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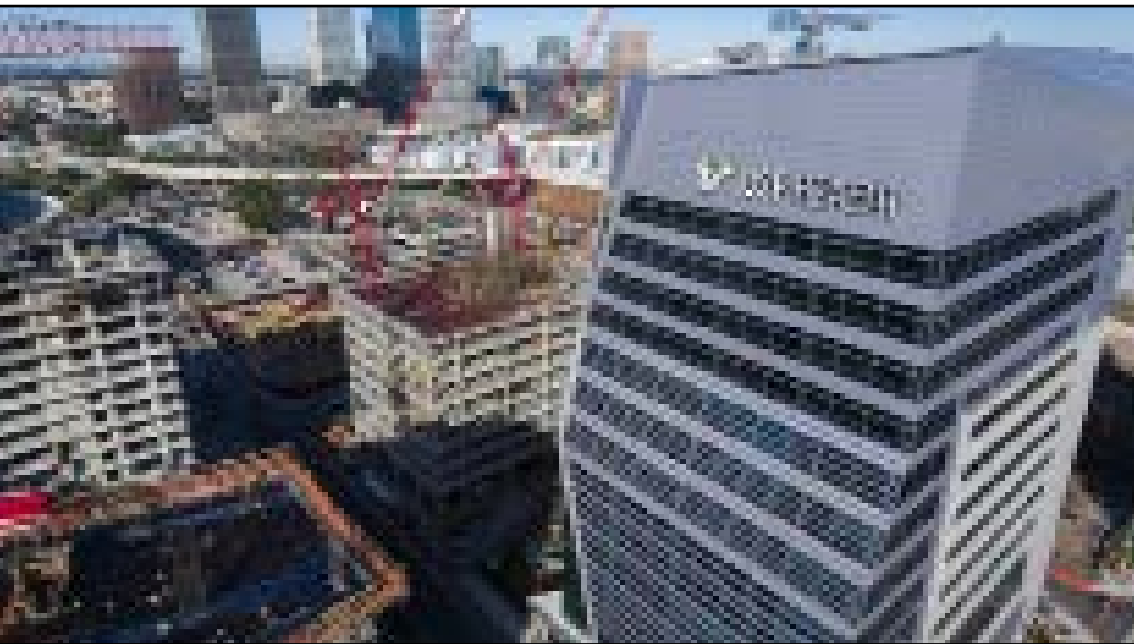


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# Morsani College of Medicine opens new doors downtown



The M.D. program at the Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute in Downtown Tampa officially began today. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE /USF**



**Alyssa Stewart**

EDITOR IN CHIEF

USF's green and gold has sprinkled its way to Downtown Tampa — and USF Health's fingerprints are all over it.

After five years in the making, USF Health opened its doors to the Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute in Downtown Tampa where nearly 1,800 students and faculty will be operating from.

The USF and Tampa community celebrated the momentous occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 8 in the facility's auditorium. Eleven people including USF faculty — such as USF President Steven Currall and Board of Trustees Chair

Jordan Zimmerman — snipped through the "University of South Florida" ribbon to officially open the 395,000-square-foot facility.

Other Florida representatives and speakers were in attendance, including Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, Chair of the Board of Governors Syd Kitson and House of Representatives member (FL-R) Chris Sprowls.

"Resources available here will shape the minds of future doctors and empower our students to tap their full potential," Castor said.

The M.D. program will begin today, however, there is still some work to be done down the line.

The Heart Institute researchers are expected to move to the facility in February. Also, the Taneja College of Pharmacy will tentatively begin classes next fall and a P.A. program will open May of next year.

Soaring 13 stories high, the facility has some room to share.

USF Health has partnered with Tampa General Hospital to work

together in regards to urgent care, cardiology, imaging and executive wellness.

Nearly \$3 billion went into redeveloping the Water Street district. However, the start of this project began with Carol and Frank Morsani who donated \$20 million in 2011. The facility was also able to be constructed with \$110 million provided by the Florida Legislature.

