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By Mike Hopey, Staff Reporter

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Entrepreneurship program wins for impact on community

BY TYLER KILLETTE  STAFF REPORTER

USF St. Petersburg’s Entrepreneurship Program was named the Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program by the United States Association for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship at its annual conference in San Francisco.

The award recognizes institutions or programs that have been in existence for three years or less and judges them on innovative- ness, comprehensiveness and the impact made on the university and community. USFSP beat two other finalists, the University of Maryland and the University of Rochester in New York.

While USFSP’s Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Innovation Alliance—which won the award—began about three years ago, the school has only offered entre- preneurial majors and minors since Fall 2011, becoming the second state college in Florida to do so. (The other is Florida State University.)

“We’ve taken our students from the classroom to national awards within 1.5 years,” said Entrepreneurship Program Director William Jackson.

Features of the program include the entrepreneurship club, which has about 200 members, commu- nity outreach programs, a small business and development center and an academic journal.

“This award will serve as a springboard to get further recogni- tion and for the program to grow bigger and better,” Jackson said.

Daniel James Scott, entrepre- neurship instructor and an entre- preneur himself, believes USFSP stood out to judges for its integra- tion or “blending” of academics in the community.

When trying to involve students in real-world business, program leaders found that pre-existing pro- grams came with holes that would hinder the learning process. To fill these holes, Scott created Gazelle Lab, a “business accelerator” that takes seed stage firms from concept to funding.

“Being able to say ‘I was a part of this’ will be a big deal for students,” Scott said.

“We really practice what we preach,” Jackson said, explaining that the entrepreneurship program has been grown as if it were a busi- ness, using the same techniques and strategies it teaches.

The program’s largest initia- tive this spring will be to expand across campus, beyond the College of Business. Jackson and Scott believe the interdisciplinary minor in entrepreneurship will attract journalism and art students, while bringing some creative minds to the program.

Both Jackson and Scott say grad- uates of the program are very well prepared to start their own busi- nesses and work in entrepreneur- ship firms, which is the source of most of the industry’s job growth.

The chancellor candidates

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Linda Bradley
Bradley is the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Director of the University of Central Florida’s 1,100-student regional Daytona campus.

She has held a number of posi- tions in higher education and has a Ph.D. in higher educa- tion administration from Florida State University. From 1995 to 1996, Bradley worked as staff director for the Florida House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education.

Ron Brown
A leading pediatric psycholo- gist, Ron Brown is the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. His research focuses on chronic illnesses, attention deficit disorders and learn- ing disabilities for which he has received more than $13 million in funding and grants. He also increased Wayne State’s financial aid funding by $20 million.

Brown has taught at a number of colleges, including Georgia State University, where he received his Ph.D.

Bill Hogarth
Serving as USFSP’s Interim Regional Chancellor since Aug. 2012, Hogarth has already dem- onstrated his leadership ability to students and faculty. He is also the director of the Florida Institute of Oceanography at USF’s College of Marine Science, where he previ- ously served as interim dean.

In 2001, Hogarth was appointed the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a position chosen by President George W. Bush. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Richmond and a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University.

Michael Lane
Michael Lane is an account- ing professor and the former pres- ident of Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan., a position he stepped down from in June 2011. At Emporia, Lane oversaw the $25 million renovation of a Student Memorial Union, which required state legislative approval. He also created a sustainability committee for the university.

In his application for chancel- lor, Lane emphasized fundraising as a critical component of USFSP’s development.

Ralph Rogers
Ralph Rogers is the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and a mechanical engineering professor at Purdue University Calumet, a regional campus in Hammond, Ind.

Rogers has 30 years of experi- ence in higher and post-secondary education from schools such as the University of Central Florida, Ohio University and East Carolina University. He holds a Ph.D. in systems engineering from the University of Virginia.

