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Black Student Association hosted The Bulls Stampede Step Emporium event on Thursday, Feb. 17 in the CAC core.

This event, which was one of BSA’s newest editions to their Black History month calendar, sought to bring the campus and community together.

"[Bulls Stampede Step Emporium] was one of our signature events for black history month," said Bernard Washington, BSA president. "We wanted to give people in the community an opportunity to showcase some of their talents."

Showcasing their talents was exactly the outcome of each performer, especially from USF St Petersburg student Mandie Fernandez.

"I'm happy that BSA decided to host this event tonight," Fernandez said. "I hope that this event shows students that life is supposed to be fun."

Fernandez, a former color guard member and dance student, started dancing 16 years ago. "I've done every type of dance," Fernandez said. "I've done jazz and ballet."

For her dance routine, Fernandez said she had to work on some of her basic dance moves with some of her favorite hip-hop music. "I listen and dance to all the good music," she said.

In her performance, Fernandez showcased some of her talented dance moves and color guard skills.

Although the performances demonstrated creative and original dance moves, BSA initially created Bulls Stampede Emporium for local step teams. "We couldn't get enough steppers, so we decided to turn it into a dance showcase for the campus and community," Washington said.

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New student center aims for LEED ranking

Keely Sheehan
Managing Editor

USF St. Petersburg is tentatively scheduled to break ground on the new student center this spring, in either March or April. Earlier this month, the Student Government Senate passed a resolution to commit approximately $50,000 to making the new building meet national standards of environmental efficiency.

SG President James Scott hopes the building will meet LEED Platinum standards. LEED—Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design—is an internationally recognized set of standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council that classifies buildings according to their environmental efficiency. It looks at categories like energy and water efficiency and reduction in carbon emissions. LEED Platinum is the highest rating a building can achieve. The USF St. Petersburg Science and Technology building has a LEED Gold rating.

LEED is based on a point system. Buildings are inspected after they are completed and points are awarded on a number of features related to environmental efficiency. Because of this, there is not yet any guarantee that the new student center will achieve LEED Platinum rating. Eighty points out of a possible 110 are needed to achieve platinum status.

The Tampa-based Rowe Architects have drawn up plans for the building, and Creative Contractors, Inc. of Clearwater are developing cost estimates for the project, which Scott said should be available later this month. After the cost estimate for the building is complete, the university will have a better idea of whether it can afford the types of features a LEED inspection looks for.

"This is an opportunity for our campus to show leadership," Scott said. A LEED Platinum rating would "distinguish the university as being a responsible leader when it comes to energy efficiency and reducing our environmental impact, and ... being smarter about the way that we use our resources, our water and our energy."

Students incurred a fee increase to finance the new student center. The fee increase was higher than anticipated, leaving extra money that SG dedicated to enhancing the campus. The Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Commission was created to research the best way to use the extra money, which is approximately $50,000, with the primary goal being to achieve a LEED Platinum rating on the new building.

The extra fee came from an additional 50 cents per credit hour charge. The university has an annual output of about 100,000 credit hours, according to Scott.

The new student center will house 200 beds in six stories—two students to a room, with no kitchens. The building is set to have a food court, outdoor patio space, and a ballroom, as well as features to make it more efficient and environmentally friendly, including a lot of glass, solar hot water panels and systems to recycle water. The building will also feature educational components on the first floor describing these features.

"There will be an information system on the first floor looking at energy usage patterns, water usage patterns, mechanisms ... The building can be a teaching tool," Scott said.

One building in the Florida public university system, at the University of Florida, currently has a LEED Platinum rating. UF’s Heavener Football Complex received platinum status in 2009. The $28 million complex was "the first building in Florida and the first athletic facility in the nation to achieve platinum status," according to University of Florida News. According to the 2009 UF News report, there are 130 platinum buildings in the U.S. and 141 worldwide.

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¿Quien es Ana Herrero?

