



Thomas Wright

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50,000 students and a fight song make him Music's Wright Man

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

If the history of FSU could be performed as a symphony, then

Tommie Wright would certainly represent many of its highest notes.

As FSU's longest-serving professor, no one could be more synonymous with FSU.

Since starting on Jan. 2, 1949, Wright has touched the lives of tens of thousands of FSU students who've enrolled in his music appreciation and music in Western civilization classes. He enrolled his 52,050th student this summer, in addition to having taught about 500 undergraduate and graduate piano students over his prolific and ongoing career.

As the man who composed the Fight Song in 1950, no one could be more quintessentially FSU.

Wright's contribution to the

pomp of college football is immeasurable, as a stadium full of the Seminole faithful jump to their feet — sometimes in maniacal celebration — when the FSU Fight Song is played after a touchdown. To them, surely it is the finest musical composition ever written.

Wright recalled that, on the first football Saturdays at Doak Campbell Stadium, the band would play the Notre Dame Victory March and On Wisconsin.

"I thought we ought to have our own music and fight song," said Wright, who had read a poem around that time that English graduate student Doug Alley wrote for the Flambeau, which began,

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Kerr's experience proves perfect for Florida Southern

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

FSU has alumni working all over Florida. But sometimes there is a convergence of graduates in a most unlikely place.

"We're in the heart of Gator country," said Anne Broughton Kerr, (M.S. '78, Ph.D. '89) who became the 17th president of Florida Southern College on June 1. Kerr was pleased to find other FSU alumni working as adminis-

trators at the United Methodist-affiliated college in Lakeland. It has a liberal arts core and is famous for having the most buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in one place.

Kerr came to Florida Southern from the University of Richmond where she was the vice president for institutional advancement. Before that, she was the vice president for advancement at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

She said she never dreamed of being a president of a college, but she is not intimidated by her new role.

"I love it," she said. "I think the breadth of my experience has prepared me well to have a keen interest in all facets of college operations. Everything I've done has led

up to what I consider to be a culminating experience."

Kerr majored in counseling and higher education administration while at FSU.

"I really appreciate my time at FSU," she said. "Dr. David Leslie was very helpful. He took an interest in me as a student and as a person. So often you hear that kind of attention doesn't happen at a state university, but it did. Dr. Rearden introduced me to adult development theory. That's when I became fascinated by that whole subject area. I think FSU is one of the best state universities in the nation."

Kerr went on to praise her new charge and discuss her plans for its future.

"We will work as a college (Continued on page 2)



Anne Kerr

New school year brings exciting opportunities for alumni

As fall semester opens, Florida State University is hopping with a record number of students, a vibrant faculty and new plans for excitement — academic, athletic, civic and social.

With a reach far beyond Tallahassee, FSU classes are opening across the state and around the world — from Panama City, Florida, to Panama City, Panama, where the campus recently welcomed a new rector, Carlos

Langoni.

FSU's presence in Sarasota is expanding. In addition to the Ringling Center for the Cultural Arts and the Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training, FSU now has established a new regional medical campus, under the direction of Bruce Berg, M.D. The Sarasota medical campus will join regional campuses in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee in training third and fourth year medical students.

And FSU students and faculty are in class around the world through one of the nation's most active International Programs.

Altogether, FSU has welcomed nearly 38,000 students, with incoming freshmen the most highly qualified in history, boasting a high school grade point average of 3.9.

FSU President T.K. Wetherell is enthusiastic about the school year ahead. "We've got new buildings, new projects, excellent students and

faculty, exciting research and loyal alumni to support our efforts. It's going to be a great year for FSU."

New Faces, Places

Construction is changing every corner of campus, with the new medical school building nearing completion on the site of the old Florida High. Montgomery Gym converted to glistening facilities for the Dance Department. Fraternities and sororities are moving into new

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Johnson — Buc’s star QB — chronicles his life for kids

By Peter B. Gallagher

At this year’s Tampa Bay Buccaneer training camp, in the typical muggy heat of a Florida summer, star quarterback Brad Johnson (B.S. ’92, physical education) is staring adversity right in the face. Three faces, actually.



Brad Johnson

One of the National Football League’s top rated quarterbacks in history, and a Super Bowl winner but two years ago, Johnson opened up pre-season workouts with three who are all after his job — that of Bucs starting quarterback: Jason Garrett, a veteran who was Troy Aikman’s backup in Dallas; Brian Griese, the veteran Denver Pro Bowler and son of Hall-of-Famer Bob; and rookie Chris Simms, a third round draft pick and son of New York Giant legend Phil.

“You can’t rest on past performances,” said Johnson, an FSU graduate who lives with wife Nikki

With Passion,” published recently by Postively For Kids. Filled with personal photographs, Johnson chronicles his life story from boyhood in Black Mountain, N.C., through his days as a basketball and football star at FSU, to his 13-year NFL experience (Minnesota, Washington, Tampa Bay), where his career passing and winning percentages are among the top in league history.

“I just wanted to write a simple book for kids about overriding obstacles. I’ve done that my whole life on the athletic field,” said Johnson, 35. “I wanted to write

Johnson said the book is written for 4th to 9th graders “and all my fans. It has a message for everyone, I guess. Setting small goals and never losing sight of the main goal is one of the themes. It talks about overcoming the downs, which I have had to deal with my whole career. Kids see someone who makes a million dollars and they may not understand what it took to get there. My first job was \$1 an hour. I had to pick up cigarette butts and rake leaves like any other kid. It’s all in the book.”



Johnson came to FSU in 1988 on a basketball scholarship and played two years before he realized he did not have what it would take to go to the next level.

“That hit me hard,” said the 6-foot, 5-inch, 226-pound Johnson. “I had played basketball every single day of my life from the second grade until sophomore in college.”

Joining Bobby Bowden’s football squad, Johnson came from nowhere to win the starting quarterback job his junior season; he was benched at mid-season for Casey Weldon, an eventual Heisman Trophy nominee in whose shadow Johnson played until after the 1991 season.

“I was a late bloomer in football,” he said. “I had to learn the game.”

Both FSU football teams Johnson played for wound up ranked 4th in the country, with wins in the Blockbuster and Cotton bowls.

“I met so many fine people here, so many fine educators. I was proud to have played for Coach Bowden. Tallahassee is a great town. It’s where I grew up as a person and where I chose to live. I’m a super FSU fan.”

Drafted 227th overall (14th QB taken) by the Minnesota Vikings in the 1992 NFL Draft, Johnson played back-up to Warren Moon and, later, Randall Cunningham. When he got a chance at Minnesota and, later, Washington, injuries plagued him. Tampa Bay picked him up as a free agent in 2001. The rest is history, as they say, with Johnson leading the once-lowly Bucs into NFL respectability by winning Super Bowl XXXVII.

In “Play With Passion,” Johnson tells a very personal and compelling story of the pain and the joy of athletics. It reveals his tremendous determination and drive to succeed — the fight in the dog — that the soft-spoken Johnson’s calm demeanor and polite exterior can belie.

“There is so much negativity coming out of sports these days. You see it on TV and in the video games. And kids are really affected by it. It used to be everyone got 15 minutes of fame. Now it’s down to one minute and see how fast you can bash somebody,” said Johnson, whose writings place a premium on camaraderie and sportsman-

ship. “It used to be everyone complimented the other team for a hard fought battle. Now it’s criticism. I never have, nor ever will, go that route.”

Besides his statistics on the field, Johnson has racked up an impressive record as a philanthropist. He maintains his own ticket program — “Brad’s Champion Readers” — at all home games and often visits schools (last April he rewarded 60 specially selected students at Southern Oak Elementary School (Largo, Fla.) with an ice cream social and lecture on the importance of reading).

He recently hosted the Brad Johnson Golf Tournament in Tallahassee, to raise money for Ronald McDonald House and joined several teammates in a visit to soldiers at McDill Air Force Base, after 9-11.

Johnson has long been involved with the SAMMY Awards (student athletes), Brad’s Buddies (Muscular Dystrophy Association), Children’s Miracle Network, Gillette Children’s Hospital, Toys for Tots and the United Way Hometown Huddle.

“I was blessed with a great set of parents. My mom is an assistant principal and my dad has been a coach. He’s put on summer camps for kids for over 30 years,” said Johnson, who was born in Marietta, Ga. “They have been there for me every step of the way.”

“I have been fortunate that the obstacles in my life have all been in athletics. I tell kids to never give up. You reach that wall, climb over it. You get down, you get yourself up. You hear about a lot of great athletes who have the raw skills. But only very, very few have what it takes to make a career in the NFL.”

Press reports about this pre-season’s Bucs quarterback competition are merely déjà vu for the 13-year veteran.

“It’s been the same every year. I don’t take any of that seriously,” Johnson laughed. “Like I tell kids, you can’t control others, you can’t control criticism. It is up to you, the individual, to control your own destiny.”

“There are actually only two people I have to please: (Buccaneers Coach) Jon Gruden and myself.

If Coach Gruden tells me, ‘Good game!’ then that is all I need.”

— Peter B. Gallagher is a freelance writer living in St. Petersburg. Brad Johnson’s book, “Play With Passion,” is on bookstore shelves nationally.

His Web site is www.bradjohnson14.com.

Luster named first black president of Jacksonville Bar

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

One alumnus of the FSU College of Law who is known particularly for his strong belief in the good that lawyers can do for their communities made history this past summer.

Reginald Luster (J.D. ’87) was sworn in as the first black president of the Jacksonville Bar Association. He has big plans for his one-year term that began June 10 — increase the association’s membership and educational opportunities for its members, and encourage its members to rededicate themselves to public service.

“I am both humbled and honored to serve in this capacity,” Luster said. “Obviously, I realize the historical significance and so do the members of the bar and the community. These are exciting and historical times for all of Jacksonville and, in particular, the Jacksonville Bar Association.

“I just hope when others look at my service as president, it will inspire young men and women who practice law to do the same. That is, to seek this position so that

they, too, can serve the bar and serve the community.”

After being sworn in as president, Luster’s steadfast belief in service to the community was evident in his speech to the assembled members of the bar.

