

Plain White T's, Bad Suns popular requests for Bullstock



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Last year, Bullstock's lineup consisted of Timeflies, 3OH!3, Lovelytheband and the Battle of the Bands winners Sick Hot and Taverns. ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM

From sensational pop stars like Harry Styles to throwback artists like The All-American Rejects, students suggested to the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) who they wanted to see headline Bullstock this year.

The traditionally alternative/pop concert serves as USF's annual music festival which features music artists, food trucks and carnival rides. The event will be held Friday, April 10 from 6 p.m. to midnight in Lot 35 at the corner of USF Holly Drive and USF Maple Drive.

Based on the survey results, CSI reaches out to the middle agent — who works as a liaison

to the actual agencies — who then determines which artists are available to perform at USF.

The artists have already been chosen, however, CSI Student Programs Coordinator Jill Teeter said it will remain a secret for now.

"Although we can't say who yet, we are very confident that students are going to be excited," Teeter said.

Teeter said CSI plans on making the announcement anywhere from three to six weeks before the concert.

The survey was sent out at the end of the fall semester in which students were able to choose from a list of genres, the lineup structure and potential artists.

Students voted for artists that were separated into three groups. From group one, the most voted

was Bad Suns with 261 votes, group two was Plain White T's with 466 votes and from group three was The All-American Rejects with 170 votes.

CSI provided a write-in option in which students were not shy in who they were suggesting.

Some of the names in the list included Megan Thee Stallion, COIN, LANY, AJR, Marshmello, Kendrick Lamar, Boys Like Girls, Yungblud, Harry Styles, Doja Cat, Blink-182 and BTS.

Teeter said if there is a consistent artist that students want to see, CSI will present the names in the "other" section to the middle agent to see if it's possible.

However, the artist has to be within the price range and be willing to book at colleges.

"We definitely read the suggestions but we can't get Beyonce, unfortunately," Teeter joked.

Teeter said the budget is [n See BULLSTOCK on PAGE 3](#)

Students have mixed reactions to SAFE Team wait times

By Lauren Pieper
CORRESPONDENT

Receiving 150 to 200 calls on a given night, the SAFE Team is widely used throughout the USF campus. However, the service may be lacking in some areas, as a common complaint students have is that the wait times are too long.

The SAFE Team is a service on campus that provides

transportation services, either on a golf cart or as a walking team of two staff members, to students who feel unsafe walking around campus between the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Some students had no complaints about the service, however, in recent years, some have expressed being "dissatisfied" and will "never be using it again."

Thalia Diaz, a sophomore majoring in pre-architecture, uses the SAFE Team on occasion, and said that she has had more good experiences than bad, but is sometimes unsatisfied with how quickly it arrives.

"There was a time I called and they said it would be 20 to 30 minutes, and I waited the time and I called again, but they said they were on a break and

they said it would be another 30 minutes, so I walked back home myself," Diaz said.

Diaz said she attempted to contact the SAFE Team around 12:30 a.m. on a weekday.

"I didn't feel unsafe walking because I called my mom," Diaz said. "But I would have felt safer with the SAFE Team."

Former SAFE Team employee Carly Bosse said that every team

has to take a break throughout the night, so if a student calls during peak hours and one of the teams is on their mandatory break, the wait times will be increased.

Another student who has been disappointed with SAFE Team due to its timeliness is Stephanie Kaminski, a sophomore in the pre-nursing program.

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Kaminski said she had multiple issues on different nights with the SAFE Team that made her eventually stop using the service. Her first encounter with it she said she called around 11 p.m. on a weekday.

"I walked to The Village and I was in Horizon and I wanted to go to [Juniper-Poplar]," Kaminski said. "They said it would be 30 to 45 minutes, and it got to be 11:45 p.m. and no one was there. I called again and they said they had two [golf carts] running but are now down to one and they were on their break, so I would have to wait another 30 to 45 minutes."

To add to the poor experience she said she had, Kaminski was disappointed by the SAFE Team a second time.