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Ana Herrero may be new to the St. Petersburg campus, but she's no stranger to USF. Herrero, a Spanish professor in the Department of Languages, Literature and Writing, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from USF Tampa and then taught there as a teaching assistant and an adjunct until 1996. Her teaching career continued at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg Catholic High School and St. Petersburg College before arriving here to teach both upper and lower level Spanish classes. She came here this semester to replace Professor Eric Alvarez, who retired at the end of last year.

Though her teaching career has been based in Florida, Herrero was born in Santiago, Chile to Caban and Puerto Rican parents. After living in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Herrero made her residency in the Tampa Bay area.

After teaching various topics and levels of Spanish classes, Herrero has found that Spanish-American civilization is one of her favorite topics to teach. Her interest in this subject started when she took the course at the graduate level at USF Tampa, taught by Carlos Cano, associate professor in the Department of World Languages.

"His knowledge and passion was an inspiration, but most importantly it taught me to understand the vast complexities and beauty of my own culture," Herrero said.

She hopes her students will have the same enthusiasm as they learn different languages and cultures. Herrero expects students to show interest by participating and making a sincere effort to learn.

"I strongly believe in a communicative approach where the student is encouraged to use the target language as much as possible," Herrero said.

Her best advice to her current and future students is "to relax, and to enjoy the process of learning not only a foreign language but the culture."

"It will offer the student a better understanding of the diversity of the Hispanic peoples," she said.

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SG approves bike rental program

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Student Government approved $7,300 to start a campus bike pro­gram to allow students to check out biking equipment from the campus fitness center.

"That is something that James [Scott] and I, when we were running, thought would be an important ser­vice and aspect to bring to campus," said SG Vice President Jon Ellington.

Since the bill's approval, SG President James Scott forwarded the bill to Kent Kelso, regional chancellor for Student Affairs, for final approval.

"Whenever we spend money out of that account, when we do large expenditures throughout the year, the administration has a check on that," Scott said. "I think it should be approved by [mid-February] by the chan­cellor."

Once approved, the bike rentals will likely take place in the parking garage. Scott said the idea was in place for over a year, but SG only recently got to it. Senator Danny McDonald spon­sored the bill.

"I helped draft the bill and come up with ideas for the program," McDonald said. "But I mainly introduced the bill to [the] committee and the general assembly, and I voice the representa­tion of the students that want to see the program."

Ellington said they have tentative plans to store the biking equipment at the parking garage.

"Right now, we're going to need to create a compound within the garage just because of cost," Ellington said. "By having it anywhere on campus that pretty much wasn't there, we'd have to go through facilities planning and have them create drafts and being in outside contractors to do the work. This is a much quicker, easier and cheaper approach to take."

Once the program is in place, stu­dents will be able to check out bikes during the campus fitness center's op­erating hours.

"Personally, I love biking and I was talking to the students and they felt like having this as a service on cam­pus," Ellington said. "It's something they thought they could take advan­tage of and support. The main thing was the students saying that this was something that we think would be a good aspect to bring to campus."

Ellington said when students check out the bikes, they will be also issued an U-lock and a helmet. The rental policy will be similar to the kayak rentals. If students keep the equipment beyond the hours of operation, they will incur a $5 overnight fee. SG plans to purchase 20 single-beach cruisers. If the program is successful, Ellington thinks SG will allocate more funds in the fall.

"I think the campus provides the opportunity to promote active outdoor activities for students," Scott said. "For students who don't have a bike, it will offer a chance for them to say, 'I want to check out downtown.' This area is well-designed for biking."

"I think the bill is a new opening for the university in seeing healthier lifestyles, clean transportation and more outreach to the community, es­pecially downtown," McDonald said.

As an option, if students who don't have a bike, they could use a U-lock and be able to check out a bike.

"SG Vice President Chang was the student who proposed the bill," Scott said. "I think this is something that James and I thought would be an important service to bring to campus."

Ellington said that the administration was supportive of the idea, and that they would help promote the program.

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Stepping up continued from front page

After BSA turned Bulls Stampede Step Emporium into a dance showcase instead of a step team showcase, they received more interest from local dance teams in the community. "We have SGC dance crew, Dancing Dynasty, and Dune­din Flight Central dance teams [partici­pating tonight]," Washington said.