“I reminded them about their oath of office and I actually read it. The oath makes it quite clear that we have that obligation. It says, ‘I will never reject from any consideration personal to myself the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.’”

He asked that the members of the Jacksonville Bar work with the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, volunteer some time, handle a pro bono case or do anything in order to fulfill that obligation.

In terms of his other goals as president — increasing membership and educational opportunities for members — his work ethic is apparent as he strives to build the Jacksonville Bar into a stronger, more responsive organization.

“The Jacksonville Bar Association currently has approximately 1,800 members. However, The Florida Bar reports that there are approximately 2,900 lawyers in the 4th Judicial Circuit, which includes

Clay, Duval and Nassau counties. Therefore, there are a large number of lawyers out there who I believe can benefit from membership.

“In addition to that, I plan to concentrate on providing what I consider to be comprehensive continuing legal education seminars for lawyers in this circuit. My plan is to ask those lawyers who’ve agreed to serve as section chairs — who I appoint — along with their section members to help put on a CLE seminar so that our members can get updated information and find out about certain law trends or important decisions that may have occurred, not only in Florida, but throughout the entire country.”

Luster, whose training allows him to offer an uncommonly broad practice of personal injury law, employment law and constitutional law, is a partner in the Jacksonville firm Luster and Davis P.A.

“I have a civil practice in both state and federal court,” he said. “When I initially began the practice of law, I worked as an associate and, eventually, a partner in an insurance defense law firm, where I developed my expertise in per-



Reginald Luster

sonal injury. Thereafter, I worked as an assistant United States attorney with the Department of Justice where I defended the federal government in both tort actions and employment discrimination actions. That is also how I got my exposure to constitutional issues.”

As a result of his service to the Justice Department, Luster was honored in 2000 with the Director’s Award for Superior Achievement in Furthering Equal Employment Opportunity, after serving a detail

with the executive office in Washington, D.C.

“I received assignments requiring me to travel throughout the country and conduct investigations into allegations of employment discrimination, on behalf of either U.S. attorneys or their management employees.”

Luster looks back on his days at the College of Law with fondness and praised its faculty and staff as doing an excellent job in preparing students to be lawyers.

The ‘other’ Warren Report gives show biz news

By Vida Volkert
Staff Writer

An informal newsletter that began 15 years ago has turned into a widely-circulated online bulletin that helps graduates of the FSU School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts make the right show biz connections to find production jobs around the globe.

The Warren Report, named after founder Meryl Warren, the Film School’s administrative coordinator, has more than 2,000 subscribers, including 600 graduates of the Film School.

In an industry that largely depends on good networking,

Warren is sure to include everything from job postings, film screenings and awards to alumni news and other features she considers important to her readers.

“This business is about who you know and who wants to work with you,” Warren said.

It’s a double-ended networking tool where every side benefits, according to Film School Dean Frank Patterson.

Allison Troxell, a visual effects producer and graduate from the school’s first class, used the report to hire another FSU alumna to help her with the “X-Men” movie. Troxell, who is currently in Canada working on the movie “Resident Evil 2,” said since graduation in

1993, she has worked on film locations as far away as Australia. The Warren Report is what she uses when she is away to stay informed of production happenings in the United States and in touch with other alumni scattered around the world.

“I treasure my Warren Report,” Troxell said.

Warren began working for FSU in 1964. In 1989, as one of the Film School’s first employees, she helped the fledgling school get off the ground and can easily recount the school’s initial struggles and its many triumphs. In addition, she knows where students went after graduation, what they are doing now and where to find them. Such

qualities, according to Patterson, make Warren perfect for the job.

“Everyone wants to write Meryl to let her know how their lives and careers are progressing,” said Los Angeles-based writer and director Greg Marcks (MFA 2000). “And we all get to benefit collectively from her sharing of that information. It’s really an invaluable service that only Meryl could pro-

vide.”

For an in-house newsletter that started as an accident, the report has gone much farther than Warren ever intended.

It started with a letter to her colleagues in the department of communication about a lost coffee mug. The letter also included gossip, humor, entertainment and other tidbits. She called it the Warren Report to mimic the 1964 report that was issued to sum up the investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. That Warren Report was named after Chief Justice Earl Warren, who led the invesigation.

The report moved with her to the Film School, eventually becoming its official online newsletter and main networking source for its alumni.

“The Warren Report is the single best way for us far-flung alumni to stay up to date on what’s happening with other alumni —not just careers, but marriages, births, new locales, you name it,” said FSU alumnus and screenwriter Matt Lopez (BFA ’93). “When that e-mail shows up in your inbox, it’s a little taste of Tallahassee.”

The report can be found at: www.fsu.edu/~film/warrenreport/warrenreport.html.



From left to right: Liz Rizzo, Meryl Warren, and Julie Anne Wight

Success finds Carr as head of NBA Player Development

By Dave Fiore

Kevin Carr has always made the most of his opportunities. And in June, the Florida State graduate and current director of Player Development for the National Basketball Association was honored for his accomplishments by The Network Journal, a New York-based magazine that focuses on African-American professionals and small business news. As one of its “40 under Forty,” Carr is among 40 individuals who have achieved “significant levels of success and made substantial contributions in their careers and their communities.”

“It is a great honor, and I will try to build on it. I will appreciate it for a long time,” said Carr, a native of the small town of Apopka, just outside Orlando. Although a very good student in high school, Carr probably would not have been an obvious choice to one day be honored in New York City as one of America’s brightest young leaders.

In fact, Carr’s inability to do well on college entrance exams limited his educational choices for college. But he turned down several scholarship offers from smaller schools to take a shot at his dream — attending FSU. That would depend largely on his performance at FSU’s six-week Summer Enrichment Program for minority student enrollment, now called the CARE program.

“I was one of 60 students that summer, most of whom were first-generation college students, who needed a chance to show that we could make it.”

A good indicator that Carr was serious about making it was the fact that he even decided to go at all.



From left, Jenise, Jordan and Kevin Carr

The program was scheduled for the same time as Carr’s senior-class trip to Hawaii — a trip for which he had been fund raising for two years. With the “encouragement” of his mom, he said he made the right choice.

“As a 17-year-old, that was a pretty big decision,” Carr said. “I had to decide whether to take the trip or start on the rest of my life. When I came back to FSU in the fall, I had the confidence I could do it.”

That confidence would prove to be well founded as Carr went on to earn undergraduate and master’s degrees from FSU while being active in several campus organizations, including the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Marching Chiefs. He also shared the entire experience with his twin brother, Keith, who has also gone on to great success and is the current president of the national FSU Black Alumni Association.

“We were the first two to graduate in our family,” Carr said. “That

was significant for our family.”

The summer program did more than give Carr a chance, it shaped his career and gave him a passion for helping young people get a solid foundation in their adult life.

“The program was great. The counselors would tell it like it is, and the next summer I wanted to be a counselor to give back to the program,” he said.

By his senior year, Carr was a program coordinator and, as a grad student, he was working mainly with athletes, including football stars Warrick Dunn, Derrick Brooks and Corey Fuller.

After graduating in 1993 with his MPA in human resource development, Carr was hired by FSU as an academic adviser. That year, FSU won its first national championship in football. In 1996, the university received a national award for being one of the top academic support programs in the nation. After a short stint in Orlando to be near his mother, who was recovering from

surgery, he helped build a nationally recognized life skills program at Michigan State University. That year, MSU won a national championship in basketball, and in 2000 it was honored as the best life skills program in the nation.

“I have always been able to do to meet my goals ahead of time,” Carr said. “I have a plan, set goals and deadlines and then achieve them.”

When a friend went to work for the fledgling Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA), she called Carr and told him about an opportunity in a new NBA venture called the National Basketball Development League (NBDL).

“It was a job designed for me,” Carr said. “I moved to New York in the fall of 2001 to oversee player development for the NBDL.”

Carr says his job is to help players be well-rounded on and off the court — to enhance players’ abilities to be better players and people. He offers life skills, counseling, education options and transition skills that help these young men while they are playing and prepare them for life after their basketball days are over.

Carr said the recent influx of high-school students in the league means those players have more catching up to do.

“There are still not a tremendous number of high-school players, but we prefer educated players in the league, because it is better for everyone long-term,” he said. Regardless, he says, his mission remains the same. “The minute they get in the league, we are preparing them for the day they leave the league.”

While his counseling time at FSU prepared him well for his career, it is not the most valuable

thing he took from FSU. Carr met his wife, Jenise, also a summer counselor, in Tallahassee. The couple has been married seven years, and they have a son with another child on the way.

“What I’ve been able to do is because of her,” Carr said. “We have done it together.”

Carr says he would like to earn his doctorate and return to a college campus to teach and write books and training programs — someday even being a university administrator.

“They are big goals,” he said, “but if you can dream it, you can do it.”

He says that when he looks back on his life so far, he still has a hard time believing what has been accomplished.

“When I went back to Apopka when I was in college, people told me I wasn’t smart enough to make it. They didn’t even believe I was there — I had to show them my ID card.

“Now, sometimes when I walk down 5th Avenue and look around, I get emotional. I can’t believe I’m here — a guy like me. I had a very humble beginning, and here I am in New York doing work that other people would die to do.”

Carr says his time at FSU taught him an important lesson about making a difference.

“It amazes people that because of what I did as a counselor with the athletes was so valued that I got national championship rings. It shows that you don’t have to play football to be part of the team and get recognized.

I like to share that with young people — that you can be part of the effort and success will come to you.”

grand opening of the newly designed Don Veller Seminole Golf Course.

This year’s Home Opener Golf Classic players will be among the first to play the totally new 18-hole layout, with its true-rolling TifEagle greens, sporty new hazards and lush, rolling fairways. This scramble-format golf outing is scheduled to allow golfers to enjoy a full breakfast, 18 holes of golf, a reception featuring the presentation of some unique gifts and great prizes, and still have plenty of time to attend traditional football pre-game events.

For more information, go to www.fsu.com or call Sheena Patel, 850-644-2298.

