

Harbour embraces life's 'weirdness' as key to recovery



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Famously known for his role in "Stranger Things" as the chief police officer Jim Hopper, actor David Harbour shared his life experiences dealing with mental illness and his hardships in the film industry at the University Lecture Series Wednesday night.

The mental health advocate shared to an audience of more than 800 people in the Marshall Student Center Ballroom how he coped with his bipolar disorder by embracing his "weirdness." He also touched on his transition from acting in small plays to trying bigger roles on TV after graduating college.



Actor David Harbour highlighted the importance of embracing one's weirdness and how that can take pressure off societal expectations. ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM

"I did a lot of heroin," he joked. The audience got caught up in laughter.

"I really did struggle and I think, you know, part of that was having to learn a new language," Harbour said. "And that was

very assaulting because I really thought I came from this bubble of Dartmouth and I sort of thought very highly of myself. And then, when I got to New York City, they didn't think as highly of me as I thought"

Rejection played a significant part in Harbour's life as, at the beginning of his career, he began starring in small off-broadway plays while trying to pay his bills in New York City.

Harbour said that he felt like

an outcast while trying to pursue his passion when comparing himself with the success of his high school friends.

"When I was 30, I was still only making \$25,000 a year and living in a studio in NYC not knowing if I would pay next month's rent," Harbour said.

After the first few years in the industry, Harbour started acting in supporting roles in movies and starring in Broadway plays, such as "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Rainmaker."

However, he got to a point in his life where he almost gave up his acting career.

Tired of continuously getting small roles while struggling to pay the bills, Harbor said that he started pulling back from the industry where his heart resided.

Harbor said that he was also feeling neglected and unwanted by the industry due to his age.

But when the opportunity to star in an '80s-themed TV show

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First SG scholarship rewards student leaders



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Student Government (SG) launched the first-of-its-kind, merit-based scholarship to students Nov. 5 on USF's Tampa campus.

As a part of Student Body President Britney Deas and Student Body Vice President Travis McCloskey's platform, Bull S.H.I.F.T., — Success, Health, Innovation, Finance and Tradition — the SG's Student

Leadership Scholarship consists of two merit-based scholarships which will be given out to students who show outstanding leadership on campus.

According to McCloskey, the idea to launch the scholarship is under the finance pillar of their platform, which seeks to provide financial security to students while preparing them for their future.

"The whole point that finance was even a pillar is that we acknowledge that college is an expensive endeavor," McCloskey said. "We believe that we want to make the load lighter in any way possible ... The scholarships are a small way of doing that, but significant nevertheless."

The value of both scholarships differ. The green scholarship will give away \$300, while the gold

scholarship, representing SG's 60th term, will give away \$600.

"Gold is a premier color and correlates to high standard, that would be the better scholarship," Deas said. "And then green is not lesser but, you know, it's not gold."

Since both scholarships did not surpass the value of \$1,000, only Deas' signature was required

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in order to have the initiative and the allocation of funds approved. If both values summed together were greater than \$1,000, then it would require a signature from the Senate President, Salud Martinez, in order to meet SG's statutes.

"We wanted to have this done before the semester was over and, as the Senate is really busy right now with consolidation, town hall [meetings] and the elections, we thought that we could do this ourselves," McCloskey said.

To qualify for the scholarships, applicants had to meet the GPA minimum of 3.0 and submit a leadership essay, their resume, an optional cover letter and a letter of recommendation.

According to Deas, only USF Tampa students were eligible to apply for the SG's Student Leadership Scholarship. A total of 30 students applied for the

scholarships.

"In comparison to other scholarships in the university, some scholarships get four or five applicants, so to get 30, I'm proud of that," McCloskey said. "You don't want a scholarship to not be competitive."

The applications closed on Nov. 14 and the results will be announced during Deas' State of the Student Body Address on Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Marshall Student Center.

Deas said that the funding for the scholarships came from SG's account over at the USF Foundation, which consists solely of donations.

