon said this year's act gave the event a new flavor. "I thought 'Whose Line' was something different for USF," she said.

Esten, Sherwood and Proops repeatedly cracked jokes on the USF Homecoming committee and the Memphis Tigers, the football team USF defeated Nov. 9. Littered with sexual references, the act kept the young adult audience engaged.

USF St. Petersburg sophomore Alexis Harris said the show on "Whose Line" is it Anyway?" began in 1998 as a radio program in London. Now hosted by Drew Carey, the half-hour show features four core actors and a few rotating guest stars who invent skits, games and songs from audience suggestions. With no scripts or rehearsals, fans agree the show displays improvisation at its best.

"It was really funny," Harris said. "I've watched the show on TV a couple of times, and Stampede was a lot like it."

The 2002 USF Homecoming court also took the stage Friday night. Couples from each campus were introduced, including USF St. Petersburg Duke Roderick Nussey and Duchess Susan Sietsma.

Brian Pink, Dana and DJ Structure from 93.3 WFLZ hosted the event, rousing the audience with free T-shirts and beads.

Harris said having a great seat made the show even better. Nancy Coscia, director of student life at USF St. Petersburg, said the campus Homecoming committee reserves a block of prime seats every year for Homecoming events. Although 42 student tickets and 21 non-student tickets were available for Stampede, sales were low. "If students don't take advantage of it, we're not going to purchase as many [tickets]," Coscia said.

However, USF St. Petersburg students may already have purchased tickets from USF Tampa. Coscia said, because USF St. Petersburg received tickets three weeks late.
Search for new campus CEO continues

By Matt Nelson
Staff Writer

The President's Advisory Committee recently met to discuss and revise the vice president/campus executive officer position statement soon to be released by USF St. Petersburg.

The committee looked over a draft of the position statement and several members collaborated on modifications. "Essentially, this tells exactly what we are looking for," said Mark Wilson, chair of the committee.

The two-page position statement is modeled after Ohio State University's profile of the president. In a draft Nov. 7, the position statement reads "The VP/CEO is the primary spokesperson ... and has budgetary authority and responsibility for all planning and operations" of the campus.

Committee members also stressed the importance that applicants possess a terminal degree, preferably a doctorate, and a have substantial experience as a successful administrator at a research-oriented university. A number of personal attributes also play an important role: the VP/CEO shall inspire respect and trust, have motivation and energy to implement change, respectfully represent the campus to the USF president, Florida Legislature, academic and local communities.

The search firm, AT Kearney Inc., will soon begin accepting applications. All applications are due Dec. 20 and promptly will be sent to USF St. Petersburg, for formal review by committee members. At this stage, candidates' names will be omitted from the initial applications.

Under advisement from Judy Genesha, staff liaison Donna Knudsen said, "We will not rank the applicants, but we will list the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate to find the best fit."

Committee members plan to draft a list of questions to ask the candidates to help determine the candidate's style of "enriching a scholarly environment," Wilson said.

The search is well on its way. The "Chronicle of Higher Learning" listed an advertisement for the position earlier this month, and the committee will begin making major decisions at the beginning of the new year.

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$2.2 and $3 million for salaries. "You can multiply a salary in the marketplace by two or three to compute the impact of that salary in the market," he said. "It's a huge economic impact, and there is obviously a multiplier effect that these people will live and work in the community."

Current professors feel a different impact. "Because each of the 64 positions requires a search committee composed of at least five members, most of the existing faculty must take time to serve on one or more of the committees," said "It's an enormous undertaking," said Bridges said. "We're not really dealing with faculty, associate professor and chair of a search committee for the dean of the college of arts and sciences.

The strain on faculty hiring committees ends when the applicants are hired. Deadlines for applications are staggered from Nov. 22 to Jan. 31, 2003. Consequently, the interviews with applicants, as well as job offers, also are staggered.

Forty-three of the 48 teaching positions advertised are tenure-track. These positions are contingent on the candidates, as well as job offers, also are contingent. These positions are contingent on the candidates, as well as job offers, also are contingent.

