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Fifteen of the 17 charges made against Student Body President Cody Boyer are going to trial.

The senate impeachment committee, including senators Nicholas Patides, Angela Wilson and Carly Chaput, reviewed the charges and decided if the charges could be tried. The committee did not investigate the charges to see if they were true or false, according to Patides’ remarks at the Sept. 10 general assembly.

The committee reviewed the claims made in Attorney General Melanie Mercado’s Aug. 9 memo of impeachment—in which 17 charges were made against Boyer. At general assembly, the committee submitted the articles of impeachment, which moves the proceedings out of the senate impeachment committee and into the hands of the Supreme Court.

Two claims were not moved to trial. The charge that Boyer failed to attend most general assembly meetings failed to move beyond the committee by a vote of 0-3. The second failed claim was that Boyer claimed hours he did not work, failing by a vote of 1-2.

The committee did not rule that these charges were true or false but that they were not charges worthy of ruling by the Supreme Court.

During a Q-and-A at general assembly, the questions posed to the committee were asked by Jared Pieniazek, senate pro-tempore. He asked about the committee’s level of diligence, and if they had been coerced in any way.

“We gave this 100 percent diligence,” Patides said, telling the senate they ended their last meeting, held in the Student Life Center, just before the building closed at 11 p.m. The meeting began at 9 p.m., according to the committee minutes. Patides also said the committee had not been coerced in any way.

Student government also got a taste of what is to come in the trial. After

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The architect renderings of the Kate Tiedemann College of Business were released for public viewing last week. The new building is named for retired entrepreneur, Kate Tiedemann, who donated $10 million to the College Business in support of academic growth. The groundbreaking ceremony is set of Oct. 14 with construction beginning in the spring semester. Construction of the new building is an estimated $25 million. The state legislature has funded $15 million. The site for the Kate Tiedemann College of Business is at 701 3rd St. S, the current location of the Piano Man building.

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Coquina lounge remains closed

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Charges going to trial

Fifteen of the original 17 accusations against Cody Boyer made in the impeachment memo are going to trial. Here is all 15, and a record of how the members of the senate impeachment committee voted on them. The committee reviewed if the charges were worthy of a hearing in the Supreme Court, not if the charges were true or false.

Incompetence – 3 Counts
Defined by SG as “Lack of qualification, inadequate qualification, or lack of the qualities necessary to fulfill the duties of a position.”
1) Very little or no knowledge on Constitutional/Statutory duties for nominations, 2-1
2) Nominated an ineligible individual for a student government position, 3-0
3) Failure to require Buckley Waiver, 2-1
*A Buckley waiver is a document listing qualifications for hiring.

Misfeasance – 2 Counts
Defined by SG as “performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner or with an improper or corrupt motive.”
1) Improperly transferred Constitutional duties to another member of student government, 2-1
2) Purchase of laptop for personal usage, 2-1

Nonfeasance – 10 Counts
Defined by SG as “Failure to perform an act that is either an official duty or a legal requirement.”
1) Violation of Constitutional duty to oversee all departments, agencies, offices and bureaus of Student Government, 2-1
2) (8 counts) Failure to properly nominate Chief Justice Rim Shuman, Associate Justice Chloe Kirkland, Associate Justice Kristofer Brown, Assistant Attorney General Melanie Mercado Director of Marketing and Communications Anthony Freese, Director of Community and Governmental Relations Kyleigh Cobett, Director of University Relations Taylor Russell and Digital Media Specialist Anastasiya Fokina, 3-0
3) Failure to address the senate on the state of the student body during the 2014 summer term, 3-0

The impeachment memo and articles of impeachment are available by email upon request. Contact Jared Pieniazek at jpieniazek@mail.usf.edu, or contact any SG member.

Weak signal in residence halls

BY BRYANA PERKINS
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Allan Pinkerton has lived in Residence Hall One for five years. But he’s never had wireless internet problems like the ones he faces this year.

“After I connected with USF and USF Gold, I noticed that I had a problem,” said Allan Pinkerton, a resident of Residence Hall One. “The Wi-Fi signal was very weak coming to my room. I would only get one to three bars.”

