By Mark A. Bierdan

It's a two weeks before the opening gavel of the 2004 Florida Legislative Session and already Senate President Jim King, R-Jacksonville, has seen crews and reporters line up in his waiting room. There are more in the "small conference room" and still more in his personal conference area. King stands amid the chaos of competing questions directing traffic and asking for monetary elements of long ago scheduled interviews. He's hoping to fit everyone in and still make a 4 p.m. flight to his retreat on the St. Johns River.

"We've got a few budget differences," King said about the Capitol's three competing budgets. "It's not in the total amount, but in how we spend it. And there will be a couple of emotional issues," he said alluding to parental notification for minors seeking abortions.

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Fred Flowers, left, and Doby Flowers

The centerpiece of the day's celebration was sculptor Sandy Proctor's "Integration" statue, unveiled on Woodboard Plaza in the shadow of the Oglesby Union. But the perspective gained over time that was shared by some of those first black students took centerstage as they recalled like in a country divided by color.

On the day Jim 30 were Fred Flowers and his sis- ter Doby Flowers, Tallahassee natives who played ground-breaking roles in FSU's integration.

"Symbolically, the statue shows us how far we have come, and gives us some hint of how far we must go," said Doby Flowers during her Heritage Day remarks. "We came here for a reason. We achieved, we contributed, and we helped make this university a great place.

"We cannot afford to stand on the laurels of our achievement, because we've got a long way to go," she said. "Admitting that we have a long way to go doesn't wipe out what we've done so far."

Doby earned a bachelor's degree in 1969 and a master's in 1973 from Florida State University.

"I am most appreciative to this university for the recognition and, yes, the embracing of integration, not as an appendage, but as an important, significant contribution of the heritage of the university," said Doby Flowers during her Heritage Day remarks. "We came here for a reason. We achieved, we contributed, and we helped make this university a great place.

"And in this process, Florida State University stands alone as a shining light, a beacon of diversity and multiculturalism. This is what the statues represent.""
By Kim MacQuinn

It first happened for Janet Matthews when she and her husband bought a 1969 historic home on the east side of Tallahassee. Suddenly being so close to history opened a whole new world for her. Suddenly she was full of questions, a food for her passion.

Though she’d focused on education for her bachelor’s degree at Bethune Cookman College and her master’s degree at Oakwood University, Janet Matthews used the interest—expanding her thinking. She turned toward history, learning all she could about her new home.

“She saw my first big step into history,” Matthews said. “I began to get involved, doing research about regional history, using the history files that are there.”

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She then wrote her newly acquired knowledge in the regional history on a book about her campus instead of an FSU history degree. "That made a big step into history,” Matthews said. “I became more involved, doing research about regional history, using the history files that are there.”

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Heritage Day guest speakers prepare to address the crowd assembled on Woodward Plaza Jan. 30. From left, Tallahassee Mayor John Marks, Fred Flowers, Doby Flowers, FSU Black Alumni Association President Keith Carr and retired FSU Associate Professor John Payne, who represented the family of Millie Connor. Behind them is the statue, which was unveiled moments later.

The statue depicts the thr ee students who first achieved academic, athletic and social integra- tion at the university. The sculpture, called “Integration,” was dedicated during the annual Heritage Day celebration on Jan. 30.

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Johnson is FSU’s first female law grad to lead Florida Bar

By Katya Strain

Kelli Johnson, 31, of Deland — The time consuming responsibilities of being president of The Florida Bar often cause attorneys to stop practicing. But Johnson has decided to keep her job.

“My new duties will take a lot of time away from the office,” she said. “But I decided to remain in my practice in the office as well.”

Johnson is following in the footsteps of the Bar’s two previous women presidents — Judge Patricia Soto, who served in 1993 and Edith Fogelman, who served in 1998. She is also the first woman to be a grand juror of the Florida Bar College of Lawyers, which is the highest honor conferred by the Bar. Johnson will assume the office of the president-elect of the Bar in 2004.

Johnson is an attorney and partner in the Tallahassee firm of Broad and Cawd, where she handles commercial litigation, class-action suits to employment and labor law. Before joining the firm, she served as a judicial administrative assistant in the Florida Attorney General’s office. Johnson worked in Tallahassee with James Nelson, the Florida Attorney General, and her work with him, along with her time in the Attorney General’s office, made her the perfect pick for the legal body.

