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Board studies new building additions

By Kristi Martinez
Assistant Editor

Student housing, a campus central core project and securing accreditation dominated the conversations at USF St. Petersburg’s Board of Trustees’ meeting Feb. 26.

Steve Ritch, associate vice president of student affairs, summarized the results of research on residence life at USF St. Pete. Housing is important to approximately 80 percent of students.

"Up to 25 percent of students are cross-ensrolled and commute from St. Pete to Tampa, while only 5 percent come from Tampa to St. Pete," Ritch said.

The study investigated demand for on-campus housing, land availability, construction and operations costs and student development resulting from housing.

Ritch said the anticipated plan is divided in three phases. The first involves negotiating a master lease by Fall 2003 with a nearby, privately owned residential building with 40 to 120 beds. Phases two and three require constructing 240-bed buildings, the former on campus property by Fall 2004, and the latter by Fall 2006.

Two-double bedroom suites priced between $1,700 and $1,800 per semester were the most popular among the students surveyed. The suites would be furnished and fees would include utilities, basic cable, phone and high-speed Internet connections.

David Welch, a member of the university’s board of trustees, didn’t like that the facilities had no plans for kitchens. "Some don’t want to pay for kitchen preparation areas," Ritch said. "(The suites) are okay for freshmen, but there will necessarily be a meal plan."

Inside the Nest

Campus housing approved by board

USF St. Petersburg’s Board of Trustees unanimously approved on-campus housing at its meeting on Feb. 22. The first apartments could be available for 40 to 120 students by fall 2003. The board seeks an independent, non-profit foundation to fund building and operation of residence suites on university-owned land for another 240 students by fall 2004.

MEMS technology to spur local boom

Florida’s weak economy may strengthen if it harnesses sectors of the technology industry. Microelectromechanical Systems, or MEMS, are tiny high-tech devices that may provide at least a local surge in tech jobs. MEMS devices are used in a variety of everyday utilities, making it a potentially large source for employment.

Sen. Bob Graham faces tigers’ roars

U.S. Senator Bob Graham faced tough questioning at the Tiger Bay Club’s meeting in the Campus Activities Center on Feb. 19. Among the issues about which he was questioned were Florida’s economy, education and terrorism.

Students

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Three of us move our "wings" in unison on a make-shift stage. A student, Thor Burgess, is the king of the roost, pumping his arms and kicking his legs.

The group isn’t vying for Broadway or Hollywood, but is learning about stage directions and improvisation skills.

Creative Clay cultural center spurs developmentally disabled artists

By Kristi Martinez
Assistant Editor

It’s 10 a.m. and I’m flapping my arms like a chicken.

This isn’t something I do every morning after breakfast, but today I’m volunteering in the theater class at Creative Clay Cultural Arts Center.

Mary Danford, a student at Creative Clay Cultural Arts Center works intently with watercolors. Creative Clay primarily serves developmentally disabled adults.

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OPINION

Profile needed at airports

By Jonathan Perle

This weekend I took a flight to Florida to attend a friend’s wedding. Arriving at the airport two hours before my 9:30 a.m. flight, I found baggage and security lines that stretched, in some cases, so far that you were unable to see the ends of them.

It took 30 minutes in the shortest (outdoor) line to check my luggage (which, in earlier times, would have met the requirements for carry on). Next, I spent another half-hour waiting to go through security. Finally, I was randomly searched (including being asked to take off my shoes), before being allowed to board the plane. This is about the fifth time this has happened to me since Sept. 11.

The problem with the new airport security is that it exists mostly for show, and its methods of operation demonstrate an unwillingness to seek out terrorists aggressively. The show is what you see before you every time you go to the airport today. Long lines at security, extensive use of metal wands, military personnel with assault rifles (many of them unloaded), etc.

While these things look impressive, they are mostly a fantasy to make you feel safer. For instance, does it really matter if a security guard has a pistol or an assault rifle? If a terrorist makes it onto an aircraft, either one is useless.

The government’s unwillingness to use profiling at airports, despite the fact that profiling is probably one of the best measures that could be used to deter and/or stop potential terrorists, tells you what you need to know about its seriousness.