"This college is so much more than a shiny new building," Currall said. "It serves as an anchor of the impressive Water Street region. This Morsani College of Medicine is a human capital magnet that will attract world-class physicians, researchers, and students to carry out trailblazing discoveries and deliver creative health education.

"And let us even dream that, maybe someday in the future, research carried out in this building will be worthy of a Nobel Prize."

## USF-to-downtown bus rapid transit in the works



**Leda Alvim**

MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Students may be open to traveling on a new set of wheels in the future as the USF community and surrounding areas will have a faster way to travel to Downtown Tampa.

With the plan on providing a faster mode of transportation between Downtown Tampa and the USF area, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) is conducting a study to create a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line to avoid congestion between both regions while focusing on the existing corridors along Florida Avenue and Nebraska Avenue to Fowler Avenue.

The \$2.5 million Tampa Arterial BRT Study is currently examining the potential to operate a transit service, which is slated to be Bus Rapid Transit or rubber tire transit, in an exclusive guideway, separating buses from other traffic, and with full Transit Signal Priority (TSP) for most of the corridor between Downtown Tampa and USF.

The total cost for the project has not been announced yet, but it is expected to be released in the spring.

The cost to ride will be free for USF students. For regular riders,

the fare will be \$2 one-way trip or \$4 unlimited throughout the day.

According to Willits, there will be 20 stations along the transit line, anywhere from a half-mile to a mile distance. The exact locations of each bus stop have not been decided yet.

While it will be a faster trip from end to end in approximately 30 minutes, the real benefits come from traveling from the middle of the route to one and/or the other, Willits said.

The study was developed after local politicians and advocates wanted something on the street level that would benefit the neighborhoods more and not be part of the interstate system, senior planner and Deputy Project Manager Justin Willits said.

While the study centers on the corridors, other parts of the study focus on how the intersecting transit bus routes connect to this service and how bicyclists and pedestrians can access the service.

"We're hoping for an actual service that will feel safe getting to and from their destination and also improve it for the existing passengers along the corridor, which is part of this general enhancement of the transit line itself and getting it out of mixed traffic," Willits said.

"We know that in certain sections, likely we'll have to operate in mixed traffic, but we're trying to minimize that and the impacts to traffic that would naturally occur by us."

A location for the bus station in the USF area hasn't been

# A Q&A with Britney Deas

The Oracle asked USF Student Body President Britney Deas questions about future initiatives, staying focused in the new semester and getting involved on campus.

By Alyssa Stewart

EDITOR IN CHIEF

1. What advice do you have for students starting their first semester at USF?

To not underestimate yourself and understand that you are already capable of achieving your goals; sometimes people will see the potential in you before you see it in yourself, therefore, it is important to recognize the power you already contain.

2. How do you plan to stay focused this semester with your studies?

I plan to stay focused by reflecting on my past experiences, seeking mentors that encourage me to leap forward and envisioning the future of my dreams.

3. What's your favorite place to study/hang-out on campus?

My favorite place to study on campus is the fifth floor of the USF Library because it is newly renovated, quiet and has great charging ports.

4. Do you think it's important for students to get involved on campus?

It is important for students to get involved on campus because it opens doors towards leadership, professionalism and networking. It also allows you to enter into a community of individuals driven by the same mission and purpose as your own.

5. What can students expect from you as student body president?

Students can expect me to represent them to the best of my abilities by being an active leader in the USF community. I want to be a leader who asks before they act because I believe that there is always something to be learned and with more information and collaboration comes better strategy to accomplish the initiatives of the student body.



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# TRANSIT

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selected yet, but it will probably be located in the vicinity of the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital where the pedestrian bridge crosses Bruce B. Downs, according to Willits.

Willits said there are USF stakeholders on HART's Stakeholder Advisory Committee but they are not currently contributing to the study or project.

