Students Zip Into Homecoming

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not even a hurricane could stop the Bulls from enjoying their annual homecoming celebration.

Hurricane Matthew forced the Harborines Activities Board to reschedule their programs and events throughout the weekend, after spilling it’s torrential rain across Florida and brushing against the east coast Friday.

Homecoming is a student-run event, and Ka-nia Davis, the director of traditions for HAB, played a large role in setting it up. Hired in April, she said that this week represents the culmination of all of her work.

Davis said she was proud of the way her team handled the weather.

“We had to change the plans to adapt to the weather, and I’m very satisfied with the outcome, numbers and attendance of those events,” Davis said.

“I don’t think people understand what it means to be student-run,” Davis said. “We are juggling our classes and this job.”

Davis is a junior psychology major, with a minor in leadership studies, she thinks that traditions play a large part in developing the culture of USFSP.

“We do things differently than the Tampa campus, culturally we are different,” said Davis.

“The boat race and glow party are uniquely campus, culturally we are different,” said Da-

Matthew Makes a Mess Along Florida’s Coast

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If you were planning on an uneventful hurri-
cane season, think again. It was only two weeks ago that Invest 97L was a mere tropical wave off the coast of Cape Verde. Now, Hurricane Matthew, as the wave would later be named, has made a habit out of terrorizing every landmass that it encounters.

Matthew traveled over 3,000 miles since its inception and left a wake of destruction in its path.

The storm reached hurricane status on Sept. 29. Within 24 hours, it had climbed to the rare-ly seen Category 5 strength on the Safir-Simp-son Hurricane Wind Scale, with winds at 160 mph.

This storm has been anything but ordinary. According to The Washington Post, Hurric-anie Matthew marked the third most rapid intensification for any Atlantic hurricane in recorded history. Matthew also set records for being the longest-lived major hurricane (Cat-egory 3 or higher) formed after Sept. 25, and for being the longest-lived Category 4-5 in the month of October.

In addition, this was the first Category 5 hurri-cane in the Atlantic basin since Felix in 2007. On Tuesday, Oct. 4, Matthew rammed into the southwestern coast of Haiti, bringing with it a swath of heavy rain and unforgiving winds.

It made landfall around 7 a.m.

Nearly 900 people would ultimately succumb to the extreme weather conditions pre-sented by the record-breaking storm.

On Sunday Oct. 9, Delta Sigma Pi held a fundraiser event in the Coquina Club. It was originally set to give the half of the raised funds to the Kids Need Foundation. However, the situation in Haiti led the coed fraternity to donate money to a relief charity instead.

DSP charged attendants $10 to play volley-ball pool, $3 to play FIFA video games and $2 to swim in the pool.

Richard Peters, the director of fundraising for DSP, has family in Haiti. He says that he will work with his family to find a charity organization that will actually put the earned money to good use.

The destructive trail carved out by the storm would pass through Cuba and the Bahamas on its way to the U.S.

Matthew teased the east coast of Florida over the course of two days, never actually making landfall.

Luckily for Floridians, the storm never did make landfall in the state, instead opting to skirt along the coast. Even so, over 1 million people were left without power and at least six people were killed in the state.

Matthew would go on to hit Georgia and the Carolinas, continuing its destructive trend.

While many trajectories over the last several days had the storm looping back around for a potential collision with Hurricane Nicole and a second strike at Florida, the latest updates as of Sunday afternoon show it aborting that path and instead dissipating into the northeast.

Hurricanes have collided in the past. These rare binary interactions among cyclones are called the Fujiwhara effect. Back in 2005 Hurri-cane Wilma absorbed Tropical Storm Alpha in an example of the strange occurrence.

“This storm has been one of the most powerfull events in history without power in the U.S. and has killed at least 16 people.
USFSP Anthropology Professor Goes International

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It’s On Us Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign Returns

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A n estimated one in five women will be sexually assaulted during their college years.