In this country, profiling has taken on a bad name, as most people tend to think of the racial profiling used by police officers and assume that all profiling is bad. Civil liberties groups protest profiling for a variety of reasons, and the government has been unwilling to take the political risk for profiling at airports, despite the fact that, in this instance, it is a matter of national security. Because of the current policy, many Americans are inconvenienced while little in the way of security is gained.

Financial aid survives cuts

Grad students’ work-study programs axed instead

By Erika Pratesi

According to the University of South Florida Summary Base Budget Reduction Plan, students should anticipate that classes will be larger and course offerings fewer. Thus, many students may not be able to graduate on time.

However, despite the budget cuts’ pervasive impact on students’ lives, financial aid will remain unscathed.

“In terms of funds for students, programs like Bright Futures are held harmless,” said Leonard Gude, director of the Office of Financial Aid. “There’s no need for concern. In fact, the university is putting more money in merit-based programs for incoming students.”

However, the financial aid office has undergone changes in order to buffer cuts to their operational budget. Instead of sending letters to students to remind them to apply for financial aid, the financial aid office has contacted students by way of e-mail.

This change has not hindered the communication between the department and the students, said Gude. “It has become more effective than paper letters,” he said.

Employment in the department will be reduced, however, because of the budget cuts. “We are having to hold some positions open to meet our budgetary requirement,” Gude said.

We’ve used graduate students in the past, but we won’t have the funding to support (all of) the graduate students. While the financial aid office currently employs 10 graduate students, next year it will probably support only one or two, Gude said.

“We’re going to do the best we can with what we have.”

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MEMS monitor health and science

By Linda Young
Contribute Writer

Florida's economy depends on citrus fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today, but for tomorrow's fruit to survive today.

Microelectromechanical Systems, or MEMS, are tiny high-tech devices used in a variety of practical functions. It's so practical, in fact, that the Center for Ocean Technology thinks it may be the key for bolstering Florida's featherweight economy.

Over 200 people - including bankers, venture capitalists, accountants, and representatives of manufacturing in high technology firms - learned about MEMS at the Business Technical Conference: Tampa Bay and MEMS; on Feb. 22.
The event's sponsor, the Center for Ocean Technology, worked in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg and the Chamber of Commerce to stage the first such conference in the Campus Activities Center at USF St. Petersburg.
The Tampa area has been prolific in high-tech business as it experienced an increase in technology jobs during the 1990s, while statewide, Florida lost high-tech jobs.
The primary goal of the conference was to educate the community about MEMS technology, to develop and maintain a partnership with the business community, said Carol Steele, administrative manager at the center. The center is located at the USF College of Marine Science.

"We are doing a cutting-edge technology here, said Steele. "Our scientists and engineers are creating new technology, but that is not enough."

"We are interested in using the technology as a stimulus for economic development and a generator of ideas within the community and region," Steele said. Steele said they hope businesses return to talk about applying MEMS technology to their processes and new products.

MEMS chips are already used in products from computer disk drive heads to ink jet printer heads and air bag sensors, but there is a new generation of MEMS technology that should do more, Steele said. The new MEMS generation should be complete in 18 months.

Current generation MEMS chips range in size slightly and are barely visible to the naked eye. The new generation of MEMS will be considerably larger, about the size of a pack of cigarettes, but will have its own power source and far-reaching capabilities, many of which are expected to be military in nature.

"It's a multi-use, multi-faceted, broad application, re-configurable detection instrument that can be used in a whole host of applications," said Larry Langbrake, director of the Center for Ocean Technology.

The new generation of MEMS is referred to as a micromonitoring instrument, or MMI. Ideally, upon completion, MMIs can be used for activities like parachuting into a battlefield, constantly "tasting" the air to detect hazardous chemical or biological weapons.

Other possibilities include dropping MTIs into remote villages so they can taste human blood to diagnose disease or illness.

Sealed inside the fuel tank of a Patriot missile they will monitor fuel for stability, saving the military from the expensive chore of dismantling missiles to perform safety tests. For the military, having MTIs monitor missiles not only saves money, but also increases military readiness. A dismantled missile is an unusable weapon, said Langbrake.