Allah Leshore, a dancer from the Dancing Dynasty group, which had about either or nine dancers in the group, brought her originality to her dance routine.

"I had fun in tonight's performance," Leshore said. "I will participate in this event if they [offer] it next year."

Leshore's performance had a com­bination of twists, slides and turns. "It took me two or three weeks to learn my routine," she said. "I like trying different things."

Washington said that BSA plans on having Bulls Stampede Step Emporium event next spring; however, he said BSA hopes to have two separate showcases for the dance teams and step teams.

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Students celebrate the life of a friend

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The day was filled with more smiles than tears—he would have wanted it that way.

Students and faculty from the journalism department gathered by the Harborside Fountain Wednesday, Feb. 16, to honor the life of Aaron Moe, a UCF graduate student who died last year.

Amidst all the smiles, a few tears—Moe's favorite color—and cake decorated with purple frosting to celebrate his birthday, to keep the day as positive as the person they were celebrating. He would have been 25.

Moe graduated from the University at Buffalo in 2009, starting his first year of graduate school at USF St. Petersburg in fall 2009. Moe died of pneumonia on Feb. 19, 2010, after entering the hospital a few days prior for minor eye surgery.

"We had so short of a time to be with him, and all that we would want is for us to be together," said Lottie Watts, a graduate student in the journalism department. "He was my first friend when I moved here, so he always have that special place in my heart."

Watts and student Amanda Smolen planned the memorial to give Moe's St. Petersburg friends a chance to share their memories of the man many said had a knack for bringing people together and making everyone feel welcome.

"He was only here with us for a semester, and a month and a half, and this is what he did," Smolen said, gesturing to the crowd.

"He was the glue that held us together...To Aaron, [cliques] didn't exist, everyone was included."

Watts and Smolen, with the help of Moe's friends, plan to make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida in his name.

"He would want his spirit to live on through our generosity," Watts said.

"I've been here for a semester, but he's still here," said Chris Donney, a graduate journalism student. "He's in our brains, our memory, so he's still here."
Residents of St. Petersburg are in for a tasty culinary ride when the Taco Bus rolls into town via US 19. Rafael Valenzuela’s popular Tampa roadside eateries revs up its engine to open a second location in Pinellas County.

“We are very happy and excited to come to St. Petersburg,” Valenzuela said. He believes his loyal customers will welcome this late-night food option. The current Tampa location is open 24 hours.

“There is night life here in St. Petersburg,” he said. “There are students who are up late, studying for a test until 3 a.m., but they might need a break. They can come here, then go back to studying.”

The Taco Bus is essentially a Mexican restaurant kitchen in a bus. Patrons browse a menu of authentic Mexican dishes and place orders at a walk-up window. There is both indoor and outdoor seating, but none inside the bus itself.

The menu has something for everyone, Valenzuela said.

“Not much will surprise people, but it’s definitely a different experience because it’s very low-key and prices are dirt cheap,” Valenzuela said. “You come here, you eat, you drink and you pay under 10 bucks.”

The food is prepared fresh daily, and Valenzuela takes great pride in this. Unlike many chain restaurants that add chemicals and vacuum-pack their tomatoes in plastic bags, Valenzuela said his tomatoes are diced a few minutes before they are eaten.

“You can see a difference in the flavor, the texture and the way it looks,” he said. Nestled in the Grand Central District at 2324 Central Ave, the Taco Bus occupies an old used car lot, minutes from I-275, Tropicana Field and downtown. Valenzuela believes it is close enough for people to stop off for a taco on their way to a baseball game or a downtown event.

Valenzuela says he has a wide variety of patrons, from blue-collar workers to Porsche owners, from students to grandparents.

The Taco Bus got its humble beginnings 20 years ago visiting job sites and parking on street corners throughout neighborhoods in Tampa. The inspiration grew from Valenzuela’s childhood in Monterey, Mexico, where street vendors were prominent.