"We may try to explore a station on the USF campus, but we have not started those conversations yet," Willits said. "We just know that we want to end in the vicinity of the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, but the potential for a USF station at the end of the line is not off the table, but we're considering it with a number of options."

The study will be completed late this year or early next year.

According to Willits, the



The USF-to-downtown transit will be free for USF students.

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preliminary alignment was presented to HART's board of directors, following the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its appropriate committees.

The structure of the project will vary depending on HART's staff recommendation and the direction of HART's board of directors decide to take, which will be decided later in the spring.

The decision lies in either advancing the project to a federal level or creating small projects focusing on intersection improvements, station enhancements and connectivity benefits.

"It's gonna be a faster trip from end to end, but it's a much better trip for those people that live along the route and in the middle," Willits said. "It also gives us a chance to redevelop

these corridors, in a way that doesn't add a large number of automobile trips, because we provided an alternative mode of transportation that is competitive with the travel time of an automobile."

While the project aims to provide a faster transportation option, Willits said that they hope to grow both regions economically as well.

"We know that investment across the world, particularly in this country flows towards cities that have viable mass transit options where people aren't forced to drive to go to most of the places that they want to get," Willits said. "So it's assumed that it's better for the local and regional economy to have mass transit, as part of your transportation options."

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# Failure to expand Medicaid hurts Florida's young adults



Nathaniel Sweet

OPINION EDITOR

As national debates on healthcare policy play out, several states have quietly refused an easy opportunity to bring healthcare access to millions of people: expanding the Medicaid program. By choosing not to expand Medicaid, state legislatures across the U.S. leave young people without access to vital services.

Medicaid, a government health insurance plan, was created in the 1960s with the intent of helping vulnerable populations get healthcare treatment.

While the program is funded in part by the federal government, state governments are responsible for operating and implementing Medicaid health insurance plans. Florida, for instance, operates its Medicaid program through its Agency for Health Care Administration.

Up until recently, the program only covered a limited set of people: the elderly, the disabled and families with young children.

That changed in 2010 when the Affordable Care Act expanded eligibility to low-income adults without kids. Millions of low-income people could now sign up for Medicaid and access quality health insurance for the first time, including young adults and their families.

Expanding Medicaid helps college-age youth as well. While young people can stay on their



While Florida lawmakers refuse to expand the program, uninsured and underinsured Floridians suffer. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

parents' insurance until they turn 26, many are covered under high-deductible plans with huge out-of-pocket costs. Expanding the program would give these underinsured young adults access to vital care without breaking the bank.

Similarly, Medicaid expansion gives low-income adolescents access to key services that many policymakers overlook, such as reproductive and mental health.

Birth control, STI and pregnancy checkups, counseling and psychiatry are all critical services that young people need, but without access to a quality healthcare plan like Medicaid, many young people are forced to pay out of pocket or do without.

However, because states are responsible for running Medicaid plans, the Supreme Court ruled that states can choose not to expand eligibility. Most eventually chose to expand the program, but 14 states are still holding out, the largest of which are Texas and Florida.

Lawmakers in these states, mostly Republicans, have argued that expanding the program would be financially unsustainable. However, for Florida at least, this claim is far from the truth.

A 2019 analysis by the Florida Policy Institute found that the overwhelming majority of the cost would be paid for by the federal government, with the rest being made up through cost-savings in other areas.

Florida, for instance, gives subsidies to hospitals for unpaid medical treatments. By expanding Medicaid, fewer treatments would go uncompensated, saving the state money.

More importantly, while lawmakers in Tallahassee refuse to expand the program, uninsured and underinsured Floridians continue to suffer, sometimes with deadly consequences.

A 2019 study by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, for instance, found that 2,776 deaths in Florida could have been prevented from 2014 to 2017 if the Medicaid program were expanded, according to data from the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Floridians deserve a fair and equitable healthcare system. By expanding the Medicaid program, Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature can take a positive step toward that goal.