The Wi-Fi is disrupted by personal wireless routers, creating weak internet signals. Private routers are illegal in the residence halls.

Jeff Reisberg, director of campus computing, said that the use of illegal devices is to blame for the bad connection some students are experiencing.

Using items such as routers, switches, hubs or wireless access points are a clear violation of the USF Network Agreement and Florida Statutes.

“The wireless system uses two frequencies that the campus can link to,” Reisberg said. “The frequency runs three lines, which are known as Channels 1, 6 and 11.

If a wireless router broadcasts on one of those channels or channels in between those, they create interference, according to Reisberg.

“By putting that device in your room, you are creating interference in that area and it makes it difficult for us to try and adjust the signal around the interference,” Reisberg said.

The answer to this problem is not as simple as blocking the signals, Reisberg said that if campus computing did this, students would then be faced with no internet access.

“The housing staff is responsible for regulating this issue,” Reisberg said. “We are trying to educate residents not to use outside networks and holding them accountable if they are,” said Heather Klisanin, assistant director of housing.

Not all students seem disconnected. Ashley Gonsalves, a University Student Center resident, has experienced the opposite.

“My internet connects quickly within seconds every time,” Gonsalves said.

A direct phone line in case of an emergency or an Ethernet cable creates stronger online connections.

“A wired connection is like being the only car on the highway,” says Reisberg. “Wireless connections today are still shared; when you want to pull out (into traffic) you have to wait your turn.”

The upload speed of a Hewlett-Packard Notebook clocked at 26.03 megabytes per second. After connecting with an Ethernet cord the upload speed jumped to 81.36 megabytes per second.

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Second Saturday opens arts to community

By Emily Tinti
Staff Reporter

Art can be found in every corner of St. Petersburg, and there is something for everybody to do on just about every day of the week.

The Second Saturday ArtWalk is just one of these unique events that provides a 360 degree art experience for locals and tourists of all ages. It takes you “from the beach... to the bay” to see “art... all along the way,” according to the official St. Petersburg Arts Alliance website.

ArtWalk involves the five primary art districts of St. Pete, which keep the downtown area lit up from 5 to 9 p.m. During this time, participating galleries and studios, listed on the website beforehand, welcome visitors with open arms and a wide-range of captivating art.

Upcoming and veteran artists alike take this opportunity on “Opening Night” to debut new work. At the Kapfer Art Studio, located near St. Pete Beach, visitors were reminded that the studio represents more than 100 artists. Guests could see glass blowing demonstrations at the Zen Glass Studio. Jazz music was performed by talented local musicians in addition to the portrait exhibit at Creative Clay.

Some of the art is sold at a more affordable price than what you might expect to find, while other galleries chose to sink the prices of older work to presumably make room for the new. An artisan mug could be $5 and a masterwork canvas could cost several hundred, according to the variety of patrons’ taste.

St. Petersburg public transportation plays a major role in the successful turnout of this event. The Central Avenue Trolley stops at beaches and extends throughout downtown and in lieu of that, ArtWalk provides a free trolley, the most popular among the transportation options. Although it can be difficult to catch the free route due to its popularity, the other trolleys cost 50 cents.

The St. Petersburg Arts Alliance manages the Second Saturday ArtWalk events. The group consists of people determined to maintain the success of St. Pete’s cultural community. General information and details regarding upcoming events can be found at stpeteartsalliance.org.

Easy area emergency options

By Emily Tinti
Staff Reporter

Moving out and attending school in a new town can mean leaving a familiar general physician, dentist or veterinarian back home. Preparation for any emergency is important, especially when searching for locations that meet both medical and financial needs.

Try to choose locations that accept your form of insurance. If you are not insured, the hunt for affordable services can be difficult, so look for places that offer payment plans or student discounts.

Emergency clinics

Being from St. Petersburg originally, through personal experience, and based off of what her friends’ experiences, senior Christa Hegedus has a few recommendations for students.

“[Go to] Bayfront [Hospital] for emergencies, Bayfront Medical Clinic for any illnesses,” she said. “Though, instead of that, I would go to our clinic at USFSP since we pay for it.”

Bayfront Health St. Petersburg is located at 701 Sixth St. S.