Steffey’s Air Force command makes him the leader of the band

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

The soldiers under Capt. Chad Steffey’s command serve with the same dedication and discipline as any others in the U.S. Air Force. Only, he doesn’t command a fighter squadron. Steffey commands the famous Band of the Air Force Reserve, based at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

“All the members of the band are full-time, active duty ambassadors for the citizen airmen,” Steffey said. “We travel all over the world entertaining reservists and telling the story of the Air Force Reserve.”

The band, a squadron of 63 musicians, performs more than 500 times a year in its various forms. It is a full-time occupation for its members, who travel more than 100,000 miles per year around the world. Its musicians are enlisted Air Force personnel. The conductors of the band program are commissioned officers. Now Steffey has served as both.

“It’s my first time as commander,” he said. “It’s a very special thing in the military to be a commander, because you move beyond your technical responsibilities, which in my case is a musician. You become responsible for the success of the unit’s mission and



Capt. Chad Steffey

the daily lives of the people you work with.

“We’re not usually a single performing unit,” Steffey said. “Among our members, we have a concert band, a jazz ensemble, a Celtic band, a Dixieland group, a brass quintet, a woodwind quintet, a rock band, and a marching band. About twice a year, we perform as a single group.”

Steffey has been singing, learning and enjoying music for as long as he can remember. He grew up in Ponca City, Okla., singing in his church choir, playing violin and drums.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in music performance from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and then earned his Master of Music degree in percussion at FSU in 1993.

At FSU, Steffey studied classical percussion and performed in the symphony orchestra and in the opera orchestra, mostly playing tympani drums. He also studied conducting.

Steffey is quick to acknowledge his education at FSU was enhanced by the faculty who he grew fond of.

“Gary Werdesheim was great to study one on one with,” Steffey

said. “He retired a year ago and we still keep in touch. I got to play the great masterworks under Dr. Phillip Spurgeon and Dr. James Croft, who both just retired. I found the music program at Florida State to be thriving. And I was encouraged to know that the placement rate was above 95 percent for the people that graduated.”

“I’m delighted to hear the success that Chad is having in his life and work,” said Spurgeon, retired FSU conductor of orchestras and professor of conducting. “I remember him as being a fine student.”

Steffey would like to suggest a possible career for FSU music graduates.

“We currently have openings in our officer corps for the band program,” Steffey said. “I would encourage any promising young Florida State University conductors to come talk to us.”

Steffey’s enthusiasm for such service is unmistakably genuine — he would have taken his own advice. In his second year at FSU, Steffey auditioned for the Air Force Band Program and was accepted. His first assignment was a percussion opening with the Air Mobility Command Band at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. In 1997, he successfully auditioned as an Air Force band officer and conductor, and

then earned his commission from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

One of his favorite assignments prior to his current command was being the flight commander with the U.S. Air Force Band out of Bolling Air Force Base, in the District of Columbia.

“I was very fortunate to be selected as the 13th conductor of the Singing Sergeants,” Steffey said. “I got to conduct them at the White House, at the U.S. Senate and at the National Cathedral. We performed the national anthem one year at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The Singing Sergeants are one of a kind. It’s the only chorus in the Air Force and it’s one of only half-a-dozen full time paid choruses in the United States.”

But Steffey is very happy with his new position.

“One of the joys of being a band commander is that you can hone your craft while continuing to command,” Steffey said. “The personal award for me is I get to conduct a professional music ensemble.”

The Band of the Air Force Reserve is scheduled to travel to bases in Europe and with the rock band Blues Traveler, in December.

Steffey and his wife Linda Moody Steffey live in Warner Robins, Ga., with their children, Tyler and Cara Grace.

Irrepressible Ayrault wins prestigious psychology award

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

After a career of helping others, this Florida State College for Women alumna still has what it takes.

Evelyn Ayrault (B.S. ’45) has won the 2004 Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Science and Profession of Psychology, given by the Pennsylvania Psychological Association for her extensive contributions and leadership within the discipline.

At 82, Ayrault’s achievement is notable, to be sure. More to the point, however, is that she has had such a productive career while living with cerebral palsy. She often identifies herself as “a psychologist who happens to be disabled.”

When she learned that she was to be honored with the award, Ayrault said she initially didn’t believe she had been chosen above the association’s 6,800 members.

Ayrault is both a certified school psychologist and a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania, specializing in clinical childhood development. She also has main-

tained a private practice treating children and adults with varying disabilities, as well as physically normal patients.

In her career, Ayrault has worked as the chief psychologist and assistant principal of the Crippled Children’s School in Jamestown, N.D., an instructor in the Department of Medicine and Physical Therapy of the Medical College of Virginia, the director of Psychological Services for the United Cerebral Palsy Association in Miami and a psychologist and teacher in the special education department in the Sharon (Pa.) Public School District. She also has offered workshops and lectured extensively on a national basis.

Originally, her family wanted her to enter medical school. However, research into such a move proved it would be vocationally impractical. Due to excellent counseling by professors at FSCW, it was recommended that she become a psychologist.

And so she enrolled in courses in the psychology department at FSCW, and spent one summer in New York City at Columbia University in its psychology

department. Two years later, she had earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from FSCW. She remembers her days in Tallahassee as some of the happiest in her life.

In the fall of 1945, Ayrault entered the graduate school of the University of Chicago, where she studied under Carl R. Rogers, Ph.D. Two years later, she graduated with a degree in clinical psychology.

“FSCW, and now FSU, should know they added so much to my life as a disabled person. If any people were to make a lady out of me, FSCW did. As a result, it has all paid off. I grew up to be a normal woman who just happens to be within a physically abnormal body.”

One of Ayrault’s classmates from her days living in Bryan Hall was Oberley Andrews Brown (B.S. ’44). Brown, who has kept in touch with her over the years, remembers Ayrault as someone with an irrepressible spirit and strong work ethic.

“She could ride horseback,” Brown said. “When she graduated, the first book she wrote was called ‘Take One Step.’ And she wrote it

with one finger on the typewriter. This was before the time of computers, and Lynn is just in hog heaven now that computers have come into being.”

With five books written, Ayrault is working on two more, Brown said.

Ayrault had hoped to pursue a doctorate after earning her master’s degree in psychology and human development from the University of Chicago. However, she was denied entrance to the program because professional training was considered beyond her capabilities and should be reserved for someone with more potential for achievement.

Fortunately, that underestimation of her capabilities lit a fire of determination within her. Regardless, she became determined to help other people, disabled or not.

As a practicing psychologist, Ayrault said she was never discriminated against by colleagues. She

was paid every respect that any of her colleagues received from such disciplines as medicine, law and other para-professional fields.

Ayrault’s professional affiliations include Psi Chi, the national psychological honorary fraternity, and the American Psychological Association.



Evelyn Ayrault

New buildings and new sculpture adorn our campus

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homes, Dick Howser Stadium has been renovated, and the Alumni Association is now housed in the Pearl Tyner Welcome Center and Alumni Hall complex on the site of the old president’s house.

In addition to new buildings, new sculpture is adorning the Tallahassee campus, and a larger-than-life-size bronze statue of Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden by Tallahassee sculptor W. Stanley Proctor will be unveiled in front of the new Moore Athletic Center the eve of the Clemson game, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

The university is eagerly awaiting the November release of Creative Writing Professor Mark



Winegardner’s “The Godfather Returns,” a sequel to Mario Puzo’s “Godfather” novels. And campus get-out-the-vote campaigns are gearing up to get students to the polls in November.

Preserving the FSU legacy

With new structures rising and the face of campus changing, preservation of FSU’s legacy has become paramount. That focus has led to creation of the Legacy Walk, a strolling lesson in university history.

The walk will be marked with banners, statues, busts, historic markers, commemorative benches, plaques and pavers, all

inscribed with names and histories of the who’s who of FSU. An official opening ceremony will be held at noon Oct. 1 at Westcott Plaza in conjunction with Parents’ Weekend.

For information about the inauguration of Legacy Walk, contact Donna McHugh, 850-644-3568.

Starting New Traditions

As the Alumni Association welcomes Barry Adams as its new president and moves into new facilities, the association is establishing a new benefit event — an annual golf classic in conjunction with the first FSU home football game. Set for September 18 (FSU vs. UAB) the event, which is limited to 128 players, gives golfers the chance to enjoy a very special round of golf at the

Ragan finds animals’ humanity at her Center for Great Apes

By **Vida Volkert**
Staff Writer

An easy way to differentiate monkeys from apes is to look for a tail, says FSU alumna Patti Ragan, the director of the Center for Great Apes.

“Apes don’t have tails,” she said. In fact, apes, which include gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans and bonobos, are much more like human beings than are monkeys or lower primates, and they are some of the most intelligent creatures on the planet. They rank at the top of the kingdom, after humans.

“They have done cognition studies on nine chimpanzees at Ohio State University,” Ragan said. “The chimps multiply, work on fractions, not with paper and pencil, but with objects like a kindergarten child. They are just like humans, very intelligent and very affectionate.”

Ragan, who earned a Bachelor of Science in education from FSU in 1972, has devoted more than 20 years to helping displaced, abandoned or abused chimps and orangutans have a decent life in captivity. With the help and funding of other animal lovers in the United States, she created the Center for Great Apes. It is an exotic 50-acre jungle in the middle of Florida’s vast cattle pastures and agricultural fields. There, 14 apes cohabitate in harmony, roaming between their domed enclosures — about 30 feet high and 50 feet long — across long elevated bridges in a tropical forest setting.

“We are trying to provide them with lots of toys and activities, because you want to challenge them, don’t let them sit there and rock, because that’s what happens to a dysfunctional animal,” she said.

While some of the apes at Ragan’s center were born in captivity, others were brought to the United States from Africa and South



Patti Ragan

Asia, when they were a few months old and were later sold to a circus or as pets.

Among the center’s residents are Mari and Knuckles.

Mari, an armless orangutan, was born at a biomedical lab where her mother, who was being used for scientific research, bit off Mari’s arms in a nervous fit. Mari has learned to work with her feet and knows words in American sign language. She can put some thoughts together such as “Mari love apple.”

“That’s an incredible thing,” Ragan said. “Dogs can’t do that.”

