Local businessman and USF supporter Gus Stavras was honored at a sold-out fundraiser dinner on Sept. 20 to benefit the planned College of Business building.

Stavras, 87, has been a pillar of support for local students and educational institutions for over two decades. His contributions to USFSP include the Gus and Frances Stavras Family Scholarship for Entrepreneurs, the Frances Louise Stavras Scholarship and a $125,000 donation toward a conference room in the College of Business building.

"Education is the greatest thing we can do for our children," Stavras said in his closing speech.

Stavras accepted awards from local and campus officials, including St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster, who proclaimed Sept. 20 "Gus Stavras Day." Foster commended Stavras on his military service in Patton’s Third Army during World War II, where he was injured after volunteering to take the place of someone who hadn’t eaten. He was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his duty.

Stephanie Goforth, a USF Trustee, presented Stavras with a framed poster designed by Caitlin Burns, who graduated magna cum laude with a degree in graphic design last spring. Burns won a competition offered to graphic design students to make the piece.

The event was hosted by Dick Crippen, a community development employee for the Tampa Bay Rays the former local ABC-affiliate weatherman. Crippen periodically updated the audience about the night’s ball game, noting Stavras was a huge Rays supporter. In fact, Stavras is a partial owner of the Rays—perhaps another instance of him supporting things he loves.

Controversial grant stirs questions about travel funding

SG freezes future funding after $3,000 grant to send anthropology club to California conference
Indefinite moratorium put on future travel expenditure requests

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All students pay the Activity and Service (A&S) fee. For the 2012-2013 school year, A&S fees are $25.05 per credit hour—an undergraduate taking 12 credit hours is charged $300.60 in A&S fees per semester. According to the USFSP website, the A&S fees—as well as the health and athletic fees—are set by a student fee committee appointed by the SG and university presidents. University faculty and students are on the committee, with students representing the majority.

Several students who attended the Sept. 19 meeting spoke out on the concern over the $3,000 given to single club. “They aren’t an active, active club,” Jamilla Glass, a junior studying psychology, told the senate. “What are they bringing back to us?”

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**Local human rights campaign fights to keep a woman’s right to choose**

By TYLER KILLETTE  
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A group of USF St. Petersburg students are teaming up with a local grassroots campaign called I Am Choice to defeat Florida’s Amendment 6 this November. The state constitutional amendment considers abortion “manslaughter,” and challenges a woman’s health and privacy rights, activists say.

Founded by St. Petersburg native Ayele Hunt, I Am Choice is a human rights campaign based on the principle of equality for all. The campaign reached out to USFSP students during Get on Board Day and held a meeting on campus for interested students earlier in the month.

Amendment 6 will not allow public funding to be used for end of pregnancy procedures even in life threatening situations, Hunt said, explaining that employees of the state—including fire fighters, nurses and teachers—will not be allowed to use the health insurance their jobs provide them for abortions. The amendment would also reduce privacy in matters of family planning, allowing all records to become public information, Hunt said, adding that this would make it easier for the government to pass anti-abortion laws in the future.

“It is ridiculous for politicians to assign degrees of severity to circumstances and dictate what constitutes a legitimate reason for an abortion,” said Natalie Witherell, a junior who supports I Am Choice. “A woman is entitled to make this life-altering decision without interference from politicians. It is invasive for one to legally bind another to a system of beliefs, especially one that is not their own.”

Under Amendment 6, embryos would be given full human rights from the time of conception, turning underground abortions into cases of manslaughter, Hunt said. There are 23 states that have already passed laws similar to those proposed by Amendment 6. I Am Choice is fighting to prevent Florida from becoming the 24th.

The campaign advocates that the terms “anti-abortion” and “pro-choice” are not mutually exclusive and that it is possible to be both. “We are not pushing the idea of abortion. No one is actually pro-abortion,” Hunt said, explaining that I Am Choice is not an organization for abortion but for a woman’s right to choose.

“I think anyone should be able to choose. Even if I don’t feel like I could get an abortion because it is against my beliefs, I do not believe that I should be able to stop someone else from having one,” said Patricia Singer, a freshman.

Hunt said that the campaign is not meant to address a moral issue but rather an issue of human rights. "In respect to the pro-choice vs. anti-choice debate, I Am Choice wants to redefine the word "choice" to mean "human right."

