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The storm made landfall on Friday, with rushing winds and heavy downpours. Hermine was the first hurricane to hit Florida in 11 years. USF St. Petersburg announced it would close Thursday and Friday for the safety of students and faculty.

On campus, students collected in floor lounges, wrapped in blankets, playing movies near glass windows that pattered with torrential rain. Some played Apples to Apples and Jenga at “hurricane parties” hosted by the RA’s in the Hilton ballrooms to distract themselves, soothing off boredom. These students took the storm lightly, while it coated toward the panhandle instead of directly striking St. Petersburg.

Connor Reading, a sophomore psychology major, said that the parties were “pretty dope.” “I was perfectly fine to go to class on Thursday,” Reading said. “I wasn’t worried about Hermine at all.”

For many students, the news of a day off was something to celebrate. Rachel Urbanik is a marine biology major and she wasn’t very concerned with the hurricane either. Urbanik commented to USFSP and said that she prioritizes safety over classes.

Ashlee Steinberg is a senior marine biology major and she has two main concerns: her anxious pup and her car making it through the flooded streets.

Despite the relaxed approach to dealing with the Category 1 hurricane, a different trajectory could lead to drastic changes.

Emily Tinti, a senior psychology major, lives in the Resident Hall Hilton. She prepared early for the storm. “I charged my phone, laptop, camera and portable charger,” Tinti said. “I have plenty of water and some non-perishable snacks in my room, so I think I’m good. I also made sure to get an assignment that’s due Thursday night done [Wednesday night] just in case.”

Tinti said the Hilton feels a little more secure in times of severe weather.

“Although I love the sound of rain and thunder, it’s easier to forget there’s even a storm when the hotel walls are nearly sound-proof,” she said.

Tinti had a few ideas on how housing can help prepare students for Hurricane Hermine and future storms. She did not think they should be taken lightly.

“As for residents directly on campus, I think a mass email detailing the severity of the weather and the possible issues might be comforting for some. Maybe they could hold residence hall meetings on each floor,” she said.

“I just think it’s important for people not to treat this like another thunderstorm, but understand that it can actually be unsafe to be outdoors for long.”

$93,511 Breakdown

$30,000 Campus Recreation

$20,011 Concert

$10,500 2% Salary Increase

$8,000 LSO

$7,000 Clubs and Orgs

$18,000 Various Entities

By the Numbers: The mislabeled money was distributed at the final meeting for SG over the summer.

Student Government Makes $93,511 Mistake

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When Student Government approved its 2016-2017 budget last spring, it made a $93,511 mistake.

Student leaders allocated that amount for an issue than a policy problem.”

The $93,511 had already come out of another part of the budget that SG does not control, said Morrin, the university’s director of student life and engagement.

As chair of the appropriations committee last spring, James Scott acknowledged he missed the big mistake.

“Moving forward we need to have better communication throughout SG,” said Scott, who is now acting senate president. “It used to be a very top-down organization. This is more of a cultural issue than a policy problem.”

The now-corrected budget comes during a rocky stretch for Student Government.

So few students stood for elections last spring that there are 15 vacancies on the student senate.

Ziya Kardas, who drew no opposition, essentially became president by default. Alexis Germaine became vice president, but she later stepped down and was replaced by Gina Rotunno.

On Aug. 11 the university announced that Rotunno and Kardas had taken temporary leaves of absence for reasons that have not been explained.

The budget SG created is around $3.4 million and is separated into two parts. The University Student Center takes nearly $1.7 million out of the total. SG has no control over that money. The remainder is distributed by SG among a variety of organizations and entities on campus.

To correct the mistake SG passed an allocation bill during their final meeting in the summer semester. Half of the current student senate was unable to attend the meeting. Only six members out of 15 total senators voted for the bill.

Once the mistake was corrected, $20,011 was allocated for a concert. Kardas told student legislators at the summer meeting that he had community and business sponsors that could match the money to pay for a musical artist. Two years ago Harborside Activities Board paid $50,000 for a Spring Fling Concert.