For the campus, the hiring spree will have a big impact on space, since every new teacher will need an office and classrooms for the four to five courses each will teach during the year. Bridges said the hiring will impact not just classroom space, but time as well, because the classrooms on campus are nearly at capacity at night.

"They are going to have to expand the time classes are offered to fill available space," he said.

The extra classes will max out available room at times. "Any evening, Monday through Thursday, we might have one or two classrooms available, but some nights we'll have no classroom available," Bridges said.

The university has admitted freshmen and sophomore students for the past three years, which has increased the head count of full-time students from about 1,000 to more than 1,500 this year.

The university anticipates the growing number of traditional-aged students, versus non-traditional-aged students, will decrease the demand for more night classes, and is conducting a survey at the registrar's office to see if students prefer more classes during the daytime, when the university has classroom space available.

Bridges said he believes the revised plans to offer 120 dorm rooms in 2005 will help open this campus in the middle of a city to students around the state. "I think it would be a great place for someone to go to school, rather than in a small college town," he said.

Despite the predicted decrease in Florida revenue and expected budget reductions Bridges said he will be surprised if the university doesn't get at least three-quarters of the faculty hired.

"Prudence says that we should develop some contingency plans," Herman Brames, associate vice president of administrative affairs, said.

Over the past five years, the Legislature has nearly doubled budgets for USF St. Petersburg. The past three years brought $2.3 million, $4.2 million and $7.2 million in new resources to expand enrollment and hire more faculty to open programs and new courses to more students.

"Would be receiving all these faculty whether or not we were seeking separate accreditation," Brames said.

"The object was to reduce travel time for students, have more classes available, add sections and give people more choices in the county."

"The campus faces a wonderful opportunity to grow its presence and its ability to provide education opportunities to the people of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County."

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After working at what is now the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Heller took over the struggle.

"A lot of people received real help. The state legislature awarded additional funding to the hospital in the wake of the improvement," Heller recalls.

"It's hard to think I've done well. I've been very fair about what happened," Heller said. "I am making a transition. My professional home is the college of education. I've never really gotten far away from them." Heller sits back and takes a phone call from a fellow faculty member. It's back to business for now.

Academic life trudges on for the lifelong educator. Knowing he still has so many friends who remember what he's done somehow makes it easier for him to move on.

As his career choice as a special education professor confirms, Heller oozes compassion for humanity. Helping people comes natural to him. "A lot of these people had lost so much of their dignity," Heller recalls. "It's hard to think you're going to call somebody 'they' and not really care about them. We turned something bad into something good."

Because he treats everybody he comes into contact with well, Heller struggles with the way he has been treated at the hands of the university, where his passion for progress found a permanent home. He likened his situation to a pirate's plank. He didn't even get the board, which he compares to his transition period. He was forced to step overboard and immediately start swimming.

On the 21st day of August, the university conducts a farewell party for Heller, even though he will remain a faculty member at the school. People from all walks of life turn out by the hundreds. Heller's legacy at this campus is safe in their minds. Ten days later, he founds himself in his new office...
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Saturday, Griffin was on fire as she gunned two first place finishes out in races Nos. 7 and 8 and got a second in race No. 9.

For the last three races run on Sunday, Doyle described the wind as "pretty shifty" because the course was closer to land.

"Genoa was a little more timid on the start, which caused her to have some difficulties getting to the favored side of the course," Doyle said. "Downwind she played it conservative not wanting to capsize and let some boats sail over top of her, which cost her some points. She still had a terrific day ending the last race in the top five to finish the regatta fourth overall." ICSC Women's Singlehandeds is considered one of the "big three" championships in Women's College Sailing. The other two major women's champs are Women's Spring Dinghy Champs and Women's Atlantic Coast Champs. Griffin's fourth place finish has boosted USF Women's Sailing Team to an eighth place national ranking according to the latest "Sailing World" magazine poll.

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8. Jamie Smith - St. Mary's
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