This particular election cycle is one of the most important cycles in years not only for women’s rights but for LGBT and other human rights as well, Hunt said. I Am Choice is pushing a “down-the-ballot” initiative to encourage people to vote.

“It is important for our generation to not only participate, but be proactive about causes we are passionate about,” said Witherell, who stated every vote does count, despite what many people believe.

I Am Choice is actively recruiting volunteers to help with upcoming campaign events, offering a variety of opportunities so volunteers can choose to participate in ways that interest them.

On Friday, Sept. 28, International Decriminalization of Abortion Day, the campaign is hosting a “Keep it Legal” march at Curtis Hixon Park in downtown Tampa at 5 p.m. Other events include a poetry show in downtown St. Petersburg on Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. and a concert at Jannus Live on Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The poetry reading will feature poets “coming out” in all different ways, expanding the term beyond its common LGBT association while the concert, serving as an anti-convention, will combine live music acts with appearances by public officials speaking out against Amendment 6.

More information on I Am Choice is available on the campaign’s Facebook page, facebook.com/iamchoice.
Diehard Rowdies fans build boisterous community

By Ryan Ballogg

They're die-hard. They drink hard. It's impossible to miss them. They're Ralph's Mob, and The Tampa Bay Rowdies couldn't ask for a better bunch of fans.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, the support group showed up to the team's last home game of the regular season in full regalia and high spirits. Rowdies' green and gold were abound on flags, banners, knee-high socks, and shirts that read "Sons of Pirates." They blew bubbles. They cheered and jeered. And oh, the singing. From the second the match commenced until its closing moments, the hooligans kept up a constant clamor of game songs and chants.

Everyone knew the words, and they were surprisingly synchronized. The group's current president, mallets in hand, kept impeccably time on an appropriately colored kick drum. Others stamped and wielded tambourines. There was a song for any scenario of the game imaginable.

The stands were less than half-full that night, but that one little section at the north end of Al Lang made up for all the empty seats. Their din of sounds resounded like cannon fire in the stands. It was enough to intimidate the bravest of guest teams. Nevertheless, the Railhawks managed to tie up the game 1-1 in the last 30 minutes, much to the chagrin of the mob.

Undiscouraged, they will be back for the Rowdies' semifinal game on Oct. 13, just as they have always been there since the team was resurrected three years ago.

"We started the group as soon as we learned we were getting a team in 2010. We've been organized since the very beginning," said Charlie Cole, their third president.

They are what is known as a tifo in football culture—a choreographed, organized supporter group. It started out as just a few excited fans, but membership has swollen by the game and the season. Some casually join in for a night, while others go the official membership route, which costs as little as $20 a year. The mob is named after the original Rowdies mascot, Ralph Rowdie. There is no official mascot today, but Ralph's Mob happily maintains his presence and attitude.

Although they do love soccer, Mob members are in it for much more than that. They've created a new local culture.

"We do it for the comraderie and the friendship, mostly. The beauty of it is that it brings a lot of people who initially aren't into the sport. Then they learn to love the game," Cole said.

After matches, they can usually be seen heading towards Crowley's Irish Pub on Central Avenue—a staple pilgrimage of Mob culture.

The hoard of rowdy Rowdie's fans known as Ralph's Mob cheers on the team in their last home game of the regular season.

A few more rounds of comradery won't hurt. Game info, membership inquiries and even a list of the chants are available at ralphsmob.com.

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Professor explores the muses of Dalí

By Chelsea Tatham and Ryan Ballogg

Professor Francis Tobienne Jr., or Prof. T. as he is known to his students, is on a scholarly quest for knowledge, self and a better understanding of a personal inspiration, Salvador Dalí.

A native of the Caribbean island St. Croix, Prof. T grew up with medieval Iberia, history of magic, English language and literature, science and religion. Though he enjoyed these subjects, he never left Prof. T.'s mind as he went on to major in biology and chemistry. At Purdue, he felt that the occult lacked a historical voice. Instead of looking at apples to oranges, it's apples to boats. That's the norm, and disrupt them in time once it has been attained.

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"There is another side to every idea. I found myself wondering 'why do we believe what we believe?' Often the standing belief provokes and warrants criticism," he said.

He decided that he wanted to look at traditional works, accepted as the norm, and disrupt them in their certainty. Instead of looking at science as a singular discipline for explaining the unknown, he sought to question it and connect it with other forms of human inquiry.

