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The USF St. Petersburg new department budget cuts for 2009-2010 eliminate vacant staff positions and reduce both staffing expenditures and professional travel for faculty and staff.

According to Julie Jakway, the regional assistant vice chancellor for financial services, the most recent budget reduction, effective July 1, 2009, was eight percent of the state's general fund revenue, which was approximately $2 million.

"This reduction, along with those made since 2007, was felt in many areas across campus," Jakway said. "Our primary concern during budget reductions is to ensure that instruction and student services are preserved to the greatest extent possible."

The reduction items for 2009 are to eliminate vacant positions, reduce library staffing expenditures or reference support, reduce advertising, reduce travel and professional development for faculty and staff, and reduce physical plant, grounds, and maintenance expenditures.

"Since the fall of 2007, when we took the first reduction, pretty much everybody felt it," Jakway said.

Dr. Norine Noonan, the vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the budgets of all units, academic and non-academic, are decided through a review process that is led by the head of that unit and culminates through conversations with both her and Interim Regional Chancellor Dr. Margaret Sullivan. "We generally start with a base budget from the previous year and then adjust up or down," Noonan said.

The number of students in each major influences the decision of how much money each department receives. "The number of majors is a factor, but not the only factor; other factors are the number of student credit hours the department or unit produces," Noonan said.

According to Noonan, the university still has the best interest of students in mind. "We have done everything in our power to minimize the impacts on student instruction and student support services."
CAMPUS & BEYOND

Need cash? Get Bulls Bills

The Bulls Bills incentive program aims to reward USF St. Petersburg students for being active and attending campus events. Students will use the bills to bid on donated items at the end of the school year at an auction.

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USF St. Petersburg students can now get paid to have fun. It may not be legal United States tender, but it is better than monopoly money.

Bulls Bills is an incentive program aimed to entice students to be active on campus. The program will give students the gold and green bills every time they attend a campus event.

"At the end of the year, at a 'Bulls Bills' event, we will have a silent auction where students will be able to use their Bulls Bills to bid on various items," said Katelyn Shatz, senate president pro tempore and creator of the program.

Abe Lincoln and George Washingtons will not buy a student much at these auctions- onlyRockys can get you what you want.

Only students who attend the events and received the bills will be able to bid on items. Larger bills will be given out at larger events.

"Depending on the size of the event and the amount of people, we will decide whether or not the event should get $1 or $5 Bulls Bills," Shatz said.

At some point during a campus event, students in attendance will receive the bills. They are numbered to prevent duplication and students are responsible for keeping up with them on their own.

"I think it is a great way to encourage students to participate at events," said Marketing Director Reuben Pressman, who has been helping Shatz with the program.

Both Shatz and Pressman said that this program was not designed because campus events are lacking student attendance, but as an added incentive like receiving extra credit for a class.

"The incentive program is to attract students that would not be interested in a club but may not know about it," Pressman said.

Incentive programs are a creative way to encourage student participation, but they may not always work.

According to the web site Intervention Central, which provides free incentive tools for educators, incentive programs only work if they are geared to the students' interests and are administered regularly.

Shatz has yet to determine what items will be available for auction during the special event at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. However, she did firmly state that these items will be donated and not paid for with student fees.

The bills should be seen throughout campus in the next few weeks. Campus events are posted on a master calendar at www.stpete.usf.edu/calendars.

Who will wear the crown?

Candidates for Duchess

Year: Senior
Current Involvement: Resident Assistant, Lead Orientation Leader, RHO Student Assistant
Why should you hold the position of Duchess? "I am an exemplary student and leader on campus. I would be and am proud of every single title I have received at this university and would cherish the opportunity to hold such a distinguished one."

Katelyn Aragon
Representing: Black Student Association

Year: Junior
Current Involvement: Black Student Association
Why should you hold the position of Duchess? "I am an active student in the campus community balancing work, studies and extracurricular activities. I am a school spirited student attending as many school events as possible, representing and rooting for the USF Bulls."

Sarah Henry
Representing: Student Government

Cassandra Julien
Representing: Black Student Association

Year: Junior
Current Involvement: Black Student Association, Fade to Black Ministries, ALANA Mentor Program
Why should you hold the position of Duchess? "The individual that holds the position of Duchess at USF St. Petersburg is a woman of character. She has strong morals, values and respect for herself and others. She is not afraid of rejection because she knows that her stance amounts to more than just her status. I believe that I represent all those characteristics."