Due to the growing problem of sexual assault on college campuses, the White House launched the It’s On Us awareness campaign in 2014.

USF St. Petersburg will be taking part in the campaign for the second year in a row. Student Government’s Secretary of Communications, David Thompson, has been preparing for this year’s campaign.

“I got to be a large part of planning it last year and saw what really worked well last year,” he said.

Student Government has decided to extend the weeklong campaign to three weeks in order to get the message across.

“The first two weeks are really going to be about education about what sexual assault is [and] what this campaign is about. There will also be a lot of opportunities to take pictures to show support for sexual assault victims, as well as taking the It’s On Us pledge,” Thompson said.

The pledge is a personal commitment to help keep women and men safe from sexual assault. When taking the pledge, students are deciding to become a part of the solution towards ending sexual assault.

A big part of the campaign is the photos. Students hold up a sign that says “Break the Silence” with tape over their mouths to show their support for victims. Student Government will be tabling on Harborswalk Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. over the next two weeks so students can take part.

After the two weeks of education, there will be a week of events starting Oct. 24.

Thompson said the planning has been time consuming.

“It has been a lot of work because we made such a big commitment to it,” he said.

“Typically, this is a one week campaign of action but we decided to do two weeks of awareness before we could actually start the week of Oct. 24.”

Thompson said there are a few different aspects students can take part in the campaign.

“When they take away the fact that they can do something about it. It’s On Us campaign is about [saying] something if you see something. If you can intervene, do so, if you can’t, find someone who can,” he said.

Thompson also said it isn’t just about intervening when sexual assault is happening, but changing the conversation.

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“arithmetic makes me more aware and open to other perspectives. This full tie in with the conference because [it’s] what my sessions were on.”

One of Arthur’s most notable finds to date is the first African genome, excavated in Ethiopia back in 2011, with help from the team that included her husband, Dr. John Arthur.

Arthur continues to work with the Gamo people and looks forward to returning to Ethiopia in 2017.

Arthur also recounted early conversations about race issues really influenced her by opening the conversation.

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The Tampa Bay Lightning are looking for another successful season. After almost winning the coveted Stanley Cup the last couple seasons, the team hopes to add a second trophy alongside their 2004 Cup.

The Lightning made it to the 2015 finals, but lost to the Chicago Blackhawks by a series score of 4-2. Last season, the team lost to the Pittsburgh Penguins, who went on to win Lord Stanley, in the seventh game of the Eastern Conference Final.

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Goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy and center Alex Killorn locked into new multi-year deals, too. On Sept. 26, defenseman Nikita Nesterov re-signed with the team in a one year, $725,000 deal. After Nesterov’s deal, only one restricted free agent remains. Nikita Kucherov.

Stamkos underwent surgery for a blood clot in his collarbone in April, which took him out for two months. He returned in Game 7 against the Penguins and is still healthy for the upcoming season.

Also returning injury-free is Bishop. He enters the last season of his contract healthy after suffering strained ankle ligaments and a shin sprain.

Unfortunately for the Bolts, ring winger Ryan Callahan is still on the injury reserve list. Callahan is out indefinitely with a labral hip tear. He wore a gray no-contact jersey during the Sept. 27 morning skate. He is expected to return to the lineup in mid-November.

Tampa Bay took on the Carolina Hurricanes in its first preseason game on Sept. 27. The Bolts were down 3-0 in the third period until newbies gave the team a much needed offensive surge.

Brayden Point and Erik Karlsson each put points on the board. This season, Bowness said the team needs “...more shots on [the] net, more retrievers to get the puck back.”

“We get closer every year,” he said.

The Lightning will hold its regular season opener against the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday Oct. 13. Tampa Bay earned a final record of 3-2 in the preseason.

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MONDAY

The homecoming celebrations kicked off with The Herd Step Team’s performance inside the reef at noon.

The team surprised students and faculty with a step routine to Fat Joe’s “All the Way Up” that hyped the crowd up.

