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University of South Florida.
President Francis Borkowski recently announced the appointment of a committee to study the feasibility of starting up a football program at USF.

"If we can start a self-supporting program with external funding, then we know whether football is the right thing to do," Borkowski said.

With 33,000 students, USF is the second largest university in the nation without a football team. The idea of studying the possibility of adding football to the intercollegiate athletic program has been debated but never formally considered at the 32-year-old state university.

The 37-member committee chaired by Leon Mandell, professor of chemistry and university ombudsperson, includes Tampa Bay Buccaneers President Gay Culverhouse, faculty, students, staff, alumni, and Bay Area community leaders. It will be staffed by Athletic Director Paul Griffin and Athletic Association Executive Director Hans McCaie.

"The committee will be helping us assess the appropriateness and the feasibility of a football program at USF," Griffin said.

"Such a program cannot be successful without broad bases of support, so it is necessary that we have a full spectrum of constituents and points of view presented on the committee."

The first committee meeting was Oct. 29. Griffin said he expects the committee to meet over the next several months, and he hopes that it will be able to present its report by Feb. 1.

The naming of the committee at this time grew out of a recent USF Planning Commission report and also a promise made by Borkowski when he became president three years ago.

"If the committee proposes that we go forward," Borkowski said, "then we will have much more work to do before implementation could be considered."

The announcement comes at a time when public education in Florida is undergoing severe budget cuts.

"Our job is not only to address the problems of the present but also to plan for the opportunities of the future," Borkowski said.

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BSU march shows solidarity

On the morning of Oct. 17, the USF Tampa campus awoke to an ugly sight. At some point, under the cover of night, what is assumed to have been a handful of individuals had sprayed racist graffiti on several locations and left hate fillers in several locations.

The University immediately began removing the graffiti, and several committees met on campus to discuss how and why this had happened and what could be done in response.

The Black Student Union, which had already been scheduled to meet that day, included a lengthy discussion of the incident on its agenda. The BSU met in room 269 of the University Center. Ironically, some of the graffiti was visible from outside the room where the Black Student Union met.

The words cast a shadow on the meeting.

The letters were scrawled maybe five feet high in black spray paint on the side of the Special Events Center. Physical Plant had covered the most offensive word with a yellow splotch, but it didn't help much. Everyone who passed by knew what it said.

Maintenance workers sprayed the bricks with a pressure washer and scrubbed at the letters with brushes. The task of cleaning the building seemed humiliating. The paint just wouldn't come off fast enough.

Many people expressed shock that such a thing could happen in this day and age. It seems that all the efforts to make the world a place where people understand and appreciate each other never reach those who most need to be reached.

But, thankfully, there are those who do understand—those who have obligated themselves to do everything possible to reach all human beings, not just the races they don't understand.

On Oct. 24, those who understand came together.

On that day, in broad daylight, nearly 300 USF faculty, staff and students participated in a march organized by the Black Student Union to reaffirm their commitment to racial respect.

That show of solidarity undoubtedly sent a very clear message to the vandals. Their numbers were likely few and they were ashamed enough of their views to realize that they could only be expressed anonymously.

That is not enough. The marchers, on the other hand, represented a large, proud and vocal segment of the University community. While the group wound its way through the Student Services and Administration buildings, supporters stood on balconies, waving and cheering.

The appearance of the graffiti was painful evidence that USF must work harder than ever to cultivate what has come to be called "cultural diversity," The Black Student Union march was evidence that there are plenty willing to do the work.

Budget cuts taken to court

At press time, Florida faced at least two lawsuits filed against the latest budget cuts proposed by Governor Lawton Chiles and the Cabinet. At least nine cases during the week of Oct. 28.

The Florida Supreme Court was expected to rule on some of the cases during the week of Oct. 28.

USF nears United Way goal

USF's 1991 United Way campaign is nearing its $150,000 goal in support of agencies in Hillsborough County. At press time, USF had reached nearly 82 percent of its goal, having raised about $122,000.

"We are grateful to the people at USF for supporting our agencies," said Ed Kirk of the United Way of America national office.

"Every giver counts even more than before. We encourage everybody to participate, not just in large amounts."

USF's campaign will continue until the goal is reached.

Correction

USF's College of Nursing will not be eliminating summer courses from its Tampa campus graduate program. The college will be eliminating all new summer acoustic courses from its Tampa campus program, in Tampa, enrollments of non-degree seeking students and "special program students will be reduced. An article in the Oct. 18, issue of the student USF incorrectly stated the impact of bud get cuts on the College of Nursing.
Annual Children's Festival set for Nov. 16

In addition to the usual activities, this year's Children's Festival will also feature a bicycle rodeo.

The University Police's latest effort to keep students safe is the annual Children's Festival, which will be held on Nov. 16. The festival will feature a bicycle rodeo, where children can ride their bikes and be supervised by police officers. Admission is $4 per child and free for accompanying adults. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more children. The rain date for the festival will be Nov. 17.

Cultural and educational activities will also be a part of the festival, providing a safe and fun environment for children of all ages. The festival will be located on the campus of the University of South Florida, and is open to all students and their families.

UP offer info on security policies and crime statistics

The University Police Department provides a full range of security services to the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These services include patrolling, providing transportation, responding to emergencies, and providing assistance to students, faculty, and staff.

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