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Campus seeks OK to grow

Before he was elected student body president in spring, Cody Boyer was easily spotted on Harborwalk. He connected with students, even those with little interest in university politics, and encouraged them to vote. He won over the hearts of the student body.

Boyer now faces impeachment charges.

Attorney General Melanie Mercado submitted an impeachment memo to Senate Pro- Tempore Jared Pieniazek on Aug. 9. The memo accuses Boyer of improper hiring of student government staff, failure to attend most general assembly meetings, purchase of a laptop for personal use, among other accusations.

The impeachment memo came as a shock to Boyer, who told The Crow's Nest he was "flabbergasted."

"The first thing I thought of was how much I've sacrificed for this university," he said.

Boyer said most of the accusations were the result of miscommunication.

The memo accuses Boyer of giving his constitutional duties to another cabinet member. During the process of nominating eight people to positions in student government, Boyer delegated the nomination responsibility to his chief of staff, Brandon Myers.

"The student body president doesn't have to oversee everything," Boyer said, adding that previous administrations have delegated this responsibility to the chief of staff.

Article II, Section III of SG's constitution says the president "may delegate any duties and responsibilities he/she deems necessary to the Student Body Vice President." No provision is made for the chief of staff.

This claim is repeated in the eight counts of nonfeasance, which say he improperly nominated eight students.

The memo also says he took a purchased laptop off campus for his personal use. But Boyer said

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New face in academic affairs

By Emily Wehunt

Han Reichgelt, the new Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has worked at universities all over the world, including University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica; the University of Nottingham, England; and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Despite his experiences, it wasn’t clear to him at first what he could contribute to USF St. Petersburg. Now he knows his knowledge and past experiences will be of use.

"My whole approach to academic administration, in general, is driven by a strong belief that universities don’t exist to have students, they exist to have graduates," Reichgelt said.

Currently, his main goal at USFSP is to finalize the strategic plan of expanding the university to 10,000 students in the next ten years.

Reichgelt is also working to fill some positions in academic affairs. He believes the university will benefit from additional people in the department.

A new position for a research administrator has already been approved since his arrival. This person will work with faculty on getting external contracts and grants, with the goal of creating new research opportunities.

Reichgelt joined the campus in late July after spending seven years as dean of the School and Computing Software Engineering at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Ga.

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Briebs

Hustle into the herd during the annual Week of Welcome. Keep an eye on our list throughout the first week of classes.

Tuesday, August 26

If you're feeling lucky, the Harborside Activities Board will be hosting the annual Casino Night in the University Student Center Ballroom. Take a hand at classic card games with new classmates. The event will run from 8–11 p.m. and prizes will be awarded to the top three players.

Wednesday, August 27

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur who enjoys coffee? St. Petersburg is one of two cities that houses meet-ups in Florida that houses meet-ups. Their goal is to discuss startups and businesses in the area. The weekly event runs from 9–10 a.m. at The Greenhouse at 440 2nd Ave. North, City Hall Annex.

Looking to make new friends around campus during the first week of school? Student Government and the Caribbean Culture Exchange will be throwing an Island Party at the Harbor Lawn starting at 9 p.m.

Thursday, August 28

The USF Alumni Society will be hosting a Kickoff Party from 6–8 p.m. at Central Avenue Sports Bar. The event includes a ticket for a free beer or wine for those that RSVP on the event’s Facebook page, drink specials and games.

Chuck your way to the Mahaffey for the Mainsail Comedy Night. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Friday, August 29

Fans of Disney’s ‘Frozen’ won’t want to miss Frozen By the Bay, a movie event starts at 7:30 p.m. at Harbor Lawn. Do you want to build a snowman? Before the event begins, snowman kits will be given out for attendees to build their own snowman.

Check out the latest campus watercrafts during the annual Waterfront Demo Day. The Waterfront staff will demonstrate the array of water activities from 1 to 6 p.m.

Scrambling to print your syllabus? Free printing is now available in the Student Life Center and the Academic Success Center. Swipe your student ID to print up to 20 pages daily.

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Charges Against Cody Boyer

Attorney General Melanie Mercado submitted an impeachment memo to Senate Pro-Tempore Jared Pieniazek on Aug. 9. Here are the charges against Boyer as written in the impeachment memo:

**Incompetence – 4 Counts**

Defined by SG as “Lack of qualification, inadequate qualification, or lack of the qualities necessary to fulfill the duties of a position.”