Homeland defense and military readiness are in the forefront of MEMS concerns today, Langbrake said, but MMI technology has many applications.

In medicine and other fields of science, MEMS capabilities will include genetic, DNA and protein analysis "so you can look at the inner guts of a bacterium or perhaps some other organism to identify right down to the species what you are dealing with," Langbrake said.

In a way, MEMS is a spin-off of transistors used for radios and television in the past. MEMS technicians expect spin-offs from current technology sometime in the future. It's evolution, they say.

Imagine wearing a wristwatch that monitors your health constantly. It could be on its way, Langbrake said. Imagine the recently developed personal transportation device, the Segeway, with the price dropped from $3,000 to a mere $300 or so. Another possibility MEMS offer.

The Center for Ocean Technology started in 1995 with five people and development of the MEMS division started in 1997 because of a perceived need to bring high technology into the Tampa area.

Now the center has a staff of nearly 60 employees, full and part-time, including 10 students.

As demand for MEMS products increases, so will the number of jobs in the industry. The university plays an integral role in the success of the center and its MEMS division because it has the potential work force in the field. Students.

U.S. checks into Al-Arian's Islam activities

Compiled from Wire Reports

Federal prosecutors said Thursday that they are still involved in an investigation into the activities of University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian.

U.S. Attorney Mac Cauley didn't comment on details of the probe nor did he specify any anticipated action by investigators.

Cauley said it was important to clarify that Al-Arian has not been cleared despite the fact that he hasn't been indited.

According to wire sources, U.S. congressman still consider Al-Arian a potential threat to U.S. citizens.

Announcing the investigation was a way of sending a warning, they said. Al-Arian, a professor of computer engineering, said he didn't know why Cauley made the announcement. Al-Arian continues to plead his innocence.

USF president Judy Genshaft said how it would affect her long-awaited decision to fire Al-Arian.

Former federal prosecutor John Fitzgibbons said the fact that any statement was released - an act he said was as rare as "snow in Tampa" - indicates a "very significant investigation" is under way, reported the St. Petersburg Times.

"Although we are normally prohibited from acknowledging whether or not there is an ongoing criminal investigation, there are exceptions to this policy such as when the community needs to be reassured that the appropriate law enforcement agency is investigating a matter. As the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, I hereby acknowledge that federal law enforcement does have an active and ongoing investigation into the conduct and activities of University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian."

U.S. Attorney Mac Cauley

Ray Weatherford, the president of USF's faculty union and a staunch supporter of academic freedom, said he moved reeked of 1950s McCarthyism.

Al-Arian has been investigated by federal agents before in the mid-1990s. He was the focus when the FBI suspected that an Islamic think tank he operated at USF was a front for terrorists.

A former leader of Al-Arian's previous USF Islamic group, Ramadan Abdulah Shallah, left Tampa in 1995 and re-emerged as the head of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist organization in Palestine.

Al-Arian also was accused of raising money for Palestinian groups with ties to terrorism. He made inflammatory speeches against Israel. Once he was recorded saying: "Victory to Islam. Death to Israel."

Al-Arian applied for U.S. citizenship to avoid arrest and has never been charged with a crime. But the FBI hasn't closed its investigation.

In November, officials from Cauley's office and the Tampa FBI were preparing to travel to Israel to gather evidence in the Al-Arian investigation. The trip was canceled because of escalating violence in the region, the Times reported.

Information from this report was taken from the St. Petersburg Times and The New York Times. 
USF inches closer to campus dorms

By Kristie Martinez
Assistant Editor

Students may soon be calling USF St. Petersburg home as the campus board voted unanimously Feb. 26 to begin negotiations for university housing.

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time; however, the instructor could hear but not see students.

If USF has since purchased video conferencing equipment that allows sight and sound transmission to and from both parties, said Hameit. All four USF campuses are now equipped with the video-conferencing gear as is St. Petersburg College.

Besides expanding enrollment to include out-of-state students, the university also benefits by cutting faculty costs. Haneit said this high-tech interaction increases student participation and reduces the number of faculty the university needs by reducing small classes to one location.