“I’ve heard back and the students are clamoring for a concert,” Kardas said. The money was originally slated to go into the SG reserves, which are designated for non-emergency purposes.

If the concert is not put on, the money will be placed back into the SG reserve account.
**The Tavern Announces College Football Expansion**

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**The Clemens' next stop**

It's been a long nine months.

With attack ads running on every radio station, television channel and YouTube video, there was a lot of confusing information coming out. The deluge will only get heavier as the presidential election looms in November.

Soon, the presidential debates will begin, and major party candidates will answer direct questions about their plans for office. NBC will air the first Commander-in-Chief forum at 9 p.m. on Sept. 7, and the first head-to-head debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will be televised on Sept. 26 at 9 p.m.

It will be important to recognize, debate and understand what the differences are between the two candidates, and the values they stand for. By voting in the presidential election, we can exercise our democratic right to vote for the leader of our country.

**The Crow's Nest**

The Tavern opens to college football fans on Saturdays. Hours on Saturday will be shown on opening day. The Tavern plans to open Saturdays to college football games. New food, drink and sports specials will be offered.

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A look at the storm's path, campus policy and student preparedness

By Evy Guerra, Ryan Callihan & Devin Rodriguez

The USF system sent out conflicting emails Wednesday. From the St. Petersburg campus a message was sent telling students that classes would not be cancelled on both Thursday and Friday. Later in the evening, another email was sent out to disregard that information. The Communications and Marketing Office for the main campus alerted students that the school would close Thursday. The university decided to close on Friday as well.

Leon Hardy is a biology professor at USFSP. He expressed concern Wednesday after having to drive through the flooded roads. Hardy checked both CNN and the Tampa Bay Times for updates, and breathed a little easier after the school announcement. Hardy said that, to his knowledge, weather reports and meteorologists could be trusted sources.

“I put a lot of stock into what they have to say,” Hardy said. “The radars they have now are pretty much better than they used to be.”

As the storm moved through the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday, the USFSP Police Department began to prepare.

Sgt. Walter Ewing has been with the police department for nearly 24 years. He said that the last time the weather was this bad, students weren’t living on campus.

“El Niño was 10 or 11 years ago,” said Ewing. “Before El Niño was 10 or 11 years ago, we didn’t need to prepare. Wednesday, the USFSP Police Department began preparations by setting up in its Emergency Operations Center.

“That increases phone lines and videos of news and things of that nature,” Ewing said.

The officer advised that students get on the MolliHD Messenger system to ensure that they are kept updated in these situations. MolliHD is an emergency notification system that notifies students, faculty and staff by text message.

Ewing said that he was not worried about the rest of the hurricane season, but he did note that flooding posed the biggest threat.

“In the past it does not seem to have an effect one way or another. Sometimes you can have an El Niño, where it’s every two weeks and there’s another hurricane. Then there are years with no hurricanes anywhere in the world. So it’s unpredictable. One year it’s up and down,’ he said.

Hernández upgraded to a hurricane Thursday. The storm’s outer rainbands swept over the campus day and night. Students on campus were urged to stay indoors due to a tornado warning at USFSP.

Scott Hendershot is the head of the USFSP’s Housing and Residence Life. He lives on campus in RHO and helped explain the safety policies for campus residents.

“In preparation for Hermine, Housing and Residence Life met with the USFSP Emergency Management team,” said Hendershot. “We created a plan for action of many different scenarios and made sure that we had all supplies necessary. When students sign up for housing, they are required to describe where they will go in case of an emergency evacuation. Students’ plans vary, some stay with friends, others head to a sibling’s house or back home to their parents.

Hendershot said that the university is prepared to handle students who need a quick change of plans.