Sophia Wisnieska
Sophia Wisnieska is Chancellor of Penn State Brandywine, a regional campus in Media, Pa. with about 1,600 students. Wisnieska has held positions at multiple Penn State campuses. She has a Ph.D. in Russian from Byrn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and attended Harvard University’s Institute for Management and Leadership in Education. Her research is focused on Russian literature and she is fluent in Russian, Polish and French.

In spring 2012, Wisniewska walked nearly 300 miles from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia in two weeks, a feat she called a “self improvement project” in a written statement.

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It is Wylie's job to worry about obstacles like cyclists or skateboarders on the sidewalk. He goes wherever she goes, even on planes. And they have done a great deal of traveling together. It's been easy for them, except for one instance when a man insisted that “normal people” shouldn't have to travel with Elliott and her companion.

“I'm a grown-up professional who has traveled all over the world,” she said. “I'm comfortable and confident and competent. So somebody treating me like a second class citizen or a tall child really because I have a visual disability makes me angry.”

Outside of that incident, however, there hasn't been much to stand in their way.

“It’s a whole lot easier than trusting my cane,” Elliott says. “It’s an interesting kind of partnership. I know this sounds crazy but I trust my guide dog to take care of me much better than any person that’s walking with me.”

Wylie and Elliott have been working together for six years, since Wylie was eight weeks old. But after years of what Elliott describes as mutual frustration between them, Wylie is retiring from guide work.

But he isn't off to be someone's pet. Instead, Wylie is moving onto an opportunity to put his skills to best use.

“Most important was Wylie's future life,” Elliott said. “I knew I had to find something that fit his nature, that made sense and that fit him for a next step. There was no way with the intense work that I could just keep him as a pet and start working with another dog and leave him at home.

“I don't think any dogs like lying around the house while their people are gone for eight, nine hours a day. And they're just doing nothing. For a dog as young, intelligent and exposed to the world as Wylie is, it would just drive him crazy.”

In her search for somewhere to turn Wylie over to, Elliott found the Pals Program out of Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. In his new career, Wylie will be working with veterans suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

“His job will be to help his veteran deal with combat related anxiety,” she said. “He’ll have more of that tactile connection that he really likes. The veteran he’s going to be placed with is someone who needs Wylie to lead him out of a darker place than I’ve ever been.”

Wylie loves being active; a lifestyle Elliott just cannot give him. She says his favorite year was the one when she had a graduate assistant who was a triathlete and would take Wylie on long runs. That is what he will get in his new life, going on 10-mile runs and hanging out in single bars, which Elliott says will suit him perfectly.

“I call him my goofy frat boy,” she said, laughing. “He’s just real easy going.”

When they get home Elliott wants him to take time for himself. But Wylie wants to be close, to be patted and scratched. Those are the interactions he misses during the day when he’s on duty.

Sitting in Elliott’s office, Wylie will interject himself to let her know she is in the room. He then sits on her lap and stretches his back.

“Sitting and watching someone teach online you don’t get that experience. I think you’ll probably find those who experience the true college life on campus and that exchange probably do better.

“That doesn’t mean there isn’t a place online for lots of people to learn. I think we have to find the right mix of what really works for tuition, the cost of education and stuff. Students have too much debt when they finish and I think that’s an issue we really have to face in this country—the educational cost and making sure that we don’t price it at a point that some of our brightest minds don’t get that opportunity.

“I’d like to see us look at some more certificates that would help people who may not be prepared to go for four years plus. They still deserve the training to get a job. I think there’s a marine technology certificate that could help be a fishery person for the State of Florida. You could work on a cruise boat or you could work on a research vessel or you could work in a marina.

With a certificate, you have an all-around 18 months of training to prepare you for the job market. Maybe we could reach some of these 30, 40 percent of males that aren’t interested in college, because this is something hands-on that prepares them for the job market.

Reporting by Wendy Joan Buddecke. Transcription by Ben LaForme. This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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At the fringes of news reporting, there is a place for wild and weird occurrences that would have never seen the light of day before the Internet. Every so often one will make it to the top of national news, but few people realize just how many occur every day.