If a course is in low-demand on one campus but offered as a distance-learning course, Haneit said, it's no longer necessary to hire a professor for just a few people.

She added that faculty may also use the equipment for meetings when not in use for a class.

Although distance-learning courses are limited, expansion continues based on demand.

Haneit boasted of USF's master's degree in library sciences as one of few in this discipline in the country, and it has the added bonus of being complemented with distance-learning courses, she said.

Degree objectives are met through a combination of off-campus meetings and online, said Haneit. There are other USF programs using distance learning for the same advantages.

Jerome Smith, professor of anthropology, has taught tele-courses for five years. He said it was a challenge when the program started, but things have smoothed gradually.

"There have been several complaints from staff that the video series are out-of-date, said Haneit. She added that USF would like to produce better videos, but cost is a major barrier to replacing the videos. There is talk of videotaping current courses so the information is up-to-date, said Haneit.

Financial Aid Information Update

Do You Want A Chance At Some Free Money?
All Students Applying for 2002-2003 Scholarships.
Just a friendly reminder that the USF St. Petersburg Scholarship Applications are due by March 8, 2002.

Do You Have Children In Licensed Daycare?
If so, you can apply for the Student Government Child Care Subsidy Program each semester you are enrolled at USF St. Petersburg through the Financial Aid Office, Bay 105. Pick up applications for full details at the Financial Aid Office or you can call 553-1128 for general information.
Tiger Bay claws Graham on issues

By Linda J. Young
Contributing Writer

Tiger Bay Club members visiting USF St. Petersburg grilled U.S. Sen. Bob Graham on topics including Florida's economy, its education system and terrorism.

The Tiger Bay Club, a private organization that regularly meets with community and regional leaders for questioning and debate, met at the Campus Activities Center Tuesday, Feb. 19, with Graham as its guest.

Among the first topics posed to Graham was technology's potential impact on Florida's economy.

"We are now in a new economic era in America," Graham said. "It is called the new economy, the high-technology economy. In that economy we ought to be a very significant participant."

Graham cited evidence, however, to explain why Florida might be unprepared to participate in this new global system.

"We still have a 19th century economy as we start the 21st Century," Graham said.

He said Florida's condition is rooted in its missing the industrial revolution for lack of the exploitable natural resources found in other parts of the country. The global economy of the 21st Century depends on educated people, which Florida is capable of creating, he said.

What Florida can do and what it will do is yet to be seen.

Citing disturbing evidence from a Florida Chamber of Commerce report on education, Graham said that Florida is making bad choices. The state may lag so far behind the others that it might lose the necessary momentum to participate in the new global economy, he said.

Another challenge, Graham mentioned is the state's withholding of documents addressing the need for changes in education.

"To me it is an outrage that this whole analysis of the state of education in Florida is not being made fully available to the people of Florida," Graham said. He decried the fact the legislature was meeting to make important decisions concerning the future of state education without full access to the unpublished Chamber of Commerce Cornerstone report.

"Florida's ability to compete in this new economy is largely determined by the quality of its workforce and its ability to discover, develop and apply new technologies," Graham read from the report.

The Cornerstone analysis reveals that only 56 percent of high school freshmen graduate on time and a mere 49.5 percent go on to college. So few choose science or engineering that the state ranks 45th in science and engineering degrees, he said.

Graham argued that Florida is changing community colleges into state colleges without considering implications. Additionally, new universities and professional schools - which may not be cost effective - are being established, including 650-student New College in Sarasota, while a new medical school consumes $300 million and still struggles to gain accreditation.

"Those are the kinds of political decisions that are being made which are sapping the resources that we should be spending on improving the quality of our education for kindergarten through the university system. Now there is something that you can do," he said, introducing his petition to bring back the Florida Board of Regents.

Public education isn't the only concern for Floridians, Graham said. National issues are Florida issues, too.

Graham, who is chair of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, called the war on terrorism a major effort that goes well beyond Afghanistan. When the conflict ends, the portion fought in Afghanistan will have been the easiest, he said.

