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Bulls Charge On to Campus for Fall Classes

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Hannah Hitchen was not there to see her parents move her belongings into USF St. Petersburg’s Residence Hall One. Had she been, the French horn player, who was spending her last few moments of freedom abroad, would likely have marveled at the sheer number of minions and movers that crowded the sectioned-off University Way.

There, both parents and Bulls-to-be congregated, pushing carts and lugging suitcases into dorm rooms on Aug. 19 and 20. USFSP’s designated fall semester move-in days. According to Scott Henderson, the housing assignments and operations coordinator for USFSP, a total of 691 students were scheduled to move in.

Among the newcomers were returning Bulls, working over the weekend as the USFSP Welcome Crew. These students, clad in bright yellow T-shirts, served as proverbial beacons of light for their peers, helping to move carts, direct traffic and provide beverages.

Hitchen, meanwhile, would land in Miami on Sunday, planning to make the pilgrimage to campus by night.

“This was the beginning.”

New College of Business Building Delayed Until Spring

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The new College of Business building will not open until early next year, in time for the spring semester. The $27 million-dollar building, which will house a majority of the Kate Tiedemann College of Business classes, is still under construction.

The building is named Lynn Pippenger Hall, after the benefactor who donated $5 million toward merit scholarships for students. It is located between the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library and the University Student Center, on the west side of Third Street S.

The 4-story building has 14 classrooms, a 200-seat auditorium, faculty offices and spaces for students to collaborate.

The classrooms are designed from the ground up with state-of-the-art technology. Many feature tiered seating, and acoustic ceilings and will be fitted with technology that enables professors to record their lectures.

“We don’t want to isolate students from the rest of the campus, but we do want to serve them as best as possible here,” said Eric Douthirt, director of graduate programs for the Kate Tiedemann College of Business.

Students will enter the building through the entrance that faces campus, and walk into a 3-story atrium that features a natural coral stone wall lining. From Fourth Street S. there is a community entrance, as well.

A wealth management center overlooks the atrium from the second floor. The area will feature full color LED screens that display current market information. The room will also be a place for business students to learn about portfolio management, trading securities, and participating in various investment activities. A digital bar runs along the outside railing with more market information on display for people in the atrium below.

“I think that when you walk in and see the atrium with the high-tech finance ticker, it’ll scream, ‘We’re a high-tech business school,’” said Douthirt.

The department hopes to earn Bloomberg and Morningstar certification, industry-standard certifications that will improve the college’s credibility.

On the second floor of the building is an entrance to an outside Collaborative Terrace. Douthirt expects the area to be a great place for students to get some fresh air while working on projects or eating lunch.

The new dean of the College of Business, Sridhar Sundaram, has an office on the fourth floor looking out toward the Bayboro Harbor.

The rest of the floor is dedicated to other faculty offices.

The senior project manager for Pippenger Hall is Van Miller. He expects an increase in foot traffic across Third Street, and said that student safety is his primary concern. Traffic signals and a raised curb will be added to ensure that students have an easier time crossing the road.

Last spring, the COB had about 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students. With the new building on the way, that number is expected to rise.
Two Administrators Join University Administration

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The Crow’s Nest

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What is your role as the new vice chancellor of student affairs?

I am responsible for overseeing the student affairs division, which includes academic affairs, student life, and student services. My goal is to ensure that students have the resources and support they need to achieve their academic and personal goals.

What is your background in public education?

I have a master’s degree in educational leadership and administration, and I have worked in a variety of public education settings at the K-12 and higher education levels. I have also served as a school principal and as a district administrator.

How do you plan to partner with the community to benefit students?

I plan to work closely with community leaders to identify areas where we can collaborate to support student success. This may include partnerships for internships, research projects, or other initiatives that benefit both students and the community.

What do you think of the USFSP campus?