Very little or no knowledge on Constitutional/Statutory duties for:
- Nomination of ineligible individual for a student government position
- Failure to require Buckley Waiver
- Failure to attend most of the general assembly meetings

“A Buckley Waiver is a document listing qualifications for hiring.”

**Misfeasance – 3 Counts**

Defined by SG as “performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner or with an improper or corrupt motive.”

Improperly transferred Constitutional duties to another member of student government

Purchase of laptop for personal usage

Claiming hours not worked

**Nonfeasance – 10 Counts**

Defined by SG as “Failure to perform an act that is either an official duty or a legal requirement.”

Violation of Constitutional duty to oversee all departments, agencies, offices and bureaus of Student Government.

(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 Anastasya Fokina.

Failure to address the senate on the state of the student body during the 2014 summer term

The impeachment memo is available by email upon request. Contact Jared Pieniazek at jpieniazek@mail.usf.edu, or contact any SG member.
Urban farms on public school grounds and university classrooms have led Kent “Kip” Curtis to local politics. Curtis, an adjunct professor for environmental history at USF St. Petersburg, has left the classroom to challenge candidate Peggy O’Shea for a seat on the Pinellas County School Board, District 3 in the Aug. 26 primary.

Curtis, 48, is from Winsboro, Mass. He studied at the University of Kansas for his Ph.D, with classmates and USFSP professor Ray Arsenault. He previously taught at Eckerd College.

Curtis hopes to reach out to chronically struggling schools in Pinellas county. His experience as a parent of two children who attend John Hopkins Middle School and Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School has motivated him to improve the public school experience in Pinellas county. He hopes to reduce racial and gender gaps in education, provide career education opportunities for non-college bound students, and focus classroom investment.

The Crow’s Nest posed questions to Curtis about the university and his motivation for candidacy.

Crow’s Nest: What was your impression of USF St. Petersburg and the classroom environment?

Kent Curtis: It’s great. I really engaged students who understand the value of their education and are really working hard. I’ve worked with USFSP students on a volunteer basis with my nonprofit organization, the Edible Peace Patch Project. I had never worked with them in the classroom until this summer. They were some of the most earnest students and they really value their education.

CN: How have your experiences as an educator motivated you to become a candidate?

KC: In public education, we’ve lost our way a little bit. As an educator, I refer to education from its Latin root, “to draw out.” We’ve turned public education into a science of filling a vessel. We measure students through these high stakes questions, whether it’s right or not. John Dewey said that education is not about filling students with information, it’s about teaching the student how to learn and how to be curious. It’s important for them to learn information and find information. I’ve always had that as a practice in my classroom. I tend to lead discussion based courses and engage students. If you don’t get students curious about what they’re working with, you’re not really teaching them.

CN: How about as a parent?

KC: My kids started coming home with sample tests with what they scored on the FCAT and that was the end result at school. I also became involved in lower achieving schools in the Southside neighborhoods and they were getting an even worse deal … The result is what we have today, which is five of the worst schools in the state in the south side. That’s a real social justice issue there. Education is one of the most important institutions in a democracy …

CN: What motivates you as an aspiring politician?

KC: Part of what motivated is that I’m trained in U.S. and I have in past 20 years that the great experiment of the United States requires participation of good people in the political process. A lot of people feel disempowered because of the amount of money it takes to get in campaigns and the kind of scrutiny you get as a public servant… I want to live up to my own beliefs that it was an obligation to be involved in the public sphere, that politics matter. The laws are written, the policies are created, and these really move in time. I love being in the classroom, I love being a professor, but I can’t do as much from there. The best thing that we can do is engage politically the sources of those problems to make effective.
Shed summer indulgence

By Emily Tinti
Staff Reporter

There is no shame in admitting summer break indulgences. Maybe you grew accustomed to dining out or too familiar with Publix’s frozen foods aisle. There’s nothing wrong with treating yourself and enjoying what you put into your body. If your body craves a cleanse, get your systems back on track with inexpensive and natural solutions.

Try herbal tea to brew away the toxins. Peppermint, eucalyptus, ginger and dandelion are valuable in purifying the body. Peppermint calms the digestive system and is used to stop bacterial growth associated with colds. Dandelion tea can reduce bloating since it stimulates the liver, which functions as your body’s detoxifier.

