

'Adversity is actually not a bad thing'

Cheyenne Currall has faced many hardships growing up and she hopes to connect better with the student body through her remarkable past.



Alyssa Stewart

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Having lived many lives from China to London to Texas, it's safe to say that picking up and moving to Florida this past summer was not out of the ordinary for Cheyenne Currall, wife of USF President Steven Currall.

Settling into her new role, Currall has been able to explore the campus and Tampa. She officially transitioned out of her previous job recently as the vice president and executive advisor for global advancement at the University of Texas Southwestern

Medical Center in Dallas.

She said she enjoys walking around the campus weekly to explore the Marshall Student Center and the Martin Luther King Plaza.

"This campus has more outdoor art than any other university I have been to," Currall said. "I love the bulls in front of the MSC."

But, her favorite pastime is doing Zumba in Campus Recreation and Wellness.

However, Currall faced many hardships prior to becoming a USF Bull.

The Chinese Cultural Revolution, led by communist revolutionary Mao Zedong in the 1960s, played a crucial part in Currall's upbringing.

Because of her parent's status and success as business CEOs, they were imprisoned for what

was considered "capitalist behavior." Her four siblings were moved to the other side of the country to work on farms but she was left to fend for herself at home at just 8 years old.

"I was born into a very privileged family but I ended up losing everything," Currall said. "I had to figure out how to survive."

She was shunned by the public and had to learn how to take care of herself with no money or skills. Since her nannies took care of the family, at the time, she didn't even know basic skills, like how to properly wash her hair.

To her surprise, a few community members went out of their way to teach her how to cook and maintain a household.

Despite the circumstances,

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Currall does not plan on having a paid or formal position at USF but she still wants to be involved on campus. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

CLCE plans to revamp third-floor MSC space



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Students looking for a place to meet with their student organization amid the overcrowdedness of the Marshall Student Center (MSC) during the school year might have a new option.

New plans to refurbish the office space on the third floor of the MSC for student organizations

are in discussion after a proposal made by Student Body Vice President Travis McCloskey.

The project will focus on revamping the storage of student organization resources and providing a flexible space for student organizations to work and collaborate on similar projects, according to the Director of the

Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) Mike Severy.

Items being added to the space include movable chairs, folding tables and more storage for student organizations.

Led by McCloskey, in collaboration with the CLCE, the project consists of reorganizing the office space to support a

larger percentage of student organizations.

McCloskey was not available for comment by the time of publication to discuss his involvement in the project.

A survey was conducted between August and September to collect data from student

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organization leaders and advisors in regard to the use of the office space. With the data collected, a new proposal will be drafted and then given to McCloskey for further consideration.

The current office space has the capacity to house 32 cubicles assigned to a certain number of student organizations, including the Students of India Association (SIA), Latin America Student Association (LASA) and the Pre-Medical American Medical Student Association (PAMSA).

In order to rent a cubicle, student organizations are required to apply at the end of every academic year for further consideration.

With the project, the CLCE plans on providing an open-concept floor plan without designated cubicle spaces for clubs and organizations that previously had one.

Severy said that the current layout of the office space doesn't allow the department to fully support the majority of student organizations throughout the year due to limited space.

"We have around 32 cubicles upstairs, which serves less than 5 percent of our student organization population of over 650 student organizations," Severy said.

"We were not able as [the CLCE] to lean into supporting student organizations as well as we could, primarily because of the resource base that we have available to us. If we had a greater degree of flexibility in space and resources, we can better serve our student organization."

Based on the survey data, Severy said that there was a need to incorporate more student



The new renovations will include movable chairs, folding tables and more storage for student organizations. ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM

organizations into the office space.

The cost established by the office furniture supplier Holmes and Brakel to furnish the room is around \$40,000 to \$50,000, according to Severy. The official cost hasn't been announced yet.

Severy said that the funding would most likely come from SG's unallocated cash request.

Two and a half years ago, the CLCE submitted a proposal to SG consisting of redesigning the current office space. However, when presented to the Senate, the funding did not get approved.

According to Winston Jones, the associate dean of students, the original idea was to provide a facility for not only 32 clubs, but for the whole population of more than 600 student organizations.

"The goal was to create a more organizational space where all organizations could come in, do work and have a common space to work together," Jones said.

The idea was brought up again in the spring with McCloskey's election. According to Severy, McCloskey approached the CLCE with the idea to rekindle the plan.

"The reimagining of the third-floor space to a flexible space allows the CLCE to live into our mission as it relates to training, education and development for leadership within student organizations," Severy said. "Having a dedicated space to do student organization training and development experiences provides a little bit more flexibility."

According to Severy, students might start seeing a change in the office space by the end of the spring semester.