"I saw them while sitting in a lobby pull up and turn around, they didn't even stop," she said. "I called a third time asking if that was for me and the man on the phone said the team said they stopped and waited five minutes, but I watched them not even stop, so they came back about 10 minutes later."

Kaminski said this experience with it has made her completely stop using the SAFE Team because she said she ended up getting home at 1:15 a.m. after calling at 11 p.m.

Bosse recalls picking up some upset students when she was employed with the team, but she finds that the wait times are reasonable.

"For the wait times, I think they are pretty fair because golf carts don't get across campus as fast as cars do," Bosse said. "When picking up a student who is upset about the long wait I



SAFE Team Director Kaelyn Steele said wait times have been reduced to about 10 to 15 minutes on an average night. **ORACLE PHOTO**

would say 'sorry about the wait' and then go."

Kaelyn Steele, the director of SAFE Team, said she is aware of the issues students are having with the service and is doing what she can to combat the problems.

"Wait times have improved drastically because I have been hiring this semester," Steele said. "About 10 to 15 minutes is the wait time on average at any time of the night."

Steele said she is currently looking to expand her team from 40 members to 45.

Bosse explained how when she worked there from 2014 to 2017 there were only six carts running, but now, Steele said there are eight to 10 carts running depending on the night.

Another frequently expressed issue is calls dropping, but Steele said this is a phone system problem she is working on fixing.

"The way this service works is students call and they get put into a queue," Steele said. "I am trying to get a new phone system that is more efficient for students and dispatchers so the students know they are in a queue."

Currently the phones will just ring until the dispatcher is able to pick up the line, but Steele assures that students are not being ignored, but rather they are just experiencing a lot of calls.

"If it's been ringing for a minute or so stay on the line,

they are just in a queue and don't know that," Steele said.

However, not all students feel that this service is lacking or disappointing.

Danielle Mendoza, a junior majoring in health sciences, said she has been pleased with the services she's received from it.

Likewise, Grace Bendis, a sophomore marketing student, said she has used the service about five times and has waited 20 minutes at the longest.

Also, Manuel Ponce, a sophomore majoring in management, said he appreciates the off-campus aspect of the service.

"They drove me from the bridge area from Publix to the edge of campus next to Bellarmine Hall," he said. "I thought that was really nice since I wasn't really on campus for my destination."

Students are encouraged to use the feedback form on the SAFE Team's Student Government website page. All comments are welcome, and Steele said some changes she has made have come from reading the feedback forms as they are sent straight to her email.

"Just like any organization or workforce we are not perfect, but we are always striving to give students the best experience they can," Steele said. "Don't let one bad experience ruin the service."

BULLSTOCK

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similar to what it was last year, which would make the budget over \$170,000.

Out of the 5,752 people who voted in the genre section, the top choices were "pop" with 956 votes and "alternative" with 895.

Other popular runners-up were hip-hop/rap, indie and pop-punk.

Students were also able to suggest in the "other" section a genre that wasn't listed. This prompted many students to write in "K-pop" which originated in South Korea and has gained popularity in the U.S. in recent years.

Teeter said the genre suggestion box is always included in case there is a sudden shift in what students want to hear.

"We have the Homecoming Concert which has been predominantly hip-hop/rap and Bullstock which has been alternative/pop and those are the way they are because the majority of the students who take the surveys pick those as the most voted genres," Teeter said.

Teeter said she can't reveal how many artists have been chosen, however, students were given the option to pick the structure of the concert.

Students chose from "one high-level artist and one up and coming artist," "two mid-level artists and one up and coming artist" or "one high-level artist, one 'throwback' artist, and one up and coming artist."

Over 1,000 people suggested the third option which took the lead.

If CSI decided to follow Bullstock's structure last year, about \$50,000 would pay for the

headliner, about \$20,000 would pay for the middle artist and about \$10,000 or less would pay for the opener. This lineup is an example of what was done last year and does not reflect the current unannounced lineup structure.