If you drink coffee for the caffeine, try frequently replacing it with green tea. In the purest form, it offers antioxidants and just enough caffeine to give you the kick you want. Add a little honey for sweetness.

Flush your system with water, even if you insist the bottle of Dasani is enough. Eight glasses is the bare minimum, the C average to pass. Results include clearer skin and feeling a full stomach faster.

Try a delicious way to feel energized. Through breakfast smoothies. It’s a great way to get all of your nutrients in the morning, and reduce bloating since it stimulates the liver. It’s a delicious way to feel energized.

Students took Spanish grammar and conversation classes at Estudio Sampere, Salamanca. The university has five locations, including Ecuador and Cuba. While there, students participate in activities such as dance lessons, city tours and games, and enjoy the culture in Salamanca.

Junior Jessica Jensen, spent two consecutive summers in Salamanca, Spain, totaling six full weeks studying in the Spanish-speaking country.

“Your host family only speaks Spanish, the teachers only speak Spanish,” Jensen said. “It really pushes you out of your comfort zone to communicate. Sometimes you have to be creative when you are learning, but everyone is patient with you and happy to help you learn.”

Senior Luke Singer is minoring in Spanish. He signed up for the trip anticipating to grow his language skills and to delve into the Spain’s culture.

“Being able to take classes and practice every day in and outside school definitely has its advantages,” Singer said. “You are forced to speak the language and are able to remember what you have learned.”

Jensen believes it is important to study in places that have piqued your interest, rather than being concerned about the credits you can get. USF advisors are good about helping students find classes that count toward their major, she said.

Students spent many evenings in the plaza, taking advantage of shopping deals and enjoying World Cup coverage.

“I learned a lot about Spain’s culture as well as the American culture by being there,” said Jensen. “It also forces you to learn about yourself, seeing how adaptable you really are, how conditioned you have become to the American society.

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La Plaza de Mayor in Salamanca, Spain
 Courtesy of Jessica Jensen

Playlist: Motivational melodies

As you leave behind the countless hours of free time that summer offers, slip on some audio motivation. Stay positive and remember that grades are a priority, but your experience on this campus is what will define your college years. Look no further for some semester start-worthy tunes:

- “My Sweet Summer” by The Dirty Heads
- “We’re Going to be Friends” by The White Stripes
- “Campus” by Vampire Weekend
- “Expectations” by Belle and Sebastian
- “College” by Animal Collective
- “A Better Son/Daughter” by Rilo Kiley
- “Fight for Your Right” by Beastie Boys
- “Be True to Your School” by The Beach Boys
- “Future’s so Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades” by Timbuk 3

Maintain this mindset. Always.
Campus through the years

BY EMILY WEHUNT
Staff Reporter

Before the University Student Center finished completion in 2012, a hill of grass and volleyball courts sprawled along 6th Avenue S. The sidewalks that stretch throughout campus once lead only to Coquina Hall and Davis Hall.

USF St. Petersburg sprouted from years of cultivation.

The first classes at the USFSP began on Sept. 7, 1965. A small variety of classes were offered to 260 freshmen who took shuttles from the overflowing campus in Tampa. The Maritime Service barracks, which is now the College of Marine Science, held classes for commuters. After a few years, former USF President John S. Allen opened up classes to upper-level undergraduates and graduates. By 1969, USFSP had become a branch campus.

More degree programs and courses including elementary education, psychology and history were added by the early 1970s.

As a growing education institution, USFSP started to gain a positive reputation in the city of St. Petersburg. Prominent people in the area helped to make the physical expansion successful, such as former editor and president of the St.Petersburg Times (now the Tampa Bay Times), Nelson Poynter.

Poynter campaigned for the city to donate money for the expansion. He himself donated $500,000. On June 15, 1978, Poynter participated in the groundbreaking for the new part of campus and passed away hours later due to a hemorrhage. The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library was named in his honor.

Throughout the 1980s and 90s, buildings continued to go up and additional classes were opening. It wasn’t until March 2005 that the first residence halls went up on the corner of 3rd Street North. A few months later the main parking garage was built.

The Southern Association of College and Schools gave USFSP separate accreditation as an institution in 2006. The university was re-accredited in 2011.

USFSP, also known as “the jewel by the bay” now has more than 4,000 students enrolled on its 48 acres of land. The university has three different colleges, including Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education with 23 undergraduate programs and 12 graduate programs.