An update on strange happenings from the past couple weeks:

Ballarat, Australia – An inexperienced old man—hunter was tinker with his fancy new metal detector when he discovered a 12 pound hunk of gold worth more than $300,000.

Cairns, Australia – Another tale from down under. This time, a scrub python wrapped itself around the wing of a plane leaving for Papua. New Guinea. Passengers watched as it struggled to cling on throughout the flight, and it was still moving when the plane landed. Sadly, it died several hours later. At least Samuel L. Jackson was not aboard the vessel—the snake’s time on Earth might have been cut even shorter.

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**Herpus Derpus**

**A playlist**

The Internet is a vast and scary place, full of unseen faces and an ever-growing pile of jargon. One term commonly used by Internet cronies is “herp derp.” Don’t worry, we’ll break it down for you. The phrase is applied to a situation when somebody has done something stupid, idiotic, etc. The Online Slang Dictionary describes it as “an interjection in response to an unintelligent comment.” In other words, “you must be kidding me.” Here are some songs that inspire just such a reaction. (For those who are academically interested in the subject, you can currently major in herpetology, but not derpetology.)

**Never Gonna Give you Up**
By Rick Astley

Ever thought you were about to behold the best Youtube video ever only to hear that all-consuming death knell? The over-synthesized 1980s intro kicks in, and you’ve just been Rick-Rolled again. A disheartening experience to be sure, but at least you’re not Rick Astley. Oh, that hair.

**Ice Ice Baby**
By Vanilla Ice

Few people are distinguished with as interesting a name as Robert Van Winkle. Somehow, he still managed to make his stage name sound even more Caucasian. Ever-brilliant, he continued his career by ripping off a Queen/David Bowie bass line.

**I Am Glad, ’cause I’m Finally Returning Back Home, a.k.a. Trololo**
By Eduard Khil

Sometimes referred to as the Russian Rick-Roll, this song composed of complete gibberish has become something of an anthem for Internet pranksters and, well—trolls. If you’ve already heard the original, check out the dubstep remix for some extra derpage.

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**The Ballad of Buckethead**
By Buckethead

Guest vocals from Les Claypool of Primus make this song a work of creepy genius. It tells the life story of the guitarist known as Buckethead, who actually wears a KFC bucket and Michael Meyers-esque mask on his head when performing. As the story goes, he was raised by chickens before burning down the coop out of teenage rage. Then he did puppet shows on street corners until he could afford a guitar, and the rest it history.

**Red Solo Cup**
By Toby Keith

Quite possibly the worst song of 2012. Toby Keith has given up on his controversial political statements (i.e. We’ll stick a boot up your ass, it’s the American way) and instead reverted to a simpler and more innocent state of worshipping pieces of flimsy red plastic.

**Scream and Shout**
By will.i.am and Britney Spears

It’s always sad to see one sold-out artist drag another one down into the depths—and we all know what winds up in the depths will soon be washed up. Full of shameless advertising, tasteless lyrics and a message that’s sure to leave you head scratching, they really must have been messin’ with us.

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Editorial

The valuable ‘T’ in USF’s team

USF St. Petersburg students have always claimed to have it lucky. With somewhere between 4,000 and 6,000 students, depending on whose numbers you believe, class sizes are small and teacher-student interaction is high. But as part of the University of South Florida System, those same students can go to any Bulls game in Tampa for the price of the few dollars included in tuition.

It’s a small school feel with big school benefits. What a deal, right?

Maybe not, according to a new report from Delta Cost Project at the American Institutes for Research, which found some of those big school benefits come at a hefty price tag.

NCAA Division I athletic programs are the highest level of collegiate athletics in the country, and a huge draw for students and local area sports fans. Division I sports build school spirit, add to the pride and loyalty students feel toward their school (ensuring those alumni dollars roll in through the decades) and increase enrollment. Oh, and there’s those awesome branding opportunities: Rocky the Bull, those metal-like hand gestures and the horned letter “U.”