*Nathaniel Sweet is a senior studying political science.*

# Trump's attack on LGBTQ+ rights continues unnoticed



Jared Sellick

COLUMNIST

After banning transgender soldiers from joining the military and targeting civil rights protections in the Supreme Court, U.S. President Donald Trump's attacks on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) citizens continue to escalate unnoticed.

Due to the turmoil of the impeachment vote in December and increasing tensions with Iran at the beginning of the new decade, there has been little coverage of the Trump administration's change in guidelines regarding LGBTQ+ federal employees.

On Dec. 27, for example, the Huffington Post unearthed that in August 2017 the term "sexual orientation" was explicitly removed from the Department of Interior's guidelines regarding workplace discrimination.

This decision could potentially bar any LGBTQ+ individual from working anywhere in the Department of Interior, which employs 70,000 people.

The department denied that the adjustment was meant to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people, but rather that it was meant to be clarifying language.

The Trump administration argued that protections of "sex" qualified as protections for both gender identity and sexual orientation.

However, this assertion is difficult to believe. Trump's

Justice Department has actively argued that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act does nothing to protect workers based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Individuals who seek to discriminate against LGBTQ+ Americans have long echoed the Trump administration's sentiment. Conservative groups like "Focus on the Family," for instance, have made statements criticizing legislation requiring "churches, religious for-profit organizations and businesses to hire homosexuals."

There is a clear link between these two decisions from the executive branch — they are meant to uphold discrimination.

Despite the Trump campaign selling rainbow-clad merchandise and even investing in LGBTQ+ outreach, their policies clearly pander to people who want to reverse social progress on gender and sexuality.

An individual's gender identity and sexual orientation have no bearing on their ability to do a job, and holding a different standard to other Americans is blatantly against the constitutional right of free expression.

U.S. presidents in the past have displayed open contempt for LGBTQ+ Americans, and even ostensibly progressive politicians didn't support gay marriage until recently. Former president Barack Obama, for instance, didn't endorse gay marriage until 2012.

President Trump, on the other hand, doesn't always attack LGBTQ+ Americans in his rhetoric. The actions of his administration, however, tell a very different story.

*Jared Sellick is a senior studying political science.*

# What you said...

Multimedia Editor Leda Alvim asked students what they hope to accomplish during the new decade.

"For the new decade, I want to graduate, get through a master's program and start developing a love for learning for my whole life."

— Carson Wright, a sophomore majoring in mathematics and statistics.  
(Right)



"I want to be a better me and accomplish good things in this new decade."

— Mael Ahuini, a freshman majoring in health sciences.  
(Right)



"I want to be more creative by expressing my ideas instead of just keeping them in my head. I also want to start working out and be happy."

— Nova Rodriguez, a junior majoring in fine arts.  
(Left)



"Within this decade, I would like to be settled with a job in the West Coast and hopefully be living in a foreign country."

— Kendahl Sellers, a junior majoring in behavioral healthcare.  
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# MOORE

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2018 Japan Cup.

"The philosophies that got instilled when we first got together in 2011 as a player-coach relationship is the same philosophy as when she came here to coach," Eriksen said.

It was around this time that Eriksen began to see Moore's potential as a coach.

"When you're working with these young women in the national team program, they have a higher IQ, softball-wise, than a lot of people in the United States," Eriksen said. "You try to find out, 'Do they have the capacity? Do they have the knowledge? Are they students of the game themselves?' And we have a few in the national team program that are good at doing that.

"Jess happens to be one of them."

Coaching in college is essentially player development coaching, according to Eriksen. He even referred to college softball as the minor leagues.

Part of knowing how to coach a developmental team is having been in that position before, and Moore is familiar with all aspects of being a college athlete.

"I think that's the biggest challenge. You're not just dealing with ballplayers. You're dealing with student-athletes," Eriksen said. "We all get that it's a lot of wins before you go out onto the ball field. That's where coach Moore has an advantage. She was a student-athlete."