Knuckles is a 4-year-old chimpanzee with cerebral palsy. He was 2 years old when he arrived at the center from California, where he was supposed to work in show business. Ragan said when Knuckles arrived he could not climb, was afraid of going up and down steps and could not feed himself. With the help of therapists and volunteers,

including the support of his fellow chimps who seem to understand his condition and treat him with special care, Knuckles has learned to do all these things and more.

Other chimps and orangutans who live at the center got there because their previous owners could not handle them anymore.

Denyise, for instance, is a 35-year-old chimp who grew too large and strong to be handled by her “human parents”.

She lived with them until her “human mother” died a couple of years ago. Her “father,” a man in his 80s, kept her in a small



Knuckles

backyard cage, and fed her a diet that included marshmallows and beer.

Radcliff, a 24-year-old orangutan, was born in a zoo in Ohio and then sold to a circus trainer when he was 5 years old. At the circus, they neutered him so that he would not grow too big — male orangutans in captivity may reach 300 pounds.

“Now, he looks at a female terrified like he doesn’t know what to do,” Ragan said. “It’s a very sad thing because they have just had all their natural abilities taken from them by humans.”

None of these apes can go back to the wild, and they can’t be taken by a zoo, Ragan

said. “We try to provide a sanctuary setting where they can live with their own species. That’s what we go for. That’s the ultimate.”

There are 10 legitimate ape sanctuaries in the U.S. that are not roadside zoos, and Ragan’s is the only one that is dedicated to orangutans as well, she said.

“I’m not a primatologist, was not a zoologist nor was I trained as an animal scientist. I just was at the right place at the right time.”

Ragan volunteered to work for Earthwatch helping a primatologist on the South China Sea island of Borneo, 20 years ago. The experience taught her to appreciate wild orangutans and, once back in Florida, she began helping raise orphan orangutans at an animal attraction.

“I never knew what was going on in captivity so much. I knew about the wild problems, but through that volunteer work I did at an animal facility in South Florida, I realized there is a whole area of use of great apes that really is not appropriate for captivity.”

After Ragan graduated from FSU, she worked for the Miccosukee Indian Tribe as a teacher. Working with children in an environment like the Everglades gave her an appreciation for nature.

“All of that led me to this,” she said. “I do a lot of outreach to schools and speak to public groups all the time. We have an education program for children. The center is mainly a sanctuary to educate the public about the needs of these animals, which is part of our mission statement. Having had that educational training at Florida State certainly has helped expand the scope of this project.”

To learn more, visit: <http://www.prime-apes.org/index.html>.

New books by FSU graduates and faculty



The Cult of Isis in the Roman Empire: Isis Invicta
by **Malcolm Drew Donalson** (B.A. ’74, M.A. ’85, Ph.D. ’91)
The Edwin Mellen Press

The first half examines the chief characteristics of the Isis cult — the goddess and her mythology, variegated attributes, appeal, initiation and cultic practices, priests and priestesses, and calendrical observances. The second is a historical survey of the cult’s progress and setbacks from its introduction into Italy though the reign of Commodus in the late second century C.E.

The Findhorn Book of Building Trust in Groups
by **David Earl Platts**



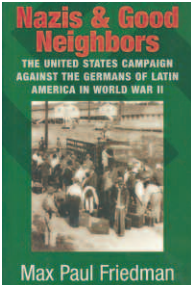
(Ph.D. ’68)
Findhorn Press

Is your group functioning at its optimum level? This book focuses on helping groups to become more cooperative, cohesive and effective in whatever their purpose or responsibility.

Meet Me...Don’t Delete Me!
by **Bev Bacon** (B.S. ’82)
Slapstick Publications

“Meet Me ... Don’t Delete Me!” explores and gives advise about internet dating, from how to post an ad and what photos to use, to what to say when responding and when and where to meet your date.

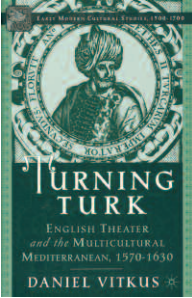
Nazis and Good Neighbors: The United States Campaign against the Germans of Latin America in World



War II by Max Paul Friedman, Ph.D. (FSU Visiting Assistant Professor of History)
Cambridge University Press

Based on research in seven different countries, this international history uncovers an American security program in which Washington reached into 15 Latin American countries to seize more than 4,000 German expatriates and intern them in the Texas desert. It examines the evolution of governmental policy, its effect on individuals and emigrant communities, and the ideological assumptions that blinded officials in Washington and Berlin to Latin American realities.

Printer Lady
by **Frances T. Greiff** (B.A. ’46)
Austin Printing Co.



“Printer Lady” is a fact-based novel about Sarah Hillhouse, the first woman newspaper editor in Georgia. It touches on slavery, the land lottery and early newspapers.

Turning Turk: English Theater and the Multicultural Mediterranean, 1570-1630

by **Daniel Vitkus** (FSU Associate Professor of English)
Palgrave Macmillan

Vitkus’ book looks at contact between the English and other cultures in the early modern Mediterranean, and analyzes the representation of that experience on the London stage.



From soldier to public servant, Elliott has built distinguished career

By **Kim MacQueen**

On the 60th anniversary of D-Day this summer, French President Jacques Chirac honored WWII veterans who’d stormed the beach at Normandy to liberate Nazi-occupied France. You might have seen the coverage of this emotional moment: it was a rousing success, with uplifting addresses from presidents Bush and Chirac, and the French Legion of Honor pinned on the chests of 100 veterans as their family members looked on.

The idea was to identify and reunite a representative 100 American war vets culled from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard service during World War II. They were brought to Europe in June for a five-day whirlwind tour of receptions and honorific events, culminating in decoration with France’s highest military honor. The task of pulling the whole thing together, with a scant six months lead time, fell to Florida State alumnus Robert Elliott (B.A. ’57).

Elliott consulted the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, obtained military separation papers and conducted phone interviews with each veteran, and coordinated everything from the Air France flights to the color-coded tour buses. Yet he resists taking credit, and calls the reunion project a rewarding experience.

“These people are war heroes, and they were most gratified to be selected for such a

high honor,” Elliott said. He paused, then laughed: “And we didn’t lose anybody. So that was good.”

As the liaison officer for policy, planning and preparedness for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, Elliott was the natural go-to guy for the reunion project. It’s the latest in a long line of exemplary accomplishments in his nearly 50 years of service for the U.S. government that began when he graduated from Florida State in the late 1950s and “raised his right hand” a month later.

The only child of a WWI and II veteran father and Red Cross volunteer mother, Elliott said he always knew he wanted to help people, to concentrate on service rather than combat or intelligence. He credits his time at Florida State, where he majored in physical education and played varsity football, with showing him how to think in service to the whole team.

“I was a pretty good athlete and very enamored with Florida State and Tallahassee — I still am — but I was a walk-on. I had to try out for the football team. If you’re a walk-on, you might as well be a battering ram. You’re a tackle dummy,” Elliott laughed. “That was a real eye-opener. But I loved it. It was a wonderful time.”

Elliott enlisted in the Army, where he spent the next 35 years, only 20 of them state-side. The rest were spent on tours all over the



Robert Elliott

world. He’s been on assignments in France, Germany, Vietnam and Paraguay, to name just a few. Elliott’s time in the Army was spent mostly as a medical adviser, a sort of consultant deployed during a time of war to assess local conditions and pull together resources to provide help where it was needed most.

“I was usually in the hot zones,” said Elliott, noting a particularly challenging assignment near the Mekong River in South

Bell is first FSU law grad on Florida Supreme Court



Kenneth B. Bell

By **Vida Volkert**
Staff Writer

Kenneth B. Bell is the first graduate of the FSU College of Law to become a justice on the Florida Supreme Court.

“It was an incredible honor to be selected by Gov. Bush,” Bell said.

Bell, 48, was a Pensacola trial judge for 12 years before his appointment in late December to Florida’s high court. He was sworn in on Jan. 7.

Described as a man of very strong religious beliefs by acquaintances and former coworkers, Bell’s general judicial philosophy is conservative. He strongly believes in judicial restraint, which holds that the courts

should obstruct on the powers of the legislative and executive branches only as a last resort.

“I don’t believe in activism of the court, either from the left or the right,” he said.

As a Florida Supreme Court justice, Bell spends a great deal of time dealing with death penalty cases.

“Not an easy job,” he said, adding that “in my faith is where I find my strength to deal with these cases.”

As a trial judge in the 1st Judicial Circuit, Bell has handled more than 27,500 cases, including the nation’s first manslaughter conviction of a doctor in an Oxycontin case. Bell sentenced 55-year-old physician James Graves to 63 years in prison in the deaths of four patients who overdosed on the painkiller.

In addition to years dealing with criminal cases in the Panhandle, Bell is the only justice on the court with prior experience as a trial judge, which he considers his strength.

He learned from Charles W. Ehrhardt, a highly respected scholar in the field of evidence.

Ehrhardt, Ladd Professor of Evidence in the FSU College of Law, wrote the Florida Evidence Code (passed by the Florida Legislature), which regulates the admissibility of evidence during court trials. Ehrhardt has written many books on evidence and trial objections, which are frequently cited and relied upon by courts.

“He [Bell] was a bright student and a good trial judge. I consider him a friend,” Ehrhardt said. “The law school is proud of

having him as its first graduate in the Florida Supreme Court. His appointment adds to the reputation of the school.”

Bell earned his law degree from FSU’s College of Law in 1982.

“My best memories at Florida State are first, meeting my bride, second witnessing the early Bobby Bowden years, and of course, attending a great law school,” Bell said.

He has been married 21 years to FSU alumna Vicky Bell, who was a biology student when he met her on a campus laundry room.

They have four kids: Reed, 10, Stephanie, 12, Grace, 14 and Bradley, 18, a junior at FSU.

Upon graduation from law school, Bell returned to his native Pensacola, and started his own practice. He specialized in real estate and business law and became active in civic and international affairs.

He served as a member of the board of directors of Liberty Christian College, the Northeast Pensacola Sertoma Club and the Waterfront Rescue Mission. He also helped found the Chinese-Korean Technical University, the first private university in mainland China since the communist revolution, and served as a board member and president of Proclamation International, a small Pensacola charity which assisted Ugandans in rebuilding their nation.