"It provides another opportunity for student organizations to focus on their student organization work," Severy said. "Certainly, probably foresee that student organization might be able to reserve it for various things as we don't want to turn it into another room on the inventory of the Marshall Student Center where that's always reserved and people can't use. We don't want to get into that. But I want it to be as useful as possible in supporting students."

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Currall was grateful that her childhood taught her how to be independent and self-sufficient.

Because the schools in her area were shut down, she gained an education by studying her older siblings' books.

"Adversity is actually not a bad thing," Currall said. "Once you survive something, you grow. It's a gift in a way. When I look back, that's how I see it."

After the revolution ended in 1976, Currall was able to reunite with her siblings, and her parents were released from prison after being wrongfully convicted.

Eventually, she was able to earn a bachelor's degree in foreign literature and was granted access by the Chinese government to study comparative literature in the U.S.

Thus, her American journey would begin.

Currall moved to Rhode Island to attend Brown University, but she said the journey as an international student was not easy.

"In China, I was well-known, but when I got to the U.S., I was a nobody," Currall said. "I realized I became a minority and I had to fight through that but I have a fighting spirit inside me so that helped. It was quite a journey, psychologically."

After six months, she received a call from the Chinese government encouraging her to pursue a master's and to go back to China afterward to teach English.

"I said no," Currall said. "It has always been my goal to get a Ph.D, the highest degree there is."

Knowing that she had plans to stay in the U.S. longer, at this point, Currall had started to question her childhood. The leadership of Zedong sparked a curiosity in her.

"I wondered how this one person could have so much impact in China at that time," Currall said.

After some deliberating, Currall changed her doctoral track to study organizational psychology and global business strategy which prompted her to transfer to Cornell University in New York.

There, she would meet the love of her life, Steven Currall.

However, this made the decision to return back to China even harder.

"We had to negotiate," Currall said. "We met, fell in love, talked about marriage and had to decide where we wanted to stay. I had the intention to go back to China, but he didn't speak Chinese. But I was very flexible at the time."

Currall found that she was also falling in love with American culture.

Funny enough, she said she related to its cultural values more than in China.

"U.S. culture is emphasized by merit — If you try hard, you will succeed," Currall said. "In China, it is about who you know, what family you are coming from which is very traditionally based."

"I like that it's about individuality, personality and that you can achieve as much as you can."

And this is exactly what she did.

In her time in the U.S., Currall has worked in international business, became a corporate

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psychologist, a CEO for a medical international institute and worked in global fundraising.

Now living at the Lifsey House, the presidential mansion on campus, Currall has had the ability to better connect with USF Tampa students.

"I may just show up in students' dining halls or the library and in the bookstore. I mean, I am already doing Zumba with 18-year-old and 20-year-old students," she joked.

Currall and her husband moved into the Lifsey House on June 10. Currall said she was surprised the house had been vacant for over 20 years.

"A lot of people didn't believe us when we said we wanted to live in the Lifsey House," Currall said. "So when we came we were so shocked that nobody wanted to live there before, it's beautiful. We

wanted to bring some life to it."

Currall has also developed a passion for helping women in leadership and international students succeed.

"I care a lot about women in leadership and immigrants being successful because, you know, that's my story," Currall said. "I'd like to be a mentor to those students."

Although she has more of a personal connection with international students, Currall said she hopes to connect with all students.

"We don't have children of our own, so it is like we are adopting 51,000 students and I love that," Currall said. "I love to feel the energy, the innocence — everyone is so full of hope."

Currall said she wants no formal or paid position on campus because of her husband's presidential position. However,

she does want to dedicate some time at USF, whether that be speaking at events, sitting on panels or interacting with students on campus.

She plans on spending half of her time on university affairs and the other on progressing her career.

Currall said she would most likely work in a similar environment to what she was doing in Dallas and do global fundraising.

"I love to be in a university setting or in college towns, well now it's a little different because I live on campus," Currall said. "Of course, nobody recognizes me yet but I want students to be comfortable sharing their stories with me and telling me how they are doing."

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USF Tampa needs continued progress on faculty diversity



Nathaniel Sweet

C O L U M N I S T

USF Tampa has a solid record of success when it comes to diversity and inclusion for students of color.

University figures show, however, that there's much room for improvement in another key area: diversity of faculty.

The USF InfoCenter, managed by USF Information Technology, provides statistics on faculty diversity.

According to the InfoCenter, as of fall 2018, about two-thirds (67 percent) of USF Tampa professors are non-Hispanic white. 16 percent are Asian, 8 percent are Hispanic and 5 percent are black.

When compared to the student population, black and Hispanic faculty representation is lacking: per USF's most recent System Facts book, about 20 percent of Tampa campus students are Hispanic, while 10 percent are black.

