USF debates land use with neighbors

By Aaron Quinn

"USF St. Petersburg is running out of room for growth, and it's trying to hold on to every square foot it possesses while pursuing opportunities to acquire what precious little land is left on its borders.

Three land issues have dominated recent high-level university talks.

On one front, USF officials are negotiating with the United States Geological Survey to modify its expansion plans, which call for building on a USF parking lot adjacent to the Piano Man building.

On the second, the university and city officials are exploring whether USF could take over operation of Bayfront Center.

Finally, USF hopes to reach an agreement with aviation officials that would free up parking space alongside Albert Whitted Airport.

The battle for the parking lot, however, is causing the most friction.

For several weeks, USF St. Petersburg, the USGS and the College of Marine Science have been in a tug of war over the lot, university sources said.

USGS wants the land to expand its buildings from its current northern border at Seventh Avenue S. to a new southern border near USF's Piano Man building at the end of the block.

USF St. Petersburg Vice President William Heller said the land is prized now as a parking lot and for whatever uses it might serve as the campus grows.

"The land is very valuable," he said.

USGS works in partnership with USF through the College of Marine Science, located at USF St. Petersburg. It's USF Tampa, however, that controls the fiscal functioning of the College of Marine Science, so initially the deal provided no compensation for USF St. Petersburg.

"The question that people on our campus ask is what do we get for giving up land to USGS," said Heller.

Heller said he's willing to compromise by giving up a portion of the lot for USGS' expansion but not the whole thing.

"We can live with giving a little space. (In return) they've offered to open their doors for our faculty and students.

A partnership between USF and USGS could give students access to USGS equipment and laboratories that the university would have to rent if it expanded.

Heller said existing programs, such as environment science and policy, geology and criminology, could benefit immediately as would, he said, new programs in the works.

Relationships over shared resources have succeeded with other groups.

"Relationships with the YWCA, Pediatrics Research, Streetscape and Baybooks have all benefited the university in some way," Heller said.

A compromise along the line Heller mentioned would ease the tension between USGS and USF St. Petersburg, but so far nothing official.

The dispute between neighbors apparently is related to USF's newly acquired autonomy.

"It used to be that Tampa would grant permission when a request was made," said Heller, referring to when Tampa had control over USF St. Petersburg finances.

"But they don't have to live here every day."

USF St. Petersburg's student government hopes a resolution is reached. Student Government Vice President Cassandra Hawkins said the potential for a new relationship to benefit students is worth losing some land.

Calls to USGS on the matter were not returned.

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USF's Piano Man building.

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Falling from grace?

This photograph was digitally manipulated to produce the parody of President Judy Genshaft and Dr. Sami Al-Arian in tandem. Will they cling to each other for support through this ordeal?

OPINION: Winning isn’t the only thing

By Larry Halstead
Contributing Writer

Have we reached the stage in our culture that nothing less than the absolute best in sports is acceptable? The Tampa Bay Buccaneers fired the most successful head coach in their less than storied history because he didn’t get his team to the Super Bowl. There is talk of replacing USF basketball coach, Seth Greenberg, because his teams have not won as many games down the stretch as they have early in the season.

What does this mean? Does a coach have to finish the best in the nation to retain his job?

When Vince Lombardi claimed that winning wasn’t everything, it was the ONLY thing, he started us down a path of exorbitant expectations that extracts excessive frustration from our fans. One only needs to peruse the daily newspapers’ letters to the editors or listen to the local talk radio shows to hear the dissent surrounding our area teams.

In contrast, watch the Olympics and see the pride on the faces of not just the gold medal winners, or even the silver and bronze winners, but in all the contestants who enjoy the experience of competition.

As for the Bucs, the memory of 14 seasons of double-digit losses changed quickly into expectations of Super Bowl teams, with four playoff appearances in five seasons under Dungy. But that wasn’t enough for ownership and now the team is faced with mortgaging the future by sacrificing top draft picks as compensation for a coach who also lost in the first round of the playoffs and who has a coaching record almost identical to Dungy’s.