"The next wars are likely to be in the suburbs of Damascus, Cairo, and we are not going to be sending B-52's over bomb ing those areas," Graham said. "It is going to be a very high-risk, close encounter effort to take out the balance of the Al-Qaida cells in the 20 - 40 countries where they operate, plus a dozen more or other international terrorist groups."

Our old intelligence network was designed for spying on nations, and didn't put the emphasis on human intelligence, Graham said. Technological advances allowed for agents to make high-resolution pictures of enemy installations from deep space.

If you want to find out what bin Laden is up to you can't take a picture of it, he said. This calls for human intelligence and changes in the way our intelligence agencies operate.

Graham said they are making those changes by closing gaps between intelligence agencies like the FBI and CIA.

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Sen. Bob Graham

Sen. Bob Graham fielded sharp questions from Tiger Bay Club members at a luncheon held at the Campus Activities Center on Feb. 19.

Campus Honor System Workshop

By Linda J. Young
Contributing Writer

George Sherman,
Behavioral Management Specialist,
Pinellas County Schools

Wed., March 6, 2002,
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Florida Center for Teachers,
Room 118.

This group discussion will focus on describing specific ways respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity, trust and care will be seen in action once the Campus Honor System is implemented, and how fostering these values can affect positive cultural change.

Campus Honor System Workshop

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By Angela Kluttz

For the fourth straight year, the Caravan Stage Barge, a theater on water, has docked at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. As it did last year, its crew will offer a course in theater to USF students.

The eight-week session will explore the history and techniques of environmental and physical theater, using workshops to give students experience in voice, movement, mask and physical acting.

The three-credit course will split time between a Davis hall classroom and the decks of the Amara Zee.

Four USF students attended a similar class last year. One of them, Dennis D’Ettore, a graduate of USF, recommends the course.

"Life is a theater," he said. "Everyone from a business to a teaching major needs to take a class in it."

The Caravan Stage Barge has traveled all along the East Coast of the United States putting on theatrical performances. The ship’s name, Amara Zee, means "sea goddess," said Paul Kirby, artistic director and co-creator of the theater.

The ship first entered the campus marina in the winter of 1998. Like most snow birds, it normally comes around November and stays until April, said Kirby.

On Feb. 15-16, the crew put on a performance titled Red Tides in Clearwater to a crowd of more than 450.

Red Tides, a work of experimental theater written by Kirby, uses music, dance, poetry, aerial suspension, lighting art and other techniques to draw the audience into the performance.

"Between the dancers, the actors, and the people hanging from the boat mast, there was never a dull moment," raved Jason Schindelmuher, who attended Red Tides. "At times I wasn't sure exactly what to watch."

Staging, lighting, scenery and sound equipment are fully incorporated into the design of the ship. Cast members utilize the entire deck, masts, and the land itself. The water and sky surrounding the vessel also play a big part in the show. Weather often makes or breaks this outdoor performance.

Cast members walk into the play from out of the audience and from far sides of the boat. The 18 members are experienced performers, and each plays a role as a crewmember of the ship. Kirby said crewmembers learn how to work together and trust each other because on stage, "everything is trust."

The idea behind the theater is to attract conventional audiences to unconventional work, said Kirby.

The crew increases its appeal by not charging a fee. The theater manages to survive financially by contracting to cities and organizations instead of charging an audience for tickets.

"We like the shows to be free because it brings in people from all walks of life and economical status," said Kirby. "That way, we get to introduce all types of people to experimental theater - even people that wouldn't regularly come to see a show."

But St. Petersburg will have to wait a while to see one of the Amara Zee's performances. The ship's winter tour ended in mid-February in Port Charlotte and will not resume until summer.

"Cast members will now go their separate ways," said Wally Zalicuzi, the company administrator. The ship will be obtaining new performers for its summer tour, which starts in late April or the beginning of May. All cast members are chosen by interview or auditions held before the start of each season.

Before the next tour, USF students can become more familiar with environmental theater by taking the course which starts Feb. 25 and ends April 19.

Kirby and his partner, Adriana Kelder, plan to introduce students to 15th Century theater through various contemporary forms of drama. The class will also sail in Tampa Bay.