But how much are those benefits worth?
The American Institutes for Research report found that athletic costs have increased at twice the pace of academic spending in the past five years. Universities with Division I sports spend three to six times more money educating their athletes than other students. Full-time students cost Division I schools an average of $14,000 to educate in 2010, while athletes cost around $92,000.

USF St. Petersburg students pay a flat athletic fee of only $5 per semester, plus a $2.45 per-credit hour fee. Though it’s less than Tampa students pay, at $10 per semester and $14.46 per credit hour, a USFSP student who takes the recommended 15 credit hours per semester will pay $83.50 a year. It’s a bargain for students who attend every game, but not so for the many residential students who can’t find transportation to USF Tampa.

Then there are the rising costs to maintain such a program. In 2012, student contributions accounted for 36 percent of USF Athletics’ budget—a whopping $15.2 million dollars. That’s more than twice as much as USF’s more established Florida cousins, Florida State University and the University of Florida, which cost students $7.5 million and $2.5 million in 2012, respectively.

“It’s not really a bad thing,” said Jennifer Capeheart-Menigall, Vice President of Student Affairs, in an interview with 10 News last year. “It shows our institution’s investment into this aspect of the student experience.”

But at a time when the Florida legislature is making massive cuts to higher education—USF lost $36.9 million in 2012—it really is a bad thing. The $15.2 million that went to sports could be used to keep classes small and a talented group of professors on campus—both things that attract students to campus and add to what a university should really focus on: teaching.

And those increased enrollment claims? Exaggerated, the report found.

Except for a few outstanding cases, like when Doug Flutie threw a massive Hail Mary pass at Boston College in 1984, enrollment sees only modest increases when a Division I team finds success. Sometimes they don’t have any at all. They typically only see increases when football teams are doing well, and even then it only lasts for a year or two.

For now, USFSP students aren’t getting too bad of a deal, as long as they seek out what they pay for. But the trends aren’t looking good.

There may come a time where we have to decide whether we want to be that little school by the bay, or part of the sprawling campus that is USF.

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Editorial

Throwback

On Jan. 22, 2006, Juan Evo Morales Ayma became the first indigenous president of Bolivia. Morales, a member of the country’s socialist party, never finished high school. As a young man, he led a resistance against the U.S. attempts to eliminate coca crops, used to make cocaine, as part of the war on drugs. Morales has fulfilled many of his campaign promises since 2006, slashing poverty by one-fifth and doubling the country’s national income.

“Bolivia’s majority [indigenous] population was always excluded, politically oppressed and culturally alienated. Our national wealth, our raw materials, was plundered. [The indigenous] were once treated like animals here. ...Now we’re in the government and in parliament. For me, being leftist means fighting against injustice and inequality but, most of all, we want to live well.”

—Evo Morales, in an interview with Der Spiegel, months after his election
A character with pride

By Frank Kurtz

What has happened to individuality as of late? Since when has it become only nepotism, almost dirty words? Why do it seems that conformity has become more and more accepted and almost desired, even more than the “era of conformity” Eisenhower administration?

Frankly, it is sickening. I take pride in my individuality. I’ve been affectionately called a character, a throwback, a diamond in the rough, a rebel and a “gentleman with cajones.” I’ve also been negatively referred to as a fruitcake and various other names that cannot be printed, even in a college newspaper. My own sister sometimes rolls her eyes when she sees what I’m wearing.

I frequently wear dress pants with a white belt, white socks (dyed socks give me athlete’s foot), and white sneakers. I’ll wear a plaid shirt with a tie and tie clip. I’m not a fan of wearing a solid shirt and solid pants, it is just so boring. I also have two pairs of Loudmouth Golf pants, though personally I despise the game of golf as it pollutes the environment with all those fertilizers, sucks up precious water resources and eliminates pristine acres upon acres that we will never get back. But I digress.

