Kerr’s experience proves perfect for Florida Southern

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

Florida State 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 in Winter Park, Fla.

Before that, she was the vice president for institutional 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. Branden 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)

New school year brings exciting opportunities for alumni

As fall semester opens, Florida State University is hoping 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 open across the state and around the world — from Panama City, Panama, where the campus recently welcomed a new rector, Carlos Langston.

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 30,000 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 local 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 glowing facilities for the Dance, Department. Fraternities and sororities are moving into new

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The first day in South Carolina was, as Jon Gruden described, "a lot of work at home." He said he has been doing a lot of work at home. The second day, he went to the beach, and the third day, he went to the beach, and the fourth day, he went to the beach. The fifth day, he went to the beach, and the sixth day, he went to the beach. The seventh day, he went to the beach, and the eighth day, he went to the beach. The ninth day, he went to the beach, and the tenth day, he went to the beach. The eleventh day, he went to the beach, and the twelfth day, he went to the beach. The thirteenth day, he went to the beach, and the fourteenth day, he went to the beach. The fifteenth day, he went to the beach, and the sixteenth day, he went to the beach. The seventeenth day, he went to the beach, and the eighteenth day, he went to the beach. The nineteenth day, he went to the beach, and the twentieth day, he went to the beach. The twenty-first day, he went to the beach, and the twenty-second day, he went to the beach. The twenty-third day, he went to the beach, and the twenty-fourth day, he went to the beach. The twenty-fifth day, he went to the beach, and the twenty-sixth day, he went to the beach. The twenty-seventh day, he went to the beach, and the twenty-eighth day, he went to the beach. The twenty-ninth day, he went to the beach, and the thirtieth day, he went to the beach. The thirty-first day, he went to the beach, and the thirty-second day, he went to the beach. The thirty-third day, he went to the beach, and the thirty-fourth day, he went to the beach. The thirty-fifth day, he went to the beach, and the thirty-sixth day, he went to the beach. The thirty-seventh day, he went to the beach, and the thirty-eighth day, he went to the beach. The thirty-ninth day, he went to the beach, and the fortieth day, he went to the beach. The forty-first day, he went to the beach, and the forty-second day, he went to the beach. The forty-third day, he went to the beach, and the forty-fourth day, he went to the beach. The forty-fifth day, he went to the beach, and the forty-sixth day, he went to the beach. The forty-seventh day, he went to the beach, and the forty-eighth day, he went to the beach. The forty-ninth day, he went to the beach, and the fiftieth day, he went to the beach.
Kirk Carr has always made the most of his opportunities. And in June, the Florida State graduate and current director of Legacy Development for the National Basketball Development Program was honored for his accomplishments by The National Journal, a New York-based magazine that focuses on America’s greatest cities and small business enterprises. As one of its "Forty Under 40" honorees, Carr is among 40 individuals who have achieved "significant levels of success and made substantial contributions in their careers and their communities.

"It was a great honor, and I truly have a big decision," Carr said. "I am not sure if I will be able to even make my goals. I was taught that life is better if you play hard, go in life, and the same way I want to do it."

The award program was founded in 2000 by The National Journal. "The "Forty Under 40" program is a celebration of the most promising leaders in America, an effort to highlight the future of the nation’s leadership," said National Journal Senior Editor Daniel Evans.

The award program is open to individuals aged 40 and younger who have achieved meaningful recognition in their career and have made positive contributions to their community.

"It is an honor to be named one of the "Forty Under 40,"" Carr said. "I am grateful for my opportunities, and I am excited to continue to make a positive impact on the community."
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The first is obvious. A courtroom session called by the lat-

dinal dat line. The second is the FSU meteorology professor known as “the El Niño.” He was the 1996 winner of 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
growing season, when hurricanes and other kinds of weather can log in and ask questions about
the quality of orange
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“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 cro-
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ticularly in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, 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, its opposite, increases hurricane
activity. That’s why we are studying how climate
variability can be good for a particular crop,”
said O’Brien. “I think most meteorologists in China know my name,” Jin said.

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Robert Hart

Hart earned his doctorate from Pennsylvania State University in 2001.

Software will bolster hurricane prediction

When huge tropical storms form in the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea or in the Pacific Ocean, they are known as hurricanes — a word used to describe the most severe storms of all. But what may strike the United States every year. The good news is that so-

Robert Reasor

Reasor earned his doctorate from Colorado State University in 2000.

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S. Dale Greene (B.S.) has retired from the University of Florida. Dr. Greene has been a member of the Alumni Council’s editorial cartoon, Anna Maria, Fla.

Antila’s; Harrow (M.S., Ph.D.) was elect- ed chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southard School. Dr. Harrow, the head of the University’s Department of Chemistry, is serving his fourth year on the Board of Directors.

Robert R. Parham (M.S., Ph.D.) was named director of the Alabama Research Institute in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Parham has been on the University’s faculty since 1952.

Don M. Minkins (B.S., Ph.D.) has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida. Dr. Minkins is currently serving as president of the Board of Trustees.

Paul R. Amundson (Ph.D.) was elected to the board of directors of Elan Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company. Dr. Amundson is currently serving as president of the Board of Trustees.

Marguarite精密 (M.S.), was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida. Dr.精密 is currently serving as president of the Board of Trustees.

Cheryl Bonser (Ph.D.) has been selected as the first woman to join the Board of Directors of the University of Florida. Dr. Bonser is currently serving as president of the Board of Trustees.

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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.
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