Despite using the USF Foundation for this year's scholarships, McCloskey said whether the scholarship amounts will be maintained for next year will depend on donations from external donors.

"[The] foundation's money is SG's money," McCloskey said.

"It's just a matter of allocating and spending it."

Assistant Director of Internal and Academic Affairs Faith Urena said that SG did an online search on how other student governments were providing scholarships to students and how the money was distributed.

"We didn't want to be asking a lot from the applicants and only offer them an "X" amount of money," Urena said. "We want to make it fair, like what we were asking from the applicants was kind of equal to the amount of money that we were giving them as well."

A committee was created in order to review the applications and choose the recipients of both scholarships. The committee consists of SG Director Gary Manka, SG Assistant Director Jennifer Bielen, SG Agencies Coordinator Ian Carroll and Student Business Services Administrative Specialist



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Vanessa Smith.

As chair of the committee, Deas was in charge of facilitating the review process and ensuring the committee's efficiency.

"I hope that this becomes a tradition for years to come and that the new administration and new president will continue this," Deas said.

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came up, his life completely turned around.

"I eventually got tired and I was about to pull back when a leading TV role came my way with 'Stranger Things,'" Harbour said. "That was a really extraordinary moment — a huge transitional phase in my life.

"As I was 40, I thought they were giving me an opportunity as just a courtesy thing," Harbour said. "When I finally got the role of Hopper, it really reinvigorated my entire experience and my ideas about movies and TV. This TV show truly blew me wide open and made me want to tell more stories in that way."

Ranked as one of Netflix's most-watched shows, "Stranger Things" came out in 2016 and has since attracted an audience of millions throughout its three seasons. Harbour described his character, Chief Hopper, as an arrogant but lovable character who is not afraid to show his messy and complex side.

When talking about his role as Hopper, Harbour reflected on embracing the imperfect, ugly and complex side of everyone's lives. He highlighted the importance of embracing each other's weirdness and how that can take pressure off societal expectations.

"We are all walking around utterly confused about what we

are doing and being aligned with the fact that we are all going to die," Harbour said. "It's a crazy experience that we are all dealing with. If we embrace our weirdness, then the pressure goes off us.

"The things that we think are unlovable about us are generally some of the most lovable things about us."

It was not until the Q&A that Harbour touched on his struggles with mental health.

The mental health activist revealed to the audience when he had a manic episode three days before the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and how the episode shifted the direction of his life afterward. He interpreted

the attacks as a hallucination from the episode and became detached from reality.

Ever since then, Harbour said that he has had several institutionalizations and has been on and off medications for the last 18 years.

He said that his journey in the psychiatric system led him to become an activist for mental health.

"It has been a very complex ride through the psychiatric system, which is not a very pleasant system," Harbour said. "We started outsourcing the problem by creating orphanages, prisons and mental health asylums. These are these institutions that were created to outsource our

community problems are things that capitalism viewed as a problem."

Despite the hardships encountered throughout his life, Harbour said that he still fights to end the stigma and the divisions that separate marginalized groups in society.

"I do know that being a human being, everyone should be allowed to have breakdowns, be weird, be strange and have problems," Harbour said. "You shouldn't feel ashamed of being who you are and making mistakes. I will say we are all broken and we're all in that same boat. Anybody that says they have it figured out, it's not true."

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Low compensation leaves USF graduate assistants in the shadows



Nathaniel Sweet

OPINION EDITOR

For the past four months, USF's graduate assistants (GAs) have been circulating an online petition demanding "a living wage, vision and dental insurance, and paid parental leave."

The petition, which is just shy of 1,000 signatures, was created by USF Graduate Assistants United (GAU) — the union representing USF's GAs.

Graduate assistants are graduate students who work on a part-time basis for the university, usually either through teaching or research.

Per the USF System Facts book, USF employed 2,197 graduate assistants as of fall 2019, making them the largest faculty workforce in the USF system.

