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BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Look for Black History Facts throughout the month of February.

Cafe Reopens on Campus
After major renovations, the Yacht Sales Cafe’ is open for business

PIRATE SHIP
Bounty enjoys winter break in St. Petersburg

Budget Takes Turn: For Better or Worse?

Larissa Mone
Staff Writer

USF St. Petersburg already had a 15 percent budget reduction and an "unknown" number is still expected for the 2009-2010 year.

Regional Vice Chancellor of Administrative and Financial Services Ashok Dhiraja anticipates an additional 10 percent budget cut in St. Petersburg and is not only open to it, he doesn't think a 10 percent reduction is going to happen.

"All those things will add up to making less than 10 percent," Dhiraja said. President Genshaft plans to preserve all tenured faculties in the 2007-2008 budget cuts.

"We will try to do as much as we can to protect people so there are no layoffs," Dhiraja said. Currently, "we have not removed any faculty person...they're still here. So there is no loss of jobs. We'd only been working with adjunct faculty or visiting faculty so those are the only ones we have eliminated to date.

USF St. Petersburg has let go of other staff besides faculty. The campus currently has a small maintenance staff funded at the lowest possible level," Dhiraja said.

"If you can't touch the tenure track, what else are you going to touch?" Dhiraja said.

Staff positions are often left open. "When a position becomes unavailable we just don't fill them," Dhiraja said.

It is the desire of President Genshaft and USF St. Petersburg not to get rid of faculty because of the cuts, Dhiraja said. "I think you want to affect the quality of education in the school. If you eliminate people who have full-time obligations to the students and the institution.

There was a total 10.6 percent reduction in the 2007-2008 budget. Over the past two years, USF St. Petersburg took a loss in vacant faculty and staff positions and reductions in the following funding: summer school, travel and current expenses, capital equipment and programs of distinction.

If the university increased tuition, the extra money could possibly replenish adjunct facility and help them keep their jobs. "When you increase the tuition you have to show that you are maintaining a certain quality of education for the students, so all of the money from tuition will not go toward the budget reduction. Only some of it will go (to budget reduction) and the rest will go to hiring the adjunct and keeping the faculty," Dhiraja said.

Ralph Wicke, a USF provost, previously said, in a Tampa Tribune article concerning USF and other university budget cuts, that if positions do not get filled, then class sizes will increase. The amount of classes offered and the number of class sections will be limited and as a result, students will find it more difficult to finish their degree in a timely manner.

USF St. Petersburg Budget Reduction Summary Revised 1/27/09

4% Reduction

- Loss of vacant faculty and staff positions
- Reduction of summer school funding
- Reduction of travel and current expense funding
- Reduction of capital equipment funding

Position reduction = 5.2 faculty (includes 4.2 FTE summer school funding), 5.12 staff. No layoffs.

College of Arts and Sciences 254,000
College of Business 265,000
College of Education 123,000
Library 41,000
Regional VC Academic Affairs 211,000
Regional VC Financial Aid and Administrative Services 203,000
Regional VC Student Affairs 47,000
Chancellor 75,000

Total 4% reduction 1,159,000

4.4% Reduction

- Loss of vacant faculty and staff positions
- Reduction of summer school funding
- Reduction of travel and current expense funding

Position reduction = 9.99 faculty (includes 1.38 FTE summer school funding), 2.0 staff, non-tenureearning instructional faculty layoffs = 0, non-instructional faculty layoffs = 0, staff layoffs = 0.

College of Arts and Sciences 228,000
College of Business 186,000

The university plans to build a student union within the next five years. The union will include a food court, pub, game room, offices, ballroom, an outdoor area and spaces for social interaction.

James Scott, a senator president at USF St. Petersburg, said the funds to build the student union have nothing to do with the academic budget. The union will include a food court, pub, game room, a few offices, ballroom, an outdoor area and spaces for social interaction.

How much will the student union cost? Between 10 to 20 million dollars, Scott said. The money to build the union will come from various sources including student fees, donations, capital investment trust fund money and ballroom profits.

Scott said the student union will be completed sometime within the next five years, unless the economic status serves as a barrier.

The student union is a vital plan that will contribute to USF St. Petersburg's community development, Scott said. He added if the amount of students grows on campus, especially if more residence halls are built, there must be more services available for students.

Scott said he believes it is the administration's goal to keep future plans, despite the economic downturn, because the economy will eventually get better.