Bell is one of the youngest justices on the Florida bench — only Raoul Cantero III, 44, is younger. Cantero also is an FSU alumnus who earned a B.A. in English and business at FSU in 1982.

Vietnam in 1963. “Things were just starting to heat up there. We were constantly ambushed. It was always so difficult to tell who was who, and we sometimes ended up treating members of the Viet Cong. We were really at their mercy.”

After numerous promotions and decorations, then retirement as full colonel in 1992, Elliott accepted a post with the Department of Veterans Affairs. He’s been there for 12 years, on different high-priority assignments, the latest being a concentration on disaster preparedness. He works closely with the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to share manpower and resources through local authorities for large gatherings, like the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and the Olympics.

Elliott credits his wife Emma’s enduring support with a huge measure of his success. They met when he went to language training in California in the early years of his military career.

Something else that helps, no doubt, is that Elliott never seems to stop working, always with an eye toward service to others. He’s been at it for 48 years.

“I imagine I’ll stop when I get to 50,” he said of retirement. “But then I’ll volunteer.”
— *Kim MacQueen, an FSU alumna, is a freelance writer based in western North Carolina.*



John Marks

Mayor John Marks addresses convention

Tallahassee mayor and FSU alumnus John Marks (B.S. ’69, J.D. ’72) addressed the delegates on the opening night of the Democratic National Convention in Boston, July 26. As the mayor of the city where the 2000 presidential election recount played out, Marks’ speech was meant to galvanize Democratic Party unity.

Imaginative meteorology faculty apply their research to the real world

O'Brien uses climate studies to answer array of questions

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

There are two reasons that Florida citrus farmers can't sell all of their orange juice: the Atkins Diet and Jim O'Brien.

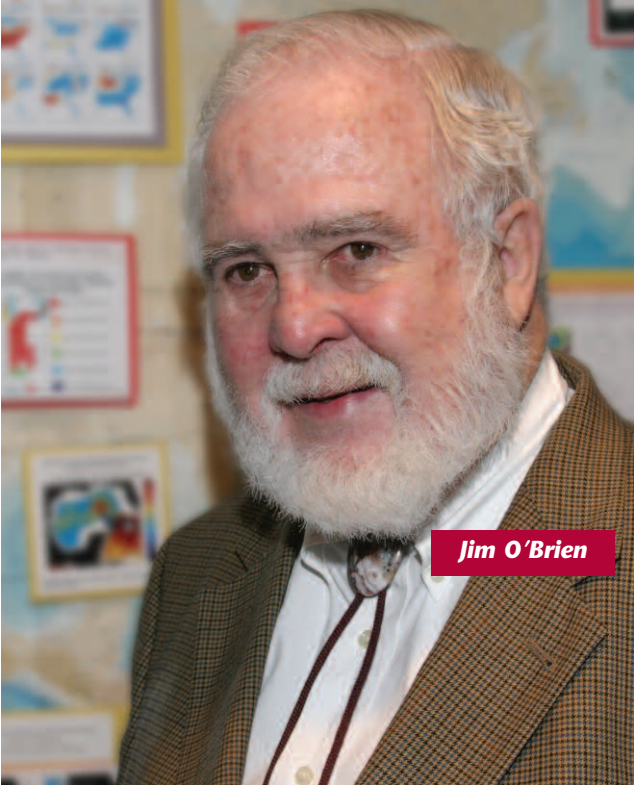
The first is obvious: a carb-conscious nation carried away by the latest diet fad. The second is the FSU meteorology professor known as "Dr. El Niño." He was the 1999-2000 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, the highest honor the FSU faculty bestows on one of its own. He is the State Climatologist for Florida and he directs the FSU Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies.

O'Brien helped citrus farmers get a better read on climate in a given year so they could mitigate their crop variability.

"About six or eight years ago, I met a young scientist, an orange crop specialist, who had some data that he had collected on the quality of orange crops," O'Brien said. "He knew that, in certain years, the crop quality goes down, but he didn't know why."

However, O'Brien knew. In looking at the data, he recognized that the off years for orange crops were La Niña years, when there is cooler-than-normal water along the equator in the Pacific near Ecuador and the Galapagos, which gives Florida a dry, full winter and spring.

"Most of the Florida oranges are picked before Christmas," he said. "Only grapefruits and valencias are picked later in the season. So, if you own a big orange crop, turning out the usual kind of oranges, you had a successful year and you start spending your earnings. Meanwhile, your trees are being starved each month of two to four inches of rain. And



Jim O'Brien

FSU Photo Lab/Michele Edmunds

so next year's crop doesn't turn out to be so good."

As a result of O'Brien solving this mystery for the state's big orange growers, they now use equipment to monitor soil moisture levels. But orange growers aren't the only farmers who benefit from his research.

A \$2.9 million U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, which was announced by U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd (D-FL) in late June, will allow O'Brien to help develop climate models and systems that will help reduce agricultural risks caused by climate variability — often caused by El Niño / La Niña — for farmers in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Through the Southeast Climate Consortium (SECC), comprised of FSU, the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of Georgia, Auburn University,

and University of Alabama-Huntsville, O'Brien and its other researchers will be able to provide various applications of climate models to better prepare farmers to make decisions on their planting and the weather.

"We are currently preparing extensive Web sites where a farmer can log in and ask questions about his location and whether it is going to be good for a particular crop," O'Brien said. "That's very exciting."

In talking to O'Brien, it becomes clear that El Niño — warmer than normal water along the equator in the Pacific near Ecuador and the Galapagos — and its opposite, La Niña, affect many things. Chief among them is arguably hurricane season.

"Here at COAPS, we don't do weather, we do climate. Our research on hurricanes is centered on understanding how climate variability, particularly in the oceans, affects hurri-

canes' landfall on the U.S. east coast," he said. "Our original studies showed that El Niño suppresses Atlantic hurricanes, and La Niña, makes for bumper years for the number of hurricanes that hit the United States."

Recently, O'Brien has discovered that the only time in the past 100 years that more than one hurricane hit the east coast from Georgia to Maine was during a La Niña year.

"I was really surprised that this hadn't been picked up by other people," he said. "On the other hand, the bad news is that from Florida over to Brownsville, Texas, it turns out that neutral years can be as bad as La Niña years in terms of the number of hurricanes coming onshore."

About 10 years ago, O'Brien discovered, quite by accident, something else linked to El Niño/La Niña. The state's wildfire manager

asked him if the number of acres burned by wildfires in Florida each year had a correlation to any sort of weather phenomenon. As O'Brien looked at the data provided by the wildfire manager, he realized the wildfire rates were almost a duplicate of El Niño/La Niña years.

"The winter rain during El Niño suppressed fires about 20 percent, but when La Niña comes, fires go above normal as much as 100 to 300 percent," he said.

Beginning in January, COAPS will provide wildfire threat forecasts, by county, during every month of Florida's wildfire season, which is January to July. The forecasts also will extend to southern Georgia and southern Alabama, where the El Niño/La Niña impacts are the same.

O'Brien did not start his career researching El Niño. His bread and butter research involved modeling the oceans. In the mid-70s, however, Klaus Wyrтки of the University of Hawaii wrote a paper describing his ideas about how El Niño works, and asked O'Brien to help him test the idea.

"We tried it out in a simple model and it worked. The idea was that the winds change way over by Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. This change sends a disturbance through the water, which travels east at about 250 miles a day, hits the coast of South America, deepens the warm water sphere and the water heats up because the winds can't stir the heat down in that location."

In landmark research that spurred many people to look at the Pacific Ocean more carefully, O'Brien hired 13 undergraduate students one summer to make weather maps of monthly winds using data from buoys and ships in the Pacific from 30 north to 30 south over a 20-year period. O'Brien ran a simple model of the tropical Pacific with the wind data and demonstrated that he could reproduce the amplitude, timing and strength of all the El Niños for that 20 year span.

New faculty bring fresh ideas and expertise

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

At the FSU department of meteorology, the forecast is bright and promising as a front of recently hired faculty members have moved into the Love Building, bringing a high of energy and expertise to the internationally respected program.

"We've made some great additions to the department," said Robert Ellingson, chairman and professor of the department of meteorology. "We wanted to maintain our strength in the area of tropical meteorology and beef up dynamics where we've had some retirees. I'm very happy with our new professors and they will be an asset to the department."



Fei Fei Jin

Photos this page /Bayard Stern

Growing up in the countryside near Shanghai, China, Fei Fei Jin saw farmers in his village struggle against unpredictable weather.

"I was interested in the weather because I saw the plight and misery of farmers," said Jin, who is a new professor in FSU's department of meteorology. "Now I work on more of a global scale, but maybe someday I can figure out a way to help them."

Jin said he was the first member of his family to go to college, but he achieved another distinction. Jin was the first person in China to graduate with a doctorate in meteorology in 1985 from the Chinese Academy of Science. He was 24 at the time.

"I think most meteorologists in China know my name," Jin said.

Jin went on to England and did his post-doctoral work at the University of Reading with Brian Hoskins, who is regarded as one of the world's best meteorologists.

After he left England, Jin started his research on El Niño while working at UCLA. He then moved to Hawaii where he taught at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for 11 years.

"Hawaii has wonderful weather, better than Tallahassee," Jin laughed. "But it's in the middle of the Pacific ocean. Academically, FSU sounded very appealing."

The FSU department of meteorology appealed to Jin because El Niño gets a lot of attention here. Renowned Professor Jim O'Brien is a international leader in the study of El Niño.

"I have been working with El Niño since the early '90s," Jin said. "My research focuses on understanding why El Niño comes every few years and how it is generated. And perhaps it

may be changing in the future and perhaps how we may better predict it."

Jin's research is directed toward understanding dynamics of large-scale atmospheric and oceanic circulations, large-scale ocean-atmospheric interactions in the tropics and middle latitudes, and dynamics of the climate system. Particular research interests include the theoretic and modeling studies of the low-frequency modes of the climate system.