Based on feedback from last year, Teeter said the two main suggestions to improve this year's concert were more art and water bottles.

For the first time, CSI had a plexiglass with the Bullstock logo etched into it that Teeter said students really enjoyed so they plan on doing something similar again.

Also, CSI ordered one shipment of water for the 4,000 students who attended last year so Teeter said they will be ordering two shipments to prevent a shortage.

Specific food trucks have not been decided yet, but there will be six booked from the Tampa Bay Food Truck Rally. Also, a cyclone swing and a Zorb (transparent plastic) ball obstacle course have been booked for the carnival rides and CSI is looking to include at least two more activities.

Teeter said the feedback and suggestions are helpful every year in determining which artists students want to see and how they can adjust to fit the needs of students on campus.

"We're trying to serve the largest amount of students that we can but we still do the survey in case there is a shift and if that's the case, then we can know how to tailor to the current population that we have," Teeter said.

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14th most in program history. USF's 35 field goals and 57 percent shooting was also a season high, while the 99 points were the most by any team in the AAC during conference play



Sydni Harvey set a career high in made 3-pointers with seven in the Bulls' 99-51 win over Temple. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/USF ATHLETICS

this season and second most by an AAC team in any game. Additionally, the Bulls' 3-point performance (13 made) tied for seventh most in a single game in program history.

"It's fun when the ball's going through the hole," Fernandez said. "I think it makes you play a little harder on the other end."

It certainly seemed like it did. Not only did USF hold Temple to just four field goals in the first half — including a span where the Owls didn't make a shot in nine minutes toward the end of the first quarter and through most of the second — but they scored 22 points off 12 Owl turnovers.

"We started with a really positive way," Tsineke said. "We defended ... we made 3s and we showed great energy, both defensively and offensively."

The Bulls also shut down Davis, who went 3-of-12 from the field — including 0-of-8 in the first half — and was a game worst -43 in plus/minus differential. In the Owls' 69-66 win in Philadelphia earlier this season, Davis led all scorers with

25.

"We started Shae Leverett on her, and Shae was long and she was active," Fernandez said. "At halftime, she's got four points. She was 0-of-8 from the floor ... we had to make her work for everything she got."

All nine healthy Bulls saw action and scored points in the game, with no player receiving fewer than eight minutes, which was good for morale, according to Fernandez.

"These guys genuinely care about one another and support one another," Fernandez said. "So they all want each other to do well. And that's what team sports is all about."

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to carry the boat that they did not have last year, as the likes of right-handers Carson Ragsdale, Graham Hoffman and Ben Koff will return from Tommy John surgery.

Some freshmen could contribute as well, especially since they've been impressive during the preseason.

"They look really good," senior pitcher Collin Sullivan said. "Especially Jack [Jasiak] and Orion [Kerkering] coming in and throwing strikes on just



J.D. Dutka, who hit .299 in 2018, missed all but six games in 2019 due to injury. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/USF ATHLETICS

three or four pitches and Andrew Washington's looking really good, just needs to harness his command a little bit but we're looking pretty good so far."

Mohl echoed Sullivan's sentiment on his team's young arms.

"Those young pitchers — Jasiak and Kerkering — those guys have shown a lot of promise over the last seven months that we've been together," Mohl said. "I'm expecting big things from those guys this year."

Offensively, it will be all hands on deck as the Bulls will be looking to a mixture of older and younger players to carry the boat at the

plate.

The veteran presence should be aided by the return of senior infielder J.D. Dutka, who hit .299 in 2018, but only played in six games last year due to injury.

Mohl is also excited about several sophomores on the team who he says are ready to make a difference.

"All those sophomores have made a jump," Mohl said. "[Dylan] Buck had a really nice fall for us, Nicky Gonzalez, Alex Bello, all those guys made a nice jump."

The Bulls begin their mission to carry the boat at home on Friday

against Marist at 7 p.m., and the team is ready to get out there, according to Mohl.