According to GAU's contract with the university, graduate assistants currently get tuition waivers, health insurance and an annual stipend as compensation for their work.

Patrick Templeton, a third-year creative writing graduate student and co-president of the GAU, says that current benefits aren't enough to make ends meet.

"It is just not a lot of money," Templeton said.

Per the union contract, a master's student working 20



USF should give graduate assistants living wages and comprehensive benefits. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE

hours per week gets a stipend of \$12,500 annually. A doctoral student working the same hours gets \$17,830.

While those figures might seem large, they pale in comparison to living expenses.

Per the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Living Wage Calculator, a single adult living in the Tampa Bay metro area would need to make \$25,269 annually to cover the basics, far above GAs' annual stipends.

Templeton said whatever expenses aren't covered by the stipend have to be made up with debt or outside work.

"Most of our GAs are either living off of loans or a small part-time job ... Nobody wants to be working outside jobs; they do that because they need to survive," Templeton said.

Worse, even as GAs are technically part-time workers, their workload often exceeds the 20 hour per week mark.

Under their current contract, GAs get no additional compensation for those overtime hours.

"As teachers, we take it home

with us," Templeton said. "Until the grading is done, the job is not done ... We are technically billed to spend 10 or 20 hours per week with our responsibilities, but many GAs must spend more than that and can end up doing 30 hours per week or more."

The financial and professional pressure placed on GAs hits parents especially hard.

Their current contract has just six weeks of unpaid parental leave, and their health insurance has no provision for vision or dental care, both critical services for young children.

Graduate assistants should not have to choose between heavy student debt and a crippling workload, nor should they have to compromise family for academics.

Given the countless hours of teaching and research that graduate assistants give to our school, USF has a moral obligation to compensate them fairly.

Nathaniel Sweet is a senior studying political science.

Impeachment of UF SG president is justified



Jared Sellick

COLUMNIST

Michael Murphy, the student body president of UF, is currently under impeachment proceedings because of alleged coordination with President Trump's reelection campaign in which tuition money was spent on an October campus visit from Donald Trump Jr. as a part of his book tour.

The university paid a collective \$50,000 to Trump Jr. and other speakers who attended the event. The money was paid using student fees and is thus under scrutiny by the university.

If that event was coordinated in any way with President Trump's reelection campaign, then that creates an immediate distrust from the student body.

UF student government senatorshavedescribedtheevent as "collusion" with the campaign. UF Sen. Ben Lima echoed this sentiment in an interview with the Tampa Bay Times on their Gradebook Podcast.

"Statutes say that we cannot spend student body funds for political purposes to benefit one party over the other," Lima said.

"They claimed ... that this wasn't a campaign event and that this wasn't at all political but that was hard to believe considering the fact that Trump Jr. is on a

book tour where he is openly advocating for the president."

The subsequent impeachment proceedings have resulted in outrage from conservative politicians, groups in Florida and people from around the country.

Sen. Rick Scott, for example, tweeted an article on Nov. 14, about the proceedings with the caption, "This is shameful. There is a pervasive trend on college campuses to avoid being confronted with anything you disagree with."

The Scott's comments entirely muddle the issue. The impeachment hearings have nothing to do with stifling free speech on UF's campus. They are taking place because the UF student body president potentially violated student government statutes that bar the university from paying for partisan events.

Sen. Scott is trying to pin the blame on protesting college students, and it undermines the seriousness of the student body president's actions.

In the process, Scott and other conservative groups are attempting to intimidate the student government through sheer partisanship.

National politicians commenting on campus matters is a reach too far. It should not be any elected politician's job to intimidate student governments.

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Sept. 9 at Corbett Stadium. At the time, the Cardinals were ranked No. 5 in the nation.

But that was then and this is now — and the NCAA Tournament.

“Teams go up and down throughout the season,” senior goalkeeper Harrison Devenish-Mearns said. “So for me, you can’t take much away from the first time we played. Especially being in the tournament now — the big dance — you’re going to see a different team.