"Dr. O'Brien and I are in the same field and we've been in contact for a few years," Jin said. "He alerted me about the position so I am happy to be here. This is a wonderful department with a strong history. Dr. O'Brien does a lot of research on how El Nino can influence America's climate and weather. This affects farmers and a lot of things like that. Hopefully in the future we can team up. I'm more theoretical but I plan to get into prediction."



Paul Reasor

Assistant Professor Paul Reasor's research interests include vortex dynamics on all atmospheric scales, with a current emphasis on hurricanes and mid-latitude mesoscale convective vortices (MCVs). Also research involving the use of idealized and "full physics" numerical simulations to understand adverse environmental flows on the robustness of such vortices.

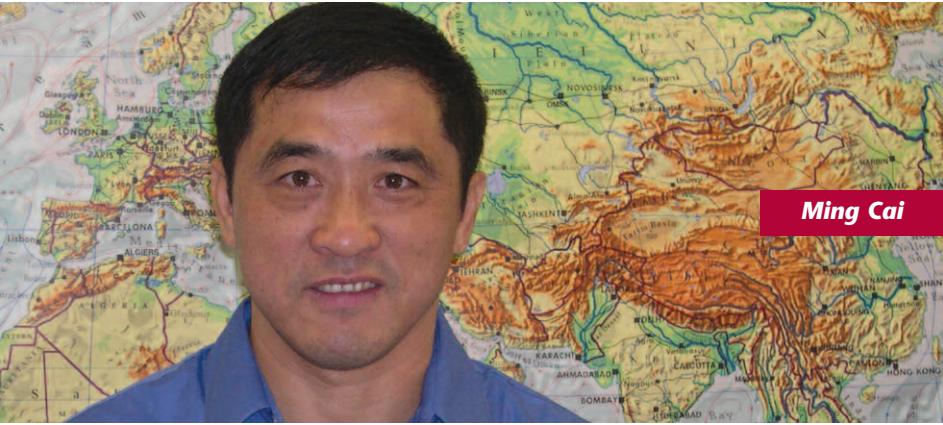
Reasor earned his doctorate from Colorado State University in 2000.



Robert Hart

Assistant Professor Robert Hart's research interests include cyclone genesis and development. He also researches hybrid cyclone structure, cyclone structural transition and predictability, synoptic meteorology, statistical and numerical weather prediction, forecasting using statistical and analog methods, ensemble forecasting and visualization techniques.

Hart earned his doctorate from Pennsylvania State University in 2001.



Ming Cai

Associate Professor Ming Cai conducts research in the linear/nonlinear dynamics of large-scale atmospheric motion and short-time climate variability, among other things.

Cai earned his doctorate from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1990.

Software will bolster hurricane preparedness

By Vida Volkert
Staff Writer

When huge tropical storms form in the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea or west of the international dateline in the Pacific Ocean, they are known as hurricanes — a Carib Indian word meaning big wind.

Only about six in 100 grow into full-force hurricanes, and two may strike the United States every year. The good news is that science can now predict hurricanes. With the technology and research collaboration between FSU and the University of West Indies, the U.S. Southern Command's Humanitarian Assistance Program and emergency managers in three Caribbean nations will soon have additional tools to forecast these storm systems before they hit land, according to Bob Ellingson, chair of

the FSU department of meteorology.

"Our department has the reputation for having the best hurricane forecast model," Ellingson said.

This model, known as the Super Ensemble, was developed by FSU Professor Tiruvalam N. Krishnamurti, an international expert in the computer modeling of tropical meteorology and numerical weather prediction.

The Super Ensemble takes information from other models and uses the information to produce the best estimate forecast for the track and intensity of a tropical storm. It has been around since 1999, and is currently used by the National Weather Center.

When Isabel, a category 5 hurricane went up the east coast of the United States in the middle of last September, Krishnamurti's model proved effective.

"It did a really good job of following Isabel from the intensification stage to its decay, and I think it did remarkably well in forecasting its passing and intensity," Ellingson said.

The predictions are so accurate that the Super Ensemble is being used now to help other nations.

"We will be using it to give people in the Caribbean, and eventually Central and South America, information about the strength of hurricanes that may come near them, so that they can prepare. We are trying to develop very detailed models for their individual islands."

For this purpose, the FSU department of geography and the FSU Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center, working with the University of West Indies in Trinidad, are developing the Geographical

Information System, a computer software display that features topography, the location of hospitals, evacuation routes, law enforcement buildings and other critical infrastructure for the specific countries.

"It is a three-step process," Krishnamurti said. "The forecast from Super Ensemble Model goes to GIS, and then it goes to the island that will be affected."

The GIS enables researchers to use FSU's forecast on the scale of a city. They have a picture of the landfall position on the computer, and they can see the buildings, the rivers and the final impact of the forecast on the local level — how it may affect populations, flooding and wind damage. The results are sent to the Caribbean countries to be used for preparation.

"There is a big humanitarian component," Krishnamurti said.

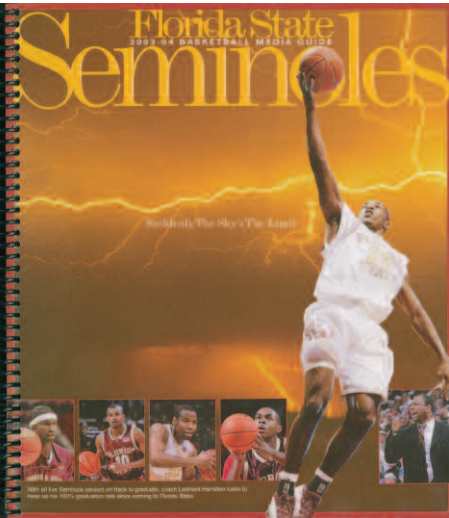


Tiruvalam N. Krishnamurti, with FSU students Brian Mackey and Aarelyn Thompson

Men’s roundball media guide named No. 1

In June, the College Sports Information Directors of America named the 2003-04 Florida State men’s basketball media guide as the best in the nation.

The guide beat out 84 other entrants to take the top honor and the award for best cover. It also was the only ACC book to be named as one of the seven best in America.



For the past four years, Associate Sports Information Director Chuck Walsh has produced the guide, which came in second place in 2002 and 2003. This year’s top honor is the first for Walsh since he took over as the men’s basketball sport information director in 2001.

CoSIDA also honored two other Florida State media guides at the district level. In district 3, which includes Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, the women’s soccer media guide came in first place and the women’s softball media guide was named to second place. Both were written and edited by Elliott Finebloom, assistant sports information director.

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Sept. 6	@ Miami	8 p.m. (ABC)
Sept. 18	UAB*	6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sept. 25	Clemson	tba
Oct. 2	North Carolina **	tba
Oct. 9	@ Syracuse	tba
Oct. 16	Virginia	tba
Oct. 23	@ Wake Forest	tba
Oct. 30	@ Maryland	tba
Nov. 6	Duke***	tba
Nov. 11	@ North Carolina State	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Nov. 20	Florida	tba

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The first annual Home Opener Golf Classic will be limited to just 32 teams, 128 players, in a scramble format shotgun start.



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ALUMNI

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1954
Jack Egan (B.S.) won the Florida Press Association's 2004 award for best editorial cartoon, Anna Maria, Fla.

1966
Anita J. Harrow (M.S., Ph.D. '67) was elected chairman of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, a national accrediting association.

1970
Robert R. Parham (M.S., Ph.D. '80) was named dean of the Katherine Reese Pamplin College of Arts and Sciences, Augusta State University, Ga.

1972
Donald W. Looser (Ph.D.), Houston Baptist University vice president for academic affairs, won the HBU Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award, Houston, Texas.

1976
Thomas L. Powell (J.D.) of the Tallahassee office of Powel & Mack has been elected president of the Legal Aid Foundation 2004-05 board.

David W. Wilcox (B.S., J.D. '79) received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Manatee County Bar Association for his record of service to the community, Bradenton, Fla.

Solomon B. Zoberman (B.S., J.D. '80) is a member of the law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLP, Boca Raton, Fla.

1977
Don M. Hinkle (B.S., J.D. '80) of the Tallahassee law firm of Hinkle & Foran is president-elect of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

1978
Paul H. Amundsen (J.D.) was elected to the board of visitors of Elon University, Elon, N.C. He also is a shareholder of Amundsen & Gilroy P.A. in Tallahassee where he practices administrative, environmental and health care law.

S. Dale Greene (B.S.) has retired from the United Parcel Service after 33 years. He was named the campaign chair for the 2004 United Way Campaign for the North Fulton County Campaign, Atlanta.

Gary W. Muffley (M.S.) was appointed regional director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office, Cincinnati, Ohio.

David J. Schwartz (B.A.) has joined Union Planters as senior vice president and director of International Banking's Wealth Management Group.

1979
Cheryl Vaughan Mack (B.S.) won the Fannie Jordan Bryan Fellowship, an award given to students who intend to pursue further studies, Decatur, Ga.

1980
Gary W. Buffone (Ph.D.) is a practicing licensed psychologist and currently the director of the Family Business Center at the Byron Harless Consulting firm, Jacksonville, Fla.

David L. Cornelius (Ph.D.), associate dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Eastern Washington University, was presented with the Trustees Award at Eastern's commencement ceremony, Cheney, Wash.

Jdg. **Cynthia Gelmine Imperato** (M.S., J.D. '88) has been selected as the vice chair of the judicial nominating procedures committee of The Florida Bar by President Kelly Overstreet Johnson.

1981
Brian F. Murphy (B.S.) has been appointed executive vice president of The Savannah College of Art and Design Group Inc., Savannah, Ga.

Jeffrey A. Stoops (B.S., J.D. '84), president and CEO of SBA Communications Corporation, spoke at the Raymond James 25th annual Investors Conference, Orlando, Fla.

1983
Lt. Col. **Kevin A. "Duke" Christie** (B.S.), a U.S. Army Green Beret, has completed a two-year assignment as the commander of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. He plans to command the Special Operations Training Detachment, Fort Polk, La.

1984
Alton E. Drew (B.S., M.P.A. '93, J.D. '99) has been nominated by Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich to serve on the state board of master electricians.