Information gathered from usfsp.edu and James Anthony Schnur’s 2012 lecture “A Brief History of USF St. Petersburg.”

Reichgelt ready for success

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A native of the Netherlands, Reichgelt graduated from the University of Nijmegen in 1981 with a bachelor’s in psychology and a master’s in philosophy. He continued his education at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland where he earned his doctorate in cognitive science.

Reichgelt has won a number of fellowships and awards throughout his career. However, he claims this new position is his greatest achievement thus far.

In his short time at USFSP, Reichgelt has already started to recognize unique parts of the university, specifically the scholarly activity of the faculty.

“The number of books and papers they have published, presentations they give,” he said.

“It is way ahead of what I was used to at any of the institutions I have been at before.”

Reichgelt has worked all over the world, but is genuinely pleased and prepared for work at USFSP.

“I’d like students and faculty to know that I am really committed to their success,” he said. “I want to do the best that I can to create an environment that allows both to be successful.”

Welcome Back USF Bulls!

Campus Blood Drives: Wednesday, August 27 & Thursday, August 28
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
@ Student Life Center

All blood donors will receive a USF Bulls T-shirt* and a voucher for a $10 IKEA Gift Card* to be redeemed at IKEA Tampa. Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening!
Editorial

The role of The Crow’s Nest

In terms of student press freedom, The Crow’s Nest is blessed. Our student government and administrators allow us to print the paper without first reviewing our work. We are not punished for publishing anything critical. We are funded generously by SG and our budget is not withheld when we publish controversial topics.

Past administrations at SG have left a good legacy of support for us. And we’ve received the same support this year. But we’ve received some requests from SG representatives trying to bargain with us on how we write our stories. These requests, we might add, are unethical. And they stem from confusion about our role as a student newspaper.

So, just in time for the start of school, we’d like to tell you just what our role is.

A good student press serves as a watchdog on their university campus, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. And that’s exactly what we strive to be at The Crow’s Nest.

You, the student, dedicate four years of your life to a college education. You are paying thousands of dollars each semester for a quality education. In addition, you are also spending money on activity and services fees, technology fees and the student green energy fund. The university promises to use your tuition dollars wisely. Most times, they will keep their promise. But don’t you want a watchdog for the times they won’t? Reporters, as students in college and professionals in the field, monitor the actions of community leaders and hold them accountable.

We also want to keep you informed about the things happening on campus. You need to know about the good things that are happening, but shielding the bad things from you would be a disservice. That’s why we wrote about the impeachment memo this week, even if we get grief for it. Readers deserve to know both sides of any developing story and make an informed decision and opinion accordingly. We provide facts, you decide. The old adage may say, “ignorance is bliss,” but ignorance is not becoming on a college graduate. Take your time in college to get informed.

We will also tell you the good things. You should know about your peers who studied abroad in Spain, about your school sports teams and about campus life. We’ll show you how to stretch those tuition dollars beyond just going to class.

We are not, however, a service to make you excited about your attendance at USF St. Petersburg. We’re not a marketing or public relations team for administration or student organizations. We hope you are excited to be here—you chose to come here, after all. But that is not our job.

Our job is also not to run anyone through the mud just “because we can.” We aim to have a high journalistic integrity and to be fair to all parties, allowing equal opportunities for every voice in a story. We’re not out to get you— we’re out to get the truth.

Of course, a look at the modern-day media shows that journalists don’t do their jobs perfectly. And we admit that as humans, we won’t do our jobs perfectly either. That’s where you come in. You’re always welcome to send letters to the editor and opinion columns.

But you can always count on us for one service: truth.

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Photo of the week

“Man, that water’s cold!”

St. Petersburg student government reacts to the ice water poured over their heads as part of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which raises awareness and support for people with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. ALS is a disease in which nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord progressively degenerate. There is no known cure and only prescription drugs that slow the progression.

Delta Sigma Pi called SG out to participate in the viral challenge. After the Aug. 20 general assembly, SG gathered in front of the bull to take the icy plunge. They challenged Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and the student governments at USF Tampa and USF Sarasota-Manatee. No word on if Wisniewska accepted.

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

Throwback

People once believed that there were men on the moon. At least, that was what the New York Sun, the “penny press” paper in the 1830s, insisted. On Aug. 25, 1835, the first of six articles published that became known as “The Great Moon Hoax.”