In the time since she's been with the Bulls, Moore owes her progress to Eriksen's guidance, she said.

"Ken has probably been my biggest mentor," Moore said. "I'm thankful for him helping me through the last four years and mentoring me to be ready for a situation like this."

Entering her fifth season with

the Bulls has made the process of taking over at the helm easier for Moore, as she knows the ins and outs of the team.

"It's really business as usual for the girls. It's not really that much of a shakeup," Moore said. "I know that's really an odd thing to say when you're talking about Ken Eriksen not being around after 24 years."

Taking pages out of Eriksen's book has also given Moore a leg up.

"Our coaching philosophy is the same," Moore said. "That's why we put together the staff that we did. Practice sessions, they're running the same. Different language because we all use our own verbiage, but the philosophies and the blueprint of everything ... it's still Ken's program."

Playing under Moore is nothing new to senior outfielder AnaMarie Bruni. She's been learning from Moore since Day 1.

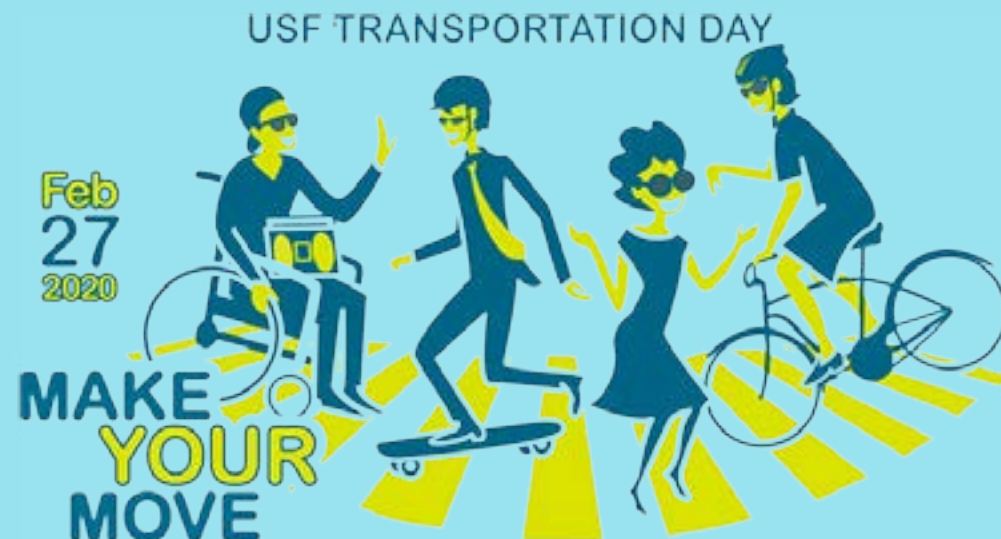
"I love coach Jess. We definitely butted heads my freshman year because she's tough on me, but I love that," Bruni said. "I wasn't nervous or anything, I was excited ... Coach Jess has obviously been here and we trust her a lot."

Bruni said she wishes Eriksen could be around for her senior season, but she won't have to wait long to see him back in the dugout at the USF Softball Stadium. Except this time, he'll be in the away dugout.

On Feb. 4, Team USA will play USF to kick off the Stand Beside Her tour. Eriksen and Moore will go head to head in the first game of the season.

Although it's a friendly exhibition, Eriksen expects Moore to throw everything at him.

"She's going out there to kick my a\*\*, I'll tell you that right now," Eriksen joked.



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## Softball

## Business as usual for Moore and Bulls



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

After more than 20 years with USF softball, coach Ken Eriksen is taking a break.

But it's for an important reason: Eriksen is putting his USF coaching duties on hold to lead Team USA in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

"We have some smart people in administration right now that have said that I'm going to be taking a year off from USF to pursue a gold medal for the United States, so it's worked out that way," Eriksen said.

Picked to finish first in the AAC preseason coaches poll, the Bulls have great expectations in the season ahead.