Chiropractors

As far as chiropractors go, she recommends Farkas Chiropractic Clinic, located at 3200 4th St N.

Dental Care

Sophomore Nick Palmer discovered Bay Dental Associates and has been going there ever since he moved here in the summer of 2013. He found them online, and they accept his insurance.

Bay Dental Associates is located at 2201 Fourth St. N Suite C.

Animal Hospitals

Marielle Machacek, a master’s student, has had to locate emergency clinics for her dogs and found just the place for her.

"Animal Emergency Clinic on 22nd Ave. N has always been a good choice for me,” she said. “The staff there are very kind-hearted and understanding. And it is really great to have a clinic like that open on nights and weekends because pets have emergencies just like people do and I know how heart wrenching it feels to have your pet in pain and feel like there is no place you could take them to.”

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Health Services

If finding the right services for you becomes a struggle, keep in mind the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Wellness Center, located in the Student Life Center, is accessible to all students. Physical exams, immunizations, women’s health and treatment of some minor illnesses are among the several services offered.

Junior Anna May took advantage of the on-campus clinic during the summer and fall semesters of 2013.

“They were always just very kind whenever I would come in,” she said. “They would always do the best they could but also understood that they didn’t have everything, so they referred me when necessary. Also, because I go to them, I have a friendship with the staff, which is something I haven’t had going to just a regular primary care place. That just and the fact that they’re on campus makes it so easy since I spend 90% of my time there.”

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Over $22 million were spent on the span of the Skyway began in 1950 that the plans came to fruition. A shorter, albeit more expensive method was also available. For $3 round trip (in 1926 dollars, around $40 today), they could have taken the Bee Line Ferry, which had operated between Pinellas Point and Piney Point since 1926. The bridge was officially dedicated at the Coliseum on Sept. 3, 1954, with speeches by General James A. Van Fleet, Governor Charley Johns and U.S. Senator Spessard L. Holland.

It was the first time the bridge opened properly, without a mishap involving a boat, it was not the first time mariners have experienced trouble near the bridge. Three months prior to the Summit Venture tragedy, on Jan. 28, 1980, the Coast Guard tender Blackthorn collided head first with the tanker Capricorn just three quarters of a mile from the bridge. About 23 sailors drowned in the mangled interior of the Coast Guard ship. A memorial to both disasters is visible on both approaches of today’s span.

Shortly after the southern span fell, a decision was made to replace the original structure with a taller and safer bridge. The improved span — the bridge we all are familiar with today — was opened in April 20, 1987 after five years of construction. Not only is the bridge taller than the original, but people now call it the “Summit Venture,” surrounding the two main support piers. The shipping channel under the bridge was also deepened from 34 to 43 feet. The original 1954 bridge was undamaged by the Summit Venture, and returned to single-lane two-way traffic following the incident.

The bridge consisted of a single lane in each direction, reaching more than 150 feet above the bay. The original Sunshine Skyway “out of the blue” on a cloudy day. Her entry was popular amongst contest and state officials.

Construction on the original span of the Skyway began in 1950 and took four years to complete. Over $22 million were spent on the bridge, most of it taxpayer money. The bridge consisted of a single lane in each direction, reaching more than 150 feet above the bay. The name “Sunshine Skyway” was the result of a nationwide competition held by the State Road Department to name the bridge. The winner, a young Virginia Seymour, convinced Sunshine Skyway "out of the blue" while on a cloudy day. Her entry was popular amongst contest and state officials.

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The original bridge was raised as one of the longest over-water spans in the Western hemisphere. A second structurally identical span was built to the south in 1971 in order to bring the bridge to interstate standards. This meant that two lanes could each be devoted to north-south traffic, as opposed to a single lane each way. This was done both to increase traffic flow as well as to connect Interstate 275 which, in the early 1970s, was in the planning stages to reach across Pinellas County. (The interstate would run as to connect Interstate 275 which, in the early 1970s, was in the planning stages to reach across Pinellas County. (The interstate would run)

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The 60th anniversary of the bridge opening was not marked in Diagon Alley. The extension park of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter opened July 8 at Universal Studios in Orlando.