Studying the occult became a natural path for him to follow in his desire to understand the whole picture.

"Instead of looking at apples to oranges, it's apples to boats. That's what magic did for me," he said. At the same time, he felt that the occult lacked a historical voice.

There were stones to be uplifted on the subject.

"There wasn't much being said for its intellectual history. There's more to it than what goes bump in the night," he said.

Studying at Purdue, he obtained a doctorate specializing in middle English language and literature, medieval Iberia, history of magic, travel theory and monster theory. He also furthered his linguistic ability, bringing his total language count up to eight. This arsenal has allowed him to dissolve words and culture barriers that surround undiscovered knowledge.

The publication of his first book, "Position of Magic in Selected Medieval Spanish Texts," came about during this time. It was written as his master's thesis at Purdue. When he was first approached for publishing, he thought it was a hoax. Now four years later, he has been tapped for a second edition.

On a personal level, his studies have also led him to explore his own Spanish decent. Spain played a very prominent role in preserving occult history during the Middle Ages, a subject explored in his first book. The Dalí book will act as a tie connecting his heritage, his previous studies of Spain and his personal idol.

This endeavor is tentatively titled "Dalí's Medievalism: La Brujería de Las Mujeres (Women as Bewitching Agents)." The book will explore women in Dalí's art as sources of supernatural inspiration. Gala was Dalí's muse, but according to Prof. T, she wasn't the only one.

"Women have a very particular light in his art. The book will be based off of the question, 'How many female bewitching agents are there for Dalí?' How many Galas are there?" he said.

Of note is that the book will not solely study Dalí's paintings. It will also examine his large body of literature, work that is often lost in the shadow of his visual art.

"He would have considered himself foremost a writer. He thought himself a horrible painter," said Prof. T.

These days, Prof. T. spends a lot of time in the special collections library at The Dalí Museum, which houses the largest collection of the artist's work in the world, according to Prof. T. He studies Dalí's works, as well as his life and work.

"Imagine having access to all his notebooks and diaries. It would be a shame to garner so much knowledge and keep it to yourself. It's more than being a Renaissance man, it's being relevant. To be able to foster and contribute to your community," he said.

He hopes to be a bridging agent between differing parties of knowledge, like literature and history, or science and religion.

"Imagine having access to all nomenclature and being able to disarm the difference. We've lost the idea of breaking bread, of discourse," he said.

When not teaching, his hobbies include wine tasting, tennis, and traveling. His plans for the future include picking up a few more doctorates and winning the Nobel Prize in literature and peace. He currently teaches English studies at USF St. Petersburg, including Literature and the Occult and Monster Theory.
USF alumnus leads Rowdies into playoffs

By MIKE HOPEY  
Staff Writer

The beauty of sport is that any one night can be great night. A seemingly mundane Wednesday turned out to be great for the Tampa Bay Rowdies. With their 1-1 draw, they clinched a first round bye in the playoffs and goalkeeper Jeff Attinella turned in a career performance.

Entering the match with the Carolina RailHawks the Rowdies only had one thing left to accomplish in the regular season. The first round bye was at stake for the team; all they had to do was earn a point. Their birth in the North American Soccer League playoffs was already clinched back on Sept. 1.

Clinching a playoff bye is redemption for the team. After last season ended short of their goal they made it priority one to finish at the top of the league table.

Head coach Ricky Hill laid down the gauntlet for his team after they started the season with just four wins in the team's first 13 games.

Attinella, a USF grad and Clearwater native, is the foundation the team’s defense is built on. He started every game for the team.

Jeff Attinella faces down Carolina’s Ty Shiplane on a breakaway at the 41’ mark in the first half.

Entering the match with the RailHawks he was unbeatable. At one point in July he earned three straight shutouts. The fortune of his season was successful—enhanced how good he is at a professional soccer goalkeeper. He followed that up with a masterful toe save that gave the impression that it was the best save of his career.

Attinella really started to shine. He came up big today,” said defender Andres Arango, “He’s a goalie and he’s going to get shots at him to come up big. But that’s the good thing about having Jeff back there. He’s the best goalie in the league right now.”

The second half was where Attinella really started to shine. Attinella stopped a flurry of shots from inside his crease, looking more like a hockey goalie than a soccer goalkeeper. He followed that up with a masterful toe save that gave the impression that it was the best save of his career.