John F. Gilroy (J.D.) is a partner in the firm of Amundsen & Gilroy P.A., Tallahassee. He was the former chief attorney and senior counsel in the area of health care facility regulation for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

Tami L. West (M.S.) has accepted the position of vice president project management with CRESA Partners, an international corporate real estate advisory firm, Atlanta, Ga.

1985
Mark D. Holcomb (J.D.) has been named a leading business attorney by Chambers USA-America's leading Lawyers 2004-05. He is a partner in Broad and Cassel's Tallahassee office.

Doug C. McOuat (B.S., B.S.N. '88) returned from two tours of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as chief of anes-

thesia for the 948th Forward Surgical Team assigned to the 82nd Airborne.

Charles Wes Singletary Jr. (B.S., M.A. '92, Ph.D. '96) was announced by Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood as the director of the Office of Cultural and Heritage Programs, Tallahassee.

Karen L. Walsdorf (B.S.) was named planner of the season, fall 2003, by Burdines-Macy's.

Gary D. Wilson (B.S.) practices labor and employment law with the office of Jill S. Schwartz & Associates P.A., Winter Park, Fla.

1986
Vivian Arenas (J.D.) was named as a partner in the Tampa law firm of de la Parte & Gilbert P.A. She practices administrative law, eminent domain and environmental law.

Brian M. Amell (B.S., B.S.) vice president/relationship manager, is a member of the Wachovia Bank Tallahassee leadership team.

1987
Nina Ashenafi (B.A., J.D. '91) has been elected president of the board of The Tallahassee Bar Association for 2004-05. She is in-house counsel for the Florida Education Association, Tallahassee.

Gina G. Smith (J.D.), a senior associate in the office of Butler, Pappas, Weimuller, Katz, Craig L.L.P. was elected president of the Florida Advisory Committee on arson prevention for 2004, Tallahassee.

1988
Susan Welch (J.D.) has joined the Bank of America, Sarasota, Fla.

1989
Maria E. Gonzalez (J.D.) was named a judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit in Fort Meyers by Gov. Jeb Bush.

1990
Nancy L. Everhart (Ph.D.) was featured on CBS Evening News' "Eye on America" series entitled "Making Retirement Work." This four-part series focused on role reversal among couples in which the husbands have retired, but their wives continue to work.

Sonya Harrell Hoener (B.S.) a shareholder with Marks Gray P.A., Jacksonville, Fla., has earned board certification in appellate practice from The Florida Bar.

Andrea Smith Loyd (B.S.) has been a teacher for 15 years and is a teacher at Sabal Palm Elementary School, Naples, Fla.

Laudelina F. McDonald (B.A., J.D. '96) is working for the Department of Financial Services, Miami.

1992
Russell D. Franklin III (M.A., Ph.D. '99) has won Stanford University's Wallace Stegner Fellowship for emerging writers, Stanford, Calif.

Juan Tony Guzman (M.M.E., Ph.D. '99) has been promoted to associate professor of music and education at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Robert M. "Mike" Hill (S.P.E.) was selected by the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., to serve as a member of the Director's Council of Public Representatives.

Petty Officer 1st class **Jon M. Lawson** (B.S.) participated in the combined joint task force exercise (CJTFFEX) 04-2, in preparation for a routine, scheduled deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier

USS John F. Kennedy, based in Mayport, Fla.

1993
Cheryl Renee Gooch (Ph.D.) has been named director of the Wilmington campus of Delaware State University.

Scott A. Jones (B.S., B.S.) completed his doctorate at the University of Oregon and accepted a position at Clemson University, S.C.

Carlos A. Kelly (B.A.) has become a stockholder in the firm of Henderson Franklin, Fort Myers, Fla.

Capt. **Sean R. Pirone** (B.A., M.S. '95) returned from Iraq, where he served with the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne division. Prior to operation Iraqi Freedom, he participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, spending three months on the CJTF-180 staff in Afghanistan. He is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

George A. Sarduy (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Kelley, Kronenberg, Gilmartin, Fichtel, Wander P.A., Coral Gables, Fla.

1994
Luther F. Fant Jr. (Ph.D.) won the Wilds Book Prize, for having the highest academic distinction throughout the Master of Divinity program, Decatur, Ga.

Lt. **Paul A. Feikema** (B.S.) was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14, based in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jennifer Lowe (B.A.), was featured on the cover of Rockgirl magazine and is a percussionist based in Atlanta. She is on a national tour with Jason Mraz.

J. Patrick Morris Jr. (B.S.) has been named a shareholder at Liskow & Lewis law firm, New Orleans, La.

Elizabeth P. Perez (B.A., J.D. '98) joined the law firm of Wilson, Suarez, Lopez & Gennett as an associate, Coral Gables, Fla.

1995
David S. Brecher (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell L.L.P., Jacksonville, Fla.

Alberto L. Dominguez (B.S., J.D. '97) is general counsel at the Florida Department of Management Services, Tallahassee.

Rémi Fournier-Lanzoni (Ph.D.) is teaching French and Italian at Elon University, N.C.

D. Scott South (B.S., J.D. '99) has been elected a senior associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed P.A., Orlando, Fla.

Stephanie L. Williams (J.D.) has been appointed chair of the Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee for The Florida Bar for the 2004-05 year. She is an associate dean in the FSU College of Law.

1996
Ronald A. Christaldi (J.D.) is a shareholder at the law firm of de la Parte & Gilberte P.A. and has been selected to serve on the board of directors of Tampa Bay Business Committee for the Arts, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to developing positive and mutually beneficial connections between business and cultural institutions in the bay area.

Charles "Chip" R. Fletcher (J.D.) has been named a partner in the law firm of de la

Parte & Gilbert P.A., Tampa, Fla. He practices in the areas of legislative, regulatory and environmental law.

Ian J. Goldstein (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Goldstein & Jette P.A., West Palm Beach, Fla.

1997
Jason H. Coffman (J.D.) has opened the law Offices of Jason H. Coffman, Atlanta, Ga.

Amy S. Cores (B.A., M.A. '00) received her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law and is serving as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable E. Benn Micheletti, J.S.C., Monmouth, N.J. She plans to be joining the law firm of Hoffman & Schreiber of Red Bank N.J. in September.

Melissa A. Herrington (B.F.A.) presented her first solo show, "Sleep Stories: with separate spheres," an exhibition of mixed media paintings that opened as part of the Atlanta Gallery Associations, Ga.

Chloe Casella House (B.S., M.S. '99, S.P.E. '99) received her doctorate in counseling psychology from Pennsylvania State University.

Dana Cashin Loncar (B.S.) was promoted to government relations director for Orlando Regional Healthcare.

Rebecca D. Tucker (B.S.) graduated with a master of public health degree in health promotion from Florida International University, Miami.

1999
Jacob L. Davis (B.S.) was sent to Baghdad, Iraq, as part of the 36th Infantry attached to the first armor division and was featured in the April 26, 2004, edition of Time Magazine.

Laureen E. Galeoto (J.D.) of the Tallahassee office of Broad & Cassel has been elected treasurer of The Tallahassee Bar Association.

Matthew L. Lines (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Isicoff, Ragatz & Koenigsberg P.A., Miami.

2000
Joan Humphrey Anderson (J.D.) of the Tallahassee office of Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar is president-elect of the Legal Aid Foundation Board.

Leslie C. Armstrong (B.A.) has joined the law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed as an associate, Orlando, Fla.

Reserve Chief Petty Officer **William E. Lamb Jr.** (B.S.) has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14, based in Jacksonville, Fla.

Rachel Mayer Port (J.D.) is with the law firm of King & Spalding, Atlanta, Ga.

Hospitalman **Dakisha D. Spratling** (B.S.) graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

2001
Heather R. Ambrose (B.S., B.S.) earned her J.D. in law and her Master's of Science in mass communication from Boston University.

Monique Jenkins Craig (B.S.) appeared on The Learning Channel on the show "Wedding Stories" that documented her wedding and romance with her husband David.

Seaman **Kelly J. Dacosta** (B.A.) completed

U.S. Navy basic training at recruit training command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Robert P. Elson (J.D.) joined the Tallahassee firm of Jolly, Peterson, Cherr, P.A., Tallahassee.

Joanna M. Hugo (B.S.) is a financial center manager for BB&T, Raleigh, N.C.

1st Lt. **Jessica R. Jones** (B.S.) USMC, was designated a naval flight officer while serving with Training Squadron 86, Pensacola, Fla.

1st Lt. **Eugene C. Kellar** (B.A.) was assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific and Central Command area of responsibility in support of the global war on terrorism.

Matthew W. Rearden (J.D.) was promoted to associate general counsel of International Speedway Corporation, Daytona Beach, Fla.

C. Erica White (J.D.) opened the law office of C. Erica White P.A., Monticello, Fla.

2002
Amanda B. Chamberlain (B.A.) was hired as volunteer coordinator by Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Tallahassee.

Venice M. Dunn (B.S.) is an assistant broadcast media buyer for MediaSolutions, Atlanta, Ga.

Kathleen N. Lamarche (B.A.) was named among the 2004 Top Ten Community Women of the Year for "inspiring hope and possibility" by Tallahassee Community College.

Colleen M. Leary (B.A.) received the Master of Arts degree in Old Testament studies from Luther Seminary at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Matt Schultz (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell and Echsner, Pensacola, Fla.

2003
Seaman **Christopher C. Abramson** (B.S.) completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Diane M. Barnes (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Myers & Fuller P.A., Tallahassee.

James J. Goodman Jr. (J.D.) has joined the office of Balch & Bingham L.L.P., Birmingham, Ala.

Ensign **Jared J. Sweetser** (B.S.) received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla.

Ensign **Matthew P. Voss** (B.S.) received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Officer Training Command, Pensacola, Fla.

2004
Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class **Michael E. Kirkham** (B.S.N.) was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14, based in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jennifer L. Rothenberg (B.S.) joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association as a regional public affairs coordinator, St. Petersburg, Fla., serving district offices from Naples to Tampa.

GOT NEWS?

To submit items for Alumni News Notes, e-mail kharvey@mailers.fsu.edu. Please write "Alumni News Notes" in the subject heading of the e-mail.