“But what we can take away is we know individuals and we know tendencies and that can definitely help us win. And of course they know us and they’re going to study us too, but I think we definitely have enough quality to win this game and then go on and do something special.”

The Bulls and Cardinals kick off at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday (TV: ACC Network). One person who’s really happy for Butehorn and his team is his counterpart on the women’s side.

“I’m so excited for men’s soccer and just — Bob is such a great person and he’s got such great energy for these boys,” USF women’s soccer coach Denise Schilte-Brown said. “It was a quick turnaround to get this program in the right direction, and I think he’s where he deserves to be, getting into the tournament.

“It’s fun to have the soccer



Evelyne Viens scored three goals against UF last Friday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. **ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB**

both still competing, isn’t it? You’re both still at practice and still alive, and not a lot of programs in the country can say that both their sides are still alive at this point. And it’s just fun to have us both there.”

Schilte-Brown’s 11th-ranked Bulls are getting set to travel to Tallahassee to face No. 4-seed Washington (12-6-2, 7-4 Pac-12) on Friday at 2 p.m. (TV: ESPN3 | Radio: BullsUnlimited) after coming off a 4-2 romping of Florida in Gainesville last Friday.

Senior striker Evelyne Viens recorded a hat trick in the span of 13 minutes and scored the Bulls’ first seven goals of the postseason, counting the AAC Tournament. Viens, along with her fellow seniors, is having the kind of run that doesn’t happen often.

“There’s a lot of hype, sometimes, about your senior year,” Schilte-Brown said, “and then it comes and you’re just kind of a little disappointed for the kids, because it doesn’t pan out

the way you want.

“I think for this group, they’re getting to have their kind of storybook senior year and that’s really fun.”

In order for that storybook season to continue beyond Friday, they’ll have to get past a very good Washington team.

“They don’t have any weak links,” Schilte-Brown said. “They’re just a really solid soccer team. In my opinion, they have a great back four [and] an organized and well-balanced midfield.”

As far as attack goes, Washington’s leading goal scorer is sophomore forward Summer Yates with eight. Yates’ 22 points are 14 more than the Huskies’ next leading scorer.

Should the Bulls defeat Washington, they would face the winner of FSU vs. Brown, which takes place immediately following the Bulls vs. Huskies, on Sunday at 1 p.m. While it’s tempting to look ahead — especially given that FSU knocked the Bulls out of the tournament in the second round last season — Schilte-Brown and the Bulls are focused on Friday’s opponent first.

“We have our hands full with Washington and the girls know that,” Schilte-Brown said. “And this program has a real challenge to get to that second round. And I think that’s where the focus needs to be. And I think that’s where it is for the girls.”

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Overall, he is composed under pressure.

“Obviously a veteran guy in White,” defensive coordinator Brian Jean-Mary said. “Doesn’t get rattled easy. Kind of like a coach on the field, but a very talented coach on the field.”

But USF’s pass defense is the best in the league. The Bulls have 10 interceptions this season and allow 173.2 passing yards per game.

Despite having a top passing defense, the Bulls have to be able to match the Memphis offense.

“It’s going to be a big-time challenge,” Jean-Mary said. “They don’t have many weaknesses, and we’re going to have to have one of our better defensive performances.”

The Bulls’ defense was at its best in the first half of last Saturday’s 20-17 loss to Cincinnati, according to senior defensive end Kirk Livingstone.

“We played a stellar first half, probably our best this year,” Livingstone said Saturday.

But the Bulls’ defense gave way in the second half, allowing 20 points. But it wasn’t as bad as the score makes it seem, according to Jean-Mary.

“We missed two tackles,” Jean-Mary said. “We’re a single-high

aggressive defense. And when you’re high risk, you’re going to give up some things. But we’re also high reward. ... All three [Cincinnati] scores involved a missed tackle, if you include the [game-winning] field goal.”

But it will likely take a fully healthy defense, which the Bulls might not have.