“We need that dependability which goalkeepers are the last line of defense,” Hill said. “Goalkeepers are one of the first players on the team sheet. You need a good goalkeeper. Tonight, Jeff really enhanced how good he is at a critical time.”

Just as he looked unbeatable, a Carolina shot hit a defender and got past him to tie the game at one. Like all the good goalies he was more upset with himself than anything else. Any scoring aside, it’s the type of performance that should be witnessed in person.

The crowd for the match was small with large chunks of empty seats. The noise didn’t reflect the crowd size thanks to Ralph’s Mob, the club’s supporters, who chant and sing to the amusement of everyone in attendance.

At the end of the game, the mob took it upon themselves to tell the team that first-place San Antonio lost, leaving the door open for the Rowdies to take the top seed in the playoffs. The Rowdies fell short of that finishing a point behind San Antonio after their 0-0 draw on Saturday night.

The fact that the Rowdies are only a short walk from the new University Student Center escapes a lot of students. They play in tiny Al Lang Stadium, not a giant dome that can be seen from all the way in Tampa. There is no television deal or even commercials. But they are here, and they have a history longer than even the Buccaneers.

Members of the North American Soccer League, the second level of professional men’s soccer in North America, this incarnation of the Tampa Bay Rowdies has only been around since 2010. The team does have a history dating back to 1975, when they were Tampa Bay’s first professional sports franchise.

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Creative writers wanted for inaugural story competition

We are happy to introduce our inaugural Fall Short Story Competition. Test your creative mettle against fellow students in a calculated bout of wordplay. Writers of the best two entries will receive a prize and have their work published in the paper.

Here are the guidelines:
• 400-500 words
• The story must include: A cemetery, a location in St. Petersburg, a pumpkin, a homeless person, a monster and a prank
• Inappropriate content will be revised for publication
• Stories should be submitted to arts@crowsneststpete.com by Saturday, Oct. 20 at 11:59 p.m.

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Editorial

Lasting change starts with an opinion

Last year, a 22-year-old college graduate was notified that she would be charged $5 a month for using her own debit card. She thought it was absurd.

She wasn’t the only one. Molly Katchpole went online to change.org and created a petition against the fee brought on by the billion-dollar multinational banking corporation.

The American people bailed out Bank of America during a financial crisis the banks helped create... how can you justify squeezing another $60 a year from your debit card customers?... the petition.

Three hundred thousand signatures and a less than a month of social and media pressure later, Bank of America ate their words. The fee was killed.

In May 2011, Manal al-Sherif took video of herself driving a car on the streets of Saudi Arabia.

In the video, al-Sherif, wearing a headscarf and sunglasses, casually takes a left turn across an intersection.

We are ignorant and illiterate when it comes to driving. You’ll find a woman with a Ph.D., or a professor at a college, and she doesn’t know how to drive,” she said.

Women are banned from driving in Saudi Arabia. While women make up 70 percent of persons in institutions of higher learning, they’re 5 percent of the workforce, according to a 2006 Saudi-Economy Ministry document.

Al-Sherif uploaded her video to YouTube in late May, and was jailed and charged for inciting women to drive and rallying public opinion. Within days, roughly 600,000 people had viewed the video, and over 70 cases of women finding a seat behind the wheel were documented.

Social media doesn’t anchor movements to existing only online. Slacktivists may click their support, but a study conducted by Georgetown University’s Center for Social Impact Communication suggests it doesn’t stop there.

“Contrary to the portrayal of a slacktivist as one who passively likes things on Facebook but is not truly engaged, survey results show that Americans who get involved with causes through promotional social media activities also continue to participate in cause-related activities outside of the social media space,” the study reads.

It found that social media cause promoters are twice as likely to donate their time than non-social media cause promoters. The study also found that those using social media are four times as likely to recruit others to sign petitions for a cause.

However, 74 percent of those in the survey said emails about supporting causes “sometimes feels like spam.”

Last week, hours were extended at the university’s dining hall, allowing students to eat later at night. Dwayne Issacs, the assistant director of the University Student Center, said comments from students on Facebook and Twitter initiated the change.

Students are paying custom fees, and directors and coordinators and chancellors are willing and wanting to listen to students. Complaining on Facebook may help relieve immediate frustration, but it has to go beyond the Internet world. Social media has proven its worth in seriousness in mobilizing movements, garnering petition signatures or bringing on social pressure on higher-ups. Issues need to be rallied and discussed IRL.