“I am pleased to announce that Judge Patricia Johnson will be the first FSU alumna to take the helm of the Florida Bar,” said Florida Bar President Sam Wos. “I am sure that Judge Johnson and her colleagues will do a great job serving the Florida Bar.”

Johnson is married to Hal Johnson and has two children — Colby and Peeg. She is also the daughter of Fred and Carol Peel, who have been married for 30 years.

“I have been involved in Bar activities almost my whole career,” Johnson said. “I’ve served on the Bar’s Board of Governors and Executive Committee as well as on many other bars around the state. I am very happy to serve and I am very happy to be here.”

While Johnson has been involved in Bar activities, she has also been a good training process for her son, who is currently a law student at the University of Florida. Johnson’s son, James Nelson, is a first-year law student at the University of Florida and is currently working with his mother on some of the cases that she handles.

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Cliff Bligh victimized by Fletcher Christian? Absolutely, says author

By Dave Flores

Best-selling author Caroline Alexander did not set out to throw history on its ear while researching her latest book, but that’s exactly what she did. The Florida State grad uncovered a new version of one of literature’s greatest stories in her book, “The Bounty: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty.”

The mutiny, which occurred in 1789, was made famous by a 1935 film that depicted William Bligh as a loathsome villain who destroyed Bligh’s reputation in a short period of time. Bligh, a commander in the British Navy, actually a lieutenant at the time, was the victim of mutineer Fletcher Christian and a small group of men who took control of HMS Bounty, a ship that was on a mission to the South Sea. Bligh returned to England a hero and survived a 3,600-mile, 48-day voyage to safety. Bligh returned to England in 1789 and a tenant at the time, was the victim of mutineer Fletcher Christian and a small group of men who destroyed Bligh’s reputation in a short period of time. Bligh, a commander in the British Navy, actually a lieutenant at the time, was the victim of mutineer Fletcher Christian and a small group of men who took control of HMS Bounty, a ship that was on a mission to the South Sea. Bligh returned to England a hero and survived a 3,600-mile, 48-day voyage to safety. Bligh returned to England in 1789 and a tenant at the time, was the victim of mutineer Fletcher Christian and a small group of men who took control of HMS Bounty, a ship that was on a mission to the South Sea. Bligh returned to England a hero and survived a 3,600-mile, 48-day voyage to safety. Bligh returned to England in 1789.

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Alumni complex will boast unique welcome center, spacious grounds.

By Ragland Stern
Managing Editor

PSU alumni, students and friends soon will have a place to meet that is both historic and meaningful. The 13-year-old President's House and the new 20,000-square-foot Alumni complex will be the headquarters of the university’s Alumni Association.

Unlike its original quarters in the Longfellow Building and, more recently the University Center, the new Alumni Center will be composed of a complex of buildings and spaces.

Scheduled to be completed in June, the center will be the new Alumni Welcome Center. Previously the home of eight PSU presidents, the house, built in the original style, is being completely renovated.

The center will have reception areas downstairs and above to alumni archives upstairs. Perkins, who is a 2003 alumna, was the first to respond to the call for donations toward the project with a $315,000 gift.

Built in 1889 by William McMillen, the house originally stood at the corner of David and Saint Augustine streets where the Florida Supreme Court stands today. In 1988, the house was saved in half and moved to its present site, across from PSU’s main campus in what is now known as Alumni complex.

The first floor will house association staff, who now work in portables on the eastern part of the site. The second floor will have 40 person conference rooms, a catering kitchen and banquet room.

The project wouldn’t have been possible without the initiative and cooperation of many people, particularly D’Ambrose, Beverly Spencer and Jim McMillen.

“You don’t always have the option of choosing when you leave,” McMillen said. “But I feel that it was a privilege to work in the building. I had everything to do with building it, but it’s time for someone else to take over the vision of what we did.”

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If a picture is worth a thousand words, this one could one day help hundreds of thousands.

A head of science at PSI has gotten the first detailed look at the surface of the virus that causes AIDS, taking an important step toward the international effort to understand how the deadly virus works.

The images were recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. Researchers assisted the postdoctoral associate Ping Zhu, Biology Professor Kenneth Taylor, postdoctoral associate Jim Liu and researchers at the National Cancer Institute.

