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Oliver Stone talks in Tampa
The controversial filmmaker shares what motivates him.

David Brothers
Nest Staff

With four Oscars and 40 nominations as a motion picture director and screenwriter, Oliver Stone appears to be camera shy. The award-winning filmmaker, and now author, spoke to a full house at USF's Special Events Center Tuesday night, but reporters and photographers were told that a five-minute close-up photo opportunity had been cancelled. Members of the press had to confine their activities to the back wall of the massive room, and no photography or videography was permitted after the first five minutes.

The capacity student audience, however, was enthralled by Stone's 36 minute presentation, giving him an enthusiastic response even after an uncomfortably long pause the first few minutes. "Very suspenseful," he quipped, and it was obvious by the good-natured laughter that the crowd was his for the duration.

Stone's timber and pace were scholarly and even. He spoke with a kind paternalism to the mostly youthful audience, and even. He spoke with a kind paternalism to the mostly youthful audience, providing them with an amazing sense of involvement. More than 40 million people see IMAX films each year.

Veliando Hunter is an education major who took advantage of the MOSI offer. "I've always wanted to go to MOSIMAX, but it was out of my price range," Hunter said.

Hunter plans to see the film, "Africa: The Serengeti," as her first IMAX experience. This film takes viewers on the 500-mile Serengeti plain migration undertaken each year by 1.5 million African animals.

Two separate IMAX films are offered on an on-going basis at MOSI. Films are shown for a period of approximately six months. The second movie currently being featured is "Ring of Fire." Spectacular volcanic eruptions are highlighted in this documentary on the great circle of volcanoes located around the Pacific Ocean. All MOSIMAX films are enhanced by a specially designed, six-channel, multi-speaker sound system.

The MOSIMAX theatre was part of the museum's $35 million expansion project that opened in 1995. The museum's size tripled, making MOSI the largest science center in the Southeastern United States.

Along with the MOSIMAX theatre, the center offers more than 450 interactive activities, as well as a planetarium. A wide variety of special events and exhibitions are also featured. Students receive discounted rates to the science center portion of the facility as well. MOSI is located at 4801 E. Fowler Ave. in Tampa. The facility is wheelchair accessible and offers ample free parking. Call 987-6100 for more information on MOSI, or visit their web site at www.tampatrib.com/mosi.
Good football teams almost always have strong ground games. Saturday night the USF Bulls showed they have a strong ground game. The Bulls rushed for well over 200 yards and beat the Morehead State Eagles 33-17.

The score is only part of the story. Sure the Bulls won, but the way they played was more important. They scrapped the Air-Barnhardt attack and dedicated the game to establishing the run. Freshman Rafael Williams led the way with nearly 180 yards rushing. The rest of the team played nearly as well.

The Bulls dominated the Eagles in virtually all aspects of the game. The special teams were huge. They blocked 2 punts, kicked 4 field goals and had excellent kick-coverage. The defense stymied Division I-AA’s top passing attack and for the first time the offensive line played well for the entire game.

The Eagles got the game off to a good start. They drove the ball for a touchdown and stopped the Bulls first series by taking a fourth down fumble. The Bulls did not panic though, and got the ball back. After a long drive, Williams ran for a touchdown and tied the score with 1:37 left in the third quarter. Making matters worse for the Eagles, Marcus Nixon somehow fought through the line for a touchdown, giving the Bulls a lead entering the fourth quarter.

That said, I would like to get to the point. Lately I’ve been playing a lot of golf. (I know I should be doing my homework.) On second thought, if you are one of my professors, please stop reading this.

Back to golf. The game is like crack. It’s highly addictive, very expensive and nothing good comes from it. Is there any sense in paying $25 to follow around a stupid, white ball that never goes straight — in heat comparable to anything hell could generate? Well, if you say yes, you’re addicted too.

I can’t get enough of the game. Even though I’m lousy and have no patience at all, I still play every chance I get. The addiction has taken over my whole family. If you think I have it bad, you should see my folks. They are consumed by the game. Okay, maybe I’m exaggerating, but I have seen my mom jump up and down and scream like a mad women, after making a simple par.

The addiction is so bad that my little brother, who goes to school at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, (another place comparable to Hell) has his clubs with him. I don’t know why. It’s dark all winter and from October to April he is burried in snow.

My other little brother is fairly bad as well. Recently we got into an argument, and for whatever reason, he just went crazy. He whacked me across the leg with his putter. So now you know the true reason for my slight limp. If someone in your family decides to take up the game of golf, you should stop them. It’s the best thing you can ever do for them.