The writer, Dr. Andrew Grant, was a supposed colleague of famous astronomer Sir John Herschel. The astronomer had performed studies with a powerful, innovative telescope in 1834. Herschel claimed to discover “fantastic animals as unicorns, two-legged beavers, and furry, winged humanoids resembling bats.” His studies included craters, amethyst crystals, and lush vegetation.

It was later revealed that the articles were a reprint from the Edinburgh Journal of Science, and Dr. Andrew Grant was a fictitious character, penned by Sun reporter Richard Adams Locke.
The real college essentials

By Amanda Starling
Crow’s Nest Columnist

Among the piles of cardboard boxes and brightly-colored, twin- XL sheets was a mix of excitement and nerves for a new experience. College, which was once this distant aspiration, was suddenly a nightmare. College, which was once this whole “take care of ourselves” business and as a result, we neglect things like health and sanity. Don’t lose yourself in hours locked in the library or nights intoxicated beyond comprehension. Frozen dinners and Wendy’s trips are not part of a balanced diet. Find your mismatched socks and wash them, too. Take coffee breaks from your studies with your roommate and pick up a book instead of binge-watching Netflix. Experiment with the unusual and expand your cultural palette. Be balanced and don’t let the culture of college shock you. You have four years in this limbo state of adolescence and adulthood. Use your time wisely. Find yourself among the books, the best friends, and the brand new adventures that await.

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Say yes to campus expansion

By Emily Wehunt
Staff Columnist

When I first heard about the ten year plan to double the student body and expand the campus, I wasn’t for it. After all, one of the main things that drew me to USF St. Petersburg, besides its gorgeous location, was the intimate size of campus. At the Tampa location you get lost in the crowd and on the campus. The class sizes are huge and parking is a nightmare. I like seeing familiar faces everyday around school and not having to sit through class in a giant lecture hall with 300 or more students. This campus has a personal feel, too, one that I think mostly everyone loves.

However, the more I learned about the strategic plan for growth and the reasoning behind it, my opinion started to shift. The goal here isn’t to overcrowd the school, and to shove as many students in the bay. The revenue brought in through enrollment funding will go towards bringing in more faculty and creating space for additional classes. Hiring more professors will allow our classes to stay small and intimate. More students means more degree programs and courses that can be offered. Less students will have to commute back and forth between the Tampa campus.

USFSP also hopes to become a destination research institution for faculty, which will provide opportunities and experience for students.

The Crow’s Nest Columnist

BY AMANDA STARLING

Do’s and don’ts of fantasy football

By Andrew Caplan
Staff Columnist

With the arrival of football in the fall comes the most notorious trash talking season of the year. Friends and family will compete in fantasy football leagues around the United States in hopes of crowning themselves a champion. So, even if your favorite NFL team is horrible, you still can be excited about something this football season.

What makes fantasy football great is the capability of controlling a roster of players you will draft based on your knowledge or guessing of a player’s past and future performances.

Most fantasy leagues are free, but you can compete for money if you choose to.

The commissioner (the creator) of the league sets up the rules and point system prior to sending out invitations. This way you know what you are getting yourself into.

Generally for a touchdown, running backs receive six points, quarterbacks receive four points, and wide receivers will get four. Scoring is subject to change depending on your commissioner’s choices or rules.

Running backs are highly regarded in most fantasy leagues and usually are drafted first, but when the quarterback, running back, and wide receiver all receive six points per touchdown, all hell breaks loose and the team’s owner should grab the best player available.

Based off of last year’s statistics, one might think about drafting QB Peyton Manning with their first pick. But the odds of Manning repeating his performance from last year are pretty slim. Manning and the Broncos lost a 1,000 rusher last year are pretty slim. Manning’s performance from last year is pretty slim. Manning and the Broncos lost a 1,000 rusher and receiver past offseason.

However, the odds of RB Jamaal Charles scoring 12 touchdowns along with rushing for 1,200 yards is much more likely. This is why he is projected to be drafted number one overall in the majority of leagues and Manning is 11th.

In order to have a successful year in fantasy football, you need more than just a great first pick. A strategy is needed for your draft.

My personal strategy has worked more often than it has failed in recent years. The strategy is to not think you’re smarter than the computer. By this I mean, DON’T OVERDRAFT a player.