"Now that I teach a course," said Kirby, "it gives us an education component to our program. That's what we always wanted."
Creative Clay teaches artistic statement to the developmentally challenged. Most students are adults with conditions like Down syndrome, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and other physical or mental disabilities.

On an average day at Creative Clay independent artists and art attendant students teach painless, pottery, sculpture, music and dramatic arts. Students also go to local performances and museums.

"Our art program is very diverse and very educational," said Danielle Despathy-Rottenberg, director and co-founder. "We've definitely teaching on a high school to college level, and I think that's why (the students) are growing and learning so much.

"Each student is so different because of their past and present. You have learn to work with them in a certain way," she said. "And the students have been really patient with me. It's not a regular teacher-student atmosphere."

Clay students.

"They've taught me about just enjoying life. We tend to get so caught up in everything, in trying to conquer the world. (I've learned) to sit back and enjoy the simple things," she said.

Unfortunately, fear is one of the most common reactions students receive when they're out in public, Gamelin said. "They are really afraid of them," Gamelin said. "Whether you have purple hair or Down syndrome, people have a propensity to stare. Fear is what's first given off."

Exhibitions create contact between students and the public. Catersed openings held at the St. Petersburg site or at the Safety Harbor studio, 176 Fifth Ave. N., showcase professionally framed student works and occasionally feature guest artists, Despathy-Rottenberg said. Members from the community are also welcome to take classes with Creative Clay students.

"Each student is so different because of their past and present. You have to learn to work with them in a certain way," Gamelin, instructor said.

"My main purpose for (being here) is that I'm working with people who are really marginalized in society," said Gamelin. "They are a gem in society that we don't tap into."

Despathy-Rottenberg shared the discomfort she felt on her first day at Creative Clay. "I was feeling really tired and down," she said. "Then Lynn (a student) put her hand on my knee and told me to smile. It was her trying to enrich me. I was blown away."

"I've learned unbelievable life lessons about how enduring the human spirit is," Despathy-Rottenberg said of working with the group. "I've learned there's still an abundant amount of good in people.

Gamelin said the main thing her students taught her was patience.

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Patience has also been a lesson learned for Despathy-Rottenberg, as well as sharing, helping others, integrity and honesty, she said.

"They've taught me about just enjoying life. We tend to get so caught up in everything, in trying to conquer the world. (I've learned) to sit back and enjoy the simple things," she said.

In the heat of my wing flapping, I thought about what I've taken from my time at Creative Clay.

I discovered that charcoal is used for drawing, that you shouldn't wear anything nice when you're painting. I also learned that you don't shave the bottom clay that's about to be baked unless you want it to become a permanent fixture on the kiln.

More importantly, I've learned that when it comes to facing anyone, regardless of ability or disability, you don't have to be chicken.
Athletics on the Fly: Bulls Basketball '02

Men's Basketball

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Sailing team breezes to win at Eckerd

By Aaron Quinn

USF sailing is at full steam with a decisive victory at Eckerd College in its South Points regatta on Feb. 16-17. USF split into two groups for the weekend with one team heading to the College of Charleston and the other to Eckerd.

At Charleston, the USF sailors finished 13th out of 18 teams in total points earned. Teams split into two divisions, A and B, and USF’s best divisional finish was 10th.

Leading the regatta on race day was Yale University followed by the host, the College of Charleston, and Coast Guard.

Back in the friendly confines of the Gulf, USF dominated the overall field, finishing first out of twelve teams. They were followed Eckerd College and Rollins College.

In the two divisions at Eckerd’s regatta, USF finished first and second. Mike Hasse and Meagan Hector were winners in the A-division race, while John Hinch and Mili Bortel finished second in division-B.

It was a major victory to overcome many of the teams that plagued USF in previous regattas.

Earlier this semester, the USF women’s team struggled at the College of Charleston in the Charleston Spring Women’s Invitational. The Feb. 9-10 race saw USF finish eighth out of 13 teams overall, with a single-division best of sixth.

The overall victory was won by Brown University followed by Old Dominion University and the College of Charleston. Charleston finished first and fourth respectively in the A and B divisions.

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