Well, I have to go and prepare for next week’s battle with the Fighting Christians of Elon College. The same school my high school baseball coach attended. Don’t let the name fool you. If only I could tell you some of the things that Fighting Christian said to me.
conceding that its main character is essentially Stone, himself, as a 19-year-old Vietnam era. He called the words in the passage he read aloud "cryptic cods of the way I used to be."

"Things are not what they seem," Stone insisted at one point, restating a dominant theme in his films.

Accidents of fate and destiny are another, as is a belief that adolescents should not be "rushed to assume a form," he said, hinting at the origins of some of his scripts. "You will play in some weird karmic way for Vietnam," he added.

Because each generation owes much of its reality to those that precede it, Stone said, filmmaking becomes the classic art form, especially for those who question the reality that most mass media present. "We're the Robin Hood of America's right, sometimes you'll be wrong, but always you're ours."

Stone then recalled Ronald Reagan's praise of the Nicaraguan Contras as "patriots as great as our founding fathers," while in reality, "as long as they could smuggle their drugs, they were happy to kiss America's a**.

The world has few leaders who value a higher truth than money, Stone said, prefacing a defense of JFK, his most controversial film. "Kennedy was the Robin Hood of American politics; Nixon was the opposite of that. It was a question of 'spirit' more than anything else that marked the difference between them.

In that light Stone explained the "assassination and its representation in JFK," "Who did it is irrelevant; what we need to know is what happened politically and socially, and that caused it to happen, which we cannot ever learn by believing the Warren Report."

Of Natural Born Killers, another of his controversial films, Stone said, "The media fed us and fed us and fed us," a steady diet of sex and violence with the Menendez Brothers, Joey Buttafuoco, O.J. Simpson and the like "until we were gorged."

Noting the disparity between this form of input and our purported conservative American values of family, God and country, Stone said, "We've locked into a culture of preoccupation and puritanism," then joked that "violence may well be caused by bad sex in this country."

Stone did not discuss the criticism by several Jim Morrison biographers, including "wicca wife" Patricia Kennealy and bandmate John DENNIS, that his film The Doors presented a patently false version of the singer's life, which has come to be regarded by many as "classic as the Warren Report on the Kennedy assassination. Stone's critics are disturbed by his version of Morrison's death, especially in light of Stone's self-proclaimed disdain of official explanations.

Stone concluded his talk with a plea for young Americans to question the world that is presented to them, but to question "with love and compassion." By following that approach, he said, "sometimes you'll be right, sometimes you'll be wrong, but always (reality) will be yours."

A question and answer session for the audience followed Stone's presentation, but no press conference was held, and no interviews were granted.

More fire prevention tips for your home

Kaerrie Simons
News Staff

Every year there are more than 500,000 residential fires serious enough to be reported in fire departments, reports the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Having early warning devices in your home and a planned escape route are two of the best ways to survive them.

Don't neglect your detectors

Many of those injured or killed in fires are not harmed by the flames, but by the smoke and poisonous gases that come ahead of the flames -- which is why smoke detectors are so important. But just as important as having a smoke detector is properly installing and maintaining it.

First, read the instructions that come with the detector for the best places to install it. The CPSC says, at a minimum, at least one detector should be on every floor of your home and smoke detectors should be located near bedrooms (either on the ceiling or six to 12 inches below the ceiling on the wall). They should not be located near air vents or registers, high air flow areas, or "dead" spots (places where they won't do you much good or are too far away to hear).

Second, follow the manufacturer's instructions about proper maintaining and cleaning the equipment. For example, you should vacuum the grill work on the detector to get rid of excess dust and grime that can affect its performance. You should also periodically test the detector according to the manufacturer's instructions (at least once a month).

The batteries should not be disconnected. If the detector is a nuisance because it goes off when you're cooking, consider installing it further away instead of disconnecting it.

Also, replace the batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions, at least once a year. A good way to remember is to make a habit of replacing your alarm's batteries each year when you sign a new lease, or on New Year's Day. Remember, if you hear a "chirping" sound from the detector, the battery is low and needs replacement.

Know your escape route

If the alarm does sound, you and your family should have an escape plan prepared in advance. You should have two planned exits for each room; an escape plan as well as an alternate escape plan, and a safe place for the family to meet outside.

Periodically rehearse the escape plan with your family. Young children should be included as they need to know they can't hide under the bed or in a closet from the fire. You may not be able to get to them, so make sure in advance they know where to go to find you outside. It is a good idea to ask your local fire department to review your escape plan.