“If you go to Mexico, it’s everyday life,” he said. “It’s street food that sustains the people.”

Valenzuela learned to cook as a child from his friends’ mothers.

“The first thing I learned to make was tamales and tostadas and chips,” Valenzuela said; because he wanted to make it instead of buy it off the streets.

From there, he started a small business and would travel to the town market on Saturdays with a taco-stocked cooler.

“If I did it because I needed to earn a bit of money,” Valenzuela said. “But mostly, I would like to see the people enjoying the tacos.”

Although he eventually went on to study at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Valenzuela considers himself a cook, not a chef.

“We are all cooks,” he said. He enjoys that his food can make many people happy and that he can provide people a comfortable place to socialize that feels like home.

Valenzuela hopes to mirror the experience of what he does at home, where everybody eats and socializes in the kitchen.

“You do it because it feels so good to do it and you really don’t do it for the money—ever,” Valenzuela said. “Of course you’ve got to pay bills, but it’s almost like an afterthought.”

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The Taco Bus owner, Rene Valenzuela, opened his much-anticipated Mexican restaurant in St. Petersburg on Feb. 18, 2011.

**The Cackling Hen:**

**Aguilera makes anthem her own**

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Campus & Beyond Editor

A true musical artist can transform a classic song into his or her own. There have been many covers of John Lennon’s “Imagine” or Louis Armstrong’s “What a Wonderful World,” but usually artists haven’t aimed to transform. "The Star-Spangled Banner.” Sure, some have altered a few notes or add a riff while singing at sporting events, but at Super Bowl XLV, Christina Aguilera took it to the next level. She changed some of the words.

Initially, I was enamored by her voice and distracted by her plain, barely-combed hair. I had looked forward to her performance for days, and during the song I had to repeatedly shush and glare at a party drunk who wanted to talk about “Black Swan.” Christina belted out her power vocal, the drunkard left to find the vodka bottle, and I was satisfied. Forget the coin toss—time for cheese dip.

But the common public was not satisfied. In today’s social media era, Facebook statuses and Twitter tweets exploded, divulging Aguilera’s lyrical bluf. I apparently missed it while shushing the sloshed woman on the floor.

Being a staunch Aguilera fan since “Genie in a Bottle,” I scoffed at the first status I saw that knocked Aguilera. Surely, my Facebook “friends” (acquaintances at best) were just jealous of her singing abilities, and some excess spray tan probably clogged her ears. But I couldn’t deny it once logging on to Twitter. Critics berated. Supporters cried to focus on her voice and albums that sold. The following day, even Fergie released a statement to try and support Aguilera.

Evidently enamored with stars, Aguilera sang about the “twilight’s last gleaming” twice. And she replaced the word “ramparts” with some English that Americans actually use. Who knew a rampart is a type of defensive wall? Maybe Aguilera’s stumble sheds light on the fact that a few lyrics could be updated. After all, a great rampart is more of an iconic symbol for China.

For such a talented singer, a rough year just got rougher for X-tina. Her “Bi­otic” album flopped in sales. She canceled her tour a day after tickets went on sale. She got divorced. And then came the national anthem mistep.

In spite of her latest troubles, Aguilera is scheduled to sing at the Grammy Awards in a tribute to Aretha Franklin. And the lyrics will be on a teleprompter.

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Spring break for every budget
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Life as a college student is hectic—three-hour classes, late-night studying, and part-time jobs. Some time off is in order. Here are a few ideas to fit different budgets to ensure you have a memorable 2011 spring break.

$0-100: Plan a Staycation
Travel can be overwhelming and stressful. Opt for a more low-key vacation. Plan to take the week off from work so you can really get the most out of your time off of school here. Here is a week’s worth of ideas to inspire you to plan your own Staycation.

Sunday: Wear one of the prettiest dresses you own and meet your girlfriends for tea and pastries at the Vinoy Hotel downtown overlooking the marina.

Monday: With leftovers from dinner at the Saturday Morning Market, bake a homemade pie. Pair it with vanilla ice cream and your favorite reruns.