On paper, the loss of Eriksen should significantly impact the

Bulls.

But Eriksen's assistant coach and 2020 interim head coach Jessica Moore is taking the challenge head on. And not much is going to change in terms of the team's philosophy.

Moore, who has coached under Eriksen the past four years, has had a decorated softball career of her own. But if softball didn't pan out, she had a dream of owning a golden retriever farm.

Not just a few dogs, but a whole farm.

"That's like my soft spot. I love golden retrievers," Moore said. "Especially if I had like a farm of little puppies everywhere I'd be like in heaven."

Softball ended up working out for Moore, but she does have a golden retriever — her name is Sky.

Maybe more well known than her love of goldens is her illustrious pitching career at Oregon from 2010-13.

With the Ducks, she accumulated numerous awards and most notably was named to



Jessica Moore (wearing jacket) will serve as interim head coach for the 2020 season as Ken Eriksen prepares to lead Team USA in the Summer Games. ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB

the All-American first team in 2013. She was also one of three Oregon pitchers in program history to pitch a perfect game.

In 2014, Moore became Idaho State's assistant coach. She helped

lead the Bengals to a Big Sky regular-season championship that year. Moore's USF coaching career began in July 2015.

But that wasn't the first time Eriksen and Moore worked

together.

Moore began pitching for Team USA under Eriksen in 2011. She most recently played in the

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## Men's Basketball

## Bulls blow 14-point lead to Memphis



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

For the most part, the Bulls ran the court against the Tigers.

USF created a 14-point lead against No. 21 Memphis midway through the second half.

This just added to a lengthy USF lead, spanning from midway through the first half to just over five minutes remaining

in the game.

But in the final minutes, the Bulls (8-9, 1-3) lost control of the reins, and the Tigers (13-3, 2-1) came from behind to win 68-64 in front of an announced crowd of 5,209 at the Yuengling Center on Sunday.

Despite the loss, coach Brian Gregory gave Memphis the credit it was due, especially considering the Tigers rallied and made 70 percent of their final 10 shots.

"They kept searching, searching, searching to find the right alignment of guys and different things to do and just hung in there," Gregory said. "Kept it within striking distance."



David Collins led all scorers with 24 points in the Bulls' 68-64 loss to Memphis on Sunday. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/USF ATHLETICS

Meanwhile, the Bulls went 1-of-10 to end the game.

"We went through a little bit of a cold spell shooting and we weren't able to get the defensive

stops during that time," Gregory said.

Redshirt sophomore Zack Dawson made the only basket in those 10 attempts. He finished

with 15 points and went 6-of-13 from the field.

"His feel for the game is getting better," Gregory said. "He's gifted offensively, he's getting better defensively."

Getting Dawson to refine his game could be key for the Bulls going forward.

"We've got to keep getting more and more out of him," Gregory said. "He's gifted, there's no doubt about that."

Junior David Collins was the top scorer on the court with 24 points, shooting 6-of-14 from the field and 11-of-15 from the free-throw line.

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Football



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

If you haven't been keeping up with the Bulls since the last print edition of The Oracle — and nobody would blame you if you haven't, especially considering it came following a 49-10 embarrassment at home to Memphis — you've missed a lot.

Gone is now-former coach Charlie Strong and his entire staff. Strong was fired two days following USF's third straight loss in the War on I-4 to UCF, this one a 34-7 humiliation in Orlando. When asked why he deserved to keep his job, Strong sternly pointed to national championship teams he was a part of (Florida in 2006 and 2008) and conference championships he won as head coach (Louisville in 2011 and 2012).

But as the calendar rolls into a new decade, what was effectively ancient history wasn't enough to save Strong's job. He was replaced by Clemson co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott on Dec. 9. In five seasons alongside Tony Elliott, the Tigers are 70-4 and have only posted two regular-season losses. Clemson has won two national championships in that span, including a thriller over Alabama in

Catching up on USF football



Jeff Scott was named the fifth head football coach in USF history last month.  
ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB

2017 at Raymond James Stadium.

