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Chick-fil-A Hikes Up the Price

If waiting around for the new Chick-fil-A to fill a vacant spot was not painful enough, try ordering a chicken sandwich with a drink and see if the price hits like a surprise attack.

As original chicken sandwhich and a bottle of coke throw together still 55. Shocking. That does not include fries though.

Some of the a la carte food served buffet style at the new Chick-fil-A on the Bay is priced approximately one dollar more compared to other local Chick-fil-A restaurants.

A chargrilled chicken garden salad costs $6.35. At other stores it is $5.29.

Weren't expecting it to cost me that much. Regional Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Kent Kelso said owner David Neely has a set cost to running for a student union and the only revenue he gets is the product he sells. So that obviously has to exceed the costs of running the facility and paying staff.

"The prices of the product is probably closely related to the volume he (Neely) is experiencing or expects to experience." Neely was contacted to comment, but was unavailable.

"He (Neely) pays a lease on the facility," Kelso said.

"Regardless if nobody comes in or a thousand people come in, he still has to pay us the exact same amounts." According to Kelso, the prices probably have to do with comparing cost to revenue.

"It probably has to do more with the business model he (Neely) is looking at. In order to pay the costs which go into running the business, prices have to maintain at a specific level," Kelso said.

Neely "knows if he goes too high with his prices, students aren't going to eat there."

Karina Swenson, 18, journalism major, was not "quite sure why they jacked the prices on a campus." Swenson, who does not normally eat fast food, would have liked a healthier option. Chick-fil-A was pushed for a student union project that was not painful enough, try ordering a he (Neely) is looking for now.

Chick-fil-A restaurants. Branded food options were given and Chick-fil-A was the highest picked. Chick-fil-A is the most popular food a food court on the Bay is priced approximately one dollar more compared to other local Chick-fil-A restaurants.

The only thing that kept the Orange Blossom running was the catering business they did here," said Kelso. [People may] "miss it but it wasn't making any money. You can't operate something that's failing financially.

The Orange Blossom's proceeds went sky-high simply because they had to keep a large stock. This is why Chick-fil-A, on the other hand, has a limited menu. "They know what they can purchase. They know how much to purchase. There's no waste," said Kelso.

To meet everyone's needs, Kelso said that the university is pushing for a student union project that includes building a food court on the USF St. Petersburg campus.

But Chick-fil-A is what everyone has to deal with for now. "All decisions are financial," Kelso said. "The bottom line at the end of the day, especially in this economy [if] you can't make the money you can't work the business."
We asked...

Favorite childhood toy?
- Tony Zarate: Game Boy Color
- Justin Pizza: Power Rangers sword
- Allie Nall: Mr. Potato Head
- Gregory Ahmad: A globe
- Ingrid Aleman: Barbie hoop

Least favorite food?
- Tony Zarate: Brussels sprouts
- Justin Pizza: Pizza
- Allie Nall: Onion
- Gregory Ahmad: Lima beans
- Ingrid Aleman: Onion

Reality TV...
- Tony Zarate: Amazing, but like
- Justin Pizza: I don't like it
- Allie Nall: Don't like it at all
- Gregory Ahmad: I think it's degrading to society
- Ingrid Aleman: Fun to watch, but dumb at the same time

Ever been on a blind date?
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Ever broken a bone?
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**Are you Recruit-A-bull?**

Sara Palmer  
**Staff Writer**

USF St. Petersburg provides students with a very useful tool that can help them find employment or internships rather than spending hours searching through Monster.com or the classifieds.

Recruit-A-Bull is a Web site that helps USF students and alumni find employment, volunteer opportunities and internships both on and off campus.

To get started, students must visit the Recruit-A-Bull Web site at www.stpete.usf.edu/career/recruitbull.htm. It offers a quick reference guide and contact information to help students learn how to use the site.

Students create a profile and submit a resume for review before they can search for job opportunities. Resumes are reviewed by associates at the USF St. Petersburg Career Center who usually give feedback within 24 hours.

"As of today there are 998 active accounts," said Terry Dowling, a career counselor at USF St. Petersburg.

USF St. Petersburg alumni can use Recruit-A-Bull free of charge for six months after graduation. After six months, alumni must pay a $50 fee in order to use the site.

"At the midway point of the fall semester there were 900 student accounts in the active mode," Dowling said. "The May grads were recently placed in an inactive status since their six month free service recently ended."

Some job postings are for on-campus work-study opportunities, but many are posted by employers seeking interns or alumni.