If the man with the best record in franchise history isn’t good enough, it makes it hard to surmise who is. If a Super Bowl appearance is required, then 28 coaches should be fired after each season.

Here at USF, it is hoped that the athletic hierarchy will acknowledge the basketball program for the success it achieves. While it hasn’t made a Final Four, it has produced good, competitive teams that play well in the Conference USA. Greenberg has had winning records and runs a clean program. For that we should be grateful and appreciative. Those that call for Greenberg’s dismissal are shortsighted. There is no guarantee that a successor would do as well.

Often, the new coach takes a year or two to get his system installed and for results to show. It is not uncommon for the new guy to take the team backwards, at least at first. Look for this to happen with the Bucs and they struggle to learn yet another offensive scheme with another offensive coordinator, the fourth in four years.

Whether or not the new coach will equal Dungy’s record will be talk fodder for the next five years. But now that the standard has been set, that is, without making the Super Bowl, don’t bother to unpack, it will be even more difficult in the future to sell coaches on the merits of this franchise.

Letters to the Editor

There is an old saying: “You can’t save your ss and your face at the same time.”

It seems obvious that the president’s plan to use the social security surplus that comes from payroll taxes is his way to keep a promise not to raise taxes but get the money to finance his economic plans just the same. I would rather have him be honest and simply raise payroll taxes.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
20 Hidden Curriculum Luncheon Florida Center for Teachers Noon
27 Honor system dialogue CAC Room 133 4:30 pm
28 Deadline for entries in Award for Excellence in short fiction contest

MARCH
11-16 Spring Break
10 Honor system dialogue CAC Room 133 4:30 pm
26 LAST DAY OF CLASSES

APRIL
Final Exam Week

MAY
5 Commencement Mahaffey Theater 2:00 p.m.
By Kristie Martinez
Assistant Editor

I'm a wannabe writer. But don't ask why I wanna be.

When a deadline stares me in the face and the only thing on my computer screen is a blinking cursor, I tell myself there's nothing to write about in Boringville, Florida.

Carl Hiaasen, however, would disagree. For Hiaasen, Florida is overflowing with stories.

Hiaasen has been nominated three times for the Pulitzer Prize and his books have hit the New York Times best-seller list time and again. He claims he's taken his ideas right from south Florida newspapers. What newspapers do they read? I wondered.

Hiaasen was keynote speaker for the Florida Suncoast Writers' Conference, held Feb. 7 at USF St. Petersburg. It's a yearly event at which professional writers recharge and novices look for book and inspiration.

Hiaasen's stories of how he became a writer and how he solved the problem of finding something to write about provided the motivation and comic relief needed to start the three-day conference.

"The benefit of working in a place as depraved as south Florida is that the material is wonderful," Hiaasen said. "Somebody gave me this (article) yesterday: 'Man beheads rival, places severed heads to see and then set up a mirror in front of the head.' That's normal. Could that happen in Tulsa today? I don't think so."

Hiaasen said his first novel, Tourist Season, is about a "déranged news columnist and a little band of insolent insurrectionists in south Florida who decided the only way to save Florida was to scare all the tourists away. And the only way to scare all the tourists away was to kill a few of them off."

He followed his first book with a string of sarcastic successors that all twisted weird Florida facts into the plots. He also wrote Strip Tease, the book behind the movie released in 1996. Hiaasen bashed a Florida institution directly in Team Rodent: How Disney Devours the World, and, on the back cover, expressed his wish to be forever banned from the Magic Kingdom.

"Being born and raised in Florida and being thoroughly pissed off about what was happening here, I had no trouble looking for stuff to write about, and I had no trouble finding targets for what I wanted to say," he said. "I had the great luxury of being able to pick up a Miami Herald on any given day and see a story maybe three paragraphs long, but it was a novel." Hiaasen shared newspaper headlines like "Two die in attempt to hijack sex plane" and "Court: Gators in bed is bad idea" to show the crowd what he was talking about.