Don’t be the slacktivist the virtual skeptics and Twitter-haters roll their eyes at. Go beyond the click.

“When I first started the petition, and even now, people were saying, ‘Just close your bank account and go to another bank.’ I think people are forgetting that not everybody can easily close their bank and join a credit union. There are some neighborhoods in this country where there’s only one bank,” said Katchpole, the woman who created the petition against Bank of America’s fee.

Current students may feel resigned to the way things are because of their short time at the university, but there’s always an incoming freshman class that walks into the issues we leave.

It’s best to voice your concerns or frustrations before the cement dries, and trials become policy.

With curiosity on Mars, we look to the future

Just a few short months ago, millions watched as a man in a moonwalk and several dozen others in hoodies and matching uniforms excitedly stared at computer screens. But the viewers didn’t tune in to see the people—they tuned in to see what those people were working on.

Because about 35 million miles away, a rover the size of an SUV was being lowered from space by a shuttle-turned-hovercraft. It dangled by a string as it was dropped to the surface of Mars. It landed safely, and the United States cheered.

Missions to Mars aren’t new. The first successful fly-by occurred in 1965. Four rovers have successfully landed on the planet’s red dirt. With any luck, there will be many more behind them.

Two years ago, President Barack Obama signed a bill ending plans for a manned mission to the Moon by 2020. Instead, it authorized manned missions to an asteroid by 2025 and manned missions to Mars by the 2030s. It is an ambitious goal, but one that must be met if the human race will ever make it to the far reaches of space.

NASA isn’t the only organization with its eye on the red planet. A private company named Mars One has plans to establish a human settlement on Mars in 2023. It has no major sources of funding, instead planning to raise money through a global reality television event and commercial and sponsorship sources.

If that doesn’t sound unlikely enough, NASA announced plans for a “warp drive” may be more feasible than previously thought. Instead of moving a ship through space, a warp drive would create a bubble around a ship and move spacetime around it. This will allow future astronauts to fly faster than the speed of light.

These space-related plans may sound unfeasible, but think about the fervor the Americans felt when Neil Armstrong planted his foot on the moon. Think about the disbelief some still have regarding the moon landing.

With a little imagination, the future may literally be out of this world.

quote & notes

Quote of the week

“...in 1965. Four rovers have successfully landed on the planet’s red dirt. With any luck, there will be many more behind them.” —John F. Kennedy

Throwback

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first televised presidential debate was held between U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon in Chicago. Kennedy appeared tan and rested on television, after spending a week sunbathing and sleeping in California. Nixon, who was sporting a loose gray suit and 5 o’clock shadow. “I had never seen him looking so fit,” Nixon later wrote.

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**It's hot in Florida and we're not all dumb**

**By Jane McInnis**  
*Staff Columnist*

Growing up in a southern state full of Yankees and Midwesterners sometimes leads practical expectations a drift in day-to-day living. Florida isn’t part of the south that’s the Carolinas, Tennessee or Virginia. Florida isn’t really Dixie. It isn’t really tropical. It’s a boiling crock-pot of Latin fare, meat and potatoes brought down from the northeast, seasoned with country mugginess and humidity in all its sweet-glistening glory. But as I’m nearing 25 years living in Florida, I’ve reached my limit on hearing about how lousy Florida is, and how stupid Floridians are. When you’re living in a humid subtropical climate, it’s best to expect a hot and humid day, every day. While we all look magnificent in pea coats and slacks, sweat-soaked cotton and hair styled by mugginess is our reality. Let’s own it.

“Florida drivers are just the worst drivers,” declared an older receptionist I’d struck up conversation with a few weeks ago. “Where are you from?” I asked. “Massachusetts,” he said.

The irony almost made me double over. So many Florida residents aren’t from Florida. Maybe the crappy driver you’re encountering is from Michigan, or Jersey, or Pennsylvania. He’s probably just a crappy driver, wherever he’s from. Maybe the politicians who twisted up our state were all from other states. Maybe the guy responsible for building a Family Dollar on every corner of our streets isn’t a stupid Floridian, but a North Carolinian

Songwriter David Dondero, who lived in our fair state, has the sweetest glass of orange juice.

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**The wheel squeaks at midnight**

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At first it seemed like good news from the university. But after a double take on the electronic mail I received from them, I am more pissed than ever before.