A Ukrainian Ironbelly dragon spews flames on top of the Gringotts Bank in Diagon Alley. The extension park of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter opened July 8 at Universal Studios in Orlando.
Editorial

Strife breeds political parties

Student government tension over the impeachment proceedings of the student body president, if unnoticed, could lead to long-lasting consequences.

With the close of the senate impeachment committee this week, it's no secret that things are tense in student government.

Since the impeachment proceedings bubbled over, sides have been taken within SG. As the proceedings progress, the division seems to be getting worse. It seems eerily close to politics in our nation.

When George Washington, first president of the U.S., was re-elected in 1793, political parties were forming. During Washington's farewell address in 1796, Washington warned the nation to steer clear of political parties. He warned of the consequences of political parties with these words:

"It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foments occasionally riot and insurrection."

Unfortunately, we know the end of the story. America didn't listen. Today, the U.S. couldn't be more polarized. We even will withhold our love and friendship to those who sit on the opposite side of the spectrum from us.

How did we get here? Our politicians sit in meetings, often spending more time trying to one-up the other side. We focus our energy on supporting our party, and it's like playing more time trying to one-up the other side. We focus our energy on supporting our party, and it's like playing a game of political parties.

"We'll never go back to being a nation without parties. It's safe to say most of the American people wish we could, but now, it's nearly impossible."

Perhaps SG has not formed political parties, but the lines being drawn are alarming to us. Other student governments in the public university system have political parties. University of Florida's student government has four, according to ufl.edu. Editorials written by various college newspapers around the country are celebrating the partisanship.

This baffles us. How can we celebrate division, angry words and distractions? While our SG argues, we still don't have a vice president or a full cabinet. Can we be investing our energies elsewhere?

We are not taking a side on the impeachment. Maybe SG would be better if the impeachment ran its course. Maybe not. We're not sure. And we realize that while these tense proceedings happen, there will be division, sides and controversy.

But we implore our SG members to guard themselves. Many of you have reasons for taking your stance, and you honestly want to make a difference at your university. We appreciate you. But don't allow the divisions to follow you through your time in SG, even after we've all forgotten about the impeachment.

We charge you as Washington charged America: Don't form political parties.

Don't get distracted by in-fighting. Rise above it and serve your student body as they deserve. We know you can.

Submit a picture with a caption for photo of the week to jnesslar@mail.usf.edu by Friday at 5 p.m. The best photo submission will run next week.

Waterfront Grind

A Santa Fe Chicken sandwich and chai tea latte from the Campus Grind enjoy a beautiful afternoon on the Waterfront. No sunscreen was required but chipotle dressing kept the heat just right.

Throwback

Nevada Goes Nuclear

A couple of casinos may have felt the first located 65 miles north of Las Vegas. The underground nuclear explosion. On Sept. Rainier test was the first of 29 nuclear weapons tests between May 28 and Oct. 7, 1957. The weapon underground, detonating a 1.7 There was no radioactive fallout, but that kiloton at a Nevada Test Site. The warhead may explain some of the insane Vegas hang-measured 25.7 inches in diameter and 17.4 inches in length, weighing about 218 pounds. The 1,375 square mile research center, was

This map details the layout of a typical horizontal nuclear effects test for Rainier.
I found a family

By Victor Sims
Contributing Columnist

Why does God hate kids? Why me? Who are my parents? Do they even love me?

Imagine a child asking those questions. Many foster kids in our society ask these questions. I asked some of these questions. And as I write this, I can see the tears that are dropping on my keyboard. It was never an easy battle, but it was something I would have to live with.

My first memory is of me leaving the Rutledge foster home. This family was the second house I had lived in, but the first family that I actually felt was my family. I ate dinner with them, and I went to “FAMILY” reunions. I was at this house for a good portion of my life, and then I left. That was the first time I asked myself: “Why does God hate me? Why is he taking me away from the people I love? Why can’t I belong somewhere?”

Many of the people who know me will describe me as sociable. But after my kindergarten year, I actually shut people out of my life. I stopped trying to make friends.

It’s time to face ISIS

By Mark Wolfenbarger
Staff Columnist

It’s time the United States helped put an end to ISIS.

