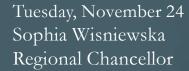




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Student Profile





Student Success





Growth and Infrastructure



The cars were there for the taking ... and so was the suspect. Local, 1B





SENATE EMBLEM MAY SOON LOSE THE REBEL FLAG

A Senate committee has unanimously recommended that the Confederate banner be removed from the Florida Senate's official seal. Local, 1B

Pasco awaits its outlet bonanza

The 441,000-square-foot Tampa Premium Outlets along State Road 56 between Wesley Chapel Boulevard and Interstate 75

Tampa Bay Times

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015 | \$1

A human clue, buried 4,500 years

USF St. Petersburg anthropologists unearth an ancient skeleton in Africa.

BY COLLEEN WRIGHT Times Staff Writer

On a cool day in the lush Ethiopian mountains, John Arthur hunched over and picked through two feet of dirt. Three months of excavating in the Mota cave had turned up thousands of small artifacts that he and his wife, Kathryn Arthur, would teach about in their anthropology classes at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

John dug until he hit river gravel. Then, he found the remains of human

feet. He shifted over and started working on the next square meter of dirt covered by a mound of bricksized rocks. He removed them and unearthed a man's tomb.

It wasn't uncommon for the Arthurs to come across burials in their excavations. But soon they would learn that their find in June 2012 held special significance.

Geneticists from the University of Cambridge later determined that the skeleton dated back 4,500 years and held the first complete ancient African genome - a discovery that sheds light on early interactions between Africans and Eurasians, a lesser-known chapter in human history. The findings of the Arthurs and their team of 19 people were published in the journal Science on Thursday.

"(John) was kind of jumping in the hallway and told me about what they had discovered," recalled V. Mark Durand, interim regional vice chancellor for academic affairs at USFSP. "This is a discovery that anybody at USF in Tampa or Harvard or Stanford would be delighted to have."

There in the Ethiopian cave lav >> See AFRICA, 5A



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A discovery by USF St. Petersburg associate professors Kathryn and John Arthur led to the first ancient genome sequenced from Africa.

Groundbreaking Research





Faculty Accomplishments





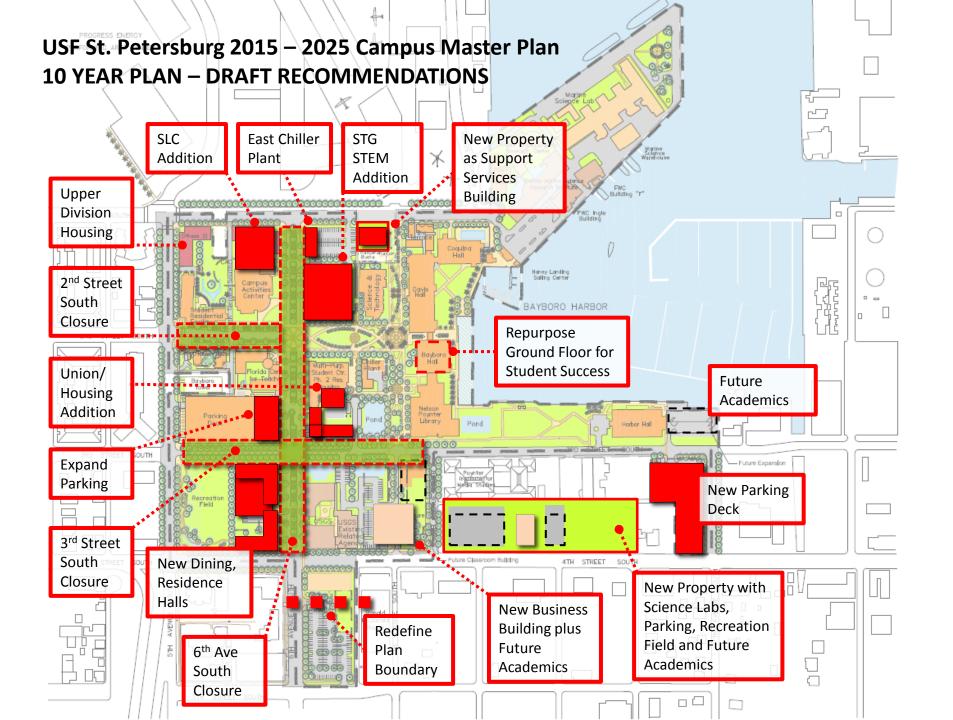
Student Accomplishments











PLANNED BUILDINGS



2015 to 2025 Facility Expansion	GSF	
STG Addition	52,800	200x220 building site at 60% coverage x 2 floors
Additional Teaching Lab		
Additional Office, Research, Classro	om	
Repurposed Space for Student Success	20,000	Student Academic Support Space
Learning Commons and Student Su	port	
Student Recreation		
	38,400	120x160x 2 stories
New Freshman Housing		
Sixth Ave S, 3rd to 4th St. S	188,000	500 beds at 375 sf/bed
Addition to USC	70,000	200 beds at 350 sf/bed
Dining Facility for Residential Program		
Constructed with Phases III and IV	30,000	2 Story
Expanded University Student Center		
To support Union programs	20,000	2 Story
New Upper Division Housing		
Residence Hall Two	80,000	200 beds at 400 sf/bed
Expand Existing Parking Structure		
340 cars	110,000	7 stories
Southwest Parking Structure		
1,000 cars	350,000	7 stories at 50,000 sf each
East Chiller Plant		
	3,000	7 stories at 50,000 sf each
TOTALS	962,200	