I wear these pants because they, as the name of the company that produces them suggests, are loud. The conversations they stir among different groups are interesting. I find that white males will generally not comment to me directly, instead preferring to snicker amongst friends. Women are typically more receptive and where I get the most of my compliments dealing with “the pants.”

My favorite comment came from a student who told me I had to have “some serious swag” to pull off wearing pants like that. I had to ask my brother if “swag” is a good thing or not, as I’m not up on the slang terms of the current generation. I’m a Buffalo Bills fan. Laugh if you will, but I can relate to the story of a “band” that rooted for won four consecutive Conference Championships or back-to-back American Football titles? Didn’t think so. I frequently wear one of my four pairs of Bills-colored Zubaz because they, too, are loud and comfortable. And what else screams 1991 than pair of red, white and blue tiger printed pants?

I own a record player and a respectable and eclectic collection of 33s ranging from MeatLoaf’s “Bat Out of Hell” to Metallica’s “Master of Puppets” to the soundtrack to “Smoky and The Bandit.” Now you might say that it is more convenient to listen to this on my iPod, and this is true. I can have weeks of music in my palm. However, the sound quality is not the same. I like the warmth of the needle passing over the grooves: “Master, master.”

One may argue I wear what I do in order to get attention, and there is an element of that. However, I mainly do it because it makes me feel good. There is an old lacee saying: “Look good, feel good, feel, play, good play.”

Being an individual is not a bad thing. In fact, it is something that ought to be celebrated. You don’t have to wear pants as I do, but you should do things for you and not worry about what other people think as long as you are happy with yourself.

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Don’t call me Taylor

By Tyler Killette

When I was about 8 years old, volunteering on a horse farm, a fellow volunteer, who was an adult, asked me about my name.

“Taylor? I’ve never heard of a girl being named Taylor before.”

Instead of taking offense, I concluded that this woman must not get out much.

She then proceeded to ask me what my parents were thinking for giving me a boy’s name. She actually said those words: “What were your parents thinking?”

I don’t remember exactly what my response was but I was absolutely shocked at her audacity. Who would ever give a child so much trouble over a name she had nothing to do with choosing? I really wish I’d had the guts to say, “No Janice, what are you thinking for asking me something like that?”

Yet, about 60 percent sure her name was Janice but that sounds right.

I cannot begin to express the number of times I have been called Taylor. Teachers, bosses, my Starbucks cups—everyone does it and it drives me insane.

High school teachers calling roles in class, I see the roster, see my name spelled TY-L-I-E-R next to my photo and because I was clearly female call out “Taylor Killette?” To which I would respond, “It’s Tyler.”

The worst was when a teacher would try to argue with me.

“Oh. It’s not Taylor.”

“No. It’s always been Tyler.”

“ Pronounced like Ty-ler?”

“Yes, Ty-ler.”

Good job. I will say that I have gotten really good at pronouncing my own name.

But is my name really that different? I’ve met at least five other female Tylers in my 19 years of life and plenty of girls with uncommon names like Austin, Connor, Logan, Jordan, Devin and Jesse to name a few. I’ve also met multiple boys named Taylor. I bet that would blow Janice away.

I realize it’s a matter of cognitio dissonance. Your mind tells you Tyler is a male name yet you see a female standing before you. It makes more sense for my name to be Taylor than it does for me to be a man so that’s what you go with. I understand this but it will never cease to irrate me.

When I was younger I resented my parents for giving me a “boy name.” The kids in my preschool class did not understand why I was named Tyler and my ear-length bob made things no easier for me.

Thanks Mom.

For a brief period some-where between the ages of 4 and 5, I refused to answer to anything other than Martha. I do not why I thought Martha was a good alternative to Tyler but fortunately, the phase was short-lived.

In fifth grade I tried to casually tack on my middle name and asked people to call me Tyler Anne. I think that lasted for a day.