"This is what I mean about looking for material," he said. "You don't have to look very far where I live.

Hiaasen said he always knew he wanted to be a writer, and said he started voicing his opinions in an alternative newspaper he created in high school.

"What struck me the most at the time was how much people like to laugh when they read something, and how much they enjoy seeing the hallowed institutions and sacred cows get skewered and made fun of," Hiaasen said.

Writing for the Miami Herald helped teach him how to write good fiction. Hiaasen said. He's worked for the paper since 1976 and vents his frustrations about south Florida in a column that runs three times a week.

"The news business is a terrific educ­ation. Every day is different," Hiaasen said, "You learn very quickly how the world works. You don't see the happiest moments in the human experience, but you see very quickly the staff of which novels are made.

And with stories like "Mutant alliga­tors in Lake Apopka raising concerns" on front pages, Hiaasen won't be at a loss for ideas for future novels. Did I say Boringville, Fla.

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Honor code system talks to continue

By Aaron Quinn
Editor

A campus honor code at USF St. Petersburg inches closer to reality each week as administrators, faculty and a handful of students brainstorm its content.

Eventually a campus honor system of procedures and behaviors would spring from the honor code, which has been under discussion for about two years. The code will comprise core ethical principles that would guide a well-developed moral tone to everyday university life.

To date, discussions have been led by Steve Ritch, associate vice president of student affairs, and Dr. Jay Black, who heads the Program for Ethics in Education and Community (PEEC). The honor sys­tem sessions generally occur on Wednesday afternoons at PEEC's Hidden Curriculum lunches.

The latest meeting, Feb. 13, gathered input from faculty but few students. Those attending reviewed five principles that are likely to make the cut for the honor code: "respect," "responsibility," "honesty," "care" and "integrity." Two other possibilities are "trust" and "fairness."

Ritch said no code would be estab­lished until there is more student involve­ment. Ritch has scheduled five sessions for students over the remainder of the semester. The sessions will be held in the Campus Activities Center, Room 133, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Feb. 27, April 10, April 24, May 15 and May 29.

George Sherman, a character educa­tion guru for Pinellas County Schools, has joined Ritch and Black in leading discus­sions about the core principles. The Feb. 13 luncheon focused on "responsibility."

After dividing about 30 attendees into five groups, Sherman asked each group — comprised mostly of educators — to determine which attributes of responsibility students they considered most important.

The groups collectively decided students are responsible for being punctual, with "owning their actions," having initia­tive; and attending to others who ask for their attention.

Next the groups deliberated on attributes students should expect in their instructors.

The list developed included availability outside class; receptiveness to class­room discussion; clear academic expecta­tions; inspiration; and up-to-date informa­tion.

Sherman and Ritch agreed an honor code should affect the "whole campus culture," with the principles applying as much to faculty and administrators as to students. Sherman said honor systems succeed when they create a moral climate in which students are willing participants.

"We're not going to force students into an honor code," he said. "If a code is established, however, it will be expected that all students participate.

An honor system can present a vari­ety of expectations for students depending on what procedures are employed. In some colleges and universities, for exam­ple, an honor system allows students to take exams without a proctor. Honesty is expected; moreover, students are duty­bound to report cheaters.

It's not yet decided if USF St. Petersburg will adopt a similar system, but setting a positive moral tone is a cer­tain goal, Ritch said.

Ritch illustrated a positive-grounded system through a scenario of a student who witnesses another cheating. "Even if the honest student just mentioned to the other that the cheating was noticed, that shame is likely to mean something [to the cheater]."

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Career Expo helps 10 land jobs on spot

More than 100 offered second interviews

By Linda J. Young
Contributing Writer

Reading the chalk on the walk led 10 USF students to job offers at a recent job fair held on campus.