Great, dining hours will be extended from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. (for a month-long trial). But you will not be able to use that meal plan that cost you $1,600 or $1,000. Nope, you’ll be forced to pay for those late night meals either through “Shark Bites,” “Bull’s Bucks,” your debit or credit card or cold hard stinking cash.

Isn’t that convenient for those of us who have classes that turn out at 8:50, 9, or 9:50 p.m.?

The moniker that I have attached to the newest building on campus is perfect: the University Revenue Building. Students living on campus—forced to buy a meal plan, so Sodexo is guaranteed X amount of customers (this way the multi-national company will reap a profit from our picturesque campus)—already paid to buy sub-standard collegiate cafeteria food. But now they cannot use that meal plan after 8:30 p.m., but have to fork up more cash.

When I was initially upset about the dining hall’s hours, I wasn’t expecting the entire dining hall to change its hours. I had hoped for a rotation between the meal stations that would be open in the after hours, that way those of us who take late night classes could grab a bite to eat afterward.

One would also logically deduce that we could use our meal plan to buy meals that fit accordingly with a collegians’ schedule.

Not so. Those who line the company’s pockets are those who continue to get exploit.

Give me a break, Sodexo. How many billions will you make this year without USF St. Petersburg’s late night hours contributing to your bottom line?

The fact that the dining hall will be open for an additional two and a half hours is huge; but we shouldn’t stop there.

If you’re getting a late night snack at the new dining hall, demand first to use your meal plan. Be vocal, but respectful—if you didn’t go to hot breakfast (which ends at 9:30 a.m.) insist that you should be able to use that meal in place of a late night delicacy. Ask to talk to the manager and make your voice be heard. If enough of us complain, we can force change.

I have dealt with this university system going on seven years, and one observation I have is that the squeaky wheel hits the grease. Advice to my fellow USFSP students is to speak up, and squeak loudly.

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**The rules of roles**

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By far the hardest job I ever had was working at a home for the intellectually disabled.

It had nothing to do with the folks I worked with—they were terrific people with interesting stories to tell, if you took the time to listen. The most difficult thing about that job was separating myself emotionally.

When I was hired, it was made clear I was not there to be a friend. I was there to be a supporter, to keep the house clean and its inhabitants healthy. It sounds like a subtle difference, and it is, because those boundaries are hard to spot.

When you’re helping a person shop for cool new threads, watching movies with them on the couch or just grabbing around the kitchen table late at night, it sure feels like you’ve made a friend. But, ultimately, those who quit that job do not come back to hang out.

For the people living there, it can feel like they’ve lost a friendship. So we are trained to be careful about our emotions, and how close we can become. That’s a hard responsibility of that job.

Every role we lead in life comes with responsibilities. We rarely have only one role at any given time, and sometimes those responsibilities clash.

Most of us are students. That title comes with its own responsibilities. We must pay tuition, go to class, complete homework assignments. We have a vested interest in seeing our school succeed, because that’s good for us. A better school means our degree holds more value.

Sometimes my role as a student seems to clash with my role as a journalist. The news we print isn’t always positive. But we have to print it anyway, because our responsibilities are to the greater good—to ensure people are educated and able to make informed decisions.

Students have the same responsibilities. We live in a democracy, and democracies depend on discourse, dissent and conversation to survive. You can choose to put on that green and gold, show up to the games and cheer your heads off. But you can’t let that stop you from speaking out against the things that aren’t working. Criticizing something does not mean you dislike it.

Your campus newspaper asks the tough questions, but my car has a USFSP sticker on the back just like yours.

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Bulls suffer from more of the same in 31-27 loss

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It was another heart breaker for the South Florida Bulls on Saturday, losing 31-27 to the Ball State Cardinals in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. USF was its own worst enemy, taking costly penalties and turning the ball over twice.

The spotlight was on senior quarterback B.J. Daniels, who took the blame for the Bulls’ loss to Rutgers the previous week after throwing three interceptions. That tune has certainly changed after this game though, where Daniels was undoubtedly the bright spot in a loss that is hard for both the coaches and the fans to swallow.

From the start of the game, it was difficult to pinpoint what was off about the Bulls. The offense came out of the gate slowly in the first half with only nine points put up on the scoreboard. The defense had difficulties getting the Cardinals off the field on third down, but the time of possession ended up in favor of the Bulls. Then the penalties started to take their toll.