Currently, there are about 900 employers listed on Recruit-A-Bull, said Dowling.

Some of the internships currently available on Recruit-A-Bull include marketing, accounting and web development.

Alumni job postings currently on Recruit-A-Bull include accounting, business development and teaching.

"Volunteer opportunities are also listed in the system," Dowling said.

After setting up the search parameters, the Web site shows a listing of all available opportunities. Each listing has its own page with detailed information including hours, compensation, contact information and a job description.

Many of these employers offer monetary compensation, but some offer course credit and other opportunities in exchange for a hourly wage. The YMCA placed an opening on Recruit-A-Bull that offered a temporary membership instead of an hourly rate.

Most of the postings available to students have very flexible hours that work around a school schedule. These postings are for both part-time and full-time employment.

Many students have heard of Recruit-A-Bull but have never visited the Web site.

Candace Yarbrough, a senior at USF St. Petersburg majoring in psychology, heard about Recruit-A-Bull last semester but has never used it. She intends on visiting the Web site this semester.

Some students have had great success with Recruit-A-Bull and others have found themselves in very interesting scenarios. In one case, a student was hired full time after an internship with a company found on Recruit-A-Bull. In another case, a student had to share an office with five ferrets.

Dowling said the Career Center reviews all of the employers and the specific information about the jobs posted.

The Career Center offers students more than access to the Recruit-A-Bull website.

"I am available for individual student appointments 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, all year round," Dowling said.

Dowling and other career counselors give students and alumni assistance transitioning from college to career.

The Career Center helps students search for jobs and prepare for interviews. By utilizing Recruit-A-Bull and the other services offered by the Career Center, USF St. Petersburg students can easily excel at engaging potential employers and finding a great career right now or after graduation.

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**Students Celebrate Inauguration Day**

Kaeli Conforti  
**Staff Writer**

Although many students were in class when Barack Obama was officially sworn in as President of the United States, some sat back and relaxed in the Campus Activities Center, watching the events of Jan. 20 unfold on the big screen. Students that missed it were invited to watch a recording in Residence Hall One later that evening.

The first Inauguration watch, hosted by USF St. Petersburg Student Government and the Law Society, was held in the CAC from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., allowing students and faculty the chance to watch the swearing in ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

David Ferguson, sophomore andundeclared major, was in his American History II class when the ceremony began. As a special treat, their professor, Dr. James Kessenides, allowed the class to go to the CAC and take part in the Inauguration Day activities.

"He let everyone out early so we could go watch history in the making," said Ferguson. Members of the Black Student Association, BSA, offered students the chance to watch a recording of the Inauguration ceremony, meeting on the first floor of the residence hall at 7 p.m.

As the night went on, more and more students stopped to hear the inspirational words of our new president and witness the moment he and Vice President Biden were sworn in.

"I think it went very well," said Jasmine Knight, sophomore psychology major. "We had full attendance, about 45 people, and some that didn't sign in."

"It was nice and we had a big turnout," said Celina Gayle, freshman psychology major who watched the recording of the day's events. "I think it was a really good idea for everyone who missed it or was in class."

Students watching the recording quietly as Rev. Rick Warren gave the opening invocation, followed by a rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," performed by the legendary Aretha Franklin.

Excitement filled the room as Biden was sworn in as Vice President by the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court John Paul Stevens, and a musical selection was performed by Yo-Yo Ma on cello, Gabriela Montero on piano, Anthony McGill on clarinet and Itzhak Perlman on violin, all leading up to the moment where Obama was sworn in as president by Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr.

The room was almost completely silent as President Obama gave his Inaugural Address. Following his speech, a poem was read by Elizabeth Alexander, while Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery ended the ceremony with his inspiring benediction.

Those in attendance relaxed on comfortable chairs and couches as they watched thousands of people on television visibly contending with the cold weather of Washington D.C. Other students wondered how Michelle Obama and Jill Biden were able to look fashionable and stay warm at the same time.

"I had the opportunity and the funds, definitely," said Astrid Camy, freshman criminology major who asked if she would brave the cold weather to attend the ceremony.

"This was great," said Knight as she described how the BSA members came up with the idea. Students chatted amongst themselves and commented on the haggard appearance of the former president, watching as the Bush family exited the White House for the last time.

Ferguson later described how many comedians, like Jon Stewart, said they regretted the end of the Bush presidency since so much comedic material would be leaving with him. While not originally a fan of Obama, Ferguson eventually decided to cast his vote for him on Election Day.