Later that evening, Harbor-side Activities Board (HAB) announced it relocated the “Night at the Bay” event into the USC Ballrooms, instead of the Harbor Lawn.

Students lined up for fried Ore-os near the entrance of the USC. Upstairs, Bulls raced through an inflatable obstacle course and challenged each other to bungee basketball.

Music and dancing dominated most of the evening and around 247 students registered with OrgSync at the event.

Fireworks were originally planned to end the night, but were instead rescheduled for a later date.

A zip line was placed in the parking lot adjacent to the bull statue, but sat unused until the next day due to rain.

TUESDAY

Out in the USF St. Petersburg courtyard, over 40 students designed masquerade masks to wear for the ball later that night. Feathers, glitter and rhinestones donned the small masks to be worn with formal attire.

That evening, the ballroom was dark and refreshments lined the back walls. Bulls danced until midnight wearing glittering dresses and suits. The homecoming court was also announced.

Last year’s king and queen, Jared Bolton and Cynthia Wyre, crowned the 2016 court, Juan Salazar and Justice Thornton. The South Florida All Stars also performed a dance routine for those attending.

Salazar said the crowning was a highlight of the week and as a senior it was a great achievement for the end of his four years.

“I started at this school very shy. I couldn’t talk to many people,” Salazar said. “So, to be crowned homecoming king before I leave, I mean it’s a big change.”

He said that the tradition of homecoming excites students, that it is a chance to connect to something bigger.

“It means the tradition acts as nostalgia,” Salazar said. “It reminds you of how things change from years before and what they’ll be like in the future.”

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WEDNESDAY

Student organizations, staff and faculty gathered on the Harbors Lawn. Sodexo provided a seafood boil, and lawn games littered the grass, like big-block Jenga and cornhole. Students were able to decorate sailor hats waiting for the race to begin.

The boats were prominently displayed for visitors to see before casting their votes for a number of categories.

The decorations varied from the eccentric to the practical and all of the boats were hand-made at 5 p.m., the race started and participants took cardboard boats out for their maiden voyage out to sea.

Student Government’s S.S. Ha-rambe came in first place, followed by the Reef’s The Reef, with SG’s S.S. Zookeeper in third. Surprisingly, many of the boats were not lost at sea; over half of the rickety sea crafts that entered the race made it back to shore.

Students and staff voted on superlatives for the boats. The Loan Shark, Financial Aid’s boat, was awarded most original design, best construction, best decorated and the student’s choice award.

Most likely to sink was awarded to the Black Student Association. There were 25 boats in the race, with some racers not getting to the event until just minutes before take-off.

THURSDAY

At the Tampa campus, Atlanta rapper 2 Chainz performed at a free concert for students inside the Sun Dome Arena. The crowd collected on the floor in front of the stage around 8 p.m.

The opening act, an upcoming Chicago rapper named Dreecy, began around 9:30 p.m. and the main act didn’t take to the stage until 10:50 p.m. 2 Chainz performed until 11:30 p.m.

Between the two performances, Bulls Radio entertained the crowd with hits new and old.

2 Chainz was reported to have been paid around $100,000 for his performance, which was less than an hour long. Many artists, before performing, will ask for certain amenities, some reaching to the absurd.

When 2 Chainz says he’s different, he really means it. He asked for 2 liters of vodka, strawberry Pepperidge Farm cookies, two bottles of Rose Moët Rose champagne and a platter of chicken wings, according to the Oracle, the USF Tampa campus newspaper. The university negotiated many of these requests down.

The rapper performed some of his most well-known songs such as “The Birthday Song,” “I’m Different,” “Spend It” and “No Problem.”

FRIDAY

At 1:30 p.m., HAB announced that it would need to change the scheduled foam party into a glow party held in the USC Ballrooms. HAB cited weather as the reason for the change.

Around 175 students attended the party, according to OrgSync numbers, but friends and family that do not attend the school are not included in the total. The party lasted until 10 p.m. Attendants helped themselves to pan-made ice cream while they danced in the dark.