"We all remember that Saturday in May last year when our season came to an end," Mohl said. "The expectation of this program is to get to a regional and breakthrough to the supers and get to Omaha."

"These guys are as hungry as they've ever been, and I'm looking forward to seeing the lights go on." When those lights come on Friday night, it will be seen if the Bulls are like Goggins and the SEALs — coming together on the field, each holding up their end to carry the boat.

InBrief

Wilcox invited to NFL Combine

USF will have representation in Indianapolis later this month.

The now former tight end Mitchell Wilcox has been invited to participate in the 2020 NFL Scouting Combine, which runs from Feb. 24-March



Mitchell Wilcox
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1 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Tight ends work out Feb. 27 and the entire Combine will be broadcast in primetime on NFL

Network.

Wilcox is one of 20 tight ends and just five from non Power Five schools (including two from the AAC) to receive an invite to the Combine.

Expected to be taken in the mid-to-late rounds in April's NFL Draft, Wilcox finished his USF career 11th all-time in program history in receptions (100), 10th all-time in reception yards (1,326) and first all-time for receptions by a tight end (43) and reception yards by a tight end (540).

The Tarpon Springs native also participated in last month's East-West Shrine Bowl at Tropicana Field, making one catch for 9 yards, while also lining up on special teams coverage, including as long snapper.

Chaos in Iowa Democratic caucuses shows need for reform



Nathaniel Sweet

OPINION EDITOR

On Feb. 3, the Democratic presidential primary officially kicked off with the Iowa caucuses. Polls showed a close four-way race between former Vice President Joe Biden, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren and former South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

Voters, commentators and campaign staff all went into election night expecting a volatile race. What they didn't anticipate, however, was that the results would remain unclear a week later.

Between technical difficulties and new reporting requirements, many precinct officials had to report complicated results step by step over the phone, with some county leaders being kept on hold for hours. Both of these factors led the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP) to announce that the results would be delayed, as they were doing "quality control" checks.

Since then, the IDP has slowly trickled out the results in piecemeal. Initial reports showed a tight race between Buttigieg and Sanders, and the margin has only gotten narrower with time. Now, between discrepancies pointed out by the New York Times and



The Iowa fiasco has put the dysfunction of this system on full display. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/FLICKR**

disputes over the rules, the actual winner is still unclear.

The chaos and confusion coming out of the Iowa caucuses have already set the rest of the race on an unpredictable course. Sanders and Buttigieg have both declared victory in Iowa, and they are tied in the polls entering the next election in New Hampshire.

Stepping back, however, one has to ask whether the Iowa caucuses and other small early states should play such a prominent role in the first place.

Demographically speaking, Iowa is hardly representative of the Democratic electorate. The state is relatively small at only 3 million people, and 85 percent of Iowans are non-Hispanic white. New Hampshire, the next primary after Iowa, has similar issues with representation.

Worse, the caucus process itself is deeply undemocratic. Unlike a traditional election, voters must show up in person and signal their preferred candidate by standing in a designated area at their precinct. Their vote is public, allowing for intimidation and peer pressure,

and there is no opportunity to submit an absentee ballot.

The caucus system is one likely reason why turnout in these races is low. Out of 2.1 million registered voters, only about 170,000 people turned out to the Iowa caucuses this year.

Despite these factors, reporters and pundits place heavy emphasis on Iowa as the first test of the presidential candidates. Narratives emerge about which candidates are most viable, and those narratives influence voters in later states.

The Iowa fiasco has put the dysfunction of this system on full display. In a working democracy, such a small and unrepresentative slice of voters should not have so much sway over the process.

Now is the time to take responsibility and fix this broken system. Media figures, party officials and presidential campaigns should place less emphasis on these small early races.

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Florida Republicans put party over country



Jared Sellick

COLUMNIST

On Thursday, Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) introduced a constitutional amendment to raise the threshold for impeachment of a federal official to 60 percent. The U.S. Constitution currently only requires a simple majority.