If a player is ranked 76th overall on the draft board and you have pick 17, and you want a QB, and you see your favorite one sitting at 76, just wait. Odds are you can take a few better players before that QB. Remember, your goal is to have a well-rounded team. This may help you later with trades and in the scoring department.

Something else to consider is to NOT draft your favorite players. This can collide with problems later in the season, such as to sit or start a player. Your heart can sometimes ignore your brain and tell you this player is going to have a decent year. I made this mistake last year with Ravens RB Ray Rice.

The most important thing to know in order to have a fun and exciting fantasy football season is to talk as much trash as you possibly can to your friends and family, especially when your fantasy team stinks. This will be the best time to make bets to change other team’s names. This shows everyone that you are still having fun and don’t take things too seriously. After all, it’s just a game.

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Baseball club returns this fall

By Andrew Caplan  
Staff Reporter

After finishing their inaugural year as a club, the USF St. Petersburg Baseball Club is hoping to see more involvement from students on and off campus.

The club will have a fall and a spring schedule that will consist of about 50 games. The fall schedule will start Sept. 25 when the Bulls visit the State College of Florida.

The club will face off against other club teams like last season, but will also play against Division II and III teams from other campuses.

Interested in joining the USFSP baseball club? Evaluations are Sept. 4, 7-10 p.m. at Lake Vista Park, and on Sept. 6, noon-3 p.m. at Higgins Field. A registration form from the club’s Facebook must be filled out before attending.

The Bulls’ offense averaged 13.8 points per game last season and ranked 122nd in “points for” within the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS).

Along with the starting QB being announced, the players elected wide receiver Andre Davis, linebacker Reshard Cliett, and placekicker Marvin Kloss as the team’s captains.

“I think it says a lot,” Taggart said. “Especially when we as coaches don’t have any influence on who gets picked. It’s all about your peers. I can tell those guys were excited. It’s big time.”

Coincidentally, while coaching at Western Kentucky University, Taggart’s first year as head coach also ended with a 2-10 record, but was followed with back-to-back 7-5 seasons before accepting the job at USF.

Taggart and his staff have recruited within the state of Florida during his short tenure with the Bulls and rank 40th nationally in the student section filled because I feel that’ll be the stadium field and the student section will fill up because I feel that’ll be the case.

We feel like we have to play for the school, play for USF, and play for our students because that’s where our support system is.

After the season opener, the Bulls will stay at home for three more consecutive games. They will be tested early and will be showcased on ESPN Sept. 19, at home, against Connecticut for the nation to see their improvement.

“There’s gonna be some tough times,” Taggart said. “Some adversity is gonna come and we have to be ready for that. ”That’s the only thing as a staff we’re wondering. That’s the one big question out there.”

Recruited, ready for football

By Andrew Caplan  
Staff Reporter

In his second year as the University of South Florida head football coach, Willie Taggart and his staff are mixing up the offense and defense.

The Bulls seek to improve from the disappointing 2013 season where they finished the season on a six-game losing streak for a 2-10 record.

Sophomore quarterback Mike White will open the season under center after beating out the junior QB, Steven Bench, for the starting position.

“We’re ready to hit guys,” Cliett said. “We’re ready to hit guys. We’re ready to hit guys.”

The change will allow the linebackers to run into gaps easier without having to go through additional blockers. This scheme also allows defenders to roam the field more.

The Bulls look to start fresh Aug. 30 when they play their season opener against Western Carolina at home under the Saturday night lights of Raymond James Stadium at 7 p.m.

“It’s very important to get the student out here,” Davis said. “We have to get back to getting all of our students out here and getting the stadium field and the student section filled because I feel that’ll make the players play much harder.

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Assistant Director of the MBA Program at USFSP, Eric Doucirth, their new adviser to oversee their activity and growth as a club.

The change at adviser gives the club hope for a strong future after just a few weeks ago the club’s president and player coach, Jeremy Berger, was told they could not participate in any club activities if a new adviser was not appointed.

Due to prior arrangements with the Tampa Bay Rowdies soccer team, the club will not be playing their fall games at Al Lang Field. However, they will play their spring schedule there.

The club will also be hosting player evaluations for anyone who wants to tryout for the club after submitting a required form online.

Tickets for any of the baseball club’s games can be purchased at the box office when entering the game.

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