SATURDAY

Saturday was the final day of homecoming. The Bulls played the East Carolina University Pirates. USF started the game off with a strong offensive showing, but the Pirates refused to go down without a fight.

The Bulls held a 17-6 lead going into halftime. The Pirates answered with an offensive surge of its own to come within 2 points. The USF offense demonstrated its ability to score in a hurry. The Bulls scored two quick touchdowns to seal a comfortable 38-22 win over ECU.

TRADITION

For many of the students, tradition was a recurring theme throughout the week. Homecoming has been a tradition at USF for the past 20 years.

The St. Petersburg campus can often go unnoticed in the shadow of its bigger sister campus. Homecoming has its own personality. Kayley Klein is a freshman and says she struggled with her decision to stay at this school in her first semester.

“That’s what HAB hopes for each year: To convince students that they are apart of a community and culminate a bond between them and their peers,” Taylor Singleton, a junior education major, said it best.

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“Actually going to transfer out after my first year,” Klein said. “Then I just started getting involved and doing things, now there’s no way I’m leaving.”

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Third-Party Is A Waste Of A Vote

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News Reporter

I'm not exactly thrilled that it has come to this. Either Donald Trump or Hil- 
ary Clinton is going to be the 
next president of the United States of America. 
What about Gary Johnson, 
you say? Or that Jill Stein lady? 
Let's be real, at this point both 
Harambe and Deezy Nuts have a better chance of winning 
then either of these so-called “options.” 
Outside the realm of fantasy land, it’s simple: the next presi- 
dent is either going to be an out-
spoken orange dude with what 
may or may not be irredeem-
ably small hands, or email-de-
loring “Crooked Hillary.” 
As a result, we are left with 
what seems like the classic 
lesser of two evils scenario. In 
game theory this is referred to as 
the “no-win” situation. 
Trek-
kies will be familiar with this 
concept as applied via the ille-

tious Kobayashi Maru.
For the uninitiated (I forgive 
you), the Kobayashi Maru is a 
training exercise that simulates 
a no-win scenario in which you 
encounter the titular civilian 

testress. 
In order to save the ship, one 
must enter a neutral zone, thus 
violating a treaty and resulting 
in your own ship falling under 
attack and being boarded by en-

demy forces. 
Enter the neutral zone, and you 
and your entire crew are 
doomed. Choose not to enter 
the neutral zone, and the civili-

dans perish. 
As the term no-win scenario 
implies, both choices result in 
inextricable disaster. 
In the Star Trek universe, this 

test has only been defeated 
one time. James T. Kirk managed to 
enter the neutral zone, and the 
civilian testress is safe. 
In the United States, our 

test system is, it is far 
less popular to acknowledge 
what it is that got us here in the 
first place. 
Electors in the United States 
utilize a method of voting called 
First Past The Post (FPTP). 
The system is one of the sim-

eastest systems imaginable: you 

get one vote, and the candidate 

with the most votes is the win-

ner. Sounds logical, right? 
It absolutely is, so long as we 
are assuming that there are only 
two options on the ballot. Have 
more than two people running for 
office? Well, that's when things 

get a bit dicey. 

FPPT only gives you one vote 
and is a winner-take-all system. 
When multiple candidates are 
presented, there is no way to 
indicate your second, third or 
fourth choice: all that matters is 
who your favorite candidate is. 
This is inherently disadvan-
tageous to multi-party systems as 
it does not take into account 
the full spectrum of your pref-

erences. 
While a vote for Gary John-
son signals that he is your fa-
vorite candidate, under this sys-

tem, statistically speaking your 
preference for Donald Trump, 
Hillary Clinton and Jill Stein 

must be equal. 
There is a dirty little secret that 
everyone knows, but no one 
acknowledges: a third-party vote is a protest vote. 
I know you’re angry. But it’s 
true. 
We should have more options. 
But we don’t. And we can’t. 
Under the current system. 
While it is both easy and pop-
ular to talk about how the 


two-party system is, it is far 
less popular to acknowledge 
what it is that got us here in the 
first place. 

as it does not take into account 
what it is that got us here in the 
first place. 