Linebacker Patrick Macon, the Bulls’ leading tackler with 67, is still recovering from an ankle injury and is not guaranteed to play.

“It’s an ankle, and you know how it is,” Jean-Mary said. “It’s not a high ankle sprain, but it’s right there in that mid area of his lower leg. So it’s not the easiest to come back from, but he’s a tough kid.

“He’s actually practiced a little this week, and he’s been with the trainers, rehabbing 24/7, so we’re hoping he’s going to be available Saturday.”

A native of Memphis, Macon has a little extra motivation to play this week, according to Strong.

“He wants to play because he’s from Memphis and he knows a lot of those guys,” Strong said. “I think he’ll do everything that he can to get back to work.”



Goalkeeper Harrison Devenish-Mearns celebrates with fans after USF defeated then-No. 5 Louisville at home in September. **ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB**

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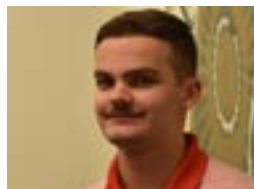
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Football

Bulls looking to keep up with a strong offense



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

USF has two games left in the regular season — and the 2019 season as a whole if it fails to win those two contests.

The Bulls (4-6, 2-4) play No. 18 Memphis (9-1, 5-1) on Saturday at Raymond James Stadium (4 p.m. | TV: ESPNU | Radio: WDAE-AM 620), a team with a wickedly good offense.

The Tigers, third in scoring offense in the conference with an average of 41.5 points, are led by a prolific quarterback and running back.

Redshirt freshman tailback Kenneth Gainwell is second in



USF's defense will look to keep up with a powerful Memphis offense Saturday. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/GOUSFBULLS**

the AAC in rushing, averaging 116 yards and 1.2 touchdowns.

"Oh, the freshman is a really good player," USF coach Charlie Strong said. "He's not very big, but he's very powerful and strong. He can run behind his pads. [He]

breaks a lot of tackles. We're going to have to tackle well to get him on the ground. ... He is a really outstanding player."

Tigers redshirt junior quarterback Brady White, who averages 285.2 yards passing, is

one of the most efficient passers in the league, with a completion rate of 67.4 percent. He has also thrown the fewest interceptions in the AAC with five.

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Soccer

Bulls still alive in NCAA play



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

Talk about being in elite company.

As the college soccer season winds down, very few programs get to continue playing. Just 64 women's teams make the NCAA Tournament and even fewer (48) make it on the men's side.

So the fact that both USF men's and women's soccer are still playing in their respective NCAA tournaments is pretty special.

In fact, USF is one of only 11 schools in the country — and the only in the AAC — to have both its men's and women's teams still playing, as the women's tournament reaches its second and third rounds this weekend and the men's tournament starts Thursday.

For USF men's soccer (11-6-1, 4-3 AAC), the appearance marks its first since 2016 — and first under third-year coach Bob Butehorn. After a rough first few seasons — USF won a combined 13 games

and didn't even qualify for the AAC Tournament in 2017 — this is a nice payoff after some hard times.

"It goes to show that sometimes you believe in something and you try to build a culture right ... and you have a little patience and hard work, hopefully this is always the byproduct," Butehorn said. "You get the rewards of some times that maybe you had question marks."

It's not just Butehorn's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament as leader of the Bulls — incidentally, he was coach at Florida Gulf Coast in 2016 when it knocked USF out of the tournament the last time the Bulls

qualified — it's the first time for almost his entire roster.

Only two members of the 2016 roster — Stephen Rudderham and Jonathan Rosales — were a part of the 2016 team.

"The whole team in general was super excited," junior forward Adrian Billhardt said of learning about the Bulls' selection to the tournament. "We all hugged each other. We were super happy and that's made the team atmosphere even more increased the last couple of days."

The Bulls travel to Louisville (8-7-2, 3-4-1 ACC) to face a team they already defeated 2-0 on

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