"He's got a big mess to clean up," said Ferguson. "I just want someone who's not going to make it worse."
The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship hosted an eclectic evening of poetry, song and improvisational comedy on Thursday, Jan. 22 to a crowd of over 60 students.

The show, held in the Coquina Club, started at 8 p.m. Afterward, Intervarsity members stuck around to answer questions, talk to students and have an impromptu jam session on guitars, bongo drums and the keyboard.

Jake Schuyler, a freshman majoring in psychology and engineering, was amazed by the evening's success.

"I never expected there to be this much talent," said Schuyler. "It was incredible. I'm speechless."

"It was a fun," said Vincent Nagatomo, senior and economics major who played his guitar in a few performances. "I want to do another one of these at the end of the semester."

The evening started off with a guitar solo performed by . Danny McDonald, freshman and undeclared major, who entertained the audience titled, "Why Don't You Wash Your Feet," grossing out the crowd while he painted vivid images of a woman's dirty feet and acted out his disgust toward them.

"It was pretty cool," said Griggs about the experience.

The last improvised sketch was called "The Question Game," where volunteers were only allowed to speak in the form of a question. In this case, students re-enacted a town hall meeting in the path of an erupting volcano, while one character, oblivious to the crisis, remained obsessed with the amount of gum on the city streets.

Next, Mallory Moyer, freshman and graphic design major, made her musical debut, playing guitar and singing Taylor Swift's "Love Story," as the audience clapped along to the beat.

"It was terrifying because it was my first time ever. I'm glad I got it over with - performing for the first time - but it was fun," said Moyer.

When asked if she would perform again, Moyer said she hoped to get more practice in front of the crowd, adding that she would like another poetry slam later in the semester.

During the next improvised scene, volunteers were each given roles to act out. In one scene, an officer tried to deal with his overbearing boss who assigned him mundane tasks as he tried to assist an old lady interested in opening a cat farm, while trying to convince another volunteer that his office was not a karate studio.

"I got little butterflies at first, but it eases up after you make eye contact."

As a special treat for the audience, Matthew Santiago Rodriguez, a junior and social work major, performed an impromptu bit of spoken word based on suggestions from the audience. This led to the exciting tale of Patrick from "SpongeBob SquarePants" being rescued by audience member Jeff Keener, a freshman accounting major, while wandering through polar bear country in Alaska.

Jamie Leavitt picked up his guitar and played his rendition of "Not Enough," after warning the crowd that he'd only performed for kindergarteners prior to this show.

Leavitt, a senior and elementary education major, later described the feeling of performing on stage in front of such a large crowd.

"It's fun! A rush, like you're stepping off a cliff, knowing you're about to do something you're not good at but you're going to do it anyway," said Leavitt.

One of the most memorable performances of the evening was by Richard Baxter, a senior and English major, who encouraged the audience to sing along to the chorus of a song that he learned from the children he taught in the Philippines.

"I was a little nervous, but the audience was great," said Baxte. "I enjoyed singing with them an hearing them sing."

Cassandra Julien, junior education major shared her poem "Beatiful Girl," while other Intervarsity members finished off the night with a keyboard solo and a game of "Name That Tune."

Following the performance Rodriguez encouraged the crowd to think about how each of the sees God and how God sees each of them. He reminded students that we all make mistakes and God wi continue to love us through it all.

"For the most part, people enjoyed themselves. Even at the end, people were, if nothing else, respectful," said Rodriguez. "I really hope people understand the Intervarsity is open and welcome to everyone."

"Even if we don't get to connect to all of them, we get to connect with a few of them and that's what matters," said Schuyler.
Broad support for Obama's politics stop this package


Sponsored by the political action group MoveOn.org, it was an event showing broad support for Obama's economic plans including investments for green jobs, health care and clean energy.

792 signatures, the petition includ ed many personal testaments of economic hardship. According to MoveOn.org, the rally will "urge their Rep. Bill Young to pass Obama's plan quickly without weaken ing its policies."

"We expect Bill Young to look out for his constituents," said Joe Illingworth, local MoveOn.org member and host of the St. Petersburg event, one of over 200 such events held across the country. "We hope that Rep. Young won't let partisan plans including investments for green energy come in the form of an interest rate.