Instruct all family members that if there is a fire, they need to keep low and crawl on their hands and knees to stay under the smoke. Also, if they come to a door that is closed, they need to feel the door first before opening it. If the door is hot, don't open it. Instead, use an alternate route or go to a window and yell for help.

Post the fire department's number on each phone in the house and instruct children in how to call 911 for help.

Protect pets

Pets are family, too, and there are products available to help you protect them in case of fire. For example, there are emergency evacuation stickers to place on your door or window that let fire rescue know a pet is in the house. These signs usually have a place for the name of the pet, the type of pet, and whether or not it normally responds well to strangers. Other types have a drawing of a cat or dog and are placed in the window of the room the animal will most likely be found in. These stickers help fire rescuers get your pet out quickly and safely.

The Humane Society of St. Petersburg recommends contacting your veterinarian clinic to see if it has the pet stickers available. If you have trouble locating the sticker, the Vetcare Animal Hospital at 1510 Hillsborough Ave. E. in Tampa has offered to provide them to USF students. You can reach them at 813-239-1145.

For more information about fire safety in general, the USF library has the "US CPSC Home Electrical Safety Audit Room by Room Checklist." The list helps you spot any electrical safety problems you might have in your home and offers ways to correct those problems.

And you can check out the CPSC's "Your Home Fire Safety Checklist." This booklet covers sources of potential fires in your home, lists materials that more readily burn (including clothing and upholstery fabrics), and offers sample drawings of detector placements and escape routes.

You can also call the Commission's Hotline at 800-638-CPSC (2773). The toll-free hotline makes it easier for consumers to report product-related injuries or potentially hazardous products, and to get information on recalled products. Or you may write to them at Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.
Recently, a story in The St. Petersburg Times told about criticism aimed toward Ted Turner for pulling commercials off his air. He stifled the advertising on his network because the commercials said that oil prices would rise if global warming was taken into account, clearly not a plug for the environmentalists.

The critic called Turner an "information czar." In recent months we have heard about people suing the tobacco companies for their damaging smoke, suing McDonald's for its scorching coffee, and we've heard about people taking phen-fen-redux, whatever that is, to later learn about its harmful side effects.

Putting aside the theory that there are some Americans who sue big companies just to get easy money, there are others who take it upon themselves to research and investigate products to avoid unhealthy results, while some are so naive as to believe everything they hear and read. Some matters can be studied easily enough — as well they ought to be — while others not so readily. Sure, nobody wants to take the time and steps to check out the the ingredients in a soft drink before popping the top and ingesting it, especially being thirsty. Technically, though, it could and should be done. Other issues, such as global warming (there are people in the world who do not believe our ozone is endangered) cannot be decided with certainty right away. The task is to do what you can to be informed, but above all be suspicious and questioning nowadays, especially about the important topics — you'll know what they are.

Be wary, be aware and beware. Caveat emptor. Check things out yourself and don't depend on big business to do your homework for you. If there's not enough information to use in your decision-making process, or if there is too much information, use your head and listen to your gut feeling. Be your own information czar.

And for the TV audience who gets swayed by those cleverly compelling commercials that would leave automobile drivers with the thought that keeping the price of gas down is more important than clean air, keep on keeping the TV air clean too, Ted.

*Walter, I want you to have a talk with your son — he's got a job, his own apartment, he doesn't borrow money — I mean, it's just not normal, for crying out loud!
Wave and save
Cary Wimer
Next Staff

Searching for bargains has always been a past-time and, well, a means of my survival. Whether it is a yard sale, clearance, or thrift store, I am always inclined to take a peek. That's how I ended up in a stuffy warehouse on a Saturday night instead of a bar. It all began on a slow day in the casino when my supervisor, Bob, recounted his bargain shopping at auctions. His tales included furniture finds under $100 and other interesting oddities. So my friend and I decided to check one out.

Dressed in shorts and tee-shirts, we arrived at the auction a little early hoping to get a seat by the fan. A vendor sat outside selling hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken on the grill along with a variety of sodas and junk food. The first thing on the agenda was to get a number (bid card) that would be used for the ruthless bidding. The seasoned auction-goers utilized their time inspecting the goods while we sauntered around the room. We spied a Davenport desk with cubby holes and drawers. Noting the lot number, we continued surveying the room. By 6:25 most people had taken their seats. Body heat overpowered the room.