As the university budget decreases and tuition and university spending increases, USF St. Petersburg students, faculty, and staff have to wait for the final budget for the 2009-2010 school year.
Tavern Holds Its Own

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Assistant Editor

Higher prices at Chick-fil-A? USF St. Petersburg recently brought a new addition to the south side of campus this spring. A bold move for the campus, the fast food cannot be compared to the mouth-watering choices at The Tavern at Bayboro.

Crow’s Nest reporter, Larissa Mone, uncovered the story of the increase in prices for on-campus eating. Another dining facility on campus has survived without an inflation of prices for students. Supplying quality Boar’s Head meat and fountain drinks (including a free refill), The Tavern’s sandwiches and selection trump the new national chain.

Weekly specials, hearty soups and to-die-for cookies give students the right to choose. They also sell beer. Chick-fil-A has high-priced bottled soda, iced tea and lemonade (no free refill).

The hours at The Tavern are better too: Students and the public are welcome between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m., except Tuesdays and Fridays. Our friendly chicken-joint is open from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., leaving no place for students to partake in after-dinner conversation or a late-night snack.

The Tavern has more than just a select choice of sandwiches to choose from. Although The Tavern classics and Bayboro classics are on the list, for all the non-meat-eaters on campus they offer a variety of vegetarian choices. Chick-fil-A has salads.

Students need choices. Students need healthy options. What would you rather have, a half-sandwich special, a side and soft drink for $5 or a chicken sandwich and a bottled soft drink for $5? You make the choice.
Cadets Speak Out

For the past six years, Americans watched troops strive to survive in an unfamiliar country for a war that has steadily decreased in popularity.

In a poll conducted by Quinnipiac University in November 2008, 56 percent of registered voters felt that it was wrong for the U.S. to go to war with Iraq.

According to his official Web site, President Obama has plans on removing one to two U.S. troops each month over the course of 16 months in order to bring the bulk of U.S. troops back home.

Over 150,000 men and women of all different walks of life have served time in Iraq since the war began. According to a CNN opinion poll in August 2008, 58 percent of Americans polled felt that the U.S. can win the war in Iraq, even with a change of presidents.

The Coalition Forces, which includes the U.S. and all allies, has had a big focus on peace, security and democracy in Iraq.

According to President Obama's plan, his administration must be very careful while leaving Iraq.

"When I was younger, I didn't think it was necessary at all," Love lace said. "Now I can honestly say that it was necessary. We got rid of a tyrant and showed the world that we will not take the threat to American life laying down."

Eddy said that the war is important because it gives the Iraqi citizens a chance at democracy and the ability to enjoy freedoms similar to the ones upheld in the U.S. Constitution.

Mack sam said the Iraqi people did not understand the concept of democracy because they were living under such a repressive regime. "We can't just hand them democracy without explaining how to use it."

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"There is always going to be a threat," said Major Scott Mack sam, an assistant professor of Military Science and Leadership with the USF St. Petersburg ROTC program. He said that the U.S. leaves residual troops behind in almost every place that the country has engaged in war.

Love lace thinks keeping a task force in Iraq is a great idea, however, he does have some concerns. "I worry about the effectiveness of a small counter-terrorism unit with such a formidable task as keeping the peace in front of them."

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"I'm not a fan of Bush and never have been," Love lace said. "He dropped the ball on that one and a lot of great soldiers and Americans lost their lives to clean up his mess."

"I believe in the good of what they saw at that moment," said Eddy, who feels he cannot respond honestly since he has not seen the conflict in Iraq first hand.

According to a Washington Post poll in January 2009, 61 percent of Americans do not think the Iraq War is worth fighting.
Yacht Sales Cafe: New Eats for USF Students

Larissa Moné
Staff Writer

"No" is the answer from select students when asked, "Did you know there is a third food choice on campus?"

But where is this place?

"If you have an hour between classes, take a short walk to the Yacht Sales Cafe at the Harborage Marina located between the Dali Museum and the college of business."

The cafe used to be called Old Key West Deli and Cafe. Under new ownership and having undergone a major makeover, the new cafe retains the same island atmosphere.

Jeremy Dupuys, part owner of the cafe, originally from Maine, moved to Florida four months ago and opened the cafe with his partner on Dec. 18, 2008. "The previous owners had run this place into the ground. We had to do a bunch of rehab work," Dupuys said.

Customers stopped coming to Old Key West Deli and Cafe because "clumsiness" and "food quality" were "going down the drain," Dupuys said. Even the Dali museum "stopped referring people over here because they were getting so many complaints back."