Speaking to USA Today, Scott explained the rationale for his amendment.

"Our country should never again suffer through the kind of partisan charade that has consumed Washington over the past several months," he said.

While the amendment is unlikely to pass and is largely symbolic, it demonstrates the backward logic Republican officials have used to justify Trump's acquittal.

Contrary to Scott's complaints, it is partisanship that has prevented Congress from holding a corrupt president accountable.

Republicans in the House and Senate have argued repeatedly that impeachment is unjust at face value because it would prevent a president from seeking reelection.

This argument completely negates the purpose of impeachment outlined in the Constitution. Nowhere in our founding document does it say that "high crimes and

misdemeanors" do not count during an election year.

Florida's senior senator Marco Rubio perfectly highlights the absurdity of this argument. Prior to his acquittal vote, Rubio explained, "Just because actions meet a standard of impeachment does not mean it is in the best interest of the country to remove a president from office."

Rubio essentially argues that so long as a majority of people in the country support a president, any crimes that president commits are null and void.

Despite Rubio implying Trump's July phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky may have met the conditions of impeachment, he knows he can't cross his party's figurehead. If either of Florida's senators voted for impeachment, it would be career suicide.

These strange arguments coming from both of Florida's senators shows that corrupt officials may never be held accountable in a time of such overt partisanship, and Scott's amendment will only exacerbate the problem.

If Scott is unwilling to hold the executive branch accountable, he might as well remove the impeachment clause altogether. At least then Republican senators can stop pretending they believe in any form of executive accountability.

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The breakdancer with a helping hand

Alex Makkinejad hopes to expand the Breakdancing Club beyond USF and open a nonprofit breakdancing organization for impoverished communities in Downtown Tampa.

By Maddie Moure
CORRESPONDENT

Breakdancing Club President Alex Makkinejad said he finds joy in teaching students on campus how to dance.

However, he hopes to take his knowledge off campus to provide underprivileged youth the value of hard work and handstands.

His vision is to eventually bring free breakdancing lessons to impoverished communities in Downtown Tampa through a nonprofit breakdancing organization.

As a medical student, Makkinejad said he believes breakdancing can not only bring joy and fun to kids, but also exercise.

"I am always thinking about public health and whatnot, which is a portion of the goal of this club," said Makkinejad. "The main motivator of the club has been a passion to spread hip hop culture through dance."

He said he is concerned that children from low-income families lack access to gyms and fitness resources because they either can't pay for the memberships or can't afford the transportation to get to these places.

"Not all kids have access to parks or playgrounds to run around and exert themselves, but everyone can find a small square of space to dance in," said Makkinejad.

Even though he sees himself helping these kids in the future,



The club does not yet have its own designated room, so the group of about 11 students sport gym clothes and carry speakers to their designated spot in a hallway at The Well. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

Makkinejad's focus right now is on the Breakdancing Club on campus.

The club does not yet have its own designated room, so the group of about 11 students sport gym clothes and carry speakers to their designated spot in a hallway at The Well. They meet every Wednesday and Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

They perform moves like head spins and practice their footwork at their own pace. Many of the dancers wear beanies or jackets

with hoods to cushion their heads while executing these moves, although they claim that the floor doesn't bother them.

Makkinejad said everyone helps each other out in the dancing sessions, but for the most part, each dancer does their own thing, as everyone stands at a different stage of learning.

He pointed out that the club is low pressure and easygoing so students do not need to worry about punctuality, deadlines or

expectations.

"So far it's proven to be a great way for students to socialize and learn to dance, since literally anyone can just pop in whenever they can and pick up where they left off with learning to dance, and just hang out," he said.

The same way the Breakdancing Club has affected students on campus, Makkinejad emphasized that he wants to do the same for youth in the community.

The nonprofit idea is "still

very much in its infancy," but Makkinejad said he hopes to get the ball rolling in the near future. He said he would like to eventually partner with other organizations in the Tampa Bay area.