But with maturity has come acceptance. I’ve since grown to love my name and I’m proud to see my byline in the paper each week in all its sexually ambiguous glory.
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A moderately good lesson in moderation

By Ren LaForme

My high school English teacher once made me read a short story that had a famous moral: Everything in moderation.

Or at least I think that’s what it said. I took its advice to heart and didn’t complete it. Don’t want to finish a good story too soon.

The years have passed but the lesson remains. Everything in moderation. It makes so much sense.

You don’t buy a giant sub from Jersey Mike’s and eat all of it at once. You don’t drink a small or medium, or go all out for that giant but put half of it in the back of your fridge for tomorrow’s lunch. You don’t finish a good book in one sitting or play straight through to the end of a video game.

You don’t go running for 15 miles in one day. You do two a day or, in my case, don’t run at all.

I don’t want to overload it. I want to have a moderate lesson in the song of my life, weaving through each and every hour of every day.

Some people choose to binge drink. They stay sober Sunday through Wednesday and slug back two liters of juice on the weekends. The doctors say that’s bad for you. I say they’re doing it all wrong. Why not drink every day? Everything in moderation.

Homework is a mighty hard chore. I’m a grad student and get a lot of it. But I have a job, a girlfriend, a pet, a couple friends, a PlayStation… I just don’t have the time to spend on all that home- work. So I only do some of it. Again with the moderation.

We all have learned that even moderation is best done in moderation. There’s nothing like finding out your favorite music artist has a new album and listening to it from beginning to end in the dark. There’s nothing like finally sitting down with that great TV show your friends have been talking about and watching it marathon-style on the weekend.

Sometimes, and this is only for the 21- and-up crowd, having a bit of a rowdy night with friends is the best possible thing for your morale.

And some things are not good even when done in moderation. Heroin is probably a great example of that.

After a very un-moderate amount of Google searching, I recently found that short story my teacher made me read and I finished with a lurid author who was saying that “everything in mod- eration” is a pretty stupid lesson. I couldn’t agree more.

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First home win for men’s basketball was critical

By Samantha Ouimet
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The USF men’s basketball team got its first Big East win at home on Saturday night, defeating the Georgetown Hoyas by the score of 61-58.

The Bulls (10-7), coming off a last-second 70-67 loss to Rutgers earlier in the week, knew that getting an in-conference win against a tough team like the Hoyas was absolutely critical for boosting team morale going into the rest of the season.

Bulls’ backs were against the wall,” said coach Stan Heath, addressing the team’s mindset going into the game. “When you’re 0-4 in the league and you’re not feeling great about yourself…you kind of say, ‘Are we going to have some resolve, have some toughness, are we going to fight back?’”

USF showed perhaps more fight than it had all season against a Georgetown team that has been ranked as high as No. 15 in the nation. Despite getting off to a slow start that saw the Bulls go 1-for-14 on three-pointers, and left them trailing 31-23 going into halftime, USF showed its resolve going into the final 20 minutes.

The Hoyas (12-4, 2-3 Big East) continued to build on their first half success until Toarlyn Fitzpatrick shifted momentum with a three-point jumper. This would lead to a string of threes scored by teammates Rudd, Pollard and Collins that resulted in a 1-2 run against the 11th ranked scoring defense in the nation.

When the Bulls were able to close the gap, they focused on defense to close out the win. Leading 59-54 with just over three minutes remaining, USF did not score again until Anthony Collins’ free throws in the final seconds of the game. The team’s smart play—only five turnovers were committed by the Bulls during the game—and defensive prowess on 15 forced turnovers led the way towards a critical victory.

In addition to hitting an important three-point shot during the Bulls’ second half run, Anthony Collins scored his team-leading 14 points while playing all 20 minutes of the half. Georgetown coach John Thompson III, who has led his team to six NCAA Tournament appearances in his eight years as head coach, had nothing but praise for the young point guard.