Before the remodeling, "let's just say that there was an inch and a half of grease on everything possible," Dupuys said. Tables and chairs had to be thrown away. Grout lines were "completely disgusting." Ceiling tiles were falling down. Coolers had mold and the toilets were separating from the walls.

"We've come a really long way," Dupuys said. "Now, the cafe is painted with bright, Caribbean-inspired colors. The bathrooms are spotless. Everything looks like new. There are original acrylic paintings hanging on the walls by local artist Bobbi O'Hare, contributing to the tropical vibe.

"Pungry guests can eat well and be green. The cafe's utensils, napkins and cups are decomposable. Demerson Kiriploupolos, 20, biomedical science major from the USF Tampa campus never heard of the cafe but is happy about the cafe's green approach because it is good for the environment.

In reaction to the cafe's use of decomposable products, J.C. Faircloth, 24, USF Tampa student, pro-rated major said "that's perfect...a lot of places need to get in on going green.

"The cafe is not only environmentally friendly but the owners support local farmers by visiting the Saturday Morning Market in downtown St. Petersburg every weekend to buy fresh food."

"They (local farmers) are a little over priced but we pay for it because we support the locals as much as possible," Dupuys said.

"We try to keep our prices reasonable but we have top quality meat."

Prices for sandwiches range between five and seven dollars, not including the grouper sandwich which costs $11. Menu items include deli and grilled salads, soups, side orders such as black beans and rice, breakfast and a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

According to Dupuys, the chicken tarragon, pecan salad, the philly steak and cheese and the Miami-style pressed cuban sandwiches are "to die for." Miami-style cubans have pulled pork, ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and mayonnaise and mustard, said Dupuys.

"If you need a sugar fix, the cafe sells homemade chocolate-chip and oatmeal-raisin cookies and sometimes leaves of banana bread which "we baked...and couldn't keep it on the shelf." Dupuys said.

"How many students eat at the cafe? Dupuys estimated two per day.

"If not taking classes at the college of business, students mainly stay near the Poynter Library, Davis and Coquina Halls, which is a reason why the cafe comes as a general surprise to many."

Jennifer Glenfield, 19, environmental science major said she ate at the cafe before but did not remember what she ordered. "It was alright," she said.

"I get a lot of variety. You can go from barbecued chicken to a sandwich or a salad, it's really good."

Jorge Leal, 25, finance major, is not happy with the food choices on campus because he wants more variety, he said. Leal never went to the Yacht Sales Cafe because "it's out of my way." He has no time to take a ten minute walk to get food between classes.

Regardless of the walk, the cafe offers a fresh eating experience especially to those who are adventurous enough to stray outside the Chick-fil-A and Tavern circle.

Outside seating at the cafe gives customers a chance to soak up some Florida rays. After all, Dupuys, a Maine native, knows how to not take the Florida weather for granted.

Store Hours
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
7 days a week

10% discount with School ID

Kaeli Conforti
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 18 one chess club member will showcase his talent: the ability to challenge him. An iPod prize will be given to the winner, while those who plan to enter are asked to donate whatever money they can to support the group.

"The more people that come, even if they're not strong, the better chance they'll have," Forman said, describing how the more opponents he has, the more his attention is spread out between them.

Forman talked about how he has also played chess while blindfolded.

"You have a vague sense of where everything is," Forman said. "Just remember the 64 squares and after you've played a long time, certain positions are very familiar."

Forman described how his love of chess sometimes joins him in the classroom, where he sees the positions of students' seats and imagine very vividly where he would move them.on the chessboard. "That's when I know I've been playing too much chess and I need a break," Forman said.

The Chess Club started in fall 2005 semester and has over 45 members, with new students joining every week.

The Chess Club meets in the Davis Lobby every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. where students are welcome to practice their skills, challenge each other to a good game or learn how to play for the first time.

"Anybody who always wanted to play, I can teach you in 15 minutes," Robert S. Forman III, junior, economics major, said. "As a club, it's set up so that you can just stop by and play a game or two. You don't need any experience.

"I used to play when I was younger and hadn't for a long time," Abby Bennett, senior, environmental science and policy major said.

"I wanted to play and I waited for a group to play with."

"My sister taught me how to play when I was very young," said Jonathan Gershuny, junior, accounting and finance major.

Other members were either taught by their parents at a young age or recently got involved in playing chess once they stopped by to play.