InfoCenter data shows that the Tampa campus has made some progress on faculty diversity over the past 10 years.

USF Tampa has added about 200 Asian professors and 70 Hispanic professors since fall 2008. Concerningly, however, the overall number of black



Black and Hispanic representation falls short in USF's professoriate. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE

professors at USF Tampa has actually declined since 2008, from 128 to 120.

There are a few caveats to these figures. The InfoCenter website says that these numbers are for "internal use," meaning there may be minor reporting errors.

The data also has a separate category for "non-resident aliens," for whom racial or ethnic identity information isn't provided. Nevertheless, they're the most detailed data on faculty diversity publicly available.

Poor representation in postsecondary faculty is a national problem.

A 2019 study from the Pew Research Center analyzed data from the National Center for Education Statistics, finding that 45 percent of college and university students are people of color, compared to only 24 percent for faculty.

Compared to Pew's figures, USF performs about average on black faculty representation (5 percent for USF, 6 percent

nationally) and above-average on Hispanic faculty representation (10 percent for USF, 5 percent nationally). Nevertheless, in absolute terms, the gap is concerning across the board.

Faculty diversity matters across several dimensions. From a labor and employment standpoint, professors of color deserve equal opportunity to pursue careers in academia.

In terms of teaching, students deserve professors who understand their cultural backgrounds and experiences. For research and innovation, meanwhile, diverse perspectives are essential for covering a breadth of topics and gaining new insights.

In the interest of shared success and continuing excellence, USF Tampa needs to deepen its commitments to faculty diversity, particularly recruitment and retention of black and Hispanic professors.

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U.S. Education Secretary sets bad example



Jared Sellick

C O L U M N I S T

On Oct. 25 the U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos was fined \$100,000 by a federal judge for contempt of court because of the Department of Education's failure to comply with a court order.

Students were defrauded by the now-defunct for-profit post-secondary education company Corinthian Colleges, which was found to have engaged in predatory behavior toward student borrowers.

Corinthian Colleges advertisements often featured incorrect information that left students with an inaccurate impression of the value of the institutions' degrees. After the company went bankrupt in 2015, students were left with debt that did not pay for a worthwhile degree.

According to Department of Education rules, the department was meant to forgive all federal student loans for all 16,000 students who were defrauded by the college.

Instead, the department sought payment from the fraud victims. Some borrowers had their wages garnered by the government and some had their

tax refunds seized, despite a court order to stop collecting the debts.

This kind of illegal behavior by the Department of Education is absolutely unacceptable. Rather than being an institution of justice for the students who have been victimized by the predatory practices of for-profit colleges, the department has instead attempted to shake down already vulnerable students.

For college students who are planning out their long-term goals and their career aspirations, these kinds of details are very important. If this kind of illegal behavior from the Department of Education persists it will degrade student's trust in the system.

Enforcing a fine on the department of education is an important step to holding the department accountable. It is important however, to demand more from our apartment officials and work hard to foster a culture in government that respects circumstances of students.

In addition the department of education should be wary of institutions that exist primarily to profit off of the loans of lower income individuals and should raise awareness about their predatory practices.

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he's ready to go."

The bye week did more than help heal up players. It allowed for the team to further develop its tactics heading into the first game of the November stretch.

"We have continued to work hard on our run game," Bell said. "We're starting to see some signs of our throw game with Jordan getting healthy ... We've just got to continue to improve on that. It's going to be big those four weeks to be able to make those plays in the passing game."

With McCloud back to full health, the Bulls can start to further develop their passing game.

Promising signs of that came from McCloud's performance against ECU. He completed 75 percent of his passes, throwing for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

But it's still not where Bell wants his offense to be.

"My desire is to have 300 yards passing and 200 yards rushing,"

Bell said. "You do that every day and I'll be happy ... that's our mark we try to hit ... when we're running and throwing with the efficiency that I know we can, now we can go do those things."

With a chance at showing off a refreshed team also comes the chance of performing better than the last time the Bulls were on national television, as Thursday's game will be shown on ESPN.

The last time USF was shown on ESPN was in its 49-0 loss to Wisconsin in Week 1.

Now, the Bulls have a chance at redeeming themselves. Bell said this is the opportunity to show the progress USF has made since the beginning of the season.

"We've got to go prove that to ourselves, our fans, to everybody here in Tampa and to the nation," Bell said.

"This is a good time to do that."

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did in your league — but also on how you scheduled. And there's never a question on how we approach that."

It's a daunting schedule, no doubt, but it's something the Bulls are ready for.

"I mean, that's why you come to South Florida and play for coach Jose, because he schedules what he schedules," junior guard Enna Pehadzic said. "If you want to be the best, you've got to play the best."