The auctioneer explained some simple terminology: time to money (the number of items multiplied by the bidding price), high bidder's choice, and one money (all items for one price). He explained the fees. In addition to the bid price, 7 percent sales tax is added plus a 10 percent commission, which goes to the auction house.

Then auction officially began. Avoiding all eye contact with the bid seekers and being especially conscious of our hands, we sat in anticipation. The first item was an accordion that went for $50 after some encouragement from the auctioneer and the bid seekers. A plate went for $30, a corner cabinet for $80, three pictures for $20 and a couch for $20. Bargain heaven, I thought to myself.

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Davenport desk was next. The bidding started at $50. Yips and claps (signals the bid seekers used to seal a bid) could be heard around the room. People raised their bid cards, some simply nodded, or raised their hands swiftly, driving the price to $150. Green to the auction, I didn't have the courage to make a bid. Although I went home empty-handed, I had found another place for my bargain search.

If you go:
Dress casually and for outside weather. There is usually no air conditioning. Arrive early. Previews are often held prior to the event. The local daily newspapers have specific categories for auctions and estate sales. But look in the classifieds under "legal notices" for directions to some of the best.

Scholarships awarded at Snell House

Gloria Mastell
Next Staff

About half the scholarship donors and recipients for fall 1997 attended a short awards ceremony Friday, Oct. 3 at USF's historic Snell House. This is the first time the venerable, restored home has been the site of the presentation and Prof. Ray Arsenault was on hand to educate those who attended about the history of both the Williams and Snell houses.

Hostesses, dressed in 19th century costumes, gave tours of the home which has four fireplaces and a multitude of nooks and crannies. The first floor of the building is occupied by alumni affairs. The rooms on the second floor are large enough to accommodate events such as the scholarship awards.

Students received grants from 22 funds sponsored by both individual and corporate endowments. Congratulations to the recipients.

Alfa Gamma Minority Scholarship
Shannon Anderson
Oanh Nguyen
Yoriko Reveld
Patth Settles

Tracy Watts
Eula West-Vandergriff
Bridgett Samuels
Ananda Guto Scholarship
Bagasse Mann
Barrett Bank/Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
Jasmine Allison
Shannon Anderson
Patth Settles
Eula West-Vandergriff

Charole Hasten Award for Study in the Liberal Arts
William Range

Deborah H. Mabon Endowed Scholarship
Maria Lemos
Donald A. Harris Memorial Scholarship
Kena Scott

Hanson Humanities and Liberal Arts Scholarship
Stephanie Shumaker

First Union Bank Scholarship
David Rodriguez

Gellin Memorial Scholarship
Kyoko Woodruff

GTE Minority Scholarships
Jasmine Allison
Yoriko Reveld
Artis Saund
Bridgett Samuels

Howard Pautschen Memorial Scholarship
Karen Davis

Luna M. Brown Book Scholarship
Kenneth Jamison
Ulysses McClay, Sr.
Alice Reed
Rosenama Thomas

Lowell E. Davis Endowed Scholarship
Bridgett Samuels

Marthyn E. Bahm Alumni Scholarship
Cindy Roberts

National Bank Scholarship
David Rodriguez

Pinellas County Alumni Chapter Scholarship
Tracy Watts

Piper & Ludin Scholarship
Joyce Rizo

Raymund Endowed Scholarship
Darlin Rogers

Raymund S. S. Endowed Scholarship
Darlin Rogers

Sea/ScEc Scholarships
Kathleen Hunsens
Kathleen Roberts
House committee to simplify student loan process

Jennifer Flescher
Medill News Service (Northwestern U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The House Education and the Workforce Committee unanimously approved a bill Wednesday that would alleviate a backlog of more than $84,000 federal student loan consolidation requests resulting from a law intended to simplify and speed the college loan process.

The bill is a direct response to Education Department's administrative problems, created by the 1998 Direct Loan Consolidation program, which allows students and recent graduates to simplify their bookkeeping while offering a variety of payment options.

The department put a freeze on new loan applications and announced that more than $84,000 applications were backlogged.

The emergency bill would allow immediate consolidation of federal student loans through a separate program within the Department of Education — Federal Family Education Loans — for one year.

Unlike the direct loan program where loan money is given directly to schools; FFEL loans are processed through banks and creditors.

The bill would move processing of the direct loan consolidation requests to FFEL, for one year. Both FFEL, and Direct Student loans would enjoy federal interest rates while offering a variety of payment options.

The bill is scheduled to come before the complete House of Representatives on the Oct. 20, under procedural rules that allow certain bills to get speedy consideration.