"Our goal is to inspire people to bring chess back into their lives; to rekindle their love of chess," said Frank Biafora, the Dean of Arts and Sciences and faculty advisor of the group. "We're looking for students who used to play in middle and high school and then just stopped playing."

Biafora explained how he received an article from another chess lover about a growing trend of students who are involved with chess teams throughout middle and high school, but for one reason or another stop playing once they get to college.

Around this same time, Bennett expressed her interest in creating a group so she and others, including Forman, could hone their skills and invite other students to learn the game. With a small group of interested students and 15 chess sets, the Chess Club was born.

Shortly after the club started, Biafora said Andrew Sherman, President of the Florida Chess Association and St. Petersburg Chess Club, visited to give members free master chess lessons.

The group is currently in the process of preparing for their first chess tournament, which Forman said should take place within a month. They plan to take four members with them to compete at the St. Petersburg Chess Club, the longest continuously running chess club in America. Anyone is welcome to try to enter the tournament.

"We're trying to win and be successful, but also to offer people a chance," Forman said. "It's not just for the best players. It's for everyone who wants to play."
Pirate Ship Docks at the Pier

Karli Confetti
Staff Writer

For only $5, guests can step back in time to a world of swab­
ing the decks, hoisting the sails and sailing the seven seas.

The HMS Bounty, a replica of the original Bounty, is
docked on the south side of The St. Petersburg Pier.

Originally constructed in 1960 for the film, "Mutiny on
the Bounty," the ship was later used as the Flying Dutchman in
"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" and "Pirates of
the Caribbean: At World's End."

The tour began at the historical helm of the ship, which
was used in 1935 for Clark Gable's version of "The Mutiny
on the Bounty," and later purchased by MGM Studios to
be used in other films such as "Tropic Zone," starring
Charlie Chaplin and Monty Python's "Yellow Beard."

Visitors are given a unique opportunity to explore beneath
dee ks of the ship, where pictures of the various movie stars
who worked onboard can be seen. Down below, artwork of scenes from
Pitcairn Island, where the mutineers were finally able to seek shel­
ing with their families and images of the infamous Captain Bligh
and mutineer leader Fletcher Christian adorn the walls.

"The room features artwork, painting, photographs, and
artifacts from the Bounty," said Rebecca Twombly, a member of
the HMS Bounty and leader of the tour. "I've been in 20-25 foot seas in this
t hing. She does a nice, even roll.

Down below, artwork of scenes from the film can be
seen. "I like it," said Gary Ball. "I was just a little confused about
how it was sponsored."

Twombly described the camaraderie of the crew members
and travel opportunities as perks of working onboard the ship.

"I liked it, too," Gary Ball said. "I've spent five years on the boat
and I'm still learning."

The HMS Bounty offers onboard tours Wednesday thru
Saturday every half hour from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to Twombly, the ship should be staying in port
until March or possibly until early April.

"This business is all spur of the moment," Twombly said.
"Everything changes, and you can never guarantee any­
t hing anyway."

"Twombly became involved with the HMS Bounty about five
years ago when she chose to give up her job as an elementary
school teacher and join her sister onboard the ship.

"I decided I was going to try and I could always go back to teach­
ing," Twombly said, adding that this was once in a lifetime oppor­
tunity she was unable to resist. "I worked it out. I found my husband,
she said, who was the Boat's Engineer at the time.

"Coincidentally Twombly's sister met her own husband
onboard the Bounty."

"We call it the Love Boat," Twombly said, adding that four other
married couples she knows met as a result of working on board the
t he ship. Mr. and Mrs. Ball visited St. Petersburg all the way from Colum­
bus, Ohio, stopping at The Pier for a tour of the ship before contin­
uing on their trip around the city.

"I liked it. It was pretty good," Owen Ball said, mentioning
how historic the ship was, since movie stars from Marlon
Brando to Johnny Depp have been onboard. "It was bigger
underneath than we thought."

As citizens of a free country, this is a
t e perfect opportunity because you have
elected a man who believes it is finally
t ime for the Darfur conflict to end.

Visitors at the USF Tampa library assistant, said "I saw the drawings and
it convinced me to come up."

Fisher, pursuing her masters in
Library Science at USF Tampa, spoke of the "Lost Voices" exhibit in the
Tampa Library. The collection displayed colored pencil drawings from
Darfur child refugees who sur­

ived the ongoing War in Darfur. The
drawings were donated to USF Tampa by Waging Peace, the human rights
organization Tinsley directs.