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Andre Bell
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Andre Bell, 18, made the pilgrimage from Central Florida to the little campus by the bay with his sister in tow. Throughout the length of the drive, a certain someone made sure to stay in contact: Mom. “She cares a lot,” said Bell. “She took it kind of hard, had a rough time. We called her a couple of times and she played a sad song by Celine Dion.”

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“My cousins are in the Army, and I have some uncles that are really old [veterans]. I see them disintegrating over time. Being able to help them would be great. I see them in a different way because I have personal experience.”

Colin Alexander
Biology
Colin Alexander has a dorm room of epic proportions. No, really.

“Last year I lived in the dorms with four people, so having my own room is going to be awesome,” said the USFSP sophomore, from Orlando. “It’s going to be a Game of Thrones den. I have so many Games of Thrones posters, and I have a projector.”

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Pulse Shooting Endangers More Than LGBTQ Community

By Moriah Parrish

The senseless massacre that occurred in Orlando on June 12 has me reeling. We live in a constantly shifting, ever-evolving 24-hour news cycle, but a small corner of my mind has been buzzing on this since I woke up that Sunday morning and read the news reports with subject title “letter to the editor.”

I have been reeling since I was 15 years old, and the work I’ve done with the paper has been the most challenging and rewarding over any previous endeavor. Journalism has forced me to talk to people, ask good questions, and really try to listen.

I consider this paper to be one of the most important things I’ve done in my career. As a society, we need to listen and begin making real change.

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The Emmett/LEF/ND/2006 20/20 vision is the largest domestic act of terror since 9/11. The culprit took the lives of 49 individuals in a gay nightclub. “Hatred is a factor necessary to carry out terrorism, so I’m not sure where the other 48 came from.”

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Explore Downtown: Must-Know Spots Around Campus

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St. Petersburg is a growing city, and there is a lot for new students to do. Here, we've compiled a list of St. Pete spots on and off campus that are essential for Bulls’ school survival. From the Dalí to the SLC, we’ve got you covered.

**Dali Museum**
1 Dali Blvd. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Bulls get in for free with a USFSP ID. Students should definitely take advantage of this opportunity and see the different exhibits. “Dali Revealed” is a current exhibit that gives a little more insight into the candid moments of the artist’s life and will be open throughout the fall. Also, in December, the Frida Kahlo showcase will open.

**The Campus Grind**
121 Seventh Ave. S. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

The Campus Grind- This is a must-see cozy coffee shop on campus, adjacent to the Science and Technology Building (STG). If coffee’s not your thing, you can also find salads, sandwiches and pizza on the menu. Pro Tip:$100 of your meal plan can go towards both the Grind and the Tavern.

**Tony’s Pizza**
533 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Craving gooey goodness? Take a stroll down Central Avenue and you will find Tony’s Pizza. Tony’s offers cheap and cheesy slices, and also stays open until midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

**The Waterfront**
Coquina Hall 108 USFSP St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Your USF St. Petersburg ID allows you to rent kayaks, paddleboards, canoes and more for free. This is a good way to get some fresh air while taking advantage of our campus services. If you’d rather not get your feet wet, you can just relax under the shade and enjoy your favorite book or a nice nap.

**Black Crow Coffee**

Black Crow is almost hidden in a neighborhood on Second Street, and offers a hip vibe and is another good place to spend time with friends or study.

**Bodega**

Further down Central, is just a window you can walk up to and order a wide variety of tasty Latin American food. Bodega also has vegan and vegetarian options.

**Community Cafe**

This cafe is open Sunday through Thursday until midnight, and even later on Fridays and Saturdays. This makes it the perfect place to study when you know it is going to be a long night.

**The Tavern**

Right behind the Grind sits the Tavern a restaurant known for its crunchy grouper sandwich. It offers open mic nights, trivia and live music Monday through Friday.

**Kahwa**

Situated right behind Publix, Kahwa Coffee is a great place to get a mean cup of joe and hang out with friends or you can fly solo and get your caffeine fix while doing homework.