“He’s terrific, down the stretch, in the beginning, in the middle,” he said. “He puts pressure on your defense. It’s easy to say, ‘Let’s keep him out of the lane’. No one’s kept him out of the lane yet.”

USF will travel to Seton Hall (12-6, 1-4 Big East) for a matchup on Wednesday night, then return home to the Sun Dome to take on No. 20 Notre Dame (15-3, 3-2 Big East).

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ESPN, bad journalism to blame for Te’o

By Mike Hopey
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Manti Te’o lied about his girlfriend. We know that. The evidence suggests that he knew about the hoax and participated in it. We know that.

So instead let’s discuss the most mind-boggling part of this crazy story. No, not the reason why Te’o lied to the country and lived a lie in the national spotlight—he was a teenager. What was the worst part of this story is that ESPN essentially knew it was bull and ran the story anyway.

ESPN reporter Gene Wojcikiewicz wrote and produced a piece on Te’o’s heartbreaking story for the “Worldwide Leader.” While reporting, Wojcikiewicz conductions and conversations with Te’o.

“...[In researching it before I wrote the script, I remember trying to find an obituary for his girlfriend and couldn’t],” he said on SportsCenter the night the Deadspin story that outed Te’o’s girlfriend as fake ran. “And couldn’t find any record of this car accident.”

Wojcikiewicz brought his concerns to Te’o, who essentially told him not to worry about it. Then he finished writing the story and produced it.

The piece aired and everyone felt bad for Te’o, who soireed to a near-successful Heisman campaign. It nearly worked out for everyone. Te’o almost got the recognition and ESPN got the ratings. But some reporters did their actual job.

What planet is this? Is this a joke? True. But ESPN is even stupider. All journalistic integrity was thrown out of the window with the bathwater so they could produce a tearjerker sob story—a story that they knew stood on shaky ground.

Ugh. ESPN, Manti Te’o and Gene Wojcikiewicz are the worst.

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Rocky, ‘U’ logo coming to St. Petersburg

By Frank Kurtz
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A certain bull named Rocky has been given permission to attend USF St. Petersburg.

On a campus visit, Doug Woolard, the director of athletics for the University of South Florida, met with USFSP representatives to discuss use of USF Athletics trademarks on campus.

Woolard authorized USFSP’s use of the Athletics “U” logo. Student Government President Lombardi-Nelson said he would like to place the “U” on the basketball courts behind the University Student Center and on the green balls at the intersection of Second Street and Sixth Avenue South. He also plans to replace the banners that fly from the USC.

USFSP will also have its own Rocky the Bull mascot soon enough. The Tampa and Sarasota-Manatee campuses already have their own Rockies, and now Woolard has granted USFSP permission to have one for use at official functions. However, USFSP will have to contact the Athletic Department ahead of time and acquire permission to use the mascot.

Woolard briefly addressed the ongoing instability of the Big East Conference and conference realignment countrywide. Now that the Catholic schools, which do not play football at the Division 1-A level, have officially separated from the conference, Woolard said league governance “would be easier” due to the fact that “all the schools look the same,” alluding to the fact that all current and future Big East members play both football and basketball at the highest level of competition.

At the time of the meeting, San Diego State was still committed to joining the Big East, though the Aztecs withdrew from the league the following day. Woolard described the Big East as “a good all-sports league” that now has schools in major metropolitan areas from Dallas to New Orleans to Orlando, and could expand further by adding other universities.

Also discussed was the possibility of USF building an on-campus football stadium, with Woolard citing the current deal the university has with Raymond James Stadium and the Tampa Bay Sports Authority as “not a good deal for USE.”

Woolard also mentioned that about 50 percent of those in attendance at USF football games are non-alumni. Over the past decade, USF has invested over $1 billion in campus improvements and, pushing the benefits of an on-campus stadium in the future, having approximately 25,000 people that have no attachment to USF visit the campus and become familiar with the environment would be valuable to the all-important “branding of the institution.”

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