“If an evacuation was to occur, we would have Residence Life Staff meet with each student to find out what the students’ plan was and then make sure that that particular case, as it may have changed from what they originally thought. We also have made arrangements for students to be put in a shelter if they are not able to secure shelter of their own in case of an evacuation,” said Hendershot.

Hendershot recommended that students read the Hurricane and Threatening Weather document on the USFSP Housing Homepage. This information warns that USFSP is not liable for any loss or damage to personal property. It also informs students that, “in circumstances where an evacuation may be necessary, shelter facilities or transportation to shelter facilities are not provided by the University.”

Stephanie Eide is a junior from Wisconsin. She is a resident of RHO. Eide wrote on her housing contract that she would return to Wisconsin if the need to evacuate. Returning to Wisconsin during a hurricane would be highly improbable. Eide instead told The Crow’s Nest in an interview that her plan would be to leave with her friend Alex DiBello to her house in St. Petersburg.

Hernández would be Eide’s first experience with a hurricane. Fortunately, she didn’t seem to be too concerned about the storm.

“It means, I just seem like a kid of rain,” Eide said.

It was a lot of rain. St. Petersburg was not hit as hard as it could have been, but there was no shortage of effects on the city.

“The Sunshine Skyway Bridge was closed in the early afternoon on Thursday. The same day it was announced that Hermine had been upgraded to a Category 1 hurricane. It was not opened again until Friday at 3:45 p.m.”

The first Florida hurricane since Wilma in 2005, Hermine made landfall on Friday near St. Mark’s. Later that day it weakened to a tropical storm near Valdosta, Georgia.

While Pinellas County did not have to endure any major evacuations, Pasco, a neighboring county, had one of their hospitals lose power. Bayonet Regional Medical Center lost power due to a lightning strike and had to transfer 200 patients to other facilities. Pinellas County made sure it had enough staff to continue at full operation and then was able to send 50 people to help with the transfers. This task was accomplished with the aid of ambulances, five paramedic engines and 16 ambulances.

Charlie Justice, chairman of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, was happy that the counties were able to work together.

This well-coordinated effort shows the strength of our local EMS system to maintain critical emergency services for our residents while lending a helping hand across county lines,” Justice said.

“Our success is a direct result of long-standing partnerships between our county’s many local agencies.”

Several streets were closed off due to flooding and debris, including parts of Gulf Blvd, Martin Luther King St. and all of Shore Acres.

Hurricane Hermine has now come and gone, but the hurricane season continues through Nov. 30. Florida is a prime location for another big storm and it’s essential to be prepared.

These are a few items that should be kept in your home, whether that be a dorm or house.

One should constantly have items like bottled water and non-perishable foods, such as canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly.

For the water it is recommended that you have one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days. Also, if you have a pet make sure you have food and water for them stocked up as well.

Electronics, you should make sure to have flashlights and extra batteries and portable chargers for cellphones. Candles are also good to have around, but if you live in a dorm stick with the flashlights.

Hygiene is a pretty important factor so make sure you have toilet paper and hand sanitizer too. To handle being outside after the hurricane sunscreen and mosquito repellent are also major keys. First Aid KIts are also critical in case of any emergency.

On Wednesday, while Hermine was still looming in the Gulf, students went about their normal school day, walking through the rain. Many expressed little concern for the wicked weekend weather. The university announced it would be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

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Plight of the Disenfranchised Voter

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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There are still some holdouts in the USA become so disenfranchised with the point of the video was that he pretended to kill his lover (yes, killer to prove his marriage). The YouTube, with more than 800,000 followers, thought it was “funny” to post some red paint on the chest of a girl they drugged down on their bathroom floor. Then he called his mother, telling the poor woman that he needed help because “I killed my friend.” Then, for fun, they put a note saying “he’s a joke, motel” and the girl gets up laughing. The video, published in August