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The main topic of discussion was the struggling economy. Several speakers outlined the effects of the current financial crisis, where Florida has been hit with the largest over-the-month decrease in employment in the U.S. In a single month there were 5,600 lost jobs in November 2008 according to figures from the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics.

Jessica Tenneyson, a homeless woman, talked about life in the streets and her attempts to find a job. "In St. Pete, life sucks," said Tenneyson, who was celebrating her 23rd birthday at the rally. "In the last six months, the homeless population increased by 25 percent. I have applied to 123 jobs, but nothing." To help celebrate, the group sang "Happy Birthday," and gave donations.

At 6:30 p.m. the first group of 10 participants, lead by Ilingworth, moved to Rep. Young's 14th floor office to officially present the petition. They were met by Yvonne Gray, a secretary for Rep. Young, who accepted the petition on his behalf. Ilingworth also requested a meeting with Rep. Young, and was told the request would be processed.

In the lobby afterward, Ilingworth felt the short ceremony went well. A second group of protesters attempted to go to the 14th floor, but were turned away by security.

Karen, one of the group members not allowed into Rep. Young's office, loudly voiced her disappointment. "They won't let us up... It was not very nice."

For further information about the petition and other related events around the country go to www.moveon.org.

Assistant Editor
Emmalee Schmidt

Remember the days when saving money meant putting every penny you had in a pig, ceramic piggy bank? Remember when $20 made you feel rich? A touch of love today might be the perfect gift for someone in your life. How will you express your love? Take inventory of the ways you can invest.

Phil Amman

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At the touch of love everyone becomes a poet.
Plato

USF ST. PETERSBURG
**Events Calendar**

**Monday, Feb. 2**
- SANKOFA African Museum, CAC Core, 10 a.m.
- Waterfront Pool reopens, 11 a.m.
- Mary Turner and the Memory of Lynching, Residence Hall One, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3**
- SANKOFA African Museum, CAC Core, 10 a.m.
- Crime Prevention Seminar, Enoch Davis Center, 11 a.m.
- Swim lessons begin at the Waterfront, COQ 105, 4 p.m.
- Women’s basketball vs. Marquette, Sun Dome, 7 p.m.
- Encore Chamber Series Opening Concert, The Palladium Theatre at St. Petersburg College, 7:30 p.m.
- Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy, Mahaffey Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 4**
- Tea Dance, Coliseum, 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 5**
- Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium, USF Tampa, MSC 3707, 8:30 a.m.
- USF Education Abroad Spring Fair, location TBA, 10:30 a.m.
- Being Black in America: What will the Barack Obama presidency mean for blacks? Davis 130, 12 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 6**
- Cambridge at 800, OLLI-USF Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, USF Tampa, Westside Conference Center, MHA, 12:15 p.m.
- Louisville Slugger Tournament, USF Tampa, 1:30 p.m.
- Get Downtown Music Series, Central Ave, Time TBA
- Men’s Basketball vs. Marquette, Sun Dome, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 7**
- Women’s Expo, Coliseum, 10 a.m.
- Louisville Slugger Tournament continues at USF Tampa, 1:30 p.m.
- UFC Fight Night, Sun Dome, 5:45 p.m.
- Keyboard Conversations: Chopin for Lovers! The Palladium Theatre at St. Petersburg College, 7:30 p.m.

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### New Interim Regional Chancellor at USF St. Petersburg

**Story Continued from pg. 1**

Nicole Grull
**Assistant Editor**

Along with worrying about the school’s accreditation, the regional chancellor’s responsibilities also include a careful management of money. "Doing more with less," Sullivan said, is what it is going to be very important during these economic times.

When asked about the loss of classes and professors this semester Sullivan said, "University of Florida lost 400 faculty positions, Florida State 200. We cut what was necessary."

These cuts mean that the campus will not be growing much during these times. Sullivan does not plan to make many changes. The top priority right now is hiring a new librarian for the Poynter Institute and a New Dean of Business for the college.

"The two capital priorities will be the student union and a new building for the College of Business," Dr. Sullivan said.

The Dali Museum’s building is owned by USF St. Petersburg. With their contract almost up for the lease of the building, the plan is to move the College of Business into the Dali building so it is more convenient for students and staff. The building will also be renovated to fit the needs of the college.

"The chain link fence that surrounds the construction site, soon to be the Science and Technology building, was originally open in the beginning of the spring semester is now closed due mostly to a large pile of dirt that the construction workers are afraid students and visitors will vandalize."

While this annoyance affects faculty and students Sullivan said, "It's a burden now, but a joy in the end."