"I can only imagine what she (Tin­
sley) has seen in her time in this
country. As citizens of a free country, this is a
part of what we all need to do.

She wanted the audience to write letters to their local
representatives, expressing their con­
cern for American involvement toward
resolution in Darfur and make a call for
Donations to Waging Peace to fund
an effort to send psychotherapists to Darfur
to help train community leaders in
tec­niques of briefing and relaxation.

"People have got to go up to Washington and help these people
who are in this situation now."

Tinsley answered many questions from the audience and they cheered
for her. Tinsley stepped down to greet the

"I am absolutely driven to act," Christiana Oyenji, USF Tampa alumna
and member of the International Awareness Involvement Committee. "I
am going to start and start a letter writing campaign. You can't help
but anger us when we see her passion, and our

The USF Tampa library will post a video of Rebecca Tinsley's lecture on
the library's Web site by the end of March.
EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 9
Build-A-Bull, Harborside Lawn, 11 a.m.
An Event with David William Foster, USF Tampa, Grace Allen Room, 4th Floor Library, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Prague Information Session, USF Tampa SVC 2080, 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Providence, USF Sun Dome, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Umdabu South African Dance Company, 12 p.m.
Robert Helps Festival: Master class with Rhonda Rider, USF Tampa, FAH 101, 4 p.m.
Robert Helps Festival: USF Student Composers Concert, USF Tampa, FAH 101, 8 p.m.
Bingo Night, CAC, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12
Ethiopia Information Session, USF Tampa, FAO 17, 1 p.m.
Sexual Harassment Awareness, USF Tampa, SVC 2070, 1:30 p.m.
Robert Helps Festival: Lecture with Lyudmila German, USF Tampa, FAH 101, 2 p.m.
Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Janus Landing, 8 p.m.
Luis Bravo’s Forever Tango, Mahaffey Theater, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13
Ghana Summer 2009 Information Session, USF Tampa, CPR 127, 2 p.m.
Women’s Tennis vs. Furman, Tampa, 2 p.m.
USF Wilson Tournament, Softball Field, 3 p.m.
“1964”, Mahaffey Theater, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14
Suncoast Classic 10k, Boywalk, 7:55 a.m.
Mendelblatt Team Race, St. Petersburg, 9 a.m.
Walking Tour of Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District, Central Ave., 10 a.m.
USF Wilson Tournament, Softball Field, 4 p.m.
Women’s Basketball vs. Seton Hall, USF Sun Dome, 7 p.m.

*LOCAL TRADITION*

It’s a long time between visits, but the USF baseball program, under the leadership of coach Mike Jeffcoat, will once again open the season with a weekend series at FGCU in Fort Myers, FL.

For the 10th straight year, the Bulls will play in the opening series of a new doubleheader format as they host the Eagles. The series will see a pair of nine-inning games scheduled for each day of the weekend.

Last season, USF went 4-0 in its opening series against the Eagles, including a sweep of FGCU in last year's series opener.

The Bulls enter the 2009 season as the defending AAC champions and will be looking to make another run at the conference title. After a disappointing season-opening series against Stetson, USF is looking to get back into the swing of things.

The Bulls will face a challenging non-conference schedule this season, including a game against the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC.

Despite the lack of home games, the Bulls will still have a strong following in the Sunshine State, with games against Florida Atlantic and Florida Atlantic University.

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*USF STADIUM FAN FESTIVAL*
Senior catcher Trey Manz heads in for the day after warming up pitchers in the bullpen at Red McEwen Field on the USF Tampa campus.

Junior pitcher Andrew Salgueiro perfects his pitches by throwing and playing catch during the pitchers' bullpen session.

SPORTS

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the last time before 2008 that the Yankees and the Dodgers each started the season with a new manager.

2. How many times during his career did Hank Aaron lead the National League in home runs?

3. Which NFL team holds the record since the post-1970 AFL-NFL merger for winning its division the most consecutive times?

4. Name the last time the Army men's basketball team made the NCAA Tournament.

5. Ottawa defender Filip Kuba set an NHL record in 2008 for the most consecutive games to open a season in which he assisted on a goal (eight). Who had held the mark? *Answer can be found online under sports*

6. Richard Petty had 1,384 career starts in NASCAR's top three series. Who was the second driver to join the 1,000-start list? *Answer can be found online under sports*

7. In what Grand Slam event in 2008 did tennis star Roger Federer fail to make the finals?