Plus, for a team with a powerhouse like UConn in its conference — well, until the end of this season, at least — the early challenges are welcome.

"It's just going to be like, we've already been in a situation like that," Pehadzic said. "So when we go against UConn, we will feel [calmer], more confident, trusting each other and trusting our coaches in preparing us for those challenges that will come."

The Bulls enter this tough stretch in a better position than they were most of last season, when they were hampered by injuries.

USF's depth was on display during its 70-39 victory over Jacksonville on Tuesday. Eleven players saw action — by comparison, most nights during conference play last season, the Bulls could only suit up a little more than half that number.

One of the players who was out for the majority of the season with a foot injury was sophomore center Beatriz Jordao, who scored nine points in eight minutes Tuesday.

"It's just, I woke up [the next] morning and I was like, 'OK, I did it,'" Jordao said with a laugh. "And I feel so happy because I'm able to help my teammates on the court. ... I love basketball, so I'm really happy right now."

While Jordao played less than



Beatriz Jordao missed most of the 2018-19 season due to an injury. ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB

10 minutes against Jacksonville, Fernandez said to expect more of her against Texas — and Jordao is ready for the challenge.

"I just want to go on the court and give the best that I can," Jordao said. "It doesn't matter if it is seven minutes, if it is 10-20-30 — doesn't matter. I'm going to the court, and I'm going to do my job. And for Texas, I'm very excited, as you can expect, and I just hope to do my best."

But there are still injuries and other factors keeping Fernandez's team from being 100 percent.

"This team is also still playing without Sydni Harvey, Silvia Serrat," Fernandez said. "Sydni Harvey was an all-freshmen guy who was averaging double figures for us. That just shows the depth of our team and how we recruited as well."

Fernandez added that Harvey was about four weeks away before a decision could be made

on whether she'll play this season.

"I think we're pretty deep right now," Fernandez said. "Do we want to play her, or not play her and she still has three years of basketball to play and having the whole season to get better. We're not at that decision time yet, but when that decision time comes, we'll do what's best for her."

With or without Harvey, though, USF has a few big challenges coming up. But the Bulls don't have to worry about proving anything during that tough stretch, according to Jordao.

"I think we just need to worry about us," Jordao said. "We don't need to prove that we are really good. We just need to [play] our game and things will happen naturally."

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Football

Bulls refreshed after bye week



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

For the first time in weeks, USF is heading into a game with an almost healthy squad.

The Bulls (4-4, 2-2) have the chance to show how their bye week aided in a prime-time matchup against Temple (5-3, 2-2) on Thursday at Raymond James Stadium (8 p.m. TV: ESPN | Radio: WDAE-AM 620).

Besides freshman quarterback Jah'Quez Evans, whose status is up in the air after suffering a knock to the head prior to

halftime against East Carolina on Oct. 26, the team is healthy.

Chiefly, redshirt freshman quarterback Jordan McCloud is fully healthy for the first time in over a month.

"Basically, we're a healthy football team right now, knock on wood," coach Charlie Strong said knocking on the podium at his weekly press conference Monday. "Guys have had the flu or something, but other than that guys are back and ready to go."

McCloud, who has played through a number of injuries, including a wrist and shoulder injury, said he's ready to go.

"We had this week off and that was big," McCloud said. "I felt as good as I felt earlier in the season. That's how my body feels right now, really good and just ready to go play on Thursday."



Jordan McCloud says he is fully healthy for the first time in weeks. ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM

"I'm at 100 percent."

More importantly, offensive coordinator Kerwin Bell endorsed McCloud's health.

"It was good to get us healthy, especially another week for

Jordan to get totally healthy," Bell said. "I feel comfortable with him. He's throwing the ball really good and no complaints with his ankles or hand or shoulder, so

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Women's Basketball

A November challenge awaits



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

It's November, which means a few things.

Cranberries infused into everything, radio stations flipping to all-Christmas music way too early, eventually some turkey — and, oh yeah, USF playing an incredibly tough nonconference schedule.



USF faces No. 15 Texas on Friday. ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB

The Bulls welcome No. 15 Texas to the Yuengling Center on Friday at 7 p.m. in the first of three games against top seeds from last

season's NCAA Tournament in the span of a month.

In addition to the Longhorns,

the Bulls face national champion Baylor on the road Nov. 19 and runner-up Notre Dame in Cancun on Nov. 30.

"I think one thing that we've really challenged ourselves with is November and December," coach Jose Fernandez said, "putting our kids in a position to have those opportunities to be tested either on the road, at home or on a neutral floor."

"You're going to be judged at the end of the year on how your team played, how successful you were — wins and losses, how you

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