Scott declined to keep any of the former regime, including much heralded but ultimately disappointing offensive coordinator Kerwin Bell and fan-favorite running backs coach Shaun King.

The program's fifth head coach has been busy since his introductory press conference Dec. 11. In addition to hiring a new coaching staff for USF — which Scott called "not a broken program," but one reminiscent of Clemson when Dabo Swinney took over as head coach in 2008 — he's continued his duties as co-offensive coordinator for the Tigers as they make their run in the College Football Playoff. He'll be in New Orleans as Clemson faces LSU in the national championship game Monday night at the Superdome.

Scott's staff, which was completed with the hiring of safeties coach Wes Neighbors on Friday, is as follows:

**Glenn Spencer**  
Defensive Coordinator/  
Linebackers Coach  
Previous Job:  
Defensive Coordinator — FAU

**Charlie Weis Jr.**  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Quarterbacks Coach  
Previous Job:  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Quarterbacks Coach — FAU

**Da'Quan Bowers**  
Defensive Line Coach  
Previous Job:  
Undergraduate coach — Clemson

**Daniel Da Prato**  
Special Teams Coordinator  
Previous Job:

**Pat White**  
Running Backs Coach  
Previous Job:  
Quarterbacks coach — Alcorn State

**Trumain Carroll**  
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach  
Previous Job:  
Head strength & conditioning coach — Arkansas

Several of Scott's inaugural staff members are already familiar with Ray Jay.

Bowers was a second-round draft pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2011. Bowers played five seasons with the Bucs before finishing his career with Edmonton of the CFL. He later went back to Clemson to finish his degree.

White played quarterback for former Big East rival West Virginia from 2005-08 and was a member of a No. 5 Mountaineer team that fell to the No. 18 Bulls 21-13 in front of a national audience on Sept. 29, 2007, at Ray Jay in what is considered one of the most iconic wins in program history. He was Big East Offensive Player of the Year in 2006 and 2007 and is a member of the WVU Hall of Fame.

The USF staff, at an average age of 35.6, is the youngest in the AAC, according to the Tampa Bay Times. De Prato is the youngest member of the staff at 28. Spencer is the oldest at 55. Scott turned 39 on Dec. 28.

BASKETBALL

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Memphis coach Penny Hardaway praised Collins' impact on the Bulls' performance.

"David Collins, man," Hardaway said. "He's an unbelievable player. One of the most underrated players in the country."

While the Bulls produced offensively, they weren't able to keep the pressure on the Tigers in the second half.

Memphis freshman Precious Achiuwa finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds to secure his fifth consecutive double-double.

Tyler Harris also stood out for Memphis, scoring 17 points. Achiuwa and Harris' contributions in the second half outmatched the Bulls' defense.

"We weren't able to get the defensive stops during that time that we needed to get," Gregory said. "We had some defensive breakdowns obviously during that stretch, and when you do that, they're so offensively gifted and long, they're able to play behind you."

Despite dropping a 14-point lead, the Bulls were within striking distance of beating their first ranked opponent in eight years — the last time the Bulls won against a ranked team was in 2012 at then-No. 17 Louisville.

Considering the Tigers were on a two-game losing streak, having lost to AAC members Wichita State prior to winning at USF, it speaks to the growing level of the teams in the conference, especially when the Bulls were in reach of a win.

"We told them this even back in October: Every game in this league is going to be a tough game at home and on the road," Hardaway said.

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# student organizations



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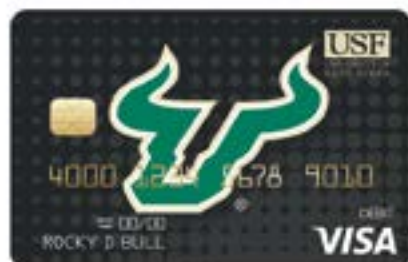
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