USF was penalized twice as much as Ball State for almost twice as many yards, with the Bulls taking 11 penalties for 112 yards to the Cardinals’ five penalties for 65 yards. Even more crippling than the penalties were the situations they came in.

When the defense would hold Ball State to a three-and-out, a personal foul would reinvigorate the Cardinals’ drive. When B.J. Daniels, who threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, would begin to work the ball to receivers Terrence Mitchell and Lindsey Lamar, holding penalties would erase the yardage that was gained.

Losing late, Daniels put his team back on top with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Lamar. Ball State answered with a 10-play, 75-yard game-winning touchdown drive. On the ensuing kickoff a personal foul brought the ball back and Daniels threw his second interception of the game, handing the Cardinals the win.

USF drops to 2-2 on the season. They are in the thick of the Big East behind No. 23 Rutgers and No. 19 Louisville, who both remain undefeated at 4-0. The Bulls’ schedule does not get any easier from here; all remaining games are against Big East rivals except for a meeting with No. 4 Florida State on Sept. 29.

If USF hopes to earn the upset against the Seminoles, the Bulls must begin by cleaning up their play. Daniels will also have to cut down on his turnovers, and do it on the national stage in front of a national audience.

Jersey etiquette

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There are two competing thoughts when it comes to the serious issue of whether or not a grown man should wear an NFL jersey. One side says that it is perfectly acceptable. The other says that only in the most specific scenarios can you don your jersey. One of whether or not a grown man should wear an NFL jersey is even weirder.

You don’t have to be Tom Terrific to wear any jersey—not the sad desire wearing them. You don’t have to be Tim Gunn to know that a Bucs jersey and jean shorts look terrible. You don’t have to be Tim Gunn to know about you that day. But still! We look so funny wearing them. You don’t have to be Tim Gunn to know that a Bucs jersey and jean shorts look terrible.

So let’s make a pact right now. All of us. We’ll wear our jerseys but only on game days. Fans can support their team, but let’s dial it down. And—this is so important—we will resist the jeans shorts. They look so practical but they are just awful.

In the end though, forget me. Express yourself. If you want to wear a jersey then by all means go ahead. It’s your right. This is America. The home of apple pie, Abraham Lincoln and, most importantly, football.

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Big East Notebook: Week 4

Twentieth-ranked Louisville is still the only ranked team in the Big East this season. The Cardinals, along with Rutgers and Cincinnati, are the only teams in the conference with a winning record. The Bearcats had the week off as teams are still playing their non-conference schedules. Big East play starts in week 6 and the picture of who will emerge champion will start to take shape.

If you missed any of the action this week here’s everything you need to know:

Western Michigan 30 UConn

24 Huskies quarterback Chandler Whitmer threw for 333 yards and three touchdowns, but the Western Michigan Broncos grinded out two rushing touchdowns in the win. Connecticut gained almost 500 total yards in their second straight loss to the Broncos.

Penn State 24 Temple 13

Penn State’s Matthew McGloin threw for nearly 500 yards, passed for a touchdown and ran for two more scores to beat the Owls. Temple struggled mainly because of their offense’s inability to convert on third down, going just 3-for-12 in the game. Temple is off next week before hosting USF.

Pitt 55 Gardner Webb 10

Ray Graham broke out for a 78-yard touchdown to open the scoring and the Panthers never looked back. Pitt quarterback Tino Sunseri threw three touchdowns against FCS opponent Gardner Webb, who is 0-4 to start the season.

Rutgers 35 Arkansas 26

The freefall of the Razorbacks continues. After an upset loss to Louisiana-Monroe and a shutout loss to Alabama last week, Arkansas dropped their third straight to the Scarlet Knights. Gary Nova threw for 397 yards and five touchdowns in one of the top performances in the entire nation.

Louisville 28 Florida International 21

The Cardinals survived a late scare to hang on in physical game that didn’t see a lot of explosive offense. Jacob Younger threw a touchdown pass with four minutes but the Golden Panthers could not get the Louisville offense off the field before time expired.

Minnesota 17 Syracuse 10

The Orange have one of the nation’s toughest non-conference schedules with games against teams from the Big 10, SEC and Pac 12. Syracuse turned the ball over four times including a pair of interceptions by Ryan Nassib in the loss.