Tuesday: Wake up at sunrise and drive to the beach. Leave all electronics in the car, and don’t forget to bring your favorite novel, a cozy blanket and a thermos of iced tea.

Wednesday: Visit First Freuts Hydroponics on 6th Avenue North to go strawberry picking. Spend the rest of the afternoon making homemade strawberry jam.

Thursday: Meet up with your best friend for relaxing manicures and pedicures. Before the trip make sure to stock up on the most recent fashion magazines.

Friday: Meet your friends for a picnic at North Straub Park. Pack lots of blankets and pillows to sit back and relax.

Saturday: Host a game night party. You’ll need classics like Monopoly and Scrabble, and plenty of chips and salsa.

$250: Weekend Away
If taking off work for a whole week is not an option, take a weekend escape to Sarasota. Stay at the charming Hotel Rialto. Amenities include beautiful hardwood floors and luxury bedding. Make sure to call the hotel beforehand to get the lowest rate. Get to know the area by visiting John Ringling Museum, Selby Botanical Gardens, or Mote Marine Aquarium. Rent a bike to go on monorail and gas and take a trip down to the beach to pick up shells along the shore.

$500: Seven-Night Southern Caribbean Cruise
The New York Times recommends Royal Carribean’s Serenade of the Seas cruise because of its deluxe spa experience. Ports of call include San Juan, Puerto Rico, British Virgin Islands, and St. Maarten. Make sure to pack a floppy hat, aviator sunglasses, and a sarong to be the epitome of glamour on the ship. Instead of inviting your closest friends, choose to take your mom along with you for a much-needed girls’ vacation to catch up.

$1,000+: Runaway to Miami
Stay in Miami in style by booking a room at The Delano Hotel on Miami Beach. Visit the Villa Vizcaya recommended by 51,000 Places to See Before You Die! for its famous gardens and unlimited swapping. To swap clothes, take a picture of the unwanted clothes, describe it, and post the picture on the website. Then swap your clothes for others’ clothes.

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Swapping is all the rage
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A new trend from London is catching on and The Swapista is bringing it to St. Petersburg. The website theswapista.com is like a mixture of online shopping and a flea market. The idea is to exchange unwanted or unused clothes for something else.

“It’s like treasure hunting,” said Valerie Bickford, creator of theswapista.com and ex-host and designer of the TLC show “The Clean Sweep,” about organizing clothing found for free.

“When I was laid off, I had to come up with different ways of being frugal,” Bickford said. “I like the good life. I like to travel. I’m a goody­­­-girl and like to look great. But on a budget, new clothes are not always a possibility. I knew there must be other girls like me. So, what if we were to exchange clothes?”

The Swapista offers a seven-day free trial period for curious swappers, and a $25 annual membership for unlimited swapping. To swap clothes, take a picture of the unwanted clothes, describe it, and post the picture on the website. Then swap your clothes for others’ clothes.

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Get ready for spring in fresh florals
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Spring is the season of romance. Bring out the roses, whites, wedges and florals, and get ready for sunshine.

Spring often brings bold colors, so consider choosing a neutral makeup palette. To take your look up a notch, try hot pinks or bold reds in lip color, blush and—if you want something daring—try wearing fuchsia eye shadow at night.

When using bolder colors, only pick one feature to enhance. Choose either lips and keep the eyes clean and soft and neutral. If you are not fan of pink and you are not in the mood to wear red, try coral or peach eye shadow, blush or lip gloss. The fairer your skin, the lighter your pigments should be.

Physician’s Formula has a great variety to choose from and they have new Mood Boosting makeup in a blush and bronzer (about $14). The makeup has plant extracts that mimic the effect of antioxidants. Even if their claim is a bunch of nonsense, it may still be fun to try. CoverGirl’s new line NatureLuxe has great and affordable foundations (about $10). The lip colors are sheer with a hint of color, perfect for a romantic spring look (about $7).