Traditionally, the Career and Counseling Center has used chalked-drawn messages on campus sidewalks to drum up student interest for Career Expo, this year held Feb. 6 at the Campus Activities Center.

Sixty-five organizations sent recruiters to the expo and 450 students attended, said Tara Mohrfield, one of the event’s organizers. Faced with an uncertain economy, students nationwide are taking advantage of career fairs to meet potential employers, Mohrfield said.

Rising unemployment rates, she said, mean students have to work harder to find jobs, and be a little more flexible in what jobs they choose.

There are jobs out there, she said. The important thing is to gain the experience by attending the fair before graduation, and then in a year see what happens, she added.

Apparently, students found the fair worthwhile. Evaluations completed by the employers who participated reported that more than 100 students were offered second-ond interviews. Ten students were offered employment on-site, and 10 more were offered internships, said Diane McKinstry, who directs the center.

Opportunities exist despite the challenges of rising unemployment, for now.

National unemployment a year ago was at 4.2 percent up to 5.6 percent this January, and increased from 3.8 percent to 5.7 percent in Florida during the same period. Employment is still strong in the Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater metropolitan area, with its rate at only 4 percent, but that's up from 3 percent a year ago, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics.

When unemployment numbers are high, attitude can be the difference between a job and the couch.

"At a job fair you don't want to just walk up to each booth and just drop your resume by and not say anything," Mohrfield said. "Your resume is probably going to get thrown in the trash. They can't put your face with the name."

The right perspective can help, too, said Mohrfield.

"I try to advise students to look at things from the employer's standpoint," she said. "If you were in that employer's shoes what would you want to hear? How would you like someone to approach you? How are you going to set yourself apart from other candidates?"

"Those are the type of things I try to at least encourage [students] to think about, and maybe come up with some approaches to use," Mohrfield said. She also advises students to follow up with a telephone call or handwritten thank-you card after meeting a potential employer.

To assist students in preparing for the expo, the career center critiqued resumes and offered tips.

The center's advice might have paid off as several employers at the expo had good experiences with USF students.

"I found they were very personable, you know where folks would come up and we would actually chat for a while," said Greg Statchwell of the U.S. Coast Guard. "You know talking about the area, talking about St. Petersburg, talking about 9-11, it was interesting conversation."

Statchwell and his partner, Loretta Sassin, were at USF primarily seeking people with four-year degrees as reservists or office candidates.

The Coast Guard also has programs for environmental managers. "We are looking for biology degrees; we are looking for any sort of environmental degrees, and most of those folks will work in the areas of the marine safety," Statchwell said.

McKinstry said the success or failure of a job fair depends on pleasing the employers who come. Good impressions, she said, will keep them coming back to your job fair.

"[We were] pleasantly surprised so many companies showed up during a recession," McKinstry said.

Community Service with Big Brothers-Big Sisters

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Pinellas County began a new mentoring program last year: Site-Based Mentoring. For college students, this new program will offer them a chance to become a Big Brother or Big Sister in a more structured environment and with a time commitment they can live with!

In this new program, a volunteer meets one-on-one with a child one hour a week until the end of the school year at a designated neighborhood site.

Currently, there are two designated sites in St. Petersburg—the Childs Park Recreation Center’s after-school program and the R’Club after-school program at Tyrone Elementary. Other sites include: the YMCA after-school program at Belleair Elementary School in Largo, the Boys and Girls Club at the Perry Center in Pinellas Park and the R’Club after-school program at Palm Harbor Elementary School.

This new program does not take the place of our traditional mentoring program. Our agency simply decided to follow our National Federation’s suggestion to implement a different brand of mentoring in addition to our Community-Based Program. Many of our fellow agencies around the country have been providing Site-Based Mentoring as an additional service with great results to the children in their communities.