Those who worry the United States’ involvement could place our soldiers in another Iraq War situation need to think about how much more terror ISIS could spread if they aren’t stopped. There is no thought of how each video of an innocent person’s beheading builds pride amongst these black-masked savages. That pride needs to be erased.

While the U.S. has faced fair criticism for its numerous interventions in foreign affairs, this is a different situation and a very different enemy.

Sure, on the surface ISIS is another radical Islamic militant group bent on abolishing Christianity and the Western world. They aren’t the first to create inhumane environments that abolish the lives of innocents – the Taliban has made several. ISIS, however, separates itself with its numbers and its ability to operate like a legitimate army. ISIS has sophisticated weapons, including Soviet tanks, anti-aircraft guns, rocket launchers and grenade launchers. They also have the skill to use them.

ISIS is a new kind of threat – a brutal death cult intent on terrorizing and killing. Whereas other Islamic extremists commit acts of terror due to their distorted religious views, ISIS fights for blood. There is no misguided religious agenda. Latest estimates show that 31,800 ISIS soldiers have mobilized to fight for ISIS. At the very least, ISIS has generated beheadings – first, two American journalists and now David Haines, a British aid worker – have been recorded and spread around the world via the internet and television. This is what ISIS is all about – aggression. They want us to see these videos. They want us to cower and turn away. Right now they have the upper hand; they invoke fear.

Obama issued a statement on Saturday, following the release of Haines’ beheading video.

“Our hearts go out to the family of Mr. Haines and to the people of the United Kingdom. The United States stands shoulder to shoulder with our close friend and ally in grief and resolve. We will work with the United Kingdom and the broad coalition of nations from the region and around the world to bring the perpetrators of this outrageous act to justice, and to degrade and destroy this threat to the people of our countries, the region and the world,” Obama said.

Obama’s words carry the weight ISIS has placed on our nations and the families of these victims. But while we stand by ISIS takes more lives, what good are words? We need to turn these words into action.

College is more than cheap tuition

By Emily Tinti
Staff Columnist

Manipulating the cost of college is not the answer to post-graduate unemployment.

It’s no secret that college is expensive no matter what type of financial background you come from, and it’s easy to think lowering the cost of attendance will prevent joblessness. But after my kindergarten year, I finally received my ohana. I learned to love reading, because it made me a better writer. I learned to love writing, because I genuinely feel like there is nothing better than being a part of a real family. I have become this way by living in circumstances that weren’t the happiest, but circumstances that made me better. Also, I have a family now. They are wonderful people, and they are good to me.

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Intramural Sports deadline coming up!

The registration for the fall Intramural Sports (flag football, cornhole, and soccer) ends Sept. 17. The first captain’s meeting takes place Sept. 18.

Contact the Campus Recreation at 727-873-4589 or campusrec@usfsp.edu for more information about Intramural Sports at USFSP.

Crowd thins at Bulls loss

The Bulls line up for high-fives with fans before playing against the N.C. State Wolfpack. The game ended in a 49-17 loss after lackluster momentum.

BY ANDREW CAPLAN
STAFF REPORTER

Roughly half of the fans, if not more, left Raymond James Stadium by halftime after the Bulls received a thorough beat down.

The North Carolina State Wolfpack (3-0) came into to Tampa and defeated USF 49-17, handing the Bulls (1-2) their 2nd consecutive loss of the season.

Other than the roars of boos that poured in for every call in the Wolfpack’s favor, the crowd was silent. In fact, there wasn’t much of a crowd at all. There was a dead atmosphere Saturday afternoon.

Head coach Willie Taggart opted to start quarterback Mike White, who has a fractured left forearm. Back-up QB Steven Bench did not play a single snap.

“We physically got beat in this football game and we didn’t play well enough to beat a good football team,” Taggart said. “I thought that was a good team and they physically got after us, especially on the trenches on both sides of the ball and I thought that was the big difference in this football game.”

White fractured his forearm on the first play of the game against Maryland on Sept. 6. He supported an open palm molded cast to make it easier for him to hold the football.

White’s play of the game came from a 75-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Ryshen Bronson. It was the first play of the drive and it came immediately after the Wolfpack scored their first touchdown.

“We answered pretty well in the first quarter with that touchdown to Ryshen, and I thought we’d get things rolling, but I mean, we just couldn’t seem to click all at the same time and that’s just the most frustrating thing,” White said.