Jasmine Knight
Representing: Office of Multicultural Affairs

Year: Junior
Current Involvement: Black Student Association Treasurer, Vice President of Pre-Med Club
Why should you hold the position of Duchess? "I believe since I am strong leader on the USFSP campus, I should hold the position of Duchess. I believe I have everything a Duchess should have: a positive attitude, school spirit, on-campus leadership, classroom leadership and high academic achievement."
Holidays are all about being with the people you love and don't always mean the people you are related to. Some USF St. Petersburg students may find themselves in a similar situation this Thanksgiving. Many of these students will have to come up with alternative ways to fill their stomachs with turkey and their brains with football.

"As of right now the Residence Hall Association will have a Thanksgiving potluck before everyone leaves for the holiday," said Claudian Anderson, resident assistant for the sixth floor in Residence Hall One. With this event, students who are able to go home for Thanksgiving will also get the chance to celebrate with their RHO friends.

"I've only experienced one Thanksgiving in the Residence Hall, but it did seem like a lot of residents leave to spend the time with family and friends," Resident Assistant Jamie Kennedy said. "This year myself and another RA are not going home so we will be having a Thanksgiving in the hall and inviting residents to join."

RHO suites are equipped with full kitchens so cooking that holiday feast should not be a challenge; however, making it taste good could be. If you plan on trying your hand at a turkey for the first time, check out the recipe "Cooking Turkey's for Chickens" at www.about.com. Associated Content also has a great article entitled "Thanksgiving Dinner Recipes for the Beginner Cook," which is dedicated to novice Thanksgiving chefs and includes tips, recipes and even video instruction.

Students in the dorms are not the only ones who may celebrate the holiday at their home away from home. Many people may join in the celebration with a friend's family. If so, do not show up empty-handed, but be sure to ask what to bring. If you do not have time to cook, both Publix and Sweetbay have pre-made pies and sides that perfectly complement a Thanksgiving dinner.

Sometimes, latching on to someone else's family may not be an option. If this is the case, ask around and find other people who are on their own for the holiday. You can organize a potluck or cook the whole meal at what some people fondly refer to as a "Wayward Thanksgiving" dinner. I have been to plenty of these and it has always been a blast. A lot of the time, I only know a few people in attendance, but that is the point. This kind of holiday dinner opens the door to networking and making new friends. It is a great way to be thankful for what you have as well as thankful for what can be.

Maybe the typical Thanksgiving dinner is not your style. If you are the kind of person who would prefer a "ThanksVegan" dinner on the holiday, visit www.vegantthanksgiving.com to get more information about the fourth annual vegan potluck that occurs on Thanksgiving Day.

Want to give back to the community for Thanksgiving? Meals on Wheels, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Metropolitan Ministries and other local community groups all need volunteers on Thanksgiving to deliver meals or help out in soup kitchens. All of these organizations, plus many more, can be found online. If you can not be with family for the holiday, perhaps it is a good time to share some love with those who do not experience it everyday. If you really think about it, this is the 21st century way to celebrate exactly how the original Thanksgiving happened minus the top hats and belt buckles of course.
Blending cultures every Saturday morning

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Within walking distance only a block from campus, you can experience foods from around the world on Saturday mornings. There is Helena’s award-winning Jamaican mango bread, La Petit France’s specialty crepes and a Panang Burrito, the result of a marriage of Mexican and Thai.

The Saturday Morning Market gives many entrepreneurs the opportunity to evaluate the public’s taste before they decide whether or not to pursue starting a new business.

Helena Joseph, from Jamaica, has been at the market for three years with her booth, Island Places. When she started she had her own store in Gulfport at 1411 49th Street. The market still brings her a lot of clients, especially for her catering business. She specializes in Caribbean foods, such as coconut curry chicken from Trinidad and Jamaican beef patties. Her mango bread is her mom’s recipe, which won an award in Miami for best new product.

Joseph is not the only entrepreneur who benefits from the Saturday Morning Market.

Allyko Valdez said his business has come full circle; it started as a small booth at the morning market and today he and his wife have their own restaurant called Nitally’s which combines the couples’ nicknames Nit and Ally. The restaurant is located at 2462 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg.

Valdez, 36, of Mexican descent grew up in Texas. He met his wife Kanittha Serna, 36, of Thai descent, in Tulsa, Oklahoma when he ran out of gas and money on a trip from Texas to New York.

Her family had a coffee house in Thailand, before they moved to Oklahoma and opened a restaurant. Being a teenager and the oldest daughter, she helped out in the kitchen.

Valdez and Serrane tried to fuse Thai and Mexican to create unique dishes while entertaining friends. Some blends can be too overpowering, but others are a perfect match. The Thai-Mex Salsa, which combines seven different kinds of Thai and Mexican peppers, has the potential to be so hot that even its creators approach it with caution.

“We eat our salsa about once every two months,” Valdez said.

The Panang Burrito, for example, is served with jasmine rice and no beans, which is hard to mix in the culinary fusion.