"It's just something that's a ton of fun, a social activity and gives [kids] a chance to be artistic and express themselves," he said.

InBrief

Flowers makes XFL debut

At long last, Quinton Flowers is playing professional football. The former Bulls quarterback, who spent time on the Cincinnati Bengals' practice squad in 2018, made his XFL debut in the new spring league's opening weekend.

Flowers, officially listed as a QB/RB on the Tampa Bay Vipers' roster, appeared both as a rusher and passer in the Vipers' 23-3 loss to the New York Guardians on Sunday.



Quinton Flowers
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Flowers rushed five times for 34 yards with a long of 15, while he was 1-of-2 passing — though the one completion was for 37 yards, which set up the Vipers' only score of the game.

While at USF from 2014-2017, the Miami native set 42 career, season or game records and was the career leader in total offense, both at USF and in the AAC. He also holds the record for most rushing yards by a quarterback at a Florida FBS school, surpassing Florida's Tim Tebow by 725 yards in 12 fewer games.

Women's Basketball

Harvey and Tsineke lead way in Bulls' 48-point victory over Owls



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

Let the record show that there was a time when the Bulls trailed against Temple on Sunday at the Yuengling Center.

A shooting foul on junior Shae Leverett sent Temple's leading scorer, Mia Davis, to the free-throw line 17 seconds into the game, where she made both shots.

That would be the last time the Owls were in front, as Sydni



Elena Tsineke scored a career high 25 points in USF's rout of Temple on Sunday. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/USF ATHLETICS

Harvey hit a 3-pointer 11 seconds high for the sophomore.

later — the first of seven, a career It would also be the last time

Temple (13-10, 5-5) was even remotely close, as USF (14-10, 6-3) ran away with things in a 99-51 laughter. The Bulls outscored the Owls 26-8 and 32-8 in the first and second quarters, respectively, to separate things in a hurry.

"I thought we got off to a really, really good start," coach Jose Fernandez said. "I think our players knew how important this game had to be because we went up to Temple [on Jan. 16] and we dropped one there. So the split was going to have to be very, very important."

Harvey and freshman Elena Tsineke each scored a game-high 25 points — tying a career high and setting a career high, respectively — while the Bulls' 58 points in the first half tied for

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Baseball

Bulls look to 'carry the boat' in 2020

By Francisco Rosa
CORRESPONDENT

When Navy SEALs are going through their training, one of the most formidable exercises they do is known as the "surf passage." During this exercise, the trainees, under intense circumstances, have to carry their rafts above their heads from the beach to the ocean.

The whole point of the exercise is that if one member of the team does not do their part in holding up the raft, the entire team fails. This exercise

has inspired the rallying cry for the Bulls this season.

"Carry the boat."

Retired Navy SEAL and current motivational speaker David Goggins spoke to the Bulls in the fall, introducing the slogan to the team, which has rallied around it.

"I think that one of the biggest things that we've got this year is a close team," junior catcher Jake Sullivan said. "Everyone wants to fight for each other because this fall we had the 'carry the boat' motto. ... Everyone puts in the work every day: Coming, showing

up and getting their extra work in and carrying the boat."

The motto has created a culture and work ethic in the team that coach Billy Mohl is taking into the season.

"It's just a cultural thing," Mohl said at Media Day on Jan. 30. "Right now, we've got optional stuff going on and our coaches can't be out there and you see guys working. That's a culture that the older guys created in the fall with the 'carry the boat.'"

The Bulls look to carry the boat after an injury-plagued campaign in 2019, where they

went 8-16 in the conference and missed out on postseason play, including the AAC Tournament.

"Hungry is an understatement," Sullivan said about the team's desire to get back to the postseason. "We're ready to go and there is no better feeling in the world than being prepared, and I think this team is as prepared as anything out there."

The pitching staff is coming back healthier and with much more depth than last season. The Bulls will have plenty of options

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