The Bulls’ Chris Dunkley soon returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown, but it was called back for a holding penalty. The score would have put the Bulls up 14-7.

It was all downhill from there. White finished the day 4-for-16 passing for 82 yards. “I would credit their defensive line,” White said. “They gave us little problems here and there all day, ya know? We couldn’t really get in a groove.”

The freshman third-string QB Quinton Flowers was activated and saw some playing time towards the end of the game when it was out of reach. Flowers ran six times for 38 yards nearly matching running back Marlon Mack’s 55 yards from 12 carries. He was 1-for-4 passing with two interceptions and no touchdowns.

“I put Quinton in that game because I just got tired of seeing Mike get hit everytime he tried to throw the football,” Taggart said. “I didn’t want to keep seeing that and wanted to see if Quinton could go in there and give us something.”

Flowers is a mobile QB that provided the Bulls with a change of pace to White’s pocket passing.

With a run game that has all but disappeared since the season opening loss to Arkansas State, the offense has had Coach Taggart “alarmed” moving forward.

“We got to be able to run the football,” Taggart said. “We just aren’t doing a good job moving the ball like I know we are capable of and we got to get back to doing some of the things that we say we’re going to do.”

The Bulls defense has held their own for the two prior games, but allowed gaps all over the field on Saturday. The defense gave the Wolfpack 589 yards of total offense, one yard shy of the most by a USF team dating back to 2010 against Connecticut.

Wolfpack QB Jacory Brissett was 20-29 for 266 yards and 2 touchdowns and three different Wolfpack RBs had nearly identical touches and yards (Dayes 10-46 yards, Thornton 12-70 yards and Creecy 12-68 yards).

“We’re gonna get better,” Taggart said. “A lot of guys, it’s all they talk about. I told them it’s on me to get this right, but our guys say ‘no’, they’re gonna get it right. We’ll stick together and find a way to make this thing go.”

The Bulls are now 3 games into their schedule and have a short week before their next game against the Connecticut Huskies. Both teams are 1-2 and will be playing their first conference game of the season on ESPN/ESPN2 Friday night at 8 p.m.

The Huskies are ranked 123rd in the nation in rushing defense and the matchup could allow Bulls’ RBs to show out once more on a big stage. Flowers may see additional playing time under center as well.

Coach Taggart said he understands the fans’ frustration and disappointment and that his team is disappointed too, but asks fans to “hang in there” with the team.

“I know this football team is better than what we’re showing out there and we gotta find a way to show that on Saturdays and go out there and play like we’re practicing and make the plays we’re capable of,” Taggart said. “I believe in this football team and I think we’re gonna have a hell of a damn season before it’s all said and done.”

Bulls Football on ESPN

The next USF Bulls football team will be featured on ESPN at 8 p.m. on Sept. 19. Your Bulls will be hosting the Connecticut Huskies at Raymond James Stadium. Student and regular tickets are still available.

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Intramurals poised to begin

BY ANDREW CAPLAN
STAFF REPORTER

Students hit the sand, grass or courts for intramural sports on campus starting Sept. 21.

Campus Recreation offers students a chance to get outside and be active while competing in their favorite sports with other students. Flag football, cornhole and soccer will kick off the first batch of sports to be played starting this Sunday, followed by basketball and ultimate frisbee on Oct. 26.

For each competition teams will have to face off against another team. Each team can only have a certain number of players in order to compete. Flag football is a 4-versus-4 format, cornhole is 2-versus-2, soccer is 5-versus-5, basketball will be 3-versus-3, and ultimate will be 7-versus-7.

There will be options for which league players want to join for each sport. There are men-only, women-only or co-ed leagues.

Student who wish to play must have a student ID card and have to register their team by the deadlines posted on the USFSP Campus Recreation web page. Dodgeball and a 3-point shooting contest will also be offered later in October with basketball and ultimate frisbee.

Campus Recreation will have fitness events starting on Oct. 5 with the Homecoming 5K race and intramural tournaments later in the season.

For any question regarding the Intramural Sports, stop by the Campus Recreation Office located in the Student Learning Center building, room 114.