The building is set to be completed in August.

Sullivan hears students comment about the campus all the time. She would like to address these concerns and issues but is unable to unless students come to speak with her. If students wish to speak with Sullivan, stop by her office in Bayborn 208 and make an appointment.

Sullivan said she enjoys USF St. Petersburg and hopes that her time here will not be short. "The size of the school, the quality of the faculty and students are just wonderful assets. I am very happy to be here," Sullivan said.

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**ADVICE GURU**

My boyfriend and I have been friends for a year and dating six months. During our friendship, we used to do lots of fun things. But, the last few months, whenever I suggest we do something (even if it doesn't cost any money), my BF just wants to stay in and watch a movie. I don't want to break up with him but how do I deal with this problem?

-Couch Potato

Communication is the foundation of good relationships. That's right, talk to him. He may not even realize that his version of relaxing and fun is boring the snot out of you. Explain to him that you want to enjoy being with him while enjoying fun activities. Be proactive: make a little bit of fun activity that cost little or nothing. If this doesn't do the trick, it may be time that you move on, but cross that bridge when you get there.
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Even during hard times, sports fans could relax. No matter how severe the stock market turmoil, how tough the job market, how bleak the nation’s outlook following a national tragedy, sports — through it all — always retained its appeal. With a few considerable exceptions, the struggling economy is hitting fans and their teams like never before. And it hurts.

With America in its worst economic situation since the Hoover administration, sports fans are witnessing that even the most lucrative professional sports leagues are dealing with financial problems. In fact, there already exists a correlation, in which the economic recession is at the heart of every sport fan’s depression.

“We always used to think the sports and entertainment industry was recession-proof,” sports agent Barry Axelrod told The Sporting News. “I don’t think it is anymore. It was back then, but not anymore.”

Of course that statement requires a closer look into its validity. The New York Yankees, in the span of one week, spent $432 million to acquire C.C. Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Mark Teixeira. It is clear that the recession is affecting everyone in different ways, even if super-agent to the stars Scott Boras insists that professional sports are immune to economic meltdowns including this one.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell laid off 150 employees. In the NBA, David Stern nearly half that number, and MLB’s Bud Selig has his total up to 20. The newest trend in sports’ front offices, exhibited by an increasing number of franchises across several leagues, has been lowering or freezing ticket prices altogether. America’s two sports with the largest spectator bases, professional football and NASCAR, have suffered the most.

In April 2007, the NFL announced it would be lowering ticket prices for playoff games, and cancelled an exhibition game set to take place in China. Although London continues to be a hot spot for pre-season, exhibition and select regular-season games, the league is concerned regarding its capability of holding a game in Asia.

On the track, NASCAR’s reliance on corporate sponsorship is becoming a burden worsened by the crippling automobile industry. Petty Enterprises, the most renowned name in racing, released driver Bobby Labonte and is faced with running only one car next season on the NASCAR circuit. Dale Earnhardt Inc. cut 150 employees, while Hendrick Motorsports also slashed their staff.

It is clear the professional sports leagues are hurting, as are the fans. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately two million individuals filed claims for unemployment between the start of the economic recession in December 2007 until November 2008. Less income has led to the inability to spend money on tickets to attend games. This cruel fact is shown through the MLB’s report that league attendance in 2008 dropped for the first time in five years.

Professional sports leagues have experienced financial hardship in the past, but sports fans in particular are reduced to inexperienced rookies when it comes to being affected by unfavorable economies.

The average price for a family of four to attend either an NFL or MLB game has doubled over the previous 15 years and has risen by 67 percent in the NBA, aided by the 40 percent inflation rate over that same time span. In the NBA several franchises have resorted to aggressive marketing inexpensive ticket packages in order to maintain the currently large fan populations.

The New Jersey Nets, on the other hand, have instituted a policy that gives tickets away free to unemployed fans.

Major companies like Ford Motor and Wachovia Bank all manage to have their names on arenas and stadiums across the country. ‘T’ situation is likely to stay as it is, with major architectural firms who specialize in stadium construction declaring that there is a stockpile of unfinished projects that have been put on hold.

“Funding for new construction projects is dried up and teams and leagues operate knowing that corporate dollars are harder to come by.” Sam Mellinger, sportswriter at the Kansas City Star wrote. “Competitive balance is shifting more on the movement of Dow Jones than the Brats Factor.”

Until things improve, Hank Steinbrenner, or you spare a quarter?