To provide the first comprehensive view of the HIV surface, the scientists took about 18 pictures of the virus at various angles by using a microscope with a flat mirror. Building on these images, they combined the images to make one complete 3-D picture of the virus.

President Wetherell and everyone involved at trying to develop an AIDS vaccine for nearly seven years.

He and Zhu were part of an international team that announced last June the discovery of the unique structure of a human antibody that attack HIV by attaching to the sugar coating on the virus to mask itself from other antibodies in the immune system.

That research suggests that a vaccine body known as 2G12 has a unique way of attaching to key proteins on HIV and neutralizing the virus. Most antibodies attach to these proteins, but HIV masks its proteins with a sugar coating, which essentially tricks the immune system because it identifies the sugar coating as the real target. But 2G12 antibody’s unique structure and expanded binding surface allows it to bind strongly to the virus’ carbohydrate coating.

That suggests researchers that a vaccine might be engineered to specifically target the region for attack, Zhu said.

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will any more or less than were my last faint falch of game. But the good news is that last time, in spite of the fact that I never saw it coming, things turned out very well indeed for the Seminoles.

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and death with dignity bills that had already been filed.

Last year, his first as Senate president, King faced a budget crisis like none of the Republican leaders who had preceded him. The House and the Senate were in a hot war over just about everything from reducing class sizes to capping judgments in medical malpractice cases. The bombs that each chamber was tossing were meant to scar.

King, with more legislative sessions under his belt than Gov. Jeb Bush and House Speaker Johnnie Byrd combined, knew that standing his ground, the middle ground, as he likes to say, would require more than his legendary low center of gravity.

With a new attitude and game plan, thanks in large part to King’s deft diplomacy, the Republican leadership emerged from the off-season united and committed to getting the job done on time this year and to get along at all costs.

That’s been good for FSU.

Before committee weeks had ended in February, King made sure that the $10 million needed to keep the Mag Lab in Tallahassee was in the budget and another $9 million in recurring revenue to establish, build and operate a new school of chiropractic medicine at FSU.

“I fully intend to create a school of chiropractic medicine at Florida State University,” King said. (Since this interview, the Legislature has passed and the governor has signed legislation designating the $9 million for the chiropractic school.)

The new school, which King has championed along with Sen. Dennis Jones, R-Seminole, a doctor of chiropractic medicine, will meet a rising need for alternative medical treatments and help generate more professional alumni to whom the university can look for private support.

“There are many people in this state who have been positively treated by chiropractors, number one,” King said. “Number two, you have an opportunity to get a professional alumni group, practicing doctors, that will build your alumni base.

Being the only chiropractic college at a public university – one is being discussed at the University of Texas – would be a boon to FSU’s fledging school because of a $30 million federal grant program set up specifically to fund alternative medicine. Being at a nationally respected university, King contended, will push FSU to the front of the line when grants are handed out.

A little more problematic for King has been netting the crucial $10 million to keep the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Florida. King thought he’d struck the deal during last year’s special session to fund the $310 million Scripps Research Center in West Palm Beach. At the last minute, the funding was nixed. Since then, King said Gov. Bush has committed several times to support the appropriation despite not including it in his own budget.

“I think you’d be hard pressed to turn your back on the need,” King said. “You’ve already got millions invested in this thing. Ten million gets you state-of-the-art current and keeps the infusion of new technology dollars and new research coming down here. If you don’t spend the $10 million, some other institution will go in there and grab it from FSU.”

Third on King’s list of top priorities for his alma mater is ensuring that the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program gets funded. The $6 million annual investment will help researchers expand the fight against cancer and other diseases. (This project was also approved in the legislation establishing the chiropractic school.)

“Both of my parents [for whom the program is named] died torturous cancer deaths,” King said.

From that experience, King developed a series of bills while in the state House regarding death with dignity, health care surrogates, and written and non-written declarations that then became model legislation for the rest of the country.

Eventually, King and Gov. Bush worked together to create a trust fund from the $13 billion tobacco settlement to fund a clearinghouse and distribution center for heart, lung, cancer, respiratory and Alzheimer’s disease research.

“All the research that’s going on out there will be shared with researchers everywhere. This will be a clearinghouse and shepherd of all the efforts to find cures and create better treatment modalities,” he said.

Indeed, an important and meaningful legacy the junior college-transfer from St. Petersburg will bestow upon FSU.