“The market was, for us, the stepping stone to be in the business,” Valdez said. “It’s hard to know what people like. We knew Americans love Pad Thai and Tacos. What else could we try? When we try something new at the market we know it is approved when people come to the restaurant and order the same thing.”

Introducing something different from what Americans are used to is the main challenge for Nitally’s.

Owner of the booth La Petite France, Glenn Cryer, 46, has been busy taking his trailer every weekend to different markets. Cryer has been selling crepes at the market for two seasons. Of all the markets that Cryer works, the Saturday Morning Market has the biggest variety, he said.

“A lot of Americans are not too familiar with crepes. We try to coax them into trying something simple and then we see them coming back for another try during the market season,” Cryer said. “Quite a few market attendees have been to France and get excited. Usually they say, ‘It’s just like on the streets of Paris.’”

Many other countries are being represented at the market’s “ready-to-eat” food court such as Cuban Havana Cafe, Italian Bread Artisans and Lebanese No Name Java.

“This brings many valuable qualities that makes our market great,” Market Director Mark Johnson said. “I’ve determined that we have more nationalities of ready-to-eat food than any other major market in the US.”

The Saturday Morning Market offers more than just food. There are vendors that bring crafts and specialties from other cultures as well. Shopper can find an array of handmade jewelry, clothing and bags from all over the world.

The Saturday Morning Market is from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Al Lang Stadium parking lot, at 1st St. and 1st Ave. S. in downtown St. Petersburg.
movie review:
Life in the New Century

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Oh, raunchy, politically incorrect art. You have a way of pulling the American heartstrings like no other. We hate you, love you, denounce you, and praise you. It is like having a love affair with a raging schizophrenic. Like its raunchy brethren, The New Century by Paul Rudnick, American Stage Theatre’s newest play in their after hours series, aims to shock, awe, and gross-out, but not without a little heart and relatable message everyone can take away.

The first glimpse we get into The New Century starts with a Mrs. Helene Nadler taking the podium at a POLGRTQCCCO (Parents of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, The transgendered, The Questioning, The Curious, The Creatively Concerned and Others) meeting at the local high school. Yeah, you know exactly where this thing is going within the first five seconds of the play, but it is fine, and unrepentantly hilarious from here on out. She goes on to tell the story of how her three different children came out to her at different points in her life. There is Leslie, the lesbian daughter Helene loves, but wishes she was more similar to “a Melissa Etheridge-like lesbian”. There is Ronnie, her second oldest, who comes out by telling her he was born to be a woman ensuing a later transformation from “Ronnie” to “Veronica,” and lastly, David who is gay and very fond of leather, bondage, masochism, and a handful of other unprintable sex acts.

I do not think I have seen a funnier Jewish mother since Raymond’s mom on Everybody Loves Raymond. Helene is viciously hilarious. She shoots out one-liners like a petite-sized verbal machine gun. She is crass, harsh and downright mean sometimes, but, in the end, loveable.

Then we are introduced to Charles. Charles is the self-proclaimed gayest man in the universe. In fact, he was recently banned from New York City for being too gay. We are watching him from his Palm Beach, Florida apartment broadcasting his aptly-titled public access show “Too Gay”. This guy is nuts, borderline obnoxious, but he has got some golden comedic moments. He claims he is more of an old-school gay (think scarf, pink suit, boat shoes) and

thus, an outcast in the midst of today’s “normal” and stereotype-breaking gay culture. He also has a boyfriend/man slave named Shane who, in one part of the show, prances off Charles’ set in only his birthday suit; my first and hopefully last taste of live male nudity. By now you kind of wonder if there is any way to top these two oddballs.

Well there is. It comes in the form of a large woman named Barbara Ellen Diggs from De catur, Illinois. Barb is addressing the Illinois Junior Cham. Barb likes craft...a lot. She shows off her sock puppets, scrap books, and even a crocheted set of bunny ears for her microwave. She plays the homely, yet somewhat out of touch mother role perfectly.

Then the play takes an interesting turn that gives it an entirely new, heart-felt dimension. I will just say it makes you realize life is not always gut-wrenchingly hilarious and can turn pretty real and tragic at any moment. In a twist of fate all the characters inadvertently meet up for the last chunk of the play providing for some of its best moments.

The fact that Rudnick can make an incredibly enjoyable, emotionally rich play with a hefty handful of incredibly raunchy, adult moments speaks directly to his talent as a great playwright. It seems he pushes the boundaries not simply for the sake of pushing boundaries and shock value, but as a way of holding up a mirror to some of the more crazy, taboo aspects of society in this still very new century. It seems we almost automatically associate “raunchy” with “tasteless” these days, but, man, if anything, The New Century proves otherwise.
A job for the holidays

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As you probably know the recession is still here and thriving, while the economy prepares for yet another grim holiday season. But do not be distraught: there are holiday jobs floating around the job market.

