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Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

Honors Program Presents "Behind the Wall"

"Behind the Wall" is a documentary based on Jerry Rawicki's memories of his childhood in Poland and his life as a Jew in Europe during World War II. The film evolved from his conversations with Distinguished University Professor Carolyn Ellis, Department of Communications, at USF Tampa.

"What an extraordinary opportunity and honor it is for the USFSP community to host Mr. Rawicki and to hear a first-hand account of his personal story of survival and journey to the United States during one of the darkest moments in history," said Dr. Frank Biafora, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We are grateful to the Sembler Family for supporting the Holocaust lecture series, and to Dr. Carolyn Ellis for bringing Mr. Rawicki to campus."



Jerry Rawicki

The Honors College is proud to present a showing of "Behind the Wall" on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in DAVIS 130. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Daun Fletcher, 727-873-4872.

USFSP to Host 16th Times Reading Festival



Dr. Arsenault will introduce author Carol Ruth Silver

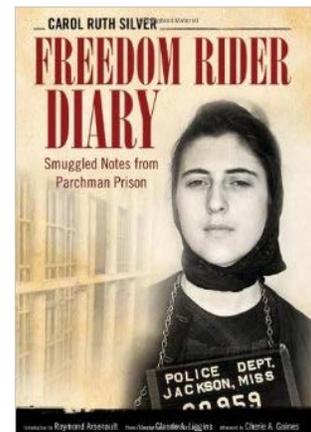
On Saturday, the USFSP campus will be transformed into the main stage for authors, writers, students and community as they gather for the 16th Annual Tampa Bay Times Reading Festival.

Well-known Florida novelist, Carl Hiaasen, will participate in the festival this year, alongside best-selling suspense-novelist Michael Koryta and famous young adult horror author, R.L. Stine. Dr. Tony Silvia, USFSP Journalism professor, also will contribute as an author, highlighting his journey through the writing of his new book: *Robert Pierpoint: A Life at CBS News*.

USFSP's Dr. Ray Arsenault, who won three national Emmy awards for his documentary on the Freedom Riders, will introduce author and civil rights attorney, Carol Ruth Silver. Silver, a Freedom Rider herself, has authored a book about her experiences: *Freedom Rider Diary: Smuggled Notes from Parchman Prison*.

"This is a special day for the community and USFSP," said Dr. Han Reichgelt, regional vice chancellor of Academic Affairs. "I'm delighted to see our faculty featured on the roster."

The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit the [official event website](#). -- *Karlana June*



Construction of SunSense Solar Array Underway



From left, Duke Energy's Tamara Waldman, USFSP's Jennifer Winter and Bay News 9 Senior Anchor Al Ruechel.

As construction gets underway on USFSP's new SunSense solar array, Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Winter was invited to discuss the project with Bay News 9's Al Reuchel. Winter and Tamara Waldman, Duke Energy's renewable energy director, talked about what the \$1 million grant-funded project means to USFSP.

"Students are learning about the next power source and how it relates to sustainability," said Winter. "SunSense is a great opportunity for students to understand the electricity behind the switch."

Over the summer, Duke Energy Florida awarded USFSP a \$1 million dollar SunSense grant that will fund research to explore the integration of storing solar energy in new battery systems. As part of the grant, a 100 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) system will be installed on the top of the University's 5th Avenue South parking garage. Construction begins this weekend.

[Read more about USFSP's SunSense Grant.](#)

Campus Police Unveils Emergency Operations Center



Officer Joe Smith (left) and Lt. Reggie Oliver

The USFSP Campus Police Department has a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC), complete with multiple interactive screens, access to weather radar, security cameras, maps and databases.

"This is the room in which we'll manage special events and emergencies, any crisis," said Chief David Hendry. "The technology allows us to cover a lot of ground."

The Incident Management Team, which includes members from departments across campus, will meet regularly in the new EOC.

Boyer Delivers "State of Student Body"

Last week a crowd gathered in front of the USC to hear the inaugural "State of the Student Body" address by Cody Boyer, USFSP Student Body president. Boyer discussed his priorities, challenges and hopes for our campus and USFSP students.

Q: What is the priority for the Student Body president?

Boyer: My top priority for my term is to address the student holistically. I want ensure that the academic, social, financial, entertainment, and wellness services are within reach for students here at USFSP.

Q: What are you most hopeful about in the coming year?

Boyer: I look forward to the implementation of our Vision 20/20 strategic plan, the possibility of reopening our waterfront pool, our expansion project to improve access to Student Life services, the growth of our Club Sports into inter-collegiate competitive sports, and the prospect of growing the campus.



Cody Boyer

Q: What challenges is Student Government facing this year?

Boyer: Educating non-traditional, commuter, and graduate-level students on the services and activities provided and communicating how to access them.

Q: What do you most want people to know about you, as the Student Body president?

Boyer: I hope to be a role model to our incoming student leaders by promoting them to stay true to their values and convictions even in the face of adversity and change.

One fun fact about Cody: "I wore high green socks and a neckerchief for 10 years--during my journey towards Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America!"

To view the Boyer's Student Body Address in full, [click here](#) .

Upcoming Events

Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading

Saturday, October 25

Honors College Event

Documentary Viewing: "Behind the Wall"

Wednesday, October 29

2:00 p.m.

Blue Ocean Film Festival

November 3 - 9

USFSP Town & Gown Reception

November 20

5:30 p.m.

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