After completing an application to become a mentor, a one-hour orientation session is required for both programs. For information on Site-Based Mentoring or becoming a Big Brother/Big Sister, please call Toni Karpa at 727-518-8860.
By Michele Burney
Contributing Writer

Dealing with cultural shock, coping with leaving home and adjusting to American life and language are among the challenges international students face. A new campus organization, One World, wants to help.

Andrea Bernal-Hersey and Mohamed-Ibrahim Mifdal co-founded One World after noticing a void in services and programs for international students at USF St. Petersburg.

One World is their way of contributing to the welfare of other international students and spreading cultural awareness throughout the campus and community. A major role of One World, they said, will be to counsel international students during their adaptation to USF and American culture.

The group also plans to have fund-raisers and a variety of social, cultural and sports activities. At the moment, One World hopes to sponsor an expert author to speak at USF on events in Afghanistan.

"You don't have to be an international student to get involved," Mifdal said. The majority of members are from the United States, Mifdal said. An American, Fred Dau, is the club's president.

The international students who participate come from around the world, including Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Morocco, Sweden, Syria, Ethiopia.

Gabriela Barbarito, One World's treasurer, said of membership: "You have to be a student of USF, and you must be willing to accept and respect diversity in culture, faith, race, nationality, traditions, etc."

Columbia study cites Florida death rates

By Staci Zavattaro
Independent Florida Alligator

Gainesville, Fla. - Florida sends more innocent people to death row than any other state, according to a Columbia University Law School study released Monday.

The 23-year-long study, led by professor James Zavattaro, concluded that Florida and its counties led the nation in death sentences twice as many people to death than any other state and believes one of the main causes for that is a "lack of integrity by political leaders in Florida."

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The problem of judges doing their own fact finding can contribute to mistakes. For example, the case of Timothy Ring, sentenced to death for the murder of a Wells Fargo driver in Arizona, is in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, which will determine whether or not it is constitutional for the judge to partake in fact-finding activities.

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LAND, from 1
The parking debate is only a portion of the big picture in terms of space.
Bayfront Center, which includes the Mahaffey Theater and the Bayfront Arena, is a significant piece of property the university could acquire in the near future, Heller said.
"We're in conversation with the city," he said.
If USF St. Petersburg were to acquire the property, it might raze the arena and build in its place a conference center and student union. The conference center would also serve the university and bring visitors to the city, Heller said.
Bayfront Center's distance from the campus core could be an issue. "I would think a student union would be in the heart of campus," Hawkins said.
If USF expands to the Bayfront Center, the Mahaffey Theater would operate as normal, said Heller, who is president of the Mahaffey Theater Foundation. Another plus for students would be the center's parking garage, which Heller said the university would keep intact. The garage would increase university parking by several hundred spaces.
The path to Bayfront Center from the main campus is along city-owned Albert Whitted airport. Heller would like for the airport to use the runway that plane-and-jet-related noise and allow for additional USF parking.
"That's just a possibility now," Heller said of his hopes for a campus-airport agreement.

DEATH, from 5
It's board, but it is also possible they can't do anything. It is always difficult to foresee what the court will do.
This study has sparked major discussion about the death penalty and its uses. One of Liebman's major findings was that the heavy use of the death penalty increases the odds that mistakes can occur. He added that the costs of administering the death penalty are extremely high, and he would rather see that money go to help families of homicide victims.

Little said he thinks there should be stricter, clearer guidelines for imposing the death penalty.
"One of the direct consequences is that we employ the death penalty less frequently and limit it to cases that really do justify the death penalty," Little said.
Baich said he also believes the use of the death penalty should be re-evaluated. "We need to question whether or not we should have a death penalty as a sentence. People thought it was probably impossible to have an innocent or mentally retarded person sentenced to death."

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NEWS BRIEF

The University of South Florida will dedicate a new College of Engineering building Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. The ceremony will be held on the east side of the engineering complex on USF's Tampa campus.