The measure could be signed into law as early as Nov. 1 if the Senate passes the measure in time, but its proposed funding is expected to create controversy in the Senate.

"The act will help students who are currently unable to consolidate student loans," said Rep. Howard McKeon, R-Calif. "I have total lack of confidence in the Direct Loan Program."

The Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act would cost an estimated $25 million, and the money would be taken from the administration funds for the Direct Loan and FFEL programs.

With a total loan administration budget of $332 million, some fear the cuts would send the Direct Loan program into further crisis.

The debate over the Direct Student Loan Program is expected to continue in the coming year. The Education Committee is expected to recommend replacing Department of Education administration of the federal loan programs with a separate entity within the department that would operate like a private contractor as part of the 1998 reauthorization package.
**clubs & organizations**

**SPORTS CLUB**
New club on campus! Join us to start a great new tradition. Call Dave at 894-2759 for more info.

**CROW'S NEST**
Now taking applications for Word Magician, Fry Cooker, Nightwatchman, Psychic Friends Network Telephone Operator, and Cabana Boy. Visit our office in CAC 128, or call 533-3113 for more information.

**STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**
Now accepting new members for '97-98. Meetings are held every Wednesday, 5 p.m.; call for this week’s location. Join us this semester for professional speaker workshops and more. Call 533-3113 for info.

**STUDENT ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS ORGANIZATION**
Meetings are Wednesdays at noon and 5:15 p.m. in DAV 139, unless otherwise noted. Call Laura Hoffman 381-3874 for more info.

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Plug into SAB! Help plan how your academic fees are spent on campus. Meetings are every other Monday, 4 p.m.; CAC 132. New members are always welcome.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**
Earn a stipend while participating in campus decisions — applications are now being accepted for college representatives. Meetings are Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30. Visit the SGB offices in the CAC or call 533-9144.

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Meetings are the first Friday of each month in Marine Science lounge at 4 p.m. For more info call Jennifer at 822-5377.

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**MARINE SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month in DAV 138 at 5 p.m. Call Karinika Burton at 866-9039 or 533-1108 for more information.

**ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS**
Meets the second & fourth Thursday of each month in DAV 112 at 5 p.m. Call Terri Slitko at 533-3925 for more info.

**services**

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Visit foreign countries while earning course credit. Financial aid available. Call 533-3113 for more information, or the Overseas Study office at 974-4043.

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**announcements**

**OUTSIDE THEATER BY THE BAY**
Bring a blanket and munchies then snuggle up on the lawn, harborside, with one of SAB’s Fall outside movies. Oct. 16, Creature from the Black Lagoon in 3-D; Nov. 6, Apollo 13.

**USF RECREATION RENTALS**
Sailboats, windsurfers and camping equipment are available. Fees are minimal, reservations taken by phone or stop by the recreation office at COQ 107. Please call 533-1597 for more information.

**PLAN FOR A GOOD LAUGH**
Join SAB for Tavern on the Green's Comedy Hour on October 29, Nov. 20 (amateur night).

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS**
Busch Gardens, AMC Movie Theaters, Florida Aquarium tickets are available by phone or call 553-3113.

**2-DOOR, STANDARD TRANSM, NEW TIRES**

**COMPUTER FOR SALE**
Classic computer by Leading Edge. Great for word processing, software incl., $40. Call 533-2112, leave message.

**1986 MAZDA 626 FOR SALE**
2-door, standard transm, new tires, air conditioning, automatic. Must sell. $1,800 OBO. 864-9420, leave message.

**employment**

**BABYSITTER NEEDED**
Looking for fellow student who likes small children to babysit my daughter (4 yrs. old) on occasional weekend nights and infrequently afternoons in my home. Ref. required, leave message. Catherine, 988-9295.

**JOBS • JOBS**
Positions are listed in the Counseling & Career Center's Resource Library, DAV 112.

**roommates**

**NEED ROOMMATE**
Clean, non-smoker wanted to share new home, all amenities. Call 527-3278.

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**APARTMENT RENTALS**
Downtown St. Petersburg. Beautifully renovated studios close to campus. Hardwood floors, new ceramic tile bathrooms & kitchens, close to waterfront, parks, secure entrance, laundry. From $375, utilities incl. 985-8171 or 409-0227.

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**PAGE DESIGN SOFTWARE**
Adobe Illustrator version 4.1 for Windows; never used. Must sell. $49. Call 533-3113, please leave a message.