One of them is going to 

be you love Gary Johnson but 

should the next Supreme Court 
member. 

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the most progressive platform 
(last time a third-party candi-

date won the presidency was in 1912. 

By the way, that guy’s name 

was Abraham Lincoln, and the 
party is the Republican Party. 

But as it happens, I don’t 

believe in no-win situations. 

Okay, maybe I do, but just not 
in this case.

Third-party options for future 
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Local Record Store Planet Retro Moves To New Location

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When Planet Retro Records was robbed over the summer, Rob Sexton’s store became one more business affected by the uptick of crime in the Grand Central District.

“Almost all of our neighbors have been robbed,” he said.

On Aug. 4, a lone robber broke in, stole merchandise and cash and l osted the store. Days later, Urban Deli and Drafts, another business one storefront over from Planet Retro, was also robbed.

The response from the community to the Planet Retro break-in was immediate. Within hours after the news spread, a benefit show for the store at the Local 662 was organized. A few local bands volunteered to help Sexton recover his losses.

“It was humbling to see so many people come out to support,” Sexton said.

However, despite the support, the incident further convinced Sexton that it was time for a change.

On Oct. 9, Sexton closed the door to the 2414 Central Ave location for the final time. After three years there, a rent increase of hundreds of dollars, a lack of space and the rising occurrences of crime in the neighborhood, among other reasons, have convinced Sexton to move on.

The changing face of the Grand Central District also warranted a move. As gentrification takes over, Sexton said he sees a lack of similarly-minded neighboring business owners as a problem and a threat to the number of people who visit the area.

The surrounding businesses, a rowdy bar, a generic phone store, a cake shop that is usually closed most of the time and an early-closing coffee shop, Sexton said, turn potential window shoppers away.

But admittedly, when Sexton leaves the current location, that same foot traffic would be the greatest advantage he will leave behind.

“It was good to be on Central Ave because there’s more foot traffic,” he said. “I’m looking forward to do more live shows, from hardcore bands to poetry readings. Sexton is also teaming up with Guitars on Central to set up a space for them to sell and repair guitars and equipment.

While vinyl record sales have reportedly been on the rise, Sexton isn’t idealistic about his main product.

“It’s cool because they’re more in touch with the music and it’s something they can actually hold in their hands, but I think the trend is starting to die down now,” Sexton said.

Michael Knapp, a world languages sophomore, echoed the same sentiment about vinyl being in decline.

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The response from the community to the Planet Retro break-in was immediate. Within hours after the news spread, a benefit show for the store at the Local 662 was organized. A few local bands volunteered to help Sexton recover his losses.

“It was humbling to see so many people come out to support,” Sexton said.

However, despite the support, the incident further convinced Sexton that it was time for a change.

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The changing face of the Grand Central District also warranted a move. As gentrification takes over, Sexton said he sees a lack of similarly-minded neighboring business owners as a problem and a threat to the number of people who visit the area.

The surrounding businesses, a rowdy bar, a generic phone store, a cake shop that is usually closed most of the time and an early-closing coffee shop, Sexton said, turn potential window shoppers away.

But admittedly, when Sexton leaves the current location, that same foot traffic would be the greatest advantage he will leave behind.

“It was good to be on Central Ave because there’s more foot traffic,” he said. “I’m looking forward to do more live shows, from hardcore bands to poetry readings. Sexton is also teaming up with Guitars on Central to set up a space for them to sell and repair guitars and equipment.

While vinyl record sales have reportedly been on the rise, Sexton isn’t idealistic about his main product.

“It’s cool because they’re more in touch with the music and it’s something they can actually hold in their hands, but I think the trend is starting to die down now,” Sexton said.

Michael Knapp, a world languages sophomore, echoed the same sentiment about vinyl being in decline.

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