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You have ever heard two people say the exact same thing, but in different ways? Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton campaign commercials for the general election are now in full force, and play ad messaging in the background of their faces. They appear at the side of every single TV set on the internet, in your Facebook feed, and across screens in your home and out in public. They even surreptitiously plant your drive go to your Facebook feed. Clinton greatly explains Trump’s offensive and erratic ways in each of 30 second soundbite, emphasizing the products his companies have manufactured over the last year. Trump, on the other hand, managed to emerge as the front runner from a field of 17 potential Republican candidates. Each had their small audiences to start, but as the field narrowed, it became more and more in the rhetoric of the final three: Ted Cruz, John Kasich and, of course, Trump. Despite the businesswoman’s re- plaintive claim, bifurcated lifestyles and racially charged lexicon, Trump has managed to maintain it’s audience by communicating the message that diced the nation truly needs the most likely candidate, and that’s Trump himself.

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prank videos in their free time. Let’s continue to trend on social media. #DumpTrump and #NeverHillary

I also found videos by other YouTubers such as “Killing My Child 2016,” which reached almost three million views, 83,000 likes, 17,000 dislikes and 11,000 comments. A video featuring a man who fooled his mother into believing that he killed his girlfriend was “It’s a joke, mom” and the girl gets up laughing. When the man arrived and found the scene, her despair and confusion were evident. She put her hand on her head, shook it as if it were killing the people, and wept. The South Florida State University men’s basketball team has surpassed all expectations this season, amassing more than 3 million views, 83,000 likes, 17,000 dislikes and 11,000 comments. A video featuring a man who fooled his mother into believing that he killed his girlfriend

PRANK APPEAL!

YouTube has become a popular place for users to post prank videos. There are still some holdouts who refuse to get to Trump. The Republican party’s most prominent, most powerful, gonorrhea and former mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg, who attended the DNC to join in the Trump-bashing. There remain large demographic’s of people that don’t feel comfortable speaking for them. According to an article in the New York Times, only 9 percent of voters support him even against another hapless candidate. As full quickly approaches, Trump and Hillary Clinton continue to trend on social media. In interviews, over and over I hear supporters of one candidate or another beggining to get their due. “Hillary may have done this, but at least she didn’t say…” or “Trump might be offensive, but at least he isn’t stupid!” So how did the majority of voters in the USA become so disenfranchised during this cycle?

The answers are murky. Campaign and lobbying, super PAC’s and plushberries all have their part to play. But the fact remains that millions of American citizens will have to choose the approach the ballot box in two months. Some may choose to support a third-party candidate, but that does not mean they have to stop supporting one candidate or another. When money pours from Wall Street and political cash stemming from tens of millions of dollars decide the primaries before they even begin, we do not have any single candidate or another. When money pours from Wall Street and political cash stemming from tens of millions of dollars decide the primaries before they even begin, we do not have any single candidate or another. When money pours from Wall Street and political cash stemming from tens of millions of dollars decide the primaries before they even begin, we do not have any single candidate or another. When money pours from Wall Street and political cash stemming from tens of millions of dollars decide the primaries before they even begin, we do not have any single candidate or another. When money pours from Wall Street and political cash stemming from tens of millions of dollars decide the primaries before they even begin, we do not have any single candidate or another.
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of St. Petersburg was part
of what entrepreneurship
student Amelia Bartlett set out to
do when she created St. Petian,
a quarterly magazine, back in
July. While she initially used
the Kickstarter platform to try
launch her publication, Bartlett
is now considering a new approach.

“Crowd-funding was a beautiful
experience,” said Bartlett. “Kickstarter
provided a safe place for us to really get
the word out about St. Petian, learn about
the pre-ordering process, get an idea
of how many people were actually
interested in this, and then work on
and sharpen our business model.”

Moving forward, the magazine
still plans to avoid printing
advertisements, but will partner
with local sponsors in the
community to help support the
creation of the physical publication.
These sponsors are handpicked,
and will be featured in a spotlight
in upcoming issues of St. Petian.