Report after report seems to talk about the housing market recovery or stocks, but what about the job market recovery? According to the Associated Press, for retail stores the reading is reason to worry that job market will not improve this year.

During the World Series, the camera pans to a close-up shot of Phillies second baseman Chase Utley just as he spits a heaping wad of tobacco on to the ground. A few innings later, Derek Jeter is on the top step of the dugout hooting, holtering and pumping his fist in the air. We've seen NBA players do the chest bump, LeBron James pounding his chest with a closed fist after an and-one, Lou Pinella go ballistic on Major League umpires, football players bang their heads together with their helmets on after a nice play, and baseball players give each other the fist bump as much as they slap each other's behinds. And yet, this is normal.

While women may give a dainty kiss on the cheek or a half-hearted hug, men do anything but relinquish their evolved roots when showing affection. A few ironic points stem from this. First, men actually are not as comfortable with close proximity as women are. Then again, maybe male athletes truly are a rare species, because this seems to be the opposite of what we see on the field and even in the bedroom. Secondly, women interpret nonverbal communication better than men. Hmm, imagine if this type of behavior crossed over into relationships. Women would end up with bruised knuckles, concussions, and bruised ribs, not to mention no men.

Needless to say, these messages would not be interpreted properly, nor would they be appreciated.

This is not to say that women are any less innocent. In fact, females are the queens of nonverbal communication. Perhaps they interpret nonverbal signals better because they are so good at using them. The flip of the hair, the look in the eyes accompanied by a smile, and let's not forget (how could we?), the infamous arm touch. In these cases, which are anything but rare, the male, acting as the proverbial quarterback, is forced to call an audible at the line of scrimmage and set the receiver in motion. If the man and woman are in sync with each other's nonverbal cues, you know what happens next. Touchdown, baby!
In any event, Don't fret if you think you're owed for doing a nice job or if you are asked to do work in a different way of one way or another, be active.

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A change of pace is welcome on dark situations.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) A recent act of kindness is beginning to show some unexpected (very welcome) results. On another or hear to more about a possible move to another locale. It won't be easy, but you can do it.

The good news is that the rare-footed Goat can rely on his or her skill to get around obstacles in the workplace. The not-so-good news is that new impediments could turn...
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From Oct. 23-25, the University of Florida hosted the 22nd annual Swamp Bowl. The intramural flag football tournament attracted teams from colleges across the southeast, including schools in Florida, Georgia and Louisiana.

This year, USF St. Petersburg sent a team to the event in Gainesville. Known as the USF Bullsharks, the team competed in the men's division of the tournament and included nine players from two different intramural squads on campus.

Marty Dempsey, intramural and fitness coordinator, was in charge of the committee. Dempsey believes those who participated are probably the top players on campus, despite the results of the games.

"We sent our best team," he said. "We had just as good of athletes as anyone on the field. But they had never seen the level of competition they got, which may have hurt them in a way."

The Bullsharks played in three games – two on Friday night and one on Saturday. Each game consisted of four 12-minute quarters. The team lost one in each game.

"One was a diving catch, one came on a deflection and the other I read the coverage and stepped in front of the receiver to pick it off," he said.

Hnilica, who compares himself to Swamp Bowl. The sophomore caught a 60-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Carter Clarke in the team's second game. The throw and catch.

Hnilica admitted that it was a challenge adjusting to the play of his teammates that he normally did not play with on campus.

"Everyone plays the game a little bit differently," he said. "We were not on the same page. We needed a lot more chemistry and needed to in synch."

Sir Rodney has primarily played quarterback but was a receiver in the Swamp Bowl. The sophomore caught a 60-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Carter Clarke in the team's third game. It was their lone score in a 32-6 loss that eliminated them from the tournament.

"It was different because I'm used to throwing them," he said. "But I was happy to put some points on the board."

Rodney echoed the feelings of Hnilica that it was a challenge playing with unfamiliar teammates. He compared the experience to when he initially got involved in the sport last fall.

"It reminded me of when I played my first semester of flag football," he said. "Our team needed a lot more chemistry and needed to in synch."

A total 11 of 12 teams in the vision tour and 28 pated division. won champi with an impres save 27-0 victory over a UF squad on its home field. The USF All-Stars, a

women's team from the Tampa cam pus, beat FAMU 14-12 in the final to capture the women's championship.

Florida Gulf Coast University defeated UF 15-9 in the co-ree division. Dempsey said the team seemed to enjoy the competition. He was also glad a team from USF St. Petersburg was able to compete for the first time in several years. He believes the exposure can only help the school.

"I get our college out there," he said.