Tours will be available after the ceremony.
The structure is the third Engineering building and the fourth in the College of Engineering complex, including the Center for Urban Transportation Research. It will add more than 32,000 square feet of space to a college that has grown steadily during the past decade.

Designed by Flad and Associates, the $1 million building boasts state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices. "The dedication of Engineering Building III marks the culmination of the efforts of many loyal alumni, corporate partners and supporters throughout the state," says Louis Martin-Vega, dean of the college of Engineering.

It also marks the beginning of a significant transformation of our college into a nationally recognized leader in engineering research, education and innovation," he said.

The building was constructed with money from the state's Capital Outlay fund and with support from a number of Tampa Bay area individuals and companies. Tampa Electric Company gave a gift worth $1 million, and gave a gift worth $500,000.

Directions: From Interstate 275 take exit 34, which is SR 582, Fowler Avenue. Travel east approximately 3 miles. The main entrance to the university is on the left side of Fowler Avenue. Continue on Leroy Collins Boulevard and make a left on Alumni Drive. The engineering building is the first three-story building on the right.

NEWS BRIEF

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg Public Safety Department just made a major, lifesaving investment. The recent acquisition of two automated external defibrillators coupled with extensive training will increase the likelihood of heart attack survival on campus.

The AED units will be available on patrol and at the Public Safety Department. Studies have shown that rapid response and proper application of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and AED procedures will reduce fatalities and brain damage brought on by heart attacks. It has been shown that each minute without proper care increases the fatality rate 10 percent.

All of your campus law enforcement officers have successfully completed a thorough training class in the use of the AED and an update course in proper CPR procedures. If you have any questions please feel free to contact John A. Spicuglia at 727 553-1140.
Author Laurie Anderson advised those at her session to draw on their own teenage experiences to write for young adults, a method she used in Speak, a story of a teenage girl's struggle after being raped. She also wrote Fever 1793, a historical novel about the outbreak of yellow fever in America.

"Remember the years you tried so hard to forget," Anderson said. "Teens are so emotionally raw, and they're looking for how adults got through it. Some things are timeless. Pants change, but falling in love doesn't change."

Anderson also shared her story of success and her knowledge of the novel-writing business. Before Speak was published in 1999, she said she was a "writing slut," contributing pieces to various magazines and newspapers.

She told her audience that young-adult novels provide good income and stay saleable longer than most adult books. But don't write for the money, she said.

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Writing energy filled the air as participants filled Davis Hall's student lounge between sessions, buying books written by the faculty and tape recordings of lectures they missed. The conference included lunch lectures, an open poetry reading, a cocktail party at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton and closed with a panel discussion on "Understand- ing History and Culture through the Personal Voice."

A common theme was writing in times of tragedy. Panelist Laure-Anne Bosselaar, a poetry teacher from Sarah Lawrence College, said all of us have a responsibility to write about the happenings of our times. She recited the quote, "Will there be singing during the hard times? Yes, people will sing about the hard times."

"Start singing," she said. "And other people will join in."

The Florida Suncoast Writers Conference, held at USF St. Petersburg Feb. 7-9, featured several writing workshops for the professional and aspiring writer. Shown here is Elizabeth Lyon, a book editor and author, speaking about "It's all in the execution: improving your style." She also conducted a seminar titled: "Turn your nonfiction ideas into book proposals" and "Shortcuts to mapping out your novel."

Laurie Anderson, author

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BUSINESS COLLEGE TO EXPAND

By Cindy Steinmann
Contributing Writer

The College of Business will add more than 40 course sections next fall in microeconomics, three in macroeconomics, two in financial accounting and two in statistics I, De Bord said. To cover the additional lower-division classes, new faculty positions have been opened.

The upper-division courses will increase by at least 30 sections — four in managerial economics, four sections of ISM 3011 (a business major requirement), five in principles of finance, four in principles of management, five in basic marketing, three in business law and three in statistics II, De Bord said.