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**to place an ad**
Submit your ad in writing to The Crow’s Nest office at least one week before press date. All classified ads are payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to the University of South Florida. Personal checks should include a Driver’s License number written on the check.

**rates**

Classified ads are free for USF students, staff and faculty. Others Single issue rate is $2.50 for 30 words or less; additional words are $0.10 each. Refunds will not be issued after ad and payments are received.
Oasis cooks with gratitude

Gloria Mastel
Nest Staff

The Oasis Program, in its third year here on the USF St. Petersburg campus, takes a special approach to schooling and training high school students. Each program participant is enrolled for one year.

Sandwiched behind the SPA building and the police department, USF student volunteers spend one to two hours a week as personal tutors to one of 14 students in either math or language arts.

Lisa Scott, a volunteer, who has almost completed a 25-hour commitment this semester, will receive credit in a criminology class, Alternatives to Incarceration. She has worked through Oasis teachers Debora Rice and Kevin Erskin to provide individual attention and help to the program’s students.

As a gesture of thanks, the Oasis School staff and students treated university supporters to a barbecue picnic Friday, Oct. 3, under the oaks behind the Campus Activity Center.

USF Police Department’s Sgt. Alan Hebdon provided the tables and grill and employees from the Physical Plant spruced up the area.

Jim Martin, Oasis director, with the help of Oasis staff and students, served up chicken, fish and burgers to university staff, including Dean William Heller and Assistant Dean Winston Bridges.

Oasis is always looking for volunteers who want to make a positive difference by helping someone else. Call Kevin Erskin at 867-1875 to find out how you can contribute.

briefs

25th Hour Bayboro Brunch

At noon on Daylight Savings Sunday, Oct. 26, USF President Betty Castor and Dean William Heller will host the first 25th Hour Bayboro Brunch, a fund-raiser for the USF St. Petersburg campus.

Proceeds from the event, which will include campus tours and brunch dishes from Tampa Bay area celebrities and civic leaders, will go toward scholarships for USF St. Petersburg students. Dr. Ed and Martha Cole and J.C. and Carol Russell are event chairs.

Volunteers are needed to assist as tour guides and brunch managers. Tour guides will lead small groups of guests on a walking tour, with strategic food stops along the way. Golf cart tours will be available for guests who need assistance.

Two brunch managers are needed for each of five locations: Snell House, KQRC, Bayboro Cafe, Harborside and the Poynter Library courtyard. Managers will direct food servers and coordinate with chefs.

Campus club members are encouraged to sign up as food service hosts. Wear your “personalized” departmental or student club attire. Hosts will help assemble food, organize and replenish the buffet table and welcome guests. Restaurant service will be provided at the Poynter location.

Set-up crews are also needed for Friday and Saturday. Clean-up crews are needed for Sunday. Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer should contact Sudsy Tschiderer at 813-553-1842, or visit her at the Snell House.

In case you are concerned about missing the Buc’s game, Tschiderer says televisions will be strategically placed so fans can stay informed.

Submitted information in writing to The Crow’s Nest, Campus Activities Center, Room 128.

Ethics Center

100 Fifth Ave. S., RSVP 813-259-3773. Free and open to the public.

Oct. 15, noon: "Galantyry: Civility or Sexual Harassment?" Lustine Hurges, Rho, an English professor, will discuss the costs of civility from the courtly behavior in the Renaissance period to the notion of polite behavior in current times, and ambiguous consequences.

Campus Activities Center

Second Ave. and 5th St. S., 553-1956

Oct. 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., OAC 152: Student Government Meeting.

Find out what goes on around USF St. Petersburg’s student political scene. Find out how your activities feel being appropriated, be a senator for your school.

Oct. 9, 7 p.m.: “How to Succeed in Getting the Job You Want,” Patrick Combe.

G Chen will share tips and strategies for evaluating or re-evaluating one’s career desires in life and how to turn these desires into profits. Those in need of mid-career corrections, as well as those about to enter the work force for the first time, can benefit from his advice.

Oct. 14, 8 to 8 p.m., Conference Rm.: Student Fee Committee Meeting.

Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting where the budget of the St. Petersburg campus athletic fee will be discussed. Are you in favor of having a selling team or supporting other university athletics? Let your voice be heard.

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Oct. 12, 9 p.m., "Prototype for a Universal Magnitude and Other Projects," Jan Halvorson. Architect Jan Halvorson will display his latest renderings of the magnitudes掖able and discuss ways this model preserves immensity and democracy.

Submittable information in writing to The Crow’s Nest, Campus Activities Center, Room 128.