Florals aren’t only for clothes and makeup. Many perfumes that debut in the spring are a light floral scent, as opposed to fall and winter perfumes. Light and airy is the key for spring.

The difference in the types of fragrances is the amount of concentration of the ingredients. Perfume has the most rare and most concentrated ingredients, and lasts the longest amount of time. Eau de parfum has the second most concentrated ingredients, then eau de toilette and lastly body splash, which contains the least amount of concentrated ingredients. As the strengths weaken, the product must be reapplied to reach the same potency as when initially applied.

As far as prices go, you get what you pay for. All four types of scents contain alcohol, with perfume having the least amount and body splash with the most. Even though the knockoffs may smell similar, they don’t last as long. Fragrances do not last as long on dry skin as on moisturized skin. Apply lotion regularly for the best results with any fragrance.

With a fresh face of light, romantic makeup, and the aroma of a flower, you’ll be sure to pull any spring look together.

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Renovations expand campus recreation

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Sports Editor

For the next several weeks, professional baseball players from three other countries will call St. Petersburg their home plate away from home.

Teams from Canada, the Netherlands and South Korea will compete in the inaugural St. Petersburg International Baseball Series at Al Lang Field in downtown St. Petersburg. They will play a 13-game schedule from Feb. 21 to March 13 at the historic 7,227-seat stadium just blocks from the USF-St. Petersburg campus.

Some games will match the international clubs against one another and against NFL and college competition. The Philadelphia Phillies, Toronto Blue Jays and Tampa Bay Rays will take part in the series. In addition, some higher-level players will test teams from Penn State and St. Petersburg College.

Start times for the games are currently scheduled for noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through the four-week series.

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St. Petersburg International Baseball, which is putting on the event through the city of St. Petersburg, is a program created by mayor Bill Foster to bring more tourism to the area and put baseball back on the field at a once-revered ballpark.

Tickets to individual games for the spring series start at $6. For additional information, visit www.stpeteinternation­albaseball.com or search for “St. Pete International Baseball” on Facebook.

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International baseball comes to St. Petersburg, FL

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Bulls make statement during 2010 NFL season

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With the NFL season over, it's time to take a look at the progress of the league's USF alumni.

Eagles free safety Nate Allen, Rams cornerback Jerome Murphy and Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul made up an exciting rookie class of former USF standouts.

Nate Allen, who won the starting job in Philadelphia, posted the most impressive statistical year despite having his season cut short by injury in Week 15. The 5th overall pick in last year’s draft finished with 46 tackles, one forced fumble and three interceptions. Finishing up football writer David Elfin noted that Allen had interceptions in each of his first two games, a sack in his third, another interception in his fourth and three fumbles in his fifth.

Jerome Murphy, who handled the nickel packages for the New York Giants, was a 2nd-round pick. Murphy led the team in sacks with 6.5 and had 13 tackles, two forced fumbles and a recovery.

Jason Pierre-Paul, a 1st-round pick, finished with 58 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble.

Fellow Rams rookie and former Bulls defensive end George Selvie came on strong in the second half of the season. According to Klutts, "The seventh-round pick had a pretty good year as he was getting used more and more as the season went along. Selvie is a pass rush specialist that managed two sacks. If he can improve his run defending then he could become a starter in the next year or two."

Selvie finished with 21 tackles and 1.5 sacks to his credit.

Jason Pierre-Paul became the highest-drafted USF player ever in 2010 when the New York Giants selected him with the 15th overall pick. Pierre-Paul provided a notable rookie year, recording 30 tackles, two forced fumbles and 4.5 sacks. Giants fans have to be pleased with his promising performance as the loss of Michael Strahan two years ago has cost their defense line considerable stopping power.

A former Bull who some say had a sub-par year is Dallas Cowboys cornerback Mike Jenkins. He managed 55 tackles, forced one fumble and had one interception. According to Jan Hubbard of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Jenkins "struggled throughout the year with key penalties." Also, his single interception came after his 2009 campaign when he nabbed five picks.

Overall, the young talent representing USF in the NFL is promising in the 2011 NFL season and beyond.

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