The growth is also causing staffing problems and a shortage of classroom space for night classes, De Bord said. Despite the generally high demand for night classes at USF St. Petersburg because of its working, non-traditional-age students, De Bord said he's out of options.

"We need to shift to more day classes next fall," he said.

This year, business classes taught at Clearwater High School in conjunction with USF's north county program offered some relief, De Bord said. As enrollment expands, however, more students and classes might have to be moved into north county sites.

Change is also in the works in the college's administrative area. An office suite is being designed for the northeast corner of Davis Hall and should be completed in the fall, De Bord said.

Also pending is a college council for business and two other academic areas, education and arts and science. The college councils will work closely with a revamped Campus Faculty Council (CFC) now being developed, said Ellen Hufnagel, chair of the faculty council.

Two important functions of the college council would be curriculum review and faculty evaluations, she said.

HONOR, from 3

An honor system is not likely to change the way the university deals with cheating from a punishment perspective, Ritch said, but he hopes the elevated moral climate will deter the number of infractions in the first place.

A date has not been determined for the completion of the code or the accompanying honor system. Ritch said other schools have taken as long as four years to develop and implement their systems.

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By Helen Ritch
Contributing Writer
Athletics on the Fly: Bulls Basketball

By Brandon Wright
The Oracle

Tampa, Fla. - Altron Jackson scored 16 of his team-high 22 points in the second half, and the South Florida defense put the clamps on Tulane down the stretch as the Bulls defeated the Green Wave 76-65 Saturday at the Sun Dome.

"(Tulane) has a good road record, and they played Memphis down to the wire," Jackson said. "So we knew they were going to come out hard and aggressive. So in the second half we matched their intensity and came out with the win."

The victory pulled the Bulls within a game and a half of Charlotte for fourth place in the Conference USA overall standings. The top four teams in the league receive first-round byes in the C-USA Tournament March 6-9 in Cincinnati.

"It's a conference win. It's huge, especially late in the season," Bulls point guard Reggie Kohn said. "People get knocked off now. Whether it's by one or by 10, whatever it is, a win's a win." Tulane raced out to a 34-31 halftime lead, but USF forced five turnovers in the final five minutes, resulting in a knee-buckling 16-6 run to close the game.

Leading 63-59, following a pair of Jimmy Baxter (six points, four steals) free throws, B.B. Waldon (eight points, 4-of-4 shooting) stole the ball and got it to Jackson, who found a streaking Baxter for a one-handed jam and a five-point lead.

"Down by three, the turnover and dunk kind of broke our back," Tulane coach Shawn Finney said. Baxter stole the ball on the ensuing possession, resulting in a Will McDonald layup that put the Bulls ahead 66-59. Tulane would get no closer.

"Getting the 1-3-1 working again and being active and quick in it is very important," USF coach Seth Greenberg said. "Because it gives us easy baskets." McDonald, a New Orleans native, fared much better against his hometown team at the Sun Dome than in the first meeting. McDonald scored only six points and had six rebounds at Tulane Jan. 23 but responded with 18 points and seven boards Saturday.

"To me this was like the Cincinnati game when I said I had something to prove," McDonald said. "Because I did kind of poorly in front of my family (at Tulane). I played to my potential tonight." Jackson also paced the Bulls with eight rebounds, and along with Baxter, was instrumental in forcing 22 Tulane turnovers, with the majority of those (12) coming from the Green Wave guards at the top of the 1-3-1. Kohn added 18 points, going 5-of-7 from behind the three-point arc.

Bulls bounce Green Wave behind Jackson

The USF sailing team, shown here in practice, won the Mendelblatt Regatta over Jan. 5-6, 2002. At press time, the Bulls had split into two units, one that went to Charleston, S.C., and one that went to Eckerd College for regattas on Feb. 16-17.