“These people are supporters
of the local community, and they are
vital to the local culture,” Bartlett
said. “They want the local
culture to survive and thrive and
grow. We feature (them) because
we want our audience to know
that these businesses are out there
and making a difference in the
community.”

This theme of community seems
central to the publication.

“People are getting confused
and thinking St. Petian is just
a magazine,” said Bartlett. “St.
Petian is an identity. A St. Petian is
a person who enjoys and participates
in the culture of St. Petersburg.
Not people who live here
– people who love it here.
People from Michigan love
St. Pete; people from Texas
love St. Pete. Anybody can
be a St. Petian.
That’s what’s special
about our city we
don’t exclude
anybody. Our
culture is not exclusive.”

This inclusive ethos is evident
in the theme of the first issue: St.
Petian Magazine, Volume I, is a
travel guide focused on helping
locals and newbies alike navigate
the city.

“The Weekender edition of
St. Petian is a travel guide to
the downtown neighborhoods,
sprawling from 28th Street N
to Tampa Bay, between 18th Ave S
and 36th Ave N,” wrote Bartlett on
the magazine’s Kickstarter page.

“Inside, you’ll find places to eat,
drink, coffee, and (collaborate);
excursions to take at any time
day, a few hidden gems, and
the straightforward locals’ guide
to some of the best spots in
town. Each place, activity and
recommendation is 100 percent St.
Pete, by locals, for locals and for
those who want to support local.”

The idea to create St. Petian
stemmed from several different
conversations Bartlett had
with friends. She and her
best friend and fellow
Bull, Alicia Geigel, often
talked about publishing their
own magazine.
Now Bartlett, who serves as
the founder editor and
creative director
of St. Petian, works alongside
Geigel, the magazine’s media
director and editor’s assistant, as
well as Leo Gomez, St. Petian’s
branding and hand lettering
designer.

“When it comes to filling the
pages of St. Petian with images,
Bartlett, who is also a professional
photographer, takes a community-
based approach.

“I think that St. Petian meets
locals where they’re at by featuring
them, by taking their stories, by
using their pictures,” she said.

“There’s more than 40 individual
Instagram contributors whose
photography is in the magazine.
The people whose perspective of
St. Pete we want to see are different
people. They’re not the same five
people, they’re not people who are
inherently talented or the top
photographers of St. Pete. They are
people who, just like you, just like
me, sometimes have their iPhone
and capture something authentic
about the city.

To get this authentic aesthetic,
Bartlett often scrolls deep into
the archives of Instagram and other
social media sites to find users that
have what she calls “the eye.”

“Every morning, I get on
Instagram and try to find 10 photos
I want to put in my St. Petian
bank,” she said. Using this process,
Bartlett hand picks the photos
for St. Petian, often reaching out
directly to social media users to ask
for permission to print their work
and contact information in her
publication. She even developed
a special St. Petian hashtag that
people can use to tag their photos.

“I wanted to create a new hashtag
for people who were taking their
perspective of St. Pete,” said Bartlett.
“A lot of people are hashtagging St. Petian with
to pictures of their food, or pictures
of going out to an excursion, or
a business, or to the beach.”

In this way, the brand of St.
Petian reaches beyond the pages of
the physical publication, and into
the larger surrounding community.

“In the short term, I want to
grow St. Petian to be a platform for
stories and perspectives, and the
conservation and strengthening
culture,” said Bartlett.

“I would like to include multiple
writers, multiple perspectives,
many, many photographers and
artists (and include) people of
to all types of all walks; from here,
not from here. (I want to have) a
sustainable business that puts out
a quality quarterly publication
that people are excited to read
and excited to own a copy of, and
they want to put on their coffee table.
I want to be a voice that points
people in the direction of how they
can get involved in St. Petersburg
culture.”

Bartlett plans to release the first
volume of St. Petian in the fall.
The magazine will be available
for purchase via local stockists
throughout the city, and online at