Lee D. Bowen



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Lee D. Bowen, 47, the radio voice of FSU baseball, died July 17 following a sudden illness. Bowen called the action for FSU baseball games for 15 years. He started at FSU as a statistician for the FSU radio network before taking over play-by-play duties for baseball games in 1990. Bowen provided the play-by-play of seven College World Series appearances by the Seminoles. Prior to his arrival at Florida State, he called play-by-play for the Burlington (N.C.) Indians of the Appalachian League.

"I don't know of anybody who had more of a passion for Florida State baseball than Lee Bowen," said FSU baseball Head Coach Mike Martin. "When you lose an outstanding junior or a senior to the draft you know one day you can replace them. You can't replace Lee Bowen. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

I. Richard Savage



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Former FSU statistics Professor I. Richard Savage, a Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, died June 4. Savage was a world-renowned expert in the use of statistics in public affairs, such as in

AIDS diffusion patterns, DNA fingerprinting, human rights and national defense.

Savage spent 11 years teaching at FSU from 1963 to 1974. Afterward, he went to Yale and taught from 1974 until he retired in 1991. At Yale, he was a professor emeritus and chairman of the department from 1976 to 1978.

After he graduated from the University of Chicago with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, Savage earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan. Before starting work on his doctorate at Columbia, Savage was struck with polio. After much therapeutic work, including an iron lung, he finished his doctorate in 1953.

IN MEMORIAM

1920-1930
Jeanne Wolff Sommer (L.I. '24), Dorothy Allen Lund (B.S. '26)

1930-1940
Lois Daane Dovell (B.A. '34), Hazel Kersey Robertson (L.I. '36), Virginia Weldon Smith (B.A. '36), Frances Douglas Allardt (B.S. '39), Geraldine Williams Cassidy (B.S. '39), Frances Brunson Grimes (B.A. '39), Agnes Stiggins Hough (B.A. '39), Jessie Alma Warren (B.A. '39, M.A. '51)

1940-1949
Virginia Pouncey Horner (B.S. '41), Merle Souter Doran (B.A. '43, M.A. '49), Beverly Haile Permenter (B.A. '45), Nannie Durance Evans Bowen (B.M. '47, M.S. '54), Elizabeth "B.J." Singleton Triplett (B.S. '47), Patty Evans Maddox (A.B. '48), Mary Ann Berry Palumbo (B.S. '49)

1950-1959
Ruth Rutland Moody (B.M. '50, M.S. '54), Joan Francis McGeary (B.S. '51), Betty Harding McKinley (B.S. '51), Kenneth R. Roberts '51), Stanley J. Gould (B.S. '52), Albert C. Strickland (B.S. '54, M.S. '55), Gerald W. Guswiler Sr. (B.S. '57), Jacqueline Altman Mallory (B.S. '57), Carl H. Mofield (B.S. '57), William L. Moody (B.S. '58), Fred J. Vogel Sr. (D.E.D. '58), Gordon J. Wilson (M.M. '58)

1960-1969
Stephen B. Levensohn (M.A. '60, Ph.D. '62), Fred R. "Bill" Baker (B.S. '62), Doyle Taylor (M.S. '62), Susan Smyth Heidler (B.S. '64), Frank G. Cibula (B.S. '65), Philip H. Gilbert (B.S. '65), Oeland R. Parker (B.S. '65, M.S. '67, Ph.D. '74), George R. Wilson (M.A. '65, Ph.D. '68), William E. Sizemore Sr. (B.A. '66), Dale J. Woods (B.S. '66), Lygia Antonia Barrios (M.A. '67), Betty Lou Morris Davis (B.S. '67, M.S. '71), Robert L. Ten Eyck Jr. (M.S. '68, Ph.D. '70), Patricia Banks Nutt (B.S. '68), Ret. Lt. Cmdr. Henry G. Smith (B.S. '68), Thomas M. Burger (B.S. '69)


1970-1979
Ronald L. Dease (B.S. '70), Patricia Finch Seager (B.M.E. '70), Earl G. Gallop (B.A. '71, J.D. '73), Joseph R. Phillips (M.B.A. '71), Rae Shelley Drew (Ph.D. '75), Fred M. Friedberg (B.S. '75, M.S. '77), Ret. Lt. Col. Charles B. Stanfield Sr. (B.S. '75), Norman W. McCuen (ADV. '76), Donald S. Gaughf (M.F.A. '78)

1980-1989
Lynne Allison Garding (B.S. '83), Janine Mendheim Clements (B.A. '84), John A. Barton III (B.S. '85, M.S. '91), Lyn Cutcliffe Bodiford (M.S.W. '85), Robert G. Harris (J.D. '88)

1990-1999
Bryan G. Herrington (B.S. '91), John E. Riccobono (B.S. '91), Mary C. Reece (B.S.W. '94, M.S.W. '95), Kimberly C. Brewton (B.S. '97)

2000-2004
Kenny R. Hinkle (B.S. '01), Mark A. Clavijo (B.S. '02), Oliver C. Walker II (B.S. '03), Andrew B. Tomkiewicz ('04), Mary R. Whitsitt ('04)

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Community Based Foster Care (CBFC) provides assessments, case management, and support services for children in need. The primary goal of foster care is to reunite families or to ensure that the child will leave foster care for a permanent, loving home.

Early Steps assures that services to infants and toddlers with special needs are available from birth to age three.

Family Connection focuses on children's mental health and provides innovative counseling to help parents and their children connect in a healthy way.

Family Preservation provides intensive in-home services to families at risk of having their children removed from the home due to abuse or neglect.

Special Needs Adoption services focus on children who are in foster care. When a child cannot return to their birth family, these services either complete an adoption with a foster parent or relative or find a family who will adopt.

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Wright's early career included Air Force service and TV work

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'You've got to fight, fight, fight, for F-S-U. You've got to scalp 'em, Seminoles.'

"I thought the poem was so good that I wrote music for it and gave it to Robert Braunagle, the band director, who made an arrangement of it," he said. "The band put it on the field for one of the football games and the students immediately liked it and adopted it as the official FSU Fight Song. Former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew was the student body president at the time, and he accepted it on their behalf.

"I wrote it in a short period of time. I had it in my mind as I was driving from lunch back to the School of Music. I went to my studio and put together a rough copy and then later finalized it. I added the 'F-L-O-R-I-D-A S-T-A-T-E' yell later on because I thought the song was too short at only 16 measures. So, after the yell, we repeat the first 16 measures."

Wright said the more recent 'whoop' at the Fight Song's end is a spontaneous invention of the football fans.

Because of Wright's musical training, FSU fans can take pride in the rich sound of the Fight Song, the harmony of which is more complex than the typical fight song.

But Wright should be remembered for much more than a 16-measure fight song. His mother used to say the only thing that would appease him as an infant was listening to jazz records. What's more, Wright learned to read music before he could read English, starting piano lessons at age 5.

Those beginnings on the piano in Indianapolis, Ind., would lead to his earning a joint degree from the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music, which is the School of Music for Butler University, and his earning a master's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. Afterward, he earned his 70 hours over the master's degree from Columbia University in New York, which is equal to the doctorate in piano that



Wright, pictured center, is honored for 50 years of service at half time during the 1998 football game against Virginia. Also shown, from left, are James Croft, Sandy D'Alemberte, Jon Piersol and John Baker.

FSU gives today, but that no university offered then.

Later, Wright served in the Air Force for three and a half years during World War II. He started out as a pilot flying single engine planes for the 720th Flying Squadron and wound up in the Air Force headquarters for special services, music department, in New York City. After his military service, he stayed in New York working first for radio networks and, later, television.

During this time, he wrote a musical for the Air Force, "Forward March," that was performed here and overseas. He also composed background music for a daily soap opera, "Song of a Stranger."

"The chief character was a singer who would sing a few songs in French everyday," Wright said. "I also wrote music for some commercials. I worked in Hollywood for six months doing background music for a film."

Wright also composed music for symphony orchestra and, as far back as his high school days, had developed an affinity for the music of George Gershwin. This affinity led him to develop and perform 20 or 30

Gershwin concerts a year over most of his career at universities and in concert halls across the United States, the Caribbean and Central America.

Then came a telephone call from the dean of the FSU School of Music, Karl Kuersteiner.

"I thought, I'll go down to Florida for a year and have a good time, drive down to Miami on the week-ends and so forth," he said. "I didn't know Miami was 500 miles from Tallahassee. During that year, it occurred to me that someday, this was going to be a great school of music and a great university. So I decided to stay here and stake my whole career with this place."

Over his career, Wright has tried to instill a musically open mind in his students.

"You can listen to all kinds of music, so

don't be a musical snob," he said. "Don't say 'I only like rock or I only like classical.'"

Wright underscored the fact that there are no bad musical styles, but that there is good rock and bad rock, for instance.

"Everything that Beethoven wrote wasn't great either. Ninety-nine percent of it was great, but he had a few things that were kind of boring, too."

Wright looks back with pride on his FSU career thus far.

"I've served under every president since Doak Campbell. They've all added so much to the university, not only in buildings, but in every field of endeavor and have built the faculty into the great faculty that it is. Even today, I walk through the campus and I think, 'I'm part of a great university, with a great faculty.' It never fails to inspire awe in me."

Wright said that the greatest reward he gets from teaching is when he runs into a former student who tells him that he or she took his advice and kept an open mind and an open ear toward music by starting a diverse record collection, or watching the Boston Pops on TV or supporting a local symphony company.

But his greatest joy — the legacy of which he is most proud — is that of his family.

"We're an FSU family. My wife Rosalinda got her bachelor's and doctorate here and is now head of the foreign language department at Tallahassee Community College. She teaches Spanish. Our oldest daughter got her music degree in voice from the School of Music. My middle daughter is a student right now in music and my youngest daughter, who is in high school, will be coming to FSU to major in music."



Thomas Wright



With construction completed, the Great Hall of the new Alumni Center stands ready for guests. It will be a focal point for university social functions, including Hangtime, a new FSU Alumni Association/FSU Foundation-sponsored pre-game party. Look for more information about Hangtime in the October issue of the Florida State Times.

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